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

Intelligence Narrative No. 19 Day Operation 19 May 1943

Twenty-five B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb the airdrome at Decimusanu, Sardinia. Escort consisted of thirty-six P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. No bombs were dropped due to a complete overcast at the target. One B-26 returned early (spare).

Route: This base to La Calles for rendezvous with 17th Bombardment Group, then north to point off Gulf of Oristano, turning east into Sardinia and then south to target and return to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 1045 hrs. and 1056 hrs., on course and rendezvous with escort at 1115 hrs., rendezvous with 17th Bombardment Group at 1135 hrs., over target at 1300 hrs. Twenty-three bombers down at this base between 1417 hrs. and 1437 hrs. One bomber landed at Bens, and then returned to this base at 1545 hrs.

Bombs: No bombs were dropped

Results: None

Flak: None.

Enemy aircraft: At 1250 hrs., although no encounters were seen, one ME-109 was reported to have gone down in flames near Villa Urbana. Observation altitude was 10,000 ft. At 1300 hrs. at least four ME-109's were seen near the target. Some of these were reported to have been painted blue-grey. Three ME-109's were reported at 1315 hrs., 30 miles south of Cagliari. P-40's attacked on both sightings.

Observation: Three large M/V were observed at S. Pietro on the north side of the island, 39° 11' N/ 8° 15' E., heading north out of the harbor at 1240 hrs. Observation altitude was 10,000 ft. At 1245 hrs. one B-26 of the 17th Bombardment Group was seen to peel off from the formation at the Gulf of Oristano and go back in the opposite direction. One unidentified single-engine a/c, possibly a P-40, was reported to have crashed into the water 30 miles south of Cape Teulada at 1320 hrs. The pilot bailed out and was seen to land in the water near the plane. Observation altitude was 9,500 ft. This was reported by this office immediately upon return of the bombers to this base.

Weather: Base to target, 3/10ths cumulus over water, over target, complete overcast to 5,000 ft., and target to base, 3/10ths cumulus over water.

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MISSION NO. 23

19 May 1943

Take-Off—

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>STUMM</u> 981	<u>DEITER</u> 959	<u>COULTER</u> 061
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>SUND</u> 024	<u>HARRIS</u> 853	<u>PETERSON</u> 792
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>ROSS</u> 074	<u>OSBORN</u> 859
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>DOXSEE</u> 088	<u>MORLEY</u> 056	<u>HOLMES</u> 017

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BREWER</u> 041	<u>ROBERTS</u> 195	<u>TRESCH</u> 033
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>BARBER</u> 842	<u>VAN METER</u> 023	<u>CALHOUN</u> 798
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 009	<u>KIRLEY</u> 855	<u>RILEY</u> 946
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>DOBNEY</u> 848	<u>MILLER</u> 874	<u>MC VAY</u> 034

SPARES

KENNEDY
035

BUTLER
027

CORDILL
987

BURNS
013

FLIGHT COMMANDER—Major PARSONS—959
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER—Captain DORMAN—853

Colors of the Day: Attached.
RADIO: Frequency: Channel "A"
Bomber Call: 17th Group—BUTLER
320th Group—CROCODILE
Fighter Call: ~~XXX~~ GANGSTER

Emergency Fields:
Bone and Telergma
(Hospital Units)

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MAY 19, 1943.

NAMES AND CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON DECIMOMANNU A/D MAY 19, 1943.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
# 4 Deiter, Pilot, Flight Leader, Captain, ✓ Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ridge, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. ✓ Parsons, Flight Commander, Maj. ✓ Aul, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Collins, Radio gunner, T/sgt. ✓ <i>Steve ns - Bombardier</i>	444th	959 Took off 1044 Landed at. 1421
# 10, Coulter, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓ Ball, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓ Dittmar, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ✓ Etzel, Engineer gunner, ✓ Lenz, Radio gunner, T/sgt. ✓ Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓	444th	061 Took off 1044/34 Landed at 1422 36
# 12, Stumm, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Weir, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. DeGuir, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Burtt, Radio gunner, SGT. Bowen, Aerial gunner,	444th	981 Took off 1045 Landed at 1423
# 5 Harris, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓ Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓ Nerone, Navigator Bombardier, Captain, ✓ Dorman, Dep/Flight commander. Captain, ✓ Woodbury, Radio gunner, T/sgt. ✓ Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt... ✓	444th	853 Took off 1047 30 Landed at. 1423 30
# 2 Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Dean, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Janise, Radio gunner, T/sgt. ✓ Kieffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓	444th	792 Took off 1046 Landed at 1432

CREW NO: AND PERSONNEL,

SQUADRON,

SHIP NO.

11
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Sullivan, Co, Pilot, F/O.
Moran, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Ferrara, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Cook, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt..

444

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Took off

1046) 20

Landed at.

1424

3
Ross, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Thompson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Harrison, Bombardier, Lt.
Evans, Navigator . Lt.
Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt
Williams, Sgt.
Moberly, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

024

Took off

1047

Landed at

1426 32

9
Osborn, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Byram, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Andrewson, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt.
Cloeckner, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Legutko, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

442nd

859

Took off 1047/30

Landed at.

1427) 20

11
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Tiemann, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Monroe, avigator Bombardier, Lt.
Stander, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, pvt.

442nd

048

Took off 1048

Landed at

1417

8
Morley, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓
Bayramian, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓
Herman, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. ✓
Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/sgt. ✓

442nd

056

Took off 1048/30

Landed at

1414) 20

12
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Burrows, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Miller, Navigator Bombardier, Lt.
Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.
Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Linco, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

017

Took off 1049

Landed at.

1427

4
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt.

442nd

088

This plane did not take off.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

195x 1.

443rd

195

Roberts, Pilot, Captain
 Goff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Boswell, Navigator, 1st Lt.
 O'Keefe, Bombardier, Captain.
 Rameriz, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Took off, 1049/30

Landed at. 1436

10

443rd

033

Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Brown, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Key, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Carter, Engineer gunner, SGT.
 Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Powell, Aerial gunner, Opl.

Took off

DID NOT TAKE OFF

no tape

15,

443rd

842.

Butler, Pilot, F/O.
 Landrum, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Chambers, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Waterman, Engineer gunner, Cpl.
 Saccardo, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Griadek, Aerial gunner,

took off 1050

Landed at 1437

9

443rd

042.

Brewer, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Pearce, Co, Pilot, F/O
 Quine, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Chase, Observer, Captain.
 Bolton, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Yost, Radio Gunner, T.sgt.
 Clarke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

Took off 1050/30

Landed at 1428

6

443rd

023

Van Warter, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Clark, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
 Benner, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Lillo, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.

Took off 1051

Landed at. 1428³⁰

8

443rd

027

Burns, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Mowry, Navigator Bombardier, S.sgt.
 Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
 Wall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

Took off 1051/30

Landed at. 1429

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON,

PLANE NO.

#7
 Feagin, Pilot, F/O
 Barber, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt
 Homsher, Navigator Bombardier, S//sgt.
 Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Gamble, Aerial Gunner, S t.

443rd

798

Took off 1052

Landed at 14 29/30

3
 Kirley, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Barker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Ascienzo, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt.
 Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Langman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
 Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

855

Took off 1052/30

Landed at. 14 30/30

Captain Macis was on this ship as observer

12
 Owen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Kapsteink Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Eastburn, Navigator Bombardier, T/sgt.
 Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Devine, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
 Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.

441st

946

Took off 1053

Landed 1120

8
 Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Hammond, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Scott, Navigator Bombardier, T/sgt.
 Tackman, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

441st

009

Took off 1053/30

Landed at. 14 31

1
 Miller, Pilot, Captain,
 Blake, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Lehman, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt.
 Dahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Fatzke, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
 Steele, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.

441st

874

Took off 1054

Landed at. 14 32/30

Cirno was photographer on this plane.

7
 Mc Vay, 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

034

Took off 1054/30

Landed at. 14 33

6
 Dobney, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Robins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Corson, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
 Trotter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Wolf, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

441st

848

Jones, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Took off 1055

Landed at. 14 34

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CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

PLANE NO

11

441st

035.

Kennedy, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Mc Glannon, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Kennedy, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt.
Beldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Miller, Aerial Gunner S/sgt.

Took off 1055

Landed at.

1537

14

442nd

987

Cordill, Pilot, Captain
Chandler, Co, Pilot, Lt.
Thrandardit, Navigator Bombardier, Lt.
Hall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt/
Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.

Took off 1056.

Landed at.

1431

1.

Burns.

013

NO TAKE
OFF