

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
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Twenty-one B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning Cancellio RR Bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. 3 B-26's returned early; 1 left engine cutting out, 1 blown cylinder and 1 spare. The target was missed but the railroad tracks were cut at one point. Eighteen B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: From 2,500' at this base, 30° T for 325 Statute miles to Palmarola Island; 67° T for 68 statute miles to IP, Carinola, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 164° T for 9 statute miles at 10,000'; breakaway right.

From Target: Curve right for 38 statute miles to Ventotene Island; 216° T for 332 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

Bombs: 126 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse, carried by 21 B-26's.

18 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base by 3 B-26's that returned early.

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

3 x 500 lb demolition bombs salvaged in the water after leaving the target area, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 08:45 and 08:57; on course, 09:05; target, 10:54; down at this base between 12:58 and 13:06.

Results: The target was missed. Bombs of the first flight hit over, to the east of the target. Bombs of the second flight hit short, cutting the track north of the target. Bombs of the last flight landed short and to the left of the target on the town of Cancellio.

Flak: Slight to moderate heavy accurate to inaccurate flak was encountered on the bomb run starting at 41° 08' N, 14° 08' E, continuing to the target. Both large and small bursts were observed; the smaller ones burst below and were the least accurate.

The following heavy gun positions were observed:

- (1) 3 batteries at 41° 05' N, 14° 01' E.
- (2) 2 guns at 41° 07' N, 13° 59' E.
- (3) 4 guns at 41° 08' N, 14° 08' E.
- (4) 1 gun at 40° 58' N, 14° 10' E.
- (5) 1 gun at 40° 57' N, 14° 02' E.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: One medium M/V, lying on its side and smoking slightly; one medium M/V tied to the dock; observed at Gaeta Harbor at 10:40 from 10,000'.

- General Observations: (1) A large fire was seen at Pozzuli, with heavy black smoke reaching to 3,000', at 10:57 from 9,500'.
(2) At the M/Y at Francolise, 50 railroad cars were seen at 10:52 from 10,000'.
(3) A train of tank cars was seen at Minturno at 10:45 from 10,500'.
(4) 30 freight cars were seen on the siding at 41° 14' N, 13° 59' E at 10:50 from 10,500'.
(5) 10 railroad cars were seen on the siding just south of the target at 10:54 from 10,000'.
(6) 15/20 M/T, or possibly stores, were seen parked off the side of road at 41° 10' N, 14° 04' E, at 10:52 from 10,000'.
(7) 10/12 M/T parked on the road at 41° 15' N, 13° 43' E were seen at 10:50 from 10,500'.
(8) A long string of dust, indicating possible M/T activity, from the Aversa Area, was seen at 10:58 from 9,500'.
(9) Cancelli highway bridge was observed to be down at 10:54 from 10,000'.

Our Losses: None. 1 B-26 damaged; 1 slightly damaged.

Weather: Enroute, scattered cumulus at 5,000' and stratus clouds at 12,000'; target, heavy haze; Return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 42 (M) Bomb Wing (US), APU 520.

1. The following is the location of cameras of the formation as over the target (Cancallo R.R. bridge, Italy), of this Group this date.

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2. Second formation as over target (Bridge S of Amorosi, Italy).

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3. The camera in ship numbered 51 ~~did not take pictures.~~
pictures were not printed.

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NAAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON VOTURNO, ITALY (NEAR CAPUTO). 24 SEPT/43. (1st Mission)

NAAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Barrett, Pilot, Capt. Peterson, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Shyrock, Navigator, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91	<i>C</i> Took off: 0845 Landed: 1257 Capt McCrory flew as Observer Flt Commander S/Sgt. [unclear] flew as [unclear]
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Keyers, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Harahan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	80	<i>C</i> Took off: 0845½ Landed 0907 <u>Carley</u>
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-Pilot, F/O. Robinson, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Horne, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	92	<i>C</i> Took off: 0846 Landed: 1253½
Harris, Pilot, Capt. Peters, Co-Pilot, F/O. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Kidge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	83	<i>B</i> Took off: 0846½ Landed: 1257 1st Lt Hallowell flew as Observer Deputy Flt Comm.
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt. Taylor, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	78	<i>B</i> Took off: 0847 Landed: 1258½
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Greear, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Roberts, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Collins, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	77	<i>B</i> Took off: 0847½ Landed: 1300 Sgt DeLisle flew as photographer
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	90	<i>B</i> Took off: 0848 Landed: 1302

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Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Connolly, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	86 C Took off: 0848½ Landed: 1302½ Capt George flew as observer.
Meyer, Pilot, 1st Lt. English, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Capt. Ferrara, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	81 B Took off: 0849 Landed: 1303
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O. Dittmar, Bombardier, Nav, 2nd Lt. Cook, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Meyer, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	82 C Took off: 0856 (Spare) Landed: 1259½
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	89 B Took off: 0857 (Spare) Landed: 0913 <u>Early</u>
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, S/Sgt.	443rd	58 B Took off: 0849½ Landed: 1303½ Col Baumeister flew as observer.
Belsman, Pilot, Capt. Hale, Co-Pilot, F/O. Butler, Bomb Nav, Capt. Martin, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Guzzio, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Miller, Engineer gunner, Cpl.	443rd	57 B Took off: 0850 Landed: 1303½
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Carter, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	52 B Took off: 0851 Landed: 1304

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Butler, Pilot, F/O. Landrum, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Champers, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Rogers, Navigator, Capt. Saccardo, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	61 Took off: 0851½ Landed: 1304½ B
Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunter, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. DuFour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	62 Took off: 0852 Landed: 1304½ B
Rucker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dunkel, Bomb Nav, Capt. Harpster, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burden, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	54 Took off: 0852½ Landed: 1304½ B
Swall, Pilot, Capt. Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O. O'Keefe, Navigator, Capt. Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	66 Took off: 0853 Landed: 1305 C
Caudill, Pilot, F/O. Hribal, Co-Pilot, F/O. Key, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hildebrand, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Griewank, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	67 Took off: 0854 Landed: 1305½ S/Sgt Carr flew as observer. C
Feagin, Pilot, F/O. Smart, 2nd Lt, 2nd Lt. Grant, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Yim, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	51 Took off: 0854½ Landed: 1306 B
Tuck, Pilot, Capt. Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Long, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Schinkle, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	55 (Norden Spare) Took off: 0855½ Landed: 1040 <u>Early</u> B