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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 53, Day Operation, 22 July 1943

Twenty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Salerno R.R. Yards, Italy. They were escorted by 24 P-38's, and accompanied by B-26's of the 17th Bomb Group. The 320th bombed successfully. Twenty-three B-26's returned at 12:40; one landed at Licata A/D, Sicily for refueling, then proceeded to this base landing at 14:35 hours.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: After rendezvous at Djedaida at 4,000, 48° T for 362 miles, climbing to O.P. at Licosa Pt. at 12,000'. The leading Group (17th) turned to the S. instead of north, (probably due to navigational error) and after flying 3 minutes in the erroring direction, changed course, re-crossing the O.P., and going in as planned. We made a run of 360°; the 17th, ahead and to our right, attacked in a more northwesterly direction. As we approached the target, bombers of the 320th Bomb Group started over-taking those of the 17th, and were forced to "S" to avoid a collision course. The actual axis of the 320th attack, as a result, was 20° T. Altitude: 10,200'.

To Base: Breakaway to the right; 220° T for 120 miles; 228° T for 285 miles, letting down gradually to 3,500' this base.

Bombs: 162 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay tail fuse, carried by 27 B-26's. 18 x 500 lb bombs returned to this base in the planes (spares) which returned early. 143 x 500 lb bombs dropped on the target. 1 bomb hung up due to rack malfunctioning, and was returned to this base.

Chronology: Time off: between 07:37 and 07:54; on course 08:00; rendezvous 08:05; target 10:17; 23 bombers down at this base between 12:31 and 12:40; twenty-fourth B-26 down this base at 14:35 hours after landing at Licata A/D for fuel.

Results: Bombs formed excellent pattern just south of the bridge and marshalling yards, scoring direct hits on tracks, and demolishing single track coastal spar.

Flak: Very slight inaccurate heavy flak from town of Salerno. One heavy gun position was spotted at 12 E, T.C. 3-12A-NA.

Enemy Aircraft: 1. 8/10 S/E unidentified aircraft circling above water at 4,000' altitude 10 miles SW of entrance to Salerno harbor at 10:17 from 10,200'.

2. Three S/E B/A headed S.E. at 2,000' altitude over Gulf of Policastro at 10:10 from 11,700'.

3. One ME 109 heading N same altitude as our formation during breakaway at 10:19. While still far out of range, he broke to the left and disappeared.

4. No encounters.

Enemy Aircraft on Ground: At Corvino A/D, there were 25 A/C, all dispersed on the western side of the field. Of the 25, 8 or 9 appeared damaged. Three transports were landing. 10:15 hours from 11,000'.

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Observations: 1. A tank car was burning at Battipaglia at 10:21 from 10,500'.

2. Huge concentrations of freight and tank cars were parked tracks 8 of Salerno at GH 22, T.C. 3-126-NA at 10:17 from 11,200.

Enemy Shipping: 1. In Salerno harbor, there were two medium M/V's anchored at CD 9 & C 8, ref: T.C. 3-126-NA. Further inside the harbor, 5/6 smaller vessels were anchored. 10:17, 11,200.

2. Five vessels believed F bods, heading toward Salerno harbor at high speed were sighted 1 mile off shore at Cetara. 10:17 from 11,200'.

3. 1 large white boat heading E slowly at 40° 00' N, 13° 50' E at 10:25 from 10,500'.

4. In Gulf of Policastro, one medium M/V was seen heading E (toward coast) at estimated 8 knots at 10:00' from 12,000'.

Our Losses: None.

Weather: 5/10 cumulus at 4,000', slight haze enroute. Over Italy and at target 2 to 5/10 cumulus at 7,000'. Return: As enroute.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 63

FLY
DEPUTYCAPTAIN
LUNDHARDT

CAPT. LUNDHARDT

"A"

RED "A"DAVIS
859MEIER
983LA...
048BLUE "A"CHURCH
077MORLEY
283LIMBERG
056YELLOW "A"TIMMONS
001MILLER
189CROTTY
036GREEN "A"VALLS
167HOY
176OWEN
776

"B"

RED "B"WEINBERG
013BARNETT
~~920~~ 292BURNS
904BLUE "B"WINS
853HALLOWELL
933TOWNS
061YELLOW "B"TRESCH
027GRAVES
157BRACKEN
798GRUKE "B"LUTTRELL
010BARNER
851WILBUR
763

S P A R E S

DEUTMAN
298RILEY
009BULLARD
024ROBERTS (N)
984

RADIO: CHANNEL "B" BOMBER CALL - TRUEMAN, FIGHTER CALL - CANTAB :

RUNWAY #1

MEYER	983
DAVIS	859
LIMBERG	056
MILLER	189
TIMMONS	001
OWEN	776
BARNETT	920 292
WEINBERG	013
TOWNS	061
GRAVES	157
TRESCH	027
WILBUR	763
DEUTMAN	298

ROBERTS (N)
894

RUNWAY #2

LADD	048
MORLEY	283
CHURCH	077
CROTTY	036
HOY	176
VALLS	167
BURNS	904
HALLOWELL	933
WEIR	853
BRACKEN	798
BARNER	851
LUTTRELL	010
RILEY	009
BULLARD	024

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 2686 (M) Bomb Wing (Prov).

1. The following is the location of cameras of the formation as over the target, (Salerno R.R. Yard, Italy), of this Group, this date.

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      T 853 T
    K-20-(T)  T

              T 798
      T 851 (T)-K20
    K-17-(T)
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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON SALERNO MARSHALLING YARDS;
22 JULY 1943:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Meyer, Pilot, Captain	442nd	983
Ingalls, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0737
Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt.		Landed at: 12:31 ⁺
Bass, Navigator, Lt.		
DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Capt. Sims flew as
Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		Flight Commander.
Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Ladd, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	048
Tiemann, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0737:30
Monroe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. NB-Lt.		Landed at: 12:31 ⁺
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Davis, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	859
Campbell, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0738
Abeln, Nav-Bomb., Lt.		Landed at: 12:31 ⁺
Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
Morley, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	283
Chandler, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0738:30
Harrison, Nav-Bomb., Lt.		Landed at: 12:38
Moran, Navigator, Lt.		
Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Capt. Friday flew as
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		Dep. Flight Commander.
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Limberg, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	056
James, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0739
Stakes, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.		Landed at: 12:32
Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		Cnl. Bushong flew as
Clark, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		photographer.
Church, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	077
Dryer, Co-Pilot, Lt.		Took-off: 0739:30
Hermann, Nav-Bomb., Lt.		Landed at: 12:32 ⁺
Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Miller, Pilot, Capt.	441st	189
Horras, Co-Pilot, Capt.		Took-off: 0740:30
Lehman, Nav-Bomb., 1st Lt.		Landed at: 12:32 ⁺
Foss, Engineer Gunner, Pfc.		
Fatzke, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Lloyd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Crotty, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	036
McGlannan, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt.		
McFarland, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		
Goodman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Rogers Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
	<i>Returned Early.</i>	Exc. Oil LEAK
Timmons, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	001
Buinlivan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
Rickless, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt.		
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Took-off: 0741 Landed at: 0930
		Took-off: 0742:30 Landed at: 12:33
Hoy, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	176
Condit, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
Moore, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		
Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kurta, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
		Took-off: 0742 Landed at: 12:34
Owen, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	776
Paulantis, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
Eastburn, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt.		
Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Devine, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Took-off: 0742:30 Landed at: 12:33+
		Capt. Macia flew as Observer.
Valls, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	167
Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
	<i>TRANS. TO MAN PRESS OUT</i>	Engine off NO TAKE-OFF.
Barrett, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	292
Boggs, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
Nerone, Navigator, Pilot , Capt.		
Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt.		
Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Crass, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Took-off: 0744 Landed at: 12:34+
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	025
Peterson, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt.		
Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt.		
Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Aerial Gunner, Petroski, M/Sgt.		
	<i>LANDED Sicily Out OF GAS.</i>	Capt. Waldron flew as Observer.
Weinberg, 1st. Lt., Pilot	444th	013
Nagel, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		
Robinson, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		
Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Long, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		
		Took-off: 0745 Landed at: 12:35

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	933
Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		Took-off: 0745:30
Ott, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt.		Landed at: 12:35+
Shyrock, Navigator, 1st. Lt.		
Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Towns, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	061
Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took-off: 0746:30
Burton, Bombardier, 1st. Lt.		Landed at: 0820
Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Szewczyk, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
<i>Returned Early</i> L. ENG. CUT OUT		
Weir, Pilot, 2nd. Lt.	444th	853
Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took-off: 0747
Bowen, Bombardier, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 12:35+
Barth, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Morris, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Graves, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	443rd	157
Yeager, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		Took-off: 0748
Swindler, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt.		Landed at: 12:36
Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Yim, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Bracken, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	443rd	798
Nolan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		Took-off: 0748:30
Tidwell, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		Landed at: 12:36+
Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Stetch, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Tresch, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	443rd	027
Graves, Co-Pilot, F/O.		Took-off: 0754
Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.		Landed at: 12:33
Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.		
Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		Capt. Perrin flew as
Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		Observer.
Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		
Barber, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	443rd	851
Rucker, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		Took-off: 0749:30
Clark, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		Landed at: 12:37
Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.		
Burdern, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		Cnl. Gad flew as photographer.
Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Akin, Co-Pilot, F/O. Kimbrow, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	763 Took-off: 0751:30 Landed at: 12:39 ⁺
Luttrell, Pilot, Captain Smart, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Janeke, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rabichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010 Took-off: 0751 Landed at: 12:37
Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	298 Took-off: 0750:30 Landed at: 12:31
Riley, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Dillon, Co-Pilot, F/O. Viaille, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, Wkst S/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	009 Took-off: 0752 Landed at: 12:37 ⁺
Bullard, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Brvden, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Banickie, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	024 Took-off: 0753:30 Landed at: 12:35 ⁺
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Butler, Nav-Bomb., Captain Butler , Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd <i>Putnam Early</i>	894 Took-off: 0753 Landed at: 0920 <i>Spare</i>