

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 75, Day Operation, 14 September 1943.

Thirty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb road junction and defile at Auletta, Italy. They were unescorted. Three B-26's returned early; 1 because the right engine was cutting out, and two were spares.

The target was missed, but the main road in the vicinity of the target was cut.

Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule. Eight B-26's returned safely to this base late after landing at Sicily for fuel, or to escort injured aircraft. Five B-26's are safe at Sicilian fields, three of which made successful single engine landings. One of these three lost an engine to accurate flak from a position west of Montesano and turned back to Sicily with one other B-26 as escort.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 3000 at this base, 51° T for 376 miles to Consalino, climbing gradually to 12500; curve left, bomb run 350° T for 12 miles at 12300; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left to point of landfall; 231° T for 360 miles to this base, dropping to 3000.

Bombs: 234 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuses, carried by 39 B-26's.

18 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 3 B-26's that returned early.

204 x 500-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

12 x 500-lb. demolition bombs salvaged in the sea by 2 B-26's that turned back to Sicily just prior to bombing.

Chronology: Time off between 0037 and 0756; on course 0810; target 1013; 23 B-26's down at this base between 1215 and 1227; 8 B-26's down at this base between 1402 and 1622.

Results: Both targets were missed, but one cluster of bombs fell across the main road north of the target. Other bombs fell on wooded areas on both sides of the road running north from the road junction target.

Flak: Moderate heavy accurate flak of an effective tracking type was encountered from 15 miles south of the target to the breakaway. The following heavy gun positions were reported:

- 1) 738⁰ at Series of 4 guns each in the bends of the river at 40° 25' N, 15°
- 2) 4 guns at 40° 18' N, 15° 32' E.
- 3) 6 gun battery at 4287, just east of railroad and 1½ miles due west of the town of Montesano.

General Observations (Contd): (2) Cont'd. One A/C was seen strafing them at 1755 from 9000.

(3) 10/15 M/T were seen on the road north of Salerno in the vicinity of Barrouisi heading south at 1755 from 9000.

(4) An M/T convoy, smoking too much for accurate count, was seen on the road south of Battipaglia near the Sele River at 1747 from 11000.

(5) 10 M/T heading south on the coast road north of Ogiastro Cilento were observed at 1746 from 11000.

(6) 20 M/T parked at J/10 (T.C. 3-190-NA), seen at 1750 from 10000.

(7) One, and possibly two, landing strips on the beach between Monte Corvino and the Sele River mouth were seen at 1757 from 9000. 3 S/E A/C were seen taking off on this strip.

(8) 10/15 freight cars on railroad tracks east of Eboli, sighted at 1750 from 10000.

Flak: Slight inaccurate light flak was encountered from 2/3 guns on the hill northeast of Eboli.

Enemy Aircraft: None

Enemy Shipping: None.

Our Losses: One B-26 crashed on take-off, at Massacut Air Base, and was destroyed by fire.

Weather: Marcute 1/10 strato-cumulous at 5,000'; target clear but hazy; return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 91

FLIGHT COMMANDER:

14 September 1943

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER

			ORDER OF LINEUP			
			RUNWAY NUMBER 1.		RUNWAY # 2.	
<u>STEINBERG</u> 037	<u>"a"</u> <u>KIRLEY</u> 595	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 896				
<u>MEGENER</u> 030	<u>HORRAS</u> 960	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 176	<u>HOLMES</u> 017			
<u>MILLER</u> 911	<u>"B"</u> <u>KARLOWITZ</u> 305	<u>KENNEDY</u> 100	<u>KIBLEY</u> 595	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 896		
<u>EDWARDS</u> 013	<u>DIETER</u> 920	<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 178	<u>STEINBERG</u> 037	<u>HORRAS</u> 960	<u>MEGENER</u> 030	
<u>WEINBERG</u> 959	<u>"C"</u> <u>SLMS</u> 025	<u>GOODSON</u> 927	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 176	<u>KENNEDY</u> 100	<u>KENNEDY</u> 100	
<u>COULTER</u> 861	<u>HARRIS</u> 147	<u>TOWNS</u> 853	<u>MULLER</u> 911	<u>DIETER</u> 920	<u>EDWARDS</u> 013	
<u>BUTLER</u> 798	<u>"D"</u> <u>GRAVES</u> 157	<u>BAKER</u> 601	<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 176	<u>EDWARDS</u> 013	<u>GOODSON</u> 927	
<u>RUCKER</u> 010	<u>TUCK</u> 575	<u>BRACKEN</u> 842	<u>SWINS</u> 025	<u>GOODSON</u> 927	<u>HARRIS</u> 147	
<u>SWIGART</u> 190	<u>"E"</u> <u>SWALL</u> 144	<u>BURNS</u> 328	<u>WEINBERG</u> 959	<u>HARRIS</u> 147	<u>HARRIS</u> 147	
<u>DOXSEE</u> 035	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 088	<u>TOWNS</u> 853	<u>COULTER</u> 861	<u>BAKER</u> 601	
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 074	<u>"F"</u> <u>ROSS</u> 298	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 958	<u>GRAVES</u> 157	<u>BAKER</u> 601	<u>TUCK</u> 575	
<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 179	<u>LOVECE</u> 999	<u>BUTLER</u> 798	<u>TUCK</u> 575	<u>BRACKEN</u> 842	
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			<u>SWIGART</u> 190	<u>BURNS</u> 328	<u>SWIGART</u> 190	
			<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 088	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 088	
			<u>ROSS</u> 298	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 958	<u>ROSS</u> 298	
			<u>DEUTMAN</u> 074	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 179	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 074	
			<u>LOVECE</u> 999	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>LOVECE</u> 999	
			<u>CROTTY</u> 070	<u>PETERSON</u> 292	<u>CROTTY</u> 070	
				<u>FEAGIN</u> 027		
				<u>HOLMES</u> 017		

AIR SPARES

RADIO *** CHANNEL "B"

<u>CROTTY</u> 070	<u>PETERSON</u> 292	<u>FEAGIN</u> 027	<u>HOLMES</u> 017
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BOMBER CALL 320th "ENCORE"

GROUND SPARES

<u>BLAKE</u> 191	<u>PERRY</u> 904	<u>CALHOUN</u>	<u>BAIRD</u> 056
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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON AULTTA, ITALY 14 SEPTEMBER 1943

Names of Crew Members	Squadron	Plane No.
Kirley, Pilot, Capt. Penka, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bascienzo, Bomb xxx , 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Ozuk, Navigator, Capt.	441st	595 Took off: 0737 Landed at: Major Belcher flew as Flight Commander
Kapstein, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Robins, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt. Leutholt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	896 Took off: 0737 1/2 Landed at:
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsberger, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Largent, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	037 Took off: 0738 Landed at: Cpl Gadd flew as photographer
Horras, Pilot, Capt. Stell, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. McGeever, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Derau, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	960 Took off: 0738 1/2 Landed at: 1223
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Beastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Tackmann, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Ellison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176 Took off: 0739 Landed at:
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillon, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blair, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Archer, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030 Took off: 0739 1/2 Landed at: 1223 1/2 2nd Lt Gemmill flew as observer.
Karlowitz, Pilot, Capt. Lakoe, Co-Pilot, F/O. Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Capt. Smith, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	305 Took off: 0740 Landed at: 1220 1/2

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Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Saylor, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Johnson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Butler, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842	B Took off: 0748 Landed at: 1216 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rucker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Carroll, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Harpster, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burden, Aerial gunner, Pfc. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	B Took off: 0748 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1216 $\frac{1}{2}$
Swall, Pilot, Capt. Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O. O'Keefe, Navigator, Capt. Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	144	C Took off: 0749 Landed at: 1217 $\frac{1}{2}$
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	328	B Took off: 0749 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1218
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Homsher, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Lillo, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	190	C Took off: 0750 Landed at: 1217
Dieter, Pilot, Capt. Nash, Co-Pilot, Lieut. Dittmar, Bomb Nav, Lieut. Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	B Took off: 0741 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1602 $\frac{1}{2}$
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-Pilot, F/O. Robinson, Bombardier Nav, 2nd Lt. Horn, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Sawall, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	178	C Took off: 0742 Landed at: 1603

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Co- Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conley, Co-Pilot, F/O. Crapse, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	013	Took off: 0742 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1602 B
Simms, Pilot, Major. Booth, Co-Pilot, Capt. Nerone, Navigator, Capt. Macia, Bombardier, Capt. DeLisle, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	025	Took off: 0748 Landed at: C
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: 0743 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1447 C
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	959	Took off: 0744 Landed at: 1224 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
Harris, Pilot, Capt. Green, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Stephens, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	147	Took off: 0744 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1224 C
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O. Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	853	Took off: 0745 Landed at: 1227 Capt George flew as observer. S/Sgt Speer flew as photographer. B
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	861	Took off: 0745 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1605 B

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Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Dolan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	Took off: 0750 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1218 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
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: 0751 Landed at: 1219 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodelin, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	Took off: 0751 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1218 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
Ross, Pilot, Capt. DeFan, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	298	Took off: 0752 Landed at: 1221 Major Gladden flew as observer. B
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	958	Took off: 0752 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1221 $\frac{1}{2}$ Major McKean flew as observer. B
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	074	Took off: 0753 Landed at: 1430 B
Heimroth, Pilot, Capt. 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: 0753 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1222 Major Friday flew as observer. C

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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	C Took off: 0754 Landed at: 1221 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	859	B Took off: 0754 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1452 S/Sgt Draper flew as photographer
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	B - EARLY Took off: 0753 Landed at: 1024
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grove, Navigator, Capt. Butler, Bombardier, Capt. Miles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Westfall, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Pierce, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	157	C Took off: 0746 Landed at: 1215 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Quine, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, Pfc. Cousins, Engineer gunner, Pvt.	443rd	601	B Took off: 0746 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1216
Butler, Pilot, F/O. Landrum, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chambers, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Saccardo, Radio gunner, Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Cpl.	443rd	027	EARLY - Took off: 0747 Landed at: 0951
Tuck, Pilot, Capt. Belsma, Co-Pilot, Capt. Janeke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Long, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575	B Took off: 0747 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1215 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, E/Sgt. Higgs, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 292 Landed at: <i>NA.T.O.</i> B
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Busham, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Hanrahand, Radio Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 0756 ^{1/2} 904 Landed at: 1016 C EARLY

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Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Viaille, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	100	B
Miller, Pilot, Capt. Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dolan, Engineer gunner, Sgt. McDonough, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. McFarland, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	911	C
		Took off: 0740 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1220 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		Took off: 0741 Landed at: 1445	