

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 70. Day Operation, 6 September 1943.

Thirty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Grazzanise Satellite No. 1 L/G. They accompanied the 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups to the target area and return, and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st and 14th and 82nd Fighter Groups. Five B-26's returned early, 1 because of hydraulic leak, 1 because of turret gun mal-functioning, 1 because a tail gun jammed, 1 because of low power in the right engine and 1 because a crew member became ill. The target was bombed successfully. An engagement over the target with E/A resulted in the destruction of 2, probable destruction of 3 and damaging of 1 ME 109's. Thirty B-26's returned safely to this base, and 1 B-26 is missing though may have crash landed at Sicily.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: After rendezvous with 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups at Djedieda, 40° T for 30 statute miles to rendezvous at 4,000' with the escort at Cape Sidi Ali el Mekki; 37° T for 330 statute miles to I.P., mouth of the Volturno River, climbing gradually to 10,700'; bomb run, 43° T for 6 statute miles at 10,200'; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 15 miles to coast near Mondragone; 215° T for 370 statute miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 360 x 300 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 36 B-26's.

50 x 300 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in B-26's that returned early.

297 x 300 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

3 x 300 lb demolition bombs salvoed after the target, having hung up over the target.

10 x 300 lb demolition returned to this base, having failed to drop due to rack failure.

Chronology: Time off between 10:21 and 10:40; rendezvous with 17th and 319th Groups and on course, 11:00; rendezvous with escort and on course, 11:10; target, 13:02; down at this base between 14:46 and 15:06.

Results: One string of bombs fell along the western edge of the L/G, carrying over 4/5 A/C parked there. Two other strings landed across the center of the L/G in good patterns. A few bombs landed short, but carried into the edge of the L/G.

Flak: Slight heavy inaccurate flak was encountered from Ischia Island, and slight inaccurate to accurate heavy flak was encountered over the target. One or two small barges off shore opposite Lago di Patri fired 3 bursts of inaccurate heavy flak. Three white bursts of heavy flak were fired from Ventotene Island.

Heavy gunpositions were reported as follows:

- (1) 1 gun at the eastern tip of Ischia Island.
- (2) 1 gun on the northwestern tip of Ischia Island.
- (3) 1 gun Forio on Ischia Island.

Flak (Cont'd):

- (4) 2 guns at 41° 13' N, 13° 58' E
- (5) 1 battery at 40° 58' N, 14° 31' E.
- (6) 5 guns on northern edge of Lago di Patri.

After leaving the coast on the return, slight accurate heavy flak was encountered from coastal defense guns.

Moderate to intense heavy flak was seen fired at B-25's attacking Capua A/D.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) 25/30 ME 109's, MA 200's, MA 202's and FW 190's were seen in the target area at 12:50 from 10,700', which followed the formation for approximately 25 minutes. ME 109's were dark grey with blue bellies, but 1 ME 109 reportedly had a black fuselage, a white band around the fuselage back of the cockpit, and a checker-board tail similar to P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Another ME 109 reportedly had a white spinner, black engine cowling, dark body and white tail. These attacked the rear flight of our formation.

(2) 2 T/E E/A with twin tails were seen flying west on the deck off the coast near the Volturno River mouth at 12:53 from 10,700'.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: Attacks by E/A were unaggressive generally, but some aggressive attacks were reported.

The attack commenced 15 minutes before the target and continued 10 minutes afterward.

Just before our bombs were dropped, some E/A attacking the B-25 formations came in and pressed home aggressive attacks against our rear flight. Working in cooperation, one E/A made a frontal attack, apparently diversionary, while other ME 109's attacked aggressively from the rear.

Frequent attacks were reported at different flights of the formations by four ME 109's flying line abreast, at six and seven o'clock.

At 13:04, during the breakaway, 7 ME 109's in slight V, at 3,000' range, lobbed cannon shells into the rear of our formation. This fire was fairly accurate. The muzzle fire was a large red flash, and appeared to come from probable 37 mm cannons under each wing of the E/A.

Two E/A attacked from the rear, E - ing alternately, and closing aggressively.

Single E/A made attacks from high and above, diving below our altitude and attacking the rear flight from below.

15 E/A 2/3000' above our formation, during the bomb run dropped belly tanks through our formation prior to diving to attack.

One crew reported that while three ME 109's were flying above, ahead of, and parallel to the formation, a 500 lb aerial bomb passed within

10 feet of the nose of the plane, and burst in the air below a second or two later. The source of this report is believed reliable.

Enemy Shipping: (1) 2 large white liners and 1 medium M/V were seen at Gaeta at 13:08 from 9,500', as reported 5 September, 1943.

(2) 1 small boat heading south east leaving Pozzuoli was sighted at 12:59 from 10,400'.

(3) 5 small boats heading south one mile south of the Volturno River mouth were observed at 12:59 from 10,400'.

Enemy Shipping (Cont'd):

(4) One small boat at 41° 10' N, 13° 40' E, heading south at high speed was seen at 13:08 from 9,500'.

Friendly Aircraft: One Twin-engined A/C over Capua A/D seen spinning toward the clouds below at 13:02 from 10,000'.

Our Losses: 1 B-26 was seen to smoke at engines for a few seconds over the target, (presumably while going into high blower) and simultaneously a radio report was heard stating the hydraulic system was out and bomb bay doors would not close. Later this A/C left the formation and headed towards Sicily after stating that he expected to land there. This A/C is missing.

3 B-26's damaged by E/A fire.

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

Weather: Enroute, 8 to 9/10 alto-cumulous off the coast of Africa at 6,000', scattered cumulous to the target; target, 1 to 2/10 cumulous at 5,000'; return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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## MISSION #

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. FLETCHER

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER

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<u>SWIGART</u> 842	<u>CARTER</u> 601	<u>RUCKER</u> 010	CARTER SWIGART BURNS BARBER LONG HOLMES MORLEY SPEAR BAYRAMIAN MILLER TIMMONS OWEN KIRLEY BLAKE STUMM HALLOWELL BULLARD PERRY THOMPSON	601 842 900 328 023 017 283 983 056 176 896 100 189 191 045 861 978 013 958
<u>FEAGIN</u> 328	<u>SWALL</u> 144	<u>BURNS</u> 900	runway # "2"	
<u>LONG</u> 023	<u>BARBER</u> 922	<u>GOFF</u> 894		
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 596	<u>MILLER</u> 172	<u>HOLMES</u> 017		
<u>SPEAR</u> 983	<u>MORLEY</u> 283	<u>DAVIS</u> 074		
<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>LOVECE</u> 999	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 056		
<u>TIMMONS</u> 876	<u>MILLER</u> 176	<u>STELL</u> 036		
<u>VALLS</u> 051	<u>HOY</u> 960	<u>OWEN</u> 100		
<u>BLAKE</u> 191	<u>KIRLEY</u> 189	<u>STEINBERG</u> 980		
<u>PETERSON</u> 920	<u>TOWNS</u> 959	<u>STUMM</u> 045		
<u>BULLARD</u> 978	<u>SIMS</u> 861	<u>GOODSON</u> 927		
<u>KISLER</u> 933	<u>BOOTH</u> 147	<u>PERRY</u> 013		
<u>FAIR (N)</u> 292	<u>WILBUR</u>	<u>THOMPSON</u> 958		
	<u>KOONTZ</u> 595			
<u>SUND</u> 853	<u>KENNEDY</u> 030			

COLORS OF THE DAY. SEPTEMBER 6, 1943.

TIME	2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
000-0800	RY	R	W	GREEN
000-1400	GG	J	D	RED
000-2000	GY	F	B	GREEN
000-2400	RG	Y	W	WHITE

RADIO

CHANNEL "A"

320th — ENCORE"

1st — "RAGBAG"

17th — "SENILE"

219th — "POT LUCK"

## NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

## SQUADRON

## PLANE NO.

Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	No Take-off	980	
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st		191	C
St. Arno, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off:	1034/30	
Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at:	1447	
Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.				
Merigan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.				
Corp, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.				
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		959	B
Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off:	1035	
Stephens, Bomb, 1st Lt.		Landed at:	1204	early
Nerone, Nav, Captain				
Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.				
DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.				
Szewczyk, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.				
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		045	B
Sullivan, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off:	1035/30	
Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at:	1503/30	
Freedman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.				
Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.				
Nos, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.				
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		920	C
Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off:	1036	
Morrocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.			1840	
Janice, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.				
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.				
Kieffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.				
Sims, Pilot, Major	444th		861	B
Hallowell, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off:	1036/30	
Macia, NAVIGATOR, Captain,		Landed	1501 1/2	
Shryock, Bombardier, 1st Lt.				
Lenz, radio Gunner, T/Sgt.				
Etzel Engineer gunner, S/sgt.				
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.				
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	Took off	1037 : 927	C
Jasinowsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed	1501	
Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt.				
Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.				
Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.				
Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.				
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th		853	B
Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off	1037 1/2	
Bowen, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed	1501	
Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.				
Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.				
McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.				
Bushong, Photographer, Cpl.				
Booth, Pilot, Captain,	444th		147	C
Green, Co, Pilot,		Took off	1038 - Landed	1213
Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.				
Klingeman, Radio Gunner,				
Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.				
Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.				
Harrison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.				



## NAMES OF THE CREW MEMBERS

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## PLANE NO.

Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Chouinard, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
 Wells, Engineer gunner, Cpl.  
 Hanrahan, Radio gunner, S/sgt.  
 Tucker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

031  
 Took off 1038½  
 Landed 1213, *B*

Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Ball, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Greear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Meadows, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
 Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
 Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.  
 X Col. Lurch

444th

933  
 Took off 1039  
 Landed 1502 *e*

Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Stewart, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
 Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Mikles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Haney, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

444th

292  
~~Took off 1021½~~  
 Landed *B*

THIS PLANE DID NOT TAKE OFF

Wilour, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Smithwick, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Kimbro, Bombardier, sgt.  
 Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

041  
 Took off 1021½  
 Landed 1502 *B*

Thompson, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Stuhr, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Symons, Bombardier, S/Sgt.  
 Garbenches, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Moore, Radio Gunner, Cpl.  
 Gunning, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

958

~~958~~  
 Took off *B*

442

This plane did Not take off

Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
 Currie, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Berdaus, Bombardier, S/sgt.  
 Lidicker, Engineer gunner,  
 Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
 McFarland, Aerial gunner S/sgt.

441st

595  
 Took off 1040  
 Landed ~~1040~~  
 1505 *B*

Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Ogliette, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Vialle, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.  
 Beldon, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.  
 Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.  
 Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

030  
 Took off 1032  
 Landed 1458 *D*

Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.  
 Jackson, Co, Pilot, F70  
 Crapse, Bombardier, Cpl.  
 Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.  
 Cook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.  
 Wadzeck, Aerial gunner S/sgt.

444th

882  
 took off 1037½  
 Landed at *C*

NAME~~S~~ OF CREW MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON GRAZZANISE SATELLITE NO. 1  
6 September 1943

NAME OF CREWS	SQUABRON	PLANE NO.
Carter, Pilot, Captain Colling, Co-pilot, F/O Grove, Bomb, Captain Pace, Nav, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	601 Took off: 1021 Landed at: 1450 Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander
Rucker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	No Take-off 010
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cole, Co-pilot, F/O Cukar, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Lillo, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Iacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842 Took off: 1022 Landed at: 1451
Swall, Pilot, Captain Stroud, Co-pilot, F/O O'Keefe, Nav, Captain Swindler, Bomb, 1st Lt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	443rd	144 Took off: 1022/30 Landed at: 1452 Major Sullivan flew as Deputy Flight Commander
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	900 Took off: 1023 Landed at: 1453
Feagin, Pilot, F/O Smart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Grant, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Oakes, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	328 Took off: 1023/30 Landed at: 1453 +
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beudro, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Karidis, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	922 Took off: 1024 Landed at: 1503
Goff, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hunter, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Dufour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	894 Took off: 1024/30 Landed at: 1315 (Early) Captain Belisma flew as Observer



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Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Homsher, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Armao, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023	B
		Took off: 1025 Landed at: 1503	
		<del>2nd Lt. Doyle flew as Observer</del>	
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Dolan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	179	C
		Took off: 1025/30 Landed at: 1504	
		Col. Doyle flew as Observer	
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gallagher, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	B
		Took off: 1026 Landed at: 1504+	
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Burrez, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	596	B
		Took off: 1026/30 Landed at: 1448	
Morley, Pilot, Captain, Chandler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Harrison, Bomb, 1st Lt. Moran, Nav, 2nd Lt. Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	283	B
		Took Off: 1027 Landed at: 1459	
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	074	B
		Took off: 1027/30 Landed at: 1459+	
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	983	C
		Took off: 1028 Landed at: 1500	
LoVece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucus, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999	C
		Took off: 1028/30 Landed at: 1500+	
		Major McKean flew as Observer	

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	056	
Baker, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1029	B
Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1446	
Nardine, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.			
Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	S/Sgt. Speer flew as photographer		
Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	048	B -
Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1029/30	
Monroe, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1104 early	
Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Miller, Pilot, Captain	441st	176	
Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1030/30	C
Fisher, Bomb, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1457	
McGeever, Nav, 2nd Lt.			
Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Deray, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	036	B
Wills, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1031	
Tapp, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1457+	
Farr, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	896	C
Robins, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1031/30	
Temple, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed at: 1457+	
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
McLaughlin, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	No Take-off	960
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1032/30	B
Paulantis, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed at: 1458	
Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.			
Levi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Kary, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	051	
<del>in the cockpit</del>		Took off: No. T.O.	
Kirley, Pilot, Captain	441st	189	B
Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1033/30	
Ozuk, Nav, Captain		Landed at: 1446+	
Ascienzo, Bomb, 1st Lt.			
Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Langman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			