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

Intelligence Narrative No. 15 Day Operation 11 May 1943

Thirty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb Marsala, Sicily. Two spares returned early. Making rendezvous with other medium bombers (B-25's and B-26's) and an escort of P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group at Cape Serrat, they proceeded to target.

Encounters between escorting P-38's and Single Engine E/A before, during, and after bombing run is reported. Four ME-109's attacked one element of our last flight shortly after the bombing run. We sustained no losses. Two ME-109's were destroyed.

The target was bombed successfully, majority of bombs landing in the southern edge of town.

Thirty-five (35) B-26's down safely at this base by 13:28 hours; the 36th plane landed first at Medjed el Sab for minor adjustments to port engine, later proceeding to this base, landing safely at 15:30 hours.

Route: This base to Cape Serrat for rendezvous, Cape Serrat to a point South of target at 37° 38' N, 12° 20' E; bombing run, breakaway to left; direct to this base.

Chronology: Off between 0930 and 0948 hours; on course 10:00 hours; rendezvous 10:35 hours; bombs away 11:30 hours; down this base (35 planes) between 13:03 and 13:28 hours; last bomber down this base 15:30 hours.

Bombs: 108 x 1000 lb demolitions 1/10 .025 sec delay; 99 x 1000 lb bombs dropped on target; 9 x 1000 lb bombs returned to this base because of mechanical failure in lead plane of one element.

Results: Bombs fell into southern edge of town, with a few sticks landing in water in port area. Huge columns of smoke and some fires reported in target area.

Flak: Light to moderate heavy flak encountered over target area and from points (not pin-pointed) south of Marsala. Flak was accurate for altitude, inaccurate as to deflection and elevation, although toward end of bombing run, data computation had been corrected, and the last flight sustained some damage.

Enemy Aircraft: Encounters between P-38's and E/A enemy aircraft were observed by some crews before, during, and after bombing run. Four to five ME-109's attacked the formation directly after bombing run; two E/A were shot down, and seen to land in water. Balance of ME's abandoned attack upon approach of P-38's.

Weather: GAVU enroute, over target, and on return.

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Observations: The following three observations were all made at approximately the same time from the same altitude: 11:36 hours from 10,500 feet.

- (a) One B/V heading south at $38^{\circ} 02' N$, $12^{\circ} 22' E$.
- (b) One B/V heading south at $37^{\circ} 55' N$, $12^{\circ} 23' E$.
- (c) One Siebel Ferry heading south at $37^{\circ} 52' N$, $12^{\circ} 21' E$.

One single-engine B/A sighted heading north at $37^{\circ} 55' N$, $12^{\circ} 53' E$, at 11:37 hours at 20,00 feet altitude. Observation altitude 10,000 feet.

Sixteen to eighteen seaplanes in the seaplane base; 11:31 hours, altitude 10,500 ft.

A large ship with a flat white top sighted a few miles west of Stagnana Island at 11:33 hours from 10,000 ft. altitude. Vessel was heading north.

Comments: The following are the names, rank, and A.S.N. of the two claimants of this mission.

Corporal LAWRENCE SMITH, 32302652. Next of kin and home address;
Mrs. Louise Smith, 132 Princeton Road, Linden, N.J.
(1 Probable, ME-109)

Sergeant RODERICK SHEPHERD, 11052095, Next of kin and home address;
Mrs. Agnes M. Shepherd, 59 Crown and Shield Road, Brookline,
Mass.
(1 Destroyed, ME-109)

JAMES H. MACIA Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps
Op. Intelligence C.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO-520 MATONA

11 May 1945

SUBJECT: A-5 Mission Report for 11 May 1945.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Northwest African Strategic Air Force,
APO-520, MATONA.

1. TARGET: Palermo, Sicily.

2. ASSAULT: Axis of Attack: 540°.
Time of Attack: 11:30.
Altitude : 11000-7500 feet.
I. A. S. : 200 miles per hour.

3. No Aircraft losses.

4. REMARKS: Area observed to be well covered by bombs.

For the Commanding Officers

GRAIG E. WALLING,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

MISSION NO. 19

11 May 1943

Take-off-----

<u>"A"</u>	<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>MEYER</u> #006	<u>HOLMES</u> 017
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>DOZSKS</u> 092	<u>ROSS</u> #056	<u>OSBORNE</u> 958
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>KENNEDY</u> 002	<u>MILLER</u> #009	<u>BRADEN</u> 946
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>NEBLEY</u> 964	<u>NEST</u> 088
<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 035	<u>HORRAS</u> #974	<u>DOHNEY</u> 848
<u>YRK. BLUE "B"</u>	<u>STELL</u> 060	<u>KIRLEY</u> #855	<u>MC VAY</u> 034
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>BROWNE</u> 041	<u>ROBERTS</u> 763	<u>SHIGART</u> 027
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>HURNS</u> 033	<u>EMPTRELL</u> 871	<u>TUCK</u> 952
<u>RED "C"</u>	<u>WEINBERG</u> 061	<u>DORMAN</u> #959	<u>UNGER</u> 792
<u>"C"</u>	<u>GOODSON</u> 013	<u>HARRIS</u> #863	<u>NORTHINGTON</u> 036
<u>YELLOW "C"</u>	<u>HALLONELL</u> 981	<u>MC GROY</u> #853	<u>BUND</u> 024
<u>GREEN "C"</u>	<u>VAN MANTER</u> 798	<u>GARTER</u> 195	<u>TRESCH</u> 780
	<u>TOWNS</u> 194	<u>CHURCH</u> 077	<u>OWEN</u> 001
		<u>SPARES</u>	<u>BUTLER</u>

Colors of the Day: Attached.

Radio Call: Channel "A"

320th-----EMER GROCERIE

310th-----RAGBAG

17th-----BUTLER

Pursuit-----WHITENASH

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 1st Formation:

2nd Formation:

3rd Formation:

Emergency Fields:

Bone and Telergas
(Hospital Units)

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M) AAF,
Office of the Operations Officer,
APO 520, NATOUSA.

MAY 11, 1943

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE COMBAT CREWS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MARSALA, SICILY.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON,	SHIP NO.
# 3 MEYER, PILOT, FLIGHT LEADER, CAPTAIN, INGALS, CO, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROGERS, NAVIGATOR, CAPTAIN, FARGO, BOMBARDIER, T/SGT. DEWITTE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. ARSENAULT, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT LONG, AERIAL GUNNER, T/SGT.	442nd	006 TOOK OFF 0930 LANDED AT 1304
NOTE, LT. COL GREGORY. IS FLIGHT COMMANDER.		
# 14 HOLMES, PILOT, LT, BURROWS, CO, PILOT, LT. MILLER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT. WALDEN, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. PALMER, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT LINCO, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	442nd	017 TOOK OFF 0930/30 LANDED AT 1304/30
# 13 LADD, PILOT, 1st LT. TIEMAN, CO, PILOT, LT. MONROE, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT. STANDER, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. HITE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. GRIFFIN, AERIAL GUNNER, PVT.	442nd	048 TOOK OFF 1031 LANDED AT 1305
# 4 ROSS, PILOT, LT. THOMPSON, CO, PILOT, LT. BASS, NAVIGATOR, LT. HARRISON, BOMBARDIER, LT. GANDY, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT WILLIAMS, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. MOBERLY, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	442nd	056 TOOK OFF 0931/30 LANDED AT 1256
# 11 OSBORN, PILOT, LT. BYRAM, CO, PILOT, LT. ANDREWSON, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT GOLCKNER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT HAGEMAN, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. LEGUTKO, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	442nd	958 TOOK OFF, 0922 LANDED AT 1519
# 6 DOXSEE, PILOT, 1st LT. CORDELL, CO, PILOT, CAPTAIN, FURRER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT. LASTER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. ALLEN, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT BURNS, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	442nd	092 TOOK OFF 0932/30 LANDED AT 1305/30

CREW NO: AND PERSONNEL. SQUADRON, SHIP NO.
1 441st 009

MILLER, PILOT, CAPTAIN,
BLAKE, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LEHMAN, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt.
DAHL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT
PATZKE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
SMITH, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT

TOOK OFF 0933
LANDED AT 1306

12, 441st 001
OWEN, PILOT, LT.
KAPSTEIN, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
EASTBURN, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, T/SGT.
THATCHER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
DEVINE, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT.
MAZZO, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

TOOK OFF, 0933/30
LANDED AT 1307

11 441st 002
KENNEDY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
McGLANNAN, CO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
REIDA, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, T/SGT
BELDON, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.
TAYLOR, RADIO GUNNER, SGT.
MILLER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT

TOOK OFF 0934
LANDED AT 1307/30

10 442nd 964
VORLEY, PILOT, LT.
BAYRAIMIAN, CO, PILOT, Lt.
HERMAN, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT.
CALDWELL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT
UNCLES, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT
MARTIN, AERIAL GUNNER, T/SGT.

TOOK OFF, 0934/30
LANDED AT 1308

#. 7 442nd 088
WEST, PILOT, LT.
CHANDLER, CO, PILOT, LT.
WATSON, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT
CERCHARIO, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
ZEHNER, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
BURNS, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

TOOK OFF 0935
LANDED AT 1308/30

15 442nd 859
DAVIS, PILOT, LT.
YOUNG, CO, PILOT, LT.
ABELN, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT.
DANN, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
HOGAN, RADIO GUNNER, SGT.
MCKEEN, AERIAL GUNNER, PVT.

TOOK OFF 0935/30
LANDED AT 1309

2 441st 874
HORRAS, PILOT, CAPTAIN,
BELCHER, CO, PILOT, CAPTAIN,
ZUK, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, CAPTAIN,
ALLEN, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt.
MARBLE, DEP. FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPTAIN,
FOSS, ~~RADIO~~ GUNNER, S/SGT.
ARCHER, GUNNER, T/SGT.
CORP. AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

TOOK OFF 0936.
LANDED AT. 1310

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
# 6 DOBNEY, PILOT, LT. ROBINS, CO, PILOT, LT. BROSI, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT/ TROTTER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT WOLF, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT BECKSTEAD, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT. HOLT, OBSERVER, CAPTAIN,	441st ✓	848 TOOK OFF 0936/30 LANDED AT 1313
# 8 MONTSINGER, PILOT, LT. HAMMOND, CO, PILOT, LT. SCOTT, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, T/SGT TACKMAN, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. TOMLINSON, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. ELLISON, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	441st ✓	035 TOOK OFF, 0937 LANDED AT 1311
# 3 KIRLEY, PILOT, 1st LT BARKER, CO, PILOT, LT. MACIA, NAVIGATOR, CAPTAIN, ASCIENZO, BOMBARDIER, Lt. DELEWARE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT LANGMAN, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT STIPE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT	441st ✓	855 TOOK OFF, 0937/30 LANDED AT 1312
# 7 Mc VAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. TIMMONS, CO, PILOT, LT. FISHER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT. RINALDI, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT GREENLEE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT CURLEE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT	441st ✓	034 TOOK OFF 0938 LANDED AT 1310/30
# 13 STELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. STEINBERG, CO, PILOT, LT. CARSON, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt. SEABLOOM, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. MARINO, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. BARKER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	441st ✓	060 TOOK OFF, 0938/30 LANDED AT. 1313/30
# 10 HALLEWELL, PILOT, LT. COULTER, CO, PILOT, 1st Lt. SHRYOCK, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, LT. ETZEL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. LENZ, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT MOROCCO, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT	444th ✓	981 TOOK OFF, 0946 LANDED AT 1326/30
# 3 WALTER, PILOT, CAPTAIN, WIGGELOW, CO, PILOT, LT. DUNKEL, XXXXXXXX Lt. BOMBARDIER, LT. DORE, NAVIGATOR, LT. FOULKES, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	443rd ✓	195 TOOK OFF, 0946/30 LANDED AT 1303 NOTE LT. COL FORDYCE FLEW AS OBSERVER ON THIS SHIP

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

#2 443rd
 ROBERTS, P.W. PILOT CAPTAIN
 GOFF, W. L. CO PILOT 1ST LT.
 STEVENS, R.D. NAVIGATOR LT.
 KARIDIS, F. W. BOMBARDIER LT.
 HANSEN, C.M. RADIO GUNNER S/SGT.
 KERCHENSKI, J.J. AERIAL GUNNER S.SGT.
 RAMIRLZ E. ENGINEER GUNNER S/SGT.

763
 Take off 09:39
 Landed at 1314

#13 443rd
 SWIGART, R. W. PILOT LT.
 COLEMAN, A.C. F/O CO PILOT
 DUFNER R. S. NBOMBARDIER S/Sgt.
 LACERVA, J. J. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 O'CONNELL, K.F. AERIAL GUNNER Sgt.
 STONE, L. L. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.

027
 Take off 09:39½
 Landed at 1314/30

#10 443rd
 BREWER E. H. PILOT LT.
 PEARCE C. T. CO PILOT F/O
 QUINE, SS NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER S/Sgt.
 YOST, M. H. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 CLARKE, W. H. AERIAL GUNNER Sgt.
 BOLTON, A.R. ENGINEER GUNNER Sgt.

041
 Take off 09:40
 Landed at 1315

#1 443rd
 LUTTRELL, J. N. PILOT CAPT.
 YEAGER, W.F. CO PILOT LT.
 O'KEEKE, D.W. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER CAPT.
 ROBICHAUX, O.B. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 BRITTON, A. L. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.
 THOMPSON, M.E. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.

871
 Take off 09:40½
 Landed at 1315/30

#8 443rd
 TUCK, J.C. PILOT LT.
 CARNLY R. H. CO PILOT LT.
 KEY, J. A. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER S/Sgt.
 LONG, K. E. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 MC GAHA, W.R. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.
 SCHINKEL, H. A. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.

955
 Take off 09:41
 Landed at 1316

#9 443rd
 BURNS, E. J. PILOT LT.
 BAKER, B. M. CO PILOT LT.
 MORORY, J. B. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER S/Sgt.
 WALL, J. E. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 SHEPHERD, R. N. AERIAL GUNNER Sgt.
 CAFUTO, N. R. ENGINEER GUNNER Sgt.

033
 Take off 09:41½
 Landed at 1316/30

#1 444th
 DORMAN, T. M. PILOT CAPTAIN
 PETERSON, T. D. CO PILOT LT.
 RIDGE, J. L. NAVIGATOR, LT.
 PERRIN, J. F. BOMBARDIER CAPTAIN
 SMITH, R. H. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 petroski, V. AERIAL GUNNER M/Sgt.
 ESNEBOLD, R. C. ENGINEER GUNNER T/Sgt.

959
 Take off 09:42
 Landed at 1320

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

#16

444

792

URNER, J. M. PILOT LT.
 ENGLISH, W. H. CO PILOT LT.
 BROWN, A. P. BOMBARDIER LT.
 ADAMS, PASSINGER Major
 VAUGLAN, E. C. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.
 STAERKEL, L. J. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 MONEGHAN, C. AERIAL GUNNER Sgt.

Take off 09:48½
 Landed at 1320

#15

444th

061

WEINBERG, R. G. PILOT LT.
 BRYDEN, J. R. CO PILOT LT.
 GOINGS, C. E. BOMBARDIER NAVIGATOR S/Sgt.
 BABEL, H. H. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.
 DEVAUL, J. C. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 MEQUIRE, J. H. AERIAL GUNNER Sgt.

Take off 09:43
 Landed at 1321/30

James Major Adams

#5

444th

863

HARRIS, E. K. PILOT LT.
 MEYER, A. H. CO PILOT LT.
 STRONG, L. E. BOMBARDIER T/Sgt.
 WOODBURY, C. B. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 ALSTAT, C. W. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.
 VAUGHN, E. B. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.
 DEQUIR, C. NAVIGATOR LT.

Take off 09:43½
 Landed at 1322

#13

444th

036

WORTHINGTON, A. W. LT. PILOT
 WEIR, J. A. CO PILOT LT.
 BRUDING, C. BOMBARDIER S/Sgt.
 HORNE, A. C. ENGINEER GUNNER Pvt.
 SWELL, R. S. RADIO GUNNER Opl.
 TEETEK, J. T. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.

Take off 09:44
 Landed at 1323

#8

444th

013

GOODSON, W. C. PILOT LT.
 FAIR, H. L. CO PILOT LT.
 HAUSNER, R. O. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER LT.
 PORTER, D. J. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.
 TUCKER, D. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 HANSEN, L. E. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.

Take off 09:44½
 Landed at 1323/30

#3

444th

853

MC CRORY, J. L. PILOT CAPT.
 BALL, R. A. CO PILOT LT.
 BURTON J. C. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER LT.
 SCHWEIKHART, H. K. RADIO GUNNER T/Sgt.
 REYES, M. R. ENGINEER GUNNER Sgt.
 HART P. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.

Take off 09:45
 Landed at 1325/30

#11

444th

024

SUND, G. A. PILOT LT.
 TAYLOR, D. N. CO PILOT LT.
 MORAN, H. A. NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER LT.
 TERRARA, J. ENGINEER GUNNER S/Sgt.
 JOCK, T. L. RADIO GUNNER S/Sgt.
 WADZECK R. F. AERIAL GUNNER S/Sgt.

Take off 09:45½
 Landed at 1326

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON,

PLANE NO.

11
 TRESCH, PILOT, LT.
 GRAVES, CO, PILOT, LT.
 PACE, NB. LT.
 DOOLITTLE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
 POWELL, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.
 CARTER, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.

443rd

780

TOOK OFF 0947
 LANDED AT 1116

5
 VAN MARTER, PILOT, LT.
 TURNER, CO, PILOT, LT.
 LEFFLER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, SGT.
~~LEFFLER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, SGT.~~
 LILLO, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
 SCHEMPF, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.
 MILES, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.

443rd

798

TOOK OFF 0947/30
 LANDED AT 1328

7
 TOWNS, PILOT, LT.
 PERRY, CO, PILOT, LT.
 DICKE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
 DE SANTIS, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT.
 MEADOWS, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT.
 CHOUINARD, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.

444th

194

TOOK OFF 0948 /30
 LANDED AT 1134

15,
 BRADEN, PILOT, LT.
 NO TAKE OFF.

441st

945

12,
 CHURCH, PILOT, LT.
 JAMES, CO, PILOT, LT.
 WALKER, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER, S/SGT.
 MADRID, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
 SWARTZ, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
 LEVESQUE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

442

077

TOOK OFF 0948
 LANDED AT. 1327