

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 65. Day Operations, 22 August 1943.

Thirty-eight B-26's took off this morning to bomb Salerno M/I, Italy. They were accompanied by the 319th Bombardment Group and were escorted by 72 A-26's of MATAF from Sicily. Four B-26's returned early; 1 because of turret malfunctioning, because of gun failure, 1 because of propeller governor malfunctioning and 1 because of generator failure. 1 B-26 left the formation early and landed in Sicily due to engine trouble, returning to this base late.

21 B-26's returned to this base on schedule;

10 B-26's returned to this base late; having landed in Sicily for fuel.

33 B-26's bombed the target successfully. 2 B-26's are now in Sicily due to mechanical difficulties.

Ten minutes off the Italian coast, the two groups of bombers were attacked by 40/50 ME 109's. The 319th Group was first attacked, and their planes, badly scattered, joined our formation. A running battle lasting approximately 20 minutes ensued. Tactics, E/A destroyed and observation concerning friendly losses are reported under appropriate headings.

Routes and Altitudes: To target, 69° 30' T for 228 statute miles for rendezvous at 5,000' with escort over Termini East A/D, Sicily; 20° T for 170 statute miles to Licosia Point; 20° T for 10 statute miles to I.P., Matipaglia climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run 290° T for 13 miles at 10,000'; breakaway left.

From target, Curve left to coast, 224° T for 375 statute miles, dropping to 3,000' at this base.

Bombs: 228 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/3 instantaneous and 2/3 1/10 second delay nose, 45 second delay tail, fuses), carried by 38 B-26's.

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

6 x 500 lb demolition bombs carried to Sicily by the B-26 that landed there prior to bombing.

197 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area.

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

Chronology: Time off between 09:06 and 09:31; on course, 09:45; rendezvous, 11:00; target, 11:55; 21 down at this base between 14:05 and 14:27; 9 B-26's returned to this base late after landing at Sicily between 15:05 and 19:25.

Results: One cluster of bombs landed on the one large and several small warehouses just east of the "Y". Another large group of bombs landed in a good pattern on the northern half of the main yards. A third pattern landed across the northern end of the eastern spur tracks, some bombs landing short and others carrying over into the town.

Flak: Moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered over the target area. It appeared to come from positions around the railroad yards and to the north and west of the town of Salerno.

Slight heavy accurate flak was encountered from positions near Monte Corvino Novella A/D, and from coastal defense guns south of Salerno.

Over the Gulf of Salerno, the flak bursting among our planes was described as having many red bursts in it. These bursts were bright red, and larger than usual black bursts.

Heavy positions were located as follows:

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- (1) 1 gun at E/30
- (2) 2 guns at A/27

Enemy Aircraft: 40/50 ME 109's (painted dark gray with blue bellies and red noses) and at least 1 FW 190 attacked the formation ten minutes after leaving the coast. The 319th Bomb Group received the brunt of the attack, although E/A pressed home aggressive attacks for approximately 20 minutes after the planes of the other Group joined our formation. Our gunners destroyed 5, probably destroyed 4, and damaged 2 E/A.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: The attacks were not made with the same precision as those against our formation on 21 August. Attacks made from 4 through 8 o'clock, high low and level. Many of the E/A were seen to weave as they came in for their passes. The E/A concentrated on stragglers and incomplete elements.

3/4 ME 109's started to make a pass at a complete flight of our bombers. While they were still out of range, our gunners opened fire; on seeing our fire-power the E/A broke off.

It was reported that 10/12 ME 109's flew behind the formation out of range of our guns and fired shells into the rear of our formation. The use of rocket bombs was suggested.

It was also reported that when the 319th was first attacked, aerial bombs were seen dropped among the 319th planes, which resulted in scattering their formation.

Observations: (1) On the R.R. line south of the target no activity was observed, but concentrations of rolling stock was observed at the following points:

- (a) 140 freight and oil cars in yards at Agropoli, seen at 11:45 from 10,500'.
- (b) 75/100 freight and oil cars at Battipaglia, sighted at 12:53 from 10,500'.
- (c) 2 trains, one of 25 cars, the other of 15 cars, 1 mile south of Sele River Bridge, seen at 12:58 from 11,000'.
- (d) At Ponticignano Marshalling Yards, approximately 150 cars were seen at 12:00 from 10,000'.

(2) 1 medium E/V was seen at rest near the shore at 40° 37' N, 14° 41' E, at 12:07 from 8,500'.

(3) 1 small E/V heading south 3 miles off Licosia Point were observed at 11:52 from 10,000'.

Observations (Cont'd): (4) 2 small S/V's were seen anchored just off the coast south west of Licoso Point at 11:52 from 10,000'.

(5) 4 small sailing vessels were sighted NW of Licoso Point at 11:54 from 10,300'.

(6) At least 4 B-24's of the 319th Bomb Group were seen shot down during the running air battle after leaving the target area. 2 of these collided in mid-air 13 minutes after leaving the target area, a third spun in after burning profusely at the trailing edge of one wing, and the fourth, although on fire, made a controlled water landing at 39° 15' N, 13° 32' E, at 12:46. From this plane, one man parachuted successfully from 700', one man attempted to parachute from 300', but the chute did not commence to billow until he hit the water. Four of our B-24's circled over head; one, high, successfully reported the position by radio, and the other, low, dropped a life raft and the crew observed at least 3 men to escape successfully before the crashed plane sank about one minute after landing.

(7) At 12:19, 40° 10' N, 14° 17' E, a multi-engined plane was seen afloat in the water. A life raft was seen nearby.

Our Losses: None. 2 B-24's were damaged by flak.

Victories: 3 ME 109's destroyed; 4 ME 109's were probably destroyed; 2 ME 109's were damaged.

Weather: Enroute, 1/10 cumulus at 4,000'; target, CATU with haze; return as enroute.

Comments: On several missions in the past, Licoso Point has been used as the place for landfall. The fact that several small vessels, some of these small fishing vessels, were concentrated around Licoso Pt suggests that the enemy taking a leaf from the Japanese book, may be using them to radio warning of our approach.

Due to the inability of the escort to provide close protection at our bombing altitude, it was not found satisfactory. It is believed that the A-36 is not a suitable plane for escorting the B-24 bomber.

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MISSION NO. 80

FLIGHT COMMANDER-MAJ. FREDIE
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-MAJ. SULLIVAN

22 August 1943

"A"			ORDER OF LINEUP			
<u>BRACKEN</u> 010	<u>ROBERTS</u> 601	<u>TRISCH</u> 842	HIGHWAY NO. 1		HIGHWAY NO. 2	
<u>BIGELOW</u> 023	<u>CARTER</u> 307	<u>WILBUR</u> 851	Roberts	601	Weinberg	920
-----			Bracken	010	Carter	307
	<u>"B"</u>		Wilbur	851	Bigelow	023
<u>FRAGIN</u> 328	<u>SWALL</u> 157	<u>CALHOUN</u> 900	Swall	157	Calhoun	900
-----			Fragin	328	Doxsee	035
<u>LADD</u> 044	<u>DOXSEE</u> 035	<u>HIMMELREICH</u> 088	Himmelreich	088	Ladd	044
-----			Morley	283	Linberg	958
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 298	<u>MORLEY</u> 283	<u>LINBERG</u> 958	Deutman	298	Holmes	983
-----			Bird	056	Miller	074
<u>MILLER</u> 074	<u>HOLMES</u> 983	<u>BAIRD</u> 056	Karlowitz	984	Wegener	051
-----			Koontz	030	Harras	036
<u>KOONTZ</u> 030	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 984	<u>WEGENER</u> 051	Blake	191	Timmons	009
-----			Miller	595	Steinberg	911
<u>TIMMONS</u> 009	<u>HARRAS</u> 036	<u>BLAKE</u> 191	Owen	100	Booth	292
-----			Pullard	890	Kisler	853
<u>OWEN</u> 100	<u>MILLER</u> 595	<u>STEINBERG</u> 911	Hallowell	147	Perry	260
-----			Burns	025	Urner	863
<u>KISLER</u> 853	<u>BOOTH</u> 292	<u>BULLARD</u> 890	Meyer	045	Fair	013
-----			Baker	575	Church	092
<u>BURNS</u> 025	<u>HALLOWELL</u> 147	<u>PERRY</u> 260				

<u>FAIR</u> 013	<u>URNER</u> 863	<u>MEYER</u> 045				

<u>BAKER</u> 575	<u>CHURCH</u> 092	<u>GROTTY</u> 776	<u>WEINBERG</u> 920(N)			

RADIO

CHANNEL "C"

Bomber Call - SMALL POT

Fighter Call - RAGBAG

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE Raid on MARSHALLING YARDS, Salerno, August 22, 1943.

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Booth, Pilot, Captain, Green, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	890 ⁰⁹²³ Took off C Landed
Bullard, Pilot 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Bombardier, S/sgt. Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	890 ⁰⁹²² Took off C Landed
Weimberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dillmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, Corp.	444th	190 ⁰⁹³⁰ Took off B LANDFED early Landed
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Monaghan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444 Orb, Observer, capt.	861 ^{0926 1/2} Took off B Landed
Meyer, Pilot, 2nd Lt. English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Peterson, Bombardier, Sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Procter, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Pogue, Photographer, S/sgt.	444th	045 ⁰⁹²⁷ Took off B Landed
Conley, Pilot, F/O Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/sgt.	444th	025 ^{0925 1/2} Took off C Landed
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bombardier, Cpl. Wells, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	260 ⁰⁹²⁵ Took off B Landed at.

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.,
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444	147 0924 1/2 C
Buckhout, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed at
Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Sims, Observer, Captain,		
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	853 0924 B
Ball, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Meadows, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off
Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed at
Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	013 0927 1/2 B
Stewart, Co, Pilot,		
Chounard, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off
Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed
Miles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Haney, Aerial gunner, sgt.		
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	035 0910 C
Dodelen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Tharnhardt, 1st Lt. Bombardier.		Took off
Rogers, Navigator, Captain,		Landed at.
Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Himmelreich, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	179 0911 1/2 C
Thompson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Symons, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Took off
Burgess, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed
Moore, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Gunning, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	044 0912 C
Tiemann, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Monroe, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Took off
Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed at.
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Morley, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	283 0712 B
Chandler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Harrison, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Took off
Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt.		Landed at.
Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		

NAMES OF THE CREW

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.
James, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Evans, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Cerchairo, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Legutko, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

958 D. R.
Took off 0913¹/₂
No T.O. B

Landed at.

Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd
Brast, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Farrer, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Cross, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

29 8 0913¹/₂
Took off B
Landed at

Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd
Burrows, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Beatty, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Walden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Linco, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

983 0912¹/₂
Took off C
Landed at.

Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 442nd
Byram, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Walker, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Bly, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

056 0910¹/₂
Took off B
Landed at.

Maller, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd
Bougher, Co, Pilot, F/O
Payton, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Folger, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Eden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

074 0916
Took off B
Landed at

Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd
Dryer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Anderson, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

092 B
Took off
No T.O. Landed at.

Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
Dillon, Co, Pilot, F/O
Cohen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgtt.
Archer, Radio gunner, T/sgt.
Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Huntz, Lt. Col, Observer.

051 0917
Took off C
Landed at.

Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain, 441st
La Moe, Co, Pilot, F/O
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ozuk, "avigator, capt.
Fishman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Cain, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

984 0915¹/₂
Took off C
Landed

Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st
Robins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Blair, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Glidieker, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

030
Took off
Landed

0916 1/2
C

Horras, Pilot, Captain, 441st
Belcher, Co, Pilot, Captain,
Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Langman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Observer Captain, Kirley,

036
Took off
Landed at.

0917 1/2
B

Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
St Arno, Co, Pilot, E/O
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Corp, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

191
Took off
Landed

0931
C

Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
Valls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Berdaus, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Curles, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

009
Took off
Landed at.

B

Tire Blowout on T.O.

Miller, Pilot, Captain, 441st
Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Moore, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Dahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

595
Took off
Landed at.

0918
C

Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt 441st
Hunsberger, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Scott, Bombardier, T/sgt.
O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

911
Took off
Landed at.

0921
C

Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
Paulantis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
McFarland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Sears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

100
Took off
Landed at.

0929 1/2
B

Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st
McGlannon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Blackford, Bombardier, Cpl.
Christianson, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Tannotta, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Mulligan, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

776
Took off
Landed at.

0919
B

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Roberts, Pilot, Captain, Goff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Butler, Bombardier, Captain, O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain, Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt/ Hansen, Radio Gunner, /sgt. Kerchewski, S/sgt. Aerial gunner, Flight Commander, Major Paddie,	443rd	601 Took off 07:00 ^B Landed at.
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Butler, Engineer gunner, /sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, /gt. Carr, Aerial gunner, /gt.	443rd	010 Took off 07:07 ^B Landed at.
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Powell, Radio Gunner, Cpl Doolittle, Aerial gunner S/sgt.	443rd	842 Took off 9:16 ^B Landed at.
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Gilbert, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain, Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Major Sullivan, observer , <i>Deputy Flight Commander.</i>	443rd	307 Took off 07:07 ^B Landed at.
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Bombardier, S/sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Schempp, Aerial gunner, /sgt.	443rd	023 Took off 07:07 ^B Landed at.
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Bombardier, Sgt. Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, /sgt. Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Bushong, Cpl, Photographer,		851 Took off 07:07 ^B Landed at
Swall, Pilot, Captain, Stroud, Co, Pilot, F/O Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. McGaha, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, /sgt. Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	443rd	157 Took off 07:07 ^C Landed at

NAMES OF THE CREWS

SQUADRON

PLANE NO

Feagin, Pilot, F/O,
Smart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Grant, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

328 0910^{1/2}
Took off C
Landed at.

Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Space, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Martin, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt/
Guzzio, Aerial gunner, 4Sgt.

443rd

605 710^{1/2}
Took off C
Landed at.

Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Palmer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Janeke, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Cousins, Engineer gunner, pvt.
Robichaux, S/sgt.
Britton, Aerial gunner, pvt.

443rd

575 0928^{1/2}
Took off B
Landed at.