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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
MATOUSA APO 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 30, Day Operation 7 June 1943

Eighteen B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb gun emplacements at Pantelleria. They were not escorted. There were no early returns. Eighteen planes returned safely and undamaged to this base.

Route and Altitudes: 83° T for 160 miles to Hammamet; 80° T for 60 miles to IP (36° 36' N, 11° 55' E). Climbing gradually from this base to 10,500 at IP; Bombing run 360° T for 15 miles, dropping from 10,500 to 10,000. Breakaway to the left, dropping to 8500. Made landfall at Hammamet, and flew reciprocal course homeward, dropping gradually to 4000 at this base.

Bombs: 54 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 .025 sec. delay fuse carried by 18 B-26's. 47 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs dropped over target area. 7 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base.

Chronology: Time off between 1302 and 1312. On course 1327; target 1430; down at base between 1549 and 1600.

Results: 9 direct hits in area of position #7. Bombs of one flight in water to west of target and on beaches in area of position #6. Others short.

Flak: Slight, inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over target. It appeared to come from vicinity of target #8.

Observations: Huge cloud of smoke drifting over sea from west coast of island. Distinct columns of smoke reported from positions #10, 11, and 20.

Prior to bombing run, P-38's were observed strafing or dive-bombing in the vicinity of the A/D. They were encountering intense light, and moderate heavy flak at about 4000 feet. Observation at 1428 from 10,500.

Three unidentified single engine aircraft 15 miles west of Pantelleria were heading east at 10,000 feet. Observed at 1435 from 8500.

At Cape Bon, 3 ME-109's were observed heading east at 10,000 at 1443. Observed from 8500.

Shipping in harbor unchanged.

Weather: CAVU enroute, over target and on return.

Our Losses: None.

Comments: One bomb in one plane held up; 2 other planes failed to drop.

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Captain, Air Corps
Group Intelligence Officer

7 June 1943

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FLIGHT COMMANDER - Lt. Col. GREGORY
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - Maj. SULLIVAN

"A"

RED "A" KENNEDY KIRLEY BARKER
 100 855 765

BLUE "A" BURNS SWALL LAUD
 027 010 048

"B"

RED "B" TRESCH ROBERTS SWIGART
 033 023 842

BLUE "B" VAN MATER LITTLELL WELCH
 041 798 780

"C"

RED "C" DAVIS FRIDAY MILLER
 859 186 017

BLUE "C" LIDBERG CONNILL CHURCH
 958 987 964

S P A R K S

BUTLER HELDROTH INGALLS
 763 056 092

RADIO: CHANNEL "B"
 BOMBER CALL - BULLFROG
 FIGHTER CALL - TIP TOP

EMERGENCY FIELDS:
 SOUK EL KHEMIS (Hops.)
 SOUK EL ARBA

COLORS OF THE DAY ATTACHED:

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON PANTELLERIA ARTILLERY,
 7 JUNE 1943:

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL #3	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
KIRLEY, PILOT, FLIGHT LEADER, 1ST. LT.	441ST	855
HORRAS, CO-PILOT, CAPTAIN		TOOK OFF:1303
ASCIENZO, BOMBARDIER, 1ST. LT.		LANDED AT: 1549
MALSBURY, NAVIGATOR, CAPTAIN		
DELAWARE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.		LT. COL. GREGORY FLEW AS
LANGMAN, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT.		FLIGHT COMMANDER.
STIFE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.		
 #11	 441ST	 100
KENNEDY, PILOT, 1ST. LT.		
MACGLANNAN, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT.		TOOK OFF:1304
WILSON, NAV-BOMB., SGT.		LANDED AT: 1550 +
BELDON, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.		
TAYLOR, RADIO GUNNER, SGT.		
MILLER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.		
 #16	 441ST	 765
BARKER, PILOT, 1ST. LT.		
SONIAT, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT.		TOOK OFF: 1303:30
DECASAUS, NAV-BOMB., SGT.		LANDED AT: 1550
SEABLOOM, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.		
KLEINSCHMIDT, RADIO GUNNER, CPL.		
LOTT, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.		
 #3	 443RD	 010
SWALL, PILOT, 1ST. LT.		
BROWN, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.		TOOK OFF:1304:30
KARIDIS, BOMBARDIER, 1ST. LT.		LANDED AT: 1621
DORE, NAVIGATOR, 1ST. LT.		
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.		MAJ. SULLIVAN FLEW AS DEPUTY
LEWIS, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.		FLIGHT COMMANDER.
MOUNTAIN, AERIAL GUNNER, T/SGT.		
 #8	 443RD	 027
BURNS, PILOT, 1ST. LT.		
BAKER, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.		TOOK OFF:1305
MOWRY, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT.		LANDED AT: 1652
CAPUTO, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.		
WALL, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.		
SHEPHERD, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.		

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL
#10
LADD, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
TIEMANN, CO-PILOT, LT.
MONROE, NAV-BOMB., LT.
STANDER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
HITE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
GRIFFIN, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.

SQUADRON
442ND

SHIP NO.
048

TOOK OFF:1305
LANDED AT: 1551+

#1
ROBERTS, FLIGHT LEADER, CAPTAIN.
GOFF, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT.
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~BUTLER, BOMBARDIER, CAPTAIN.
GROVE, NAVIGATOR, CAPTAIN
RAMIREZ, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
CHAVEZ, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
KERCHENSKI, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

443RD

023

TOOK OFF:1306
LANDED AT: 1552+
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CAPT. HOLT FLEW AS OBSERVER.
2:46

#10
TRESCH, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
WILBUR, CO-PILOT, 2ST. LT.
KEY, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT.
CARTER, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.
DOOLITTLE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
POWELL, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.

443RD

033

TOOK OFF:1307
LANDED AT: 1553+

#14
SWIGART, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
COLEMAN, CO-PILOT, F/O.
DUFOUR, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT.
STONE, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
LACERVA, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
O'CONNELL, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.

443RD

842

TOOK OFF:1306:30
LANDED AT: 1553

#11
LUTTRELL, PILOT, CAPTAIN
YEAGER, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.
CLARK, NAV-BOMB., 2ND. LT.
BUTLER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
ROBICHAUX, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
BRITTON, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

443RD

798

TOOK OFF:1307:30
LANDED AT: 1554

#6
VAN MALTER, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
TURNER, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.
LEFFLER, NAV-BOMB., SGT.
SCHEMPF, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
LILLO, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
BENNER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

443RD

041

TOOK OFF:1308:30
LANDED AT: 1554+

#16
WELCH, PILOT, CAPTAIN
COLLINS, CO-PILOT, F/O.
CARROLL, NAV-BOMB., 1ST. LT.
BOWLES, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
KRUMPOCH, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT.
MACLEAD, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

443RD

780

TOOK OFF:1308
LANDED AT: 1556

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL EXTRA	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
FRIDAY, PILOT, FLIGHT LEADER, CAPTAIN BAUCUM, CO-PILOT, LT. AMUNDSON, NAV-BOMB., LT. PECK, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. HARPER, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. BUCHANAN, AERIAL GUNNER, T/SGT.	442ND	186 TOOK OFF:1309 LANDED AT: 1600
#12 DAVIS, PILOT, LT. YOUNG, CO-PILOT, LT. ABELN, NAV-BOMBARDIER, LT. DUNN, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. HOGAN, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. COVERT, SGT., AERIAL GUNNER.	442ND	859 TOOK OFF:1310 LANDED AT: 1557
#15 MILLER, PILOT, LT. BOUGHER, CO-PILOT, F/O. STAKES, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. FOLGER, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. CONLON, RADIO GUNNER SGT. LEGUTKO, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	442ND	017 TOOK OFF:1309:30 LANDED AT: 1520+
#13 CORDILL, PILOT, CAPTAIN CHANDLER, CO-PILOT, LT. THRANHARDT, NAV-BOMB., LT. HALL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. TRUPKA, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. BARONET, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	442nd	987 TOOK OFF:1310:30 LANDED AT: 1557+
#16 LIMBERG, PILOT, LT. KRAL, CO-PILOT, F/O. HUDSON, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. AUGUST, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. KENNEDY, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. CLARKE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	442ND	958 TOOK OFF:1311:30 LANDED AT: 1558 + T/SGT. WALTMAN FLEW AS OBSERVER.
#9 CHURCH, PILOT, LT. JAMES, CO-PILOT, LT.	442ND	964 TOOK OFF: <u>FAILED TO TAKE OFF.</u>
#15 BUIBER, F/O., PILOT LANDRUM, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. CHAMBERS, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. WATERMAN, ENGINEER GUNNER, CPL. BACCARDO, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. GNIADK, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	443RD	763 TOOK OFF:1312:30 LANDED AT: 1450

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
<p>#4 HEIMROTH, PILOT, LT. CARRAHER, CO-PILOT, LT. PAYTON, NAV-BOMB., LT. MITCHELL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. STREET, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. WORNOFF, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.</p>	<p>442ND</p>	<p>056 TOOK OFF:1312 LANDED AT:1428</p>
<p>#14 INGALLS, PILOT, LT. DEFAN, CO-PILOT, LT. BAKER, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. BURGESS, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. SIEGEL, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. GALINDO, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.</p>	<p>442ND</p>	<p>092 TOOK OFF:1311 LANDED T: 1558</p>