

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 82. Day Operation, 21 September 1943.

Thirty-nine B-26's took off this morning to bomb Cancellaro-Arrone Highway and Railroad Bridges. They were unescorted. 3 B-26's returned early; 1 because of propeller governor failure, 1 because of hydraulic leak and tail guns out and 1 because of parachute opened accidentally in the A/C.

Clouds directly over the target prevented accurate bombing, and both targets were missed, although hits were scored on roads and railroad tracks in the vicinity of the target.

One B-26, its right engine shot out by flak, made a controlled water landing off the mouth of the Sele River, the crew is safe.

Twenty-nine B-26's returned safely on schedule. Three B-26's and four crews returned late after landing at Sicily, having accompanied a B-26 that had hydraulic trouble; this B-26 is safe in Sicily. One B-26 was lost, but the crew is safe. One B-26 returned late after landing in Italy. One B-26 is safe in Sicily.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 2500' at this base, 30° T & R 325 statute miles to Palmarola Island; 69° T for 50 statute miles to I.P., a point 5 miles south of Gaeta, climbing gradually to 10,000'; bomb run, 110° T for 18 statute miles at 9,500'; breakaway right.

From Target: Curve right to 40° 50' N, 13° 40' E, 216° T for 375 miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 2,500'.

Chronology: Time off between 11:35 and 11:55; on course, 12:15; target, 14:03; 29 B-26's down at this base between 15:58 and 16:12; 3 B-26's down at this base between 18:17 and 18:19 after landing in Sicily. 1 B-26 down at this base at 19:32 after landing at Monte Corvino I/G and at a landing strip south of the Sele River, Italy to crew members from crashed B-26.

pick up

Results: Heavy cloud cover prevented accurate bombing and obscured results; both targets were missed. One cluster of bombs was seen to land across the road at L-M/7 and another across the main road at P-Q/13 (TC 36114-NA).

Flak: Slight heavy accurate and inaccurate flak was encountered on the breakaway and continued until the formation was 7 miles out to sea. It appeared to come principally from the vicinity of Lago di Patri.

Heavy gun positions were reported at the following locations.

- 1) 1 gun position on each side of the stream at the point where it empties into Lago di Patri from the south.
- 2) 1 gun at 41° 20' N, 13° 58' E.
- 3) 2/4 guns at 40° 59' N, 14° 00' E.

Enemy Aircraft: 1) Over Ventotene Island 6 S/E dark colored unidentified A/C were seen headed north at our altitude at 1414 from 9000.

2) A P-38 approached the formation from Italy, then turned north and headed toward the vicinity of Rome at 1330, sighted from 8000.

3) Grassano Satellite #1 A/D was pitted with bomb craters and is apparently unserviceable. Observed at 1403 from 9500.

Enemy Shipping: 1) One medium M/V was seen burning in the harbor at Gaeta; also seen here were four small boats; at 1352 from 10000.
2) One small M/V or coaster, resting partially submerged off the beach at the mouth of the Volturno River, was sighted at 1406 from 9000.
3) One E boat was seen off Mondragone headed north at high speed at 1406 from 9000.

General Observations: 1) 36 M/T parked on the road between Cancello and Villa Literno were seen at 1402 from 9500.
2) On the ramp between Gaeta and Formia, 10 M/T traveling south were seen at 1352 from 10000.
3) 10/12 M/T proceeding west between Cancello and Grassanise were observed at 1403 from 9500.
4) 2 M/T were seen parked on the east-west road north of Lago di Patri at 1405 from 9000.
5) 12/14 M/T were observed at the "Y" road junction due north of the target, at 1403 from 9500.
6) What is apparently a ford in the process of construction about half way completed, across the Volturno River west of Castel Volturno was observed, and the first bridge east of the target area was seen to be down at 1405 from 9000.
7) Approximately 200 railroad cars on 5/6 tracks at Villa Literno M/Y were seen at 1403 from 9500.
8) About 20 huts or tents, in neat rows forming a square, 1/2 mile north of Grassanise Satellite #1 A/D were observed at 1402 from 9500.

Our Losses: One B-26 crash landed in the water 100 yds. off the mouth of the Sele River. Six of the crew had previously parachuted to safety over Allied-held territory, and pilot and copilot escaped successfully to a dinghy. No other B-26's were damaged. All A/C returned to base except one left in Sicily due to hydraulic trouble and one that remained in Italy to bring back crew members from crashed B-26.

Weather: En route, 2/10 scattered cumulus at 2000; target 5/10 scattered cumulus at 5000; return as en route.

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Supplement to Intelligence Narrative No. 82, 21 Sept., 1943.

Following was, through clerical error, omitted from Narrative this date:

Bombs: 234 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/2 1/10, 45 second delay, 1/2 instantaneous and 45 second delay, fuses, carried by 39 B-26's.
18 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in 3 B-26's that returned early.
216 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

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MISSION NO. 99

FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR GLADDEN

21 September 1943

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR FRIDAY

NAME			ORDER OF LINEUP	
DOXSEE	MEYER	DEUTMAN	RUNWAY NO. 1	RUNWAY NO. 2
27	35	25	LAAD 43 (N)	
LOVECE	ROSS	HOLMES	BUTLER 58(N)	
33	45	29		
LIMBERG	HEIMROTH	CARRAHER	MEYER 35	DEUTMAN 25
40	34	46	DOXSEE 27	ROSS 45
HOY	KARLOWITZ	STELL	HOLMES 29	LOVECE 33
1	7	4	HEIMROTH 34	CARRAHER 46
LEVINE	MIDLER	MCGILANNON	LIMBERG 40	KARLOWITZ 7
15	11	13	STELL 4	HOY 1
OWEN	KIRLEY	TIMMONS	MILLER 11	MCGILANNON 13
10	14	5	LEVINE 15	KIRLEY 14
COULTER	HALLOWELL	BULLARD	TIMMONS 5	OWEN 10
92	87	89	HALLOWELL 87	BULLARD 89
FAIR	URNER	WEINBERG	COULTER 92	URNER 93
90	93	71	WEINBERG 77	FAIR 90
PETERSON	HARRIS	EDWARDS	HARRIS 91	EDWARDS 76
78	91	76	PETERSON 78	SWALL 66
BAKER	SWALL	BIGELOW	LONG BIGELOW 55	BAKER 62
62	66	52	BARBER 61	SWIGART 58
BUTLER	BARBER	BEISMA	TUCK 67	TRESCH 52
BRACKEN	61	54	LADD 43	S P A R E S
TRESCH	SWIGART	TUCK		KOONTZ 2
52	60	67		KISLER 81
LADD	KOONTZ	KISLER		G R O U N D
43	2	81		CROTTY 20
SPERGIE	CROTTY	BURNS		BIGELOW
28	20	78		

RADIO:

HF - 5110

Bank Club

COLORS OF THE DAY				
B-TIME	2 STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800	RG	O	D	GREEN
0800-1400	GY	I	Z	WHITE
1400-2000	RR	V	P	RED
2000-2400	GG	X	B	GREEN

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON CANC ITALY (RR BRIDGE)

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Meyer, Pilot, Capt. Ingalls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. DeWitte, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	35 Took off: 1135 Landed: 1602 Major Gladden flew as Flight Commander
Deutman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	25 Took off: 1136 Landed: 1603 1/2 S/Sgt Speer flew as photographer
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Himmelrich, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	27 Took off: 1136 1/2 Landed: 1602
Ross, Pilot, Capt. DeFan, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	45 Took off: 1137 Landed: 1602 1/2 Maj Eridayn flew as Deputy Flight Commander
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	29 Took off: 1137 1/2 Landed: 1604 1/2
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	33 Took off: 1138 Landed: 1604
Heimroth, Pilot, Capt. Smith, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	34 Took off: 1138 1/2 Landed: 1605 1/2 Colonel Turner flew as observer

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS:

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Freeman, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Ciesielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Hall, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
 Schaus, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
 Gloeckner, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

28 46
 Took off: 1139
 Landed: 1605 $\frac{1}{2}$

Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 James, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Stokes, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Gerchiaro, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
 Kennedy, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
 Legutko, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

40
 Took off: 1139 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Landed: 1605

Speegle, 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

28
 Took off: 1155
 Landed: *Smiley*

Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Tiemann, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Monroe, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
 Stander, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
 Hits, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
 Griffin, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

43
 Took off: 1152
 Landed: 1611 $\frac{1}{2}$

Karłowicz, Pilot, Capt.
 Lakoe, Co-Pilot, F/O.
 Allen, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.
 Tackmann, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
 Cofield, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
 Corp, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

7
 Took off: 1140
 Landed: 1606

Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Wills, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
 Farr, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
 Marino, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
 Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

4
 Took off: 1140 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Landed: 1607

Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Blake, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Berdaus, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Iannotta, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Juve, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
 Brown, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

1
 Took off: 1141
 Landed: 1606 $\frac{1}{2}$

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Miller, Pilot, Capt.
Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Moore, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Malsbury, Navigator, Capt.
Dolan, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
McDonough, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
Kary, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

11

Took off: 1141 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed: 1817

McGlannon, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Goodenough, Co-Pilot, F/O.
Temple, Bomb Nav, F/O.
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Berrigan, Radio gunner, Sgt.
McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

13

Took off: 1142
Landed: 1204

Early

Levine, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Valls, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.
Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
Chilton, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Corona, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

15

Took off: 1142 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed: 1330

Early

Kirley, Pilot, Capt.
Penka, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Ascienzo, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.
Levi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Langman, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

14

Took off: 1143
Landed: 1205

Early

Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Kapstein, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Cukar, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Greenlee, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

Took off: 1143 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed: 1816

Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Paulantis, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Eastburn, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.
Tyabenda, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Gaunt, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

10

Took off: 1144
Landed: 1607 $\frac{1}{2}$

Koontz, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Currie, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.
Blair, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.
Christianson, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Apgar, Radio gunner, T/Sgt.
Leutholt, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

Took off: 1155 $\frac{1}{2}$
Landed: 1607 $\frac{1}{2}$

Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Oglietti, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt.
Camp, Bombardier, S/Sgt.
Eynnis, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.
Cromer, Radio gunner, S/Sgt.
Mulligan, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.

441st

20

Took off: 1154
Landed:

S/Sgt Fendrich flew as photographer

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Buckout, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Banicki, Bomb, 2nd Lt.
 Nerone, Nav, Captain
 Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 B Owen, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Peters, Co-pilot, F/O
 Peterson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Blossman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Reeves, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
 Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

English, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Nagel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Ferrara, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Long, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Stewart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Chouinard, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Babler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Mikles, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Haney, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Harris, Pilot, Captain
 Green, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
 Brown, Bomb, 2nd Lt.
 Ridge, Nav, 1st Lt.
 Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Patton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Vaughn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

444th 87
 Took off: 1144/30
 Landed at: *crash landing*

Captain Barrett flew as Observer

444th 89
 Took off: 1145
 Landed at: *slightly*

Lt. Stephens flew as Observer

444th 92
 Took off: 1145/30
 Landed at: *1532*

444th 93
 Took off: 1146
 Landed at: *1608 1/2*

Captain McCrory flew as Observer

444th 77
 Took off: 1146/30
 Landed at: *1608 1/2*

Sgt. Montgomery flew as photographer

444th 90
 Took off: 1147
 Landed at: *1608*

444th 91
 Took off: 1147/30
 Landed at: *1609*

Captain Booth flew as Observer

NAME OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conley, Co-pilot, F/O Grapsa, Bomb Nav, Cpl. Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	76 Took off: 1148 Landed at: 1151 1/2
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	78 Took off: No. takeoff
Kisler, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb Nav, S/sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reves, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hutt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	81 Took off: 1154/30 Landed at: 1157 3/4
Swall, Pilot, Captain Stroud, Co-pilot, F/O Rogers, Nav, Captain Swindham, Bomb, 1st Lt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443th	66 Took off: 1149 Landed at: 1158 1/2
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schmapp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	55 Took off: 1149/30 Landed at: 1159
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Clark, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Engineer Gunner, Pvt.	443rd	62 Took off: 1150 Landed at: 1151
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Heandro, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Nav, Captain Karidis, Bomb, 1st Lt. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, Master S/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	61 Took off: 1150/30 Landed at: 1151 1/2
Belama, Pilot, Captain Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Butler, Nav Bomb, Captain Mier, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Miller, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	54 Took off: 1151 Landed at: 1151 1/2

NAME OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Butler, Pilot, F/O	443rd	68 Took off: 1151/30 Landed at: 1611
Landrum, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		
Chambers, Nav Bomb, S/Sgt.		
Saccardo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Gniadek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Waterman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.	Captain Groves	
Grove, Nav, Captain		
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt.		
Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O		
Tuck, Pilot, Captain,		
Collins, Co-pilot, F/O	443rd	58 Took off: No. takeoff
Janeke, Nav Bomb, 2nd Lt.		
Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Schinkel, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
McGaha, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	67 Took off: 1153 Landed at: 1612 1/2
Sheard, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		
Boswell, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt.		
Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Powell, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Carter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	Major Marble flew as Observer	
	443rd	52 Took off: 1153/30 Landed at: 1612