

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 85. Day Operation, 24 September, 1943

Twenty B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb the bridge south of Amrosi, Italy. They were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early, 1 because a generator was out and 1 was a spare.

The target was bombed successfully. Eighteen B-26's returned 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 83 statute miles; curve right to 14° 41' 17" N, 14° 20' E, climbing gradually to 10,000'; bomb run, 132° T for 11 statute miles; breakaway right.

From target: Curve right, curve left for 70 statute miles to Ventotene Island, 216° T for 332 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 120 x 500 lb demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuse, carried by 20 B-26's.

12 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base by 2 B-26's that returned early.

108 x 500-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

Chronology: Time off between 0945 and 0955; on course 1005; target 1158; down at this base between 1415 and 1435.

Results: The bombs started at the south end of the bridge and continued on to the road on course beyond. Probable hits or near misses were scored on the south end of the bridge.

Flak: Slight heavy inaccurate flak was encountered before the target on the bomb run, and moderate to intense heavy accurate flak was encountered from Durazano and continuing to Sparanise after the breakaway from the target.

Heavy gun positions were reported at the following points:

- 1) 4 guns at the bend of the river at 41° 06' N, 14° 25' E.
- 2) 7 guns at the bend of the river at 41° 09' N, 14° 06' E. (also several guns between Giainzo and St. Angelo in Formis)
- 3) 4 guns at 41° 07' N, 14° 15' E, along the river.
- 4) 5 guns at 41° 07' N, 14° 13' E, at the bend of the river.
- 5) 7 guns at 41° 05' N, 14° 11' E.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: None.

General Observations: 1) An encampment with fox holes in the vicinity was seen just south of Sparanise at 1152 from 1000.

General Observations (Cont'd) (2) 10/12 M/T were observed along the road between Caluso and St Angelo in Formia, heading north-west, at 12:00 from 9,000'.

(3) 40/20 M/T, with trailers heading north-east, were sighted at 11:55 from 9,700'.

(4) A train of approximately 50 freight cars were seen moving east from Formia at 11:45 from 9,000'.

(5) 8/10 M/T, headed north at $41^{\circ} 12' E$, $14^{\circ} 03' N$, were seen at 11:52 from 10,000'.

(6) 5 M/T headed south along the coast north of Mondragone were observed at 11:48 from 9,000'.

(7) 30 M/T, traveling at high speed south from Mafisano were seen at 11:58 from 9,600'.

(8) 4 railroad cars were observed at $41^{\circ} 12' N$, $14^{\circ} 07' E$ at 11:53 from 10,000'.

(9) 25 railroad cars were observed south of Spina Aurunca at 11:50 from 10,000'.

(10) A train of 13/20 cars was observed standing at Sparanise at 11:50 from 10,000'.

(11) 3 box cars were seen on the tracks south from the Garigliano River at 11:48 from 9,000'.

(12) Heavy smoke was seen coming from Naples, rising to 6,000' at 11:53 from 10,000'.

(13)

Our losses: None. 1 B-26 was very badly damaged by flak and made an emergency landing at this base; 9 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak. All crew members are safe.

Weather: Enroute, scattered cumulus at 5,000'; target, cirrus at 15,000'; clear below our bombing altitude; return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 102

FLIGHT COMMANDER
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER

COL. FLETCHER
MAJOR GLADDEN

24 SEPTEMBER

		ORDER OF LINE-UP	
		RUNWAY # 1	RUNWAY # 2.
<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 32	<u>"A"</u> <u>MEYER</u> 37	<u>HOLMES</u> 29	KENNEDY (N) 15
<u>CARRAHER</u> 46 25 38	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 31	<u>LIMBERG</u> 25	MEYER 37
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 35	<u>"B"</u> <u>ROSS</u> 34	<u>DOXSEE</u> 45	BAYRAMIAN 32
<u>STELL</u> 4	<u>MILLER</u> 6	<u>TIMMONS</u> 5	LIMBERG 25
<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 10	<u>"C"</u> <u>HOY</u> 11	<u>CURRIE</u> 2	ROSS 34
<u>MONTSINGER</u> 3	<u>O'WEN</u> 7	<u>CROTTY</u> 20	DEUTMAN 35
			TIMMONS 5
			HOY 11
			KARLOWITZ 10
			CROTTY 20
			SPARE
			CHURCH 41
			GROUND SPARES
			LADD 33
			McGLANNON 8

AIR SPARES

<u>CHURCH</u> 41	<u>KENNEDY (N)</u> 15
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 * RADIO *
 * CHANNEL "B" *
 * BOOKCLUB *
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 * HF - 5110 *
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GROUND SPARES

<u>LADD</u> 33	<u>McGLANNON</u> 1	<i>Kapstein</i>
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COLORS OF THE DAY

DATE SEPTEMBER 24 1943.

B-TIME	2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800	GY	C	M	WHITE
0800-1400	RY	Q	B	GREEN
1400-2000	RR	Y	V	WHITE
2000-2400	YY	D	Z	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON VOTURNO, ITALY (NEAR CAPUTO) 24 SEPT/43. (2nd Mission).

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	37	Took off: 0945 Landed: 1421 Lt Col Fletcher flew as Flight Commander
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	29	Took off: 0945½ Landed: 1421½
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Harrison, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Nardine, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Gilbert, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	32	Took off: 0946 Landed: 1422 T/Sgt Waltman flew as photographer
Heimroth, Pilot, Capt. Smith, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb, Nav , 2nd Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Evans, Navigator, 1st Lt. Street, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	31	Took off: 0946½ Landed: 1422½ Maj Gladden flew as Deputy Flt Commander
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchairo, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25	Took off: 0947 Landed: 1415
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesielske, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gloeckner, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	38	Took off: 0947½ Landed: 1422½
Ross, Pilot, Capt. DeFan, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	34	Took off: 0948 Landed: 1425 Maj Friday flew as observer.

NAAMES OF CREW MEMBER.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Himmelrich, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Leahy, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Cladwell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	45 Took off: 0948 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed: 1425 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	35 Took off: 0949 Landed: 1210 B Early
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Monroe, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 (Spare) C Took off: 0955 Landed: 1424
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	41 (Spare) C Took off: 0954 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed: 1312 Early
Miller, Pilot, Capt. Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Sylvester, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dolan, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	6 Took off: 0949 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed: 1426 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hubbard, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	5 Took off: 0950 Landed: 1435 M/Sgt Marco flew as observer. C
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4 Took off: 0950 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed: 1426 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
Currie, Pilot, 1st Lt. Koontz, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Blair, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	2 Took off: 0951 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed: 1424 $\frac{1}{2}$ C

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Karlowitz, Pilot, Capt. LaMoe, Co-Pilot, F/O. Allen, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Hawkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 0952 Landed: 1424 1/2
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Paulant, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cukar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Trabenda, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	7 Took off: 0952 1/2 Landed: 1423
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ogliette, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Christianson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Mulligan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	20 Took off: 0953 Landed: 1423 1/2 S/Sgt Speer flew as photographer
Horras, Pilot, Capt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Tackmann, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt. Gaunt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	3 Took off: 0953 1/2 Landed: 1423 1/2
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. O'Steen, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	15 (Spare) Took off: 0954 Landed: 1424
Kapstein, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O.	441st	1 (Spare) Took off: NO TAKE-OFF