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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
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Intelligence Narrative No. 24 Day Operation 27 May 1943

Thirty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to Decimomannu Airbase, Sardinia. They were escorted by 36 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Target was bombed successfully. Accurate heavy and inaccurate light flak was reported. Two minutes after bombing run, 20 to 30 ME 109's jumped the formation, and were engaged by our escort. Of the 12 E/A which got through to attack our bombers in the eighteen minute running fight, seven ME 109's were destroyed by B-26's. Thirty-six B-26's returned safely to this base. Eight were damaged.

Route: This base to coast, crossing at Cape Ross. Entered eastern coast of Sardinia at 39° 30' N, wide sweep to target, direct to this base.

Bombs: 4,320 x 20 lb frag. clusters were carried by the B-26's, of which 4032 x 20 lb bombs were dropped on the target. 288 x 20 lb clusters were returned to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 16:29 and 16:42:30 hours. Rendezvous above this field 17:00 hours. On course 17:05 hours. O.P. 18:24 hrs., I.P. 18:37 hours. Bombs away 18:40 hours. All bombers down safely at this base by 18:22 hrs.

Results: Dispersal areas and entire length of east and west sides of field were well covered by a good bomb pattern. Twenty-three planes were destroyed, 10 damaged. First phase photo interpretation indicates plane destruction as follows:

- 5 C/E, 1 T/E E/A in SE dispersal area.
- 8 SE/E S/A, on SE side.
- 7 C/E, 2 L/A E/A on W side.

Flak: Moderate to intense accurate heavy flak was encountered on approach and over target. Intense inaccurate light flak over target from South of A/P. Two heavy AA positions: 1 (believed six gun battery, five guns were firing) at D25, TC 13NA. 1 4 gun battery in a square dugout 4 miles S of A/P, with one gun mounted in each of the four corners.

Enemy Aircraft: At 18:42, 20 to 30 ME 109's attacked and were immediately engaged by our escort. In the running fight which lasted 18 minutes, 12 of the EA got through to our formation. Of these, seven were shot down by B-26's. The P-40's were dog-fighting continuously during this period, and were seen to shoot down two ME 109's; one at 18:48, from 6,500 was seen to hit the ground; the other at 18:50, from 6,500 was seen to hit the water.

Colors and markings: 1 ME 109 is described "all black with white crosses". Several are reported dark grey. One dark grey plane with blue undercarriage is reported.

Observations: One (1) seaplane headed 200° on deck at 18:10 from 9000'.
Five (5) seaplanes moored in Lake Cagliari at 18:45 from 7500'.
Nine (9) large H/V's lying at right angle to shore in Gulf of Cagliari, grouped 4 - 4 - 1.

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Comments: Four smoke pots were ignited on the E. side of the I/O as bombers approached. (too late to obscure field)

Eight of our planes were damaged, two by enemy fighters, three by flak, three by both flak and E/A.

Claimants and home addresses: 7 B24-109's claimed destroyed.

T/Sgt. Lawrence J. Stoerkel, Jr., Waist Gunner, 204 N. Pine St., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

S/Sgt. Arvel L. Glak, waist gunner, Kirbyville, Texas.

Sgt. James J. O'Keefe, Tail Gunner, 1513 Paris Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Sgt. Carl E. Tackman, Jr., 66 S. Ogden Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Bernard Chouinard, Tail Gunner, 62, Sidney St., Fall River, Mass.

Pvt. Arthur Griffin, Tail Gunner, 99 Pike., Fort Jervis, N.Y.

Sgt. Stanley C. Farr, Turret Gunner, 610 Stage St., Carthage, N.Y.

Route and Altitudes: This base to Cape Hoss, 4500'; Cape Hoss across Mediterranean, skirting S. Nardinian coast and entering at 39° 30' at 9000'. Coast to Samatza in a wide left turn, 10900'. Samatza to target. Target altitude 9900'.

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Take-Off---

Flight Commander-Captain Marble

Deputy Flight Commander-Captain Norris

RED "A"BARBER
851ROBERTS
195FRENCH
798BLUE "A"BURNS
780SWALL
027FRICH
033YELLOW "A"GARWIN
842CARTER
023GRAVES
955GREEN "A"MILLER
017MCIMROTH
056INGALLS
074RED "B"HESSY
088HOSS
186DAVIS
077BLUE "B"LOVACE
958MORLEY
006CORDILL
987YELLOW "B"KENNEDY
002PATTERSON
855MCVAY
765GREEN "B"BLADEN
060MONTGOMERY
009ROY
034RED "C"CHEN
100KARLOVITZ
874WALKER
036BLUE "C"HURNS
061HALLGHELL
194COULTER
292YELLOW "C"SUND
861HARRIS
959FABRY
981GREEN "C"WILSON
792TOWNS
853BOOTH
024SPARESVAN MARTENWORTHINGTON
013STEINBERG
001LAIRD

Colors of the Day: Attached.

Emergency Fields:
Bona and Talsergua
(Hospital Units)

RADIO:

CHANNEL "B"
Bomber Call: CROCODILE
Fighter Call: GANGSTER

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTISIPATED IS RAID ON _____

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#1 Capt. ROBERTS, Pilot 1st Lt. GOFF, Co-Pilot Capt. O'KEEFE, Navigator Capt. BUTLER, Bombardier S/Sgt. RAMERIZ, EG S/Sgt. CHAVIZ, RG S/Sgt. KERCHENSKI, G Capt. MARBLE, F/Commander	443rd	195 Take-off - 16:24 Landing - 19:49
#10 1st Lt. TRESCH, Pilot 1st Lt. WILBUR, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. KEY, NB Sgt. CARTER, EG S/Sgt. DOOLITTLE, RG Cpl. POWELL, G	443rd	798 Take-off - 16:24½ Landing - 19:49½
#7 F/O. FEAGIN, Pilot 1st Lt. BARBER, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. HOMSHER, BN S/Sgt. HARPSTER, RG S/Sgt. NOAKE, EG Sgt. GAMBLE, G	443rd	851 Take-off - 18:30 Landing - 19:50
##3 1st Lt. SWALL, Pilot 2nd Lt. BROWN, Co-Pilot 1st Lt. KARIDIS, NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. DORE, NAVIGATOR S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, E S/Sgt. LEWIS, RG S/Sgt. MOUNTAIN, G Capt. HORRAS, Deputy Flight Commander	443rd	027 Take-off - 16:30½ Landing - 19:50½
#666 Capt. WELCH, Pilot F/O COLLINS, Co-Pilot 1st Lt. Carroll, BN S/Sgt. BOWLES, EG T/Sgt. KRUMPOCH, RG S/Sgt. MC LEAD, G	443rd	033 Take-off - 16:31 Landing - 19:51

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL,	SQUADRON,	Plane No.
Walch, Pilot, Captain, Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O Carroll, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Krumpholtz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mc Lead, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	033 Took off 1631 landed at.
# 8 Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	780 Took off 1631/30 Landed at. 19:51 ¹ / ₂
# 2 Carter, Pilot, Captain, Bigelow, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Boswell, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Cirino, Photographer, Sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	023 Took off 1632 Landed at 19:52
# 12 Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bracken, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kimbrow, Bombardier, Sgt. Pierce, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	955 Took off 1632/30 Landed at 19:52 ¹ / ₂
# 13 Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Becker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Carr, aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842 Took off 1633 Landed at 19:53
# 7 Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Carragher, Co, Pilot, Lt. Hermann, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	056 Took off 1633/30 Landed at 19:53 ¹ / ₂
# 2 Ingalls, Pilot, Lt. Strausner, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Burgess, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Siegel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	964 Took off 1634 Landed at. 19:54 Gomez Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL,	SQUADRON,	PLANE NO.
Miller, pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co, Pilot, F/O Payton, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Flogen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Carlson, Radio gunner, Sgt. Eden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	017 Took off 1634/30 Landed at. 19:54 $\frac{1}{2}$
# 3 Ross, Pilot, 1st Lt. Thompson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beatty, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Moberly, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	017 Took off, 1635 Landed at. 19:56
# 13 Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ablen, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Dunn, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hogan, Radio gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd <i>Returned</i>	077 Took off 1635/30 Landed at. 1717
# 5 West, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dryer, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hudson, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442bd	088 Took off 1636 Landed at 19:57
# 8 Morley, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bayramian, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Harrison, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	006 Took off 1636/30 Landed at 19:57 $\frac{1}{2}$
# 14 Cordill, Pilot, Captain, Chandler, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Thronhardt, Navigator Bombardier, Lt. Wall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	987 Took off 1637 Landed at. 19:56 $\frac{1}{2}$
# Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Imberg, Co, Pilot, Lt. Ciesielski, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Branning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	958 Wright, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Took off 1637/30 Landed at. 19:58 $\frac{1}{2}$

Crew no. and Personnel,

Squadron,

Plane No.

5
Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Cartwright, Co, Pilot, F/O
Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Brien, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Bain, radio Gunner, M/Sgt.
Spor, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

855
Took off 1638n

Landed at. 20:00

Capt Helt

6
McVay, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Timmons, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Greenlee, Radio gunner, S/sgt.
Curlee, Aerial gunner, S.sgt.

441st

765

Took off 1638/30m

Landed at. 19:58

11
Kennedy, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Mc Glarmon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt.
Heldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Taylor, Radio gunner, Sgt.
Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

002

Took off, 1639

Landed at. 20:01

6

8
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Tackmann, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Ellison, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

009

Took off 1639/30

Landed at. 20:02

9
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Condit, Co, Pilot, F/O
Moore, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Pope, Engineer gunner,
Juve, Radio Gunner, S.sgt.
Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

441st

034

Took off 1640

Landed at. 20:00 1/2

15
Braden, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Walker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Cockrell, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Olson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Aldrich, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Lott, Aerial gunner,

441st

060

Took off

This ship did not take off

4
Karlowitz, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Crotty, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Allen, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Shevelson, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Fishman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Coffiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Cain, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

874

Took off 1640/30

Landed at 20:19

Crew no. and Personnel	Squadron,	Ship No.
<p>#6666</p> <p>Walker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hayward, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. O'keefe, Engineer gunner, Sgt Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	441st	036 Took off 1641 Landed at 20:07
<p># 12</p> <p>Owen, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kapstein, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bombardier, S/sgt. Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/sgt/ Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	441st	100 Took off 1641/30 Landed at 20:19 ^{1/2}
<p># 10</p> <p>Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hornberger, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Bitmar, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt.</p>	444th	194 Took off 1642 Landed at 20:20
<p># 14</p> <p>Coulter, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Conley, Co, Pilot, F/O Storkweather, NB. 2nd Lt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, Sgt.</p>	444th	292 Took off 1646 Landed at 20:20 ^{1/2}
<p># 1</p> <p>Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rickless, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/sgt. Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.</p>	444th	061 Took off 1643 Landed at 20:21
<p># 5</p> <p>Harris, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyers, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Navigator Bombardier, T/Sgt Woodbury, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	4442th	959 Took off 1643/30 Landed at 20:15
<p># -</p> <p>Ferry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Jabel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt Gojings, Bombardier, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner T/Sgt. McGuire Aerial gunner, S/sgt.</p>	444th	981 Took off 1644 Landed at 20:18 ^{1/2}

Crew no. and Personnel,	Squadron,	Plane No.
# 11 SUND, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	861 This ship did not take off
# 7 Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co, Pilot, F/O Meadows, BN, S/Sgt. Dorman, Observer, Captain, Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/sgt/ Chouniard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt/	444th	853 Took off 1645 Landed at. 20:16 ¹ / ₂
# 6 Booth, Pilot, Captain, Bullard, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, NB. 2nd Lt. Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. May, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	RR 024 Took off 1645/30 Landed at. 20:22
# k6 Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Engineer gunner, Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, Morocco, Bombardier, Honaghan, Aerial gunner,	444th	792 Took off 1646 Landed at. 19:44
# 13 Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Fair, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, NB. S/sgt. Horne, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/sgt Sewall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	444th	013 Took off 1647 Landed at. 20:09
# 13 Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. 353313 Stell, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Corson, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Barker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Marino, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Farr, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	189 Took off 1647/30 Landed at. 20:03
# 11 Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Monroe Tiemann, Co, Pilot, Lt. Monroe, NB. Lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	442nd	001 Took off 1647 Landed at. 20:16

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

##10
 WEGENER, 2nd Lt. Pilot
 2nd Lt. KOONTZ, Co-Pilot
 Sgt. KENNEDY, BN
 Sgt. LEVI, EG
 MINASSIAN, S/sgt. RG
 S/Sgt. WURST, G

SQUADRON

441st

PLANE NO.

002
 Take-off 1223⁺
 Landed 16:53^{1/2}

#8

2nd Lt. HAMMOND, Pilot
 2nd Lt. BLAKE, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. CAMP, BN
 Sgt. POPE, EG
 SGT. LARGENT RG
 S/Sgt. BOALS, G

441st

Returned

036

Take-off ~~1223~~ 1224
 Landed 16:11^{1/2}

#10

Lt. CHURCH, Pilot
 Lt. JAMES, Co-Pilot
 S/Sgt. WALKER, NB
 S/Sgt. MADRID, EG
 S/Sgt. SWARTZ, RG
 S/Sgt/ LEVESQUE, G

442nd

964

Take-off 1224⁺
 Landed 15:59