

HEADQUARTERS 320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 77, Day Operation, 15 September 1943.

Twenty B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb the road between Battapaglia and Eboli, Italy. They were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early; 1 because a generator was out and one was a spare.

The target was bombed successfully, and 18 B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Route and Altitudes: To target: from 3000', 43° T for 390 miles to point south east of Isle of Capri, 86° T for 25 miles to IP, 40° 35' N, 14° 36' E, climbing gradually to 10000; bomb run 86° T for 12 miles at 9500; breakaway right.

From target: Curve right to coast, 238° T for 395 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000.

Bombs: 396 x 100-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse, carried by 20 B-26's.

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

356 x 100-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

Chronology: Time off between 0822 and 0833; on course 0840; target 1031, down at this base between 1250 and 1258.

Results: 3 strings of bombs bracketed the entire target area with an excellent pattern 2600' in length, covering both sides of the road and the center. A tremendous explosion with flame and white smoke reaching 1000' in the air, believed to have been either gasoline or ammunition was seen. At least 8 M/T on the road in the target area were covered by our bombs.

Flak: 8 bursts of heavy inaccurate flak was encountered from a position 1 1/2 miles southeast of Eboli.

Light flak from Persano was seen being fired at our A/C dive-bombing positions between S. le and Calene Rivers.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: None.

General Observations:

- 1) Motor convoys, parked, extending as far as the eye could see on both roads leading east from Eboli, observed at 1031 from 9500.
- 2) 40/50 M/T on road near Controne, headed north, sighted at 1033 from 9000.
- 3) 12 M/T moving east and dispersing in foothills northwest of Roccasapide were seen at 1035 from 9000.

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- 4) 8 M/T moving east between Mattapaglia and Eboli, seen at 1031 from 9500.
- 5) 25 M/T were seen on the road between Albanella and the Sele River, at 1033 from 9000.
- 6) At 40° 38' N, 15° 05' E, intense artillery fire toward the coast was observed at 1033 from 9000.
- 7) A large convoy of M/T, stretched along east-west road at 40° 30' N, 15° 00' E, and turning south on the road at that point, was seen at 1035 from 8500.
- 8) Many trucks going and coming, the majority moving toward the coast, on the road east of Rutino were seen at 1038 from 8500.
- 9) A white cross painted on the ground near Rutino was seen at 1038 from 8500.
- 10) A-36's, F-38's, and P-40's were observed dive bombing and strafing in the vicinity of the target at 1031 from 9500.
- 11) At the L/G on the beach north of Sele River; several A/C were seen parked and 2 S/K A/C were seen landing at 1028 from 10500.
- 12) Heavy concentrations of friendly shipping was seen in the bay south of Salerno, and landing of heavy equipment on the beaches was in progress at 1029 from 10000.

Our losses: None. No B-26's damaged.

Weather: En route 1/10 scattered cumulus at 5000, target clear with smoke and haze at 5000; return as on route.

Comments: Our control of the air in the battle area appeared to be unchallenged.

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ROAD BETWEEN BATTEPAGLIA AND EBOLI, ITALY 15 SEPTEMBER 1943.

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Carter, Pilot, Capt. Collins, Co-Pilot, F/O. Grove, Navigator, Capt. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hunter, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	601	B Took off: 0822 Landed at: 1230 Major Marble flew as Flight Commander
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smithwick, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Chalfant, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	B Took off: 0822½ Landed at: 1230½
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hobel, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Chavez, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	023	B Took off: 0823½ Landed at: 1230½ S/Sgt Draper flew as photographer
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: 0824 Landed at: 1232 Major Parsons flew as Deputy Flgt Commander
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Martin, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Guzzio, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	B Took off: 0824½ Landed at: 1231½
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Butler, Bomb Nav, Capt. Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	190	C Took off: 0825 Landed at: 1231½
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	C Took off: 0825½ Landed at: 1233

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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: 0826 Landed at: 1233 1/2
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Abeln, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	958	B Took off: 0826 1/2 Landed at: 1233 1/2
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	878	C Took off: 0827 Landed at: 1234
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Currie, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Lidicker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	031	C Took off: 0827 1/2 Landed at: 1234 1/2
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Levine, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. McGeever, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	100	B Took off: 0828 Landed at: 1234 1/2 S/Sgt Speer flew as photographer
Karlowitz, Pilot, Capt. Lakoe, Co-Pilot, F/O. A Allen, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	305	B Took off: 0828 1/2 Landed at: 1237 1st Lt Craddock flew as observer
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	178	C Took off: 0829 1/2 Landed at: 1237 1/2

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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: 0831 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at: 1238 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>B</i>
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Peters, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blässman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Connolly, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	Took off: 0831 Landed at: 1238 $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>C</i>
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	190	Took Off: 0830 Landed at: 1238 <i>C</i>
Probasco, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.	442nd	017	Took off: NO TAKE OFF <i>---</i>
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: 0833 Landed at: 0930 <u>Early</u> <i>C</i>
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	298	Took off: 0829 Landed at: 0957 <u>Early</u> <i>B</i>
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conley, Co-Pilot, F/O. Crapse, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861	Took off: 0832 Landed at: 1237 $\frac{1}{2}$ <u>Early</u> <i>B</i>