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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 78. Day Operation, 15 September 1943. P.M.

Twenty-three B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb the road southeast of Eboli and east of the Sele River, Italy. They were unescorted. One B-26 returned early due to engine failure.

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

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 3000' at this base, 43° T for 350 miles to a point southeast of Isle of Capri; 82° T for 33 miles to IP, northern edge of Battipaglia, climbing gradually to 10000, bomb run 95° T for 11 miles at 9600, breakaway right.

From target: curve right, 230° T for 395 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000.

Bombs: 456 x 100-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuse, carried by 23 B-26's.

20 x 100-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 1 B-26 that returned early.

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

8 x 100-lb. demolition bombs salvaged in the water after leaving the target, having not been dropped due to rack failure.

27 x 100-lb. demolition bombs returned this base, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 1535 and 1546; on course 1555; target 1745; down at this base between 1949 and 2001.

Results: An excellent pattern of bombs commencing just short of the road running along the eastern bank of the Sele River and walking across the road junction to the east was laid by the first flight. The other two flights dropped in a perfect line down the center of the road commencing at about the junction. A few bombs landed to the right of the road and beyond the main cluster.

Flak: Slight heavy accurate flak was encountered over the target from positions in the hills north of the target, where flashes indicated 2 guns. 1 gun was also located east of the junction of road and river east of Eboli.

Slight heavy accurate flak was encountered on the breakaway, possibly from 4 guns 2 miles south of Polla. These guns may have been artillery firing at ground positions, as the flashes had a long and "horizontal" appearance.

1 light gun position, firing at dive bombers, was located at 40° 28' N, 14° 02' E.

Enemy Aircraft: 2 ME-109's were seen flying below the formation at 5000' between Serre and Controne, at first heading northeast and then due north. There were no encounters.

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General Observations: (1) Approximately 50 M/T in convoy headed north between Controne and Roccadaspide, observed at 1748 from 9,400'. These M/T were box-like in shape and appeared to be canvas covered.

(2) At Eboli M/T, a short string of cars in each end were seen at 1742 from 10,000'.

(3) 8/10 M/T parked on the east side of the bridge at 40° 30' N, 15° 04' E, were sighted at 1748 from 9,400'.

(4) A fire with heavy black smoke in a field 40° 28' N, 15° 03' E, believed to be either a plane or tank burning, was seen at 17:55 from 9,000'.

(5) 5/6 M/T parked at 40° 35' N, 15° 17' E were sighted at 17:49 from 9,000'.

(6) 10/12 M/T parked at 40° 28' N, 15° 00' E, were seen at 17:46 from 9,500'.

(7) Several M/T parked at 40° 43' N, 15° 02' E were observed at 17:47 from 9,000'.

(8) 10/ M/T parked near the bridge at Auletta, observed at 17:57 from 9,000'.

(9) Our fighter bombers, A-36's, P-38's and P-40's were seen to be extensively engaged in ground strafing and dive-bombing M/T, road junctions and gun positions in the battle area. Heavy warships were engaged in shelling positions behind our lines, and landing of heavy equipment was in progress on the beaches. Observations between 17:40 and 17:52 from 10,000' to 9,000'.

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

Weather: Enroute, clear with haze; target battle haze and smoke at 5,000'; return as en route.

Comments: None.

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ROAD EAST EBOLI, ITALY 15 SEPT/43

*Afternoon*

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Ross, Pilot, Capt. DeFan, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Sandy, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	983	<i>C</i> Took off: 1535 Landed at: Major Gladden flew as Flight Commander
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	<del>92</del> 088	<i>B</i> Took off: 1535½ Landed at: T/Sgt Waltman flew as photographer
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	<i>C</i> Took off: 1536 Landed at:
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt. DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	186	<i>B</i> Took off: 1536½ Landed at: Major Friday flew as Deputy Flt Commander
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-Pilot, F/O. Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Folger, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	074	<i>B</i> Took off: 1537 Landed at: 1st Lt Cook flew as observer.
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	<i>C</i> Took off: 1537½ Landed at: Lt Keller flew as observer
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robins, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	960	<i>C</i> Took off: 1538 Landed at:

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Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O. Farr, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Barker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st 7	Took off: 1538½ Landed at: M/Sgt Marco flew as observer	070 C
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1539 Landed at:	051 C
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillion, Co-Pilot, F/O. Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Archer, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Dereu, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1539½ Landed at: 1st Lt Dignan flew as observer.	030 C
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-Pilot, F/O. Horne, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Robinson, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Sewell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 1540 Landed at:	260 B
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Harrahan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 1540½ Landed at:	013 B
Dieter, Pilot, Capt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Greear, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Colling, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 1541 Landed at: Capt Harris flew as observer.	147 C
Sugd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O/ Sylvester, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Cook, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Meyer, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	Took off: 1541½ Landed at: Capt Booth flew as observer	882 C

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PLANE NO.  
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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

Took off: 1542  
 Landed at:

041 B

Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Beaudro, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Rogers, Navigator, Capt.  
 Karidis, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
 Krumpoch, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Dross, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Hanson, Engineer gunner, Pfc.

443rd

Took off: 1542½  
 Landed at:

157 C

Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt,  
 Hunter, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 DuFour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
 Hansen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Rameriz, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.

443rd

Took off:  
 Landed at:

842 B

Tuck, Pilot, Capt.  
 Belzma, Co-Pilot, Capt.  
 Janeke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.  
 Long, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.

443rd

Took off:  
 Landed at:  
 Capt Butler flew as observer.

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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	B Took off: 1545½ Landed at:
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ott, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	978	B Took off: 1544½ Landed at:
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. St.Arno, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blair, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	907	C Took off: 1544 Landed at:
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Clark, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Yost, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	328	B Took off: 1545 Landed at:
Feagin, Pilot, F/O. Smart, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Homsher, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Armao, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	190	C Took off: 1546 Landed at: