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

Intelligence Narrative No. 31, Day Operation 7 June 1943

Twelve 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. Twelve planes returned safely and undamaged to this base.

Route and Altitudes: 68° T for 179 miles to Zembra Island, continuing for 32 miles at 68° T; sweeping curve to right for 50 miles to 37° 00' N, 12° 00' E at 10,500; (Climbing from base to 10,500 at IP.) bomb run 200° T for 13 miles, dropping from 10,500 to 10,000; 249° T for 60 miles at 7500 feet to Cape Manoura; 263° T for 170 miles to this base.

Bombs: 36 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 sec. delay fuse carried by 12 B-26's. 36 x 1,000-lb. demolition bombs dropped over target area.

- (1) 12 planes bombed target 4A.
- (2) 12 planes released bombs over target 4A.
- (3) 36 bombs dropped over target 4A.

Chronology: Time off between 1417 and 1423; on course 1431; target 1540; down at base between 1657 and 1705.

Results: Near misses northeast of target. Direct hits scored on long rectangular building northeast of target 4A and southwest of railroad yards. Other misses fell short; some in water and on beach.

Flak: Heavy slight inaccurate flak was encountered over target, coming from a position inland on Pantelleria.

Observations: (1) One crew reports construction work on south side of hill in vicinity of target #8 (Ref: Target Chart 2-AA-4A) observed from 8500 feet at 1542.

- (2) Shipping in harbor unchanged.

Weather: CAVU enroute, over target and on return.

Our losses: None.

Comments: None.

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MISSION # 36

7 June 1943

Take-Off -

FLIGHT COMMANDER * Capt. BELCHER
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - Capt. GIBSE

"A"

RED "A"

FERRY
861

BARNETT
194

BURNS
292

BLUE "A"

PETERSON
853

BOOTH
959

BULLARD
013

"B"

RED "B"

MCHYSINGER
060

MILLER
189

COULTER
724

BLUE "B"

DOHNEY
009

MC VAY
874

STELL
001

S P A R E S

WORTHINGTON
061

HALLWELL
863

HAMMOND
034

RADIO - CHANNEL "A"

BOMBER CALL - BULLFROG

FIGHTER CALL - TIP TOP

EMERGENCY FIELDS:

SOUK EL KHEMIS (Hosp)

SOUK EL ARBA

COLORS OF THE DAY ATTACHED

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M) AAF
 Office of the Operations Officer
 A. P. O. #520 NATOUSA

7 June 1943

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID NO. 2, ON PANTELLERIA ARTILLERY,
 7 JUNE, 1943:

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#9 BARRETT, PILOT, FLIGHT LEADER, 1ST. LT. KISLER, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. FERRIN, BOMBARDIER, CAPTAIN RIDGE, NAVIGATOR, 1ST. LT. WEIL, ENGINEER GUNNER, T/SGT. KRAKER, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. HARRISON, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.	444TH	194 TOOK OFF: 1417 LANDED AT: 1657 CAPT. BELCHER FLEW AS FLIGHT COMMANDER.
#17 PERRY, PILOT, 1ST. LT. EDWARDS, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT. OTT, NAV-BOMB., 2ND. LT. WELLS, ENGINEER, GUNNER, PFC. DEAM, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. TUCKER, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	444TH	861 TOOK OFF: 1418 LANDED AT: 1658
#1 BURNS, PILOT, 1ST. LT. TAYLOR, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT. RICKLESS, NAV-BOMBARDIER, 2ND. LT. SMITH, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. PETROSKI, AERIAL GUNNER, M/SGT. SNEBOLD, ENGINEER GUNNER, T/SGT.	444TH	292 TOOK OFF: 1417:30 LANDED AT: 1659
#6 BOOTH, PILOT, CAPTAIN JACKSON, CO-PILOT, F/O. BROWN, BOMBARDIER, 2ND. LT. SHYROCK, NAVIGATOR, 1ST. LT. CLARK, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. MIKLES, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. MORRIS, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	444TH	959 TOOK OFF: 1418:30 LANDED AT: 1659 CAPT. CHASE FLEW AS XXXXXXXXXX DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER.
#2 PETERSON, PILOT, 1ST. LT. LUMPKIN, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. MILLER, NAV-BOMB., 2ND. LT. JANICE, ENGINEER GUNNER, T/SGT. HIGGINS, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. KIEFFER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	444TH	853 TOOK OFF: 1419:30 LANDED AT: 1701 [REDACTED]

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#15 BULLARD, PILOT, 1ST. LT. BRYDEN, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. FERRARA, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. BABEL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. DEVAUL, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. MCGUIRE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	444TH	013 TOOK OFF:1419 LANDED AT: 1653+
#1 MILLER, PILOT, CAPTAIN LANKFORD, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. MCGEEVER, NAVIGATOR, 2ND. LT. LEHMAN, BOMBARDIER, 1ST. LT. DAHL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. PATZKE, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. STEELE, AERIAL GUNNER, CPL.	441ST	189 TOOK OFF:1420 LANDED AT: 1702
#8 MONTSINGER, PILOT, 1ST. LT. MILTON, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT. SCOTT, NAV-BOMB., T/SGT. TACKMAN, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. TOMLINSON, RADIO GUNNER, SGT. ELLISON, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	441ST	060 TOOK OFF:1421 LANDED AT: 1703
#14 COULTER, PILOT, 2ND. LT.	444TH FAILED TO TAKE OFF.	724
#6 MCVAY, PILOT, 1ST. LT. TIMMONS, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT. FISHER, NAV-BOMB., 2ND. LT. RINALDI, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. GREENLEE, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. CURLEE, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	441ST	874 TOOK OFF:1421:30 LANDED AT: 1703+ SGT. CIRMO FLEW AS OBSERVER.
#7 DOBNEY, PILOT, 1ST. LT. WALKER, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT. BROSI, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT. TROTTER, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT. WOLF, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT. HANCOCK, AERIAL GUNNER, SGT.	441ST	009 TOOK OFF:1422:30 LANDED AT: 1705 CAPT. MACIA FLEW AS OBSERVER.
#13 STELL, PILOT, 1ST. LT. STEINBERG, CO-PILOT, 1ST. LT. CORSON, NAV-BOMB., 2ND. LT. FARR, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT. MARINO, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT. BARKER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.	441ST	001 TOOK OFF:1422 LANDED AT: 1704

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL
#13
WORTHINGTON, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
CAFFEY, CO-PILOT, F/O.
BREEDING, NAV-BOMB., S/SGT.
HORNE, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.
SEWELL, RADIO GUNNER, S/SGT.
TEETER, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

SQUADRON
444TH

SHIP NO.
061

TOOK OFF:1423
LANDED AT:1605

#10
HALLOWELL, PILOT, 1ST. LT.
FAIR, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.
DITTMAR, NAV-BOMBARDIER, 2ND. LT.
BOURGAULT, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.
ETZEL, ENGINEER GUNNER, S/SGT.
LENZ, RADIO GUNNER, T/SGT.

444TH

863

TOOK OFF:1423:30
LANDED AT:1602

HAMMOND, PILOT, 2ND. LT.
BLAKE, CO-PILOT, 2ND. LT.
CAMP, NAV-BOMBARDIER, S/SGT.
POPE, ENGINEER GUNNER, SGT.
LARGENT, RADIO GUNNER, SGT.
BOALS, AERIAL GUNNER, S/SGT.

441ST

034

TOOK OFF:1420
LANDED AT: 1702+