

Intelligence Narrative No. 32, Day Operation 8 June 1943.

Thirty-five B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb gun emplacements at Pantelleria. They were escorted by 20 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. One plane returned early due to mechanical difficulties.

Route and Altitude: 61° T for 85 miles to rendezvous at Beja climbing gradually to 6000 feet; 90° T for 70 miles to I.P., 36° 30' N, 11° 52' E, at 11,000; bomb run, 10° T for 24 miles, dropping to 10,500 feet; breakaway to left, diving to 9,500 feet; 209° T to Fousse; 280° T to this base, dropping gradually to 4000'.

Bombs: 105 x 1000 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse carried by 35 B-26's. 92 x 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area. One (1) entire element failed to drop, when bombs hung up in element leader's plane; also bombs hung in another plane. 13 x 1000 lb bombs returned this base.

1. 12 planes over target No. 3; 11 planes over target No. 5; 12 planes over target No. 4A.
2. 10 planes released bombs over target No. 3; 11 planes released bombs over target No. 5; 10 planes released bombs over target No. 4A.
3. 29 bombs released over target No. 3; 33 bombs released over target No. 5; 30 bombs released over target No. 4A.

Chronology: Time off between 16:11 and 16:30; on course 16:45; rendezvous 17:10; on course, 17:15; target 18:11; down at base between 19:31 and 19:52.

Results: Direct hits on guns in 4A and on previously-demolished building northeast of target area. Three (3) buildings on east-west road northeast of target 4A were demolished. Direct hits scored on target No. 5. Target No. 3 was missed.

Flak: Very slight heavy inaccurate flak was encountered over target (14 bursts only were observed, coming from inland positions on Pantelleria Island).

Observations: (1) Two ME 109's (painted bluish-gray) observed coming in for attack, high at 5 o'clock, 17:14 hours, as the formation was leaving the target at 9500 feet. E/A's abandoned attack before reaching range after turret gunners on two ships opened fire.

(2) One ME 109 sighted but not encountered over target at 18:11 from 10,500. E/A was circling high above formation at an estimated altitude of 25,000'.

(3) Enroute to target at 17:51, off Tunisian Coast near Hammamet a lone ME 109 was sighted above our escort formation from 10,000'. 4 P-40's of our escort attacked. E/A was last seen diving with P-40's on its tail.

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(4) Three thin columns of smoke were seen inland on east side of mountain, directly west of target No. 15, at 18:11, from 10,500'.

(5) Two fires were noted between railroad buildings and jetty at 18:11 from 10,500'.

Weather: CAVU enroute; slight haze with 4/10 strato-cumulus over south end of Pantalleria; return, CAVU.

Our Losses: None.

Comments: (1) Return was made via Scusse Inter-Artillery Zone in compliance with order received.

(2) Photos reveal that preliminary report of a "possibly undamaged aircraft" on Pantalleria Airdrome was in error.

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Captain, Air Corps
Gp. Intelligence Officer

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MISSION #37

8 June 1943

Takeoff:

FLIGHT COMMANDER - MAJOR PEDDIE
DEPUTY FLT. COMM. - CAPT. FRIDAY

RED "A"

SWALL *Peddle*
195

FEAGIN
798

GRAVES
763

BLUE "A"

ROBERTS *Friday*
023

Radio: CHANNEL "A"

BROWER
041

TRUSSCH
033

Fighter call: GANGSTER
Bomber Call: BULLFROG

GREEN "A"

TUCK
010

Emergency Fields:
SOUK EL KHEMIS (Hosp.)
SOUK EL ARBA

WELCH
780

BUTLER
842

YELLOW "A"

HELMROTH
056

CHURCH
859

LADD
036

RED "B"

MEYER *Sullivan*
186

WEST
987

DOXSEE
092

BLUE "B"

MORLEY
048

HOLMES
017

LOVECE
958

GREEN "B"

PATTERSON
009

RILEY
034

HOY
776

YELLOW "B"

KARLOWITZ
874

HAYWARD
765

MONTSINGER
060

RED "C"

KIRLEY *Col. Doyle*
189

~~ROONTZ~~
100

WALKER
980

BLUE "C"

TOWNS
959

URNER
792

COULTER
724

GREEN "C"

DIETER
194

STUMM
853

HALLOWELL
861

YELLOW "C"

HARRIS
863

SUND
013

WORTHINGTON
061

GOODSON
785

Spares
KENNEDY
001

SWIGART
027

Colors of the Day: ATTACHED.

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

PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON Pantelleria 8 June 1943

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
#3 Capt. SWALL, P. 2nd Lt. BROWN, CP 1st Lt. KARIDIS, B 1st Lt. DORE, N S/Sgt. WILLIAMS, EG S/Sgt. LEWIS, RG S/Sgt. MOUNTAIN, G <i>Maj. Reddie</i>	443rd	195 TAKE OFF 1611/31 LANDED 19:31
#12 1st Lt. GRAVES, P. 1st Lt. BRACKEN, CP Sgt. KIMBRO, BN Sgt. PIERCE, EG S/Sgt. MILES, RG S/Sgt. SPACONE, G <i>Capt. Chase</i>	443rd	763 TAKE OFF 1612 LANDED 19:31 ⁺
#7 F/O FEAGIN, P 1st Lt. BARBER, CP S/Sgt. HOMSHER, BN Sgt. GAMBLE, EG S/Sgt. HARPSTER, RG S/Sgt. NOAKES, G	443rd	798 TAKE OFF 1612/30 LANDED 19:32
#1 Capt. ROBERTS, P 1st Lt. GOFF, CP Capt. BUTLER, B 2nd Lt. STEVENS, N S/Sgt. RAMIREZ, EG S/Sgt. CHAVEZ, RG S/Sgt. KERCHENSKI, G <i>Capt. Friday</i>	443rd	023 TAKE OFF 1613 LANDED 19:32 ⁺
#10 1st Lt. TRESCH, P 1st Lt. WILBUR, CP S/Sgt. KEY, BN Sgt. CARTER, EG S/Sgt. DOOLITTLE, RG Cpl. FOWELL, G	443	033 TAKE OFF 1613/31 LANDED 19:33

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

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

443rd

041

TAKE OFF 1614
LANDED 19:33+

#14
1st Lt. TUCK, P
2nd Lt. TURNER, CP
2nd Lt. FACE, BN
S/Sgt. SCHINKEL, EG
S/Sgt. LONG, RG
S/Sgt. MC GAHA, G
Capt. Marble

443rd

010

TAKE OFF 1614/30
LANDED 19:34+

#15
R/O BUTLER, P
2nd Lt. LANDRUM, CP
S/Sgt. CHAMBERS, NB
Cpl. WATERMAN, EG
Sgt. SACCARDO, RG
Sgt. GNIADK, G

443rd

842

TAKE OFF 1615
LANDED 19:35

Capt. WELCH, P
F/O COLLINS, CP
1st Lt. CARROLL, BN
S/Sgt. BOWLES, EG
T/Sgt. KRUMPOCH, RG
S/Sgt. MC LEAD, G

443rd

780

TAKE OFF 1616
LANDED 19:35+

1st Lt. SWIGART, P
F/O COLEMAN, CP
S/Sgt. DUFOUR, BN
S/Sgt. STONE, EG
S/Sgt. LACERVA, RG
Sgt. O'CONNELL, G

443rd

027

TAKE OFF 1630
LANDED 19:51

#4
Lt. HEIMROTH, P
Lt. CARRAHER, CP
Lt. HERMANN, NB
S/Sgt. MITCHELL, EG
S/Sgt. STREET, RG
S/Sgt. WORNONES, G
Cpl. La FOREST

442nd

056

TAKE OFF 1616/30
LANDED 19:36

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

##10
 Lt. LADD, P
 Lt. THEMANN, CP
 Lt. MONROE, BN
 S/Sgt. STANDER
 S/Sgt. HITE
 Sgt. GRIFFIN, G

442nd

036

TAKE OFF 1617

LANDED 19:36+

#9
 Lt. CHURCH, P
 Lt. JAMES, CP
 S/Sgt. WALKER, NB
 S/Sgt. MADRID, EG
 S/Sgt. SWARTZ, RG
 S/Sgt. LEVESQUE, G

442nd

859

TAKE OFF 1617+

LANDED 19:37

#1
 Capt. MEYER, P
 Lt. HEMMELRICH, CP
 T/Sgt. FARGO, BN
 S/Sgt. DEWITTE, EG
 S/Sgt. ASSENAULT, RG
 T/Sgt. LONG, G
 Maj. SULLIVAN, OBS.

442nd

186

TAKE OFF 1618

LANDED 19:38

#5
 Lt. DOXSEE, P
 Lt. DEUTMAN, CP
 S/Sgt. FARRER, BN
 S/Sgt. LASTER, EG
 S/Sgt. ALLEN, RG
 S/Sgt. GALENDO, G

442nd

092

TAKE OFF 1618+

LANDED 19:38+

#6
 Lt. WEST, P
 Lt. DRYER, CP
 S/Sgt. Stakes, BN
 S/Sgt. ARCHAUR, EG
 S/Sgt. ZEHNER, RG
 S/Sgt. BURNS, G

442nd

987

TAKE OFF

LANDED

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#3
 Lt. MORLEY, P
 Lt. BAYRNLIAM, CP
 Lt. HARRISON, BN
 S/Sgt. CALDWELL, EG
 S/Sgt. UNCLES, RG
 T/Sgt. MARTEN, G

442nd

048

TAKE OFF 1619

LANDED 19:39+

COMP NO. AND PERSONNEL

#3

Lt. LOVECE, P
 Lt. STRAUSSNER, CP
 S/Sgt. CRESIELSKI, BN
 S/Sgt. BRANNING, EG
 T/Sgt. WRIGHT, RG
 S/Sgt. STRECKNER, G

SQUADRON

442nd

SHIP NO. 1

958

TAKE OFF 1620

LANDED 19:40

#11

Lt. HOLMES, P
 Lt. BURROWS, CP
 Lt. MILLER, BN
 S/Sgt. WALDEN, EG
 S/Sgt. PALMER, RG
 S/Sgt. LINCO, G

442nd

017

TAKE OFF 1620/30

LANDED 19:41

#5

1st Lt. PATTERSON, P
 F/O. CARTWRIGHT, CP
 1st Lt. ALLEN, BN
 S/Sgt. BRIEN, EG
 M/Sgt. BAIN, RG
 S/Sgt. SPOR, G
 Capt. SIMS, OBS.

001st

009

TAKE OFF 1621

LANDED 19:42

#9

1st Lt. HOY, P
 F/O CONDIT, CP
 MOORE, BN
 S/Sgt. JONES, EG
 T/Sgt. ARCHER, RG
 S/Sgt. BROWN, G

441st

776

TAKE OFF 1621/30

LANDED 19:44

#14

1st Lt. RILEY, P
 1st Lt. CHURCH, CP
 Sgt. KENNEDY, BN
 Sgt. DOLAN, EG
 Sgt. MEEKER, RG
 Sgt. MARTZ, G

441st

034

TAKE OFF 1622

LANDED 1650/35

#4

1st Lt. KARLOWITZ, P
 1st Lt. CROTTY, CP
 1st Lt. TAPP, BN
 S/Sgt. FISHMAN, EG
 T/Sgt. COFIELL, RG
 S/Sgt. CAIN, G

441st

874

TAKE OFF 1622/30

LANDED 19:52

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

SHIP NO.

##8
1st Lt. MONTSINGER, P
2nd Lt. MILTON, CP
~~T/Sgt. MILTON,~~
T/Sgt. SCOTT, BN
Sgt. TACKMANN, EG
Sgt. TOMLINSON, RG
Sgt. ELLISON, G

441st

060

TAKE OFF 1622

LANDED 19:34+

##13
1st Lt. WORTHINGTON, P
F/O CAFFEY, CP
S/Sgt. BREEDING, BN
Sgt. HORNE, EG
S/Sgt. SEWELL, RG
S/Sgt. TEETER, G

444th

061

TAKE OFF 1629

LANDED 19:49+

#11
1st Lt. SUND, P
F/O SULLIVAN, CP
2nd Lt. MORAN, BN
S/Sgt. MEYER, EG
T/Sgt. COOK, RG
S/Sgt. WADZECK, G

444th

013

TAKE OFF 1629+

LANDED 19:50

#12
1st Lt. STUMM, P
2nd Lt. WEIR, CP
S/Sgt. GOINGS, B
T/Sgt. BURTT, RG
BOWEN, G
CLARK EG

444th

853

TAKE OFF 1625

LANDED 17:38+

#5
Capt. HARRIS, P
2nd Lt. MEYER, CP
T/Sgt. STRONG, B
T/Sgt. WOODBURY, RG
S/Sgt. ALSTAT, EG
S/Sgt. VAUGHN, G

444th

863

TAKE OFF 1625/30

LANDED 19:49

Crew No. and Personnel	Squadron	Plane No.
# 18 Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt Bloom, Bombardier, Cpl. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner Sgt. Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	765 Took off 1623/30 Landed at. 19:45
# 189 Kirley, Pilot, 1st Lt. Horras, Co, Pilot, Captain, Ascienzo, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Doyle, Colonel, Observer. Delware, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	189 Took off 1624 Landed at. 19:45+
# 15 Walker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Cockerell, Bombardier, S/sgt. Olson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Aldrich, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Beard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	980 Took off 1624/30 Landed at. 19:46
# Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kapsteink Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Brosi, Bombardier, Navigator, S/sgt Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Milligan, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	100 - Took off 1625 Landed at at 19:46+
# 11 Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. McGlannon, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, Taylor, RadioGunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	001 Took off 1619 Landed at. 19:39
# 7 Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nicks, Co, Pilot, F/O Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Chouinard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th Observer Major Poik, Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. DeSantis. Radio Gunner, T/sgt.	959 Took off 1625, Landed at. 19:47

Crew No; and Personnel	Squadron	Plane No.
Coulter, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Conley, Co, Pilot, F/O Starkweather, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Blossman, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	724 Took off 1624 Landed at 19:22
# 16 Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ott, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Engineer gunner, Stoerkel, RadioGunner, T/sgt. Monaghan, Aerial gunner,	444th	785 Took off 1626 + Landed at 19:47 +
# 4 Deiter, Pilot, Captain, Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Gear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Burton, Bombardier, 1st lt.	444th	194 Took off 1627 Landed at. 19:48
# 10 Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hornberger, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ditmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lentz, RadioGunner, T/sgt. Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	861 Took off 1621 + Landed at. 19:48 +