

SECRET

Intelligence Narrative No. 21 Day Operation 21 May 1943.

Twenty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this afternoon to bomb the airdrome at Decimomannu, Sardinia. Escort consisted of 23 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Five B-26's returned early. Only one flight dropped bombs. The other flights did not drop their bombs due to bombardier error. The bombardier, in directing the pilot for the bomb run, missed the IP and led the planes three miles to left of target for bomb run.

Route: This base to La Galles for rendezvous with 17th Bombardment Group, to Cape Teulada, turning northeast to target, then turning west after bomb run until leaving the island of Sardinia, and then south to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 1510 hrs. and 1513 hrs., on course and rendezvous with fighters at 1539 hrs., rendezvous with 17th Bomb Group at 1557 hrs., over target at 1650 hrs. Twenty-three bombers down at this base at 1828 hrs.

Bombs: Six planes dropped 642 x 20-lb. fragmentation, M41 bombs from 9,600 ft. Seventeen planes returned 1896 x 20-lb. bombs to this base.

Results: One flight dropped bombs on target. Hits were seen in the building area and several fires were started. Many hits were also seen in the dispersal areas, apparently from bombs of the 17th Group. The other flights of this group did not drop bombs due to bombardier error.

Flak: Slight to moderate heavy flak, accurate for deflection, inaccurate for altitude, encountered over the target; the data computation was apparently corrected for the last flight. Three of our planes were slightly damaged. A six or seven gun position was reported at 39° 22' N/ 8° 53' E.

Enemy Aircraft: One crew reports that three ME-109's were shot down by P-40's just north of target at 1651 hrs. Two of these were reported to have burst into flames before crashing.

Observations: Approximately eight aircraft were observed on the airdrome at Decimomannu. At 1635 hrs. one Diesel Ferry, heading east, was seen at Cape Teulada, and one large M/V was reported at Porto Romano. Observation altitude for both was 10,000 ft. Two aircraft, either P-38's or B-25's were seen to crash near the target at 1650 hrs. One of these was seen to break apart in the air before crashing. One ME-323 was seen on the ground near Sanluri at 1655 hrs. Observation altitude was 9,000 ft. One crew reported five naval craft, believed to be submarines, surfaced 70 to 80 miles due north of Bone at 1725 hrs. They were heading on a course of 210°. This crew also reported another craft believed to be a submarine 25 miles north of Bone at 1743 hrs. on a course of 250°. Altitude for these observations was 7,000 ft. The pilot of this crew attempted to report the sightings by radio but was unsuccessful. They were reported by this office immediately upon return of the bombers to this base.

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SECRET

FLIGHT COMMANDER
Dep. FLIGHT COMMANDER

LT. COLONEL FORDYCE
CAPTAIN MARBLE

056
006

Mission # 25

MAY 21, 1943.

Take off _____

RED "A"

BULMER
017

KANS
056

LOYER
904

BLUE "A"

CHUCK
859

FRIDY
006

CORRILL
907

YELLOW "A"

QUICK
013

MARSH
959

RALPH
061

GREEN "A"

SHAW
724

DRYER
853

PETERSON
981

FLIGHT "B"

RED "B"

WHELAN
009

MILLEN
874

SCHLAP
034

BLUE "B"

DONNEY
848

KIRBY
855

MILBY
001

LOU "B"

TORCH
033

CANTER
029

BUTLER
027

GREEN "B"

BRIDGER
842

TOUL
010

LUTTALL
798

S-P-R-K-S

MEYER
763

LADD
077

STUM
861

BANDER
002

COLORS OF THE DAY ATTACHED:

RADIO: CHANNEL "B"
: BOMBER CALL GROCCHILS
: FIGHTER CALL GANSTON

EMERGENCY FIRMS:
(BOOK AND TELEGRAMS)
(HOSPITAL UNITS)

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

21 May 1943

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON DECIMOMANNU A/D SARDINIA

| CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL | SQUADRON | SHIP NO. |
|--|----------|---|
| #3 Lt. Ross, Pilot Lt. Thompson, Co-Pilot Lt. Harrison Bombardier Capt. Rogers, Navigator S/Sgt. Gandy, EG Sgt. Williams, RG S/Sgt. Moberly, G Lt. Col. Fordyce, F/C | 442nd | 056 Take-off - 15:10 Landing 1818 |
| #6 Lt. LoVece, Pilot Lt. Limberg, CO-Pilot S/Sgt. Ciesielski, BN S/Sgt. Branning, EG T/Sgt. Wright, RG Sgt. Brown, G | 442nd | SHIP NO. 964 Take-off - 15:10½ Landed at - 1818/30 |
| #12 Lt. Holmes, Pilot Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot Lt. Miller, BN S/Sgt. Walden, EG S/Sgt. Palmer, RG S/Sgt. Linco, G | 442nd | 017 Take-off - 15:11 Landed at - 1819 |
| #1 Capt. Friday, Pilot Lt. BaHcum, Co-Pilot Lt. Amundson, B Lt. Evans, N S/Sgt. Peck, EG S/Sgt. Harper, RG T/Sgt. Buchanan, G | 442nd | 006 Take-Off- 15:11½ Landed at- 1819/50 |
| #14 Capt. Cordill, Pilot Lt. Chandler, Co-Pilot Lt. Thranhardt, BN S/Sgt. Hall, EG S/Sgt. Trupka, RG S/Sgt. Baronet, G | 442nd | 987 Take-off 15:12 Landed at- 1820 |

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

#9

Lt. Osborn, ~~Captain~~Pilot
 Lt. Byram, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Andrews, BN
 S/Sgt. Gloeckner, EG
 Sgt. Hageman, RG
 Sgt. Legutko G

SQUADRON

442nd

SHIP NO.

859

Take-off 15:12½
 Landed at-

1820/30

#11

Lt. Ladd, Pilot
 Lt. Tiemann, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Monroe, BN
 Sgt. Stander, EG
 Hâte, S/Sgt. RG
 Gmiffin, Pvt. G

SQUADRON

442nd

SPARE

SHIP NO.

077

Take-off 15:22
 Landed at-

1658

#5

Lt. Harris, Pilot
 Lt. Meyer, Co-Pilot
 Capt. Perrin, NB
 T/Sgt. Woodbury, EG
 S/Sgt. Alstat, RG
 S/Sgt. Vaughn, G

444th

861

Take-off 15:13
 Landed at-

1821

#10

Lt. Hallowell, pilot
 Lt. Coulter, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Dittmar, NB
 Etzel, S/Sgt. EG
 S/Sgt. Bourgault, RG
 T/Sgt. Lenz, G

444th

061

Take-off - 15:13½
 Landed at -

1821/30

#8

Lt. Goodson, Pilot
 Lt. Fair, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Hausner, NB
 B/Sgt. Porter, EG
 T/Sgt. Tucker, RG
 Sgt. Hansen, G

444th

013

Take-off 15:14
 Landed at 15:24½

#4

Capt. Dieter Pilot
 Lt. Nash, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Stephens, NB
 S/Sgt. Greer, EG
 T/Sgt. Collins, RG
 S/Sgt. Aul, G

444th

853

Take-off - 15:14½
 Landed -

1707

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO. -981

#2

444th

Take-off 15:15

Peterson, Pilot
 Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Miller, NB
 T/Sgt. Janise, EG
 T/Sgt. Higgins, RG
 S/Sgt. Kieffer, G

OK

Landed at -

1823

#11

444th

724

Lt. Sund, Pilot
 F/O Sullivan, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Maron, NB
 S/Sgt. Ferrar, EG
 S/Sgt. Cook, RG
 S/Sgt. Wadzeck, G

OK

Take-off 15:15½

Landed at -

1825

#12

444th

792

Lt. Stumm, Pilot
 Lt. Weir, Co-Pilot
 Lt. DeCuir, NB
 S/Sgt. Clark, EG
 Sgt. Burt, RG
 S/Sgt. Bowen, G

Return early

SPARE

Take-off 15:22½

Landed at - 16:56

#1

441st

874

Capt. Miller, Pilot
 Lt. Lankford, Co-Pilot
 Lehman, NB B
 Lt. McGeever, N
 S/Sgt. Dahl, EG
 T/Sgt. Patshe, RG
 Cpl. Steele, G

OK

Take-off 15:16

Landed

1826

#2

441st

034

Lt. Soniat, Pilot
 Lt. Barker, Co-Pilot
 Sgt. DeCausaus, BN
 S/Sgt. Seabloom, EG
 Sgt. Largent, RG
 Kleinschmidt, G

OK

Take-off 15:16½

Landed at

1826/30

#10

441st

009

Lt. Wegener, Pilot
 Lt. Kootz, Co-Pilot
 Sgt. Kennedy, BN
 Sgt. Levi, EG
 S/Sgt. Wurst, RG
 Cpl. Lott, G

OK

Take-off 15:17

Landed at

1827

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

#3

441

855

Lt. Kirley, Pilot
 J. Parsons, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Ascienzo, BN
 Capt. Malsbury, N
 S/Sgt. Delaware, EG
 T/Sgt. Langman, RG
 S/Sgt. Stipe, G

Take-off 15:17½

Landed at

1828

OK

#14

441st

100

Lt. Riley, Pilot
 Lt. Church, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Brosi, BN
 S/Sgt. Formichelli, EG
 Sgt. Meeker, RG
 Sgt. Martz, G

Take-off 15:18

Landed at

1828/30

OK

#6

441st

848

Lt. Dobney, Pilot
 Lt. Robins, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Camp, BN
 S/Sgt. Trotter, EG
 T/Sgt. Wolf, RG
 Sgt. Hancock, G
 Capt. Holt, Obs.

Take-off 15:18½

Landed

1829

OK

#7

441st

765

Lt. McVay, Pilot
 Lt. Timmons, Co-Pilot
 .. Fisher, BN
 S/Sgt. Rinaldi, EG
 S/Sgt. Greenlee, RG
 S/Sgt. Curlee, G

Take-off 15:23

Landed

1829/30

OK

SPARE

#2

443rd

023

Capt. Carter, Pilot
 Lt. Bigelow, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Don, N
 Lt. Boswell, B
 T/Sgt. Hunter, RG
 S/Sgt. Foulkes, G
 Sgt. Smith, EG

Take-off 15:19

Landed

1829/15

OK

#15

443rd

027

F/O. Butler, Pilot
 Lt. Laudrum, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Chambers, NB
 Sgt. Saccardo, RG
 Gniadek, Sgt. G
 Cpl. Waterman, EG

Take-off 15:19½

Landed

1829/15

OK

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO. ~~039~~ 033

#10

443rd

Take-off 15:20

Lt. Tresch, Pilot
 Lt. Wilbur, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Key, NB
 S/Sgt. Doolittle, RG
 Cpl. Powell, AG
 Cpl. Carter, EG

OK

Landing

1830

#4

443rd

010

Take-off 15:20½
Landed

Lt. Tuck, Pilot
 Lt. Becker, Co-Pilot
 Lt. Pace, NB
 S/Sgt. Long, RG
 S/Sgt. McGaha, AG
 S/Sgt. Schinkel, EG
 Capt. Macia, Obs.

OK

1830/30

#11

443rd

798

Take-off 15:21
Landed

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

OK

1831

#9

443rd

842

Take-off 15:21½
Landed

Lt. Brewer Pilot
 F/O Pearce, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Quine, BN
 Sgt. Bolton, EG
 T/Sgt. Yost, RG
 Sgt. Clarke

OK

1831/30

#7

443rd

002

Take-off 15:23½
Landed 17:00

Lt. Barber, Pilot
 Lt. F/O. Feagin, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. Honisher, NB
 Sgt. Burden, RG
 S/Sgt. Dross, AG
 Cpl. Hanson, EG

Extra
spare