

Intelligence Narrative No. 25 Day Operation 28 May 1943

Twenty-four B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Milo A/D, Sicily. They were escorted by 36 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. One returned early; a second turned back prior to bombing and landed at Souk el Arba because of mechanical difficulties. Twenty-two B-26's successfully bombed the target; twenty-two landed safely at this base.

Route: 37 degrees True for 274 miles to OP(38° 20' N, 12° 0' E); right turn to IP (10 miles due west of Cape S. Vito); to target; breakaway to the left; continual evasive action; left coast two miles south of Mazara del Val; 250° True for 315 miles to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 1600:30 and 1612. Rendezvous above this field at 1618. On course 1621. Target 1800 hours. Bombers down at this base between 1936 and 2005.

Bombs: 10 x 100 demolition, 1/10, inst., and 3258 x 20-lb. #41 fragmentation were carried.

- 120 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were in the plane which landed at Souk el Arba.
- 120 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were returned to this base in the B-26 which returned early.
- 2,490 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped on the target.
- 528 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were returned to this base when they hung up in the bomb racks.

Results: Bomb pattern covered south and west dispersal areas, landing on, or within destructive range of, 32 planes, within damaging range of an additional 10. Bomb trail carried "over," demolishing an eight-coach train and locomotive and damaging buildings in the railroad yards south of the field.

Flak: The formation was under continual fire from intense, heavy flak over Sicily from landfall until they left the coast south of Mazara del Val.

- Intense heavy barrage over Milo A/D.
- Intense accurate heavy from Bo Mizzo and Mazara del Val.
- Intense inaccurate heavy from Castelvetrano.
- Heavy gun emplacements are scattered throughout mountains running north to south, southeast of Milo A/D.
- One heavy battery NE end of runway, Milo A/D.
- Heavy gun emplacements in a clump of trees south and east of Milo A/D

Enemy Aircraft: The P-40's engaged a large force of B/A (ME-109's, MA-200's) from 1758 to 1830. Only six got through to our formation, but were immediately driven off by the escort. (No engagements by B-26's.)

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The following victories were noted:

- 1 ME-109 crashed into ground 3 miles north of Mile A/D from 11,000.
- 1 ME-109 crashed into ground in vicinity 37° 55' N, 12° 40' E at 1805 from 10,500.
- 1 ME-109, smoking, crashed into water at 1830 off Sicilian coast.

Observations: 3 large M/V and several small M/V in Trapani harbor at 1800, altitude 11,000'.

1 large M/V heading west at 1748 between Favagnana and Sicily from 12,000'.

Our Losses: One B-26 totally destroyed, this base, as a result of a one-wheel landing. Caused by flak damage.

Six B-26's non-operational, flak damage.

Nine B-26's slightly damaged.

Photo Interpretation:

(First Phase)

operational

Prior to bombing there were the following planes on and around the A/D:

- 61 SE E/A
- 20 TE E/A
- 1 Multi-colored E/A.

In addition there were 26 planes in a damaged condition, or obviously in a state of disrepair.

Comments: The 325th Fighter Group again provided excellent cover.

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Captain, Air Corps,  
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION NO. 30.

MAY 28 1943

TAKE OFF \_\_\_\_\_

FLIGHT CONTAINERS MAJOR GLADEN DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER CAPT DORRAN.

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>DEKSEE</u> 958	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>CHURCH</u> 006
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>MCLEES</u> 017 052	<u>HOBLEY</u> 964	<u>OSBORN</u> 987
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>WIGMORE</u> 034	<u>KIBLEY</u> 855	<u>ICRNEY</u> 002
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>BLANK</u> 002	<u>WILSON</u> 878	<u>BRADEN</u> 100

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BAJORETT</u> 013	<u>"B"</u> <u>MCCOY</u> 959	<u>PETERSON</u> 292
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>STUM</u> 981	<u>GOODSON</u> 194	<u>SUND</u> 061
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>VAN MATER</u> 798	<u>CARTER</u> 195	<u>BUSKEM</u> 955
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>BRIGANT</u>	<u>LITTELL</u> 023	<u>BUTLER</u> 780

<u>UNSER</u> 861	<u>DAVIS</u> 088	<u>SPARKS</u> <u>SONIAT</u> 060	<u>TUCK</u> 842
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RADIO: CHANNEL  
 BOMBER CALL - CROCODILE  
 FIGHTER CALL - G-8 GYPER

EMERGENCY FIELDS:  
 SOUK EL KHREIS  
 SOUK EL ARBA  
 ( HOSPITAL UNITS)

COLOURS OF T E DAY ATTACHED

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

May 28, 1943

LIST OF CREWS WHO PARTISIPATED IN THE RAID ON

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CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#2 Capt. MEYER, Pilot Lt. HIMMERREIGH, Co-Pilot T/Sgt. FARCO, BOMBARDIER Lt. EVANS, Navigator S/Sgt. DE WITTE, EG S/Sgt. ARSENAULT, RG T/Sgt. LONG, G Maj. GLADDEN, Flight Commander	442nd	186 Take-off Landed
#10 Lt. CHURCH, Pilot Lt. JAMES, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. WALKER, BN S/Sgt. MADRID, EG S/Sgt. SWARTZ, RG S/Sgt. LEVESQUE, G	442nd	006 Take-off - 16:00 Landed 1956+
#4 Lt. DOXSEE, Pilot Lt. DEUTMAN, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. TURNER, BN S/Sgt. LESTER EG S/Sgt. ALLEN, RG S/Sgt. BURNS, G	442nd	<del>088</del> 088 Take-off - 16:01 Landed 1936
#8 Lt. MORLEY, Pilot Lt. BAYRAMIAN, Co-Pilot Lt. Morrison, BN Capt. ROGERS, Navigator S/Sgt. CALDWELL, EG S/sgt. UNCLES, RG S/Sgt. GALINDO, G Capt. DORMAN, Deputy Flight Commander	442nd	964 Take-Off 16:00 Landed 1947
#9 Lt. OSBORN, Pilot Lt. BURAM, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. ANDREWSON, BN S/Sgt. DESELMES, EG Sgt. WAGEMAN, RG Sgt. LEGAUTKE, G	442nd	987 Take-off - 16:02 Landed 1958

## CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

## SQUADRON

## SHIP NO.

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

442nd

056  
 Take-off - 16:22 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed 1948

#13  
 Lt. DAVIS, Pilot  
 Lt. YOUNG, Co-Pilot  
 Lt. ABELM, BN  
 S/Sgt. DUNN, EG  
 Sgt. HOGAN, RG  
 Sgt. COVERT, G

442nd

~~088~~  
 Take-off  
 Landed

SPARE  
*no unit*

#13  
 1st Lt. KIRLEY, Pilot  
 Maj. PARSONS, Co-Pilot  
 Capt. MALSBUURY, Navigator  
 S/Sgt. DELAWARE, EG  
 T/Sgt. LANGMAN, RG  
 S/Sgt. STIPE, G

441st

855  
 Take-off - 16:03  
 Landed 1949

#7  
 1st Lt. DOBNEY, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. ROBINS, Co-Pilot  
 Capt. MACIA, NB  
 S/Sgt. TROTTER, EG  
 S/Sgt. WOLF, RG  
 Sgt. HANCOCK, G

441st

002  
 Take-off - 16:03 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed 1949

#10  
 2nd Lt. WEGENER, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. KOONTZ, Co-Pilot  
 Sgt. KENNEDY, B  
 Sgt. LEVI, EG  
 T/Sgt. ARCHER, RG  
 S/Sgt. WURST, G

441st

034  
 Take-off - 16:04  
 Landed 1950

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

441st

874  
 Take-off - 16:04 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Landed - 16:41

*Returned*

## CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

## SQUADRON

## SHIP NO.

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

441st

100  
 Take-off - 16:05  
 Landed 195030

#17  
 2nd Lt. BLAKE, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. HAMMOND, Co-Pilot  
 S/Sgt. CAMP, B  
 Sgt. POPE, EG  
 Sgt. LARGENT, RG  
 S/Sgt. BOALS, G

441st

001  
 Take-off - 16:05 1/2  
 Landed 1942

#16  
 1st Lt. SONIAT, Pilot  
 1st Lt. BARKER, Co-Pilot  
 Sgt. DECASUS, B  
 S/Sgt. SEABLOOM, EG  
 S/Sgt. MEEKER, RG  
 Cpl. KLEINSCHMIDT, G

441st

SPARE  
*no take off*

060  
 Take-off  
 Landed

#3  
 Capt. MC CRORY, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. BALL, Co-Pilot  
 1st Lt. BURTON, BN  
 T/Sgt. SCHWEIKHART, RG  
 S/Sgt. REYES, EG  
 S/Sgt. HURT, g

444th

959  
 Take-off - 16:06  
 Landed 1958 +

#2  
 1st Lt. PETERSON, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. LUMPKIN, Co-Pilot  
 2nd Lt. MILLER, NB  
 T/Sgt. JANISE, EG  
 T/Sgt. HIGGINS, RG  
 T/Sgt. KIEFEER, G

444th

292  
 Take-off - 16:06 1/2  
 Landed 20430

#9  
 1st Lt. BARRETT, Pilot  
 2nd Lt. KISLER, Co-Pilot  
 Maj. POLK, C  
 2nd Lt. BROWN, NB  
 S/Sgt. WEIL, EG  
 T/Sgt. KRAKER, RG  
 Cpl. HARRISON, G

444th

013 - 16:07  
 Take-off  
 Landed 1953

## CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

## SQUADRON

## SHIP NO.

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

444th

194

Take-off 16:09½  
Landed

1953/70

#11  
1st Lt. SUND, Pilot  
F/O SULLIVAN, Co-Pilot  
2nd Lt. MORAN, NB  
S/Sgt. FERRARI, EG  
T/Sgt. COOK, RG  
S/Sgt. WADZECK, G

444th

061

Take-off 16:08  
Landed

1954+

#12  
2nd Lt. STUMM, Pilot  
2nd Lt. WEIR, Co-Pilot  
2nd Lt. DECUIR, BN  
T/Sgt. BURTT, RG  
S/Sgt. CLARK, EG  
/Sgt. BOWEN, G

444th

981

Take-off 16:12  
Landed

*Crashed*

1957

#16  
Lt. URNER, Pilot  
Lt. ENGLISH, Co-Pilot  
VAUGHN, EG  
STOEKEL, RG  
MOROCCHO, BN  
MONZGHSON, G

444th

861

Take-off 16:11½  
Landed

*Smoked*

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

443rd

195

Take-off 16:08½  
Landed

2003

#9  
1st Lt. BREWER, Pilot  
F/O. PEARCE, Co-Pilot  
S/Sgt. QUINE, BN  
Sgt. BOLTON, EG  
T/Sgt. YOST, RG  
Sgt. CLARKE, G

443rd

851

Take-off 16:09  
Landed

1953/70

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP
##6 1st Lt. VAN MARTER , Pilot 2nd Lt. TURNER, Co-Pilot J/Sgt. LEFFLER, BN S/Sgt. BENNER, EG S/Sgt. LILLO, RG S/Sgt. SCHEMPP	443rd	798 Take-off 16:09½ Landed 2004
#11 Capt. LUTTFELL, Pilot 2nd Lt. YEAGER, Co-Pilot 2nd Lt. PAGE, BN 2nd Lt. STEVENS, N S/Sgt. BUTLER, EG S/Sgt. ROBICHAUX, RG S/Sgt. BRITTON, G	443rd	023 Take-off 16:10 Landed 2004+
#15 F/O BUTLER, Pilot 2nd Lt. LANDRUM, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. CHAMBERS, BN Cpl. WATERMAN, EG Sgt. SACCARDO, EG Sgt. GNIADZEK, G	443rd	780 Take-off 16:10½ Landed 2003+
#14 1st Lt. SWIGGART, Pilot F/O COLEMAN, Co-Pilot S/Sgt. DUFOUR, BN S /Sgt. STONE, EG Sgt. LACERVA, RG Sgt. O'CONNELL, G	443rd	033 Take-off 16:11 Landed 16:37
#4 1st Lt. TUCK, Pilot 1st Lt. BECKER, Co-Pilot Pfc. DICKEY, BN S/Sgt. SCHINKEL, EG S/Sgt. LONG, RG S/Sgt. MC GAHA, G	443rd	955 Take-off 16:12½ Landed 2005