

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 92, Day Operation, 21 October 1943.

Thirty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb railroad bridge north of Todi, Italy. They were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. One B-26, a spare, returned early.

Both the primary and secondary targets were obscured by clouds, but after an unsuccessful run on the primary, the railroad bridge at Montalto di Castro was bombed successfully.

Thirty-six B-26's landed safely to Decimomanna A/B, and thirty-five B-26's returned safely to this base. One B-26 and crew remained in Sardinia due to mechanical difficulties.

ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: To target: From 2,500' at base, 14° T, rendezvous with escort at Cape Zebib, 380 statute miles to coast south of Montalto di Castro; 45° T for 25 statute miles to I.P., south end of Lake Bolsena, climbing gradually to 11,000'; abortive bomb run on primary target at 10,500', 45° T for 28 statute miles; curve left for 73 statute miles to target bombed, Montalto di Castro railroad bridge at 10,500'; breakaway right.

From target: 216° for 248 statute miles to Decimomanna A/B, Sardinia, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

From Sardinia: 163° T for 18 statute miles to base at 2,500'.

BOMBS: 148 x 1000 lb demolition bombs carried by 37 B-26's.
4 x 1000 lb demolition bombs returned to base in one (1) B-26 that returned early.
130 x 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area.
2 x 1000 lb demolition salvaged in water beyond the target, having gun up over the target.
12 x 1000 lb demolition bombs carried to Decimomanna A/B, Sardinia, having hung up over the target.

CHRONOLOGY: Rise off between 08:15 and 08:34; on course, 08:50; rendezvous, 09:00, target 11:23; down at Decimomanna A/B between 12:43 and 13:06; down at base between 14:40 and 16:08.

RESULTS: Bombs bracketed the target bridge with a good pattern. Other bombs landed north of the target, cutting the railroad tracks.

FLAK: 14 bursts of heavy flak 1000' below the formation and off on deflection, were seen south of Bolsena.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) none encountered.
(2) At Vitulfo A/B, 12 S/E and 2 T/E A/C were seen parked, at 11:08 from 10,000'.
(3) At Tarquinia A/B, 8 A/C were seen on the east side of the field at 11:23 from 10,500'.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: (4) At Orvieto A/D, 19 parked A/C in 16 revetments, 2 A/C flying low over the field, were seen at 11:20 from 11,000'.

(5) 1 multi-engined transport flying at 8,000' headed north-north-west just east of Orvieto A/D was seen at 11:12 from 10,000'. A gunner in one our a/c opened fire; another P-38's from escort dived to attack; results were not observed.

ENEMY SHIPPING: (1) 4 medium M/V traveling south at highspeed off Saline were sighted at 10:55 from 9,000'.

(2) 3 P-boats heading south about 3 miles south of Port Scalo; 4 P-boats going in to Civitavecchia at high speed; sighted at 11:24 from 10,500'.

(3) several large M/V's were observed at the docks at Civitavecchia at 10:50 from 11,000'.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS: (1) On the main road just north of the town of Montalto di Castro, an M/T convoy about one mile in length was seen at 10:53 from 9,000'.

(2) 3 huge M/T heading south just south of Montalto di Castro were seen at 11:23 from 10,500'.

(3) 2 barrage balloons at Clementino and one balloon barrage at Tarquinia were seen 11:23 from 10,500'.

(4) One life raft, or possibly two, were seen at 10:11 from 6,000' at 41° 40' N, 11° 00' E. Flares and smoke signals were fired from the raft, and flight commander call Air Sea Rescue. P-38's were seen to go down and circle.

OUR LOSSES: None. No A/C damaged.

WEATHER: Enroute, 4/10 scattered cumulus, tops at 8,000', base at 5,000'; target, both primary and alternate overcast, 6/10 generally over land, target bombed was open; return, as enroute.

COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION NO. 117 FLIGHT COMMANDER - MAJOR PEDDIE
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - CAPTAIN BOOTH

21 October 1943

"A"

<u>BRACKEN</u> 62 <i>K-20</i>	<u>GRAVES</u> 65	<u>BIGELOW</u> 67
<u>SMITHWICK</u> 52	<u>BARGER</u> 60	<u>SWIGART</u> 61

"B"

<u>HALL</u> 68	<u>TRESCH</u> 58	<u>GOFF</u> 57
<u>HOLMES</u> 25	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 37	<u>DOXSEE</u> 26 <i>K-17 WALTMAN</i>

"C"

<u>DEUTMAN</u> 35	<u>LADD</u> 31	<u>CHURCH</u> 30
<u>DAVIS</u> 41	<u>BAIRD</u> 34	<u>DRYER</u> 27

"D"

<u>STELL</u> 10 <i>K-17 CONEY</i>	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 14	<u>BLAKE</u> 13
<u>MCGLANNON</u> 4	<u>HOY</u> 3	<u>KOONTZ</u> 20 <i>K-20</i>

"E"

<u>TIMMONS</u> 2	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 15	<u>ROBINS</u> 5
<u>FAIR</u> 90	<u>BARRETT</u> 91	<u>KISLER</u> 89

"F"

<u>PETERSON</u> 84	<u>TOWNS</u> 94	<u>GREEN</u> 92 <i>K-17 BUSHONG</i>
<u>BURNS</u> 95 <i>K-20</i>	<u>EDWARDS</u> 87	<u>BULLARD</u> 78

SPARES

<u>GILBERT</u> 7	<u>BYRAM</u> 44	<u>STEINBERG</u> 6	<u>COULTER</u> 8
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RADIO: 320th Group - "PLATOON"
 1st Fighter - "RINGWAY"

COLORS OF THE DAY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>2 STAR</u>	<u>LETTER CHALLENGE</u>	<u>LETTER REPLY</u>	<u>LETTER COLOR</u>
0100-0700	RG	H	D	GREEN
0700-1300	RY	J	I	RED
1300-1900	YY	F	M	GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

ITALY 21 OCTOBER

NAMES OF THE CREWS:	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Shaves, Pilot, Lt. Yeager, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain, Butler, Captain, Bombardier, Pierce, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Westfall, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Pddie, Flight commander, Major,	443rd	65 Took off 0815 Landed at; C
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Palmer, Co. Pilot, Lt. Dickey, Bombardier, Cpl. Bolton, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	443rd	67 Took off 0815 Landed; C
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sajler, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bombardier, Lt. Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Carr, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	62 Took off 0816 Landed B
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beaudro, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cafarella, Navigator, Lt. Keridis, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Booth, Observer, Captain, D/F/C.	443rd	62 60 Took off 0816 Landed B
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Landrum, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hobel, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Lillo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Macerva, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	61. Took off 0816 Landed B
Smithwick, Pilot, Lt. Wilbur, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	52 Took off This plane did not take off. B
Trench, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Navigator, Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Carter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Deolittle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burden, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Observer, General, Partridge.	443rd	58 took off 0818 Landed B

NAMES OF THE CREW.

SQUADRON:

PLANE NO.

Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Hunter, Co. Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Dufour, Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Kerchanski, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

~~443rd~~ 443rd

57 B
 took off 0818½

Landed

Hale, Pilot, 1st Lt., Off.
 Long, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.
~~Spenser, Bombardier~~
 Harrold, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Armac, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

No T.O.

68 C
 Took off ~~0820~~
 Landed

Candill, Pilot, 1st Lt. Off.
 Gilbert, Co. Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Carroll, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
 Shepherd, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Nelson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Hildenbrand, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

7-48 984 44th A/C C
 Took off 0919½
 Landed

NAAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Shuh, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Peck, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 ✓ B Took off: 0819½ Landed:
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dodelin, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Laster, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 ✓ C Took off: 0820 Landed: T/Sgt Waltman flew as photographer
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 ✓ B Took off: 0820½ Landed:
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Monroe, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt. Stander, Eng gunner, S.Sgt. Hite, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 ✓ B Took off: 0821 Landed:
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-Pilot, F/O. Walker, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Madrid, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Swartz, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt. Gandy, Waist gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	38 ✓ C Took off: 0821½ Landed:
Deutsman, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Bomb, Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	35 ✓ B Took off: 0822 Landed at:
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt. Braat, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Abeln, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trapka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 ✓ C Took off: 0822/30 Landed at Lt. Gilford flew as Observer

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Dryer, Pilot, 1st Lt. DeFaz, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Stakes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Dolan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutke, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 0823 Landed at: Pvt. Williams flew as Observer
W Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Cielielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	41 Took off: 0823 Landed at:
Byram, Pilot, 1st Lt. Chandler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Garbenches, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Siegel, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Buchanna, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	44 (Spare) Took off: 0835 Landed at:
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain Lalbe, Co-pilot, F/O McFarland, Bomb, 1st Lt. Blair, Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Dofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Kery, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	14 Took off: 0824 1/2 Landed at:
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	13 Took off: No take off.
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Scott, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	10 Took off: 0825 1/2 Landed at: Coney flew as photographer
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Cukar, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner , S/Sgt., Radio Gunner Brown, Aerial Gunner,	441st	3 Took off: 0826 Landed at:
Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Crotty, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Blackford, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Hill, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Griner, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	20 Took off: 0827 Landed at:

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McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt. Goodenough, Co-pilot, F/O Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O Crass, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wurst, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McLaughlin, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	4 C
Montsinger, Pilot, Captain O'Steen, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Tackmann, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sampson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Yavorosky, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	15 B
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kapstein, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Perking, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	5 C
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hubbard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	1 C
Scheinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunsberger, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	6 B

Took off: 0827½
Landed at:

Took off: 0828
Landed at:

Took off: 0825
Landed at:

Took off: 0838
Landed at: 1030

Took off: 0828½
Landed at:

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Barrett, Pilot, Capt. Meyers, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Weil, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 91	C
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Reyes, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 89	B
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stewart, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Babler, Eng Gunner, S/Sgt. Mikles, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 90	B
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O. Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Shryock, Navigator, 1st Lt. Dicke, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Szewczyk, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	✓ 94	B
Green, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Delisle, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 92	C
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Janise, Eng gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	84	C
Conley, Pilot, F/O. Edwards, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Robinson, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Clark, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 87	B

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Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Babèl, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 78		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coffrey, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ramirez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Snebold, Eng gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	✓ 95	Took off: 0833½ Landed:	B
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Stephens, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Blossman, Eng gunner, S/Sgt. Connley, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	✓ 93	Took off: 0834 Landed:	B