

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 89, Day Operation 5 October 1943.

Twenty-four B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Isernia Road Junction, Italy. They were unescorted. Two B-26's returned early; 1 was a spare, and 1 due to engine malfunctioning. The target was bombed successfully. Eight B-26's returned safely on schedule and fourteen B-26's returned late after landing at Bo Misso, Sicily for fuel. Two B-26's, damaged by flak, are in Sicily; the crews are safe and have returned to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 2900 at Djedida, 30° T for 32 1/2 statute miles to Palmarella Island; 30° T for 2 1/2 statute miles to Cape San Felice Gireso; 50° T for 40 statute miles, to Isolella climbing gradually to 11500; bomb run 85° T for 31 statute miles at 11000; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 55 statute miles to Isolella; 230° T for 40 statute miles to Cape S. Felice Gireso; 210° T for 3 1/2 statute miles to base (16 A/G, 180° T for 22 1/2 miles to Bo Misso A/D, Sicily).

Bombs: 156 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuses, carried by 26 B-26's.

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

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

1 x 500-lb. demolition bomb returned to this base, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 0815 and 0822; on course 0840; target 104; 8 B-26's down at base between 1253 and 1259; 14 B-26's down at base between 1357 and 1805 after landing at Bo Misso for fuel.

Results: The greater portion of the bombs landed in a cluster blanketing the road junction. One string started short and walked to the end of the viaduct on the western edge of the target. The viaduct on the south edge of the target was straddled by bomb bursts. A few bombs landed in open ground southwest of the target.

Flak: Moderate to intense heavy accurate flak was encountered on the bomb run and breakaway from 41° 33' N, 13° 36' E, following back to Lake Isolella on the return. The most intense concentration was over the target itself. Accurate flak fired through cloud cover indicated use of radio fire control.

Heavy gun positions were pin-pointed as follows:

- 1) 3 gun battery at 41° 33' N, 13° 36' E.
- 2) 4 guns at 41° 29' N, 13° 47' E.
- 3) 3 guns at 41° 28' N, 13° 49' E.

Enemy Aircraft: 1) At Aquina A/D, 10/12 A/G, part of them wrecked were seen parked around the perimeter. The runway is apparently unusable. Observation at 1034, from 11000.

- 2) None encountered.

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General Observations: 1) 40/50 M/T parked on the side of the road headed north just southwest of Isernia, observed at 1039 from 11000.  
2) 5 M/T parked on the road just north of Arce were seen at 1030 from 11000.  
3) 8 M/T on road midway between Terracina and Cisterna headed south, observed at 1038 from 11000.  
4) Freight train of 25 cars traveling north at high speed at Cassino, was seen at 1034 from 11000.  
5) 20/25 M/T headed east on road at Aquina A/D were sighted at 1034 from 11000.

Our Losses: None. One B-26 badly damaged, another damaged, by flak, were left at Bo Rizzo A/D, Sicily; 10 B-26's slightly damaged by flak.

Weather: En route, towering cumulus, base 2-3000', tops up to 12000, generally 8/10 coverage, occasionally overcast, visibility unlimited; target open, 3/10 towering cumulus 5000' to 10000', scattered cirrus above 20000', visibility unlimited; return as en route.

Comments: Nearly five hours were consumed in refueling the 15 B-26's that landed at Bo Rizzo A/D, Sicily on the return, due to meager facilities.

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MISSION # 107,

FLIGHT COMMANDER:  
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER:

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<u>SHEARD</u> 55	<u>"A"</u> <u>GRAVES</u> 58	<u>WILBUR</u> 54	
<u>LONG</u> 59	<u>BARBER</u> 65	<u>GOFF</u> 51	
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<u>MURCH</u> 50	<u>"B"</u> <u>MEYER</u> 37	<u>HOLMES</u> 38	
<u>CARRAHER</u> 46	<u>MORLEY</u> 45	<u>LOVECE</u> 33	
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<u>BLAKE</u> 1	<u>"C"</u> <u>KARLOWITZ</u> 14	<u>WILSON</u> 11	
<u>STEINBERG</u> 9	<u>KIRLEY</u> 15	<u>VALLS</u> 3	
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<u>KISLER</u> 81	<u>"D"</u> <u>BARRETT</u> 91	<u>MCKEEN</u> 87	
<u>BURNS</u> 86	<u>GOLDSON</u> 83	<u>REEVES</u> 90	
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SPARES			
<u>SWIGART</u> 66	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 32	<u>KAPSTEIN</u> 4	<u>COULTER</u> 94 (N)
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COLORS OF THE DAY  
DATE OCTOBER 5, 1943.

Z-FILE	2- STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0100-0700	GY	Z	C	WHITE
0700-1300	RR	Y	B	RED
1300-1900	RG	X	J	GREEN
1900-2300	OG	S	H	WHITE.

CREW AND PASSENGER LIST PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ISERNIA ROAD DEFILE, ITALY  
5 OCTOBER 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Butler, Bomb, Capt. Grove, Nav, Capt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Westfall, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	58	<p>Took off: 0815 Landed at: 1615</p> <p>Major Parsons flew as Flight Commander</p>
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Collins, Co-pilot, F/O Kimbrow, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	54	<p>Took off: 0815/30 Landed at:</p> <p><i>crew returned ship at B. Port</i></p>
Feagin, Pilot, F/O Saylor, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	55	<p>Took off: 0816 Landed at: 1555</p> <p>S/Sgt. Chavez flew as photographer</p>
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beandro, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Nav, Capt. Karidis, Bomb, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	65	<p>Took off: 0816/30 Landed at: 1630 +</p>
Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunter, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dufour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	51	<p>Took off: 0817 Landed at: 1312</p>
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Honsler, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Aramo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	59	<p>Took off: 0817/30 Landed at: 1435</p>
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Thranhardt, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	37	<p>Took off: 0818 Landed at: 1249</p>

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	38	Took off: 0818/30 Landed at: 1249 <sup>+</sup> C
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dryer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Hermann, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Spartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	29	Took off: 0819 Landed at: 1250 <sup>+</sup> B
Morley, Pilot, Capt. Chandler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Harrison, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	45	Took off: 0819/30 Landed at: 1630 <sup>+</sup> B
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	33	Took off: 0820 Landed at: 0915 C
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ciesielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	46	Took off: 0820/30 Landed at: Cpl. Bushong, flew as photographer B
Karłowitz, Pilot, Capt. Lalow, Co-pilot, F/O Allen, Bomb, 1st Lt. McGeever, Nav, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hawkins, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	14	Took off: 0821 Landed at: 1630 <sup>+</sup> B
Miller, Pilot, Capt.	441st		No take off.
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. St. Arno, Co-pilot, F/O Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			Took off: 0821 Landed at: 1630 <sup>+</sup>

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Kirley, Pilot, Capt. Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ascienzo, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Fenderich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	15	Took off: 0822/30 Landed at: 1500 B
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Levine, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O Chilton, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	3	Took off: 0823 Landed at: 1625 C
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsburger, Copilot, 2nd Lt. Scott, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McDonough, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	9	Took off: 0823/30 Landed at: 1630 C
Barrett, Pilot, Capt. Weir, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Stephens, Bomb, 1st Lt. Shryock, Nav, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	91	Took off: 0824 Landed at: 1251 C
McKean, Pilot, Major Peters, Co-pilot, F/O Burton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	87	Took off: 0824/30 Landed at: 1251 B
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dittmar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wadzeck, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	83	Took off: 0825/30 Landed at: 1443 B
Reeves, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Green, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Breeding, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Kuhns, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	90	Took off: 0826 Landed at: 1630+ B

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Burn <sup>8</sup> , Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gardner, Extra Radio Operator, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	86	C
		Took off: 0826/30	
		Landed at: 1447	
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O Hobel, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Lillo, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	66	@
		Took off: 0827/30	
		Landed at: 1130	
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	32	B
		Took off: 0827	
		Landed at: 1253	
Kapstein, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4	@
		Took off: 0822	
		Landed at: 1630+	
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ott, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Blossman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	94	B
		Took off: 0825	
		Landed at: 1256	