

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)_B,
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APU 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 76, Day Operation, 14 September 1943

Twenty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this afternoon to bomb troop concentrations southwest of Eboli, Italy. They were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early; one because of interphone failure and one was a spare. 1 B-26 crashed on take-off and was destroyed by fire. The crew is safe.

The target was bombed successfully. 24 B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 3,000', 49° T for 368 miles to Licosa Point; curve left for 8 miles to I.P., Agropoli, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 7° T for 19 miles at 10,000; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 30 miles to the coast; 227° T for 355 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 534 x 100 lb demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuse, carried by 27 B-26's.

20 x 100 lb demolition bombs salvaged in open area near base by the B-26 that crashed on take-off.

40 x 100 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in 2 B-26's that returned early.

465 x 100 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

9 x 100 lb demolition bombs returned to this base, having hung up over the target due to rack failure.

Chronology: Time off between 15:22 and 15:48; on course, 15:50; target, 17:50; down at this base between 19:43 and 19:58.

Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the assigned area, commencing south west of the barracks building and continuing to a point north-west of the town of Eboli.

The target area was seen covered with bomb or shell craters and was smoking on the approach.

Enemy Shipping: None.

Enemy

Aircraft: None.

General Observations: (1) 30 large light colored M/T were seen headed north on the road at G-H/11 (I.C. 3-190-MA). These were being dive-bombed by A-26's. Observation at 17:49 from 10,000'.

(2) Approximately 12 vehicles, possibly half-tracks, were seen on the Avellino-Salerno road moving south.

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- 4) 1 four-gun battery just west of Auletta on the north bank of the river
- 5) 4 guns at Tegiano.
- 6) 12 guns along the road east of Sanna.

Moderate heavy inaccurate flak was encountered after the breakaway from Rocadaspide.

Enemy aircraft: None

Enemy Shipping: 1) 1 long and narrow ship was sighted from a considerable distance in Sapri Harbor at 1002 from 12200.
2) 2 small boats were seen at 40° 02' N, 15° 28' E at 0957 from 12500.

General Observations:

- 1) Six groups of 12/14 M/T each traveling north slowly near Casalbuono were sighted at 1007 from 12500.
- 2) 10 M/T parked on the road just west of Brienza seen at 1011 from 12500.
- 3) 2 M/T heading west, seen just east of Auletta at 1012 from 12300.
- 4) One convoy of 15/18 M/T on the road leading south and 10 miles distant from the defiles at the target (#2), observed at 1012 from 12300.
- 5) 20/30 M/T headed west on the road between Lagusiro and Sapri, seen at 1009 from 12500.
- 6) 40/50 M/T in convoy headed north on the road 10 miles north of Lagonegro, observed at 1009 from 12500.
- 7) A large fire, with black smoke, was seen near Vallo Della Lucania, at 1003 from 12500.

Our losses: None. 6 B-26's damaged and 4 slightly damaged by flak. No crew members were injured.

Weather: En route scattered cumulus at 5000, ranging from 1/10 at the African coast to 5/10 at the Italian coast; target CAWU, return scattered cumulus seen en route was breaking up.

Comments: None.

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MISSION NO. 92

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. FLETCHER

14 Sept 1943

"A"

<u>IX 190 #89</u> BULLARD	<u>147 #83</u> HARRIS	<u>882 #92</u> SUND
<u>260 #90</u> FAIR	<u>861 #87</u> HALLOWELL	<u>853 #81</u> KESLER

"B"

<u>010 #---</u> HIGELOW	<u>601 #---</u> CARTER	<u>027 #---</u> WILBUR
<u>798 #---</u> FEAGIN	<u>144 #65</u> TRESCH	<u>III 328 #---</u> CALHOUN

"C"

<u>017 #---</u> HOLMES	<u>186 #---</u> MEYER	<u>074 #---</u> BAIRD
<u>DI 056 #---</u> CARRAHER	<u>035 #---</u> ROSS	<u>958</u> CHURCH # CHURCH

"D"

<u>070 #4</u> BLAKE	<u>960 #11</u> HOY	<u>051 #5</u> TIMMONS
<u>912 #8</u> VALLS	<u>305 #---</u> HAYWARD	<u>036 #---</u> KOONTZ

AIR SPARES

<u>178 #91</u> BURNS	<u>575 #---</u> TUCK	<u>088 #32</u> BAYRAMIAN	<u>595 #12</u> STELL (N)
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GROUND SPARES

<u>978 #78</u> STUMM	<u>842 #---</u> BAKER	<u>859 #---</u> DAVIS
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ORDER OF LINEUP

RUNWAY NO. 1

RUNWAY NO. 2

HARRIS XXXXXX Stell-595(N) XXXXXXXXXX										
HARRIS	147	#83	Stell-595(N)	SUND	882	#92				
BULLARD	190	#89		HALLOWELL	861	#87				
KISLER	853	#81		FAIR	260	#90				
CARTER	601	#--		WILBUR	027	#--				
BIGLOW	010	#--		TRESCH	144	#65				
CALHOUN	328	#--		FEAGIN	798	#--				
MEYER	186	#--		BAIRD	074	#--				
HOLMES	017	#--		ROSS	035	#--				
CHURCH	958	#--		GARRAHER	056	#--				
HOY	960	#21		TILMONS	051	#5				
BLAKE	070	#4		HAYWARD	305	#--				
KOONTZ	636	#--		VALLS	912	#8				
BURNS	178	#91		TUCK	575	#--				
				BAYRAMIAN	088	#32				

GROUND SPARES

STUMM	978	#78		BAKER	842	#--				
DAVIS	859	#--								
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COLORS OF THE DAY

B-TIME	2 STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800	GY	H	G	GREEN
0800-1400	RR	O	P	WHITE
1400-2000	RY	J	X	GREEN
2000-2400	GG	N	Y	WHITE

THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

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Afternoon.
Plane no.

Names of the crew	Squadron	Plane no.
Harris, Pilot, Captain	444th	147
Green, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1521 <i>e</i>
Hausner, XXXXXXXX er, 2nd Lt. Navigator		Landed 1942
Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Fletcher, Flight commander, Lt. Col.		
Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Patton, Radio gunner, Tsgt.		
Vaughn, Aerial gunner, Ssgt.		
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	882 <i>e</i>
Jackson, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1522
Sylvester, Bombardier 2nd Lt.		Landed 1944
Cook, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.		
Meyer, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	190 <i>i</i>
Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1523
BOWEN, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1943 1/2
Babel, Engineer gunner, Ssgt.		
Devaul, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.		
McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	959 <i>B</i>
Buckhout, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1524
Panicki, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1944
Shyrock, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Etzel, Engineer gunner, s/sgt.		
Lenz, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, s/sgt.		
Sullivan, Deputy flight commander, Major,		
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	978 <i>B</i>
Meyers, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1525
Meadows, Bombardier, s/sgt.		LANDED: 1945
Greear, Engineer gunner, Ssgt.		
Schwickhart, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hurt, Aerial gunner, Ssgt.		
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	260 <i>B</i>
Stewart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1526
Chouinard, Bombardier, S/sgt.		LANDED: 1945
Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Mikles, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Haney, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	292 <i>B</i>
Gaffey, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1527
Ramirez, Bombardier, s/sgt.		expanded historical
Smith, Radio gunner, T.sgt.		LANDED: 1952
Crass, Aerial gunner, s/sgt.		
Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		

Carter, Pilot, Captain	443 443	601	B
Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O		Take off 1527	
Cafarella, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1947	
Face, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			
Hunter, Radio gunner, T/sgt.			
Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443 443	010	B
Smithwick, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1529	
Kimbro, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1958	
Chalfant Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
Ha rt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Perkins, Engineer gunner S/sgt.			
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443 443	023	B
Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1530	
Key, NB, S/sgt.		Landed 1954	
Chavez, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Watt, Engineer, Sgt.			
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443	144	C
Sheard, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		took off 1531	
Boswell, NB-1st Lt.		Landed 1948	
Doelittle, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
Bolton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	328	B
Space, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1532	
Thompson, NB S/sgt.		Landed 1948	
Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Guzzio, Aerial gunner, gt.			
Dross, Engineer gunner, s/s gt.			
Feagin, Pilot, F/O	443rd	798	B
Smart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1533	
Dickey, NB, Opl.		Landed 1948 1/2	
Lumberg Radio gunner, S. sgt.			
Gamble, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Noakes, Engineer gunner, S. sgt.			
Bushong, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	960	C
Crotty, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1534	
Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1951	
Tannotta, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Juve, Radio gunner, Sgt.			
Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	051	e
Oglietti, Engineer Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		took off 1540	
McGeever, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1953	
Binaldi, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Greenlee, Radio gunner,			
Ourlee, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
St.Arno, Co, Pilot, F/O
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Gignac, Engineer gunner, sgt.
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Corp, Aerial gunner, sgt.

070
Took off 1541
Landed 1748

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Early

Hayward, Pilot, 11st Lt. 441st
Oltmann, Co, Pilot, F/O
Viaille, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Pope, Engineer gunner, sgt.
Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Boals, Aerial gunner, sgt.

191
Took off 1544
Landed *crashed*
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Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st

036
Took off

B

This plane did not take off

Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
Levine, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Temple, bombardier, /O
Chilton, Engineer gunner, s.sgt.
Corona, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Herbert, Aerial gunner, sgt.

100
Took off 1545
Landed 1952 $\frac{1}{2}$

B

Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
Wills, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Farr, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Mariono, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Barker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

030
Took off 1547
Landed 1953

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
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	842	B Took off: 1548 Landed at: 1820 <u>Early</u>
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	186	B Took off: 1534 Landed at: 1957
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	298	B Took off: 1535 Landed at: 1950
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	B Took off: 1536 Landed at: 1949
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	035	C Took off: 1536 Landed at: 1955 Major Gladden flew as observer.
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dryer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Swartz, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	958	B Took off: 1537 Landed at: 1955
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	056	B Took off: 1537 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1955 $\frac{1}{2}$ T/Sgt Waltman flew as photographer

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SQUADRON

PLANE NO

Byramian, 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:

Landed at:

no T.O.