

Intelligence Narrative No. 4, Day Operation 26 April 1945

Twenty B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (H) took off today to bomb Porto Conte Romano, Cagliari. Flight Commander, Lt. Col. Stanford W. Gregory, Deputy W/O, Captain William L. Marble. Two spares returned early. Two additional planes turned back before reaching the target, one because of engine trouble, the second because his tail guns were inoperative.

Bombers were escorted by 22 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Moderate heavy and light flak encountered at target.

One of our bombers landed at Tingley for re-fueling, then proceeded this base. Fifteen B-26's down, returned direct this base.

Route: 4° true for 215 miles to a time location point 25 miles west of target; turn into target; target ran 155°; 191° to this base.

Chronology: Bombers off between 1440 and 1450 hrs. Rendezvous this field with fighters this base. Enroute: 14:58 hours, target: 16:10 hours. One plane down for refueling at Tingley at 17:19, fifteen B-26's down this base at 17:58. Sixteenth plane, after re-fueling, landed this base 19:11 hours.

Bombs: 120 x 500 demolitions, 1/10, .025 sec. delay dropped on target. 8 x 500 lb. bombs returned this base.

Results: All bombs hit water or deserted beach. No hits claimed on target. Approximately 8 hits appeared to land on coal pile beyond southern edge of harbor.

Flak: Moderate heavy and light flak, accurate for height, accurate for deflection, inaccurate for elevation, (burets behind formation in all instances). Batteries spotted at 39° 04' N 8° 26' E; 39° 2' N 8° 25' E; 39° N, 8° 25' E.

Weather: En route solid overcast, at 2000 feet, gradually clearing 40 mi. off coast to target. Target CAVU. Return: same as en-route.

Observations: 1. Carloforte Harbor; One medium size MV tied to center pier. It is claimed that one, possibly two smaller MV's there also, positions unspotted. 45 to 60 small boats clustered in northern part of harbor. Observations altitude: 9200 ft. Time 16:00 hrs. Note: Pictures (K-20's) were taken of Carloforte, but oblique distance too great; prints unsatisfactory.

2. At 39° 10' N 8° 26' E, one medium freighter and five small boats, one barge. Observations alt: 9200 ft. Time: 16:02 hours.

3. At 39° 00' N 8° 35' E, what appeared to be a military permanent camp. Barrack-like buildings in regular patterns. Alt: 9200', time 16:02 hrs.

4. On Piana Island, what appeared to be military buildings, factories, or warehouses. Were built to edge of water on Easter edge of the small island. Alt: 9200', time 16:04 hours.

Comments:

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1. Four cameras carried on three ships.
2. Photographs prove bombing abortive.
3. P-40's of 525th Fighter Group provided an alert tight-flying escort.

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Mission No. 4

26 April 1943

Take-off - 1110

RED

DOBNEY
765

HORRAS
~~988~~
009

PATTERSON
002

BLUE

MONT-
034 HOPE
609

MILLER
035

STELL
060

YELLOW

WEST
785

MATHEWS
986

HELMROTH
013

GREEN

DOXSEE
092

ROSS
768

MORLEY
964

BROWN

SUMMERS
798

~~WINE~~
CARTER
041

TUCK
842

PINK

VAN METER
780

SWALL
073

TRESCH
~~852~~ 851

SPARES

MONTSINGER
034

LOWRCE
853

BEGWER
763

Colors of the Day: Attached

Radio: Bomber-BULLFROG

Pursuit-Gangster

Bombing Altitude:

1st. Flight: 8400'

2nd. Flight: 7900'

3rd. Flight: 7400'

Emergency Fields:

Bone and Telergma

(Hospital Units)

Target Elevation-Sea Level.

COLORS: Red-left.

Green-right.

Amber-original formation.

One light for 1st. Flight.

Two lights for 2nd. Flight.

If repeated, elements move into echelon.

*Used for same mission run same
date at 1440.*

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PORTE PONTE

ROMANO SARDANIA 26 APRIL 1943.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#2	441st	980
HORRAS-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN		
BELCHER-CO-PILOT-CAPTAIN		TOOK OFF 1442
McGEEVER-NAVIGATOR-2nd Lt.		
ALIEN-BOMBARDIER-1st Lt.		LANDED 1731
BOSS-ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT		
ARCHER-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.		
CORP-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.		
		Lt. Col. GREGORY IS WITH THIS SHIP AS FLIGHT COMMANDER
#5	441st	002
PATTERSON-PILOT-1st Lt.		
CARTWRIGHT-CO-PILOT-F/O		TOOK OFF 1442/30
ASCIENZO-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt.		
BRIEN, JR-ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT.		LANDED 1725
BAIN-RADIO GUNNER-M/SGT		
SPOR-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT/		
#6	441st	765
DOBNEY-PILOT-1st Lt.		
WALKER-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt.		
THATCHER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.		TOOK OFF 1443
WOLF-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.		landed 1726
SZUK-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-CAPTAIN.		
BECKSTEAD-AERIAL GUNNER-CPL.		
		Lt. MESSENGER WAS OBSERVER ON THIS SHIP.
#1	441st	035
MILLER-PILOT-ELEMENT LEADER-CAPTAIN		
BLAKE-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt.		
LEHMAN-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt.		TOOK OFF 1443
DAHL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.		LANDED 1727
PATZKE-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.		
SMITH-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.		
		Capt MARBLE DEPT. F/C WAS ON THIS SHIP
#13	441st	060
STELL-PILOT-1st Lt.		
STEINBERG-CO-PILOT-1st Lt.		TOOK OFF 1444/30
CORSON-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt.		LANDED 1728
FARR-ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT.		
MARINO-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT		
BARKER-AERIAL GUNNER-S/sgt.		
#8	441st	034
MONTSINGER-PILOT-1st Lt.		
HAMMOND-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt.		
SCOTT-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-T/SGT.		TOOK OFF 1444
TACKMAN-ENGINEER GUNNER-PFC.		LANDED 1540
JONES-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT		
FILLISON-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.		

EXTRA
 CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL SQUADRON SHIP NO.
 MATHEWS-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-1st Lt. 442 986
 DEFAN-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. TOOK OFF: 1445
 NORMAN-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 1st Lt. LANDED 1729
 HALL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.
 NELSON-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. Major GLADDEN WAS OBSERVER ON THIS SHIP.
 HOWARD-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT

#9 442nd 013
 HEIMROTH-PILOT-1st Lt.
 CARFAHER-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. TOOK OFF 1445/30
 CIESIELSKI-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. LANDED 1918
 MITCHELL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.
 STREET-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.
 WORNOFF-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

7 442nd 023
 WEST-PILOT-1st Lt.
 DRYER-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. TOOK OFF 1446
 BASS-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 1st Lt. LANDED 1730
 CHERCHIARO-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT
 ZEPNER-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT
 BURNS-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

4 442nd 768
 ROSS-PILOT-1st Lt. TOOK OFF 1446/30
 THOMPSON-CO-PILOT- 1st Lt. LANDED 1730/30
 HARRISON-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt.
 GANDY-ENGINEER GUNNER- S/SGT.
 WILLIAMS-RADIO GUNNER- SGT. *Capt. Zolt. - Alb*
 MOBERLY-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT.

10 442nd 964
 MORLEY-PILOT-1st Lt.
 BAUCUM-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. TOOK OFF 1447
 ELLIOTT-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- CAPTAIN. LANDED 1729/30
 CALDWELL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.
 UNCLES-RADIOGUNNER-S/SGT.
 MARTIN-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.

6 442nd 958
 DOXSEE-PILOT-1st Lt.
 DEUTMAN-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. TOOK OFF 1447:30
 FURRER-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT LANDED ~~1729/30~~ 1611
 IASTER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT
 ALLEN-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.
 BURNS-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT. Lt Kramer was observer on this ship

3 443rd 041
 CARTER-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN
 BIGELOW-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. TOOK OFF 1448
 DUNKEL-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. LANDED 1732/30
 HUNTER RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.
 FOULKES-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.
 SMITH-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPL

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#8 TUCK-PILOT- 1st Lt. SWIGART-CO-PILOT- 1t. STEPHENS-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt. LONG-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. MCGAHA-AERIAL GUNNER-S?SGT/ SCHINKEL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT	443rd	842 TOOK OFF 1448/30 LANDED 1733 OBSERVER CAPTAIN SWIFT.
# 6 SUMMERS-PILOT-1st Lt, WILBUR-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. HOMSHER-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. CHELFANT-RADIO GUNNER -S/sgt HART-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT PERKINS-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.	443rd	798 TOOK OFF 1449 LANDED 1634 Lt. Burns was observer on this ship
# 4 SWALL-PILOT-1st Lt. CARNEY-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. BOSWELL-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. LEWIS -RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. MOUNTAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT WILLIAMS -ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT	443rd	8073 TOOK OFF 1449/ 30 LANDED 1449 1734 CAPT CHASE WAS ON THIS SHIP AS OBSERVER.
# 5 VANMARTER-PILOT-1st Lt. CALHOUN-CO-PILOT- 1st Lt. GROVE-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. LILLO -RADIO GUNNER - S/SGT. SCHEMPP-AERIAL GUNNER -S/SGT BENNER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.	443rd	780 TOOK OFF 1450 LANDED 1733/30 LT. COL. FORDYCE WAS OBSERVER ON THIS PLANE.
<i>Breiner - Pilot - 2nd Lt. Pearce - Co-pilot - Sgt. / Off. Quine - Nav. Bomb. - S/Sgt. Yost - Radio Gunner - T/Sgt. Clarke - Aerial Gunner - Sgt. Bolton - Engineer Gunner - Sgt.</i>	<i>443rd.</i>	<i>763 Took Off - 1450 Landed 1734/30</i>
<i>LOVECE - Pilot - 1st Lt. Limberg - Co-pilot - 1st Lt. Evans - Navigator Bomb - 1st Lt. Branning - Engineer Gunner - S/Sgt. Wright - Radio Gunner - T/Sgt. Brown - Aerial Gunner - Sgt.</i>	<i>442nd</i>	<i>853 Took Off - 1451 Landed 1737/30</i>