

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 80, Day Operation, 17 September 1943.

Twenty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (H) took off this morning to bomb Pratica di Mare A/G, Italy. They were accompanied by the 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups and were unescorted. Four B-26's returned early, one because of engine trouble, two because generators were out, and one was a spare.

The target was bombed successfully. One gunner was killed by flak over the target. He was taken to Sicily by his plane, which left the formation after bombing and returned to base late. Twenty-two B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from rendezvous with 17th and 319th Groups at Djedida at 3000, 30° T for 325 statute miles to Palmarola; 340° T for 37 statute miles to IP, 2 miles west of Anzio, climbing gradually to 10500; bomb run 340° T for 16 statute miles; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left, 201° T for 366 statute miles to base, dropping gradually to 3000'.

Bombs: 556 x 100-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuse, carried by 28 B-26's.

80 x 100-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base by 4 B-26's that returned early.

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

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

Chronology: Time off between 0940 and 0958; rendezvous and on course 1010; target 1156; 23 B-26's down at this base between 1349 and 1405. One B-26 down at this base at 1602 after landing at Sicily for possible medical aid to a crew member.

Results: Bombs landed in an excellent pattern over the eastern dispersal area of the A/G. Many fires were seen among the bomb bursts, indicating direct hits on planes. At least 25 A/G in this dispersal area are believed destroyed by our bombs.

A direct hit was also scored on an AA position at N/9 (TC 3-15-NA).

Flak: Moderate to intense accurate heavy flak was encountered 1½ minutes before crossing the coast prior to bombing and during the bomb run. The flak was of the tracking type. Bursts of white flak were seen high above the formation over the target.

Slight to moderate inaccurate heavy flak was encountered on the breakaway from the target.

Heavy gun positions were reported as follows: (Ref. TC 3-15-NA).

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| 1) 2 guns at N/9.     | 5) 6/8 guns at N/11. |
| 2) 3/4 guns at O-N/7. | 6) 8 guns at O/13.   |
| 3) 4 guns at N/7.     | 7) 4 guns at N/14.   |
| 4) 4 guns at E-7/6.   | 8) 4 guns at N/11.   |

- 9) 4 guns at K/13.
- 10) 1 gun at H/17.
- 11) 1 gun at M-L/17.
- 12) 1 gun at L/17.

- 13) 4 guns at J/21.
- 14) 4 guns at H/17.
- 15) 8 guns in line at G-K/15-18,  
running northwest-southeast.

- Enemy Aircraft:
- 1) 2 white S/P were seen 40 miles west of Anzio heading north-east on the deck at 1208 from 9000.
  - 2) 2 S/P at Lido di Roma were observed at 1200 from 9000.
  - 3) A new L/G at 41° 35' N, 12° 32' E was sighted at 1152 from 10500. No runways or taxi strips were visible. What appeared to be new barracks were seen along the northern edge. One transport A/C was parked on the northwest corner, and 4 S/E radial engine A/C were landing at the time of observation.
  - 4) One S/E fighter was approaching Pratica di Mare L/G for landing during our bomb run. Pilot evidently changed his mind on seeing our bombers and turned eastward, becoming lost from view. Observation at 1155 from 10000.
  - 5) On the L/G at Pratica di Mare, 77 S/E A/C were seen in the northern dispersal area, and 110 multi-engine A/C were seen in the eastern dispersal area at 1156 from 10000.

Enemy Shipping: 4 medium M/V's and many small boats at Anzio, sighted at 1150 from 10500.

- General Observations:
- 1) Two large columns of smoke were rising above Ciampino A/D's at 1156 from 10000.
  - 2) An explosion followed by a column of black smoke was seen in the wooded section south of the target at B/10, at 1156 from 10000.

Our losses: None. 5 B-26's damaged, 7 slightly damaged, by flak.  
One radio gunner was killed instantly at his guns by a flak fragment through the heart.

Weather: En route 1-2/10 scattered cumulus at 2000; target clear with slight haze; return as en route.

Casualty: The name, rank, serial number, and emergency addressee of crew member killed follows: Oakes, Sheldon E.,  
S/Sgt., 11051785,  
Mr. Melvin Oakes,  
c/o G. Fuller Co.,  
Scotland, Mass.

Comments: None.

JAMES H. MAGIA, JR.,  
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Group Intelligence Officer.

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*CPT ASCROBY*

MISSION # 97 FLIGHT COMMANDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: \_\_\_\_\_ 17 September 1943  
 A-10 Squadron "A"

<u>WEINBERG</u>	<u>HARRIS</u>	<u>MEYER</u>	<u>RUNWAY NO. 1</u>	<u>ORDER OF LINEUP</u>	<u>RUNWAY NO. 2</u>
382 - 92 c	147 - 83 c	853 - 81 b			
<u>BURNS</u>	<u>DIETER</u>	<u>BULLARD</u>		<u>Stell (i)</u>	
013 - 77 b	927 - 82 c	978 - 78 b		070 - 4	
----- "B" -----			Harris	147-83	Meyer 853-81
<u>FEAGIN</u>	<u>SWALL</u>	<u>GOFF</u>	Weinberg	382-92	Dieter 927-82
798 - 51 b	144 - 65 c	328 - 59 b	Bullard	978-78	Burns 013-77
<u>SWIGART</u>	<u>BUTLER</u>	<u>BRACKEN</u>	Swall	144-65	Goff 328-59
150 - 67 c	157 - 66 c	023 - 55 b	Feagin	798-51	Butler 157-66
----- "C" -----			Bracken	023-55	Swigart 150-67
<u>DEUTMAN</u>	<u>MEYER</u>	<u>LOVECE</u>	Meyer	126-37	Doxsee 378-43
298 - - a	186 - 37 b	878 - 43 c	Deutman	298--	Ross 933--
<u>SPEEGLE</u>	<u>ROSS</u>	<u>LOVECE</u>	Lovece	999-33	Speagle 859--
859 - - b	933 - - b	999 - 33 c	Karlowitz	305-14	Timmons 051-5
----- "D" -----			Levine	100-16	Miller 960-11
<u>LEVINE</u>	<u>KARLOWITZ</u>	<u>TIMMONS</u>	Blake	030-6	Hayward 036--
100 - 16 b	305 - 14 b	051 - 5 c	Fair	013-77 260	Rucker 010-54
<u>HAYWARD</u>	<u>MILLER</u>	<u>BLAKE</u>			Bayramian 088-32
036 - - b	960 - 11 c	030 - 6 c	----- "GROUND SPARES" -----		

AIR SPARES  
 Fair 013-77 Rucker 010-54 Bayramian 088-32 Stell (iv) 070-4  
 200-948 b c

GROUND SPARES  
 WORTHINGTON 178-91 Burns 027  
 Heinroth 179

COLORS OF THE DAY

2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800 RG	C	J	GREEN
0800-1400 GG	Q	S	WHITE
1400-2000 YY	H	F	GREEN
2000-2400 RR	F	M	RED

RADIO:

320 PLAY FAIR  
 319 BOOK CLUB  
 17 Key mail

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PRATICAL DI MARE, A/D M.  
September 17, 1943.

Names of the crew members	squadron	Plane NO.
Harris, Pilot, Captain	444th	147
Perry, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0940
Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1349
Nerone, Navigator, Captain,		
Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	Stintzi, Lt. Col.	
Patton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	Flight Commander	
Vaughn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Meyer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	853 1101+
English, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0941
Ferrara, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed
Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Proctor, Radio Gunner, S. Sgt.		
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bushong, Photographer, Sgt.		
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	882 1348
Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0942
Breeding, NB. S/sgt.		Landed 1349
Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Dieter, Pilot, Captain,	444th	927
Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Took off 0942
Shryock, Navigator, 1st Lt.		Landed 1352
McCroory, DFC. Captain,		
Greear, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	978
Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0942
Bowen, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1349
Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Devaux, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	013
Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O		
Ramirez, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off 0943
Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		Landed 1353
Crass, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Snehold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Swall, Pilot, Captain,	443rd	144
Stroud, Co, Pilot, Flt. Off.		Took off 0944
Cafarella, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		landed 1354
Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
Lewis, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Williams, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		

Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	328
Hunter, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF 0944
Dufour, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1304
Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		
Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Feagin, Pilot, Flt. Off.	443rd	798
Smart, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt.		
Grat, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Oakes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		Took off 0945
Gamble, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed 1555
Butler, Pilot, Flt. Off.	443rd	
Landrum, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		157
Chambers, avigator Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off 0945
Saccardo, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Gniadek, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Waterman, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		Landed 1400
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	023
Saylor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off, 0946
Tidwell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1401
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Butler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	190
Colman, Co-Pilot, F/O		Took off: 0947
Key, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1400
Lacerva, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bolton, Aerial gunner, Pvt.		
Hunter, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt.		
Meyer, Pilot, Capt.	442nd	035
Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0947
Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt.	Major Gladden flew as obsvr.	Landed at: 1357
Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.		
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	878
Dodel, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0948
Kmundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1603
Laster, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.		
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.		

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO
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: 0948 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Landed at: 1357+
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	983 Took off: Landed at: 1358
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 Took off: Landed at: 1359+
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	859 Took off: Landed at: 1358+
Karlowitz, Pilot, 1st Lt. LaMoe, Co-Pilot, F/O. Allen, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Cofield, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	305 Took off: Landed at: 1357
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	051 Took off: Landed at: 1355
Levine, Pilot,	441st	100 This plane did Not take off
Miller, Pilot, Captain, Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Temple, Bombardier, F/O Dolan, Engineer gunner, Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McFarland, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	960 TOOK OFF 0944 Landed 1356

Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	# 4. . . . .	
St Arno, Co, Pilot, FQ	441st	030
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off 0937
Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed 1330
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	070
Goodenough, Co, Pilot, F/O		took off 0958
Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed. 1110
Farr, Engineer gunner, S.sgt,		This plane had generator trouble
Marino, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt		
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st,	036
		Took off 0955
		Landed 1006
Heimroth, Pilot, Captain,	442nd	958
Smith, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0952
Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed at 1356
Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	269
Stewart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0956
Babler, Engineer gunner, Tsgt		Landed 1356
Mikles, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Chouinard, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Rucker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	010
Gilbert, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0956½
Carroll, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 1358
Harpster, Radio Gunner, .sgt.		
Burden, Aerial gunner, Pfc.		
Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442	088
Baker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0958
Goldberg, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		landed 1213
Nardine, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Stewart, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		