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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 22 Day Operation, 23 May 1943

Thirty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb the airdrome on Pantellaria Island. Escort consisted of twelve P-40's of the 329th Fighter Group. Three B-26's returned early to this base. One B-26 turned back over Cape Bon because of losing oil pressure, and landed at Tunis A/D. The nose wheel collapsed on the landing, and two members of the crew were injured.

Route: This base to Cape Bon, to point seven miles north of Pantellaria, turning into target, and return to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 11:16 and 11:34 hours, on course and rendezvous with fighters at 11:45 hours, and over target at 13:02 hours. Thirty-four bombers down at this base between 14:20 and 14:42 hours.

Bombs: Thirty-four (34) planes dropped 662 X 100 lb demolition, 1/10 .45 second delay bombs. Three planes returned 18 bombs to this base.

Results: Most bombs fell in dispersal areas on east side of the field. Two flights dropped bombs on southwest of field and hits were seen on the buildings. Large columns of smoke were seen coming from the field. Four aircraft are believed to have been destroyed on the ground.

Flak: Moderate heavy flak, accurate for altitude and inaccurate on other two counts, encountered over the target and continued until after leaving west coast of the island. Six to eight guns are reported between B-31 and B-33, reference to target chart No. 2-18-NA.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Observations: Approximately twenty-five (25) aircraft were seen on the airdrome, including about twenty twin-engined planes and one ME-323. Eighteen of these aircraft were reported parked along the east side of the field; the remainder were dispersed all around the perimeter track. Approximately thirty tents were observed about 1000 yards south southeast of the airdrome at 13:02 hours. Observations altitude was 10,000 ft.

At 13:05 hours twelve small M/V's were seen in the inner harbor and six small vessels in the outer harbor of Pantellaria. Observation altitude was 9000 ft. One B-26 left formation over Cape Bon at 12:35 hours and turned back. (See Par 1).

Weather: Base to target, clear with slight haze over water, over target CAVU, and return to base clear with slight haze over water.

Comments: The injured personnel are listed below:

2nd Lt. Ross B. Garner, O-662626
1st. Kenneth W. Smith, 170431A

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JAMES H. MACIA Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps
Group Intelligence O.

MISSION # 27

May 23, 1943

Take-off _____

"A"

<u>Red "A"</u>	<u>KENNEDY</u> 034	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 874	<u>HAYWARD</u> 009
<u>Blue "A"</u>	<u>STELL</u> 060	<u>PATTERSON</u> 855	<u>BLAKE</u> 765
<u>Yellow "A"</u>	<u>MONTSINGER</u>) 001	<u>HOFRAS</u> 189	<u>OWEN</u> 100
<u>Green "A"</u>	<u>SUND</u> 013	<u>MC CROFF</u> 852	<u>NORTHINGTON</u> 061

"B"

<u>Red "B"</u>	<u>HALLIWELL</u> 861	<u>HARRIS</u> 194	<u>TOWNS</u> 724
<u>Blue "B"</u>	<u>GOODSON</u> 981	<u>BARGET</u> 863	<u>URNER</u> 792
<u>Yellow "B"</u>	<u>VAN METER</u> 036	<u>SWALL</u> 010	<u>BARBER</u> 851
<u>Green "B"</u>	<u>TRESCH</u> 033	<u>TUCK</u> 842	<u>CALHOUN</u> 780

"C"

<u>Red "C"</u>	<u>BURNS, J.</u> 027	<u>ROBERTS</u> 023	<u>SUMMERS</u> 798
<u>Blue "C"</u>	<u>INGALLS</u> 074	<u>MORLEY</u> 964	<u>CORDILL</u> 987
<u>Yellow "C"</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> 077	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>DOXSEE</u> 006
<u>Green "C"</u>	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 056	<u>LADD</u> 048

SPARES

<u>HOY</u> 002	<u>BURNS</u> 024	<u>WEST</u> 088	<u>SWIGERT</u> 955
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Flight Commander - Maj. WALLING
Deputy Flight Commander - Lt. Col. GREGORY,

RADIO: CHANNEL "A"
BOMBER CALL - CROCODILE
FIGHTER CALL - GANGSTER

EMERGENCY FIELDS:
SOUK EL ARBA
SOUK EL KHEMIS
(Hospital Units)

COLORS OF THE DAY ATTACHED:

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE ~~XXXX~~ RAID ON PANTELLERIA AIRDROME
May 23, 1943.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
# 4 Karlowitz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Crotty, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain, Shevelson, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Fishman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Sofiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Cain, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	874 Note Maj. Walling rode as flight commander Took off 1116 Landed at 1420
# 8 Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	009 Took off 1116/30 Landed at 1421
# 11 Kennedy, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Mc Glannon, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Wilson, Navigator Sgt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	002 Took off 1117 Landed at 1422/30
# 5 Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cartwright Co, Pilot, F/O Allen, Navigator, 1st Lt. Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Brien, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Bain, Radio gunner, M/sgt. Spor, aerial gunner, s/sgt.	541st	855 Took off 1117/30 Landed at 1423 Note Lt. Col Gregory, rode as flight commander
# 1 Blake, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hammond, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt. Pope, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio gunner, Sgt. Boals, Aerial gunner, sgt.	441st	765 Took off Wertzkeroff 1118 Landed at 1423/30 <i>do not have names on</i> <i>Board</i>
# 13 Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	060

CREW NO: AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON,

PLANE NO.

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441st

189

Horras, Pilot, Captain
 Belcher, Co, Pilot, Captain
 Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. *not on list*
 Goodman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Landed at 1424
 Archer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Note captain Sims rode this ship as observer.
 Mulligan, Aerial gunner, sgt.

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441st

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Owen, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Kapstein, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Eastburn, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Took off 1119/30
 Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S.sgt. L1 1425
 Devine, Radio gunner, T/sgt.
 Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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441st

001

Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Scott, Navigator Bombardier, T.sgt. Captain Holt was observer
 Tackman, Engineer gunner, Sgt. on this plane /
 Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Ellison, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Took off 11120
 Landed at 1435

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444th

853

McCrory, Pilot, Captain,
 Ball, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off ~~1120~~ 1120/30
 Burton, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Landed at.
 Reyes, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt.
 Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.

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444th

061

Worthington, Pilot, Lt.
 Caffey, Co, Pilot, Lt. Took off 1121
 Breeding, Navigator Bombardier, Landed at 1427
 Horne, Engineer gunner,
 Sewell, Radio Gunner,
 Teeter, Aerial gunner,

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444th

013

Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Sullivan, Co, Pilot, F/O
 Moran, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Took off 1121/30
 Farrar, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. L 1428
 Cook, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

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444th

194

Harris, Pilot, 1st Lt
 Meyer, Co, Pilot, Lt.
 Perrin, Navigator
 Woodbury,
 Alstat,
 Vaughn
 Shryock,
 Took off, 1122
 Landed at 1433

5/18/43 Eng trouble, got lost.
 went to tip of Cape Bone
 Return with formation.

Crew No. and Personnel Squadron Plane No.

7 444th 724
 Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Perry, Co, Pilot Lt.
 Dorman, Observer, Captain,
 De, Santis, ~~Engineer gunner~~, Bombardier, Took off 1122/30
 Meadows, Radio Gunner, Landed at. 1428/30
 Dicke, Engineer gunner,
 Chounard, Aerial gunner,

10 444th 861
 Hallowell, Pilot, Lt. *not on list*
 Homberger, Co, Pilot, Lt. Took off 1123
 Lenz, Engineer gunner,
 Dittmar, Navigator Bombardier, Landed at. 1429
 Etzel, Radio Gunner,
 Bourgaudet, Aerial gunner,

9 444th 863
 Barrett, Pilot, Lt
 Kisler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Brown, Bomarrdier, NO TAKE OFF.

16 444th 792
 Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Maj. Molk was observer on this plane,
 Vaughn, Navigator,
 Stoerkel, Engineer gunner, Took off 1123/30
 Morocco, Radio Gunner, Landed at 1431
 Monaghan, Aerial gunner,

8 444th 981
 Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Fair, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Housner, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
 Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
 Hansen, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

3 443rd 780
 Swall, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓
 Brown, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓
 Clark, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
 Stevens, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ✓
 Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓
 Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓
 Mountain, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. ✓

7 443rd 851
 Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓
 Feagin, Co, Pilot, F/O ✓
 Homsher, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓
 Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. ✓
 Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. ✓
 Dross, Aerial gunner, Sgt. ✓
 Took off 1125 1/30
 Landed at. 1431/30

CREW NO: AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON,	PLANE NO.
# 7	443rd	036
Van Marper, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		
Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		✓ Took off, 1125/30
Leffler, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓		
Benner, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓		Landed at. 1432
Lillo, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
# 4	444th	842
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		
Becker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		✓ Took off 1126
Pace, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ✓		
Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓		Landed at 1432/30
Long, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
Mc Gaha, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
# 13	443rd	848 (441st A. rplac)
Calhoun, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		
Carney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		✓ Took off 1126/30
Thompson, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓		
Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. ✓		landed at
Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. ✓		
Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt. ✓		
# 10	443rd	093
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		
Landrum, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		✓ Took off 1127
Key, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓		
Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt. ✓		Landed at 1435
Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
Powell, Aerial gunner, Cpl ✓		
# 1	443rd	023
Roberts, Pilot, Captain ✓		
Goff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		
Butler, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ✓		✓ Took off 1127/30
Dore, Navigator, 1st Lt. ✓		
Ramirez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓		Landed at. 1436/30
Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S. sgt. ✓		
# 5	443rd	798
Summers, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓		
Wilbur, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		✓ Took off 1128
Chambers, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓		
Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓		Landed at 1200
Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓		
# 8	443rd	027
Burns, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ✓		
Bark Baker, 2nd Lt. Co, Pilot, ✓		
Mowry, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓		
Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt. ✓		
Wall, Radio gunner, S/sgt. ✓		✓ Took off 1128/30
Shepherd, aerial gunner, Sgt. ✓		Landed at 1437/30

Crew no. and personnel	Squadron	Plane No.
# 11 Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Tiemann, Co, Pilot, lt. Monroe, Navigator Bombardier, lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, Sgt Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	442nd 6 <i>Paul</i>	048 Took off 1132/30 Landed at 1220
# 13, Davis, Pilot, lt. ✓ Bougher, Co, Pilot, 1st lt. ✓ Abeln, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. ✓ Dunn, Engineer gunner, S. sgt. ✓ Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. ✓ Covert, Aerial gunner, sgt. ✓	442nd	859 Took off 1133 Landed at. 1442
#9 Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓ Condit, Co, Pilot, F/O ✓ Moore, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ✓ Seabloom, Aerial engineer, S/sgt. ✓ Juve, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. ✓	441st	024 Took off 1133/30 1118 Landed at. 1424
# 1 Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓ Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓ Rickless, Navigator, Bombardier, ✓ Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. ✓ Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. ✓ Petrowski, Aerial gunner, M/sgt. ✓	444th	024 Took off 1133/30 Landed at. 1438
# 5 West, Pilot, lt. ✓ Dryer, Co, Pilot, lt. ✓ Payton, Navigator Bombardier, ✓ Charchario, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt. ✓	442nd	088 Took off 1134 Landed at. 1441
# 14 393288933 Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. ✓ Coleman, Co, Pilot, F/O ✓ Dufour, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. ✓ Stone, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. ✓ Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. ✓ O'connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. ✓	443rd	955 Took off 1134/30 Landed at. 1450

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL,	SQUADRON,	PLANE NO.
# 8 ✓ Morley, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bayramian, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beati, Navigator Bombardier, lt. Caldwell Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	964 Took off 1129 Landed at 1432 Cirno was photographer on this plane
# 14 ✓ Cordill, Pilot, Captain, Chandler, Co, Pilot, 1st.lt. Thronhardt, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Trapka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	987 Took off 1129/30 Landed at. 1430 1437
# ? ✓ Ingalls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Defan, Co, Pilot, lt. Baker, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Burgiss, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Siegel,, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Grenning, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	074 Took off 1130 Landed at 1155
## 2 ✓ Meyer, Pilot, Captain Himmelreich, Co, Pilot, lt. Fargo, Navigator Bombardier, T/ Sgt. Dewitte, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Moberly, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	186 Took off 1130 /30
# 4 ✓ Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Deutman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	806 Took off 1130 Landed at. 1440*
# 10 ✓ Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Miller, Co, Pilot, 1st lt. Walker, Navigator Bombardier, S.sgt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	077 Took off 1131/30 Landed at. 1439
# 7 ✓ Heimroth, Pilot, lt. Carragher, Co, Pilot, lt. Herman, NAVigator Bombardier, lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	056 Took off 1132 Landed at. 1442