

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 73, Day Operation, 10 September 1943

Thirty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb the road junction east of Formia, Italy. They were unescorted. 1 B-26 returned early because of bomb shackle failure. The right engine of 1 B-26 started smoking on the bomb run; the A/C pulled out of formation, salvoed its bombs in the water south of the target, and rejoined the formation on the break-away.

The target was bombed very successfully. Thirty-six B-26's returned to this base on schedule. 1 B-26 that left the formation enroute to the target returned late after landing at Sicily due to mechanical difficulties.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 29° T for 352 statute miles to I.P., Felice Cicero Point, climbing gradually to 10,100'; bomb run, 88° T for 26 statute miles at 9,600'; breakaway right.

From target: Curve left for 23 statute miles; 214° T for 349 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000'.

Bombs: 228 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, carried by 38 B-26's.

12 x 500 lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 2 B-26's that returned early.

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

6 x 500 lb demolition bombs jettisoned in the water adjacent to the target by 1 B-26 that left the formation temporarily on the bomb run because engines were smoking.

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

Chronology: Time off between 08:40 and 09:00; on course, 09:15; target, 11:00; 36 B-26's down at this base between 13:17 and 13:31; 1 B-26 down at this base at 17:18 after landing at Sicily.

Results: A large cluster of bombs landed in an excellent pattern on the road junction. Other bombs straddled the road running south into the junction at a point just north of the road intersection. Some bombs landed south on the edge of the water, and one cluster bracketed the main highway a few hundred yards east of the junction.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: (1) 6 LCI invasion barges proceeding toward the harbor at Ponza Island in trail at high speed 1 mile east of the island, course 260°, were seen at 10:50 from 10,000'.

(2) In the harbor at Gaeta, one large M/V at H/22, 2 medium M/V's at H/29 and small assorted craft were observed at 10:59 from 9700'. (Ref: TU 3-127-NA.)

General Observations: (1) 10/12 M/T parked on highway 3 miles south of Mondragone, sighted at 11:05 from 9400'.

(2) 25/30 railroad cars in yards at Formia, seen at 10:59 from 9700'.

(3) 35/40 freight cars, a few tank cars, were observed on the tracks just south of Minturno at 11:03 from 9400'.

(4) Numerous large cylindrical objects on several of the beaches in the vicinity of the target were seen at 11:00 from 9600'.

(5) White lights, flashing "on" and "off" in Formia as our bombers approached, were seen at 10:59 from 9700'.

Our Losses: None.

Weather: Enroute: Scattered strato-cumulous at 8000' at a point 150 miles north of the African coast; target, CAVU with haze; return, scattered strat-cumulous at 4000' at a point 100 miles south of the Italian coast.

Comments: Many crew members reported that enemy territory appeared practically deserted.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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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 (Gaeta Road Junction), Italy, of this Group, this date.

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2. All the cameras took pictures.

WILLIAM COOK,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ROAD JUNCTION EAST OF FORMIEA,  
ITALY

10 September 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Nav, Captain Face, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	Took off: 0840 Landed at: 1302 <span style="float: right;">B</span>
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Karidis, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	443rd	023	Took off: 0840/30 Landed at: 1303 <span style="float: right;">B</span>
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Nav, Bomb, 1st Lt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl. Carter, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842	Took off: 0841 Landed at: 102+ <span style="float: right;">B</span>
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Grove, Nav <del>XXXX</del> , Captain Butler, Bomb, Captain Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Chambers, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	157	Took off: 0841/30 Landed at: 1310/30 <span style="float: right;">C</span>
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Saylor, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575	Took off: 0842 Landed at: <span style="float: right;">C</span>
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Homsher, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Armao, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	027	Took off: 0843 Landed at: 1303/30 <span style="float: right;">B</span>
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Spade, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Guizzo, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	288	Took off: 0844 Landed at: 1307+ <span style="float: right;">B</span>

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Feagin, Pilot, F/O Smart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	851	Took off: No Take off.
Swall, Pilot, Captain, Stroud, Co-pilot, F/O Swindler, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Montain, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	144	Took off: 0845 Landed at: 1307/30
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-pilot, F/O Clark, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Cafarella, Nav, 2nd Lt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	<del>328</del> 328	Took off: 0859 Landed at: 1317
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dryer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Hermann, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	983	Took off: 0845/30 Landed at: 1307/30
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	958	Took off: 0845/30 Landed at: 1308/30
Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Byram, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Walker, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	056	Took off: 0846 Landed at: 1308
Meyer, Pilot, Captain Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bomb, T/Sgt. Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt. DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner,	442nd	186	Took off: 0846/30 Landed at: 1309
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Nardine, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088	Took off: 0847 Landed at: 1310 Cpl. Gad flew as photographer

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Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Peck, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, <del>Radio</del> Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	074	Took off: 0847/30 Landed at: 1310
Heimroth, Pilot, Captain Smith, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	179	Took off: 0848 Landed at: 1309/30 Major McKean flew as Observer
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Gloeckner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	283	Took off: 0848/30 Landed at: 1310/30
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	017	Took off: 0849 Landed at: 1311
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. <del>Rxxxxx</del> Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Radio Gunner, T/Sgt., Wright Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999	Took off: 0858/30 Landed at: 1255
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodlen, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Harrison, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	Took off: 0844 Landed at: 1314
Kirley, Pilot, Captain Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ascienzo, Bomb, 1st Lt. McGeever, Nav, 2nd Lt. Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	595	Took off: 0849/30 Landed at: 1311/30

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Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	036	
Oglietti, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0850	B
Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed at: 1312/30	
McFarland, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Christianson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	037	
Hunsberger, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0850/30	B
Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1311/30	
Chitton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Largent, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Horras, Pilot, Captain	441st	030	
Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0851	C
McFarland, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1312	
Fendrick, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Derau, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	Major Belcher flew as Observer		
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	031	
Oltman, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 0851	C
Temple, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed at: 1313	
Pope, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Appleton, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Boals, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	070	
Dillan, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 0852	C
Macia, Bomb Nav, Captain		Landed at: 1312/30	
Levi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	305	
Milton, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0852/30	B
Tapp, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1314	
Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt.			
Tackmann, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Ellison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	100	
Miller, Co-pilot, Captain		Took off: 0853	B
Viaille, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 0853	
Beldon, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			

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Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	896	
Wills, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0853/30	e
Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1314/30	
Farr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Marino, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain	441st	911	
LaMos, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 0900	e
Allen, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1303/30	
Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Kary, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			



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Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-pilot, F/O Dittmar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Meyer, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wadzeck, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	Took off: 0854 Landed at: 1315+ <i>e</i>
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Craps, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Patton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	933	Took off: 0854+ Landed at: 1315+ <i>e</i>
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb <del>Nav</del> , T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Merone, Nav, Captain	444th	147	Took off: 0855+ Landed at: 1316 <i>e</i>
Booth, Pilot, Captain Green, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. <del>Klingeman</del> , Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. <del>Harris</del> on, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	927	Took off: <i>No T.O.</i> Landed at: <i>e</i>
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Crass, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	013	Took off: <i>No T.O.</i> Landed at: <i>e</i>
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Robinson, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Horne, Engin Gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	178	Took off: 0856+ Landed at: 1317+ <i>e</i>
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stewart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260	Took off: 0855 Landed at: 1018 <i>B</i>

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Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	853 Took off: 0858 Landed at: 1317 + B
Nagel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Breeding, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	861 Took off: 0857 Landed at: 1316 + B
Conley, Co-pilot, F/O		
Blossman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		
Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	882 Took off: No T.O. (C) Landed at:
Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		
Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	959 Took off: 0859 Landed at: 1259 B
Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O		
Banicki, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		
Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Szewczyk, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		