

Intelligence Narrative No. 23. Day Operation 25 May 1943

Thirty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (H) took off this afternoon to bomb the harbor at Porto Empedocle, Sicily. Escort consisted of 24 P-38's of the 82nd Fighter Group. Two B-26's returned early, one B-26 was last seen to turn back toward the Tunisian coast 30 miles due west of Hammamet. The port was well covered with hits.

Route: This base direct to target, and return.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 12:06 and 12:24 hours, on course and rendezvous with fighters over this field at 12:36 hours; over target at 13:54 hours. Thirty-three bombers down at this base between 15:50 and 16:19 hrs.

Bombs: Thirty-three planes dropped 260 x 300 lb. demolition, 1/10 .01 second delay bombs from altitude of 10,500 feet. Four bombs returned to this base.

Results: Bombs bracketed target well, demolishing sheds on middle pier, splitting the western quay, damaging sulphur refinery, destroying Y junction of the railroad yards near eastern quay, and starting huge fires in the industrial area north of the power station. In the harbor, on the approach to the target, there were thirty-two ninety foot vessels, which resembled E-boats, and six larger craft of 120 foot length. Direct hits destroyed two of the larger ships and four of the smaller; while near misses were scored on three of the 120 ft. vessels and on nine of the 90 ft. boats. After bombing, smoke and flame was visible for twenty-five miles.

First phase photo interpretation reveals:

Direct hits:	2	120 ft. boats
	4	90 ft. boats
	2	western quay
	4	middle pier, 2 of which landed on sheds on center and end of pier.
		Sulphur refinery
		"Y" junction of RR yds near eastern quay.
		Industrial area north of power station.
Near misses:	3	120 ft. boats
	9	90 ft. boats.

Flak: Light to moderate heavy and moderate light flak, inaccurate, coming from town, cemetery, and coast east of harbor. Intense heavy flak noted above Pantelleria Island at 14:20 hours from 8,000 feet.

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Observations: One large ~~ship~~ was seen anchored three miles east of the harbor at 13:54 hours from 10,000 feet.

One medium sized M/V, apparently anchored close to the shore, two miles west of the harbor, was seen at 13:57 hours from 10,000 feet.

One twin engined A/O was parked on the strip of coast 3 miles east of harbor at 13:68 hours, from 10,000 feet.

Five locomotives in railroad station east of town at 13:54 hours from 10,000 feet.

Our losses: One B-26 missing. This bomber was last seen heading 270° after leaving formation at 13:13 hours from 4,500 ft 30 miles due west of Hammamet. Reason unknown.

Comments: The crew of the missing bomber is listed below:

2nd Lt. WILLIAM E. OSBORN, O-790874. Next of kin and home address: Mrs. Helen R. Osborn, 159, Boyan Ave., Kingston, N.Y.

2nd Lt. CHARLES R. BYRAN, O-662624. Next of kin and home address: Mr. Charles R. Byran, 1708, Woodbury Rd., Pasadena, Calif.

S/Sgt. CARL O. ANDREWS, 36022524, Next of kin and home address: Mrs. C. O. Andrews, 2432 N. Kalder Ave., Chicago, Ill.

S/Sgt. CLARENCE R. GLOECKNER, 35277060, Next of kin and home address: Mrs. Edith Gloeckner, 658 Linwood Ave., Columbus, Ohio

Sgt. REUBEN R. HAGEMAN, 17026673, Next of kin and home address: Mr. A. Hageman, 210 Ray Ave., Springfield, Minn.

Sgt. LOUIS J. LEGUTKO, 6944809, Next of kin and home address: Mrs. Victoria Danke, 615 Cedar St., Freeland, Pa.

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

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MISSION NO, 28

25 May 1943

Take Off---

Flight Commander--Major Peddie

Deputy Flight Commander--Captain Belcher

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 061	<u>MC GREGY</u> 194	<u>PIETRASCH</u> 292
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>RODSCHE</u> 861	<u>HEITER</u> 853	<u>DOOTH</u> 013
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>STUBB</u> 024	<u>BARRITT</u> 981	<u>GAULTER</u> 792
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>JULIANT</u> 780	<u>CARTER</u> 023	<u>GRAVES</u> 027

792
Returned

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>LITTLEHILL</u> 851	<u>SWALL</u> 195	<u>WELCH</u> 776 842
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>HEITER</u> 033	792 ^{SUMMER'S} 198	<u>BUTLER</u> 010
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>MILLER</u> 088	<u>WYER</u> 186	<u>LADD</u> 048
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>CORCHON</u> 859	<u>HITCHCOCK</u> 056	<u>HOLMES</u> 017

<u>RED "C"</u>	<u>INGALLS</u> 074	<u>FRIDAY</u> 006	<u>FOXSEE</u> 987
<u>blue "C"</u>	<u>MC VAY</u> 765	<u>LOBBEY</u> 009	<u>BANKER</u> 034
<u>YELLOW "C"</u>	<u>STILL</u> 060	<u>HILGER</u> 874	<u>WALKER</u> 100
<u>GREEN "C"</u>	<u>WEGNER</u> 002	<u>WILBY</u> 855	<u>CHURCH</u> 001

~~WEGNER~~CHURCH
964SPARKSNANDORSE
036YERSCHE
955

Colors of the Day: attached.

Emergency Fields:
Souk el Khemis (Hospital Unit)
Souk el ArbaRADIO: Channel "A"
Bomber Call: COCODILE
Fighter Call: HORSEAT

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

May 25

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON
 MAY 25, 1943

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
#3 McCrory, Pilot BALL, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot BOUTON, 2nd Lt. BOMBARDIER NERONE, Capt. NAVIGATOR PEDDY, Maj. F/C DORMAN, Capt. R Reges, Sgt. EG HURT, S/Sgt. G	444th	194 Take-off 1206 Landed. 15:54
# 2 PETERSON, 1st Lt. PILOT LUMPKIN 2nd Lt. CO-PILOT MILLER, 2nd Lt. BN JANISE, T/Sgt. EG HIGGENS, T/Sgt. RG KELFFER S/Sgt. G	444th	292 Take-off 1206½ Landed 15:50
#13 WORTHINGTON, Lt. Pilot CAFFEY, 2nd Lt. Co-Pilot BREEDING, BN HORNE, EG SEWELL, RG TEETER, G	444th	PLANE 061 Take-off 1207 Landed 15:56
#4 DIETER, CAPT. Pilot NASH, 1st Lt. CO-PILOT STEPHENS 1st Lt. NB BELCHER, Capt. D. F/C RIDGE, 1st Lt. NAVIGATOR WOODBURY, T/Sgt. RG AULE, S/Sgt. G	444th	853 Take-off - 1207½ Landed 15:56½
#6 BOOTH, CAPT. Pilot BULLARD, Co-Pilot CLARK, S/Sgt. EG STOVALL, Cpl. BN KLINGAMAN, T/Sgt. RG MAY, S/Sgt. G	444th	013 TAKE Off - 1208 16:25

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

#8
1st Lt. GOODSON, Pilot
2nd Lt. FAIR, Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. HOUSNER, NB
S/Sgt. PORTER, EG
T/Sgt. TUCKER, RG
Sgt. HANSEN, G

444th

861
Take-off - 1208½
Landed 15:59

#9
BARRET, 1st Lt. PILOT
2nd Lt. KISLER, Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. BROWN, NB
T/Sgt. Weil, EG
T/Sgt. KRAKER, RG
Cpl. HARRISON, G

444th

981
Take-off - 1209
Landed 15:57½

#12
2nd Lt. STUMM, Pilot
2nd Lt. WEIR, Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. DECUIR, NB
S/Sgt. CLARK, EB
T/Sgt. GURTT, RG
S/Sgt. BOWEN, G
66

444th

024
Take-off - 1210
Landed - 15:57

Ship No. 792, NO. TAKE OFF COULTER, PILOT

#2
Capt. CARTER Pilot
2nd Lt. BIGELOW, Co-Pilot
1st Lt. BOSWELL, BN
Sgt. SMITH, EG
T/Sgt. HUNTER, RG
S/Sgt. FOULKES, G

448th

023
Take-off - 1210½
Landed 16:00+

#12
1st Lt. GRAVES, Pilot
1st Lt. BRACKAN, Co-Pilot
Sgt. Kimbro, BN
S/Sgt. MILES, RG
Sgt. PIERCE, EG
S/Sgt. YIM, G

443rd

027
Take-off - 1211
Landed -
15:58

14
1st Lt. SWIGART, Pilot
B/O, COLEMAN, Co-Pilot
S/Sgt. DUFOUR, NB
S/Sgt. STONE, EG
S/Sgt. LACERVA, RG
Sgt. O'CONNELL, G

443rd

780
Take-off 1211½
Landed -
16:00

JREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
#3 1st Lt. SWALL, Pilot 2nd Lt. BROWN, Co-Pilot 1st Lt. KARIDIS, BN Capt. GROVE, N S/Sgt. WILLIAMS EG S/Sgt. LEWIS, RG T/Sgt. MOUNTAIN, G	443rd	195 Take-off 1212 Landed 16:01
# — Capt. WELCH, Pilot F/O. COLLINS, Co-Pilot 2nd Lt. CARROLL, BN S/Sgt. Mc LEAD, EG T/Sgt. KRUMPOCH, RG S/Sgt. BOWLES, G	449rd	842 Take-off 1212½ Landed 16:01½
#11 Capt. LUTTRELL, Pilot 2nd Lt. YEAGER, Co-Pilot PFC DICKEY, BN S/Sgt. BUTLER, EG S/Sgt. ROBICHAUX, RG S/Sgt. BUTTON, G	443rd	851 Take-off 1213 Landed 16:02+
#5 1st Lt. SUMMERS Pilot 2nd Lt. WILBUR, Co-Pilot 2nd Lt. CLARK, B 2nd Lt. STEVENS, N S/Sgt. PERKINS, EG S/Sgt. CHALFANT, RG S/Sgt. HART, G	443rd <i>Returned Early</i>	798 Take-off 1213½ Landed 14:23
#15 F/O BUTLER, Pilot 2nd Lt. LANDRUM, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. CHAMBERS, BN Cpl. WATERMAN, EE Sgt. SACCARDO, RG Sgt. GNIADEK, G	443	010 Take-off 1214 Landed 16:03
#9 2nd Lt. BREWER Pilot F/O PEARCE, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. QUINE, BN Sgt. BOLTON, EG T/Sgt. YOST, RG Sgt. CLARKE, G	443rd	033 Take-off 1214½ Landed 16:02

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

#10
 1st Lt. TRESCH, Pilot
 2nd Lt. BAKER, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. KEY, BN
 Sgt. CARTER, EG
 S/Sgt. DOOLITTLE, ^{AG}G
 Cpl. POWELL, G

443rd

Returned Early

955
 Take-off 1225
 Landed 14:24

EXTRA

#2
 Capt. MEYER, Pilot
 Lt. HEMMELREICH, Co-Pilot
 T/Sgt. FARGO, BN
 S/Sgt. DE WITTE, EG
 S/Sgt. ARSENAULT, RG
 T/Sgt. LONG, G

442nd

186
 Take-off - 1215
 Landed 16:13

#11
 Lt. LADD, Pilot
 Lt. LIEMENN, Co-Pilot
 Lt. MONROE, BN
 Sgt. STANDER, EG
 S/Sgt. HITE, RG
 Pvt. GRIFFIN, G

442nd

~~Cancelled~~

048
 Take-off - 1215½
 Landed ~~14:18~~
 16:05

#——
 Lt. MILLER, Pilot
 F/O BOUGHER, Co-Pilot
 Lt. PAYTON, NB
 Sgt. FOLGEN, EG
 Sgt. CONLON, RG
 S/Sgt. EDEN, G

442nd

088
 Take-off - 1216
 Landed 16:03T

#056 #7
 Lt. HEIMROTH, Pilot
 Lt. CARRAHER, Co-Pilot
 Lt. HERMANN, NB
 S/Sgt. MITCHELL, EG
 S/Sgt. STREET, RG
 S/Sgt. WORNOFF, G

442nd

Returned Early

056
 Take-off - 1216½
 Landed 15:08

#12
 Lt. HOLMES, Pilot
 Lt. BURROWS, Co-Pilot
 Lt. MILLER, NB
 S/Sgt. WALDEN, EG
 S/Sgt. Palmer, RG
 S/Sgt. LINCO, G

442nd

017
 Take-off - 1217
 Landed 16:06

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

#7
 1st Lt. MC VAY, Pilot
 1st Lt. TIMMONS, Co-Pilot
 2nd Lt. FISHER, BN
 S/Sgt. RINALDI, EG
 S/Sgt. GREENLEE, RG
 S/Sgt. CURLEE, G

441st

Returned Early

765
 Take-off 1220 T
 Landed 1257

#1
 Capt. MILLER, Pilot
 2nd Lt. LANKFORD, Co-Pilot
 1st Lt. LEHMAN, BN
 S/Sgt. DAHL, EG
 T/Sgt. PATSKE, RG
 Cpl. STEELE, G
 Sgt. NULL, PHOTO.

441st

874
 Take-off ~~1220~~ 1221
 Landed 16:13 T

#15
 2nd Lt. BRADEN, Pilot
 2nd Lt. WALKER, Co-Pilot
 Sgt. WILSON, BN
 S/Sgt. OLSON, EG
 S/Sgt. ALDRICH, RG
 S/Sgt. BEARD, G

441st

100
 Take-off 1221½
 Landed 16:19

#13
 1st Lt. STEEL, Pilot
 1st Lt. STEINBERG, Co-Pilot
 2nd Lt. CORSAN, B
 S/Sgt. MAXINO, RG
 S/Sgt. BARKER, EG
 Sgt. FARR, G

441st

060
 Take-off 1222
 Landed 16:14

#3
 1st Lt. KIRLEY, Pilot
 Maj. PARSONS, Co-Pilot
 1st Lt. ASCIENZO, BN
 S/Sgt. DELAWARE, EG
 T/Sgt. LANGMAN, RG
 S/Sgt. STIPE, G
 Capt. MACIA, OBS.

441st

855
 Take-off 1222½
 Landed 16:14 T

#14
 2nd Lt. CHURCH, Pilot
 2nd Lt. RILEY, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. GROSJ, BN
 S/Sgt. FORMICHELLI, EG
 Sgt. MEEKER, RG
 Sgt. MARTZ, G

441st

002
 Take-off 1223
 Landed 16:15 T