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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 86, Day Operation 25 September 1943

Twenty-two B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Cancellero/Arnone Railroad Bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. One B-26, a spare, returned early.

The target was missed. 21 B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 2500' at this base, 40° T for 34.5 statute miles to the west end of Ischia Island; 360° T for 1/4 miles to IP, 40° 54' N, 13° 50' E, climbing gradually to 10500; bomb run 35° T for 15 statute miles at 10000; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left, 216° T for 37 1/4 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000.

Bombs: 132 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuses, carried by 22 B-26's.

6 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in the B-26 that returned early.

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

2 x 500-lb. demolition bombs salvoed in the water, after the target, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 0935 and 0945; on course 0955; target 1137; down at this base between 1338 and 1356.

Results: The target was missed. One string of bombs landed on and parallel to the road at I/1. Another string started at the railroad tracks at N-0/6 and continued northeast. A third pattern landed in a "V" over the road at GMS/8-9-10. (Ref: TC 3-114-NA).

Flak: Moderate heavy flak, at first inaccurate as to altitude but increasing inaccuracy, was encountered in the target area. The formation was under constant fire from the target until leaving the coast over the first river south of the target at 40° 59' N, 13° 58' E.

Heavy gun positions were reported as follows:

1) 4 guns at the river bend at 41° 03' N, 14° 02' E.

2) 4 guns at the road junction north of Cancellero at 41° 46' N, 14° 00' E.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: None.

General Observations:

- 1) At least 100 M/T were seen in the area directly north of the target. Most were in groups of 3 to 6, and were traveling north on the roads running north from the fork to the north of Cancellero; at 1137 from 10000.
- 2) N 8/10 M/T were seen on the coastal road just north of Mondragone at 1140 from 9500.

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Our Losses: None. Two B-26's damaged, three B-26's slightly damaged by flak.

Weather: En route haze; target clear with slight haze, return as en route.

Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 103-A  
 FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR MARBLE  
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: ~~MAJOR MARBLE~~

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"A"			RUNWAY LINE-UP			
BIGELOW	CARTER	WILBUR	RUNWAY # 1		RUNWAY # 2	
55	58	54			HEIDROTH (N) 31	
BURNS	SMALL	BAKER	CARTER	58	WILBUR	54
67	66	51	BIGELOW	55	SMALL	66
-----			BAKER	51	BURNS	67
FEAGIN	<del>BAKER</del>	LONG	BARBER	61	LONG	68
52	61	63	FEAGIN	52	WORLEY	45
DOXSEE	MORLEY	BAIRD	BAIRD	27	DOXSEE	41
41	45	27	MEYER	35	SPEEGLE	28
-----			CHURCH	29	ROSS	34
CHURCH	MEYER	SPEEGLE	LOVECE	33	DEUTLAN	43
29	35	28			AIR SPARES	
DEUTLAN	ROSS	LOVECE			BUTLER	57
43	34	33			GROUND SPARES	
-----			RUCKER	(900)	CARRAHER	<del>46</del>
AIR SPARES						
BUTLER	HEIDROTH					
57	31 (N)					
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GROUND SPARES						
RUCKER	CARRAHER					
(900)	26					

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+ 25*

MISSION # 103-B			RUNWAY LINE-UP			
FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT COL. <del>CHERRY</del>			RUNWAY # 1		RUNWAY # 2	
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: <del>MAJOR MARBLE</del>					COULTER (N) <del>89</del> 315	
STEINBERG	KARLWITZ	KAPSTINE	KARLWITZ	10	KAPSTINE	8
10	16	8	STEINBERG	13	HORMAS	3
VALLS	HARRIS	BLAKE	BLAKE	1	VALLS	2
2	3	1	HOY	6	MILLER	4
-----			McGLANNON	7	WEINBERG	82
McGLANNON	HOY	MILLER	BURNS	94	KISLER	81 NTO 89
7	6	4	HARRIS	91	PERRY	92
KISLER	WEINBERG	BURNS	FAIR	90	STUM	83
81	82	94	BULLARD	86	EDWARDS	77
-----					AIR SPARES	
FAIR	HARRIS	PERRY			TILMONS	<del>10</del>
90	91	92			GROUND SPARES	
EDWARDS	STUM	BULLARD	CROTTY	20	PETERSON	89
77	83	86				
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AIR SPARES						
TILMONS	COULTER (N)					
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GROUND SPARES						
CROTTY	PETERSON					
	89					

*Major Belcher*

2-STAR LETTER CHALLENGE      COLORS OF THE DAY      DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 1943      LETTER REPLY      LETTER COLOR

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THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CANCELLO, ARNONE RAILROAD BRIDGE.

NAMES OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER.	
Carter, Pilot, Captain Tresch, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain, Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, Smith, Engineer gunner, /sgt. Major Marble, Commander;	443rd	58 Took off 0935 Landed 1345	B
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Smith, Aerial gunner, /sgt. Guzzio, Engineer gunner, /sgt.	443rd	54 Took off 0935½ Landed 1346	B
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Schempp, Aerial gunner S/sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Draper, Aerial Photographer	443rd	55 Took off 0936 Landed 1345	B
Swall, Pilot, Captain, Stroud, Co, Pilot, Flt Off. Grove, Navigator, Captain, Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S.sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tuck, Deputy flight commander captain.	443rd	66 Took off 0936½ Landed 1346½	C
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Boswell, Navigator, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Schinkel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Gousins, Engineer gunner, pvt.	443rd	51 Took off 0937 Landed 1347	B
Burns, pilot, 1st Lt. Parker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt, Wall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Shephere, Aerial gunner, S.sgt., Caputo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	67 Took off 0937½ Landed 1347	C
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Captain, Karidis, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Krumpöch, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, pl.	443rd	61 Took off 0938 Landed 1354	B

NAMES OF THE CREW.	SQUADRON.	PLANE NO.
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Niemann Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		35 Took off 0941 Landed 1350
	Cpl. Gadd, Was Photographer on this plane	
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dryer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hermann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Levesque Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	29 Took off 0942 Landed 1350 1/2
Ross, Pilot, Captain Defan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Buchanan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	32 Took off 0942 1/2 Landed 1351
	Friday, Major, Observer.	
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Zehner, X, S/sgt.	442nd	33 Took off 0943 Landed 1338
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Dolan, Observer, S/sgt.	442nd	43 Took off 0943 1/2 Landed 1350 1/2
Heimroth, Pilot, Captain, Smith, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	31 Took off 0944 Landed 1352 1/2
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ciesielski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Glockner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		46 Took off 0948 Landed 1352

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Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co, Pilot, 1st. Off. Homsher, Navigator, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Bargamo, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Armao, Aerial gunner, S /sgt. Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	68 Took off 0938½ Landed 1354½
Feagin, Pilot, flt off Smart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grant, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Jackson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Yim, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	52 Took off 0939 Landed 1348½
Butler, Pilot, flt. Officer, Landrum, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chambers, Navigator Bombardier S/sgt. Saccardo, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443	57 Took off 0945 Landed 1352
Rucker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Gilbert, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dunkel, NB Captain, Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burden, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Bowles, Engineer gunner,	443rd	900 Took off 0946 Landed 1017
Morley, Pilot, Captain, Shuh, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Harrison, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	45 Took off 0939 Landed 1353
Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Byram, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Walker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Gomez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	27 Took off 0940 Landed 1356
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Himmelreich Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, Allen Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	41 Took off 0940 Landed 1349
Meyer, Captain, Pilot, Ingalls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/sgt. Dewitte, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S.sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	298 Took off 0941  Landed 1356
Major Gladden Flew as observer.		