

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 79, Day Operation, 16 Sept 1943

Twenty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Road Junction east of Formia, Italy. They were escorted. No planes returned early.

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

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 3,000' at this base, 30° T for 32 1/2 statute miles to Palmarola Island; curve left, curve right for 22 statute miles to I.P., St. Felice Circeo, climbing gradually to 10,700'; bomb run, 88° T for 30 statute miles at 10,200'; breakaway right. From target: Curve right, 215° T for 37 1/4 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 162 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 27 B-26's.

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

Chronology: Time off between 07:55 and 08:12; on course, 08:25; target, 10:10; down at this base between 12:10 and 12:26.

Results: Bombs started just west of the intersection, walked through it and eastward along the road. A large explosion was seen slightly south-west of the junction immediately after bombs landed.

A few bombs landed south of the target in the water, and others landed on warehouses and railroad tracks north of the junction.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: None

Enemy Shipping: In the harbor at Gaeta, 7 barges on the mole at 24/M; 1 300' M/V on mole at 23/M; 1 sailing vessel with booms just east of the M/V; 20 small boats at 217/J (T.C. 3-127-NA); were sighted at 10:09 from 10,400'.

Observations: (1) During the approach to the target flashes came repeatedly and in regular intervals from Gaeta. The flashes had the appearance of reflections from a mirror, and may possibly have been a signal. Observation at 10:08 from 10,300'.

(2) White smoke was seen coming from three places: Terracina, Fondi and the north bank of the river 41° 18' N, 13° 22' E at 10:07 from 10,500'.

(3) A large oil slick was seen on the water at 38° 25' N, 11° 00' E at 09:03 from 6,000'.

(4) 1 M/T was observed several miles east of the target moving eastward was seen at 10:11 from 9,600'.

(5) 1 large M/T convey, parked off the side of the road south of Itri, was seen at 10:08 from 10,500'.

(6) 3 M/V heading north on the road near Minturne at 10:12 from 9,500'.

Observations (Cont'd): (7) 3 M/T, one parked and two moving, at D/25 (TC 3-127-NA) were observed at 10:09 from 10,300'.

(8) 2 M/T moving east on the Sessa Aurunca - Aur. Minturno road, seen at 10:13 from 9,500'.

(9) A reliable observer reported that he swept all roads with field glasses, within vision while over enemy territory, and was unable to find any M/T. This report is believed to throw some doubt on the observations of M/T reported.

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

Weather: Enroute, 2/10 scattered cumulus at 4,500'; target, clear but hazy, return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 95.

LIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL GREGOR

16 September 1963.

DEPUTY LIGHT COMMANDER MAJOR SULLIVAN

A SQUADRON

GROTTI 960	031	STRINBERG 200
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HOY 907 - 2		ROBERT 925 - 2
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DEWANE 178 - 91		FAIR 200 - 90
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HELAND 978 - 78		UNDER 930 - 80
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FRASER 012		WIGGART 011
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LONG 978		RESCUE 011
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RAYBRIAN 008 - 38		BLIND 958
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CHURCH 074		GARRARD 021
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\* 300 th BOOKCLUB \*

AIR SPARES

COULTER 900	RESCUE 209 - 15	BLIND 100	MENDELINGER (N) 092
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HURRAY # 1. 960 - 13 ORDER OF BARS UP HURRAY # 2.

KIRLEY 989	209 - 15	STRINBERG 200
GROTTI 960	031	ROBERT 925 - 2
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HALLGREN 001 - 84		FAIR 200 - 90
DEWANE 178 - 91		UNDER 930 - 80
HELAND 978 - 78		HELAND 978 - 78
TICE 012		WIGGART 011
FRASER 012		RESCUE 011
LONG 978		LONG 978
BLIND 958		BLIND 958
RAYBRIAN 008 - 38		RESCUE 011
GARRARD 021		CHURCH 074
COULTER 900		RESCUE 011

COLORS OF THE DAY - 16 SEPTEMBER 1963

0800-0800	RY	Q 958	L	WHITE
0800-1400	GY	S	G	RED
1400-2000	RY	I	F	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ROAD JUNCTION EAST OF FORMIA, ITALY  
16 SEPTEMBER 1943 .

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Kirley, Pilot, Capt. Penka, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Capt. Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	031 Took off: 0755 Landed at: 1212 1/2 Lt Col Gregory flew as Flight Commander
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsburger, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Lidicker, Radio gunner, Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	100 Took off: 0755 1/2 Landed at: 1219 1/2 Sgt Coney flew as photographer
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglietti, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Messenger, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Christianson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	980 Took off: 0756 Landed at: 1212 1/2
Horras, Pilot, Capt. Belcher, Co-Pilot, Major Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. McGeever, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Derau, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	960 Took off: 0756 1/2 Landed at: 1213 Maj Sullivan flew as Deputy Flt Commander
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Currie, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Blair, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Leutholt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	982 Took off: 0757 1/2 Landed at: 1213 1/2
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Iannotta, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	907 Took off: 0758 Landed at: 1213 1/2

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Lenz, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861	Took off: 0758½ Landed at: 1215 <i>B</i>
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Gardner, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	178	Took off: 0759½ Landed at: 1215½ <i>C</i>
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Peters, Co-Pilot, F/O. Peterson, Bombardier Nav, S/Sgt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260	Took off: 0759 Landed at: 1215½ <i>B</i>
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. McShaghan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	Took off: 0800½ Landed at: 1216 <i>C</i>
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	959	Took off: 0801 Landed at: 1216½ <i>B</i>
Conley, Pilot, F/O. Edwards, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Crapee, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	978	Took off: 0801½ Landed at: 1216½ <i>B</i>
Tuck, Pilot, Capt. Belsma, Co-Pilot, Capt. Rogers, Navigator, Capt. Janeke, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Long, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575	Took off: 0802 Landed at: 1217½ <i>C</i> General Webster flew as observer.

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Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Kimbrow, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Lacerva, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, Pfc.	443rd	041	B Took off: 0802½ Landed at: 122½ 2nd Lt Durman flew as observer
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Saylor, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Karidis, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Johnson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Butler, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842	B Took off: 0803 Landed at: 1218
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	601	B Took off: 0803½ Landed at: 1218½
Caudill, Pilot, F/O. Hribal, Co-Pilot, F/O. Leffler, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Hildebrand, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	B Took off: 0804 Landed at: 1219
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-Pilot, F/O. Key, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Oakes, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Noakes, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Gniadek, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	B Took off: 0804½ Landed at: 1218½
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	186	B Took off: 0805 Landed at: 1220 Maj Gladden flew as observer
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	958	B Took off: 0806 Landed at: 1222

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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: 0807 Landed at: 1220 1/2 S/Sgt Draper flew as photographer	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: 0807 1/2 Landed at: 1221 1/2 Major Friday flew as observer.	C
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesilski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Schau, Radio gunner, Sgt. Gloeckner, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	056 Took off: 0808 Landed at: 1222 1/2	B
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	074 Took off: 0808 1/2 Landed at: 1215	B
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Chavez, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	023 Took off: 0809 Landed at: 1222 1/2	B
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 Took off: 0810 1/2 Landed at: 1223	B
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kapstein, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Tackmann, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	189 Took off: 0812 Landed at: 1221	B