

Intelligence Narrative No. 20 Day Operation 20 May 1943.

Twenty ~~several~~ B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb the airbase at Decimomannu, Sardinia. They were escorted by thirty-six P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Four B-26's returned early to this base and one to Bone due to mechanical difficulties. B-26's of the 17th Bomb Group were scheduled to rendezvous with this group at La Calle, but when our bombers arrived at the rendezvous point, they could see the 17th Group although the latter apparently did not see the 320th, for they did not join up with the formation and complete the mission.

Route: This base to La Calle, to Cape Teulada, turning northeast to target, then turning west after bomb run until leaving Sardinia, and continuing south to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 0945 hrs. and 0959 hrs., on course and rendezvous with fighters at 1016 hrs., reached La Calle at 1034 hrs., over target at 1133 hrs. Twenty-two bombers down at this base between 1252 and 1309 hrs.

Bombs: Twenty-two bombers dropped 90 x 100-lb. demolition, inst., .045, and 295 x 120-lb. fragmentation clusters, M41 bombs from 10,000 ft. Two bombers returned eleven demolition bombs to this base.

Results: Bomb pattern landed on left side of field. The dispersal area was all covered with hits, and bombs were also dropped on the barracks area. Approximately 80 aircraft were seen on the field, the majority of which were twin-engined, and at least twenty of these are believed to have been destroyed.

Flak: Flight, heavy flak, accurate for height, was encountered over the target, and intense heavy flak, inaccurate on all three counts, was reported coming from Villacidro. Altitude of observation was 10,000 ft.

Enemy Aircraft: Five ME-109's were seen over the target, and were engaged by the P-40's. Several of them made passes at the bomber formation but were driven off by our escort. Three ME-323's were observed destroyed by P-40's at 1137 hrs. near Sanluri.

Observations: Approximately twenty-five aircraft were dispersed on the southeast side of the field, twenty to twenty-five on the western edge, and approximately twenty-five on the north side. At 1130 hrs., five medium M/V were observed at Cagliari Harbor and fourteen seaplanes were seen at Elmas S/P base. Observation altitude was 10,000 ft. One large M/V was reported at Cape Teulada at 1120 hrs. One unidentified single-engine aircraft was seen to crash and burn at 1132 hrs. just south of Siliquia. At 1145 hrs. one P-40 was seen to crash in the water five miles off S. Pietro, at 39° 07' N / 08° 13' E. Observation altitude was 8,000 ft.

Weather: Clear all of the way, and CAVU over the target.

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MISSION NO. 24

20 May 1943

Off - ~~2425~~
~~09:35~~
09:45

"A"

<u>1 "A"</u>	<u>SWIGART</u> 041	<u>SWALL</u> 195	<u>TRESCH</u> 033
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>LUTTRELL</u> 871	<u>ROBERTS</u> 023	<u>GRAVES</u> 409 798
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>STELL</u> 001	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 874	<u>HOY</u> 002
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>PATTERSON</u> 060	<u>HORRAS</u> 189	<u>BRADEN</u> 100

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>ROSS</u> 074	<u>INGALLS</u> 964
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>LO VECE</u> 048	<u>HEIDROTH</u> 056	<u>CHURCH</u> 077
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>UPNER</u> 061	<u>BARRET</u> 959	<u>BURNS</u> 194
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>TOWNS</u> 724	<u>MC CROY</u> 853	<u>BOOTH</u> 792

SPARES

TUCK
842

WEST
017

Booth
841
Booth
792
236

WORTHINGTON
024

FLIGHT COMMANDER - Major GLADDEN 195
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - Captain CHASE 023

Color of the Day: Attached.
RADIO: Frequency: Channel "A"

Bomber Call: 17th Group - BUTLER
320th Group - ~~CRIDDLE~~
Fighter Call: GANGSTER *Butler*

Emergency Fields:
Bone and Telergma
(Hospital Units)

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 Office of the Operations Officer
 APO-520 NATOUA

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN RAID ON DECIMOMANNU A/D SICILY.
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CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#3 Swall 1st Lt. Pilot Brown, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot Karidis, 2nd Lt. Bombardier Grove, 1st Lt. Navigator Williams, S/Sgt. EG Lewis, S/Sgt. RG Mountain, T/Sgt. G Gladden, Maj. Flight Commander	443rd	195 TOOK-OFF 09:45 Landed 12:52
#10 Tresch, 1st Lt. Pilot Carney, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot Key, S/Sgt. Bombardier-Navigator Carter S/Sgt. EG Dollittle, S/Sgt. RG Powell, Cpl. G	443rd Landed at Bona	033 Took - off 09:45½ Landed <i>Martignone 12:50</i>
#14 Swigart, 1st Lt. Pilot Coleman, F/O. Co-Pilot Dufour, S/Sgt. Bombardier Navigator Stone, S/Sgt. EG Lacerva, S/Sgt. RG O'Connell, Sgt. G	443rd	041 Took-off 09:46 Landed 12:53½
#1 Roberts, Capt. Pilot Goff, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot Pace, 2nd Lt. Bombardier Stevens, 2nd Lt. Navigator Ramirlz, S/Sgt. EG Chavey, S/Sgt. RG Kerchenski, S/Sgt. G Chase, Capt. Deputy Flight Commander	443rd	023 Took - off 09:46½ Landed 12:54
#12 Graves, 1st Lt. Pilot Bracken, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot Kimbro H. B. Sgt. BN Pierce, Sgt. EG Miles, Sgt. RG Yim, S/Sgt. G	443rd	798 Took-off 09:47 Landed 12:53

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

HIP NO.

#11

443rd

871

Luttrell, Capt. Pilot
 Yeager, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
 Dickey, PFC. BN
 Thompson, S/Sgt. EG
 Robichaux, S/Sgt. RG
 Britton, S/Sgt. G

Take-off 09:47½
 Landed 11:37

#4

443rd

842

Tuck, 1st Lt. Pilot
 Becker, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
 Leffler, Sgt. BN
 Scheinkel, EG
 McGaha, G
 Long, Sgt. RG

Take-off 09:57
 Landed 11:25

#4

441st

874

Karlowitz, 1st Lt. Pilot
 Crotty, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
 Shevelson, 1st Lt. NB
 Fishman, I S/Sgt. EG
 Cofield, S/Sgt. RG
 Cain, S/Sgt. G
 Holt, Capt. OB

Take-off 09:48
 Landed 12:57

#9

441st

002

Hey, 1st Lt. Pilot
 Condit, F/O Co-Pilot
 Moore, 2nd Lt. N
 Juve, S/Sgt. RG
 Brown, Sgt. G
 Formishelli, S/Sgt. EG

Take-off 09:48½
 Landed 12:58

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441st

001

Stell, 1st Lt. Pilot
 Steinberg, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot
 Decasaus, Sgt. BN
 Farr, Sgt. EG
 Marino, S/Sgt. RG
 Barker, S/Sgt. G

Take-off 09:49
 Landed 12:59

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441st

189

Horras, Capt. Pilot
 Belcher, Capt. Co-Pilot
 Allen, 1st Lt. BN
 Seabloom, S/Sgt. EG
 Archer, T/Sgt. RG
 Mulligan, Sgt. G

Take-off 09:49½
 Landed 13:00

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SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

~~##15
Walker, 2nd Lt. Pilot
Braden, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
Cockvell, S/Sgt. N
Olson, S/Sgt. EG
Aldrich, S/Sgt. RG
Minassian, Sgt. G~~

~~441st~~

~~100
Take-off 09:50
Landed 13:01~~

#5
Patterson, 1st Lt. Pilot
Cartwright, F/O. Co-Pilot
Wilson, Sgt. BN
Brien, Sgt. EG
Bain, M/Sgt. RG
Spor, S/Sgt. G

441st

060
Take-off 09:50½
Landed 13:02

#10
Wegener, 2nd Lt. Pilot
Koontz, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
Brosi, S/Sgt. N
Levi, Sgt. EG
Lott, Pvt. RG
Wurst, S/Sgt. G

441st

Spare

036
Take-off 09:57½
Landed 11:12

#3
Lt. Ross Pilot
Thompson Lt. Co-Pilot
Rogers, Capt. N
Hanson, Lt. B
Gandy, S/Sgt. E
Williams, Sgt. RG
Moberly, S/Sgt. G

442nd

074
Take-off 09:51
Landed 13:03

#2
Ingalls, Lt. Pilot
Defan, Lt. Co-Pilot
Fargo, T/Sgt. BN
Burgess, S/Sgt. E
Seegel, S/Sgt. RG
Gunning, S/Sgt. G

442nd

964
Take-off 09:51½
Landed 13:03½

#13
Davis, Lt. Pilot
Young, Lt. Co-Pilot
Abeln, Lt. BN
Dunn, S/Sgt. EG
Simons, S/Sgt. RG
Covert, Sgt. G

442nd

859
Take-off 09:52
Landed 13:04

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

#7
 EIMBOTH, Lt. Pilot
 Canaher, Lt. Co-Pilot
 Hermann, Lt. BN
 Nutchell, S/Sgt. EG
 Street, S/Sgt. RG
 Wornoff, S/Sgt. G

442nd

056
 Take-off 09:52½
 Landed 13:04½

#10
 Church, Lt. Pilot
 James, Lt. Co-Pilot
 Walker, S/Sgt. BN
 Madrid, S/Sgt. EG
 Swantz, S/Sgt. RG
 Levesque, S/Sgt. G

442nd

077
 Take-off 09:53
 Landed 13:05

#6
 Lovece, Lt. Pilot
 Limberg, Lt. Co-Pilot
 Ciesielski, S/Sgt. BN
 Branning, S/Sgt. E
 Wright, T/Sgt. RG
 Brown, Sgt. G

442nd

048
 Take-off 09:53½
 Landed 13:10:20

#5
 West, Lt. Pilot
 Cyer, Lt. Co-Pilot
 Lauer, S/Sgt. BN
 Circhario, S/Sgt. E
 Zehner, S/Sgt. RG
 Burnes, S/Sgt. G

442nd

017
 Take-off 09:58
 Landed 13:07

#9
 Barrett, 1st Lt. Pilot
 Kislser, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot
 Brown, 2nd Lt. NB
 Fordyce, Col. Obs.
 Weil, S/Sgt. E
 Kraker, T/Sgt. R
 Hedgepeth, Sgt. G

444th

959
 Take-off 09:54
 Landed 1306

#1
 Burns, Lt. Pilot
 Taylor, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot
 Rickless, 1st Lt. NB
 Snebold, T/Sgt. E
 Smith, T/Sgt. RG
 Petroski, M/Sgt. G

444th

194
 Take-off 09:54½
 Landed 13:04½

CREW NO. AND PERSON

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

CREW NO. AND PERSON	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.	Take-off	Landed
#16 URNER, Pilot ENGLISH, Co-Pilot Vaughan, NB Stoerkel, EG Moroco, RG Mondghan, G	444	792	09:55	13:06
#3 McCrary, Capt. Pilot Ball, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot Burton, 1st Lt. B Reyes, Sgt. E Scheekhert, T/Sgt. RG Hurt, S/Sgt. G Null, S/Sgt. Photo	444th	853	09:55½	13:08
#7 Towns, 1st Lt. Pilot Perry, 1st Lt. Co-Pilot Dorman, Capt. Obs De Santis, T/Sgt. E NB Dicke, S/Sgt.-Rg EG Meadows S/Sgt. RG CHOUNARD, Cpl. G	444th	724	09:56	13:09
#6 Booth, Capt. Pilot Bullard, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot Stovall, Cpl, NB Clark, S/Sgt. E Klingeman, Sgt. RG May, S/Sgt. G	444th	861	09:56½	13:07
#13 Worthington, Pilot Caffey, F/O Co-Pilot Home NB Sewell, EG Teety, RG Breeding, G	444th	024	09:58½	10:16