

Intelligence Narrative No. 3, Day Operation 25 April 1943

Twenty-one B-26's of the 320th Bomb Group (Medium) took off this morning to bomb the Airdrome near Milis, Sardinia. Were to be escorted by sixteen (16) P-38's of the 82nd Fighter Group, rendezvous, Cape De Fer at 1000 ft. at 0915A. P-38's not at rendezvous, and our bombers proceeded to target alone. Fragmentation bombs in one plane started smoking when pins removed, time 0955 hrs., altitude 500 ft. Bombs were salvoed and one bomb exploded, damaging plane and causing its early return to this base, 10:30 Hrs.

At target, Flight Commander Fordyce decided weather (which was CAVU) too advantageous for possible enemy fighter interception at our proposed altitude, (200 ft.) and ordered formation home.

Radio failure in F/C's plane caused misunderstanding; some planes jettisoned their bombs, making a bombing run on Carloforte impractical. (Carloforte was not a secondary target).

On return to this base, one plane left formation, apparently to salvo bombs. Bombay door opened, some bombs were seen to fall, but explosions from plane indicate that one or more exploded in bombay. Plane fell to sea and submerged immediately. Place: 60 miles due N. of Bone, Altitude: 2000 ft., Time: 11:30 hrs.

Route: This base to rendezvous, 25° to a point 12 miles off western Sardinian shore and due west of target; made turn toward point north of target; 260° towards sea, then south, passing Carloforte beyond port wing; direct to this base.

Chronology: Bombers off between 0830 hrs and 0838 hrs. Rendezvous point 0915 hrs. One plane (early return) down 11:25 hours. Northern most point of flight, 10:30 hours. Bombers down between 12:07 and 12:25 hours.

Bombs: 312 x 72 lb. fragmentation clusters instantaneous L20 jettisoned into sea, 192 returned to this base.

Weather: En route: Solid overcast, 250' ceiling, clearing up towards Sardinia. CAVU at target. Return: Haze with 15 mile visibility.

Observations: None.

Casualties: 1st Lt. Hardie R. Tatum, O-727943. Next of kin and home address: Mrs. Lena E. Tatum, Rt. #2, Box #63, Placerville, California.  
2nd Lt. Joseph C. Garnett, O-662641. Next of kin and home address: Clarence R. Garnett, 527 N. 4th St., Hannibal, Mo.  
1st Lt. William E. Stodghill, O-912337. Next of kin and home add. Mrs. Jesse E. Stodghill, Rayville, La.  
T/Sgt. James H. Weeks, 1906583. Next of kin and home address: Hattie Weeks, 220 S. Grant St., Stockton, California.  
S/Sgt. Ralph W. Carver, 34161861. Next of kin and home address: Susie Carver, Dora, Alabama.

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Casualties:

S/Sgt. John Duffy, 83114981. Next of kin and home address:  
Teresa Duffy, 321 Church Lane, Philadelphia, Penn.

S/Sgt. Alwin J. Furrer, 15019896. Next of kin and home add.  
Maude J. Furrer, T. #2, Box 514, Charleston, West Va.

JAMES H. MACIA, Jr.  
Captain, Air Corps  
Group Intelligence Officer.

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Mission No. 3

25 April 1963

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RED

MYER  
959

TATUM  
965

BOSS  
768

BLUE

SEARS  
863

LOVICH  
958

KENNEDY  
765

YELLOW

KARLOWITZ  
035

BRADEN  
009

RILEY  
980

GREEN

MCVAY  
877

STUMM  
981

SUND  
024

BROWN

DOHMAN  
853

HALLGHELL  
861

TROSCH  
851

PINK

SMALL  
780

VAN METER  
041

BARBER  
073

SPANKS

BRIMBOTH  
054  
072

LETTRELL  
763

TORRES  
724

Colors of the Day: Attached  
Radio: Bomber: BULLFROG  
Parrot: Whitewash  
Bombing Altitude:  
1st. Flight: 6700  
2nd. Flight: 6200  
3rd Flight: 5700

Emergency Fields:  
Bom and Telrgms  
(Hospital Units)  
Target Elevation: 100 Ft.

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0600-1200Z  
1200-1800Z  
1800-2400Z

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M) AAF  
 Office of the Operations Officer  
 A. P. O. #520 NATOUSA

25 April 1943

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MILIS LANDING  
 FIELD, SARDINIA, 25 APRIL 1943:

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#3 MEYER-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN DAVIS-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT. ELLIOTT-NAV-BOMBARDIER-CAPTAIN FARCO-NAV-BOMBARDIER-T/SGT. DEWITTE-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. LONG-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.	442ND	959 TOOK OFF:0830 LANDED AT:1207:30 NOTE:LT. COL. FORDYCE FLEW AS OBSERVER.
#4 ROSS-PILOT-1ST. LT. THOMPSON-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT. HARRISON-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT. GANDY-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. WILLIAMS-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. MOBERLY-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	442ND	768 TOOK OFF:0830:30 LANDED AT:1208: <del>XXXXXXXX</del> NOTE:CAPT. ELLSWORTH FLEW AS OBSERVER.
#5 TATUM-PILOT-1ST. LT. GARNETT-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT. FURRER-NAV.-BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. DUFFY-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. CARVER-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. WEEKS-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.	442ND	965 TOOK OFF:0831 LANDED AT:CRASHED INTO SEA. NOTE: Lt. Stodghill flew as Observer.
#1 SIMS-PILOT-CAPTAIN HIMMELREICH-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT. BEATTY-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT. ROGERS-NAVIGATOR-CAPTAIN HUDSON-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. SIEGEL-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. BANCHOR-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	442ND	863 TOOK OFF:0831:30 LANDED AT:1209
#11 KENNEDY-PILOT-1ST. LT. MCGLANNON-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT. REIDA-NAV-BOMBARDIER-T/SGT. BELDON-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPL. TAYLOR-RADIO GUNNER-CPL. MILLER-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	441ST	765 TOOK OFF:0832 LANDED AT:1210 NOTE:LT. HALL FLEW AS OBSERVER.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
# 8 LOVECE-PILOT-1st Lt. LIMBERG-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. EVANS-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. BRANNING-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. WRIGHT-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT BROWN-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.	442nd	958  TOOK OFF: 0832/30 LANDED/ 1208/30 MAJOR ADAMS RODE THIS SHIP AS OBSERVER:
# 4 KARLOWITZ-PILOT-flight leader 1st Lt. CROTTY-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. SHEVELSON-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. FISHMAN- ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. COPIELL-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. GAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	441st	035  TOOK OFF:0833 LANDED 1212/30
# 14 RILEY-PILOT-2nd Lt. CHURCH-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. BROSI-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. DOLAN-ENGINEER GUNNER- SGT. MEEKER-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. MARTZ-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.	441st	980  TOOK OFF; 0833/30 LANDED : 1213
#15 BRADEN- PILOT-2nd Lt. WALKER-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. COCKRELL-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. OLSON-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. ALDRICH-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. BEARD-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	441st	009  TOOK OFF 08:34 LANDED 1213/30
#7 MCVAY-PILOT- 1st Lt. TIMMONS-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. FISHER-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt. RINALDI-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. GREENLEE-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. CURLEE-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT.	441st	877  TOOK OFF: 0834/30 LANDED : 1125 CAPTAIN MACIA RODE THIS SHIP AS OBSERVER.
# 11 SUND-PILOT1st Lt. SULLIVAN-F/O- CO-PILOT- MORAN-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 2nd Lt. BARTH-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/ SGT. COOK-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. LEWIS-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT.	444	024  TOOK OFF; 0835 LANDED; 1211
# 12 STUMM-PILOT-2nd Lt. HORNBERGER-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. JEGUIR-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 2nd Lt. GALLAHER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. BURTT-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. BOWEN-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.	444th	981  TOOK OFF; 0835/30 LANDED 1216

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
<p>#9  HEIMROTH-PILOT-1ST. LT.  CARRAHER-1ST. LT.-CO-PILOT  CIESELESKI-NAV-BOMBARDIER-S/SGT.  MITCHELL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  STREET-RADIO GUNNER-S/SBT.  WORNOFF-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.</p>	442ND	092 TOOK OFF:0840 LANDED AT:1040
<p>#7  TOWNS-PILOT-1ST. LT.  LUMPKIN-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.  DICKE-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  DESANTIS-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT.  MEADOWS-NAV-BOMBARDIER-S/SGT.  CHOUINARD-AERIAL GUNNER-CORP.</p>	, 444TH	724 TOOK OFF:0839:30 LANDED AT:;09:30

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL-#1  
DORMAN-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN  
PETERSON-CO-PILOT-2nd. LT.  
PERRIN-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.  
SNEBOLD-ENGINEER GUNNER-T/SGT.  
SMITH-RADIO GUNNER-1/SGT.  
PETBOSKI-AERIAL GUNNER-M/SGT.

SQUADRON  
444TH

SHIP NO.  
853  
TOOK OFF:0836  
LANDED AT:1214:30  
NOTE:MAJ. FOLK FLEW AS  
OBSERVER.

#11  
TRESCH-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
GRAVES-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
FACE-NAV-BOMBARDIER-2ND LT.  
CARTER-ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT.  
DOOLITTLE-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.  
POWELL-AERIAL GUNNER-CPL?

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851  
TOOK OFF:0836:30  
LANDED AT:1214

#10  
HALLOWELL-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
COULTER-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.  
SHYRCK-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.  
ETZEL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  
LENZ-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT.  
MORCCO-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

444TH

861  
TOOK OFF:0837  
LANDED AT:1218:30

#4  
SWALL-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
CARNEY-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.  
BOSWELL-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.  
WILLIAMS-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  
LEWIS-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.  
MOUNTAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.

443RD

780  
TOOK OFF:0837:30  
LANDED AT:1212

#7  
BARBER-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
PEAGIN-CO-PILOT-FLT. OFF.  
DCRE-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.  
HANSON-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPL.  
BURDEN-RADIO GUNNER-SGT.  
DROSS-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

443RD

073  
TOOK OFF:0838  
LANDED AT:1215:30

#5  
VAN WARTER-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
CALHOUN-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT.  
GROVE-NAV-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.  
BENNER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  
LILLO-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.  
SCHEMPP-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

443RD

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TOOK OFF-0838:30  
LANDED AT:1220

#1  
LUTTRELL-PILOT-CAPTAIN  
YEAGER-2ND. LT.-CO-PILOT  
POGUE-NAV-BOMBARDIER-2ND. LT.  
THOMPSON-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.  
ROBICHAUX-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.  
BRITTON-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

443RD

763  
TOOK OFF:~~0839~~ 0839  
LANDED AT:1039