

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (B)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 72, Day Operation, 8 September 1943

Forty-one B-26's took off this morning to bomb the railroad bridge south of Sapri, Italy. They were unescorted. 7 B-26's returned early, 3 because guns were not working, 1 because of a mal-functioning governor, 1 because of insufficient oil pressure and 2 were spares. 25 B-26's returned to this base on schedule. The target was bombed successfully.

Seven B-26's returned safely late after landing in Sicily for fuel, two B-26's are safe in Sicily.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 52° T for 368 statute miles to I.P., town of Frisciotta, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 96° T for 21 miles at 10,000'; breakaway right.

From target: Curve right to the coast, 237° T for 393 miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 246 x 500 lb., 1/10, .025 second delay fuse, demolition bombs carried by 41 B-26's.

42 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in B-26's that returned early.

201 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

1 x 500 lb demolition bomb salvaged in the water after the bombing, having hung up over the target.

2 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 09:40 and 10:01; on course, 10:15; target, 12:20; 25 B-26's down at this base between 14:14 and 14:52; 7 B-26's down at this base late after landing in Sicily for fuel, between 16:42 and 18:13.

Results: The target was well covered with an excellent pattern. One string of bombs walked across the north end of the bridge, and another string fell diagonally through the center of the bridge. Some bombs fell south of the target, to the right on the bomb run.

Flak: Slight to moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered during the bomb run.

In addition to positions reported in Intelligence Narrative No. 71, this Hq., 6 September, 1943, flashes were seen from the hills to the north of the town of Sapri.

Enemy Aircraft: Two S/E Fighters were seen to take off from Praia a Mare A/D as the formation left the coast, and 2 large A/C and several small ones were seen on the A/D at 12:27 from 9,500'.

Enemy Shipping: 2 submarines heading north-north-west on the surface along the coast north-north-west of Cape Palinuro were sighted at 12:10 from 10,000'.

General Observations: (1) A dinghy was seen at 39° 54' N, 15° 23' E, at 12:10 from 10,000'.

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General Observations (Cont'd): (2) 1 barrage balloon on the south edge of the town of Sapri, flying low at H/16 (T.C. 3-123-NA), was seen at 12:19 from 10,000'.

(3) 3 strings of cars were seen in Sapri M/T at 12:20 from 10,000'.

(4) 10/15 M/T parked just south of Ispini, were observed at 12:25 from 9,500'.

(5) 8 railroad cars at Lauria, sighted at 12:25 from 9,500'

(6) 30 cars on two tracks at Fisciotta, observed at 12:05 from 10,500'.

(7) 30/40 cars were seen on a siding along the river main entrance to the tunnel at Meccagloriosa, at 12:18 from 10,500'.

(8) Two trains sighted on the siding at Craia a Mare at 12:27 from 9,500'.

Our Losses: None. 3 B-26's damaged, 5 slightly damaged. One co-pilot was badly injured in the right arm by flak.

Weather: Enroute, CAVU, except for slight haze and low scattered cumulus just off the African coast; target, CAVU, 6/10 cumulus at 4,000' inland from the target; return as enroute.

Comments: None.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42 (M) Bomb Wing (US), APO 520.

1. The following is the location of the cameras of the formation as over the target (Sapri R.R. Bridge, Italy), of this Group, this date.

292 T 178
K-20- (T) (T)-K-17
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851 T 023
K-17- (T) (T)-K-20
T T
T T
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2. The cameras in ship's 100, 851, 292 and 178 did not take any pictures.

WILLIAM COOK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Ass't. Gp S-2 O.

MISSION NO. 88

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJER SIMS
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN MCCORRY

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"A"
URNER HARRIS SUND
 292 147 045

ORDER OF LINEUP

STUMM BARRETT HALLOWELL
 260 920 861

RUNWAY NO. 1

RUNWAY NO. 2

"B"
PETERSON GOODSON MEYER
 013 927 853

HARRIS-147	HOT-051	SUND	045
URNER	292	BARRETT	920
HALLOWELL	861	STUMM	260
GOODSON	927	MEYER	853
PETERSON	013	BARBER	328
BAKER	842	LONG	010
BRVES	157	BURNS	027
SWIGART	041	CARTER	307
BIGLEOW	023	WILBUR	851
RUSS	983	SPEEGLE	056
DEUTMAN		HOLMES	283
DOXSEE	017	DAVIS	074
LOVECE	999	LADD	070
LIMBERG	958	MONTSINGER	176
VALLS	305	KOONTZ	030
KARLOWITZ	595	BLAKE	191
ROBINS	031	HORRAS	960
KENNEDY	100	STELL	896
BULLARD	904	CAUDILL	922
BAYRAMIAN	088		

LONG BARBER BAKER
 010 328 842

"C"
SWIGART GRAVES BURNS
 041 157 027

WILBUR CARTER BIGLEOW
 851 307 023

"D"
DEUTMAN ROSS SPEEGLE
 983 056

DAVIS HOLMES DOXSEE
 074 283 017

"E"
LIMBERG LOVECE LADD
 958 999 070

KOONTZ MONTSINGER VALLS
 030 176 305

"F"
ROBINS KARLOWITZ BLAKE
 031 595 191

STELL HORRAS KENNEDY
 896 960 100

AIR SPARES

BULLARD CAUDILL HOY BAYRAMIAN
 904 922 051 088

GROUND SPARES

KISLER GOFF MCGILANNON HEIMROTH
 178 144 036 911

RADIO

CHANNEL	SEE "B"	HF - 5110
	320th	- "FURTREE"
	17th	- "CANTALE"
	319th	- "PLATOON"

NAME OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON SAPRI RAILROAD BRIDGE
8 September 1943

NAME OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Harris, Pilot, Captain Edwards, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	147 Took off: 0940/30 Landed at: Major Sims flew as Flight Commander	e
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Co-pilot, F/O Roberts, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	178 Took off: 0941 Landed at: Cpl. Bushong flew as photographer	e
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Storkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	292 Took off: 0941/30 Landed at:	B
Barrett, Pilot, Captain Weir, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stephens, Bomb Nav , 1st Lt. Shryock, Nav, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920 Took off: 0942 Landed at: Captain McCrory flew as Deputy Flight Commander	e
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Buckhout, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Banicki, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Etsel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861 Took off: 0942/30 Landed at:	B
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co-pilot, F/O Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Friedman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260 Took off: 0943 Landed at:	B
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	927 Took off: 0943 0943/30 Landed at: 1015	e

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English, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ferrara, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Aerial Gunner, Harrison, S/Sgt.	444th	853	B
		Took off: 0944	
		Landed at: 1432	
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	013	B —
		Took off: 0944/30	
		Landed at: 1154	
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Karidis, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Kramppoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Pfc.	443rd	328	B —
		Took off: 0945	
		Landed at: 1128	
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Quine, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, Pfc. Cousins, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.	443rd	842	B
		Took off: 0945/30	
		Landed at:	
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Homsher, Nav Bom, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Armao, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	B
		Took off: 0946	
		Landed at:	
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Butler, Bomb, Captain Cararella, Nav, 2nd Lt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Clarke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	157	C
		Took off: 0946/30	
		Landed at: 1418/30	
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	B
		Took off: 0947	
		Landed at:	

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Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O Cikar, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Lacderwa, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Lillo, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	041	Took off: 1001 Landed at: 1452 B
Carter, Pilot, Captain Colling, Co-pilot, F/O Pace, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	307	Took off: 0948 Landed at: B
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Hobel, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	023	Took off: 0948/30 Landed at: 1419 B
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smithwick, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Nav Bomb, Sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Harpster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851	Took off: 0949 Landed at: B T/Sgt. Waltman flew as Photographer
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Tackmann, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176	Took off: 0954 Landed at: 1251 C
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Levine, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	305	Took off: 0954/30 Landed at: 1420 B
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Currie, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McFarland, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030	Took off: 0955 Landed at: 1548 C
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain LeMoe, Co-pilot, F/O Allen, Bomb, 1st Lt. Blair, Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofield, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Kary, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	595	Took off: 0955/30 Landed at: 1424 e

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McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-pilot, F/O Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	036 Took off: 0956 Landed at: 1424/30	B
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kapstein, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Temple, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	031 Took off: 0956/30 Landed at: 1424/30	B
Horras, Pilot, Captain Belcher, Co-pilot, Major McFarland, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Macia, Nav, Captain Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Deaun, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	960 Took off: 0957 Landed at: 1414.	C
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Miller, Co-pilo, Captain Visille, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Stipe Beldon, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100 Took off: 0957/30 Landed at: 1215	B
		Cpl. Gad flew as photographer	
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	896 Took off: 0958 Landed at: 1425	C
Ross, Pilot, Captain DeFan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bomb, 1st Lt. Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt. Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	983 Took off: 0949 Landed at: 1421	C
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442st	No take off -056-	
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Eeahy, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	911 Took off: 0951 Landed at: 1422	C

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Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Dolan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	283 Took off: 0951/30 Landed at: 1420	R
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodeln, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Buñns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017 Took off: 0952 Landed at: 1422	B
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Hermann, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	074 Took off: 0935 Landed at: 1420	B
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 Took off: 0952/30 Landed at: 1421	C
		Major McKean flew as Observer	
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	070 Took off: 0953 Landed at: 1420	C
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	958 Took off: 0953/30 Landed at:	B
		Lt. Polk flew as Observer	
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	904 Took off: 0958/30 Landed at: 1904	C
Caudill, Pilot, F/O Harbil, Co-pilo, F/O Leffler, Nav Bomb, Sgt. Hildenbrand, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Nelson, Engineer, Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	922 Took off: 0959 Landed at: 1150	C

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Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Condit, Co-pilot, F/O Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	051 Took off: 0947/30 Landed at: 1949	e
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Foldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Nardine, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088 Took off: 1000 Landed at: 1132	B
Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt. Belsma, Co-pilot, Captain Dufour, Nav, Bomb, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	144 Took off: 0950 Landed at: 0913 (9 Sept)	e
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. St. Arné, Co-pilot, F/O Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	037 Took off: 0959/30 Landed at: 1751	B f
Heimroth, Pilot, Captain	442nd	No take off	882
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	No take off	045