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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
NATOUSSA A.P.O. 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 12 Day Operation 8 May 1943

Seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning on a sea sweep, escorted by thirty-one P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group. One B-26 (S) returned early.

Route: This base to 37° 30' N, 9° 50' E, then to 37° 15' N, 11° 05' E, to Favignana Island, turning SW to Cape Bon and then conducting sweep westerly along Northern Tunisian Coast.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 07:45 and 07:48 hours, rendezvous at this base, on course at 08:02 hours; escort left the formation at 09:20 hours, six bombers reached Favignana Island at 09:27 hours and landed at this base between 11:31 and 11:34 hours.

Bombs: 21 x 500 lb. demolition, 4 second delay tail fuse; seven bombers returned 21 bombs to this base.

Results: No bombs dropped since a suitable target was not located.

Flak: At 09:25 hours, small motor launch between Favignana and Levanzo islands fired high and to the rear of bomber formation; Altitude 600 feet.

Enemy A/C: None.

Observations: At 09:05 hours a submarine was sighted from an altitude of 200 feet at 37° 05' N, 10° 52' E, and was reported on radio. The submarine submerged immediately, foiling any chance of bomb run.

At 09:08 hours, a very small M/V was sighted heading East at 38° 5' N, 11° 00' E. Hoping for more important target later, no bomb run was made on this vessel. At 09:17 hours, a second very small M/V was seen moving on a course of 240° at 38° 5' N, 11° 25' E. Six B-26's of another Group escorted by P-38's, were making a bomb run on the boat from 200 feet altitude. Some flak fire, believed to be 20 mm was observed coming from the small vessel. Bomb explosions obscured the target, prohibiting observation of the bomb damage.

At 09:19 hours, one of our crews reports having seen a B-26 (not ours) with only one engine operation, crashing to the sea in the vicinity of 38° 10' N, 11° 40' E. This was reported on the radio.

At 09:38 hours, two life boats, carrying eight to ten people, were seen near the Island of Marettime and heading toward the island.

At 10:30 hours, three boats of medium size were seen in Lake Bizerte, and two small tugs were seen in the channel; observations alt. was 600 ft.

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Weather: Enroute, cumulus developing over sea, base 2000 ft tops
4000 ft., over land 6/10 clouds near Sicily. Showers off Cape Bon on return,
otherwise same as enroute.

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Mission No. 16

8 May 1943

Take-off -0745

RED

ROBERTS
023

BUTLER
955

BREWER
041

BLUE

TUCK
027

DOXSEE
006

HOLMES
056

SPARES

VAN MANTER
010

Colors of the Day: Attached
Radio: Bomber - BULLFROG
Fighter - Whitewash

Emergency Fields:
Bone and Telergma
(Hospital units)

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PRATICIPATED IN SEA SWEEP

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
# 4 ROBERTS, PILOT, FLIGHT LEADER, CAPTAIN. GOFF, CO, PILOT, 1st Lt. O'KEEFE, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, CAPTAIN, HANSEN, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT KERCHENSKI, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT RAMERIEZ, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT FORDYCE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, LT. COL.	443	023 TOOK OFF 0745 LANDED AT 1131
# 10 BREWER, PILOT, 1st Lt. PEARCE, CO, PILOT, F/O CLARKE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. BOLTON, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	443rd	041 1131/30 TOOK OFF 0745/30 LANDED NOTE MAJ. COWAN WAS OBSERVER ON THIS PLANE.
#. 15 BUTLER, PILOT, F/O LANDRUM, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. GNIADK, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT. WATERMAN, ENGINEER GUNNER, CPL.	443rd	955. 955 TOOK OFF 0746 1131/45
# 8 TUCK, PILOT, 1st Lt. ARNEY, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC GAHA, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT SCHINKEL, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT. MAJOR PARSONS, DEP. FLIGHT COMMANDER, LT. BLUM. OBSERVER.	443	027 TOOK OFF 0746 0746/30 LANDED. 1132/30
# 5. VAN, MARTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. TURNER, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SCHEMPF, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT THOMPSON, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT	443rd	010 TOOK OFF 1748 <i>spare</i>
# 14 LT HOLMES, PILOT. BURROUGHS CO, PILOT, LT. MILLER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT. WALDEN EINGINNE GUNNER, S/SGT. LINCI, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT	442nd	056 TOOK OFF 1747 LANDED AT 1133
#. DOXSEE, PILOT, 1st Lt. DEUTMAN, CO PILOT, Lt. FURRER, BOMBARDIER, S/SGT		00 a 1133/30 MASTER, EINGINER GUNNER S/SGT BURNS, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT TOOK OFF 0747/30