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Intelligence Narrative No. 91, Day Operation 20 October 1943.

Thirty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb railroad bridge west of Guardia. They were unescorted. Three B-26's returned to this base early; one because tail guns were out and two were spares. One B-26 left the formation prior to bombing and landed early at Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia because right engine was cutting out. One B-26 was lost in a water landing just prior to landfall due to mechanical difficulties; the crew is believed safe.

The target was bombed successfully.

Thirty-four B-26's landed safely at Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia on schedule.

Thirty-three B-26's returned safely to base. Two B-26's remained in Sardinia because of mechanical difficulties, but their crews returned to base.

Routes and Altitudes: To target; from 2500' at base, 90° T for 375 statute miles to Giannutri Island, 58° T for 43 statute miles IP, west edge of Lake Bolsena, climbing gradually to 12000'; bomb run 82° T for 20 statute miles at 11500'; breakaway left.

From target; Curve left for 85 statute miles to Giannutri Island; 210° T for 230 statute miles to Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia, dropping gradually to 2500'.

From Decimomannu A/D: 163° T for 183 statute miles to base at 2500'.

Bombs: 156 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous and .025 second delay fuses, carried by 39 B-26's.

12 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in 3 B-26's that returned early.

4 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs carried to Sardinia by 1 B-26 that landed there early.

4 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs carried by the B-26 that was lost.

123 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

3 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs salvaged over land just beyond the target.

10 x 1000-lb. demolition bombs carried to Sardinia, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 1130 and 1155; on course 1215; target 1412; down at Decimomannu A/D, Sardinia between 1555 and 1614; down at base between 1753 and 1920.

Results: The target was bracketed by an excellent pattern of bombs; bursts completely obscured the bridge, covering northern approaches and areas on both sides of the bridge. A few bombs landed midway between the target and Guardia.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: None encountered.

2) On Orvieto A/D, 18 A/C were seen dispersed on the south side, hangars on southwest corner were seen camouflaged with straw, one side view giving appearance of a haystack; observed at 1415 from 11000.

3) One unidentified S/E A/C was sighted flying to the left of the formation at a considerable distance at 1410 from 11500.

Enemy shipping: 1) 3 P-boats, headed southeast and leaving long wakes, were seen off Orbatello at 1426 from 10000.

2) One man of one crew reported what he believed to be a submarine indicated by white turbulence and shadow under water, approximately 42° 08' N, 10° 50' E, at 1450 from 9000.

General observations: 1) 22 M/T parked, headed east, were seen 10 miles east of Castel Azara at 1423 from 10000.

2) 8/10 railroad cars were observed parked on one of two sidings at Franceschi at 1405 from 11000.

3) 20/30 M/T headed northeast were seen on the main road crossing the highway bridge just east of Orvieto at 1415 from 11000.

4) 2 trains of 6/8 cars each, both traveling north, one leaving the tunnel at 42° 52' N, 12° 03' E, and the other at 42° 55' N, 11° 58' E, were seen at 1415 from 11000.

5) 5 M/T headed north, 5 miles south of Acquapendente, were seen at 1414 from 11000.

Our losses: 1 B-26 was lost. In the vicinity of Gianutri Island, this A/C was seen smoking, and left the formation, presumably under control. On the return from the target, an oil slick was seen, and the crew afloat in a life raft fired a distress signal at 42° 11' N, 10° 50' E. One B-26 circled low and dropped another raft, but crew was unable to count accurately the number of men adrift; their impression is that at least six men were afloat. Another A/C circled high and reported the position to air-sea rescue.

No B-26's damaged.

Weather: En route scattered cumulus at 8 to 10000; target open with 5-6/10 cloud cover over the land generally, tops at 8000, spasmodic concentrations of 10/10 cover north and south of the target; return as en route.

Comments: None.

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NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON BR BRILL ORVIETA, ITALY, 20 Oct/43.

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Barrett, Pilot, Capt.	444th	91	C
Weir, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1130
Brown, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			Landed: 1753
Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.			Lt Col Fletcher flew as Flight Commander
Weil, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt.			
Kraker, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	94	C
Meyers, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1130½
Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.			Landed: 1754
Wells, Engineer gunner, Spl.			S/Sgt Speer flew as photographer
Hanrahan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	90	B
Nagel, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1131
Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.			Landed: 1755
Greear, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.			Sgt Gadd flew as photographer.
Collins, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Aul, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	87	B
Taylor, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off: 1131½
Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed: 1832
Shyrook, Navigator, 1st Lt.			Lt Col Zaiser flew as Deputy Flt Commander
Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.			
Gardner, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.			
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	78	B
Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O.			Took off: 1132
Banicki, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed: O.K.
Meyers, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.			
Cook, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	80	C
Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O.			Took off: 1132½
Ott, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed: 1828
Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stoerkel, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Noe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.			
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	83	B
Jasinowsky, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1133
Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt.			Landed:
Nerone, Navigator, Capt.			<i>Left in Sardinia - Prof. 20y</i>
Porter, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.			<i>car O.K.</i>
Tucker, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.			
Hansen, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.			

<p>Worthington, Pilot, C Keal, Co-Pilot, F/O. Crapse, Bomb "av, Cpl. Horne, "ngineer gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.</p>	444th	<p>Took off: 1133½ Landed: 1830</p>	93	B
<p>Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio gunner., T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.</p>	444th	<p>Took off: 1134½ Landed: 1840</p>	84	e
<p>Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.</p>	444th	<p>Took off: NO TAKE OFF</p>	86 (Spare)	
<p>Swall, Pilot, Capt. Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O. O'Keefe, Navigator, Capt. Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Lewis, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>Took off: 1135 Landed: 1803</p>	65	e
<p>Gilbert, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rucker, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dickey, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Bowles, Enginngs gunner, S/Sgt. Harpeter, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burden, Aerial gunner, Cpl.</p>	443rd	<p>Took off: 1135½ Landed: 1848</p>	67	e
<p>Butler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Landrum, Co-Pilot, S/Sgt. Chambers, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Noakes, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>Took off: 1136 Landed: 1810 Lt Collins flew as Observer</p>	62	B
<p>Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Grove, Navigator, Capt. Clark, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Bolton, Engineer gunner, Pvt. Yost, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>Took off: 1136½ Landed: 1913</p>	61	B
<p>Sheard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tresch, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Carter, "ngineer gunner, S/Sgt. Doolittle, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>	443rd	<p>Took off: 1137 Landed: 1815</p>	3	e

Turner, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Smart, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Chavez, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Miles, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	449rd	Took off: 1137½ Landed: <i>Crashed into sea.</i>	8	<i>C.</i>
Tuck, Pilot, Capt. Brown, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Capt. Pace, Bombardier, 1st Lt. McGaha, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 1138 Landed: 1757	58	<i>B</i>
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Dross, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Pierce, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 1138½ Landed: 1920	68	<i>C.</i>
Barker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Burns, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Kimbrow, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Wall, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took off: 1139 Landed: Lt Stevens flew as Observer	52	<i>B</i>
Maker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Quine, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cousins, Engineer gunner, Pvt. Chalfant, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	443rd	Took off: 1149 Landed: 1324 <i>5000</i>	89 (Spare)	<i>B</i>
Morley, Pilot, Capt. Himmelreich, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Harrison, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gomez, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	Took off: 1139½ Landed: 1844	31	<i>B</i>
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hermann, Bomb Nav, Lt. Lester, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	Took off: 1140 Landed: S/Sgt Gandy flew as observer	26	<i>C.</i>
Dryer, Pilot, 2nd Lt. DeFan, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Dolan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Gloeckner, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	Took off: 1140½ Landed: Pvt Williams flew as photographer	21	<i>B</i>

Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		43	
Boucher, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 1141		
Payton, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed:	1900	C
Folger, Engineer gunner, Sgt.				
Conlon, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Eden, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		23	
James, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1141½		B
Furrer, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed: 0.15.		
Cross, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		S/Sgt Brown flew as observer		
Godfrey, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		41	
Young, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1142		C
Cielielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed:		
Dunn, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		S/Sgt Mitchell flew as observer	1808	
Hogan, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Covert, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		37	
Shuh, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1142½		B
Thranhardt, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed:	1846	
Peck, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.				
Harper, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		38	
Chandler, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1143		C
Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed:	1847	
Garbenches, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.				
Siegel, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.				
Hodmes, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		25	
Burrows, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1143½		B
Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed:	1752	
Walden, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		Lt Herrick flew as observer		
Palmer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd		34 (Spare)	
Tiemann, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1149½		C
Walker, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed: 1328		
Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.				
Swartz, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		11	
St.Arno, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took off: 1144		B
McFarland, Bombardier Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed:	1755	
Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.				
Taylor, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.				
Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.				

Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hubbard, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. O'Keefe, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1144½ Landed:	2	<i>left ship in Jockley over 0.15.</i>	C
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oglietti, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Cohen, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Hanson, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Radio gunner, Sgt. Christianson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1145 Landed: 1320	10	(EARLY)	C
Karlowitz, Pilot, Capt. Robbins, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt. Smith, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofield, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1145½ Landed:	14	1847	B
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsberger, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Lyons, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1146 Landed:	6	1858	B
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Currie, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Blackford, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Farr, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1146½ Landed:	20	1820	B
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillon, Co-Pilot, F/O. Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Archer, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1147 Landed: T/Sgt Langman flew as extra radio operator	13	1843	B
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robins, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Chilton, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Corona, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1147½ Landed: S/Sgt Levi flew as photographer	5	1751	C
McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O. Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O. Crass, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Wurst, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	Took off: 1148 Landed:	4	1845	C

Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Coker, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
Fendrich, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt.
Marino, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
Barker, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

Took off: 1150
Landed:

7 (Spare)

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