

Intelligence Narrative No. 6 Day Operation 29 April 1943

Thirteen B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Sidi Athma I/G, Tunisia. They were escorted by Spitfires of the Tactical Air Force. One B-26 (S) returned early.

Route: Direct from this base to rendezvous, Soul el Arba, to Sidi Athma I/G, over Protville to coast, Target, north around the cape, westerly over the Mediterranean, striking the coast east of Cape Rosa, to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 1550 and 1556 hours, vessel target 1652 hours, down between 1816 and 1828 hours.

Bombs: 220 X 100 lb Demolition, instantaneous, 45 second delay; one plane returned 4 bombs this base.

Results: Didn't bomb target as briefed; lead ship saw no planes on I/G. Photographs taken indicate the presence of only 2 SE E/A, properly and widely dispersed; cannot be bombed effectively by 100 lb bombs.

Bombed M/V at 80004, previously reported beached, which now gives the appearance of being afloat. First flights bombs straddled target effectively; hits and near misses scored on stern of vessel.

Flak: Intense heavy flak, accurate for altitude, deflection, elevation, from positions as briefed from point S.W. of Tebourba to Protville at altitudes from 9000 ft. at initial firing to 5000 ft. at end of attack. Time: from 1631 to 1644 hours. Light flak, also accurate on each of three counts, encountered towards end of run at 5000 ft altitude.

Weather: Frontal action sighted south of briefed target over water at bombed M/V, strato cumulus at 7000 ft, visibility 7 miles.

Observations: Boxes and what seemed to be piles of supplies on beach near 39602. Activity observed also. Time: 1650 hours, altitude 5000 ft.

One (1) M/V sighted 1 mile off Bass Zebib at 19308 at 1652 hours from 5000 ft. Believed to be other ship previously reported beached.

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7 Photographs

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Mission No. 6

29 April 1943

Take-Off-

<u>RED</u>	<u>VAN METER</u> 060	<u>CARTER</u> 871	<u>CALMOUN</u> 001
<u>BLUE</u>	<u>TUCK</u> 981	<u>SWALL</u> 863	<u>CHASE</u> 955
<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 765	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 035	<u>WALKER</u> 980
<u>GREEN</u>	<u>KENNEDY</u> 009	<u>KIRLEY</u> 855	<u>CHURCH</u> 034
		SPARES	
	<u>HOY</u> 077		<u>SWIGART</u> 981

Colors of the day: Attached
 Radio: Bomber-ASH
 FIGHTER-Apple
 BOMBING ALTITUDE:
 1st. Flight
 2nd. Flight:

Emergency Fields:
 Bone and Telergma (Hospital Units)
 Target Elevation:

COLORS: Red- left. Green - right. Amber-original formation
One light for 1st. flight. Two lights for 2nd. flight.
 If repeated, elements move into echelon.

SECRET

TIME	AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION		SIGNALS FOR 29 April 1943	
	2 STAR	LETTER FLASHED	COLOR	CHALLENGE
0000-0600	NR	J	O	Q
0600-1200	GS	N	V	W
1200-1800	YT	O	G	D
1800-2400	HD	Q	R	X

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON PROTVILLE TUNISIA
APRIL 29 1943.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.	
# 3 CARTER -PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN 443rd. BIGELOW-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. DUNKEL-BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. DORE-NAVIGATOR -1st Lt. HUNTER-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT/ FOULKES-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT/ SMITH-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPI.		871 ✓	TOOK OFF- NO TAKE OFF LANDED AT - NOTE LT. COL. GREGORY FLEW AS FLIGHT COMMANDER
OK # 12 CALHOUN-PILOT-2nd Lt. 443rd CARNEY-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. CLARK-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt. MARTIN-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT CARRAERIAL GUNNER-SGT. SMITH -ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT.		001 1550/30 1820/30	TOOK OFF LANDED AT
OK # 5 VANMARTER-PILOT-1st Lt. LANDRUM-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. MOWRY-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. LILLO-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. SCHEMPF-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT. BENNER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.	443 443	851	TOOK OFF 1651 LANDED AT 1816
OK # 4 SWALL-PILOT-1st Lt. GIBSON-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. BCSWELL-BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. GROVE-NAVIGATOR -1st Lt. LEWIS-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. MOUNTAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT. WILLIAMS-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.	443rd	863	TOOK OFF 1550 LANDED AT 1820 <i>Capt. William L. Marble flew as flight commander</i>
OK # EXTRA CHASE-PILOT-CAPTAIN- BROWN-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. BLUM-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt. Miles-RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. WIM- AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT. PIERCE- ENGINEER GUNNER . SGT.	443	041	TOOK OFF 1551/30 LANDED AT 1827/30
✓ # 8 TUCK-PILOT- 1st Lt. NOLAN-CO-PILOT- 2nd Lt. STEPHENS-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER -2nd Lt. LONG-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT MCGAHA-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT. SCHINKEL-ENGINEER GUNNERS/SGT	443	842	TOOK OFF LANDED AT 1552 1828

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
# 13 SWIGART-PILOT-1st Lt. CDLEMAN-CO-PILOT- F/O DUFOUR-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- S/SGT. LACERVA-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT/ OCONNELL-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT. STONE-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.	443	060 TOOK OFF 1556 LANDED AT 1826/30
# 4 KARLOWITZ-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-1st Lt. CROTTY-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. SHEVELSON-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. FISHMAN-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. NOTE MAJ. PARSONS FLEW AS OBSERVER. COFIELL-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. CAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	441st	035 TOOK OFF 1552/30 LANDED AT 1821
# 15 WALKER-PILOT- 2nd Lt. BRADEN-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. COCKERLL-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. OLSON-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. ALDRICH-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. BEARD-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT	441st	980 TOOK OFF 1553 LANDED AT 1642
#8 MONTSINGER-PILOT-1st Lt. HAMMOND-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. SCOTT-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-T/SGT. TACKMAN-ENGINEER GUNNER-PFC. TOMLINSON-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. NOTE CAPTAIN HOLT FLEW AS OBSERVER. ELLISON-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.	441st	002 TOOK OFF 1553/30n LANDED AT 1822/30
# 3 KIRLEY-Pilto-1st Lt. BARKER-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. MALSBUURY-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-CAPTAIN. DELEWARE-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT/ LANGMAN-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT. STIPE-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.	441st	855 TOOK OFF 1554 LANDED AT 1826
# 14 CHURCH-PILOT-2nd Lt. RILEY-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. BROSSI-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. DOLAN-ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT. BEAKER-RADIO GUNNER-SGT. MARTZ-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.	441st	034 TOOK OFF 1554/30 LANDED AT 1822
# 11 KENNEDY-PILOT-2nd Lt. MCGLANNAN-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt. REIDA-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-T/SGT/ BELDON-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPL. TAYLOR-RADIO GUNNER-CPL.	441st	009 TOOK OFF 1555 LANDED AT 1827

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HOY-PILOT-1st Lt.

CONDIT-CO-PILOT-F/O

MOORE-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 2nd Lt.

LEVI-ENGINEER GUNNER-SGT.

JUVE-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.

KARY- AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

TOOK OFF 1555/ 30
LANDED AT 1824

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