

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 74. Day Operation, 12 September 1943.

Forty-two B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb the road junction east of Formia, Italy. They were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early, 1 because of an oil leak and 1 because of hydraulic leak. The target was bombed successfully. 40 B-26's returned to this base safely, one of which crashed on landing. The crew was not injured.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 3,000' at this base, 29° T for 352 statute miles to I.P., Felice Cicero Point, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 88° T for 26 statute miles at 9,500'; breakaway right.

From target: Curve right to coast for 23 statute miles; 214° T for 34.9 statute miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 252 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse, carried by 42 B-26's.

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

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

Chronology: Time off between 11:11 and 11:32; on course, 11:45; target, 13:37; down at this base between 15:30 and 16:08.

Results: Bombs of the first half of the formation landed in a good pattern in the target area. Hits were made on the road just east of the junction and a direct hit on a warehouse south of the junction caused an explosion with smoke and flames reaching 200 yards in the air. Many bombs landed in the water south of the junction.

Bombs of the second half of the formation scored probable direct hits on the junction itself, and one string landed in the water south of the target.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: (1) One large M/V, 8/10 small craft were observed in the harbor at Gaeta at 13:34 from 10,000'.

(2) One small boat proceeding out of Gaeta Harbor at high speed, seen at 13:35 from 9,800'.

General Observations: (1) 4 M/T heading southwest on the coastal road between Formia and Mondragone at 41° 10' N, 13° 52' E, were seen at 13:42 from 9,000'.

(2) 25/30 M/T parked on the south side of the road just west of Terracina were observed at 13:32 from 10,500'.

(3) Brush or forest fires in the wooded area 10 miles north of Terracina were seen at 13:32 from 10,500'.

Our Losses: 1 B-26 crashed on landing at this base due to a tire failure. The crew is safe, and the A/C is not a complete loss. No B-26's damaged due to enemy action.

Weather: Enroute, broken scattered clouds at 2,000' and 10,000'; target clear with 5/10 scattered clouds at 4,000' just north of the target, and heavy cloud bank shrouding the mountains north of the target; return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

1. The following is the location of cameras of the formation as over the target (East Formia, Road Junction, Italy), of this Group this date.

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      958 T 056
    K-17- (T) (T)-K-20

  T      T
T      T 100
T      (T)-K-17

          T 190
        T 959(T)-K-20
      K-20(T)
        T      T

    842 T
K-17-(T) T
      T
T      T

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        T T
      T T
T      T

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2. The camera in ship's 056, 190 & 959 did not take any pictures.

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

MISSION NO. 90

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR PARSONS

12 SEPTEMBER 1943

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR FRIDAY

 "A"
MILLER MEYER HEIMROTH
 074 186 179

ORDER OF LINEUP

DEUTMAN ROSS BAIRD
 958 983 056

RUNWAY NO. 1 RUNWAY NO. 2

MEYER-186 HALLOWELL-861 HEIMROTH-179

"B"
BAYRAMIAN LOVECE DAVIS
 088 298 859

MILLER 074 ROSS 983

BAIRD 056 DEUTMAN 958

LOVECE 298 DAVIS 859

BAYRAMIAN 088 KIRLEY 960

KAPSTEIN 031 LEVINE 912

HAYWARD 176 ~~MEYER~~ 036

KOONTZ 911 HOY 305

OWEN 100 TIMMONS 896

DIKTER 920 HULLARD 190

PETERSON 178 STUMM 959

FAIR 260 BURNS 904

URNER 147 KISLER 853

EDWARDS 927 CARTER 307

WILBUR 851 BIGELOW 288

BRUNER 157 GOFF 328

BURNS 842 TRESCH 144

CADILL 190 BAKER 041

CHURCH 017 ~~MEYER~~ Miller 191-----
 CALHOUN

STEINBERG 037 CARRAHER 035

MEYER 933

K-17
WALTMAN
BAYRAMIAN
088LEVINE
912KOONTZ
911TIMMONS
896PETERSON
178BURNS
904EDWARDS
927BIGELOW
288BURNS
842BAKER
041LOVECE
298KIRLEY
960HAYWARD
176HOY
305DIKTER
920STUMM
959URNER
147CARTER
307BRUNER
157TRESCH
144DAVIS
859KAPSTEIN
031MEYER
036OWEN
100HULLARD
190FAIR
260KISLER
853WILBUR
851GOFF
328CADILL
190

AIR SPARES

CHURCH MEYER HALLOWELL CALHOUN
 017 191 861(N)

GROUND SPARES

CARRAHER STEINBERG MEYER
 035 037 933

RADIO

CHANNEL "B" HF 5110 Kcs
 BOMBER CALL: 320th GP - "CLEARJUN"
 17th GP - "BUGGY"

COLORS OF THE DAY

B-TIME	2 STAR	CHALLENGE LETTER	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800	GG	M	S	RED
0800-1400	RG	O	X	GREEN
1400-2000	GY	P	N	WHITE
2000-2400	RR	Z	H	GREEN

LIST OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON FERMLA ROAD JUNCTION
12 September 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Meyer, Pilot, Captain	442nd	186	Took off: 1111/30 Landed at: 1532
Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			
Fargo, Bomb, T/Sgt.			
Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt.			
DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	Major Parsons flew as Flight Commander		
Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Heimroth, Pilot, Captain	442nd	179	Took off: 1112 Landed at: 1532 1/2
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.			
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	074	Took off: 1112/30 Landed at: 1532 1/2
Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O			
Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.			
Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.			
Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Ross, Pilot, Captain	442nd	983	Took off: 1113 Landed at: 1532 1/2
DeFan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.			
Thranhardt, Bomb, 1st Lt.			
Leahy, Nav, 1st Lt.			
Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	Major Friday flew as Deputy Flight Commander		
Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	44 2nd	056	Took off: 1113/30 Landed at: 1533 1/2
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.			
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	958	Took off: 1114 Landed at: 1533
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.			
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	298	Took off: 1114/30 Landed at: 1534 1/2
Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			
Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.			
Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			

NAMES OF CI MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	859	B Took off: 1115 Landed at: 1535 1/2
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	B Took off: 1115/30 Landed at: 1535
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ernie Ciesielki, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hall, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Gloeckner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	C Took off: 1126 Landed at: 1544
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	017	B Took off: 1129/30 Landed at: 1537
Dieter, Pilot, Captain, Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. McCrory, Deputy light Commander. Capt. Ditmar, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 1st Lt. Greear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner T/sg. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	920	C Took off 1120 1/2 Landed at 1553 1/2
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. BRYDEN, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Bombardier, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	190	C Took off 1121 Landed 1550
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bombardier, S/sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	178	C Took off 1121 1/2 Landed 1541 1/2
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Delisle, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	959	B Took off 1122 Landed 1541 1/2

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Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stewart, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Babler, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260	Took off: 1122 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1542 B
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ramirez, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Smith, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Crass, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	978	Took off: 1123 Landed at: 1549 B
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Capt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	147	Took off: 1123 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1543 C Major Sims flew as observer.
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853	Took off: 1124 Landed at: 1549 $\frac{1}{2}$ B 2nd Lt Geisking flew as observer.
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Peters, Co-Pilot, F/O. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	927	Took off: 1124 $\frac{1}{2}$ C Landed at: 1551
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Etsel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Lenz, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861	Took off: 1130 $\frac{1}{2}$ B Landed at: 1554 $\frac{1}{2}$
Meyer, Pilot, 1st Lt. English, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Ferrara, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	933	Took off: 1132 Landed at: 1539 $\frac{1}{2}$ C <i>crashed</i>

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Carter, Pilot, Capt. Collins, Co-Pilot, F/O. Face, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	601	Took off: 1125 Landed at: 1543 1/2 Capt Booth flew as observer. B
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smithwick, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbro, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Chaleant, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851	Took off: 1125 1/2 Landed at: 1553 B
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, E/O.Lt Rogers, Bombardier, Capt. Clark, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Bolton, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	157	Took off: 1126 1/2 Landed at: 1445 1/2 C
Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunter, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dufour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	328	Took off: 1127 Landed at: 1546 1/2 B
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842	Took off: 1127 1/2 Landed at: 3gt Coney flew as photographer. B
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	443rd	144	Took off: 1128 Landed at: 1555 C
Caudill, Pilot, F/O. Hribal, Co-Pilot, F/O. Leffler, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hildenbrand, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	190	Took off: 1128 1/2 Landed at: 1547 1/2 Capt Belisma flew as observer. C

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Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Quine, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cousins, Engineer gunner, Pvt. Robichaux, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, Pfc.	443rd	041	Took off: 1129 Landed at: 1608 <i>B</i>
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Marti, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Guzzio, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	010	Took off: 1131 Landed at: 1554 <i>B</i>
Kirley, Pilot, Capt. Penka, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bascienzo, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	960	Took off: 1116 Landed at: 1536 <i>C</i>
Kapstein, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Robins, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	031	Took off: 1116 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1200 <i>Early</i>
Levine, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	912	Took off: 1117 Landed at: 1536 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>C</i>
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oltman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Appleton, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Boals, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176	Took off: 1117 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1538 <i>C</i>
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O. Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O. Hanson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	036	Took off: 1118 Landed at: 1539 <i>B</i>

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Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Currie, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. McGeever, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Lidicker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	911	Took off: 1118 1/2 Landed at: 1530 C
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Paulant, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. DeFau, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100	Took off: 1119 1/2 Landed at: 1540 1st Lt Dignan flew as observer. Cpl Bushong flew as photographer. B
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglietti, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Viaille, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	896	Took off: 1120 Landed at: 1538 1/2 C
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	305	Took off: 1119 Landed at: 1539 1/2 B
Miller, Pilot, Capt. Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cignac, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st.	191	Took off: 1130 Landed at: 1545 C
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsburger, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Bloom, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Largent, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	037	Took off: 1131 1/2 Landed at: 1254 <u>Early</u> B