

Intelligence Narrative No. 87, Day Operation, 25 September 1943.  
(Second mission for day)

Twenty-one B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Cancellò/Arnore R R Bridge, Italy. They were unescorted. Four B-26's returned early; 1 because the right engine was cutting out and three were spares.

The target was missed, but the railroad tracks south of the target were cut. Thirteen B-26's returned on schedule; one of these that was badly damaged by flak was destroyed by a crash landing at this base; the crew is safe. Another B-26, its elevator controls severed by flak landed safely at Serretelle L/G, Italy, and is now there. Three B-26's landed at the same field, picked up all but two of the damaged A/C, and returned to this base late.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 2500', at this base, 40° T for 345 statute miles to the west end of Isehia Island; 360° T for 1 1/2 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: 126 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuse carried by 21 B-26's.

24 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 4 B-26's that returned early.

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

Chronology: Time off between 1000 and 1011; on course 1020; target 1206; 13 B-26's down at this base between 1414 and 1428; 3 B-26's down at this base between 1546 and 1548.

Results: One cluster of bombs landed just short of the target bridge at L/9-10. Another started just over the target, scoring possible near misses, and walked into the town of Cancellò. A smaller cluster landed south of the river at M/10 and another cut a secondary road at K/5.

Flak: Moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered from landfall to landfall. At least one large spiraling burst was seen, indicating probable use of 105 mm. guns.

Two 4-gun batteries were seen firing at the bend of the river at 41° 04' N, 14° 02' E.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Enemy Shipping: At 40° 45' N, 13° 35' E, a submarine was sighted traveling on the surface on a course of 220° toward a large convoy 20/30 miles away; at 1225 from 8000.

General Observations:

- 1) 20 M/T were seen headed west on the road east of Mondragone at 1205 from 10000.
- 2) 3 M/T were observed parked at Villa Literno at 1007 from 9500.
- 3) Approximately 100 M/T canvas-covered M/T were seen parked on the road just north of Cancellò Highway Bridge, at 1206 from 10000.

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- 4) On the beach 2 miles north of the Volturno River mouth, a crashed A/C with one wing on the beach and the remainder of the A/C in the water was seen. Also observed, about 40' up on the beach from the A/C was a large pile of stores and supplies. Sightings at 1204 from 10500.
- 5) 15/20 railroad cars, parked 200 yards south of the target were seen at 1206 from 10000.
- 6) Large fires with heavy black smoke were seen at Naples at 1207 from 9500.

Our losses: One B-26, badly damaged by flak, crashed at this base on landing and was destroyed; the crew is safe, the pilot only suffering a minor injury.

Another B-26, its elevator controls shot away, made an emergency but safe landing at Serretelle L/G, Italy. All but two crew members (left behind as guards, returned in escorting B-26's. 15 B-26's were slightly damaged by flak.

Weather: En route high cirrus with base at 11000 and low scattered cumulus; target CAVU; return as en route.

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	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 15		
	<u>STEINBERG</u> 18		<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 8
		<u>HORRAS</u> 3	
	<u>VALLS</u> 2		<u>BLAKE</u> 1
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		<u>HOY</u> 6	
	<u>MCGLANNAN</u> 7		<u>MILLER</u> 4
		<u>WEINBERG</u> 82	
	<u>KISLER</u> 81		<u>BURNS</u> 94
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		<u>HARRIS</u> 91	
	<u>FAIR</u> 90		<u>PERRY</u> 92
		<u>STUMBA</u> 83	
	<u>EDWARDS</u> 77		<u>BULLARD</u> 86
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SPARES:	<u>TIMMONS</u> 15	<u>COULTER</u> 87	<u>CROTTY</u> 20
			<u>PETERSON</u> 89

(a) 21 - 1011

(b) 4 - 3 spares, 1 at eng cutting out

(c) 13 - 1478

(d) 4 missing - believed to be in vicinity

Probably missed

SECOND MISSION

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CANCELLO, ARNONE RAILROAD BRIDGE.  
 NAMES OF THE CREW. SQUADRON PLANE NO.

Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain,	441st	15	B
LaMoe, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1000	
Kenvalin, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1414	
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Hawkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Belcher, Flight commander, Major.			
Kapstein, Pilot, 2nd Lt	441st	8	C
Dillon, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1002	
Curar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1415	
Levi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.		13	B
Hunsherger, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1001	
Goldberg, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed	
Tackmann, Engineer gunner,			
McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
<p>FORCED LANDING                      IN ITALY                      (CREW SAFE)</p>			
Horras, Pilot, Captain	441st	3	C
Owen, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1001 1/2	
Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1546	
Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Derau, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Czuk, Navigator, Capt.			
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	1	C
St. Arno, Co, Pilot, F/O		Take Off, 1002	
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1548	
Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	2	C
Levine, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1002 1/2	
Sylvester, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed <del>1549</del>	
Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1547	
Corona, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	6	C
Stell, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1003	
MOORE, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1428	
McGeever, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
Iannotta, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Juve, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Miller, Pilot, Captain, Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Blair, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Dolan, Engineer gunner, S.sgt. Appgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	4	Took off 1003½ Landed 1419
McGlannan, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodanough, Co, Pilot, F/O Temple, Bombardier, F/O Hanson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, M/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		7	Took off 1004 Landed 1419½
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Currie, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Berdaus, Bombardier, S/sgt. Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	10	Took off 1011 Landed 1216
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Dittmar, <del>Stick</del> Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87	Took off: 1010 Landed: 1221
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglielli, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Eastburn, Bombardier, T/sgt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S.sgt. Christianson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	20	Took off 1011½ Landed 1152
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bombardier, S.sgt. Gardner, <del>Radio Gunner</del> Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S sgt.	444th	89	Took off 1006½ Landed 1152
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Greear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	82	Took off 1004½ Landed 1418½
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bombardier, S/sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/sgt. Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.	444th	94	Took off 1005 Landed 1416

NAME OF THE CREW.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
KISLER, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	81 Took off
This plane did Not take off		
Harris, Pilot, Captain, Barrett, Co, Pilot, Capt, Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Ne. one, Navigator, Captain, Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, T.sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	91 Took off 1007 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1420 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyers, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt Bush, Bombardier, S/sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Hanvonhan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	92 Took off 1007 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1241 C
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stewart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bombardier, S/sgt. Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	90 Took off 1008 B Landed 1415 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co, Pilot, F/O Ott, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Friedman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Noe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	83 Took off 1008 B Landed 1417
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Bombardier, S/sgt. Babel Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Burt Radio Operation, T/sgt.	544th	86 Took off 1009 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1414 $\frac{1}{2}$ C
Conley, Pilot, Flight Officer Edwards, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Crapse, Bombardier, cpl. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Klingman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Krass, Radio Operation, S/sgt.	444th	77 Took off 1009 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at 1417 $\frac{1}{2}$ B