

**12th Air Force, 57th Bombardment Wing
310th Bombardment Group
History: August 1943**



*For my dad,
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The following is a compilation of the 310th Bomb Group's Headquarters and individual Squadron War Diaries. They have been transcribed word for word, from the Squadron Histories provided by the Air Force Historical Research Agency (AFHRA), Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama. At the end of each Squadron's daily entry, the individuals cited in the entry are identified by *full name, rank and duty*, in alphabetical order. The day's entry begins with the Tactical Operations Statement, from the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) Chronology, for the Mediterranean Theater of Operations (MTO). The history also includes mission reports, mission crew rosters, Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR), personal mission logs, journals, and diaries made available by various sources.

Invitation

*Anyone who has documentation pertaining to the 310th Bomb Group or its members, and would like to have it included in this history, is welcome to participate. Copies of: photos (official or personal); orders (promotion, decoration, travel, etc.); Mission Reports; Missing Air Crew Reports; personal diaries, logs, journals, etc; other documentation; or information that will help identify **hi-lited** individuals will be greatly appreciated, as one of my goals is correctly identify every man and plane assigned to the 310th Bomb Group.*

My only interest in this project is to honor those who served by perpetuating their story, and making it available for future generations, particularly the families and friends of our Great Heroes. If you are interested in helping, or if I may be of assistance in finding information about your 310th BG Hero, please contact me at: Lil-Butch@nc.rr.com

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Crew lists

<i>Aircraft information - serial #, name, etc</i>	<i>Sometimes used</i>
P <i>Pilot</i>	Bomb/Nav <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i>
CP <i>Co-pilot</i>	BN <i>Bombardier-Navigator</i>
N <i>Navigator</i>	EG <i>Engineer-gunner</i>
B <i>Bombardier</i>	RG <i>Radio-gunner</i>
E <i>Engineer-gunner</i>	TG <i>Turret gunner</i>
R <i>Radio-gunner</i>	AG <i>Aerial gunner</i>
G <i>Gunner</i>	PH <i>Photographer</i>
F <i>Photographer</i>	AP <i>Aerial photographer</i>
CL <i>Cannon Loader (on B-25G)</i>	CC <i>Crew Chief</i>
O <i>Observer</i>	

Note for the 381st BS only: The letter in () following the A/C No. represents the position # of the aircraft in the formation. For example: A/C No. 41-13052 (P) - the P is position 16.

**A-1 B-2 C-3 D-4 E-5 F-6 G-7 H-8 I-9 J-10 K-11 L-12
 M-13 N-14 O-15 P-16 Q-17 R-18 S-19 T-20` U-21 V-22 W-23 X-24
 Y-25 Z-26**

Acronyms & Abbreviations

A/C: Aircraft	M/G: Machine Gun
A/D: Aerodrome	MIA: Missing In Action
A/F: Air Field, also Anti-Flak	M/T: Motor Transport (Truck)
AA or AAA: Anti-Aircraft (Artillery)	MTB: Motor Torpedo Boat
abs: absent	M/V: Military Vessel, Maritime Vessel
AGL: Above Ground Level	M/Y: Marshalling Yards
ALO: Allied Liaison Officer	MC: Maintenance Crew
ALW: Alive and Well	NARA: National Archives and Records Administration
AMGOT: Allied Military Government for Occupied Territories	NASAF: Northwest African Strategic Air Force
A.R.C.: American Red Cross	NATC - Northwest African Training Command
ASC: Air Support Command	NATOUSA: North Atlantic Theater of Operations USA
ASN: Army Serial Number (personnel)	Nav: Navigator
Assg: Assigned	N.B.S.: National Bureau of Standards
ASV: Anti-Surface Vessel (radar)	NC: Nurse Corps.
ATA: Actual Time of Arrival	NCO: Non-Commissioned Officer
ATC: Air Transportation Command	Nickels: propaganda Leaflets
ATS: Air Transport Service - also Army Telegraph Service	(NMI): No Middle Initial
Azon: Azimuth only (guided bomb)	NOK: Next Of Kin
BC: Bomber Command	NRO: National Reconnaissance Office
BIC: Bruised in Crash	OAF: Occupation Air Forces
Bmb: Bombardier	OD: Officer of the day, also Olive Drab
Bn: Battalion	OLC: Oak Leaf Cluster
B.R.L.: Ballistic Research Laboratory	OTU: Operational Training Unit
BSM: Bomb System Maintenance	PAX: Passengers
CA: Heavy Cruiser	PDI: Pilot Direction Indicator
CAVU: Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited	POE: Point of Embarkation
C.B.I.: China-Burma-India Theater	POW: Prisoner of War (also PW)
C/D: Coastal Defense	PRO-Kit: Individual Chemical Prophylactic packet
CE: Circular Error	PW: Prisoner of War (also POW)
CEP: Circular Error Probable	PWB: Psychological Warfare Branch
Chaff (US term): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See Window	PX: Post Exchange
CL: Cannon Loader	QBB: Base of cloud
CO: Commanding Officer	QDM: Course to steer
CG: Commanding General	QM: Quarter Master
CP: Command Post	R/B: Road Bridge
CQ: Charge of Quarters	RC: Red Cross

C/S: Call Sign
CWS: Chemical Warfare Service
D/H: Direct Hit
DD: Destroyer
DED: Declared Dead - no body or remains found
Demo: Demolition
DL: Dead List
DNB: Died Non-Battle / Died Not-Battle
DOW: Died Of Wounds.
DOWRIA: Died of Wounds Received in Action
DS: Detached Service
E/A: Enemy Aircraft
E/F: Enemy Fighter
EM or E/M: Enlisted Men
ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival
ETIR: Estimated Time In Route
EUS: Evacuated to the United States
E/V: Enemy Vessel
F Boat: Flying Boat
F/L: Formation Leader - also Flight Leader
FO or F/O: Flying Officer
FOD: Finding Of Death
Frag: Fragmentation
F.S.: Flight Section
GLO: Ground Liaison Officer (UK)
GO: General Order
GP: General Purpose/Gun Position
GTC: General Time Convention (railroad)
HE: High Explosive
IAS: Indicated Air Speed
I & E: Information & Education
I.F.F.: Identification, Friend or Foe

(i. o.): Initials Only (initial is the name)
IP: Initial Point
KNB: Killed Not Battle
KIA: Killed In Action
L/A: Landing Area
LC: Landing Craft

L/G: Landing Ground
Lox: Liquid Oxygen

L/S: Landing Strip

R/J: Road Junction
R/Y: Railroad Yards
Repl: Replacement
RMC: Returned to Military Control
RON: Remain OverNight

RR/B: Railroad Bridge
RR/J: Railroad Junction
RR: Railroad
RTD: Returned To Duty
R/V: Rendezvous

SAP: Semi-Armor Piercing
SD: Special Duty
S/E: Single Engine (plane)
S.E.: Special Equipment (Shoran)
S/F: Siebel Ferry
sk: sick
S/M: Submarine
SO: Special Order
SOI: Standard Operating Instructions?
S/P: Sea Plane
Sq: Squadron
Sqdn: Squadron
SWA: Seriously Wounded in Action
T/A: Target Area
T/C: Troop Concentration
T/E: Twin Engine (plane)
TAC: Theater Allied Command
TBF: Tactical Bomber Force
TD: Temporary Duty
TDY: Temporary Duty
TLC: Tactical Landing Craft
TO: Take-Off (time), also Technical Order, and Transportation Officer
T/O: Table of Organization
TOT: Time Over Target/Time On Target
Trfd: Transferred
TWX: Teletypewriter Message
u/i: Unidentified, also unit of issue
UNRRA: United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
Very Pistol or Verey Pistol: Flare gun
VOCO: Verbal Order of the Commanding Officer
WC: Water closet

L/V: Large Vehicle
LST: Landing Ship Tank
Ltr: Letter

LWA: Lightly Wounded in Action
MACR: Missing Air Crew Report
MATS: Military Air Transport Service

W.O.: Warrant Officer
WIA: Wounded In Action
Window (British term): Radar countermeasure: tiny strips of aluminum, metalized glass fiber, or plastic. See **Chaff**
WP: White Phosphorus (bombs)
WT, W/T: Watch Tower
XC: Cross Country
ZI: Zone of Interior (U.S.A.)

Sunday, 1 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Rumania, 177 B-24's, of the IX Bomber Command (including B-24's on loan from the Eighth Air Force) are dispatched to bomb oil refineries at Ploesti and nearby Campina. The operation (TIDAL WAVE) is costly, 54 planes and 532 airmen are lost, but damage to the targets is severe. 5 Medal of Honors are awarded for this mission.

In Sicily, 230+ P-40's, the largest Ninth Air Force total to date, attack Adrano, the area near Randazzo, Messina, Milazzo, Taormina, and shipping in the Straits of Messina.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): During the night of 31 Jul/1 Aug Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) Wellingtons drop leaflets on Rome and Naples, Italy, and bomb Randazzo and Adrano, Sicily. During the following day, B-17's bomb Capodichino Airfield, Italy, and B-25's hit Milazzo, Sicily. In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers hit Paterno, Randazzo, Adrano, Bronte, Santa Maria di Licondia, and motor transport in the Orlando area. Northwest African Coastal Air Force (NACAF) Beaufighters score hits on shipping between Sardinia and Italy. On the ground in Sicily, US ground forces advance E along the coast, approach Troina further inland, and begin a movement to flank defenses. The British, to the S, penetrate into Regalbuto. During the month of August, the 3rd Air Defense Wing (64th Fighter Wing effective 7 Aug 43) transfers from Licata to Gela, Sicily. HQ 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy) transfers from Chateau-dun-du-Rhumel, Algeria to Pont-du-Fahs, Tunisia. The 2nd, 4th and 5th Fighter Squadrons, 52nd Fighter Group transfer from La Sebala, Tunisia to Boccadifalco, Sicily with Spitfires. The 307th Fighter Squadron, 31st Fighter Group, transfers from Palermo to Termini, Sicily with Spitfires. The 429th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 2nd Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers from Ain M'Lila, Algeria to Massicault, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 149, 1 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF. Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Bower. Flight Leaders: Capts. Holstead and Grow.
2. At 1450 19 B-25-C's and 5 B-25-D's took off to Bomb Milazzo Port and Dock
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target

Sunday, 1 August 1943 (continued)

area. None returned early. 24 dropped 176 & salvoed 8 X 300 .1 & .025
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type

sec delay bombs on target at 1700 from 9300-11000 ft. 24 returned at 1900.
Time Altitude No. A/C Time

3. RESULTS: Many hits reported on buildings, warehouses and harbor installations all around inner harbor. One string of bombs also hit base of N quay resulting in a large explosion. Oil refinery and RR yards were also hard hit. Hits and near misses reported on 2 M/V's and one small boat along docks in inner harbor. Crews reported 2 fires and smoke rising to 2000 ft on leaving target.
4. OBS: E/A--None observed. Flak--Slight to moderate, accurate heavy and inaccurate light flak experienced over target. Two planes damaged by flak. Light positions reported just SE off RR yards, on N jetty, and on E tip of Cape Milazzo; heavy positions at S. Marina SW of target, on E coast 1 mile N of town, and just N of N jetty on coast. Naval--1 medium M/V partly submerged, 3 small M/V's and several small craft in Milazzo harbor. Ground--None. No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: Target: CAVU with haze. Enroute: Same except visibility restricted to 6-8 miles.
6. PRESS DATA: None.

Twenty-four sorties flown 1/8/43.

Course: 1st leg: 65 deg for 155 miles at 4000 ft. 2nd leg: 94 deg for 122 miles climbing to 11000 ft. 3rd leg: 116 deg for 19 miles at bombing altitude.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

Sunday, 1 August 1943 (continued)

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 2 aircraft and crew unidentified
(flight leader)

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

Holstead, James R., Capt

Bean, Herman B., Cpl, 428th BS

A/C No. 3 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 4 aircraft and crew unidentified

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

A/C No. 5 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 6 aircraft and crew unidentified

**P
CP
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F**

A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified

**P
CP
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F**

Sunday, 1 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 9 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

A/C No. 10 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

**P
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A/C No. 11 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

A/C No. 12 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

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F**

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 103

Date- Aug 1, 1943

Target- Milazzo Harbor (Vessels and Docks)

Squadron airplanes- twelve

For a change in scenery the target today was Milazzo, a coastal harbor of extreme importance being the means whereby large quantities of supplies have been received by the enemy. It is one of the few Sicilian harbors still in the enemy's hands. A formation of twenty-four a/c, of which half were our squadron, made a run on this target and good bomb patterns were the result of our efforts. Direct hits were made on buildings, warehouses and harbor installations all around the inner harbor. The north quay was hit by a string of bombs resulting in a large explosion. Our bomb patterns also covered the oil refinery and RR yards to the SE of the harbor. Direct hits and near misses were made on two M/V's and one small boat along docks in the inner harbor. Upon leaving the target two fires were observed.

There was no aerial activity on the part of the enemy today. The flak was slight to moderate heavy and accurate. Some inaccurate light flak was also experienced over the target. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safely to the base.

Sunday, 1 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 1 probably 41-13079

"Shadrach" (flight leader)

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Anderson, Lloyd G., 2Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Windler, John H., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *Pound, William R., Jr., Capt, HQ 310th*
BG (observer)

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt*
CP *Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt*
G *Himes, Burke W., Cpl*
F *None*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Smith, Leonard D. "Leo", 2Lt*
CP *Strunk, Clifton W., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Hotaling, R. (NMI), S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *McDowell, Alva H., S/Sgt*
G *McCabe, George P., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Carney, James B., 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
Weaver, Joseph S., Jr., 2Lt
None
Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt
None
Pratt, Ralph A., S/Sgt
Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt
Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Derrick, William S., 2Lt
Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt
Drake, W.H., 2Lt
None
Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt
Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Echols, George A., 2Lt
Toltzman, William J., 2Lt
None
Silvis, Harry C., Sgt
None
Taylor, Frank E., Sgt
Black, J.J., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Morris, J.E., S/Sgt
Papp, Frank (NMI), Jr., Sgt
None

Sunday, 1 August 1943 (continued)

	<i>A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified</i>
P	<i>Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Cometh, Lawrence (NMI), Capt</i>
CP	<i>Miller, Merle D., F/O</i>		<i>Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		
B	<i>Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt</i>		<i>Gore, W.O., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
	<i>A/C No. 11 probably 41-13100</i>		<i>A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified</i>
	“BOMBLE BEE”		
P	<i>Brown, Charles R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Miller, James I., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Links, Albert G., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Ritter, Robert E., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(381st BS did not participate)

428th BS War Diary: Morning mission called off. No ships on the second one. Advance echelon left for new base on the cape, Menzel-Temime.

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : The Milazzo Port and Dock area North of Messina was the last target accorded us out of King's Cross, this was August 1. 24 B-25's dropped their bombs on buildings, warehouses, and harbor installations all around the inner harbor. One string of bombs hit the base of the North quay resulting in a large explosion. The oil refinery and railroad yards were hard hit. Hits were reported on two merchant vessels in the harbor. Two fires and smoke rising to 2,000 feet were the last things observed after the turn away from the target.

Slight to moderate accurate heavy and inaccurate light anti-aircraft fire were experienced over the target. Two planes were damaged. Corporal Bean was the only 428th participant. His capacity: Aerial Photographer.

Bean, Herman B., Cpl, gunner, photographer

Monday, 2 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): In Sicily, P-40's attack shipping in the Straits of Messina and off Milazzo.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters, and light and medium bombers hit trucks, a dump and road junction in NE Sicily, docks and shipping at Milazzo, Messina and in the Reggio di Calabria, Italy area, and targets of opportunity (mainly motor transport) from Barcelona S to Adrano. On the ground in Sicily, US ground forces push slowly W while British troops gain control of Regalbuto and fight indecisively in the streets of Centuripe. HQ 12th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 81st, 82nd, 83rd and 434th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) with B-25's transfer from Hergla, Tunisia to Ponte Olivo, Sicily. HQ 31st Fighter Group transfers from Agrigento to Termini, Sicily. HQ 340th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 488th and 489th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) transfer from Hergla, Tunisia to Comiso, Sicily with B-25's. The 308th Fighter Squadron, 31st Fighter Group transfers from Agrigento to Termini, Sicily with Spitfires.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Mrs. Miniver shown on the screen; no mission scheduled.

Tuesday, 3 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, B-25's bomb Adrano and its highway approaches; and 300+ P-40's, the largest Ninth Air Force total to date, attack harbors and shipping at Milazzo and Messina, and give direct support to British ground forces in the Catania-Bronte area.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light bombers hit tactical targets; and fighters, light and medium bombers hit shipping in the Straits of Messina and at Milazzo and attack Adrano and Biancavilla and gun emplacements and bridges in the area. On the ground in Sicily, US forces continue E along the N coast toward the Furiano River. At Troina, further inland, the enemy continues firm resistance. HQ 82nd Fighter Group transfers from Souk-el-Arba, Algeria to Grombalia, Tunisia. The 414th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers with B-17's from Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria to Pont-du-Fahs, Tunisia. The 486th and 487th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium), 340th Bombardment Group (Medium), transfer with B-25's from Hergla, Tunisia to Comiso, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Still no mission. Planes ferried the 82nd Fighter to the Cape. Pvt. Moynihan's court-martial held and he was fined \$30.00.

Moynihan, Donald M., Pvt,

Wednesday, 4 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, P-40's attack shipping at Messina and support ground forces at the N end of Mount Etna. On the ground in Sicily, US troops are halted by fierce opposition at the Furiano River and at Troina.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb the submarine base at Naples; B-26's and B-25's hit the railroad bridge at Catanzaro and railroad at Paola. In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) medium and light bombers, and fighters attack communications targets, gun positions, and storage areas in the Milazzo-Adrano-Biancavilla and Bronte-Riposto-Fiumefreddo areas. A number of NATAF aircraft hit rail sidings on the toe of Italy and attack shipping off Messina, Sicily. On the ground in Sicily, the British cross the Salso River with 2 divisions, while other forces prepare to drive on Catania and others continue toward Misterbianco. HQ 99th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and its 347th and 348th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy) transfer with B-17's from Navarin, Algeria to Oudna, Tunisia. The 95th, 96th and 97th Fighter Squadrons, 82nd Fighter Group, transfer from Souk-el-Arba, Algeria to Grombalia, Tunisia with P-38's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Another bunch was sent up to Menzel-Temime by plane.

Thursday, 5 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, B-25's bomb the town, roads, and road junctions of Francavilla and shipping in the Straits of Messina.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters and light and medium bombers attack troops, roads, and gun positions at Adrano and Troina and surrounding areas in support of Allied ground forces, hit motor transport behind enemy lines in Sicily and on the toe of Italy, and sink or damage over 20 small vessels and barges at Milazzo and in the Straits of Messina; and Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's, operating in 2 forces, hit the docks and railroad yards at Messina. B-25's bomb a switching station at Guspini, Sardinia, and P-40's, after escorting the B-25's, attack and probably sink a U-boat off SW Sardinia. On the ground in Sicily, US forces open an assault on the San Fratello ridge, and further inland gain positions overlooking Troina. The enemy withdraws from the town during the night. The British 13 Corps overruns Paterno, Misterbianco, and Catania; the British 30 Corps continues toward Adrano. HQ 310th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 379th, 380th, 381st and 428th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) transfer with B-25's from Dar el Koudia to Menzel Temime, Tunisia. The 91st Fighter Squadron, 81st Fighter Group, transfers with P-39's from Sfax to Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia. The 309th Fighter Squadron, 31st Fighter Group, transfers with Spitfires from Agrigento to Termini, Sicily. The 346th and 416th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 99th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfer from Navarin, Algeria to Oudna, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: C-43's and C-47's carried our equipment down while our bombers ferried the personnel. The field is located just outside the village of Menzel-Temime on the eastern tip of the cape. Approximately 1 mile from the Mediterranean. The beach is stream with old German wreckage - evidence of where an evacuation tried to take place. Our area is amongst fig and olive trees. Each area lined off by rows of cactus trees.

Thursday, 5 August 1943

Everyone now sleeping in pyramidal tents. Lts. Wilson and Smith and T/Sgt. Bosworth started on their first leg homeward bound.

Bosworth, William H., T/Sgt, radio-gunner

Smith, Merle E., 1Lt, pilot

Wilson, Kieth Gordon, 1Lt, pilot

Friday, 6 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, 60+ B-26's hit Bronte, Catania, and Randazzo and the area N of the Adrano-Biancavilla road; 20+ others bomb road intersections in Adrano and Bronte; and 100+ P-40's attack shipping and shore targets in the Messina area while 30 others attack shipping on the W coast.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Sicily, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb coastal roads near Messina; B-26's and B-25's hit a road junction SW of Badiazza and railroad bridges N of Gesso; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers hit roads, junctions, and buildings in the Troina, Adrano, Biancavilla, Tortorici, Bronte, Piranino, and Randazzo areas and the Bagnara, Italy area; and fighter-bombers hit shipping from Vibo Valentia S to the Straits of Messina. On the ground in Sicily, US troops are unable to cross the Furiano River as fierce resistance continues. At Troina, troops push through the town and 1 mile (1.6 km) to the E before opposition halts them. The British take Biancavilla, and Adrano falls as the enemy pulls out during the night of 6/7 Aug. HQ 301st Bombardment Group (Heavy) and its 32nd, 353rd and 419th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy) transfer with B-17's from St-Donat, Algeria to Oudna, Tunisia.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: The rest of the troops flew in today. Day spent in getting organized.

Saturday, 7 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, 150 B-25's attack Randazzo; and 140+ P-40's attack shipping at Messina and in the Straits, and shipping and shore-supply stores along the NE coast.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Sicily throughout the day Northwest African Tactical Bomber Force (NATBF) medium and light bombers pound Randazzo, the enemy's key withdrawal point; Maletto is also bombed; P-40's and A-36's strafe and bomb small craft between Sicily and mainland Italy, motor transport near Randazzo, a warehouse N of Messina, dumps on the toe of Italy, and vehicles and communications targets in the Sant' Agata di Militello, Bronte, Cesaro, Tortorici, Castiglione di Sicilia and Riposto areas. In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-25's in 2 forces hit the landing ground at Crotone while B-26's bomb the railroad bridge at Marina di Catanzaro and highway bridge over the Angitola River. On the ground in Sicily, US forces improve their positions on the N coast in the San Fratello region against heavy resistance. During the night of 7/8 Aug, a small amphibious force lands on the coast 2 miles (3.2 km) E of Sant' Agata di Militello, greatly aiding progress along the coast. Other forces begin a drive on Randazzo. HQ 5th Bombardment Wing transfers from Chateaudun, Algeria to Depienne, Tunisia. HQ 47th Bombardment Wing (Medium) transfers from Souk-el-Arba to Hammamet, Tunisia.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 150, 7 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF. Flight Leaders: Maj. Walker, Capt. Coddington.
2. At 1220 27 B-25's and 9 B-25-D's took off to Bomb Crotone A/D None
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target No. A/C
returned early. 36 dropped 213 & salvoed 3 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs
No. A/C No & Type
on target at _____ from 8800-11,300 ft. 34 returned at 1705. 2 landed in Sicily.
Time Altitude No. A/C Time

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

3. RESULTS: Many bombs landed across N part of L/A, starting from the road W of the L/G and extending across the field. 3 explosions seen at the N end of the field. Buildings on W side believed hit. Some strings of bombs hit in S end of L/A. 20-25 E/A seen dispersed on W and N perimeters.
4. OBS: No E/A observed or engaged. Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak at target. One position just W of the center of the L/G. Moderate heavy flak from Crotone, out of range. Shipping: 3 M/V's at Crotone harbor. 1 M/V at Castella. 2 white cylindrical objects with red stripes, 8 to 10 ft long. One at 37 deg 30 min N, 16 deg E at 1420, other at 37 deg 32 min N, 16 deg 20 min E, time 1426 hours. No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: CAVU over entire route and at target.
6. PRESS DATA: None.

Thirty-six sorties (36) flown 7/8/43.

Course: 1st leg: 19 deg for 358 miles at 6000 ft dropping to deck after passing Sicily. 2nd leg: 75 deg for 45 miles beginning climb. 3rd leg: 133 deg for 37 miles climbing to 11,3000 ft. 4th leg: 226 deg for 28 miles at bombing altitude.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 104

Date- Aug 7, 1943

Target- Crotone Airdrome

Squadron airplanes- twelve

Both enemy ground and aerial resistance was practically nil again today as our boys struck deep into enemy territory at Crotone Airdrome on the east coast of Italy. Our bomb patterns covered the western area of the landing area very well. Several large explosions were observed on the north end of the field and the bldgs along the west edge of the field were believed hit. About twenty to twenty-five a/c were seen dispersed on the west and north perimeter.

The only thing in the way of enemy resistance that was offered today was a few inaccurate bursts of flak at the target. Some moderate flak was experienced at the town of Crotone but this was out of range. Three M/V's were sighted in Crotone Harbor and one in Castella. Photos were taken. Ships all came back safely.

A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified

P Dent, James J., Jr., Capt
CP Wells, Samuel Marshall, 1Lt
N Potter, Eliot H., 1Lt
B Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
E None
R Acey, Marvin E., Sgt
G Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
F None

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P Hament, Carrol (NMI), 2Lt
CP Arentson, Robert M., 2Lt
N None
B Weinstein, Robert S., S/Sgt
E None
R Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
G Roach, James M., S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P Benton, James H., 2Lt
CP Walton, Cecil Vernon, 2Lt
N None
B Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt
E None
R Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt
G McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
Weaver, Joseph S., Jr., 2Lt
None
Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt
None
Pratt, Ralph A., S/Sgt
Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Bates, Willie L., F/O
None
Windler, John H., 2Lt
None
Dinges, J.W., S/Sgt
Black, J.J., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Drew, Edward A., 2Lt
Beale, Edward J., 2Lt
None
Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt
None
Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt
Miller, Milton H., Sgt
None

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Carney, James B., 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt*
CP *Miller, Merle D., F/O*
N *None*
B *Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt*
F *Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Miller, James I., 2Lt*
CP *Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O*
N *Gavin, J.F., Maj (observer)*
B *Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt*
G *Ritter, Robert E., Sgt*
F *Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt*

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Morris, J.E., S/Sgt
Papp, Frank (NMI), Jr., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Derrick, William S., 2Lt
Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt
Drake, W.H., 2Lt
None
Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt
Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Echols, George A., 2Lt
Toltzman, William J., 2Lt
None
Silvis, Harry C., Sgt
None
Taylor, Frank E., Sgt
Pintar, John L., S/Sgt
None

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
CROTONE AIRDROME, ITALY

Sqdrn. Mission # 102

Group Mission # 137

Take Off 12:20

Flight 36 B-25's

Target 14:59

Escort 24 P-38's

Down 17:05

Bomb Load: 6 x 500

Total Time: 4 Hrs. 45 Min.

Bombs Dropped: 11(6 x 500), 33,000#

Total Sorties: 678

Weather: CAVU over entire route and at the target.

REMARKS: Capt. Pemberton flew as observer in F/O Burt's ship.

The bombing was only fair --- several strings did strike in the center of the landing area, but others were short and to the sides

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

Flak: Approximately 20 bursts far behind the formation.

Enemy aircraft: None in the air --- approximately 25 observed on the target.

CREWS 2nd Flight

A/C No. 41-29962 (B)

P *Cook, Walter E., F/O*
CP *Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt*
G *George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (C)

P *Evans, George N., Capt*
CP *Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O*
N *None*
B *Smith, Willie A., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Swanson, William M., T/Sgt*
G *Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-64596 "Donna Marie" (D)

P *Flake, Ray M., 2Lt*
CP *Knecum, Walter A., 2Lt*
N *Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt*
B *Feinglass, Philip (NMI), 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Fiumecel, Albert F., S/Sgt*
G *Marvin, Lawrence R., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-30401 (J)

P *Durgin, James L., 2Lt*
CP *Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Doty, James K., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt*
G *Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet" (A) (flight leader)

Coddington, Walter E., Capt
Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt
Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt
Hornung, Willard R., 2Lt
None
Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt
Moxey, Orville E., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-64667 "Wet Dreams" (F)

Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt
Cruise, William H., 2Lt
None
Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt
None
Marshburn, James T., Sgt
Lyon, John R., Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-64592 (E)

Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt
Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt
None
Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt
None
Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt
Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt
None

A/C No. 41-29980 (G)

Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt
Warren, Donald B., 2Lt
Forbes, Robert L., 1Lt
Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt
None
Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt
White, John Edward, S/Sgt
None

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	A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (H)		A/C No. 42-64594 (M)
P	<i>Burt, Norman A., F/O</i>		<i>Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Kurtz, James A., 2Lt</i>		<i>Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt</i>		<i>Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Foderaro, Albert (NMI), T/Sgt</i>		<i>Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Collom, Frank C., Jr., Sgt</i>		<i>Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (K)		A/C No. 42-29957 (L)
P	<i>Denton, Richard D., 2Lt</i>		<i>Jones, William E., F/O</i>
CP	<i>Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O</i>
N	<i>Victor, Joseph G., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Colleton, John C., 2Lt</i>		<i>Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt</i>		<i>Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt</i>		<i>Hannon, Robert P., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

428th BS War Diary: First mission from the new field was the Crotone Airdrome. Bombs landing on the northern part of the field caused 3 explosions. Buildings on the west side of the field were damaged. No claims were made on some 25 to 30 planes in the dispersal areas. Flak was very inaccurate. Lt. Loutrel and S/Sgt. MacDonald finished no. 50.

Loutrel, John McCluney, 1Lt, pilot

McDonald, Donald E. "Mac", S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : Our new base is Menzel Temime on the South Coast of Cap Bon Peninsula far up near the tip. Our first target was Crotone airdrome in lower Italy, on August 7, 1943.

Many bombs landed across the North part of the landing area. These strings set off three explosions. Buildings on the West side of the field were damaged. The South end of the Landing area was covered also. Some twenty-five to thirty aircraft were dispersed on the North-West perimeters. No claims for hits on these were made.

Slight inaccurate heavy flak was thrown up at the target. Flak of more intense quality came from the town of Crotone but it was just as inaccurate. Again no fighters were seen, which is just fine. For S/Sgt. Donald E. McDonald and John M. Loutrel, 1st Lt., it was the fiftieth mission.

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 1 probably 41-13094

“Seasweep” (flight leader)

P Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj,
Commander
CP Harder, Frank A., 1Lt
N Doolittle, Leonard N., Capt
B Upchurch, Jerry E., 1Lt
E None
R Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt
G Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt
F Ryterband, Louis (NMI), Capt (observer)

A/C No. 3 probably 41-29981 “Mickey II”

P Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt
CP Fleming, James L., 2Lt
N None
B Connors, Charles L., S/Sgt
E None
R Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt
G Davis, Robert M. “Slugger”, S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P Fleming, Thornton (NMI), 2Lt
CP Dory, John N., 2Lt
N None
B Sierlecki, Richard E., Sgt
E None
R Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt
G Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt
F None

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified- may be “Bad Seed”

P Brock, James C., 1Lt
CP Berent, Raymond E., 2Lt
N Martin, William V., 2Lt
B Keys, Paul R., 2Lt
E None
R Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt
G Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt
F Reed, Robert H., Sgt

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt
Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt
None
Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt
None
Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt
Black, James F., S/Sgt
Bean, Herman B., Cpl

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Loutrel, John McCluney, 1Lt
Stewart, Hugh W., 2Lt
Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt
Boatler, Sidney K., 2Lt
None
Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt
Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Tooles, William B., 2Lt
Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt
None
Risteau, John E., S/Sgt
None
Weiland, Ray C., S/Sgt
Sisson, John E., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt
Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt
None
Foley, Patrick Leo “Pat”, Sr., S/Sgt
None
Morris, Raymond J., Sgt
McDonald, Donald E. “Mac”, S/Sgt
None

Saturday, 7 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Butterfield, William M., 2Lt*
CP *Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt*
G *Ringler, Ryan C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Douglas, James D., 2Lt*
CP *Farley, Jean N., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt*
E *None*
R *Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt*
G *Sviantek, John L., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt
Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt
None
Swim, Lowell W., S/Sgt
None
Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt
Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl
None

Sunday, 8 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, 90+ B-25's bomb the Randazzo area; 130+ P-40's hit shipping at Messina and provide ground support in NE Sicily as US and British forces push E and N, capturing Sant' Agata di Militello, Monte Camolato, and Bronte.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-26's hit highway and rail bridges at Angitola, Italy, while P-38's strafe trains and other targets of opportunity SW of the town. In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers pound Randazzo; fighters hit road targets N of Etna, shipping in the Straits of Messina and cover ground forces at Sant' Agata di Militello. HQ 63rd Fighter Wing transfers from Maison Blanche to Rerhaia, Algeria. HQ 321st Bombardment Group (Medium) transfers from Souk-el-Arba to Soliman, Tunisia. The 352nd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 301st Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers with B-17's from St-Donat, Algeria to Oudna, Tunisia. The 416th Night Fighter Squadron, Twelfth Air Force, arrives at Algiers, Algeria from England where it trained with Beaufighters. The 417th Night Fighter Squadron, Twelfth Air Force, arrives at Tafaraoui, Algeria from England where it trained with Beaufighters. The squadron flies its first combat mission today. The 445th, 447th and 448th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium), 321st Bombardment Group (Medium), transfer with B-25's from Souk-el-Arba to Soliman, Tunisia.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 151, 8 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF. Flight Commander: Capt. Batten. Flight Leaders: Capt. Holstead, Lt. Brock.

2. At 1240 27 B-25's and 9 B-25-D's took off to Bomb K-14 bridge, Marina Di
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target
Catanzaro None returned early. 36 dropped 212 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type

bombs on target at 1500 from 8000-11,300 ft. 36 returned at 1705.
Time Altitude No. A/C Time

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3. RESULTS: Believe bridge received some direct hits. Many near misses observed. Entire target covered with dust and black smoke making accurate observations difficult. M/Y E of bridge hard hit. One direct hit on warehouse in this area caused an explosion. Some fires observed. Several buildings in town were also hit.
4. OBS: E/A--No E/A observed or engaged. Flak--One crew reported 8 bursts of flak 2 miles to NE, inaccurate. Shipping: No enemy shipping seen. Ground: Rolling stock observed running for 5 miles S of target. Two freight trains of 15 cars each seen on siding just S of Soverato, 38 deg 43 min N, 16 deg 33 min E. Craters from previous raids in M/Y at target have not been filled in and no repair work in progress. Considerable rolling stock in M/Y just E of target. No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: CAVU at target; enroute, scattered clouds at 5-7000 feet, hazy; visibility 5-7 miles.
6. PRESS DATA: NONE.

Thirty-six sorties (36) flown 8/8/43.
Course:

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft and crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft and crew unidentified*
(flight leader)

P *Holstead, James R., Capt*
CP
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R
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F

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A/C No. 3 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 4 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 5 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 6 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

*A/C No. 9 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 10 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

Sunday, 8 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 11 *aircraft and crew
unidentified*

A/C No. 12 *aircraft and crew
unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(380th BS did not participate)

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
MARINA DI CATENZARA R.R. BRIDGE

Sqdrn. Mission # 103	Group Mission # 138
Take Off 12:40	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 15:00	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 17:20	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 40 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 12(6 x 500), 36,000#
Total Sorties: 690	Average Altitude: 9,650.

Weather: Good visibility, scattered clouds en route.

REMARKS: Enemy aircraft: No attacks.
Flak: Approximately 8 bursts, low and behind the formation.
Bridge area covered, but no direct hits observed due to dust and smoke.

CREWS 1st Flight

A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (P)

A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (N)

P *Wirth, Thomas F., Jr., F/O*
CP *Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O*
N *None*
B *Smith, Willie A., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Swanson, William M., T/Sgt*
G *Pontet, Emile A., JR., S/Sgt*
F *None*

Alexander, William T. "Alex", Capt
Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt
Hickman, James G., 1Lt
Withrow, John B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Foderaro, Albert (NMI), S/Sgt
Mayronne, Clyde A., Sgt
None

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	A/C No. 42-32500 "The Saint" (O)		A/C No. 42-64592 (S)
P	<i>Cook, Walter E., F/O</i>		<i>Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt</i>		<i>Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt</i>		<i>Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt</i>		<i>Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 42-64596 "Donna Marie" (Q)		A/C No. 42-64667 "Wet Dreams" (R)
P	<i>Flake, Ray M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Knecum, Walter A., 2Lt</i>		<i>Cruise, William H., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Feinglass, Philip (NMI), 2Lt</i>		<i>Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Fiumecel, Albert F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Marshburn, James T., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Marvin, Lawrence R., Sgt</i>		<i>Lyon, John R., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

**CREWS
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	A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (P)		A/C No. 41-29980 (N)
P	<i>Burt, Norman A., F/O</i>		<i>Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Kurtz, James A., 2Lt</i>		<i>Warren, Donald B., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Forbes, Robert L., 1Lt</i>
B	<i>Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt</i>		<i>Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt</i>		<i>Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Collom, Frank C., Jr., Sgt</i>		<i>White, John Edward, S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>Reid, George E., S/Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 41-30401 (O)		A/C No. 41-29969 (S)
P	<i>Durgin, James L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Therrien, Robert W., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt</i>		<i>Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Doty, James K., Sgt</i>		<i>Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (Q)	A/C No. 42-29957 (R)
P <i>Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt</i>	<i>Jones, William E., F/O</i>
CP <i>Arnoult, Hubbard B., Jr., 2Lt</i>	<i>Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O</i>
N <i>Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt</i>	<i>None</i>
B <i>Ewalt, William F., 2Lt</i>	<i>Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt</i>
E <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R <i>Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt</i>	<i>Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt</i>
G <i>Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt</i>	<i>Hannon, Robert P., Sgt</i>
F <i>None</i>	<i>Ferrer, Jose T., PFC</i>

428th BS War Diary: In an attempt to disrupt rail communications to central Italy a railroad trestle at Marina d'Catanzaro was set after. The trestle still stands but a warehouse was hit causing an explosion. Lt. Upchurch entered the "Nifty Fifty" club today.

Upchurch, Jerry E., 1Lt, bombardier

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : On the 8th of August the target was a railroad trestle at Marina d. Catanzaro, inside the toe of Italy. It was designed to disrupt completely the last line of rail communication to central Italy still open.

Though the target area was well covered and the bomb pattern actually good --- reconnaissance proved that the trestle was intact. The marshalling yard East of the bridge was hard hit. An adjacent warehouse was hit causing an explosion. It was 1st Lt J.E., Upchurch's 50th mission.

A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified- may be "Bad Seed"	A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified
P <i>Brock, James C., 1Lt</i>	<i>Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt</i>
CP <i>Berent, Raymond E., 2Lt</i>	<i>Hogan, Jack F., F/O</i>
N <i>Martin, William V., 2Lt</i>	
B <i>Keys, Paul R., 2Lt</i>	<i>Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt</i>
E <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R <i>Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt</i>	<i>East, Charles D., S/Sgt</i>
G <i>Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt</i>	<i>Agin, Clealon J., Sgt</i>
F <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified	A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified
P <i>Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt</i>	<i>Butterfield, William M., 2Lt</i>
CP <i>Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt</i>	<i>Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt</i>
N <i>None</i>	<i>Upchurch, Jerry E., 1Lt</i>
B <i>Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt</i>
E <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R <i>Manfre, Joseph A., S/Sgt,</i>	<i>Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt</i>
G <i>Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt</i>
F <i>Reed, Robert H., Sgt</i>	<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt*
CP *Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Swim, Lowell W., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt*
G *Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 41-13050 "Virginia Sturgeon"

P *Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt*
CP *Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt*
N *Peterson, Donald L., 2Lt*
B *Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt*
G *Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt*
CP *Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt*
G *Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Blaauw, Harold A., 1Lt*
CP *Tiefel, Norman J., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Stewart, Leslie F., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt*
G *Houseman, Charles M., Jr., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Douglas, James D., 2Lt
Farley, Jean N., 2Lt
None
Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt
None
Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt
Sviantek, John L., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Purifoy, Lawrence Lloyd "Peter Plink", 1Lt
Hartzell, Jacob S., 2Lt
None
Connors, Charles L., S/Sgt
None
Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt
Skypeck, George F., Cpl
Williamson, Felton J., Pvt

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified- may be "Sweet Alice"

Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt
Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt
None
Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt
None
Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt
Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Fleming, Thornton (NMI), 2Lt
Dory, John N., 2Lt
None
Sierlecki, Richard E., Sgt
None
Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt
Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt
None

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USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, B-25's hit Divieto and a nearby tunnel W of Spadafora San Martino, and attack special points in the battle area of NE Sicily; P-40's hit shipping at Messina, Milazzo, and Palmi.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb crossroads N of Messina, Sicily.

In Italy, B-25's hit Cantanzaro and Soverato River bridges, B-26's attack Angitola River bridges, P-40's sweep over S Sardinia, and P-38's hit a lighthouse and other targets of opportunity in S Italy. In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) bombers hit the Gesso road junction; fighters concentrate on highways and junctions and also hit all sidings and gun positions in areas around Linguaglossa, Floresta, Falcone, Patti, Orlando, Novara di Sicilia, and Milazzo. On the ground in Sicily, US troops reach Torrenuovo, and, to the S, drive the enemy back to the Simeto River between Cesaro and Randazzo. HQ 47th Bombardment Group (Light) transfers from Malta to Torrente Comunelli, Sicily. The 446th Bombardment Squadron (Medium), 321st Bombardment Group (Medium), transfers with B-25's from Souk-el-Arba to Soliman, Tunisia.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 152, 9 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF. Flight Commander: Maj. Wilder. Flight Leaders: Capts. Grow and Holstead.

2. At 1340 25 B-25's and 11 B-25-D's took off to Bomb N & S bridges and RRJ
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target
At 0-17 at Marina di Catanzaro. None returned early. 36 dropped
No. A/C No. A/C

209 X 500 .1 & 45 sec del bombs on target at 1602 from 7000-10,000 ft. 36
No & Type Time Altitude No. A/C

returned at 1805.
Time

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3. RESULTS: S bridge: Bombs hit just NE and SW of S bridge. Both approaches received several hits. M/Y and buildings near town were hit. One explosion with red flames observed in this area. Considerable dust and smoke again made observations difficult. N bridge: Direct hits and many near misses reported on both N RR and road bridges. These believed destroyed or badly damages. Hits reported in RR yards and repair yards. Tracks NE of N bridge believed knocked out. RR J: Hits on tracks on N spur and SW of RRJ; near misses on track NE of RRJ.
4. OBS: E/A: None. Flak: None. Naval: 25-30 small craft reported beached near N bridge. Ground: 30 RR cars in M/Y NE of S bridge. 15-20 RR cars in M/Y SW of S bridge. 8-10 M/T parked, headed SE, on side road at F-9 (See target chart No. 3-117-NA) at 1607 hours.
No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 2000 ft, hazy, visibility 5 miles. Overcast over center of Sicily. Scattered cumulus at 4500 ft elsewhere over Sicily. Target: CAVU with haze and few broken clouds N of target.
6. PRESS DATA: None.

Thirty-six sorties (36) flown 9/8/43.
Course:

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary:

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft & crew unidentified*
(flight leader)

P *Holstead, James R., Capt*
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

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P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 3 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 4 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 105

Date- Aug 9, 1943

Target- Marina Di Catanzaro Bridges

Squadron airplanes- twelve

Today we made another attempt to destroy the Catanzaro Bridge along with a smaller one just to the north. Eighteen of our bombers made a run on the Main bridge and bomb hits were observed just NE and SW of the target. Several hits were made on both approaches. Direct hits were observed in the Marshalling yards and on buildings in that area resulting in a large explosion. Observations were hampered greatly by the considerable amount of smoke and dust in the target area. The small bridge to the north received many hits and near misses. It is believed to be either destroyed or badly damaged. Hits were also reported in the RR yards and repair yards, and the rail lines NE of this bridge are believed to be knocked out.

No enemy resistance again today, neither on the ground nor in the air. 25-30 small craft were observed beached near the small bridge. In the marshalling yards NE of the main bridge, thirty RR cars were seen and fifteen to twenty were observed in the SW marshalling yards. Photos were taken and all ships returned safely.

A/C No. 1 *probably 41-13079*

A/C No. 2 *aircraft unidentified*

"Shadrach" (flight leader)

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Wells, Samuel Marshall, 1Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Drake, W.H., Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *Wilder, Rodney R. "Hoss", Maj,
Commander (observer)*

Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt
Neumann, Robert H., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Acey, Marvin E., S/Sgt
McGimpsey, Paul D., Sgt
None

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A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
CP Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
N None
B Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt
E None
R Dinges, J.W., S/Sgt
G Black, J.J., Sgt
F None

**A/C No. 5 probably 41-13100
"BOMBLE BEE"**

P Brown, Charles R., 2Lt
CP Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt
N None
B Ash, George W., Sgt
E None
R Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt
G Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt
CP Carney, James B., 2Lt
N McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt
B Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt
E None
R Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt
G Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt
CP Miller, Merle D., F/O
N None
B Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt
E None
R Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt
G Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt
F None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
None
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Hament, Carrol (NMI), 2Lt
Arentson, Robert M., 2Lt
None
Weinstein, Robert S., S/Sgt
None
Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
Roach, James M., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Morris, J.E., S/Sgt
Papp, Frank (NMI), Jr., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Bates, Willie L., F/O
None
Konieczka, William F., 2Lt
None
Lysowski, Raymond A., PFC
Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
None

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A/C No. 11 <i>aircraft unidentified</i>		A/C No. 12 <i>aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Benton, James H., 2Lt</i>		<i>Drew, Edward A., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Walton, Cecil Vernon, 2Lt</i>		<i>Beale, Edward J., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Miller, Milton H., Sgt</i>
F	<i>Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG</i>		<i>None</i>

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(381st BS did not participate)

428th BS War Diary: Received a radio for our day room, which is to be set up in the officers' mess. Spurred on by yesterday's "not too successful" raid they took another slap at yesterday's bridge. Bomb bursts were reported all around the bridge but none on. A section of the marshalling yards were hit. Hits were reported in the railroad yards. S/Sgt. Swim said fini to combat.

Swim, Lowell W., S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : August 9th found the motto "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Applicable. We did. Thirty-six B-25's took off for Marina di Catanzaro in an ambitious plan to hit both the North and South bridges plus the railroad junction. The approaches to the South bridge were hit though the bridges remained intact. A section of the marshalling yards and nearby buildings were also hit causing a red-flamed explosion.

The North bridge was claimed to be hit as was a road bridge. Hits were reported in the railroad yards and repair yards. Some were seen on the North spur.

No enemy aircraft -- no flak was again the summary of the operation. For S/Sgt Lowell W. Swim it was the last mission of his first tour.

A/C No. 1 41-13050 "Virginia Sturgeon"		A/C No. 2 <i>aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt</i>		<i>Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt</i>		<i>Hogan, Jack F., F/O</i>
N	<i>Peterson, Donald L., 2Lt</i>		
B	<i>Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt</i>		<i>Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt*
CP *Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt*
G *Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt*
CP *Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Swim, Lowell W., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt*
G *Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl*
F *None*

**A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified- may be
"Sweet Alice"**

P *Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt*
N *Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt*
B *Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt*
G *Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt*
CP *Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt*
G *Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Butterfield, William M., 2Lt
Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt
Wilson, Samuel A., Capt (observer)
Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt
None
Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt
Skypeck, George F., Cpl
Frank, Irving (NMI), S/Sgt

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Douglas, James D., 2Lt
Farley, Jean N., 2Lt
None
Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt
None
Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt
Sviantek, John L., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Blaauw, Harold A., 1Lt
Tiefel, Norman J., 2Lt
None
Stewart, Leslie F., T/Sgt
None
Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt
Houseman, Charles M., Jr., S/Sgt
None

**A/C No. 10 probably 41-29981 "Mickey
II"**

Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt
Fleming, James L., 2Lt
None
Boatler, Sidney K., 2Lt
None
Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt
Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt
Reed, Robert H., Sgt

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A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Koch, Richard J., 2Lt*
CP *Moulder, Robert W., F/O*
N *None*
B *Ovalle, Charles V., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Ringler, Ryan C., Sgt*
G *Morris, Raymond J., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Waugh, Carter H., 2Lt
Davidson, James C., 2Lt
None
Snoddy, William G., 2Lt
None
East, Charles D., S/Sgt
Agin, Clealon J., Sgt
None

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USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): B-25's attack Randazzo, Sicily while P-40's bomb and strafe shipping on the SW coast of Italy and in the Straits of Messina.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Brigadier General Ray A Dunn takes command of the Northwest African Air Force Troop Carrier Command (Provisional). In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) P-38's bomb and strafe communications targets on the toe of Italy; and bridges at Angitola and N of Locri are attacked. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) planes fly anti-shiping sweeps over coastal areas of NE Sicily and the Straits of Messina, carry out armored reconnaissance over the battle areas and toe of Italy, and bomb Randazzo, Sicily. On the ground in Sicily, US Seventh Army forces pursue the enemy to a point W of Naso near the N coast. During the night of 10/11 Aug, the US 3rd Infantry Division makes an amphibious landing on the coast, outflanking the enemy E of Capo d'Orlando. The US 9th Infantry Division reaches a point N of Bronte. HQ Twelfth Air Force transfers from Algeria to Tunisia. HQ 81st Fighter Group transfers from Monastir to Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia. The 84th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 47th Bombardment Group (Light), transfers from Malta to Torrente Comunelli, Sicily with A-20's. The 342nd Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers from Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria to Pont-du-Fahs, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Advance echelon had a day in Tunis. Movies shown in the opening behind our area. No mission.

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USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, 90+ B-25's bomb a bridge, roads, railway, and the city area in and about Randazzo. About 170 P-40's hit Randazzo, shipping at Milazzo and Messina, roads and trains near Messina, and troop movements and evacuations in NE Sicily.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, the Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) again hits communications targets on the toe of Italy; B-17's hit the marshalling yard at Terni, B-25's bomb the Angitola River bridges and B-26's and P-38's attack a bridge at Cantanzaro. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighter-bombers support the US Seventh Army's landing E of Orlando, Sicily by attacking troop concentrations, gun positions, and communications lines leading to the area. On the ground in Sicily, US Seventh Army forces take Naso and press closer to Randazzo. Medium bombers support the British Eighth Army by raiding the Fiumefreddo and Randazzo areas. The 111th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 68th Reconnaissance Group, transfers from Gela to Termini, Sicily with P-51's. A detachment continues to operate from Gela until Sep 43. The 341st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers from Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria to Pont-du-Fahs, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 153, 11 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF. Flight Commander: Maj. White. Flight Leaders: Capts. Coddington & Grow. Observers: Cols. Walsh & Kyle.

2. At 0905 17 B-25's and 7 B-25-D's took off to Bomb Angitola RR & Road Br.
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target

None returned early. 21 dropped 53 X 500 .1 & .01 sec del & salvoed 6 X
No. A/C No. A/C

500 inst & .01 sec delay bombs on target at 1115 from 7400-9000 ft. 24
Time Altitude No. A/C

returned at 1310.
Time

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3. RESULTS: RR Bridge: No direct hits seen on RR bridge. Several near misses observed. Tracks just SW of bridge received direct hits and believed destroyed. Road Bridge: Road bridge believed hit on S end. Many hits on road at S end of bridge and road fork, probably rendered unserviceable.
4. OBS: No E/A observed or engaged. No flak. Shipping: 1 small M/V heading N just off beach W of C. Suvero. 1 small boat on beach at this point. Numerous vehicle tracks leading to same area of beach. Many cars on siding at Lamezia at 1115 hours. 1 med M/V and 1 small M/V heading NE off breakwater at Pizzo but one crew reported 3 M/V's and 15 small M/V's at this point. 15-20 coastal vessels and 3-4 M/V's, 3-5000 tons, at Tropea. 7-8 barges on beach W of target. Ground: Fairly heavy traffic moving N on road between Caringa and Nicastro. 15 flat cars loaded with coal between CARINGA AND LAMIZIA. 2 freight trains, one with 15 cars at Caringa.
5. WEATHER: Target: CAVU with haze. Enroute: 1/10 cumulus at coast. 3/10 cumulus out 15 miles, rest of route scattered cumulus, visibility 9 miles.
6. PRESS DATA: None.

Twenty-four (24) sorties flown 11/8/43.

Course:

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(379th BS did not participate)

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 106

Date- Aug 11, 1943

Target- Angitola Rail and Highway Bridges

Squadron airplanes- twelve

Twenty four of our bombers struck at another brace of bridges, this time on the west coast of Italy, the Rail and Highway Bridges over the Angitola River. We had a bit of hard luck as none of the flight's bombs hit the railroad bridge although several strings were observed to hit directly on the rail line just SW of the bridge. The south end of the highway bridge were believed hit as were many portions of the road on the south end of the bridge and at the road fork. This bridge was probably rendered unserviceable.

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Nor was there any resistance today as yesterday either on the ground or in the air. A moderate amount of enemy shipping was sighted. Two M/V's seen hdg. NE off breakwater at Pizzo. 15-20 coastal vessels and 3-4 M/V's anchored at Tropea, and 7-8 barges on beach west of target. There was also a good amount of rail activity observed. Photos were taken of the bombing. All ships safe.

A/C No. 1 *probably* 41-13079 "Shadrach" (flight leader)

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Gifford, Frank (NMI), 1Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *Kyle, R., Col, NASAF (observer)*

A/C No. 3 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt*
CP *Miller, Merle D., F/O*
N *None*
B *Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 5 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Benton, James H., 2Lt*
CP *Auchard, R.L., Lt*
N *None*
B *Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt*
G *McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Dent, James J., Jr., Capt*
CP *Wells, Samuel Marshall, 1Lt*
N *Potter, Eliot H., 1Lt*
B *Anderson, J.B., Lt*
E *None*
R *Acey, Marvin E., Sgt*
G *McGimpsey, Paul D., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 *aircraft unidentified*

Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt
None
Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt
None
Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt
Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt
Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt

A/C No. 4 *aircraft unidentified*

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt
Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt
Konieczka, William F., 2Lt
None
Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
Gavin, J. F., Maj (observer)

A/C No. 6 *aircraft unidentified*

Drew, Edward A., 2Lt
Beale, Edward J., 2Lt
None
Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt
None
Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt
Miller, Milton H., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 *aircraft unidentified*

Ross, Fred C., Jr., 2Lt
Neumann, Robert H., 2Lt
None
Link, Byron F., S/Sgt
None
Lysowski, Raymond A., Pvt
Litchfield, Edward W., Sgt
None

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	<i>A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified</i>
P	<i>Hament, Carrol (NMI), 2Lt</i>		<i>Derrick, William S., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Arentson, Robert M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt</i>
B	<i>Weinstein, Robert S., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Drake, W.H., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Marquis, Wesley W., Sgt</i>		<i>Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt</i>
F	<i>Faust, R.A., S/Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
	<i>A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified</i>
P	<i>Smith, Leonard D. "Leo", 2Lt</i>		<i>Echols, George A., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Strunk, Clifton W., 2Lt</i>		<i>Toltzman, William J., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Hotaling, R. (NMI), S/Sgt</i>		<i>Silvis, Harry C., Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>McDowell, Alva H., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Taylor, Frank E., Sgt</i>
G	<i>McCabe, George P., Sgt</i>		<i>Roach, James M., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG</i>		<i>None</i>

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
ANGITOLA ROAD BRIDGE, ITALY

Sqrdrn. Mission # 104	Group Mission # 140
Take Off 09:05	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 11:15	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 13:10	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 05 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 12(6 x 500), 32,000# *

* Four bombs were salvoed, and four bombs in another ship did not release

Total Sorties: 702

Average Altitude: 8,200.

Weather: CAVU entire trip with no clouds except over Cape Bon.

REMARKS: The 381st's target was the R.R. Bridge, while the 380th had the highway bridge. Weather made direct hits on these targets difficult.

There was no flak nor enemy aircraft --- just a smooth four hour trip along the Northern coast of Sicily.

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**CREWS
1st Flight**

A/C No. 42-64592 (C)

P *Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt*
CP *Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt*
G *Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-29969 (B)

P *Therrien, Robert W., 2Lt*
CP *Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O*
N *None*
B *Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose"
(D)**

P *Denton, Richard D., 2Lt*
CP *Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt*
N *Victor, Joseph G., 2Lt*
B *Colleton, John C., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (H)

P *Wirth, Thomas F., Jr., F/O*
CP *Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O*
N *None*
B *Smith, Willie A., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Swanson, William M., T/Sgt*
G *Pontet, Emile A., JR., S/Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet"
(A) (flight leader)**

Coddington, Walter E., Capt
Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt
Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt
Hornung, Willard R., 2Lt
None
Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt
Moxey, Orville E., S/Sgt
White, Alpheus Wray, Jr., Maj,
Commander (observer)

A/C No. 42-64594 (E)

Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt
Burris, James W., 2Lt
None
Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt
None
Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt
Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt
None

**A/C No. 42-32500 "The Saint" (E)
(* 4 bombs salvoed)**

Dauley, Charles G., 2Lt
Young, Charles A., 2Lt
None
Campbell, Warren B., S/Sgt
None
Rea, Willis L., Sgt
Sentlingar, Charles W., Cpl
None

A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (G)

Alexander, William T. "Alex", Capt
Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt
Hickman, James G., 1Lt
Withrow, John B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Foderaro, Albert (NMI), S/Sgt
Mayronne, Clyde A., Sgt
None

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A/C No. 41-30333 "A Touch of Texas"

(J)

P *Cook, Walter E., F/O*
CP *Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt*
G *George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (K)

P *Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt*
CP *Arnoult, Hubbard B., Jr., 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Ewalt, William F., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt*
G *Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-30386 "Little Isadore"

(M)

Samson, George D., 2Lt
Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt
None
Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt
None
Lichtenstein, Nathan N., S/Sgt
Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-29957 (L)

Jones, William E., F/O
Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O
None
Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt
None
Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt
Hannon, Robert P., Sgt
None

428th BS War Diary: Jimmy Gilligan dug deep into his recipe book and brought forth nothing short of hot biscuits for dinner today. To top it off we had fresh American butter too. No mission.

Gilligan, James P. "Jimmy", Cpl, cook

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(428th BS did not participate)

Thursday, 12 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, 79 B-25's attack Falcone, Patti, Novara di Sicilia, and Barcelona; P-40's bomb and strafe shipping at Messina.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-25's attack landing grounds at Crotona, and B-26's hit Grazzanise Airfield; they claim 9 fighters shot down.

In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) P-40's and A-36's hit shipping along the NE coast and in the Straits of Messina, attack gun positions and vehicles at Capo Calava and E of Randazzo, and hit a bridge at Taormina and roads in the Maletto-Fiumefreddo areas; NATAF bombers attack Patti, Falcone, Barcelona, and Nunziata. On the ground in Sicily, the US Seventh Army continues to pursue the enemy E along the N coast. Further inland, US forces gain a favorable position from which to assault Randazzo, but the enemy withdraws during the night of 12/13 Aug, precluding an attack. The British Eighth Army seizes Maletto and Riposto. The 85th and 97th Bombardment Squadrons (Light), 47th Bombardment Group (Light), transfer from Malta to Torrente Comunelli, Sicily with A-20's. The 340th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfers from Chateaudun-du-Rhumel, Algeria to Pont-du-Fahs, Tunisia with B-17's

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 154, 12 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
2. At 1045 18 B-25's and 6 B-25-D's took off to Bomb Crotone Bosco Lago
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target

None returned early. 24 dropped 134 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs on
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type

target at 1318 from 8300-9800 ft. 24 returned at 1540. None lost, None
Time Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

Thursday, 12 August 1943 (continued)

Missing, None at _____.
No. A/C Friendly field

3. RESULTS: No bombs seen to hit L/G. Bombs hit short and on both sides. 10 to 15 E/A observed on SW part of field.
4. OBS: No E/A encountered. Flak: Slight, heavy inaccurate flak from Crotone A/D. Shipping: 1 med M/V in Crotone harbor 1315 hours. 1 coastal vessel at 38 deg 37 min N, 16 deg 35 min E at 1320 hours. Ground: CONSIDERABLE activity in RR tracks near Tacina river at 38 deg 57 min N, 16 deg 54 min E. 3 RR trains of approx. 10 cars each on siding at Cutro. 2 more freight trains at S. Leonardo. 15-20 S/E A/C and 2 JU-52's on Crotone A/D. 15-20 A/C on Botricello L/G. No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: Cavu with haze.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft & crew unidentified*
(flight leader)

P
C
P
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 3 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 4 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
C
P
N
B
E
R
G
F

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P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(380th BS did not participate)

Thursday, 12 August 1943 (continued)

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
(381st BS did not participate)

428th BS War Diary: 24 ships set out from here for Crotone-Bosco Lago airdrome, the results are best put by Lt. Basich Assistant S-2 officer, 1 run, no hits, 24 errors. 7 Italian prisoners attached for detail work.

Basich, George F., 1Lt, intelligence

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : The next assignment of our squadron was the Crotone-Bosco Lago airdrome on the twelfth. 24 B-25's of which the lead 12 were ours missed our record for the last few days by photo interpretation has been consistent -- consistently bad.

Slight, heavy, inaccurate flak from nearby Crotone airdrome offered the only opposition. One run, 24 hits, 24 errors.

A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified (flight leader)		A/C No. 2 probably 41-29981 "Mickey II"	
P	<i>Beatty, John H., 1Lt</i>		<i>Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj, Commander</i>		<i>Fleming, James L., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Doolittle, Leonard N., Capt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Kalis, William H., Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>Herring, William S., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Stilp, John P., T/Sgt</i>		<i>Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Myers, Loy G. "Ace", S/Sgt</i>		<i>Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>Kyle, R., Col, NASAF (observer)</i>		<i>None</i>
A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified		A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified	
P	<i>Waugh, Carter H., 2Lt</i>		<i>Southward, Thomas H., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Davidson, James C., 2Lt</i>		<i>Stewart, Hugh W., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Wortman, Robert A., 2Lt</i>
B	<i>Snoddy, William G., 2Lt</i>		<i>Lanning, Fred H., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>East, Charles D., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Kelly, Phillip J., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Agin, Clealon J., Sgt</i>		<i>Hirt, Fred A., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Tooles, William B., 2Lt*
CP *Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Risteau, John E., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Weiland, Ray C., S/Sgt*
G *Sisson, John E., Sgt*
F *Frank, Irving (NMI), S/Sgt*

**A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified- may be
"Sweet Alice"**

P *Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt*
N *Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt*
B *Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt*
G *Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt*
CP *Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt*
G *Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt*
CP *Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Morris, Raymond J., Sgt*
G *Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Fleming, Thornton (NMI), 2Lt
Dory, John N., 2Lt
None
Sierlecki, Richard E., Sgt
None
Manfre, Joseph A., S/Sgt
Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Blaauw, Harold A., 1Lt
Tiefel, Norman J., 2Lt
None
Stewart, Leslie F., T/Sgt
None
Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt
Houseman, Charles M., Jr., S/Sgt
None

**A/C No. 10 41-13050 "Virginia
Sturgeon"**

Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt
Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt
Peterson, Donald L., 2Lt
Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt
None
Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt
Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt
Hogan, Jack F., F/O

Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt
None
Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt
Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt
Reed, Robert H., Sgt

Friday, 13 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): 61 B-24's hit an aircraft factory at Wiener-Neustadt in the first Ninth Air Force raid on Austria. 80+ B-25's hit Piedimonte, Italy, Falcone, Sicily, and shipping at Messina, Sicily. 200+ P-40's attack shipping and bridges along the SW Italian coast, hit shipping in the Straits of Messina, and fly armored reconnaissance and fighter-bomber operations in NE Sicily. The 67th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 44th Bombardment Group (Heavy), ceases operating from Benina, Libya with B-24's and returns to its base at Shipdham, England.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb a marshalling yard at Lorenzi, and B-25's and B-26's hit a marshalling yard at Littoria; other B-25's hit a vessel off Pizzo. P-40's fly a sweep over S Sardinia, strafing small boats, a power station, and railroad junction. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers bomb Piedimonte, Italy, Falcone, Sicily, and bridges N of Scaletta, Sicily. A-36's and fighters hit targets in NE Sicily, the Straits of Messina and on the toe of Italy, including Gioia Tauro, Italy and in Sicily, the Barcelona road junction E of Randazzo, the marshalling yard and trucks at Spadafora, trucks between Taormina and Baracca, and barges, ferries, and small vessels in the Strait of Messina. On the ground in Sicily, the US Seventh Army enters Randazzo without opposition. Coastal forces continue E toward Patti. The 86th Bombardment Squadron (Light), 47th Bombardment Group (Light), transfers from Malta to Torrente Comunelli, Sicily with A-20's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 155, 13 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
2. At 0850 29 B-25-C's & 7 B-25-D's took off to Bomb Littorio M/Y's, Rome
Time No. & type A/C Mission Target

None returned early. 30 dropped 177 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type

on target at 1155 from 10,800-13,000 ft. 30 returned at 1405. None lost,
Time Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C

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None Missing, None at Friendly field.
No. A/C No. A/C

3. RESULTS: Bombs fell in M/Y's. Pinpointing of bomb hits impossible to determine due to dust and smoke from previous bombing and smoke pots from Littorio A/D. Large flame almost 2000 feet high followed by huge cloud of black smoke, thought to be fuel storage tank at K 13-14.
4. OBS: E/A: 1 MA-202 seen just E of Lake Bracciano. 5-6 S/E E/A seen just after target, engaged by the escort. One ME-109 attacked rear of formation and was destroyed. 35-30 E/A on Littorio A/D, approximately 26 3-engine A/C on Marcigliana A/D, 10-15 E/A on Ri9eti. 1 hospital ship heading 140 degrees at 1110 hours, 40 miles off coast at Rome. 1 large M/V and 5 escorts, heading SE at 1117 hours, 60 miles W of Rome. 100 black tank cars at Paolo. Flak: Moderate, heavy and growing to intense heavy flak at target. Triple bursting flak reported. Heavy flak reported from vicinity of Viterbo A/D, SE of Lake Bracciano and C. Linaro. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER: Low deck, 3/10 cover at 4-5000 feet, visibility 3-6 miles, restricted by haze and smoke.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 107

Date- Aug 13, 1943

Target- Littorio Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- two

Just north of Rome are located the important Marshalling Yards of Littorio, which were our target for today. Due to the considerable amount of dust and smoke from previous bombings and smoke pots at Littorio Airdrome, close observations were impossible, although many bombs fell in the northern area of the M/Y's. It is believed that the fuel storage tank in the target area received a direct hit as a large flame almost 2,000' high was observed.

Six enemy fighters attempted to intercept the formation but were driven off by our escort. One ME-109 was probably destroyed by the gunner in the next to last ship in the formation (381st). There were 25-30 a/c on Littorio Airdrome, 26 multi-engine a/c on Marcigliana Airdrome and 10-15 a/c on Rieti. One hospital ship was sighted hdg 140 deg. 11:10 hrs, about 40 miles off coast at Rome. About 100 black tank cars in RR yds at Paola. Moderate to Heavy inaccurate flak was experienced over the target, triple bursting flak reported. Heavy flak also at Viterbo Airdrome, SE of Lake Bracciano and Cape Linaro. Photos were taken and all ships returned safe.

A/C No. 1 *probably 41-13100*
"BOMBLE BEE"

A/C No. 2 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Brown, Charles R, 2Lt*
CP *Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Ash, George W., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt*
G *Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

Wright, John E., 2Lt
LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
None
Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt
None
Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt
Pintar, John L., Sgt
Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt

Friday, 13 August 1943 (continued)

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
LITTORIO R.R. YARDS, ROME, ITALY

Sqdrn. Mission # 105	Group Mission # 142
Take Off 08:50	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 11:55	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 14:05	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 5 Hrs. 15 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 11(6 x 500), 33,000#
Total Sorties: 713	Average Altitude: 11,900.

Weather: Haze, 8-10 miles visibility, scattered clouds.

REMARKS: This mission was part of another combined big push by the NASAF to tie up rail traffic to and from Rome. 106 B-17's and 168 B-25's and B-26's took part --- with 145 P-38's as combined escort, all of which returned safely after destroying 5 enemy fighters.

The individual missions were instructed to radio "Bombs away" for forwarding to world wide news commentators.

Flak: Moderate intensity --- inaccurate.

Enemy aircraft: 6-8 ME-109's and RE-2001's were engaged by the fighters. One Me-109 broke through to attack Lt. Kreuzkamp's aircraft, and Sgt. Mayhew claims its probable destruction.

Results: Visual observations were obstructed by dust and smoke.

One 428th flight returned early due to engine trouble which developed in the aircraft of its leader.

CREWS 1st Flight

A/C No. 42-29957 (P)

A/C No. (O)
(SPARE FILLED IN HERE)

P *Samson, George D., 2Lt*
CP *Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Jereb, Vincent (NMI), S/Sgt*
G *Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

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<p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet" (N) (flight leader)</p> <p>P <i>Coddington, Walter E., Capt</i> CP <i>Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt</i> N <i>Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt</i> B <i>Hornung, Willard R., 2Lt</i> E <i>None</i> R <i>Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt</i> G <i>Moxey, Orville E., S/Sgt</i> F <i>None</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose" (Q)</p> <p>P <i>Denton, Richard D., 2Lt</i> CP <i>Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt</i> N <i>Victor, Joseph G., 2Lt</i> B <i>Colleton, John C., 2Lt</i> E <i>None</i> R <i>Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt</i> G <i>Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt</i> F <i>None</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-32500 "The Saint" (E)</p> <p><i>Dauley, Charles G., 2Lt</i> <i>Young, Charles A., 2Lt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Campbell, Warren B., S/Sgt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Rea, Willis L., Sgt</i> <i>Sentlingar, Charles W., Cpl</i> <i>None</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-64594 (R)</p> <p><i>Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt</i> <i>Burris, James W., 2Lt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt</i> <i>Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt</i> <i>None</i></p>
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2nd Flight

<p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 41-30401 (P)</p> <p>P <i>Durgin, James L., 2Lt</i> CP <i>Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt</i> N <i>None</i> B <i>Doty, James K., Sgt</i> E <i>None</i> R <i>Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt</i> G <i>Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt</i> F <i>None</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (O)</p> <p>P <i>Burt, Norman A., F/O</i> CP <i>Kurtz, James A., 2Lt</i> N <i>None</i> B <i>Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt</i> E <i>None</i> R <i>Porter, Lloyd G., Jr., T/Sgt</i> G <i>Collom, Frank C., Jr., Sgt</i> F <i>None</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose" (N)</p> <p><i>Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt</i> <i>Warren, Donald B., 2Lt</i> <i>Hickman, James G., 1Lt</i> <i>Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt</i> <i>White, John Edward, S/Sgt</i> <i>None</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A/C No. 42-64667 "Wet Dreams" (S)</p> <p><i>Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt</i> <i>Cruise, William H., 2Lt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt</i> <i>None</i> <i>Marshburn, James T., Sgt</i> <i>Lyon, John R., Sgt</i> <i>None</i></p>
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A/C No. 42-64596 "Donna Marie" (Q)		A/C No. 42-64592 (R)	
P	<i>Flake, Ray M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Knecum, Walter A., 2Lt</i>		<i>Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Feinglass, Philip (NMI), 2Lt</i>		<i>Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Fiumecel, Albert F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Marvin, Lawrence R., Sgt</i>		<i>Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

428th BS War Diary: Bill Harris was injured as were the 7 prisoners when his jeep overturned in a Freakish accident. Bill and 2 of the prisoners were taken to a hospital, extent of injuries unknown. The northern half of the marshalling yards in Rome was our part of the target. Smoke pots and dust prevented keen observation but photo interpretation revealed a job well done. One explosion caused flames to shoot 2,000 feet followed by a huge cloud of black smoke. The following day Rome was declared an open city. Bob Hope and Frances Langford put on a show for the base. All the British and the Frenchmen in the sector showed up.

Harris, William R. "Ozark" Cpl

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : The Rome-Littorio Marshalling Yards provided the most ambitious target in almost a month on the 13th. Our mission was to destroy the Northern Half of the railroad installations.

Due to dust and smoke pots, observation of results were indefinite, but photo interpretation revealed a job well done. How well is in one sense determined by the fact that Axis authorities proclaimed it an open city the next day. One explosion caused flames to rise 2,000 feet, followed by a huge cloud of black smoke. A great day, for we had no losses.

Six of our planes were forced to turn back because of the failure of supercharger on the ship of the leader of the last box.

One of two attacking enemy aircraft was destroyed. Moderate heavy flak was experienced to target and this assumed an intense quality. The route over land was excessively long as we were forced to follow the 321st Bomb Group.

A/C No. 1 <i>aircraft unidentified- may be</i> "Bad Seed"		A/C No. 2 <i>aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Brock, James C., 1Lt</i>		<i>Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Berent, Raymond E., 2Lt</i>		<i>Hogan, Jack F., F/O</i>
N	<i>Martin, William V., 2Lt</i>		
B	<i>Keys, Paul R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Stilp, John P., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt</i>		<i>Myers, Loy G. "Ace", S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>Goeckel, Frank Edward, 2Lt (observer)</i>

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	<i>A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified</i>	<i>A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified</i>
P	<i>Purifoy, Lawrence Lloyd "Peter Plink", 1Lt</i>	<i>Butterfield, William M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Hartzell, Jacob S., 2Lt</i>	<i>Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
B	<i>Queen, Kenneth E., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R	<i>Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Skypeck, George F., Cpl</i>	<i>Storms, Donald W., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
	<i>A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified</i>	<i>A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified</i>
P	<i>Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt</i>	<i>Douglas, James D., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt</i>	<i>Farley, Jean N., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
B	<i>Connors, Charles L., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R	<i>Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl</i>	<i>Sviantek, John L., Sgt</i>
F	<i>Frank, Irving (NMI), S/Sgt</i>	<i>None</i>
	<i>A/C No. 7 aircraft & crew unidentified</i>	<i>A/C No. 8 aircraft & crew unidentified</i>
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	<i>A/C No. 9 aircraft & crew unidentified</i>	<i>A/C No. 10 aircraft & crew unidentified</i>
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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* **A/C No. 12** *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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Saturday, 14 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): 61 B-24's, on loan from the Eighth Air Force, bomb the Bf 109 factory at Wiener-Neustadt, Austria. B-25's attack road junctions and vehicle concentrations along the NE coast of Sicily and bomb a crossroads N of Palmi, Italy. P-40's hit shipping in the Milazzo and Messina, Sicily areas and along the Italian coast in the Palmi area.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) P-38's sweep the toe of Italy but find little enemy movement. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters, and medium and light bombers hit a refueling depot at Nicola and near Gesso, Sicily, a road junction N of Palmi, Italy, shipping in the straits and along the W coast of Italy N to Gioia, and numerous targets of opportunity in NE Sicily and S Italy as the enemy continues an orderly evacuation from Sicily to mainland Italy across the Straits of Messina. On the ground in Sicily, US troops speed E along the coast to the Barcelona area and also continue pursuit of the enemy E of Randazzo. The 340^t, 341st and 342nd Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), transfer from Pont-du-Fahs to Depienne, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: No mission. About a dozen foreign vehicles have been secured by various members of the squadron giving us a motor pool of our own. Pvt. Temple placed in arrest of qtrs, pending court martial for wrecking a stolen jeep.

Temple, Robert W., Pvt, radio-gunner

Sunday, 15 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Sicily, B-25's hit shipping along the beaches of Sant' Agata di Militello; 180+ P-40's attack shipping at Messina and in the Straits of Messina. Enemy forces withdrawing to mainland Italy are pounded severely by constant air attacks.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-25's and B-26's bomb Sibari railroad junction and marshalling yard, and P-38's hit trains, troops, radar, and Staletti railroad tracks and tunnel. P-40's attack a bivouac area near Monserrato, Sardinia. On the ground in Sicily, US Seventh Army troops land on the Sicilian N coast NW of Barcelona during the night of 15/16 Aug to block the enemy withdrawal. The US 3rd Infantry Division heads along the N coast to Spadafora. British Eighth Army troops complete a drive around Mount Etna as the Randazzo-Linguaglossa road is closed. Linguaglossa and Taormina are taken. HQ 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy) transfers from Pont-du-Fahs to Depienne, Tunisia. The 92nd Fighter Squadron, 81st Fighter Group, transfers from Warnier, Algeria to Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia with P-39's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Bill Harris' injuries were finally revealed as just a strained muscle in his right thigh.

Harris, William R. "Ozark" Cpl

Monday, 16 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): 86 B-24's bomb the city area and airfields at Foggia, Italy. In Sicily, 50+ B-25's hit landing craft concentrations near Ganzirri and Messina, and 100+ P-40's hit shipping at Messina and in the Straits of Messina, as the enemy continues the withdrawal of rear guard troop to mainland Italy. Before midnight, US patrols enter Messina, which is under fire from the Italian coast.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) medium bombers hit Staletti and a temporary bridge at Angitola. In Sicily, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers hit shipping in the Straits of Messina and from N of Messina to Capo Pelaro. A-36's and P-40's concentrate on communications targets on the toe of Italy, hitting trains, trucks, railroad yards, and sidings at Nicastro, Lamezia, Amantea, and Sambiasi. Also bombed are barges, ferries, and small vessels off Messina, Sicily and in the Golfo di Sant' Eufemia, Italy.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 156, 16 August 1943

- UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
- At 1435 36 B-25's took off to Bomb Trestle and Rd Bridges at Staletti.
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target
None returned early. 28 dropped 102 X 500 .1 & .025 sec del and 66 X
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type
500 .1 & .01 sec delay bombs on target at 1703 from 7500-9900 ft. 36 returned
Time Altitude No. A/C
at 1912. None Missing, None lost, None at _____.
Time No. A/C No. A/C No. A/C Friendly field
- RESULTS: North Road Bridge: Overcast at target prevented accurate observations. Believe most bombs hit to left and short of this bridge. Rd N of bridge seen hit. South Road Bridge: No hits observed on this bridge. Road just N and S of bridge was hit. Some bombs falling short believed to have severed RR line. Trestle: Overcast again limited observations. Some bombs started at water and walked up to tracks, no direct hits seen. Other bombs cut RR and highway N and S of trestle.

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4. OBS: No E/A observed or encountered. No flak. 1 med M/V heading 322 deg just off coast at Soverato. 8-10 large trucks, canvas covered and 12 smaller cars, stopped, headed NE on road just S of target trestle. 1 string of 20 RR cars on track just S of trestle.
No messages sent or received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER AT TARGET: Haze, visibility 3 miles; 6-8/10 coverage at 7-8000 ft.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* **A/C No. 2** *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 3 *aircraft & crew unidentified* **A/C No. 4** *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

Monday, 16 August 1943 (continued)

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 108

Date- Aug 16, 1943

Target- Punto Di Staletti (RR & Highway Bridge)

Squadron airplanes- twelve

Adverse weather conditions hampered our bombing today. The target two road bridges and RR trestle were a perfect set-up as there was absolutely no enemy resistance whatsoever. But as luck would have it and 8/10th cumulus cloud coverage nestled itself over the target and obscured our objectives thus making a good bomb run impossible. Some observations were made through as follows: On the North Bridge most of the bombs hit to the left and short but the road N of the bridge was cut by a string of bombs. The south bridge bombing was almost identical as no hits were seen on the bridge although several strings of bombs destroyed portions of the road just N and S of the bridge. No direct hits were observed scored on the RR Trestle. The rail line and highways N and S of trestle were severed however.

A medium sized merchantman was seen headed NNW just off Soverato. On the track just south of the trestle a string of approximately 20 RR cars were observed. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safe.

A/C No. 1 *probably* 41-13079 "Shadrach"

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Walton, Cecil Vernon V., 2Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Anderson, J.B., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *Hunter, Anthony G., Col, 310th BG
Commander (observer)*

A/C No. 3 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt*
CP *Toltzman, William J., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt*
G *Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt*
F *Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt*

A/C No. 2 *aircraft unidentified*

Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt
Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
Himes, Burke W., Cpl
*Landron, George, J., Capt, 82nd FG
(observer)*

A/C No. 4 *aircraft unidentified*

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt
Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt
Konieczka, William F., 2Lt
None
Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
None

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A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Benton, James H., 2Lt*
CP *Auchard, R.L., Lt*
N *None*
B *Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Dinges, J.W., S/Sgt*
G *McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Carney, James B., 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt*
CP *Miller, Merle D., F/O*
N *None*
B *Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt*
F *Faust, R.A., S/Sgt*

**A/C No. 11 probably 41-13100
"BOMBLE BEE"**

P *Brown, Charles R, 2Lt*
CP *Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Ash, George W., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt*
G *Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Drew, Edward A., 2Lt
Beale, Edward J., 2Lt
None
Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt
None
Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt
Miller, Milton H., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
Marquis, Wesley W., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
None
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
Eichner, Lambert John, Jr., 1Lt
(observer)

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O
Bates, Willie L., F/O
None
Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt
None
Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt
Ritter, Robert E., Sgt
None

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381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
STALETTI TRESTLE AND ROAD BRIDGE, ITALY

Sqdrn. Mission # 106	Group Mission # 143
Take Off 14:35	Flight 28 B-25's
Target 17:03	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 19:12	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 37 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 1(6 x 500), 3,000#
Total Sorties: 714	Average Altitude: 8,700.

Weather: Haze and intervening clouds obstructed vision at the target.

REMARKS: Lt. Dusek filled in as a spare. Results uncertain.

CREWS 2nd Flight

A/C No. 41-29969 (B)

P *Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt*
CP *Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O*
N *None*
B *Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

428th BS War Diary: Still attempting to sever R.R. communications, the railroad yards at Punto Di Staletti were hit. The target was partly obscured by clouds. However, the road north and south of the bridge were hit and a string of bombs dropped on the railroad line itself. Lt. Butterfield completed his 50th mission.

Butterfield, William M., 1Lt, pilot

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
Continuing on the program to establish blocks at bottlenecks of communications utilized by evacuated enemy forces, we were assigned the job of putting out the Punto Di Staletti railroad and highway bridges. On the 16th of August 36 B-25's were somewhat hindered by cloud cover. However the road just North and South of the bridge were hit. Strings that fell short severed the railroad line. Other strings cut their railroad communications at different points and the highway North and South of the trestle.

No opposition of any kind was experienced. Another milk run with only fair results.

Perhaps the most interesting item concerning this mission is that First Lt. Henry G. Bingham was Major Walker's co-pilot at one time, and this day he led the raid -- and

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Major Walker lowered the flaps and landing gear for his erstwhile assistant. It was 1st Lt. Butterfields's 50th mission.

	A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified- may be "Sweet Alice"		A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified
P	<i>Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt</i>		<i>Blaauw, Harold A., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj, Commander</i>		<i>Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Stewart, Leslie F., T/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Houseman, Charles M., Jr., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>Hinman, Harvey H., Lt Col (observer)</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified		A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified
P	<i>Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt</i>		<i>Butterfield, William M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Harder, Frank A., 1Lt</i>		<i>Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt</i>		<i>Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Black, James F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Storms, Donald W., S/Sgt ,</i>
F	<i>Bean, Herman B., Cpl</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified		A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified
P	<i>Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Douglas, James D., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt</i>		<i>Farley, Jean N., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Karvel, Roy L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl</i>		<i>Sviantek, John L., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 7 41-13050 "Virginia Sturgeon		A/C No. 8 probably 41-29981 "Mickey II"
P	<i>Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt</i>		<i>Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Fleming, James L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt</i>
N	<i>Wortman, Robert A., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt</i>		<i>Herring, William S., S/Sgt,</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt*
CP *Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Morris, Raymond J., Sgt*
G *Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Purifoy, Lawrence Lloyd "Peter Plink", 1Lt*
CP *Hartzell, Jacob S., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Lim, Wing Y., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt*
G *Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt*
F *Goolsby, John R., T/Sgt, HQ 310th BG*

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Southward, Thomas H., 2Lt
Berent, Raymond E., 2Lt
None
Lanning, Fred H., 2Lt
None
Kelly, Phillip J., S/Sgt
Hirt, Fred A., Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Fleming, Thornton (NMI), 2Lt
Dory, John N., 2Lt
None
Connors, Charles L., S/Sgt
None
Neview, Frederick J., Cpl
Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt
Reed, Robert H., Sgt

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USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): 200+ P-40's hit shipping at Messina, Sicily, at Palmi and in the Gulf of Gioia, Italy.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): The Sicilian campaign ends with the official entry of the US Seventh Army's 3d Infantry Division into Messina at 1000 hours. The British force from Ali arrives shortly thereafter. The fall of Sicily paves the way for the stepped-up air offensive against Italy.

In France, about 180 Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's attack Istres-Le-Tube Airfield and Salon-de-Provence Airfield. Around 100 medium bombers attack communications targets on the N part of the Italian toe, hitting Battipaglia and Castrovillari with damaging effect; escorting P-38's strafe vehicles in the area. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters and light bombers pound shipping in the Straits of Messina and Gulf of Gioia, Italy, hit the rail center at Lamezia, Italy, and harass enemy movement on the Italian toe. The 416th Night Fighter Squadron, Twelfth Air Force, transfers from Algiers to Bone, Algeria with Beaufighters. The squadron will fly its first combat mission on 4 Sep.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 157, 17 August 1943

- UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
- At 1130 36 B-25's took off to Bomb Hair pin curve in Rd between
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target
Palermi and Valleflorita. None returned early. 26 dropped 156 X 500 .1
No. A/C No. A/C No & Type
& .025 sec delay bombs on target at 1400 from 7300-10,000 ft. 36 returned
Time Altitude No. A/C
at 1608. None lost, None Missing, None at _____.
Time No. A/C No. A/C No. A/C Friendly field

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3. RESULTS: Direct hits across tip of hairpin curve. Road cut on both N and S sides of curve. Road curve E of target was believed hit. Seven ships failed to bomb due to inability to recognize target. One element of 3 ships bombed RR siding at MARINA DI CATANZARO without results.
4. OBS: No E/A or flak encountered. 1 Small M/V anchored off coast at SOVERATO, 38 deg 45 min N, 16 deg 35 min E. 100-200 freight cars in M/Y's at MARINA DI CATANZARO. Approximately 25-50 RR cars near bridge, along coast at SOVERATO. 4 M/T entering grove from road S of target area. One message sent and one received. Photos were taken.
5. WEATHER AT TARGET: 2/10 scattered cumulus at 6000 ft., visibility unlimited, slight haze.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 2 aircraft and crew unidentified

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A/C No. 3 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 4 aircraft and crew unidentified

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F**

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A/C No. 5 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 6 aircraft and crew unidentified

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CP
N
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F

A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 9 aircraft and crew unidentified

*A/C No. 10 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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CP
N
B
E
R
G
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*A/C No. 11 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

*A/C No. 12 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 109

Date- Aug 17, 1943

Target- Hair pin curve in Road between Palermiti
& Valleforita

Squadron airplanes- eleven

Supplies are the life line of every fighting army and when they are cut the army is practically powerless. We in this theatre are fighting a war of supplies attacking targets like the one today which if destroyed would mean a holdup of the enemy supply line until the damage can be repaired or a new route prescribed. Our bombers did a fair bit of bombing on the road target and direct hits were observed across the tip of the hairpin curve. The road was also cut on both the north and south sides of the curve. Bomb strings severed the road curve east of the target.

No enemy resistance. Considerable amount of rail activity noticed. 100 to 200 freight cars in M/Y's at Marina di Cantanzaro and 25 - 50 RR cars near bridge along coast at Soverato. A small M/V observed anchored off coast at Soverato. Photos taken and all ships returned safe to base.

A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Carney, James B., 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *Eperson, E.H., Maj (observer)*

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt*
CP *Miller, M.D., F/O*
N *None*
B *Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt
Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
Himes, Burke W., Cpl
Soderlund, Donald K., Sgt

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Derrick, William S., 2Lt
Strunk, Clifton W., 2Lt
Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt
Drake, W.H., 2Lt
None
Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt
Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt
None

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A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Echols, George A., 2Lt*
CP *Toltzman, William J., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Silvis, Harry C., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Taylor, Frank E., Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Dent, James J., Jr., Capt*
CP *Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt*
N *Konieczka, William F., 2Lt*
B *Anderson, J.B., Lt*
E *None*
R *Acey, Marvin E., Sgt*
G *McGimpsey, Paul D., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt*
CP *Weaver, Joseph S., Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt*
G *Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt*
F *Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG*

**A/C No. 11 probably 41-13100
"BOMBLE BEE"**

P *Brown, Charles R, 2Lt*
CP *Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Ash, George W., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt*
G *Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 6
(SPARE FILLED IN HERE)**

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Ross, Fred C., Jr., 2Lt
Neumann, Robert H., 2Lt
None
Link, Byron F., S/Sgt
None
Dinges, J.W., S/Sgt
Litchfield, Edward W., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
None
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O
Bates, Willie L., F/O
None
Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt
None
Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt
Ritter, Robert E., Sgt
None

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**381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
ROAD CURVE BETWEEN PALERMITI AND VALLEFIORITA, ITALY**

Sqdrn. Mission # 107	Group Mission # 144
Take Off 11:30	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 14:00	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 16:98	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 38 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 11(6 x 500), 33,000#
Total Sorties: 725	Average Altitude: 8,650.

Weather: CAVU entire trip. Smooth except over Sicily.

REMARKS: A "Milk Run". No flak, no fighters and no direct hits on the road..

CREWS

1st Flight

A/C No. 42-32428 "Little Isadore" (C)

P *Samson, George D., 2Lt*
CP *Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Lichtenstein, Nathan N., S/Sgt*
G *Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *Pummill, Earl (NMI), Cpl*

A/C No. 41-29969 (B)

P *Therrien, Robert W., 2Lt*
CP *Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O*
N *None*
B *Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (D)

P *Evans, George N., Capt*
CP *Sheets, Richard L., 2Lt*
N *Victor, Joseph G., 2Lt*
B *Leasure, Oliver B., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Jereb, Vincent (NMI), S/Sgt*
G *Schoen, Everett G., S/Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet"
(A)**

Coddington, Walter E., Capt
Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt
Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt
Hornung, Willard R., 2Lt
None
Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt
Rounis, Gus T., T/Sgt
None

**A/C No. 41-30333 "A Touch of Texas"
(F)**

Cook, Walter E., F/O
Knecum, Walter A., 2Lt
None
Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt
None
Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt
George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt
None

A/C No. (E)

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A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (J)

P *Burt, Norman A., F/O*
CP *Arnoult, Hubbard B., Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Porter, Lloyd G., Jr., T/Sgt*
G *Bozovich, Matthew L., S/Sgt*
F *Pemberton, Robert (NMI) "Bob", Capt,
381st BS (observer)*

A/C No. 42-64594 (H)

P *Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt*
CP *Burris, James W., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt*
G *Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (K)

P *Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt*
CP *Kurtz, James A., 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt*
G *Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose" (G)

Denton, Richard D., 2Lt
Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O
Hickman, James G., 1Lt
Colleton, John C., 2Lt
None
Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt
Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 41-30401 (M)

Durgin, James L., 2Lt
Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt
None
Doty, James K., Sgt
None
Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt
Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-29957 (L)

Jones, William E., F/O
Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O
None
Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt
None
Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt
Hannon, Robert P., Sgt
None

428th BS War Diary: The picture "Casablanca" was shown while a bombing could be heard going on somewhere between our base and Bizerte. R.R. switchboard between Palermiti and Vallefiorita on the ball of Italy's foot was the target. Results were mediocre.

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) **Group Mission # :** The target for the 17th was the railroad switchback between Palermiti and Vallefiorita a bit inland from Soverato on the ball of Italy's foot. Direct hits were seen on the tip of the hairpin curve. The road was hit on both sides of the curve. Seven ships of the 36 failed to see the target while three bombed an opportunity target at Cantanzaro without results. No opposition once again.

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A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified

P *Buglass, Kenneth G., 2Lt*
CP *Sandstrom, John E., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Queen, Kenneth E., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Hook, Raymond K., S/Sgt*
G *Rankin, James V., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Fleming, Thornton (NMI), 2Lt
Dory, John N., 2Lt
None
Connors, Charles L., S/Sgt
None
Neview, Frederick J., Cpl
Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt
None

Wednesday, 18 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force):

In Italy, P-40's attack motor transport between Scilla and Bagnara, and bomb shipping off Scilla.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) fighters and medium bombers hit barracks and railroad at Gonnese, sink a small vessel in the Golfo di Sant' Eufemia and bomb and strafe a railway station, bridge, and tracks at Soverato, bridges and a road junction at Angitola, and highway and road junction at Staletti. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) airplanes hit gun positions and road and rail transport in S Italy.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Pvt Leonard returned after 5 days AWOL.

Leonard, Charles O., Pvt,

Thursday, 19 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): About 70 B-24's bomb the marshalling yard at Foggia, Italy. P-40's fly coastal reconnaissance over the toe of Italy and bomb roads and buildings.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, 150+ Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb the Foggia marshalling yard, while almost 100 medium bombers hit marshalling yards at Sapri and Salerno; the bombers, and escorting P-38's claim 34 enemy planes shot down, against 8 losses; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) A-36's attack the Cantanzaro marshalling yard; P-40's on sweeps over the Italian toe attack a train near Melito di Porto Salvo and strafe a small number of trucks. The 12th Photographic Squadron (Light), 3rd Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, ceases operating from Gela/Ponte Olivo, Sicily with F-4's and returns to its base at Ariana, Tunisia. The 86th and 97th Bombardment Squadrons (Light), 47th Bombardment Group (Light) transfer from Torrente Coumunelli to Gerbini, Sicily with A-20's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 158, 19 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
2. At 1130 48 B-25's took off to Bomb Salerno M/Y's. None returned
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target No. A/C

early. 48 dropped 288 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs on target at 1345
No. A/C No & Type Time

from 8400-12000 ft. 45 returned at 1550. One Lost, None missing,
Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

2 at Bocca Di Falco.
No. A/C Friendly field

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3. RESULTS: North M/Y: Hits on extreme N end and area adjacent to Western edge. Hits on buildings to NW observed. R.R. BRIDGE: No direct hits seen on bridge. Tracks just SE of bridge believed severed and direct hits observed on tracks just W of Bridge. Industrial buildings S of bridge received some hits. MAIN M/Y's: Many strings across main M/Y's at station. Bombing pattern covered entire area. Bombs walked across gas holders, causing large explosion. Cement factory, repair shops, and adjacent buildings received direct hits. Smoke pots were used.

4. OBS: E/A: One crew reported observing three E/A in vicinity of target. Did not attack, driven off by escort. Ground: 6 E/A seen on Monte Corvino Ravello A/D. Flak: Moderate heavy, accurate. One puff of bright red flak reported. Positions as follows: H-25, IJ-30, A-26, B-24, 40 deg 39 minutes N, 14 deg 48 minutes E. Possible use of mobile guns from highway. Gun positions reported at G-20/21 believed knocked out. Some light flak from boats in harbor. Shipping: One unidentified vessel leaving harbor at target time. 1 M/V, 300-350 ft., 25 miles off shore, heading NW. 1 hospital ship at 40 deg 30 minutes N, 14 deg 30 minutes E, heading 315 deg, time 1356. At least 10 small craft in harbor, and 1 good sized M/V. Ground: No observations.
Photos were taken.

5. WEATHER AT TARGET: Ceiling unlimited, haze up to 8-10000 ft., visibility 6-8 miles.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 2 aircraft and crew unidentified
(flight leader)

P *Allison, Royal B., 1Lt, pilot*

Eaton, Frank H., F/O, pilot

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A/C No. 3 *aircraft and crew unidentified* A/C No. 4 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 5 *aircraft and crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

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CP
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R
G
F

A/C No. 7 *aircraft and crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft and crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
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A/C No. 9 *aircraft and crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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*A/C No. 11 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

*A/C No. 12 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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*A/C No. 13 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

*A/C No. 14 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 110

Date- Aug 19, 1943

Target- Salerno Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- twelve

Enemy resistance flared up again today when forty eight of our bombers attacked the Salerno M/Y's on the west coast of Italy. Accurate heavy flak scored a hit on one of our aircraft, Lt. Goss's plane, and last seen making a controlled landing. P-38's circled around the crew of six that cleared the ship and were afloat in a dinghy. Several other aircraft in our squadron went home with scars of this accurate fire, Lt. Wright and Lt. Rice being among these.

Bomb strings patterned the extreme N end and area adjacent to the Western edge of the North M/Y's and some hits on the buildings to the NW were observed. There were no direct hits seen on the bridge but the tracks just W of the bridge. Our bombing resulted in the damage and possible destruction of the Industrial Buildings S of the Bridge. The main M/Y's were exceptionally well covered. Bombs hit squarely on the cement factory, repair shops and adjacent bldgs. Extensive use of smoke pots made observations difficult. Photos were taken and remaining ships returned safely.

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Casualty Section: Entire crew of six observed to clear the ship after it hit the water just off the western coast of Italy in the Gulf of Salerno. Last seen afloat in a dinghy and are believed prisoners of war.

Pilot- Lieut. R.R. Goss
Co-Pilot- F/O M.D. Miller
Bombardier- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski
Radio Operator- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis
Aerial Gunner- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers
AP- Corporal V. Sibaila

A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Carney, James B., 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Blumenfeld, Philip I., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *Holmes, William G., Capt (observer)*

A/C No. 3 42-53451 (MACR-477) (shot down by Flak)

P *Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt*
CP *Miller, Merle D., F/O*
N *None*
B *Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt*
F *Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt*
CP *Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt*
G *Himes, Burke W., Cpl*
F *Coughlin, Lt Col (observer)*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
Freeland, Levi B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
Pintar, John L., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
None
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O
Bates, Willie L., F/O
None
Blevins, Amos M., S/Sgt
None
Henry, Lewis F., S/Sgt
Ritter, Robert E., Sgt
None

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A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Dent, James J., Jr., Capt*
CP *Walton, Cecil Vernon V., 2Lt*
N *Konieczka, William F., 2Lt*
B *Anderson, J.B., Lt*
E *None*
R *Acey, Marvin E., Sgt*
G *McGimpsey, Paul D., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt*
CP *LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt*
G *Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt*
F *Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Benton, James H., 2Lt*
CP *Auchard, R.L., Lt*
N *None*
B *Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt*
G *McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt*
F *Powers, John A., S/Sgt*

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Ross, Fred C., Jr., 2Lt
Neumann, Robert H., 2Lt
None
Link, Byron F., S/Sgt
None
Dinges, J.W., S/Sgt
Litchfield, Edward W., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt
None
Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt
None
Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
Gavin, J.F., Maj (observer)

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Drew, Edward A., 2Lt
Beale, Edward J., 2Lt
None
Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt
None
Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt
Miller, Milton H., Sgt
None

380th BS War Diary: Casualty Report:

19 August 1943

On the above date while participating in an operational mission to Salerno Marshalling Yards in Italy, the following men are reported missing:

Pilot- Lieut. R.R. Goss
Co-Pilot- F/O M.D. Miller
Bombardier- S/Sgt. W.F. Jastrzemski
Radio Operator- S/Sgt. P.A. Poknis
Aerial Gunner- S/Sgt. L.F. Rodgers
AP- corporal V. Sibaila

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Entire crew of six observed to clear the ship after it hit the water just off the western coast of Italy in the Gulf of Salerno. Last seen afloat in a dinghy and are believed prisoners of war.

(NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DATE)

380th BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 639: Lt. Allison, flight leader, circled from 1403 hours to 1416 hours, contacted Lt. Goss on radio, observed the landing in water, contacted air-sea rescue at Palermo, and left. 5 men were seen to get into raft. F/O Eaton also circled, dropped a radio transmitter and left.

Allison, Royal B., 1Lt, pilot, 445th BS

Eaton, Frank H., F/O, pilot, 445th BS

Air-Sea Rescue Service was contacted and given full information. Attempts were made to rescue the crew, but when the two dinghys were located they were empty.

A/C No. 3 42-53451 (MACR-477) (shot down by Flak)

P *Goss, Ralph R., 2Lt - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*
CP *Miller, Merle D., F/O - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*
N *None*
B *Jastrzemski, Walter F., S/Sgt - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*
E *None*
R *Poknis, Paul A., S/Sgt - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*
G *Rodgers, Lamar Franklin, Sgt - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*
F *Sibaila, Vytautas F., Cpl, HQ 310th BG - MIA, POW, RTD, EUS*

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
SALERNO MARSHALLING YARDS, ITALY

Sqdrn. Mission # 108	Group Mission # 145
Take Off 11:30	Flight 48 B-25's
Target 13:45	Escort 24 P-38's
Down 15:50	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 20 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 11(6 x 500), 33,000#
Total Sorties: 737	Average Altitude: 10,200.

Weather: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 4 to 6 miles.

REMARKS: Only average bombing results. Accurate, moderately intense flak caused one 380th aircraft to land in the water 25 miles after the target. Also, Lt. James Fleming Co-Pilot of a 428th aircraft was fatally injured. All three of our ships in the 1st element received hits.

No enemy aircraft attacked.

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CREWS
2nd Flight

A/C No. 41-30401 (C)		A/C No. 41-29980 (A)	
P	<i>Durgin, James L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt</i>		<i>Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Forbes, Robert L., 1Lt</i>
B	<i>Doty, James K., Sgt</i>		<i>Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt</i>		<i>White, John Edward, S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (B)		A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (F)	
P	<i>Burt, Norman A., F/O</i>		<i>Wirth, Thomas F., Jr., F/O</i>
CP	<i>Arnoult, Hubbard B., Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt</i>		<i>Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Porter, Lloyd G., Jr., T/Sgt</i>		<i>Swanson, William M., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Bozovich, Matthew L., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Pontet, Emile A., JR., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
A/C No. 42-64596 "Donna Marie" (D)		A/C No. 42-64667 "Wet Dreams" (E)	
P	<i>Flake, Ray M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt</i>		<i>Cruise, William H., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Ewalt, William F., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Feinglass, Philip (NMI), 2Lt</i>		<i>Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Fiumecel, Albert F., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Marshburn, James T., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Marvin, Lawrence R., Sgt</i>		<i>Lyon, John R., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
A/C No. 42-64592 (J)		A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet" (G)	
P	<i>Campbell, Martin H., Jr., F/O</i>		<i>Coddington, Walter E., Capt</i>
CP	<i>Sautter, Carl U., 2Lt</i>		<i>Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt</i>
B	<i>Grossi, Frank L., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Hornung, Willard R., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Standish, Beverly R., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Sigafoos, James F., Jr., Sgt</i>		<i>Rounis, Gus T., T/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 41-29969 (H)

P *Therrien, Robert W., 2Lt*
CP *Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O*
N *None*
B *Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (K)

P *Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt*
CP *Kurtz, James A., 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt*
G *Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-30386 (M)

Hanna, Malcolm C., 2Lt
Sheets, Richard L., 2Lt
None
Trevethan, George R., S/Sgt
None
Pelkey, John R., S/Sgt
Camagna, Celest F., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-29957 (L)

Jones, William E., F/O
Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O
None
Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt
None
Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt
Hannon, Robert P., Sgt
Burt, Wwarwick C. S., T/Sgt

428th BS War Diary: The Salerno marshalling yards south of Naples was the rough target for today. Lt. James L. Fleming flying as co-pilot for Lt. Brennan was killed by a burst of flak that crippled the ship and injured Robert "Slugger" Davis the gunner. The plane crash landed at Bocca Di Falco airdrome in Sicily. The landing was made with no flaps, one engine, main wheels down and right tire flat, no nose wheel. T/Sgt. Smit and Lt. Keys were bruised up on the landing. 380th lost a ship in the sea. Bombs ere dropped on installations bordering the north marshalling yards. The west half of the yards were demolished. Direct hits were observed on the tracks. Gas holders were hit causing a large explosion. Italian communiqués admit heavy damage. S/Sgt. Glover completed his 50th mission.

Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt, pilot
Fleming, James L., 2Lt, pilot
Keys, Paul R., 2Lt, bombardier

Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt, gunner
Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt, gunner
Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt, radio-gunner

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : On August 19th misfortune and sorrow visited the 428th after an absence of four and a half months. Lt. James Fleming, co-pilot for L. Brennan was killed almost instantly by a flak fragment over the Salerno marshalling yards. Lt. Brennan's handling of a badly crippled ship was as outstanding as any flying any pilot of this group has ever done. With one engine out, the other rapidly heating, delivering only partial power; with broken hydraulic

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lines and a nose wheel that refused to lower because of severed cables, Lt. Brennan made a landing that saved the rest of the crew. The plane was washed out completely, largely because the right tire of the main landing gear was flat. S/Sgt. Davis had been slightly injured by the flak burst. Lt. Keys and S/Sgt Smit received superficial cuts when the plane fell over on its nose and proceeded to ground-loop, nose down on its good wheel. The planes of Lt. Brennan's wingmen, Lts., Douglas and Boswell, were also well riddled.

Forty-eight aircraft dropped 288 five hundred pounders to good effect. The northern two thirds of the marshalling yards was peppered with hits. Tracks just Southeast of the bridge were severed. Bombs walked through gas holders, causing a large explosion. The railroad station was obliterated, and the repair shops and cement factory suffered hits. Three enemy aircraft in the vicinity of the target were driven off by the escort. Moderate heavy flak at the target was extremely accurate.

<i>A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified- may be "Bad Seed"</i>		<i>A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Brock, James C., 1Lt</i>		<i>Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj, Commander</i>		<i>Harder, Frank A., 1Lt</i>
N	<i>Doolittle, Leonard N., Capt,</i>		<i>Martin, William V., 2Lt</i>
B	<i>Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Chalmers, Gordon W., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt</i>		<i>Donaldson, William M., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
<i>A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Purifoy, Lawrence Lloyd "Peter Plink", 1Lt</i>		<i>Gena, Gerald M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Hartzell, Jacob S., 2Lt</i>		<i>Kirtley, John M., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Lim, Wing Y., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Kalis, William H., Jr., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Manfre, Joseph A., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Ciampi, Francis (NMI), Sgt</i>		<i>Black, James F., Pvt</i>
F	<i>Reed, Robert H., Sgt</i>		<i>Ryterband, Louis (NMI), Capt (observer)</i>
<i>A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Koch, Richard J., 2Lt</i>		<i>Edwards, William P., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Moulder, Robert W., F/O</i>		<i>Stewart, Hugh W., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Ovalle, Charles V., Sgt</i>		<i>Burkett, William H., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Jack, Robert C., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Ringler, Ryan C., Sgt</i>		<i>Glover, Harold E., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

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**A/C No. 7 10 41-13050 "Virginia
Sturgeon**

P *Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt*
CP *Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt*
N *Wortman, Robert A., 2Lt*
B *Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt*
G *Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt*
CP *Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Morris, Raymond J., Sgt*
G *Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt*
F *Basich, George F., 1Lt (observer)*

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Buglass, Kenneth G., 2Lt
Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt
None
Queen, Kenneth E., S/Sgt
None
Hook, Raymond K., S/Sgt
Rankin, James V., S/Sgt
Bean, Herman B., Cpl

A/C No. 10 41-29981 "Mickey II"
(crash landed)

Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt
Fleming, James L., 2Lt
None
Keys, Paul R., 2Lt
None
Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt
Davis, Robert M. "Slugger", S/Sgt
None

Friday, 20 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): P-40's strafe and bomb shipping off the Italian toe and communications targets on land. Hits are scored on bridges, railway yards, and railway cars.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-26's hit the Capua and Aversa marshalling yards, while B-25's bomb the Benevento marshalling yard, and P-40's attack the airfield at Monserrato, Sardinia; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters hit road and railway at Gioia and trucks near Locri during missions along the E and W coasts of the Italian toe. HQ 47th Bombardment Group (Light) and its 84th and 85th Bombardment Squadrons (Light) transfer with A-20's from Torrente Comunelli to Gerbini, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Lt. Fleming was buried in the 2nd Armored Division Cemetery, Palermo Sicily Plot A, Row no. 4, Grave 92. No mission scheduled.

Fleming, James L., 2Lt, pilot

Saturday, 21 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): B-24's attack a railroad station, marshalling yard, and air depot at Canello Arnone, Italy.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-26's and B-17's bomb marshalling yards at Villa Literno and Aversa; the P-38 escort also attacks Aversa; NASAF aircraft claim 20+ enemy fighters shot down; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighter-bombers hit traffic on the Bovalino-Bagnara road. HQ 42nd Bombardment Wing (Medium) transfers to Ariana, Tunisia where groups are assigned.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: An attempt was made to show a movie but the projector bogged down.

Sunday, 22 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): All fighter and medium bomber groups of the Ninth Air Force are transferred to the Twelfth Air Force, i.e.: 12th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 81st, 82nd, 83rd and 434th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) at Gerbini, Sicily with B-25's, 57th Fighter Group and its 64th, 65th and 66th Fighter Squadrons on Sicily with P-40's, 79th Fighter Group and its 85th, 86th and 87th Fighter Squadrons on Sicily with P-40's, 324th Fighter Group and its 314th, 315th and 316th Fighter Squadrons at El Haouaria, Tunisia with P-40's, and 340th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 486th, 487th, 488th and 489th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) at Comiso, Sicily with B-25's.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-26's, with an escort of Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) A-36's, bomb the marshalling yard at Salerno, Italy; they claim 26 enemy fighters destroyed. NATAF fighters on armored reconnaissance hit motor transport S of the Locri-Gioia Tauro, Italy area and NE of Bagnara, Italy. HQ 12th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 81st, 82nd, 83rd and 434th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) transfer from Ponte Olivo to Gerbini, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Just a quiet day.

Monday, 23 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): B-24's hit a marshalling yard at Bari, Italy.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-26's bomb the Battipaglia, Italy marshalling yard. Fighter-bombers hit factory and barracks near Cagliari, Sardinia. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) P-40's and A-36's escort NASAF B-26's, and Spitfires fly uneventful tactical reconnaissance over NE Sicily and the toe of Italy. HQ 313th Troop Carrier Group transfers from Kairouan, Tunisia to Sciacca, Sicily. The 93rd Fighter Squadron, 81st Fighter Group, transfers from Monastir to Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia with P-39's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 159, 23 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
2. At 1140 36 B-25's took off to Bomb Battipaglia M/Y's. None returned
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target No. A/C

early. 36 dropped 212 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs on target at 1355
No. A/C No & Type Time

from 8300-11,000 ft. 36 returned at 1601. None Lost, None missing,
Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

None at _____.
No. A/C Friendly field
3. RESULTS: Hits on RD and R.R. J's Northwest of M/Y's. R.R. believed cut East and West of this junction. Building area North of M/Y's hard hit. A few bombs hit in Eastern end of M/Y's.
4. OBS: E/A: No E/A encountered. 2 crews reported 40-50 E/A on Monte Corvino A/D. Flak: Slight to moderate heavy flak at target. Generally inaccurate, although 1 ship was hit. Positions pinpointed at KL 17-18 and one-quarter mile Southwest of target. Heavy, moderate flak from Monte Corvino A/D. Shipping: 2 S/F's one half mile off shore between Pisciotta and C. Palinuro. Ground: Approximately 300 R.R. cars at Agropoli. 200 cars observed in Central M/Y's at target. Photos were taken.

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5. WEATHER AT TARGET: Coverage 7 tenths at 7000 ft., visibility 4-5 miles, solid overcast at 12 to 15000 ft., rain squalls. Bombed thru hole in undercast.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 2 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 3 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 4 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 5 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 6 aircraft and crew unidentified

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

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A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

A/C No. 9 aircraft and crew unidentified

*A/C No. 10 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

*A/C No. 11 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

*A/C No. 12 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 111

Date- Aug 23, 1943

Target- Battipaglia Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- two

Striking again at Italy's life line, the railroad yards at Battipaglia felt the might of our power today. Two of our ships managed to fill in as spares as the formation neared the target. Bomb hits were scored on road and railroad junctions NW of the M/Y's. The rail line east and west of this junction is believed severed by our bomb strings. The building area N of the M/Y's received many hits. The eastern end of the M/Y's also suffered under our bombing although the damage was slight.

Monday, 23 August 1943 (continued)

There was no display of enemy aerial action. Approximately 40 - 50 a/c were observed on Monte Corvino Airdrome. Heavy flak of a slight moderate intensity was encountered over the target. Considerable rail activity was noted. There being 300 RR cars at Agropoli and 200 cars in central M/Y's at the target. Photographs were taken and all ships returned safe.

<i>A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified</i>		<i>A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified</i>	
P	<i>Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt</i>		<i>Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Lively, Jake S., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Pintar, John L., S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
BATTIPAGLIA MARSHALLING YARDS

Sqdrn. Mission # 109	Group Mission # 146
Take Off 11:40	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 13:55	Escort 28 P-51's, 8 p-40's
Down 16:03	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 23 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 10(6 x 500), 30,000#
Total Sorties: 747	Average Altitude: 10,200.
<u>Weather:</u> Haze en route. Good visibility at the target with 4/10 cumulus at 6,500 feet.	
<u>REMARKS:</u> No Flak, no fighters, no bomb strikes on the target.	

CREWS 1st Flight

A/C No. (P) (SPARE FILLED IN HERE)		A/C No. 41-29980 (N)
P		<i>Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt</i>
CP		<i>Cometh, Lawrence (NMI), Capt, Commander</i>
N		<i>Forbes, Robert L., 1Lt</i>
B		<i>Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt</i>
E		<i>None</i>
R		<i>Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt</i>
G		<i>White, John Edward, S/Sgt</i>
F		<i>None</i>

Monday, 23 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 41-30401 (O)

P *Durgin, James L., 2Lt*
CP *Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Doty, James K., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt*
G *Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (Q)

P *Alexander, William T. "Alex", Capt*
CP *Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Withrow, John B., Jr., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Foderaro, Albert (NMI), S/Sgt*
G *Mayronne, Clyde A., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-30333 "A Touch of Texas" (S)

Cook, Walter E., F/O
Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt
None
Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt
None
Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt
George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (R)

Wirth, Thomas F., Jr., F/O
Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt
None
Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt
None
Swanson, William M., T/Sgt
Pontet, Emile A., JR., S/Sgt
Scott, Ivan D., Cpl

**CREWS
 2nd Flight**

**A/C No. (S)
 (SPARE FILLED IN HERE)**

P
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A/C No. 42-64596 "Donna Marie" (Q)

Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt
Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt
None
Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt
None
Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt
Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-32428 "Little Isadore" (R)

P *Samson, George D., 2Lt*
CP *Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Jereb, Vincent (NMI), S/Sgt*
G *Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *Pummill, Earl (NMI), Cpl*

A/C No. 42-64594 (P)

Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt
Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt
None
Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt
None
Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt
Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt
None

Monday, 23 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose" (N)		A/C No. 42-32500 "The Saint" (O)	
P	<i>Denton, Richard D., 2Lt</i>		<i>Dauley, Charles G., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O</i>		<i>Young, Charles A., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Opeka, John (NMI), Jr., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Colleton, John C., 2Lt</i>		<i>Campbell, Warren B., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt</i>		<i>Rea, Willis L., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt</i>		<i>Sentlingar, Charles W., Cpl</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

428th BS War Diary: S/Sgt. Bill Herring was presented with the purple heart today at a formation held on the runway.

Herring, William S., S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>		A/C No. 2 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>	
P			
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A/C No. 3 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>		A/C No. 4 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>	
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A/C No. 5 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>		A/C No. 6 <i>aircraft and crew unidentified</i>	
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Monday, 23 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified

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A/C No. 9 aircraft and crew unidentified

*A/C No. 10 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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*A/C No. 11 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

*A/C No. 12 aircraft and crew
unidentified*

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Tuesday, 24 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): No Entry

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighter-bombers hit a railroad tunnel and cruiser offshore at Sibari, tracks and buildings at Castrovillari, and the town area at Sibari; and Royal Air Force (RAF) Desert Air Force airplanes strafe motor transport N of Reggio di Calabria and provide withdrawal cover for the NATAF fighter-bombers. HQ 314th Troop Carrier Group transfers from Kairouan, Tunisia to Castelvetrano, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Crews sent up to practice their bombing in hopes of improving their eye. General Ridenour, Wing Commander, was expected to make the rounds. Bill Harris returned from the hospital.

Harris, William R. "Ozark" Cpl,

Ridenour, Carlyle H., Brig Gen, HQ 47th Wing, Commander

Wednesday, 25 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): B-24's bomb the marshalling yard at Foggia, Italy. The 566th and 567th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 389th Bombardment Group (Heavy), which have been operating from Bengasi, Libya with B-24's since Jul 43, return to their base at Hethel, England.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): Around 135 B-17's and 140 P-38's attack satellite airfields at Foggia, Italy. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighter-bombers hit trucks S of Sinopoli, Italy. The 414th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy) transfers from Pont-du-Fahs to Depienne, Tunisia with B-17's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: A formation was held for visiting dignitaries - Generals Spaatz, Doolittle, and Ridenour plus high French and British officials. Lts. Butterfield, Hartman, Holley, Loutrel, Upchurch, Vestal and T/Sgt. Glass and S/Sgts Langford, Swim, Glover and McDonald left for Ifrane, Algeria to await further orders sending them home. Sgt. Stout and Cpl. McKean were reduced to grade of Private by a court martial held by the Tunis M.P.'s.

Butterfield, William M., 1Lt, pilot

Doolittle, James Harold "Jimmy", Maj Gen, pilot, 12th AF, Commander

Glass, John D., T/Sgt, radio-gunner

Glover, Harold, E., S/Sgt, gunner

Hartman, William J., 1Lt, navigator

Holley, James Taylor, Capt, pilot

Langford, Alvin I., S/Sgt, gunner

Loutrel, John McCluney, 1Lt, pilot

McDonald, Donald E. "Mac", S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

McKean, Martin F., Sgt, engineering, crew chief

Ridenour, Carlyle H., Brig Gen, HQ 47th Wing, Commander

Spaatz, Carl Andrew "Tooey", Lt Gen, Commander, Strategic Air Forces

Stout, Robert O., Pvt

Swim, Lowell W., S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

Upchurch, Jerry E., Capt, bombardier

Vestal, Marion S., 1Lt, bombardier

Thursday, 26 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): The 316th Troop Carrier Group and its 36th, 37th, 44th and 45th Troop Carrier Squadrons with C-47's are transferred to the Twelfth Air Force. The 328th, 329th, 330th, and 409th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 93rd Bombardment Group (Heavy), which have been operating from Bengasi, Libya since Jun 43 with B-24's, return to their base at Hardwick, England.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force): The Royal Air Force (RAF) Desert Air Force (DAF) is assigned to the Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF), along with US units of the Ninth Air Force which have been an operational part of DAF and Northwest African Tactical Bomber Force (NATBF). In Italy, 80+ Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's, with P-38 escort bomb Capua Airfield; 100+ fighter-escorted medium bombers hit Grazzanise Airfield and satellite field; P-40's bomb Carloforte on San Pietro Island and strafe the S part of Sardinia; and NATAF medium and light bombers bomb targets on the toe of Italy, including the railroad junction at Locri and gun positions at Reggio di Calabria and Villa San Giovanni.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 160, 26 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
2. At 1125 36 B-25's took off to Bomb Grazzanise A/D, Italy. One
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target No. A/C

returned early. 35 dropped 191 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs on target at
No. A/C No & Type

1330 from 8800-11500 ft. 35 returned at 1525. None Lost, None
Time Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

missing, None at _____.
No. A/C Friendly field

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3. RESULTS: Strings of bombs went across NW and SE corners. North, West and East areas were also hit. The building and hangar areas were covered, with one direct hit observed on the hangar. A few strings went across the center of the L/G. Of the 10-12 A/C observed on the field, 2 were believed destroyed. Dense cloud formations made observations difficult. One element did not drop its bombs due to failure to see target caused by cloud coverage.

4. OBS: E/A: One ME-109 on deck just before target, did not attack. One crew reported 2 SE A/C over target at 15,000 feet, no attacks. 20-25 A/C observed on Grazzanise Satellite number 1, 3-6 A/C seen burning. Approximately 10 small A/C seen on Capua L/G. 10-15 Seaplanes at Lago Di Patria, 40 degrees 55 minutes N - 14 degrees 02 minutes E. Flak: Light flak from small craft, approximately one mile off shore. Shipping: 2 large transports and 5 med. M/V's in Naples Harbor. 2 tankers headed N just N of Procida Island. 4 med. M/V's in Nisida Harbor. 1 med. M/V just N of Ischia Island, headed N. 5-6 small vessels between Naples and Volturno River Mouth, just off shore.
Photos were taken.

5. WEATHER AT TARGET: 5 to 6 tenths, base at 4000 feet, top at 6000 ft; visibility limited, when obscured by cloud formation.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 3 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 4 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 112

Date- Aug 26, 1943

Target- Grazzanise Landing Ground

Squadron airplanes- ten

Cloud coverage over the target hampered our bombing greatly. Grazzanise Landing Ground along the west coast of Italy just above Naples was our target today. In spite of adverse weather conditions our bombardiers did some fair bombings. Strings of bombs walked across the NW and SE corners of the L/G. The North, West and East areas were also hit. The building and hangar areas were covered and one direct hit was observed on the hangar. Several bomb strings were reported to cover the center of the Landing Ground. Two of the twelve a/c observed on the field were destroyed. Three of our ships were unable to drop their bombs due to the clouds which obscured the target.

Although several enemy fighters were sighted near and over the target, no interceptions by them followed. 20-25 a/c were observed on Grazzanise Satellite #1 of which number 3-6 were observed burning. Approximately 10 small a/c on Capua L/G. Light flak was experienced from small craft one mile off the shore. Considerable amount of shipping observed in and around Naples Harbor. Photos taken and all ships came home safely.

A/C No. 1 probably 41-13079
“Shadrach”

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Anderson, Lloyd G., 2Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Windler, John H., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *Wilder, Rodney R. "Hoss", Maj,*
Commander (observer)

Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt
Huffman, Arnie J., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
Himes, Burke W., Cpl
None

Thursday, 26 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
CP Freeland, Levi B., Jr., 2Lt
N None
B Halsey, James L., 2Lt
E None
R Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt
G Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt
F Hutchenrider, Willis E., S/Sgt

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt
CP Toltzman, William J., 2Lt
N None
B Silvis, Harry C., Sgt
E None
R Taylor, Frank E., Sgt
G Black, J.J., Sgt
F None

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P Ross, Fred C., Jr., 2Lt
CP Neumann, Robert H., 2Lt
N None
B Link, Byron F., S/Sgt
E None
R Lysowski, Raymond A., Cpl
G Litchfield, Edward W., Sgt
F None

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
CP Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt
N Konieczka, William F., 2Lt
B Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt
E None
R Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
G Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Derrick, William S., 2Lt
Strunk, Clifton W., 2Lt
Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt
Drake, W.H., 2Lt
None
Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt
Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Dent, James J., Jr., Capt
Wells, Samuel Marshall, 2Lt
Potter, Eliot H., 1Lt
Anderson, J.B., Lt
None
Acey, Marvin E., Sgt
McGimpsey, Paul D., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt
Maxwell, Max W., 2Lt
None
Weinstein, Robert S., S/Sgt
None
Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
Marquis, Wesley W., Sgt
None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Benton, James H., 2Lt
Auchard, R.L., Lt
None
Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt
None
Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt
McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt
Powers, John A., S/Sgt

Thursday, 26 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 11
(SPARE FILLED IN HERE)

A/C No. 12
(SPARE FILLED IN HERE)

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381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
GRAZZANISE AIRDROME, ITALY

Sqdrn. Mission # 110	Group Mission # 147
Take Off 11:25	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 13:30	Escort 36 P-38's
Down 15:25	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 00 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 3(6 x 500), 9,000#
Total Sorties: 750	Average Altitude: 10,150.

Weather: 6/10 strato-cumulus cloud coverage at the target.

REMARKS: The above three crews were spares and filled in.

Flak: Slight.

Enemy Aircraft: 6 - 8 observed in the distance. They did not attack.

Results: Bomb strikes on NW and SE ends of the airdrome observed.

Complete photo interpretation impossible die to clouds and cloud shadow.

CREWS

1st Flight

A/C No. 42-29957 (M)
(spare - filled in)

A/C No. 42-32428 "Little Isadore" (E)
(spare - filled in)

P *Jones, William E., F/O*
CP *Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O*
N *None*
B *Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt*
G *Hannon, Robert P., Sgt*
F *None*

Samson, George D., 2Lt
Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt
None
Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt
None
Jereb, Vincent (NMI), S/Sgt
Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt
None

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CREWS 2nd Flight

A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (O)
(spare - filled in)

P *Burt, Norman A., F/O*
CP *Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O*
N *None*
B *Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Porter, Lloyd G., Jr., T/Sgt*
G *Bozovich, Matthew L., S/Sgt*

428th BS War Diary: Section leaders called in to discuss echelons and loading lists for a possible move. A formation of 36 planes took off to bomb the Grazzanise airdrome just north of Naples. It is the central drome of a triumvirate that has supplied enemy fighter interception to formations seeking to bomb the marshalling yards in that area. The north, west and east corners were hit. One hangar suffered a direct hit. At least 2 aircraft suffered severe damage. Dense clouds prevented complete observation. 1 ME-109 was seen but it did not attack. Light flak was experienced. Lt. Bingham, T/Sgt. Marrs, S/Sgt. Foley completed their 50th mission.

Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt, pilot

Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt, radio-gunner

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : On the 26th of August, 36 B-25's took off to bomb the Grazzanise Airdrome just North of Naples. It is the central drome of a triumvirate enemy fighter bases. These aircraft have given some annoyance to formations that have been sent to bomb marshalling yards in the area.

The Northwest and southeast, corners, the North, West, and East areas were hit. One hangar suffered a direct hit. At least two of the twelve aircraft observed were believed destroyed. Dense cloud formations hindered observation. It obscured the target on the bomb run for one element.

One ME-109 was sighted. It didn't venture an attack. Some light flak was experienced from small craft a mile off shore both in and out from the coast.

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**A/C No. 1 10 41-13050 "Virginia
Sturgeon**

P *Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt*
CP *Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt*
N *Wortman, Robert A., 2Lt*
B *Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt*
G *Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt*
CP *Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Foley, Patrick Leo "Pat", Sr., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Morris, Raymond J., Sgt*
G *Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt*
F *Amirault, Osborne J., Sgt*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Tooles, William B., 2Lt*
CP *Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Herring, William S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Weiland, Ray C., S/Sgt*
G *Sisson, John E., Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified- may be
"Sweet Alice"**

P *Bingham, Henry G., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj,
Commander*
N *Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt*
B *Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Martin, Robert J., S/Sgt*
G *Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt*
F *Haines, Wilson R., 1Lt (observer)*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Buglass, Kenneth G., 2Lt
Sandstrom, John E., 2Lt
None
Queen, Kenneth E., S/Sgt
None
Hook, Raymond K., S/Sgt
Rankin, James V., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Southward, Thomas H., 2Lt
Edelman, Forrest J., F/O
Akerland, Gustav J., 1Lt
Lanning, Fred H., 2Lt
None
Kelly, Phillip J., S/Sgt
Hirt, Fred A., Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt
Hogan, Jack F., F/O
None
Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt
None
Marrs, Horace S., S/Sgt
Donaldson, William M., Sgt
Goeckel, Frank Edward, 2Lt

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt
Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt
None
Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt
None
Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt
Storms, Donald W., S/Sgt
Bean, Herman B., Cpl

Thursday, 26 August 1943 (continued)

A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P *Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt*
CP *Sebor, George, (NMI), 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Kalis, William H., Jr., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt*
G *Agin, Clealon J., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Douglas, James D., 2Lt*
CP *Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt*
E *None*
R *Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt*
G *Sviantek, John L., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt
Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt
None
Karvel, Roy L., 2Lt
None
Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt
Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl
None

Friday, 27 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): The 564th and 565th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 389th Bombardment Group (Heavy), which have been operating from Bengasi, Libya since Jul with B-24's, returns to their base at Hethel, England.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb the Sulmona marshalling yard, and medium bombers hit the Benevento and Caserta marshalling yards; nearly 150 P-38's escort the bombers. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) medium and light bombers and fighters attack targets in S Italy, including Cantanzaro rail and road junction, guns near Reggio di Calabria, Sibari rail junctions, Cetraro marshalling yard, barracks at Tarsia, train and repair shops at Paola, and a barge at Diamante. HQ 340th Bombardment Group (Medium) and its 486th, 487th, 488th and 498th Bombardment Squadrons (Medium) transfer from Comiso to Catania, Sicily with B-25's. The 527th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 86th Fighter-Bomber Group, transfers from Gela to Barcelona, Sicily with A-36's.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 161, 27 August 1943

1. UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.

2. At 1015 36 B-25-C's took off to Bomb Benevento M/Yds. None
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target No. A/C

returned early. 33 dropped 186 X 500 .1 & 45 sec delay bombs on target
No. A/C No & Type

at 1248 from 8800-11,300 ft. 31 returned at 1502. 3 lost, None
Time Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

Missing, 2 at Bocca di Falco.
No. A/C Friendly Field

3. RESULTS: Strings of bombs walked entire length of M/Y's from W to E. Both W and E choke points hard hit as well as center of yards. Hits reported on Tracks E of E choke point. A number of direct hits on locomotive works--heavy black smoke resulted. Three main lines believed cut.

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4. OBS: Flak at Target: One crew reported slight inaccurate heavy and light. Elsewhere: Heavy and light flak, generally inaccurate from landfall to target and enroute out, pinpoints as follows: Heavy moderate from CAPUA and SOLOPACA; Light flak trailing in CASERTA area; heavy inaccurate from hills N of PIEDMONTE E'ALIFE; heavy accurate from EBOLI; slight heavy from MONTE CORVINO; heavy and light from along N bank of SELA river; heavy from a position 5 miles S of BATTIPAGLIA near coast and also slight heavy from BATTIPAGLIA. E/A--The formation was attacked by 40-50 enemy fighters at landfall, the engagement lasting through the bombing run and after the target--ME-109, FW-190, MA-202 and RE-2001. They were very aggressive, attacking in 2's and 3's from above and below. Most attacks were from 5 and 7 o'clock. One crew reported what appeared to be a P-40, having desert camouflage. The ME-109's were dark colored with light blue bellies and a yellow panel under the nose. Claim 11 ME-109's, 1 RE-201's, 1 MA-202's and the hostile P-40 destroyed, and 4 ME-109's probably destroyed. Three enemy planes were seen to be shot down by the escort. Two B-25's shot down by fighters before reaching target and one after target. 6-8 chutes seen to open. Two B-25's landed at Bocca Di Falco. Shipping--One large M/V and one unidentified vessel, thought to be a tanker in harbor of POZZUOLI. 4-5 small craft just off mouth of VOLTURNO river. One transport and 2 M/V's in NAPLES harbor with 2 other M/V's in Gulf of NAPLES. Four small MV's heading S out of SALERNO harbor. Five med M/V's reported off LICOSA POINT. Ground--15-20 freight cars on siding at CASERTA.
Photos were taken.

5. WEATHER: At Target: 3-4/10 scattered cumulus at 5-7000 ft. Vis. Unlimited.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

(Mission Report No. 161 Cont.)

I certify that this is a true copy.
WILLIAM G. GRIDLEY,
Captain, Air Corps.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

On re-interrogation of gunners it was found that 15 ME-109's, 1 MA-202, 1 RE-2001 and 1 hostile P-40 were destroyed and 3 ME-109's and 1 RE-2001 probably destroyed.

Bomb Strike Photo Report: Shows hits on E and W choke points and damaging near misses to the station. Locomotive repair yard containing many units of rolling stock completely covered by bursts. Lines to Foggia and Sulmona received 6 direct hits and center of M/Y's received about 12 direct hits among rolling stock. (Operational Intelligence Sum. 8/27/43, NAAF.)

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Enemy Lines of Communication: At Benevento many fresh hits in M/Y blocked by craters and derailed wagons. Lines to Naples and Cancello cut at W end of yards. Lines to Sulmona and Foggia cut N of Locomotive sheds. Fresh hits on tracks in locomotive yards. Road to Pietrelcina and road leading NW from M/Y's blocked by craters. (Intops 8/27/43, NASAF.)

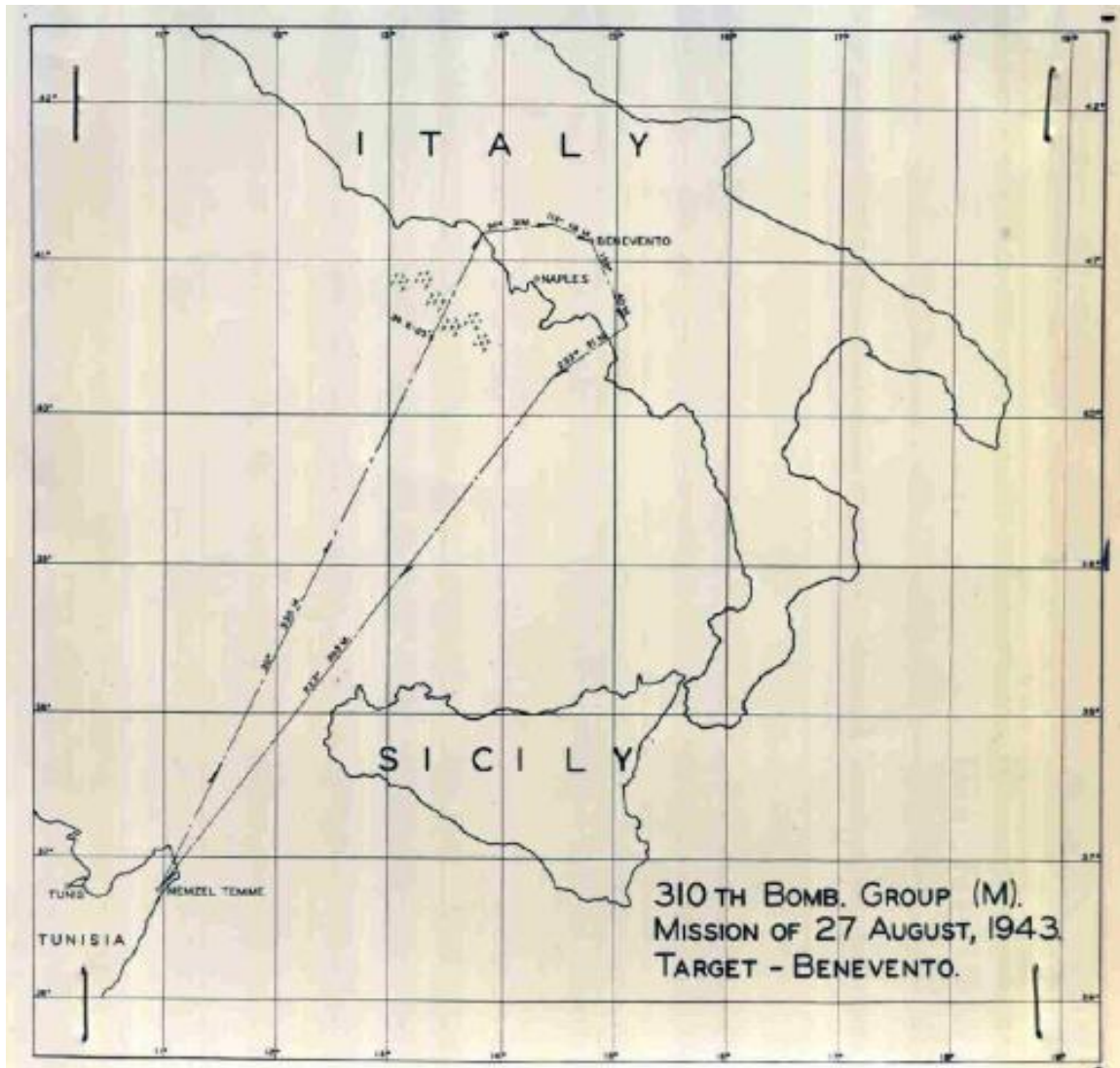


Photo coverage very incomplete. Only one photographer was able to take photos, as the rest were busy manning the guns.

Approximately 36 bombs hit around on the NW end of m/y. 6 bombs fell approximately 2000' short of target. Approximately 5 direct hits in the NW end of the M/Y. Approximately 4 bombs hit in the middle section of the M/Y. S E end of M/Y received many hits or effective near misses. The locomotive shop received affective near misses. R.R. Station received two direct hits. Photos show bombs from first 18 ships.

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STATEMENT
EYEWITNESS - BENEVENTO MARSHALLING YARDS RAID
AUGUST 27, 1943

4 June 1944

I was pilot of a B-25 belonging to the 310th Bombardment Group, and was shot down in the vicinity of the target. After being captured, our Italian captors found it necessary to take us into the town of Benevento itself in order to transfer us to a prison camp at a point further north in Italy. Consequently I had the opportunity to actually see the effects of our Bombing.

We were compelled to make three detours in order to get into the town proper because the roads in the vary near vicinity of our target were completely knocked out. The marshalling yards proper were absolutely and definitely destroyed. Train rails were split and jutted high into the air. The cables and high tension wires used by the electric trains were down and still burning. One large depot building and several smaller railway supply buildings were smashed completely as the result of remarkably well directed bombs. My bombardier, Captain Donovan W. Rulien, was also a prisoner of war accompanying me, and his comment at the time was, "I have never seen a better job of bombing."

To sum it up, the marshalling yards were completely destroyed and at the same time the town proper was untouched. So we were to start a stretch as prisoners of war in Italy, but were happy that the 310th Bombardment Group had done a perfect job of socking the enemy in spite of heavy odds against us in the way of a large number of enemy fighter planes attacks and heavy flak over the target.

KENNETH M. JOHNSON
Capt, Air Corps,
379 Sq "A" Flt Leader.

(Intentionally placed on the day of the event rather than the date written)

HEADQUARTERS
310th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M), AAF
APO 650, U.S. ARMY

9 June 1944

STATEMENT OF FLIGHT COMMANDER

Recalling the mission of 27 August 1943, at which time the target was the marshalling yard at Benevento, Italy, I can think of the many hazards involved that would put this operation in a class by itself. That the target was effectively bombed in spite of

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the intense enemy opposition, it certainly an act deserving the highest commendation possible. Actually, the flak was not a serious problem, although it was close at times. One forgot flak upon sighting the enemy fighters, the largest force of interceptors that had been experienced by the Group in all of its operations. Between forty and fifty enemy fighters attacked our formation at landfall, making continuous attacks from landfall to the target, and followed us some distance after the bombing. They attacked in elements of twos and threes from above and below. The air was full of enemy aircraft and the tracers of our own .50 caliber machine guns. On the bombing run evasive action was kept at a minimum, as the target had to be bombed. Here we lost two planes, and then, right after the bombing, another plane was shot down. Two other aircraft were badly damaged, but were able to make it back to Bocca di Falco, Sicily, where they crash landed. Three other planes were badly damaged, but returned to the home base. Glancing at the target as the formation turned, I noticed that the bombing appeared to have been very accurate. Bomb bursts seemed to cover the entire marshalling yard, and I also saw one huge column of black smoke rising from the area.

To award the 310th Bombardment Group (M), AAF, a Citation for this operation would be an act that would bring a feeling of personal satisfaction to every member of the organization. It is the “standout” mission for achievement in the face of danger far above that ordinarily encountered in aerial combat.

HARVEY H. HINMAN,
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps,
Flight Commander, 27 August 1943.

C O M B A T C L A I M S

Of 27 August 1943

T/Sgt Harry H. Kechter, <i>380th BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	Destroyed
S/Sgt Celest F. Camagna, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
T/Sgt Thomas J. Clark, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
S/Sgt Paul (NMI) Dees, <i>381BS</i>	Claims 3 ME 109's	”
S/Sgt James F. Sigafos, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
S/Sgt Cecil D. Shoemaker, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
S/Sgt Orville E. Moxey, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
Sgt Wesley B. Mayhew, Jr, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”
Sgt John R. Lyon, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 2 ME 109's	”
S/Sgt Roy L. Coleman, <i>379th BS</i>	Claims 2 ME 109's	”
S/Sgt Harry T. Waldrop, <i>379th BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	”

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S/Sgt Philip E. Posey, Jr, <i>379th BS</i>	Claims 1 MA 202	”
S/Sgt Cyril L. Thomas, <i>380th BS</i>	Claims 1 RE-2001	”
Sgt Wesley B. Mayhew, Jr, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 Hostile P-40	”
T/Sgt George T. Wilson, <i>379th BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	Probably Destroyed
Sgt Robert P. Hannon, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	” ”
S/Sgt Wade C. George, <i>381st BS</i>	Claims 1 ME 109	” ”
Sgt David A. Crocker, <i>379th BS</i>	Claims 1 RE-2001	” ”

379th BS War Diary: Of all these missions, one will always be remembered by our Squadron as its most disastrous raid. This was the raid on the Benevento Marshalling Yards on August 27th. On making their landfall at the Italian coast, the formation of 36 bombers was attacked by 40-50 German and Italian fighters which in a running fight for twenty minutes, shot down three of the bombers, all from the 379th. The gallantry displayed by the crew in one of these bombers, namely, Capt. Kenneth M. Johnson’s crew, was indeed a credit to themselves and our Squadron. After receiving hits which set both engines of their plane afire, they continued on in a glide maintaining their gunfire on the persistent fighters, until they reached their target where they dropped their bombs before crashing. The sixteen men we lost on this raid were as follows:

Capt. Kenneth M. Johnson, <i>pilot</i>	T/Sgt. Paul E. Krueger, <i>gunner</i>
Capt. Donovan W. Rulien, <i>bombardier</i>	S/Sgt. Albert F. Dallaire, <i>gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Lamont L. Cates, <i>navigator</i>	S/Sgt. Jackson W. Park, <i>bombardier-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Jesse L. Carpenter, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Henry H. Kuhn, Jr, <i>radio-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Samuel C. Schlitzkus, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Laddie T. Miller, <i>gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. Ellis A. Ruppelt, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Nathan B. Snyder, <i>bombardier-gunner</i>
2nd Lt. Remi T. DeLouche, Jr, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. James R. Grimm, <i>radio-gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. John H. Schnack, <i>pilot</i>	Sgt. Edward Thomas Joseph, <i>gunner</i>

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 41-13076 “PHYLLIS GIRL” (MACR-637 - shot down)	A/C No. 42-32466 (MACR-638 - shot down)
P <i>Johnson, Kenneth M. “Ken”, Capt</i>	<i>Ruppelt, Ellis A., 2Lt</i>
CP <i>Schlitzkus, Samuel C., 2Lt</i>	<i>DeLouche, Remi T., Jr., 2Lt</i>
N <i>Cates, Lamont L., 1Lt</i>	<i>None</i>
B <i>Rulien, Donovan W., Capt</i>	<i>Snyder, Nathan B., S/Sgt</i>
E <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R <i>Krueger, Paul E., T/Sgt</i>	<i>Grimm, James R., S/Sgt</i>
G <i>Dallaire, Albert F., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Joseph, Edward Thomas, Sgt</i>
F <i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

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	A/C No. 42-32414 (MACR-639 - shot down)	A/C No. 4 aircraft and crew unidentified
P	<i>Carpenter, Jesse L., 1Lt</i>	
CP	<i>Schnack, John H., 2Lt</i>	
N	<i>None</i>	
B	<i>Park, Jackson W., S/Sgt</i>	
E	<i>None</i>	
R	<i>Kuhn, Henry N., Jr., S/Sgt</i>	
G	<i>Miller, Laddie T., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Crocker, David A., Cpl</i>
F	<i>None</i>	
	A/C No. 5 aircraft and crew unidentified	A/C No. 6 aircraft and crew unidentified
P		
CP	<i>Topham, Arthur H., 1Lt</i>	
N		
B		
E		
R	<i>Wilson, George T., T/Sgt</i>	
G	<i>Waldrop, Harry T., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Posey, Philip E., Jr., S/Sgt</i>
F		
	A/C No. 7 aircraft and crew unidentified	A/C No. 8 aircraft and crew unidentified
P		
CP		
N		
B		
E		
R	<i>Axelsson, Edwin D., S/Sgt</i>	
G	<i>Coleman, Roy L., S/Sgt</i>	
F	<i>Vrabel, Joseph P., S/Sgt</i>	
	A/C No. 9 aircraft and crew unidentified	A/C No. 10 aircraft and crew unidentified
P		
CP		
N		
B		
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R		
G		
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A/C No. 11 *aircraft and crew
unidentified*

A/C No. 12 *aircraft and crew
unidentified*

**P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F**

379th BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 637: Shot down by enemy fighter action on bomb run to target.

A/C No. 41-13076 “PHYLLIS GIRL” (MACR-637 - shot down)

P *Johnson, Kenneth M. “Ken”, Capt - MIA, POW, RMC*
CP *Schlitzkus, Samuel C., 2Lt - MIA, POW, RTD*
N *Cates, Lamont L., 1Lt - KIA*
B *Rulien, Donovan W., Capt - MIA, POW, RTD*
E *None*
R *Krueger, Paul E., T/Sgt - KIA*
G *Dallaire, Albert F., S/Sgt - KIA*
F *None*

Eyewitness Account: *Schlitzkus, Samuel C., Capt, pilot, 379th BS*
(Some time after RTD)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Capt Kenneth M. Johnson - Pilot and Capt. Donovan W Rulien bailed out when I did. Both of these men are back in the U.S.

Sgt Albert Dallaire and Sgt Paul E. Krueger were in rear section - radio compartment and upper turret - dead based on statements and evidence furnished by Italians.

Lt Cates and I were together from August 30, 1943 until the date of his death. We lived for 3½ months in the vicinity of Avezzano, Italy before attempting to cross the front lines. On the morning of our attempt, Lt. Cates and I were inadvertently separated from each other in the darkness, consequently I was not an actual witness to his death. His death as related to me by an actual witness occurred when Lt. Cates stepped on a land mine and was killed instantly.

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I was captured by a patrol and held in a small collective prison in the vicinity of Alfedena, Italy. While at this enclosure a British 1st Lt. related this story from Capt. Brown. After I returned to the U.S. I contacted Capt. Brown in regard to Lt. Cates' death and he wrote that the facts I had were correct. I reported these facts to the A.G.P. and also asked Capt. Brown to write a complete report to that office.

(Capt Alastair Brown, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was in the same party as Lt Cates and Capt Schlitzkus, attempting to cross the front lines.)

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO Prepared by MIS-X Section, POW Branch

19 May 44

NARRATOR: Capt. Donovan W. Rulien

KNOWN INFORMATION: Plane crashed on 27 Aug 1943 at 1205 hours near Benevento, Italy. The right engine of the aircraft was on fire and feathered and the oil pressure had dropped in the left engine. I bailed out at approximately 3,000 feet. The pilot, Capt. Johnson, later said that, before he bailed out, both gunners had been hit (killed?). The pilot, co-pilot, navigator and myself, the bombardier, all bailed out with parachutes blossoming. We all landed safely. The plane exploded when it hit the ground. I saw the pilot, co-pilot and navigator soon after capture and was in the same P/W camp with them. Lts. Schlitzkus and Cates were last seen on 25 Sep 43 attempting to go through enemy lines.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: The two gunners, T/Sgt. Krueger and S/Sgt Dallaire were reported by the Italian police to have been found dead near plane wreckage.

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO Prepared by MIS-X Section, POW Branch

14 Jun 44

NARRATOR: Maj. Kenneth M. Johnson

KNOWN INFORMATION: The plane crashed in vicinity of Amorosi, Italy on 27 Aug 43. The plane was burning when Lt. Schlitzkus, Capt. Rulien, Lt Cates and myself bailed out. The ship had been hit by approximately seven ME-109's. I bailed out at approximately 3,000 feet. I believe my two gunners to have been shot to death in the aircraft before the plane crashed. I received no answer from either gunner as I called them several times in clearing the crew from the burning airplane. Prior to this, I heard S/Sgt. Dallaire shriek in the interphone as he was attempting to call me when he was hit. The plane exploded on striking the ground, but I did not examine the wreckage. Those of us who bailed out of the ship were subsequently captured and taken to the same prison.

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HEARSAY INFORMATION: Italian captures presented dog tags of T/Sgt Krueger and S/Sgt. Dallaire and their unopened parachutes; they told us the two men were found dead near the plane and described their exact facial features. They furthermore said that they had been buried in the cemetery in Benevento, Italy. According to the 310th Bm. Gp. A-3 section, the navigator, Lt Cates is a possible German P/W. Lt Schlitzkus according to information received from the Army-Navy Journal and the A-3 section of the 310th Bm. Gp., is a German P/W.

379th BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 638: Shot down by enemy fighter action on bomb run to target.

A/C No. 42-32466 (MACR-638 - shot down)

P *Ruppelt, Ellis A., 2Lt - MIA, RTD*
CP *DeLouche, Remi T., Jr., 2Lt - POW, RMC*
N *None*
B *Snyder, Nathan B., S/Sgt - MIA, POW, DNB*
E *None*
R *Grimm, James R., S/Sgt - MIA, RMC*
G *Joseph, Edward Thomas, Sgt - POW, RMC*
F *None*

Interrogation Report: *Ruppelt, Ellis A., 2Lt, pilot, 379th BS*

Base Intelligence Office
MOODY FIELD, GEORGIA
Date 19 October 1945

REPORT OF INTERROGATION OF FORMER POW FOR CASUALTY INFORMATION

Casualty: NATHAN B. SNYDER, S/Sgt, bombardier

Circumstances of loss of aircraft: While on a bombing mission, German fighter aircraft attacked and set both engines and left wing of our B-25 aircraft afire. All five of us crew members escaped by parachute from our burning aircraft over Benevento, Italy.

Hearsay Information: An Italian priest, John Giordano, living at Pratola Serra (Province of Avellino), Italy, wrote me a letter stating that S/Sgt NATHAN B. SNYDER had been shot and killed by the Germans.

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Sgt. Grimm, radio operator, and 2nd Lt. R.T. DeLouche, co-pilot, have returned to the United States. Neither one of those crew members has information concerning S/Sgt NATHAN B. SNYDER or Edward Josephs, gunner, the remaining member of our crew.

(S) ELLIS A. RUPPELT, 0-732580
1st Lt., Air Corps, Moody Field, Georgia

379th BS: Extracts from Missing Air Crew Report # 639: Shot down by enemy fighter action on bomb run to target.

A/C No. 42-32414 (MACR-639 - shot down)

P *Carpenter, Jesse L., 1Lt - KIA*
CP *Schnack, John H., 2Lt - MIA, DED*
N *None*
B *Park, Jackson W., S/Sgt - KIA*
E *None*
R *Kuhn, Henry N., Jr., S/Sgt - MIA, KNB*
G *Miller, Laddie T., S/Sgt - KIA*
F *None*

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 113

Date- Aug 27, 1943

Target- Benevento Railroad Yards, Italy

Squadron airplanes- twelve

It seemed like all hell broke loose today when our boys went over to bomb the Benevento Railroad Yards. Just as our formation reached the coast of Italy, a swarm of 50 fighters intercepted it. A running fight resulted lasting through the bomb run and for several minutes after the target. The interceptors were ME-109's, FW-190's, MA-202's and RE-2001's. These fighters were unusual by their aggressiveness, relentlessly attacking time and again, making most of their passes in waves of two and three from above and below. The majority of the attacks were made from 5 and 7 o'clock. Curiously enough one crew reported what appeared to be a P-40, having desert camouflage. Our gunners claim 11 ME-109's, 1 RE-2001, 1 MA-202 and the hostile P-40 destroyed and 4 ME-109's probably destroyed. In addition three enemy fighters were shot down by our escort which did a wonderful job of covering the formation (Based on the opinions of many of our pilots.) In spite of this strong enemy resistance our bombardiers went ahead and calmly sighted and lined up their target and dropped their bombs with devastating effect. Strings of bombs walked entire length of M/Y's from W to E. Our bomb patterns covered the tracks of both the east and west choke points. Several direct hits on the locomotive works, resulting in black smoke billowing forth was observed. Three mail rail lines are believed cut. Slight heavy flak experienced at the target. Photos taken.

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**A/C No. 1 probably 41-13079
"Shadrach"**

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Anderson, Lloyd G., 2Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Windler, John H., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt*
CP *LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Halsey, James L., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt*
G *Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt*
F *Faust, R.A., S/Sgt*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Hanlon, James Augustus, Jr., 2Lt*
CP *Wells, Samuel Marshall, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Ash, George W., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Barbieri, Edward D., S/Sgt*
G *Janicki, Andrew J., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 aircraft unidentified

P *Cromartie, Harry L., Jr., Capt*
CP *Walton, Cecil Vernon, 2Lt*
N *McBride, Daniel (NMI), 2Lt*
B *Anderson, J.B., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Smith, Eldon M., T/Sgt*
G *Kobasa, Joseph (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Sowder, Tony R., Jr., F/O
Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
Himes, Burke W., Cpl
None

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
None
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Smith, Leonard D. "Leo", 2Lt
Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
None
Hotaling, R. (NMI), S/Sgt
None
McDowell, Alva H., S/Sgt
McCabe, George P., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
Freeland, Levi B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Morris, J.E., S/Sgt
Papp, Frank (NMI), Jr., Sgt
None

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A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P Weaver, Joseph S., Jr., 2Lt
CP Huffman, Arnie J., 2Lt
N None
B Gardner, Clarence R., S/Sgt
E None
R Bixby, Jack H., S/Sgt
G Wolf, Elmer A., Sgt
F None

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P Benton, James H., 2Lt
CP Auchard, R.L., Lt
N None
B Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt
E None
R Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt
G McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt
F None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Rice, Carl E., 2Lt
Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt
Konieczka, William F., 2Lt
Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt
None
Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt
Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Drew, Edward A., 2Lt
Beale, Edward J., 2Lt
None
Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt
None
Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt
Miller, Milton H., Sgt
None

381st BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :
BENEVENTO MARSHALLING YARDS

Sqdrn. Mission # 111	Group Mission # 148
Take Off 10:15	Flight 36 B-25's
Target 12:45	Escort 27 P-38's
Down 14:42	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 47 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 12(6 x 500)
Total Sorties: 762	Average Altitude: 10,050.

Weather: CAVU --- Scattered clouds over Italy, which however, had no influence on the bomb run.

REMARKS:

THE GROUP'S MISSION TO BENEVENTO M/Y'S, ITALY
By Capt. Robert Pemberton, Observer in the 9th ship, 1st 18.

The Briefing was called for 9:00 for the Navigators and Bombardiers, and 9:15 for the Pilots and Co-Pilots.

Besides the regular check of the flimsies, Air-Sea Rescue and I.F.F. instructions, the Communications Officer advised the 1st six aircraft on making reports on enemy shipping. Capt. Cole gave his usual precise weather report in detail. Lt. Col. Bower,

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Group Operations Officer, stressed the necessity for keeping to the prescribed course. The enemy flak positions and fighter strength were given by the S-2 Officer with the warning, for the gunners, that the enemy aircraft in the vicinity of the target were both numerous and aggressive. Col. Hunter covered all details of the mission thoroughly and ordered the lower turrets down at the start of the climb.

Bower, William M., Lt Col, pilot, Operations Officer, HQ 310th BG

Cole, Frederick J., Maj, Weather Officer, HQ 310th BG

Hunter, Anthony G., Col, pilot, 310th BG Commander

The 36 B-25's started taking off at 10:00 hours, joined up while circling the field, and at 11:00 hours and 3,300 feet altitude started on course in a close formation, with the six spares, none of which were needed, close by. The weather predictions proved accurate and nothing caused the flight to alter its 30° course to the mainland North of Naples.

Thirty-seven minutes out, on the deck, six sworls were seen in the water which might have been made by a crash-diving submarine.

Bottom turrets were lowered and the climb was started at 12:13. All our aircraft were in good formation, climbing 500 to 550 feet per minute at 170 miles per hour.

At 12:40 small black puffs of flak and/or self exploding cannon shells were seen bursting 100 yards to our left at our exact altitude; 6 ME-109's were attacking the rear of our formation and three more were spiraling up from below. One of our aircraft caught fire in the left engine and peeled off; seconds later fire broke out in the right engine of Capt. Kenneth M. Johnson's ship and as the 50's cracked out and tracers flew towards the attacking enemy aircraft, two 'chutes were seen to open from Johnson's plane. The fire spread while the plane flew straight and level; the right prop was feathered, then just before the aircraft fell off with the fire covering the wing, one more 'chute opened. The attacks continued from 4, 6, 8 and 12 O'clock, thirty or more in all, but they met the concentrated fire of our gunners, who were shooting in earnest.

Johnson, Kenneth M. "Ken", Capt, pilot, 379th BS

As the target came into view, the ships leveled out behind Capt. Walter E. Coddington, the bomb bay doors opened, and just after the B-25's from the 321st Group crossed below us, at 12:46, our bombs were away. There was little visual observation of the bomb strikes, but photos later showed much destruction to the trackage, particularly at both choke points, and heavy black smoke coming from the repair shops.

Coddington, Walter E., Capt, pilot

The formation turned right and made a gradual dive which moved the air speed indicators up to 260 miles per hour. Then minutes later another right turn was made and at 12:58 we crossed the coast South of Salerno "to the deck" with more flak from the vicinity of Battipaglia A/D bursting off to one side.

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Our escort of 26 P-38 from the 82nd Fighter Group rejoined us here after a free for all in which they destroyed one ME-109, damaged two others and unquestionably kept many a German pilot from pressing home his attack.

The return trip was uneventful, although two pilots stopped off at Sicily to refuel, and 31 Mitchells buzzed the field and landed at 14:42.

As the interrogation progressed more and more claims for destruction of enemy aircraft came and were verified, until the total came to 13 ME-109's, 1 RE-2001, and one hostile P-40 destroyed and 3 ME-109's and 1 MA-202 probably destroyed. Three of our bombers of the 379th Squadron are missing.

Claims for the destruction of enemy aircraft by gunners of the 381st Squadron are as follows:

T/Sgt. Clark, T.J.	1 ME-109
S/Sgt. Camagna, C.F.	1 ME-109
S/Sgt. Dees, P.	3 ME-109's
S/Sgt. Moxey, O.E.	1 ME-109
S/Sgt. Sigafos, J.F.	1 ME-109
S/Sgt. Shoemaker, C.D.	1 ME-109
Sgt. Lyon, J.R.	2 ME-109's
Sgt. Mayhew, W.B.	1 ME-109 and 1 hostile P-40

Claims for probably destruction:

S/Sgt. George, W.C.	1 ME-109
Sgt. Hannon, P.R.	1 ME-109

CREWS 1st Flight

A/C No. 41-29969 (C)

P *Therrien, Robert W., 2Lt*
CP *Williamson, Lloyd V., F/O*
N *None*
B *Dombkowski, Stanley F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Szymik, Emil (NMI), T/Sgt*
G *Kim, Daniel (NMI), S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet" (A) (flight leader)

Coddington, Walter E., Capt
Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt
Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt
Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt
None
Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt
Moxey, Orville E., T/Sgt
None

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A/C No. 41-30341 (B)

P *Campbell, Martin H., Jr., F/O*
CP *Sautter, Carl U., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Grossi, Frank L., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Standish, Beverly R., S/Sgt*
G *Sigafoos, James F., Jr., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (D)

P *Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt*
CP *Kurtz, James A., 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt*
G *Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-13061 "Lil Joe" (J)

P *Wirth, Thomas F., Jr., F/O*
CP *Boston, Joseph W., Jr., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Miller, Foster C., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Swanson, William M., T/Sgt*
G *Pontet, Emile A., JR., S/Sgt*
F *Pemberton, Robert (NMI) "Bob", Capt
(observer)*

**A/C No. 41-30333 "A Touch of Texas"
(H)**

P *Cook, Walter E., F/O*
CP *Stagner, Howard C., F/O*
N *None*
B *Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt*
G *George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt*
F *VanZytveld, Roger F., 1Lt (observer)*

A/C No. 42-32428 "Little Isadore" (F)

Samson, George D., 2Lt
Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt
None
Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt
None
Lichtenstein, Nathan N., S/Sgt
Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 41-30386 (E)

Hanna, Malcolm C., 2Lt
Sheets, Richard L., 2Lt
None
Trevethan, George R., S/Sgt
None
Pelkey, John R., S/Sgt
Camagna, Celest F., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (G)

Alexander, William T. "Alex", Capt
Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt
Hickman, James G., 1Lt
Withrow, John B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Foderaro, Albert (NMI), S/Sgt
Mayronne, Clyde A., Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-29957 (M)

Jones, William E., F/O
Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O
None
Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt
None
Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt
Hannon, Robert P., Sgt
Burt, Warwick C. S., T/Sgt

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A/C No. 42-64592 (K)		A/C No. 41-29962 (L)	
P	<i>Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt</i>		<i>Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Cruise, William H., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>Victor, Joseph G., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Leasure, Oliver B., 2Lt</i>		<i>Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Marshburn, James T., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt</i>		<i>Lyon, John R., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>

428th BS War Diary: We flew as spares today and luckily for today's mission proved costly as the Group lost 3 Bombers when they were attacked by approximately 50 fighters. 18 enemy planes were shot down. Major Elmer H. Epperson new C.O. to be made the rounds today - Major Walker slated for a higher Command position.

Epperson, Elmer H., Maj, pilot Commander

Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj, pilot, Commander

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : A day of rest for the 428th but the roughest in six months for the 310th group. The target was the Benevento marshalling yards about thirty miles Northeast of Naples.

After reaching the coast some 40-50 enemy fighters attacked the formation. We lost the crews and planes of Captain Johnson, Lt. Ruppelt, and Lt. Carpenter all of the 379th. The target was extremely well covered. Eighteen enemy planes fell to the 310's guns. It was the highest total we've ever scored on one raid, but it cost us, too.

Carpenter, Jesse L., 1Lt, pilot, 379th BS

Johnson, Kenneth M. "Ken", Capt, pilot, 379th BS

Ruppelt, Ellis A., 2Lt, pilot, 379th BS

Saturday, 28 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): No Entry

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's bomb the marshalling yard at Terni; B-26's hit the Aversa marshalling yard and Sparanise; and B-25's hit the Canello Arnone marshalling yard. P-40's fly intruder missions over Sardinia, bombing and strafing industry and town area. Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) light and medium bombers attack railroad facilities at Lamezia and Catanzaro, Italy; fighter-bombers hit road and rail junctions, and marshalling yards at Castrovillari, Cosenza, and Catanzaro, Italy.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Mission called off today reportedly for lack of fighters as a result of yesterday's heavy losses (P-38's suffered heavily). Rumors flying of a movement. S/Sgt. Chalmers received a broken arm when the truck returning from Tunis was side-swiped.

Chalmers, Gordon W., S/Sgt, radio-gunner

Sunday, 29 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): No Entry

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's hit the Orte marshalling yard, and B-26's bomb Torre Annunziata; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) fighters escort the NASAF bombers, hit a rail junction at Bagnara, bridge and town of Angitola, gun positions in the Villa San Giovanni-Reggio di Calabria areas, and a marshalling yard at Lamezia. HQ 51st Troop Carrier Wing transfers from Goubrine, Tunisia to Gela, Sicily. HQ 57th Bombardment Wing transfers from Egypt to Tunisia. HQ 64th Troop Carrier Group transfers from El Djem, Tunisia to Comiso, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: No mission. Orders taken for Scotch and champagne to celebrate our years anniversary on Sept 5th.

Monday, 30 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): No Entry

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, B-17's of the Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) bomb Viterbo Airfield; B-25's hit the Civitavecchia marshalling yard; B-26's bomb the Aversa marshalling yard. P-40's strafe a radar station at Pula, Sardinia. Also in Italy, Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) medium and light bombers attack marshalling yards at Marina di Cantanzaro and Paola, and gun emplacements and bivouac S of Reggio di Calabria; and A-36's bomb marshalling yards at Sapri and Lamezia. HQ 60th Troop Carrier Group transfers from El Djem, Tunisia to Gela, Sicily.

HQ 310th BG War Diary:

HQ 310th BG Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 162, 30 August 1943

- UNIT: 310th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.
- At 0950 60 B-25's took off to Bomb Civitavecchia M/Y's. None
Time No. A/C Type A/C Mission Target No. A/C

returned early. 60 dropped 352 X 500 .1 & 45 sec del bombs on target at
No. A/C No & Type

1219 from 8300-12,500 ft. 60 returned at 1430. None Lost, None
Time Altitude No. A/C Time No. A/C No. A/C

missing, None at _____.
No. A/C Friendly field
- RESULTS: A large concentration of bombs effectively covered the entire target. NW choke point completely covered by direct hits. RR lines knocked out in this area. Bombs fell across tracks in M/Y's in many places. RR sta, warehouses and locomotive shed received direct hits. Big explosion reported in this area resulting in much black smoke and fires. The center of the M/Yds was particularly well covered and the SE end was also hit. Some bombs hit in the town. The entire target was covered with dense smoke.

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4. OBS: No E/A observed or engaged. Flak: Slight heavy and light flak at the target; very inaccurate. Positions reported at P-18; K-24, 25; ST-3, 4; V-6 and from boats in the harbor. Slight, heavy inaccurate flak from two batteries at Cape Linaro. Shipping: 1 large and 4 med M/V's and several small craft in Civitavecchia harbor, 7 balloons reported. 14-15 small craft, possibly corvettes off the coast between Cape Linaro and target, heading N. One Siebel Ferry and 2 small craft heading N just off the target. Ground: 15 RR cars seen in N M/Yds at target. Photos were taken.

5. WEATHER AT TARGET: CAVU, slight haze.

GORDON C. LOCKE,
Major, Air Corps,
Group S-2.

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

379th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

A/C No. 1 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 2 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 3 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 4 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

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P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 5 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 6 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 7 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 8 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 9 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 10 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

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A/C No. 11 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 12 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

A/C No. 13 *aircraft & crew unidentified* A/C No. 14 *aircraft & crew unidentified*

P
CP
N
B
E
R
G
F

380th BS War Diary: *(No non-mission information)*

380th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # :

Mission Report # 114

Date- Aug 30, 1943

Target- Civitavecchia Marshalling Yards

Squadron airplanes- twelve

One of the most outstanding performances at bombing by our Group took place today when sixty of our planes completely destroyed the marshalling yards at Civitavecchia. Quoting directly from the mission report that was forwarded to higher command, "Large Concentration of bombs completely covered the entire target". To back this statement up the following description has been added: NW choke points well covered by direct hits. Rail lines severed in this area. Bombs fell across tracks in M/Y's in many places. The RR station, warehouses and locomotive shed received direct hits. A big explosion reported in this area resulting in much black smoke and fire. The center of the yards felt the terrific force of the bombing as well as the SE en which was also hard hit. Several strings of bombs found their way into the edge of town. Thick heavy smoke covered the entire target area, grim proof of the deadly accuracy of our bombardiers.

A slight amount of heavy and light flak was experienced over the target which proved to be inaccurate. Some also was reported being encountered from craft in the harbor. A considerable amount of shipping was sighted both along the coast and in Civitavecchia Harbor. 15 RR cars were seen in the N M/Y's at the target. Photos were taken and all ships returned safely to the home base.

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A/C No. 1 aircraft unidentified

P *Rice, Carl E., 2Lt*
CP *Ryan, Thomas P., 2Lt*
N *Konieczka, William F., 2Lt*
B *Mizerski, Richard C. "Bronco", 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Alexander, Phillip D., Sgt*
G *Thomas, Cyril L., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified

P *Drew, Edward A., 2Lt*
CP *Beale, Edward J., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Miller, Lester Amos, S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Cooper, Charlie W., S/Sgt*
G *Miller, Milton H., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified

P *Ross, Fred C., Jr., 2Lt*
CP *Wells, Samuel Marshall, 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Link, Byron F., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Lysowski, Raymond A., Cpl*
G *Litchfield, Edward W., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 7 probably 41-13079

"Shadrach"

P *Grow, Clyde L., Capt*
CP *Anderson, Lloyd G., 2Lt*
N *Coffey, John D., 2Lt*
B *Windler, John H., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Hill, Raiford B., T/Sgt*
G *Pintar, John L., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 aircraft unidentified

Benton, James H., 2Lt
Auchard, R.L., Lt
None
Snyder, G.F., S/Sgt
None
Hoover, Donald E., S/Sgt
McConnell, Walter J., S/Sgt
Faust, R.A., S/Sgt

A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified

Folwell, Frank C., 1Lt
Gifford, Frank (NMI), 2Lt
Potter, Eliot H., 1Lt
Ackerson, Newell W., 2Lt
None
Altobello, Joseph J., S/Sgt
Gore, W.O., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified

Hament, Carrol (NMI), 2Lt
Maxwell, Max W., 2Lt
None
Weinstein, Robert S., S/Sgt
None
Wells, Donald W., S/Sgt
Marquis, Wesley W., Sgt
None

A/C No. 8 aircraft unidentified

Hubbard, Jack W., 2Lt
Bounds, Thomas C., 2Lt
None
Kechter, Harry H., T/Sgt
None
Brinson, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
Himes, Burke W., Cpl
None

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A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified

P Steger, Edward H., Jr., 2Lt
CP LeFevre, Stanley D., 2Lt
N None
B Gardner, Clarence R., S/Sgt
E None
R Pratt, Ralph A., Jr., S/Sgt
G Penhale, Walter B., S/Sgt
F Powers, John A., S/Sgt

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P Smith, Leonard D. "Leo", 2Lt
CP Dodge, Charles M., 2Lt
N None
B Hotaling, R. (NMI), S/Sgt
E None
R McDowell, Alva H., S/Sgt
G McCabe, George P., Sgt
F None

A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified

Derrick, William S., 2Lt
Strunk, Clifton W., 2Lt
Lewis, Jack (NMI), 2Lt
Drake, W.H., 2Lt
None
Liudahl, I.M., S/Sgt
Barszcz, Stanley G., Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Wright, John E., 2Lt
Freeland, Levi B., Jr., 2Lt
None
Donahue, Francis E., S/Sgt
None
Morris, J.E., S/Sgt
Papp, Frank (NMI), Jr., Sgt
None

381st BS War Diary: (No non-mission information)

381st BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : **CIVITAVECCHIA MARSHALLING YARDS**

Sqdrn. Mission # 112	Group Mission # 149
Take Off 09:50	Flight 60 B-25's
Target 12:19	Escort 48 P-38's
Down 14:30	Bomb Load: 6 x 500
Total Time: 4 Hrs. 40 Min.	Bombs Dropped: 16(6 x 500), 48,000#
Total Sorties: 778	Average Altitude: 10,400.

Weather: Heavy cumulus formations around the airdrome during take off, but CAVU at the target.

REMARKS: Good bombing with no enemy aircraft interception and only slight inaccurate heavy flak, plus a lot of light flak which fell short.

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**CREWS
3rd Flight**

	A/C No. (C) (SPARE FILLED IN HERE)	A/C No. 41-13085 "Green Hornet" (A) (flight leader)
P		<i>Coddington, Walter E., Capt</i>
CP		<i>Ramsey, Thomas Upton, 2Lt</i>
N		<i>Renton, Walter C., Jr., 2Lt</i>
B		<i>Hornung, Willard R., 1Lt</i>
E		<i>None</i>
R		<i>Thomas, Quentin W., T/Sgt</i>
G		<i>Moxey, Orville E., T/Sgt</i>
F		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 41-30341 (B)	A/C No. 41-30333 "A Touch of Texas" (F)
P	<i>Campbell, Martin H., Jr., F/O</i>	<i>Cook, Walter E., F/O</i>
CP	<i>Sautter, Carl U., 2Lt</i>	<i>Weaver, Claude H., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
B	<i>Grossi, Frank L., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Micks, Henry B., S/Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R	<i>Standish, Beverly R., S/Sgt</i>	<i>Starnes, Carl B., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Schoen, Everett G., S/Sgt</i>	<i>George, Wade Clayton, S/Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 41-13052 "TABOO" (D)	A/C No. (E) (SPARE FILLED IN HERE)
P	<i>Evans, George N., Capt</i>	
CP	<i>Baisch, Joseph M., III, 2Lt</i>	
N	<i>Hickman, James G., 1Lt</i>	
B	<i>Withrow, John B., Jr., 2Lt</i>	
E	<i>None</i>	
R	<i>Foderaro, Albert (NMI), T/Sgt</i>	
G	<i>Mayronne, Clyde A., Sgt</i>	
F	<i>None</i>	
	A/C No. 42-32454 "Boomerang" (J) (spare - filled in)	A/C No. 41-29980 (G)
P	<i>Burt, Norman A., F/O</i>	<i>Marlow, Jack F., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Baker, Gordon G., 1Lt</i>	<i>Dusek, Ernest P., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>	<i>Forbes, Robert L., 1Lt</i>
B	<i>Douglas, Edward (NMI), S/Sgt</i>	<i>Fayard, Oliver E., Jr., 1Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
R	<i>Porter, Lloyd G., Jr., T/Sgt</i>	<i>Budde, Walter H., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Bozovich, Matthew L., S/Sgt</i>	<i>White, John Edward, S/Sgt</i>
		<i>None</i>

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A/C No. 41-30401 (H)

P *Stagner, Howard C., F/O*
CP *Warren, Donald B., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Doty, James K., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Shapiro, Marvin L., S/Sgt*
G *Blackshire, Joseph R., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32333 "Lorelei" (K)

P *Bitter, Irwin S., 1Lt*
CP *Kurtz, James A., 2Lt*
N *Collins, Vincent A., 1Lt*
B *Heitman, Oliver C., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Schmidt, Harold E., Sgt*
G *Bruhman, Otto C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-32500 "The Saint" (P)

P *Dauley, Charles G., 2Lt*
CP *Young, Charles A., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Campbell, Warren B., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Rea, Willis L., Sgt*
G *Sentlingar, Charles W., Cpl*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-64594 (O)

P *Donnovan, Gerald M., 2Lt*
CP *Burris, James W., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Rogers, Leo C., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Dittmar, Francis A., T/Sgt*
G *Bowden, Scott T., S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 41-30386 (M)

Hanna, Malcolm C., 2Lt
Sheets, Richard L., 2Lt
None
Trevethan, George R., S/Sgt
None
Pelkey, John R., S/Sgt
Camagna, Celest F., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 42-32428 "Little Isadore" (L)

Samson, George D., 2Lt
Burlingame, John Hancock, 2Lt
None
Schutte, Warren G., 2Lt
None
Lichtenstein, Nathan N., S/Sgt
Dees, Paul (NMI), S/Sgt
Scott, Ivan D., Cpl

A/C No. 42-53445 "Lottie's Goose" (N)

Denton, Richard D., 2Lt
Mitchell, Lenyard C., F/O
Opeka, John (NMI), Jr., 2Lt
Colleton, John C., 2Lt
None
Potolsky, George (NMI), T/Sgt
Miller, Foster Eugene, S/Sgt
Cometh, Lawrence (NMI), Capt, Commander (observer)

A/C No. 41-29962 (L)

Wolfe, Warren M., 2Lt
Cruise, William H., 2Lt
None
Malone, Donald B., S/Sgt
None
Marshburn, James T., Sgt
Lyon, John R., Sgt
Burt, Warwick C. S., T/Sgt

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A/C No. 42-64592 (Q)

P *Kreuzkamp, Paul J., 2Lt*
CP *Stoeber, Leslie R., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Leasure, Oliver B., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Shoemaker, Cecil D., S/Sgt*
G *Mayhew, Wesley B., Jr., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 42-29957 (R)

Jones, William E., F/O
Hudson, Charles (NMI), Jr., F/O
None
Smith, Paul F., S/Sgt
None
Clark, Thomas J., T/Sgt
Hannon, Robert P., Sgt
None

428th BS War Diary: 60 bombers led by Lt. Beatty struck at the Marshalling yards at Civitavecchia at 1219 hours. The yards were completely smothered with hits. Adjacent warehouses and repair shops were destroyed. There was one huge explosion. There was light and heavy flak. Sgt. Hazel H. Duncan, former Ordnance Chief who had been reduced for inefficiency and placed on DS with the 321st Bomb Gp was killed in an auto accident.

Duncan, Hazel H., Sgt, ordnance

428th BS Mission Summary: (Ops Order ---/mission ---) Group Mission # : Sixty B-25's struck the marshalling yards at Civitavecchia at 1219 on August 30. It was a better job of bombing than the 310th has done in quite a while. The yards were completely inundated by hits and adjacent warehouses and repair shops destroyed. There was one huge explosion. A few bombs were long into the edge of town.

There was some slight light and heavy flak at the target -- all of it very inaccurate. A good day. Lt. Beatty led the formation.

A/C No. 1 *aircraft unidentified*

P *Beatty, John H., 1Lt*
CP *Epperson, Elmer H., Maj, Commander*
N *Doolittle, Leonard N., Capt*
B *Boatler, Sidney K., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Stilp, John P., T/Sgt*
G *Myers, Loy G. "Ace", S/Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 2 *aircraft unidentified*

Wescott, Robert M., 1Lt
Hogan, Jack F., F/O
None
Naworski, Edward F., S/Sgt
None
Versaw,
Donaldson, William M., Sgt
Lemahiev, (observer)

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	A/C No. 3 aircraft unidentified		A/C No. 4 aircraft unidentified
P	<i>Purifoy, Lawrence Lloyd "Peter Plink", 1Lt</i>		<i>Brennan, Samuel J., Jr., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Hartzell, Jacob S., 2Lt</i>		<i>Sebor, George, (NMI), 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Nessif, Joseph M., 2Lt</i>		<i>Keys, Paul R., 2Lt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Smit, Richard F., T/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Skypeck, George F., Cpl</i>		<i>Agin, Clealon J., Sgt</i>
F	<i>Reed, Robert H., Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 5 aircraft unidentified		A/C No. 6 aircraft unidentified
P	<i>Boswell, Harry R., 2Lt</i>		<i>Douglas, James D., 2Lt</i>
CP	<i>Everiss, William Raymond, 2Lt</i>		<i>Farley, Jean N., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
B	<i>Karvel, Roy L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Evans, Allen (NMI), Sgt</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
R	<i>Booth, Jack D., S/Sgt</i>		<i>Lunger, Quentin L., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Kelly, Andrew R., Cpl</i>		<i>Sviantek, John L., Sgt</i>
F	<i>None</i>		<i>None</i>
	A/C No. 7 probably 41-13094 "Seasweep" (flight leader)		A/C No. 8 10 41-13050 "Virginia Sturgeon"
P	<i>Walker, James P. "Chief", Maj, Commander</i>		<i>Peterson, Arthur C., 1Lt</i>
CP	<i>Harder, Frank A., 1Lt</i>		<i>Holley, James Taylor, 1Lt</i>
N	<i>Peterson, Donald L., 2Lt</i>		<i>Queen, Kenneth E., S/Sgt</i>
B	<i>Hotopp, Henry J., 2Lt</i>		<i>None</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>Hook, Raymond K., S/Sgt</i>
R	<i>Neview, Frederick J., Cpl</i>		<i>Michalek, Joseph F., S/Sgt</i>
G	<i>Rankin, James V., S/Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
F	<i>Johnson, Millard J., Sgt</i>		A/C No. 10 aircraft unidentified
	A/C No. 9 aircraft unidentified		<i>Southward, Thomas H., 2Lt</i>
P	<i>Stokes, Louis S., 2Lt</i>		<i>Edelman, Forrest J., F/O</i>
CP	<i>Lewis, Quentin McAlpine, 2Lt</i>		<i>Lick, Edmund W., 2Lt</i>
N	<i>None</i>		<i>Lanning, Fred H., 2Lt</i>
B	<i>Konchinsky, Herman (NMI), Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
E	<i>None</i>		<i>Kelly, Phillip J., S/Sgt</i>
R	<i>Morris, Raymond J., Sgt</i>		<i>Hirt, Fred A., Sgt</i>
G	<i>Graham, Herbert J., S/Sgt</i>		<i>None</i>
F	<i>Frank, Irving (NMI), S/Sgt</i>		

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A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Tooles, William B., 2Lt*
CP *Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Herring, William S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Weiland, Ray C., S/Sgt*
G *Sisson, John E., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 11 aircraft unidentified

P *Tooles, William B., 2Lt*
CP *Jones, Gordon K., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Herring, William S., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Weiland, Ray C., S/Sgt*
G *Sisson, John E., Sgt*
F *None*

**A/C No. 13 aircraft unidentified- may be
"Bad Seed"**

P *Brock, James C., 1Lt*
CP *Berent, Raymond E., 2Lt*
N *Martin, William V., 2Lt*
B *Baraniuk, Jerry M., 2Lt*
E *None*
R *Guilfoyle, Frederick J., S/Sgt*
G *Warlie, Roger Rickie, Pvt*
F *Hill, Lawrence G., Capt (observer)*

A/C No. 15 aircraft unidentified

P *Knight, Gerald R., 1Lt*
CP *Whitehurst, Ray E., 2Lt*
N *None*
B *Spencer, Ronald L., S/Sgt*
E *None*
R *Vezey, Kenneth D., Pvt*
G *Storms, Donald W., S/Sgt*
F *Williamson, Felton J., Pvt*

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Stewart, Hugh W., 2Lt
Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt
None
Lim, Wing Y., S/Sgt
None
Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt
Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 12 aircraft unidentified

Stewart, Hugh W., 2Lt
Fassett, Walter J., 2Lt
None
Lim, Wing Y., S/Sgt
None
Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt
Wink, Jacob A., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 14 aircraft unidentified

Blaauw, Harold A., 1Lt
Tiefel, Norman J., 2Lt
None
Stewart, Leslie F., T/Sgt
None
Tow, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt
Houseman, Charles M., Jr., S/Sgt
None

A/C No. 16 aircraft unidentified

Gena, Gerald M., 2Lt
Kirtley, John M., 2Lt
Akerland, Gustav J., 1Lt
Kalis, William H., Jr., 2Lt
None
Manfre, Joseph A., S/Sgt
Black, James F., Pvt
Basich, George F., 1Lt (observer)

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A/C No. 17 aircraft unidentified

P *Koch, Richard J., 2Lt*
CP *Moulder, Robert W., F/O*
N *None*
B *Ovalle, Charles V., Sgt*
E *None*
R *Colley, Francis E., S/Sgt*
G *Ringler, Ryan C., Sgt*
F *None*

A/C No. 18 aircraft unidentified

Edwards, William P., 2Lt
Chambers, Allen M., 2Lt
None
Burkett, William H., 2Lt
None
Jack, Robert C., Sgt
Risteau, John E., S/Sgt
None

Tuesday, 31 August 1943

USAAF Chronology: MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS (MTO):

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Ninth Air Force): B-24's bomb the marshalling yard at Pescara, Italy; they claim 9 enemy fighters destroyed. The 66th and 68th Bombardment Squadrons (Heavy), 44th Bombardment Group (Heavy), that have been operating from Benina, Libya with B-24's since Jun, return to their base at Shipdham, England.

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Northwest African Air Force):

In Italy, about 150 Northwest African Strategic Air Force (NASAF) B-17's blast the Pisa marshalling yard, doing a large amount of damage; Northwest African Tactical Air Force (NATAF) medium and light bombers bomb the Cosenza marshalling yard and road-railway junction in Cantanzaro during the morning, and in the afternoon bomb the area around Cosenza when clouds prevent hitting specific targets; fighter-bombers hit Sapri railroad and seaplane base; and during the night light bombers hit the bivouac areas SE of Reggio di Calabria.

HQ 310th BG War Diary: No Entry

379th BS War Diary: No Entry

380th BS War Diary: No Entry

381st BS War Diary: No Entry

428th BS War Diary: Pay call. Officers club officially opened. Bar was stacked with liquor from Tunis.

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HQ 310th BG War Diary: Additional Information for August 1943: None

379th BS War Diary: Additional Information for August 1943:

379th Bombardment Squadron (M)
310th Bombardment Group (M), AAF.

1 September 1943

SUBJECT: Squadron History for August.

TO : Headquarters, 310th Bombardment Group (M) AAF, APO-520.

During the month of August the 379th participated in all but one of the 14 missions flown by the group. With our successful mission over Milazzo Harbor on August 1st, we completed our last raid over Sicily in this campaign. The 379th had the distinction of leading this last Sicilian raid. Harbor installations, warehouses, railroad yards and an oil refinery were all battered as our last contribution to the Sicilian Campaign which came to a successful conclusion on the 17th of this month with the fall of Messina.

After this first raid, we devoted our attention entirely to the Italian Mainland, striking airdromes at Crotone, Bosco Lago and Grazzanise; railroad marshalling yards at Rome Littorio, Salerno, Battipaglia, Benevento, and Civitavecchia; roads and bridges at Staletti, Angitola, and Marina di Catanzaro. Thus it can be seen that during this month our major effort was to cripple the Italian transportation was a prelude to an invasion of the country itself.

Of all these missions, one will always be remembered by our Squadron as its most disastrous raid. This was the raid on the Benevento Marshalling Yards on August 27th. On making their landfall at the Italian coast, the formation of 36 bombers was attacked by 40-50 German and Italian fighters which in a running fight for twenty minutes, shot down three of the bombers, all from the 379th. The gallantry displayed by the crew in one of these bombers, namely, Capt. Kenneth M. Johnson's crew, was indeed a credit to themselves and our Squadron. After receiving hits which set both engines of their plane afire, they continued on in a glide maintaining their gunfire on the persistent fighters, until they reached their target where they dropped their bombs before crashing. The sixteen men we lost on this raid were as follows:

Capt. Kenneth M. Johnson, *pilot*
Capt. Donovan W. Rulien, *bombardier*

T/Sgt. Paul E. Krueger, *gunner*
S/Sgt. Albert F. Dallaire, *gunner*

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1 st Lt. Lamont L. Cates, <i>navigator</i>	S/Sgt. Jackson W. Park, <i>bombardier-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Jesse L. Carpenter, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Henry H. Kuhn, Jr, <i>radio-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Samuel C. Schlitzkus, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Laddie T. Miller, <i>gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. Ellis A. Ruppelt, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. Nathan B. Snyder, <i>bombardier-gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. Remi T. DeLouche, Jr, <i>pilot</i>	S/Sgt. James R. Grimm, <i>radio-gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. John H. Schnack, <i>pilot</i>	Sgt. Edward Thomas Joseph, <i>gunner</i>

August 5th was a happy day for everyone down to the last man because we said goodbye to our King's Cross base and its oppressive heat and moved on up to our new base at , Menzel-Temime on the Cape Bon Peninsula. The new base was a pleasant surprise to all of us and most of us agree that it was our nicest base up-to-date. Over looking the blue Mediterranean, we found the temperatures much more to our liking with the cool sea breezes quickly erasing our memories of the searing winds of King's Cross. We quickly found that the most heavily traveled road on the base was that one leading to the beach where the delightful bathing increased the enjoyment of many of the men's idle hours.

The old saying that "all good things come in bunches" often comes true as it did in this case. In addition to our pleasant surroundings we at last received an adequate supply of pyramidal tents and the majority of the men, who had been living in the cramped confinement of pup tents for nine long months, finally moved into homes where they could at least stand up and dress without using the techniques of a contortionist.

During the week beginning August 15th our Squadron Commander Capt. Batten was away from us enjoying a well deserved rest at Ifrane Rest Camp. In his absence Capt. Holstead took over the reins of the 379th and turned in a very creditable job. Upon his return, Capt. Batten directed suspicious glances at a very healthy tan acquired by Capt. Houk and Lt. Canale in his absence.

<i>Batten, Earl E., Capt, pilot, Commander</i>	<i>Canale, Philip M., Jr., 2Lt, Supply Officer</i>
<i>Holstead, James R., Capt, pilot</i>	<i>Houk, George R., Capt, Adjutant</i>

The 379th received a real honor on August 22nd when Sgt. Edward J. Anderson of our Squadron, who had been selected from the entire 47th Bombardment Wing, to broadcast his impressions of the first Rome raid in an interview at Algiers. The interview was broadcast over a nation wide hookup in the United States. In addition, Sgt. Anderson was the victim of a swarm of newspaper correspondents and photographers.

Anderson, Edward J., Sgt, bombardier-gunner

Another one of our men was honored on August 23rd when 1st Lt. Kenneth M. Schlasinger was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while on a raid over enemy territory.

Schlasinger, Kenneth M., 1Lt,

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Our Group Special Officer Lt. Fisher, formerly of the 379th, did a very good job during the month and the men were treated to a number of good motion pictures at the 310th "Cinema". Best of all we had a real treat when we were visited by Bob Hope and Francis Langford who put on a most enjoyable show for us.

Fisher, Earl W., 1Lt, Special Services Officer, HQ 310th BG

Changes in the Squadron personnel continued thru out the month and the new men welcomed into the 379th were as follows:

2 nd Lt. Arvid A. Pamp, <i>pilot</i>	T/Sgt. Joseph Rabinowitz, <i>gunner</i>
2 nd Lt. John T. Mohon,	Sgt. Robert S. Ladd,
2 nd Lt. Earl J. Shaffer,	Cpl. Patrick J. Neely,
2 nd Lt. William J. Kauric, <i>bombardier</i>	Pvt. Robert L. Hudgens,

Most of those leaving the Squadron were our "old timers" who had at long last completed their coveted 50th mission. These men whom we enviously bid au revoir as they started for home were as follows:

1 st Lt. Bertram J. Leask, <i>pilot</i>	T/Sgt. Henry H. Chase, <i>radio-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Harry R. Logan, Jr, <i>pilot</i>	T/Sgt. Harris M. Haskell, <i>bombardier-gunner</i>
1 st Lt. Kenneth M. Schlasinger,	

Others leaving the Squadron were 1st Lt. Charles W. Smith, another "old timer", and S/Sgt. Kenneth C. McLees.

McLees, Kenneth C., Sgt, communications

Smith, Charles W., 1Lt, pilot

Seven of the 379th Officers received well deserved promotions. Congratulations were extended by the entire Squadron to the following men:

Capt. LaVerne B. Johnson, *navigator*
Capt. Royal B. Allison, *pilot*
1st Lt. Robert R. Blades,
1st Lt. Alvin F. Biggs,
1st Lt. Donald C. Biggs, *bombardier*
1st Lt. Douglas L. Fidler,
1st Lt. Harold L. Rogers, *pilot*

So Ends another Month!!!!

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380th BS War Diary: Additional Information for August 1943:

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES
OF OUR FLYING MEN

380th Bombardment Sq.
310th Bombardment Gp.

1 August 1943

“Snow White I” no longer flies the skyways to smash the Axis, but the spirit of “Snow White I” rode her one time bombardier, Staff Sergeant Albert G. Links to complete his 50th mission against the harassed enemy today. Sgt. Links, who expects to spend some time in Hartford, Conn. Soon, came back from his last mission singing “Among My Souvenirs” and significantly tossing a piece of Axis flak, about the size of a large pocket knife, in his hands, saying as he grinned, “It’s a farewell present from the Jerries.”

Links, Albert G., S/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

The enemy ground defense guns had thrown up an intense heavy flak curtain for the B-25’s to fly through and a fragment came smashing into the bombardier’s compartment where it struck the Staff Sergeant Bombardier on the chin. The fact that he came out of this unscathed was due only to the strength of the plexi-glass nose and the duralumin brace which the fragment tore through before it reached the bombardier’s chin. He said, “I picked the piece of metal up to see what had hit me, but had to drop it because it was hot as a coal.”

If Sgt. Links were to wear all the pieces of flak that the Axis had tossed at him he’d look like a scrap iron-pile. You’ll never see some of his souvenirs unless, of course, you can get him to tell you of some of these raids. In addition to the “Axis Souvenirs” Sgt. Links has been awarded the Air Medal and nine Oak Leaf Clusters for his part in the North African campaign. His Commanding Officer recently made known to him his recommendation for the Distinguished Flying Cross, a signal honor. Sgt. Links was awarded this high honor on 18 September ’43.

Wilder, Rodney R. "Hoss", Maj, pilot, Commander

Sgt. Links finished this mission the same way that he flew on his first as bombardier in “tail end charlie” position, or last ship in the formation.

A complete list of the targets he has bombed roads like a “Cook’s Tour” of North Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, Sardinia, Sicily and Italy. His first bombing mission took him to Kairouan in Tunisia, on the 6th of January, where he sent his eight 300 pounders down to help wreck the railroad marshalling yards much needed by the Axis. From then on it became a succession of various other targets, on land and in sea sweeps against the enemy shipping in the Mediterranean and Sicilian Straits. Sgt. Links saw ME-109’s, JU-52’s and a giant Merschei six engine glider splash into the blue of Musso’s “Mare Nostrum.”

Flying over El Aouina, Tunis, where the Nazis had a pretty little airdrome, Sgt. Links, went through the “Daisy Chain” and learned why the barrage which resembles blossoming daisies got that name. His B-25 formation knocked out about 40 JU-52’s on that field.

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He helped make Sfax too hot a spot for Rommel's men, also El Aouinet where about 15 ME-109's engaged the B-25's in a running fight which lasted almost half an hour to cost the enemy a total of 7 planes show down. But it was at Gabes on February 8, 1943 that the Axis almost put him out.

His formation, consisting of 18 B-25's, had as its target the Gabes Airdrome, the hottest target in Lower Tunisia. As they approached for the bomb run it became apparent that the enemy were all set for them. Axis fighters took off to intercept the B-25's, and the Mitchell Bombers were surrounded by flak even before reaching the target. Despite the intense flak the attack went on and it wasn't until Sgt. Link's pilot called over the interphone to him to "get on the ball, open your bomb bay doors" that the bombardier made known his injury from a piece of flack which had knocked him down. After recovering from the shock Sgt. Links quickly resumed his place by the bomb sight and despite his wound let go at the enemy with his bomb load after which he manned the nose gun and kept off the enemy fighters during a 20 minute fight. Links says, "I wasn't the only one hit. Sgt. Wesline, the radio gunner, got a piece too." When their B-25 landed, a bit roughly, due to a tire punctured by enemy fire it was found that the bomber had between 400 and 500 holes in it, mute testimony of the "hellfire" they had flown through.

Wesline, Richard L., T/Sgt, radio-gunner

There were more trips over Axis territory, most of them "hot" with flak and fighters. Next in line came one of Musso's finest airdromes in Sardinia, the field at Villacidro.

A commendation to all members of Sgt. Links' Group came through and the work went right on. Sgt. Links saw some of his own friends shot down, but only steeled himself all the more to "smack the Axis" right back.

It was about mid-spring that Sgt. Links, sick with a throat infection and worn down physically by the bitter winter and difficult living conditions in North Africa, was sent to an Army Hospital and there had his tonsils "evacuate", as he says. That's the one souvenir that he left in Algeria. However his temporary illness did cause him to break away from the crew he had originally started combat with. And breaking into a new crew, gaining confidence in a new pilot, as well as crew members you have never before flown with is a no small degree of trials and tribulations, as any flyer will attest. Join a new crew he did, and mended and healed after his sojourn in the field hospital, he again resumed his job of pounding the axis, hitting every target that Musso or Hitler could offer a medium bomber group.

There were more airdromes, harbors, and sea sweeps with plenty of flak and fighters to make things interesting. There were targets in Tunisia where Rommel's forces had hightailed it for a last desperate stand. The sea sweeps were making things tough for those forces, a considerable tonnage went to the bottom of the sea, and supplies were vital to their mechanized warfare.

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The B-25's went right into the harbors of the enemy; a surprise raid of Porto Torres se the Axis back on their heels with the loss of one freighter sunk, one left in flames, and still another hit with damage unknown. The docks and loading installations were severely damaged by two direct hits while the nearby airbase lost a hangar and a precious gasoline dump went up in an inferno. There was also the little matter of 20 airplanes put out of the battle on the field. This raid, with over 85% of the bombs landing within 20 feet of the target area showed the "Supermen" how precision bombing was done - the "American Way."

With the combined work of the Allied ground and Air Forces, the Axis strength was broken in North Africa. This meant longer trips to be "sweated out" by the air crews. New, almost virgin territory opened up to the aim of the bombardier.

Sgt. Links was one of the air crew selected and especially trained for the first mission to Rome, Italy. Altogether he has made two trips over that city. He comments, "Even from the air, we could see that the reputation for beauty was well deserved in Rome. We all followed our detailed instructions in letting go the bombs. Nothing but military zones were to be hit - and we hit nothing but military zones."

That's about the end of it; Sgt. Links has played a part in one of the never-to-be-forgotten campaigns of this war. He has helped America and the Allies prove to everyone that the Nazi, and his minions are not invincible. As he will tell you if he gets to talking of his trip to Naples, "We're changing a lot of things for the Axis...even that old saying about 'See Naples and Die', why everybody came back from that one."

LIFE ON THE PENINSULA

380th Bombardment Sq.
310th Bombardment Gp.

8 August 1943

Our stay at Koudiat Air Base was comparatively short for after eight weeks of operation there we moved farther east again. Our new base was received with great eagerness by all the personnel mainly because of the cool winds, ever prevalent, coming off the sea, and also for the pleasant shade afforded by the numerous groves of fruit trees and cactus bushes.

Among the first to arrive at Menzel Temime Landing Ground, our new home at Cape Bon, on the tip of the peninsula, were 1st Lt E.N. Carlson, Commanding, Capt. W.G. Gridley, and seven enlisted men of our squadron. A total of about forty officers and men, commanded by Lt. Col. Harvey H. Hinman comprised the advanced echelon fro the group.

Carlson, Elmer Norman, 1Lt, personnel

Gridley, William G., Capt, intelligence

Hinman, Harvey H., Lt. Col, pilot, Group Deputy Commander

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Four days later on the fifth of August, the entire squadron moved up to our new base. C-47's transported most of our equipment although a portion of our supplies were brought up by motor convoy. Our aircraft ran a 'shuttle service' between the two bases and all personnel arrived without mishap. 1st Lts. L.J. Eichner and A.M. Richardson remained behind to superintend the policing of our area and then drove up several days later by jeep.

Eichner, Lambert John, Jr., 1Lt, ground officer

Richardson, Ambrose M., 1Lt, ground officer

The close proximity of the beach to our airfield makes our location comparable to a shore resort. The water is unusually clear and just the right temperature for swimming and almost all take advantage of it. After the terrific heat, scorching winds and dust storms that we all endured at Koudiat Air Base our new home may easily be termed a "Haven of Refreshment."

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF OUR FLYING MEN

380th Bombardment Sq.

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30 August 1943

CAPTAIN CLYDE L. GROW, FLIGHT LEADER, OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

Captain Grow who has experienced many thrills during his flying career stated that he will never forget the day last March when the formation in which he was flying made a low level sweep on eleven flak barges, sinking six of them with well placed bomb hits. "As we crossed the barges," related Capt. Grow, "the air was full of tracers. It's a miracle how we ever came through unscathed. 88 mm guns, firing point blank, threw up great geysers of water between our planes, and I can honestly say that it was one of the most thrilling moments of my life."

1ST LIEUT. JOHN D. COFFEY, NAVIGATOR, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

Flying as navigator of Captain Grow's ship, Lt. Coffey strongly agrees with him that low level bombing of eleven flak barges last March was a plenty exciting mission. "While on the bomb run in the role of bombardier-navigator," relates Lt. Coffey, "I was so enthralled as the sight of all the Jerries jumping over the sides of the barges that I almost forget to drop my bombs, but I managed to get them out in time and then returned to my nose gun to do a little more strafing. As we pulled up in an effort to gain some altitude the bell our ship was exposed to the concentrated fire of the ack-ack guns aboard the barges giving them a perfect shot. Miraculously, however, we were not touched, but I can safely say that those few moments before we leveled out were the most exciting ones of my combat career."

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STAFF SERGEANT WILLIS E. HUTCHENRIDER, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHER,
WACO, TEXAS.

“During the last few weeks of the North African Campaign,” remarked Sgt. Hutchenrider, “all of the enemy’s mobile anti-aircraft strength was concentrated in a small island of land that they still held and each time we went over to pay them a visit, we would be received by a gauntlet of intense ground fire the moment we left our lines. I remember one day in particular, our assignment being the landing ground at Ste. Marie Du Zit, that if we had zigged instead of zagging our ship wouldn’t have seen the old home base again. With steady intense flak all the way over the target, we straightened out for the bomb run. The Jerry Gunners threw up everything but the “kitchen sink” and plenty of the bursts were too close for comfort. We dropped our bombs with very good results and were surprised to later learn that General Von Armin’s Headquarters lay under the rain of our bombs. When we came back to the base and checked the plane I almost passed out when I saw a huge hole in the navigator’s compartment not more than two inches away from where I was sitting. I never even knew that we had been hit.”

1ST LIEUT. JOHN E. WRIGHT, PILOT, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

Lieut. Wright described the bombing mission to Battipaglia as saying, “The scene on the beaches of Battipaglia was comparable to the British Dunkirk in the early stages of this war. Both our land and naval forces were the subject of unmerciless poundings by enemy artillery and tank units and by the Luftwaffe, whose dive bombers relentlessly hammered at our shipping in the Gulf of Salerno. Our objective was the town of Battipaglia, bulging with enemy ground troops. Our bombardiers covered the entire town with a perfect bombing pattern and were indirectly responsible for the town being retaken by our forces several hours later. When I saw the terrific beating the boys on the ground were taking, I realized then that the Infantry is the toughest branch of the service.”

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Despite the spectacular progress of the war, regular ground activities continued in their usual groove. Koudiat (King's Cross) promising at first, turned out to be one of the lousiest spots ever occupied by the 381st. Amusements were few. Movies semi-nightly, or swimming in the 2 by 4 pool at the monastery over the hill, provided the only recreational escapes. Climatic conditions were rugged in the extreme. It was always uncommonly hot. On more than one day the temperature reached 118 degrees and hung there while the personnel --- carrying on as usual --- sweltered without even one tree to afford shade for a few moments rest. From time to time winds of gale-like strength --- locally called "Siroccos", swept across the valley for hours at a time --- blowing down tents and scattering everything not tied down. The Siroccos unfailingly occurred on the hottest days and their heat and intensity withered even the sturdiest men. Even on comparatively still days, huge whirlwinds filled with dust could always be seen hurrying across the floor of the valley.

It was with considerable relief therefore, that the Squadron learned that it was to move again; this time to a place called Menzel Temime, on the tip of Cape Bon. The move was accomplished quickly. On 3 August, Lt. Abbott, the Squadron Adjutant, and nine Enlisted Men departed in an advanced echelon. When the rest of the Squadron's 67 Officers and 278 Enlisted Men arrived by plane on 5 August, most of the tents were set up, and a mess hall was ready to serve the evening meal. By sundown on the 6th, the organization was functioning.

Abbott, Robert D., 1Lt, Adjutant

Menzel Temime was Heaven; or so it seemed after the Hellish heat of Koudiat. The runway filled most of the distance between the sea and the town of Menzel Temime. The various Squadrons were quartered in groves of ancient olive trees which covered a long strip of land laying parallel to a wide sandy beach. The most inviting novelty was the swimming. The sand was white and warm --- and the water blue and clear. Enough said. For the first few days it looked like Coney Island on a Sunday in June. Finally, when all of the dust of Koudiat had been washed off, there was another novelty --- an abundance of fresh fruit which grew on the surrounding farms --- grapes, figs, watermelons, cantaloupes and casaba melons. Moving pictures continued with their usual frequency, the quality of the local wine was good, and the food in the mess getting better; and everyone was happy again for the first time since leaving Berteaux.

One of the first innovations to be made was the construction of a combination mess hall and day room. Its frame work was built entirely out of wood salvaged from the crates in which P-38 Belly Tanks are delivered. This framework, covered with canvas, made quite a snug building about 18 by 60 feet. Inside were tables and benches for eating or playing cards, a radio and plenty of books and magazines. Another highlight was the assignment of seven Italian prisoners to the Squadron to work as K.P.'s, and for general detail work.

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On the 11th of August, Major White finished his 50th mission. Three days later he was transferred to Headquarters, N.A.S.A.F. In the seven months during which Major White had been 381st Squadron Commander, he received the complete respect and confidence of each man under his command. As a pilot and as a Flight Commander, his outstanding skill more than once brought a flight of ships safely back to base after raining death and destruction upon Axis forces. Major White, in all of his actions proved himself worth of the high standards set by the United States Military Academy and the United States Army Air Corps.

White, Alpheus Wray, Jr., Maj, pilot, Commander

On the 14th of August, Captain Lawrence Cometh joined the Squadron and assumed command. Captain Cometh did not come to the 381st as a stranger. The Squadron knew him as a capable flight leader in the 380th Squadron from July 42 until May 43, then as 380th Operations Officer. His promotions had been rapid. He became a 1st Lieutenant on 28 September 42, and a Captain on 27 January 43. On the 30th of August 43 he was promoted to the rank of Major.

Cometh, Lawrence (NMI), Maj, pilot

Having completed their 50th mission, Capt. Carl A. Phillips, and 1st Lts. Kenneth E. Lewis and John H. Myers took off for Officers' Rest Camp at Ifrane, near Fez, Morocco. T/Sgts. Royal C. Nickelson and Willie A. Smith, also having completed their 50 missions, went to the Enlisted Mens' Rest Camp at Ain Taya, near Algiers. They all departed on 26 August, orders were received which transferred them to the "Nearest AAF Base for Port of Debarkation." They will be missed in the Squadron, for not only were they good combat men, but they were all outstanding personalities as well.

Lewis, Kenneth E., 1Lt, pilot

Myers, John H., 1Lt, bombardier

Nickelson, Royal C., T/Sgt, radio-gunner

Phillips, Carl A., Capt, pilot

Smith, Willie A., T/Sgt, bombardier-gunner

On August 17th after 38 days of fighting in Sicily, the Germans retreated across the Straits of Messina. The high altitude Heavies (B-17's, B-25's and Wellingtons) from other Groups made this short sea trip so hazardous that many prisoners and quantities of equipment were left behind to fall into Allied hands. Meanwhile the Mediums, (B-25's and B-26's) bombed airdromes, destroyed aircraft on the ground, and bombed road and rail junctions and bridges.

Between missions the atmosphere of the Base was more like that of a rest camp than that of a combat organization at war. Cpl. Arnold E. Bradley even built a contraption which, for lack of a better term, could be described as a sail boat. Anyway, it sailed. Securing two P-38 belly tanks, he cut cockpits in the top of each and braced them together, side by side. A slab of armor plate from one of the Afrika Korp's abandoned tanks formed a keel, while the mast and boom were made from tent poles. A large piece

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of white canvas was cut into a main sail and jib. It was named "Minnie the Mermaid", and was fast, maneuverable and sea worthy.

Bradley, Arnold E., Cpl

On the 25th of August, under orders from the new Squadron Commander, a meeting of all Non-commissioned Officers of the first three grades was called by Capt. Campbell. The purpose of the meeting, it was explained, was to bring into open forum discussion all criticisms, complaints and suggestions relative to the operation of the Squadron. The discussions were to be conducted in the presence of an Officer, who would take the resultant suggestions to the Commanding Officer for action. A chairman, S/Sgt. Hudson R. Tourtellot was elected and the meeting got under way. Chief topic was a lengthy discussion on the mess hall and its menus. Other topics touched upon were sanitation, an athletic program, the establishment of a rifle range, and the distribution of Quartermaster supplies.

Campbell, Ivan R., Capt, Executive Officer

Tourtellot, Hudson R., S/Sgt

Eleven missions were flown in August, which brought the total number of Squadron sorties to 778. 326,000 pounds of bombs were dropped. Our bag of enemy fighters for the month was 11 ME-109's and a hostile P-40, all shot down on one mission. All of our aircraft returned safely.

By the end of August the Squadron had completed eight and one-half months of combat operations. 1,533,744 pounds of bombs had been dropped, and 29 enemy fighters had been shot down, and almost 200 enemy aircraft had been destroyed on the ground.

On the following page is a schedule showing the ratio of sorties to planes lost in action.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SORTIES PER MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL SORTIES</u>	<u>PLANES LOST PER MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL PLANES LOST</u>	<u>% OF LOSS PER SORTIE PER MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL % LOSS PER SORTIE</u>
January	76	76	0	0	0	0
February	51	127	5	5	9.8039	.0394
March	45	172	1	6	.0222	.0349
April	68	240	2	8	.0294	.0333
May	140	380	1	9	.0071	.0237
June	115	495	0	9	0	.0182
July	171	666	2	11	.1167	.0165
August	112	778	0	11	0	.0141

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