

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 90, Day Operation, 6 October 1943.

Twenty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Mignano Highway "Horseshoe" Defile, Italy. They were escorted. Two B-26's returned early, spares.

The target was missed, but hits were scored on the road in the vicinity of the target by 24 B-26's. 8 B-26's returned to base on schedule.

1 B-26 returned to base late after landing at Mo Mizzo, Sicily.

The following aircraft are at the following fields, having landed there due to bad weather.

8 at Sidi Ahmed, 2 of which crashlanded. One overshot the runway, the other because landing gear collapsed.

1 at El Aquina.

1 at Ferryville after landing first at Sicily.

1 crash landed at Sedjenine.

2, also spares, at Mo Mizzo.

1 other at Mo Mizzo.

1 at Prottville.

1 at Depienne.

1 B-26 returned to base late after landing at Bone.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 2500, 30° T for 32 1/2 statute miles to Palmarola Island, 30° T for 2 1/2 statute miles to Cape S. Palice Circeo; along turn to the right to IP, Pontecorvo, for 40 statute miles, climbing gradually to 12500; bomb run 90° T for 16 statute miles; breakaway left, 180° turn for 75 statute miles over Pontecorvo and to coast; 210° T for 348 statute miles to base.

Bombs: 168 x 500-lb. demolition bombs carried by 28 B-26's.  
6 x 500-lb. demolition bombs salvaged in sea due to bad weather by one B-26 that returned early.  
6 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 1 B-26 that returned early.  
12 x 500-lb. demolition bombs carried to Mo Mizzo, Sicily by 2 B-26's, spares, that landed there due to bad weather, having left the formation prior to bombing.  
142 x 500-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.  
2 x 500-lb. demolition bombs salvaged in the sea, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 0819 and 0905; on course 0920; target 1105; 8 B-26's down at base between 1317 and 1320; 1 B-26 down at base late after landing at Bone; 17 B-26's down at various fields between 1300 and 1330 in Sicily and Tunisia.

Results: The target was missed. Most bombs landed in open ground north of the "horseshoe"; a few bombs cut the road on the north straight-stretch, straddling a truck on the road at that point. A few bombs landed "over."

Flak: Intense accurate heavy flak, starting at Pontecorvo and continuing on the bomb run and breakaway along the 180° curve back to Pontecorvo was encountered. Some flak was off in deflection due to interference of mountain

between gun positions and aircraft. On several occasions two guns from the same batteries fired simultaneously. Tracking flak was also used.

Over the target four bursts of heavy flak was seen ahead of the formation. Three of the bursts were black, but the third of the four was of the same size, but was milky white, having the appearance of magnesium burning. It hung in the air for 5 or 6 seconds instead of ~~just~~ dissipating immediately as do the black bursts.

Heavy flak came from Pontecorvo and Cassino.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Observations: 1) 15/20 M/T headed northeast from Ceprano to Arce were seen at 1111 from 1000.

2) 30 M/T headed north on the road running north from Terracina were observed at 1058 from 1200.

3) 10 M/T parked on the bombed road north of the target, observed at 1105 from 1200.

4) 50 freight cars in M/T at Cassino, were seen at 1101 from 1250.

5) At Terracina M/T, a locomotive traveling back and forth was seen at 1058 from 1200.

6) A P-38 on the ground in a gully in the vicinity of Pontecorvo was observed at 1100 from 1250.

7) A P-38 flying above the formation over the target was seen at 1105 from 1200.

Our Losses: 3 B-26's crash landed and were destroyed; crews are all safe.  
8 B-26's slightly damaged by flak.

Weather: En route, 6/10 towering cumulus, 2000' to 10000; target, open, 6/10 cumulus with tops at 10000, particularly off coastal islands and over mountains, cirrus above 20000, visibility 10 to 12 miles; return, overcast of strato-cumulus with base of 2000; light rain, cold front advancing from west as Bizerte reached, which closed in base for a few minutes.

Comments: None.

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON MIGNANO ROAD DEFILE, ITALY  
6 October 1943

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Morley, Pilot, Capt.	442nd	37	B
Chandler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0849	
Harrison, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1317	
Leahy, Nav, 1st Lt.		Major Gladden flew as Flight	
Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Commander	
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	25	B
Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0850	
Abeln, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1330 <i>Left behind</i>	
Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	<i>S/Sgt. Spurr flew as Photographer</i>		
Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		91-17987	
Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Gandy, Passenger, S/Sgt.			
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	35	B
Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0850/30	
Ciesielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1318	
Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wornoff, Passenger, S/Sgt.			
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	34	C
Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 0851	
Payton, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1319+	
Schwartz, Nav, 1st Lt.			
Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		Major Friday flew as Deputy	
Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		Flight Commander.	
Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
<del>Johnson,</del>			
LoVece, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	44	B
Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0851/30	
Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1505	
Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	<del>S/Sgt. Spurr flew as photographer</del>		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Long, Passenger, T/Sgt.			
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	26	C
Himmelreich, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 0852	
Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1316	
Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Arsenault, Passenger, S/Sgt.			
Drygr, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	46	B
DeFan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 0904	
Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at: <i>Boring</i>	
Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Legutko, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Konvalinka, Nav, 2nd Lt. Sulvester, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Kary, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	15 Took off: 0852/30. Landed at: <i>Portofino</i> <sup>B</sup>
Wills, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stell, Copilot, 1st Lt. Cukar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	9 Took off: 0853 Landed at: <i>Elo Osmo</i> <sup>C</sup>
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. O'Steen, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. McFarland, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Leutholt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	3 Took off: 0854 Landed at: <i>Sicily</i> <sup>C</sup>
Karlowits, Pilot, Capt. Lakos, Co-pilot, F/O Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	14 Took off: 0855 Landed at: <i>1321</i> <sup>B</sup>
McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-pilot, F/O Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	7 Took off: 0855/30 Landed at: <i>1322+</i> <sup>C</sup>
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglkette, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Cohen, Bomb, 2nd Lt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gaunt, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	18 Took off: 0856/30 Landed at: <i>1321+</i> <sup>B</sup>
		T/Sgt. Archer flew as photographer
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hubbard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 0905 Landed at: <i>Borzo</i> <sup>C</sup>

Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
 Nerone, Navigator, Capt.  
 Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 DeSantis, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

444th  
~~443rd~~

91  
 Took off: 0857  
 Landed: Side ahead  
 C

Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Conley, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Caspe, Bomb Nav, Cpl.  
 Clark, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Klingaman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

95  
 Took off: 0857 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed: *[Signature]* B

71-78025

Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Moore, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
 Babel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 DeVaux, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

94 B  
 Took off: 0858  
 Landed: *[Signature]*

Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.  
 Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Monaghan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

83 B  
 Took off: 0859  
 Landed: SKILLY

Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
 Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Schweikhart, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

81 B  
 Took off: 0859 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed: Kisler

English, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Meyer, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
 Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
 Proctor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

89 B  
 Took off: 0900  
 Landed: FERRYVILLE

Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Meyers, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.  
 Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl.  
 Hanrahan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

76 C  
 Took off: 0905  
 Landed: 1130

Swall, Pilot, Capt.  
 Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Cafarella, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  
 Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.  
 Williams, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Lewis, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.

443rd

61 B  
 Took off: 0900 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed: Side AHEAD

Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Jancke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.  
 Kerchenski, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Hunter, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Smith, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

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.

Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Rogers, Navigator, Capt.  
 Clark, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
 Bolton, Engineer gunner, Cpl.  
 Yost, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.  
 Carter, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Powell, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Caudil, Pilot, F/O.  
 Hribal, Co-Pilot, F/O.  
 Carroll, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.  
 Nelson, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Hildenbrand, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Griewank, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Butler, Pilot, F/O.  
 Landrum, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Chambers, Bombardier, S/Sgt.  
 Schwartz, Navigator, 2nd Lt.  
 Watermann, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
 Saccardo, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Gniadek, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

443rd 60  
 Took off: 0901  
 Landed: Sida AHMED

B

443rd 57  
 Took off: 0902  
 Landed: Sida, Ahmed B

41-35274

443rd 66  
 Took off: 0902½  
 Landed: Sidi Ahmed  
 S/Sgt Wall flew as extra Radio Opr.

C

443rd 68  
 Took off: 0903  
 Landed: Sida, Ahmed

C

443rd 51  
 Took off: 0903½  
 Landed: 1330  
 S/Sgt Draper flew as photographer

B

443rd 59  
 Took off: 0904½  
 Landed: 1130

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