

# SECRET

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

## Intelligence Narrative No. 34. Day Operation 10 June 1943

Twenty-four B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb gun emplacements at Pantalleria. They were escorted by P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. One B-26 returned early; 21 B-26's returned safely at 17:30; one B-26 returned safely at 18:17 after landing at Souk el Khemis airdrome due to mechanical difficulties; and one B-26 on Tunisian soil, exact location unknown.

Route and Altitudes: 61° T for 85 miles to rendezvous at Beja, climbing gradually to 8000'; 107° for 80 miles to Hammamet; 92° T for 85 miles, sweeping curve to left to I.P., 36° 28' N, 12° 12' E at 11,000'; bomb run, 326° T for 24 miles, at 9200'; breakaway to left, diving to 8500'; 263° T for 225 miles to this base, dropping to 4000'.

Bombs: 72 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse carried by 24 B-26's. 68 x 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area. 4 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs returned to this base, 3 of which were carried by the early return, and the fourth of which hung up over the target.

1. 24 planes assigned to target # 7.
2. 23 planes released bombs over target # 7.
3. 68 bombs released over target # 7.

Chronology: Time off between 13:54 and 14:05; on course, 14:45; target, 15:40; down at this base between 17:02 and 17:30.

Results: Bombs missed target No. 7, landing in strings to the east and west, and over the gun position. None landed short.

Flak: Slight to moderate inaccurate heavy flak and moderate light flak was encountered. It appeared to come from hills east and west of target No. 8. Heavy positions were also reported south of Lake Bagno Buacqua.

Observations: (1) P-40's were seen dive-bombing a small vessel in Porto di Scauli. One direct hit on the stern and several near misses were observed at 15:37 at 10,000'.

(2) P-40's were also seen dive-bombing a vessel near target 13A. Hits and near misses were reportedly seen at 15:36 from 10,000'. A fire, thought to be this vessel burning, was seen at 15:41 from 9,500'.

(3) Considerable smoke was seen to come from the mountain between target No. 7 and Pantalleria Airdrome (see Intelligence Narrative No. 33, this date and Hq.)

(4) Fires were also seen northeast of Target No. 2 and at Target No. 6 at 15:38 from 10,000'.

(5) At 15:42, while formation was breaking away from the target, 8 to 12 bursts of red flak were observed from 9600', firing being the formation. All flak ceased. 4 ME 109's, above and behind our formation were seen to start in for an attack on another Group of B-26's following. P-40's intercepted.

(6) 10 B-26's were seen in the vicinity of the target

SECRET

# ~~SECRET~~

between 15:38 and 15:45 from 10,000 to 8500'. Many dog-fights between these E/A and P-40's were reported. One ME 109 was seen to crash in the water west of Target No. 6 at 15:43 from 8500'.

(7) At 15:41 from 9,100', two sailing craft (reported as schooners) were lying on their sides in Pantalleria Harbor.

Weather: Enroute, base to coast, 10/10 overcast at 9,000 feet with local thunderstorms intermittently at lower altitudes; over sea and target haze limiting visibility to 10 miles with unlimited ceiling; return same as enroute.

Our Losses: None.

Comments: At the hour of completion of this narrative, the B-26 referred to in the first paragraph is still unreported.

JAMES H. MACIA Jr.,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Op. Intelligence O.

MISSION # 39

10 June 1943

Take-off -

FLIGHT COMMANDER - Maj. WALLING

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - Capt. MC CROCKY

-----  
"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>FALKER, W.H.</u> 001	<u>BARLOWITZ</u> 874	<u>STELL</u> 036
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>BLAKE</u> 034	<u>MILLER</u> 189	<u>CHURCH, C.S.</u> 100
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>S. JONES</u> 798	<u>ROBERTS</u> 023	<u>GRAVES</u> 763
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>HELCH</u> 842	<u>TUCK</u> 010	<u>CALHOUN</u> 780

-----  
"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>KLANS</u> 724	<u>BARNETT</u> 194	<u>UTNER</u> <del>853</del> 853
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>MURKS</u> 785	<u>MOOTH</u> <del>959</del> 292	<u>PERDY</u> 861
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> 859	<u>BYLER</u> 186	<u>HUBBS</u> 092
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>L. VICK</u> 958	<u>SMITHOTM</u> 056 074	<u>LADD</u> 048

-----  
S P A R S

<u>OSWELL</u> <i>Ross</i> 957	<u>JEYERSON</u> <del>013</del> 013	<u>VAN MANTER</u> 027	<u>SONIAT</u> 002
----------------------------------	---------------------------------------	--------------------------	----------------------

RADIO: CHANNEL "A"  
 FIGHTER CALL :  
 BOMBER CALL : GULLFOOD

EMERGENCY FIRMS:  
 SOUK EL KHAKIS (Hoap.)  
 SOUK EL ARBA  
 BEARKE MILITARY AIRBORNE  
 FUCHS FIELD  
 HAMMERT

COPIES OF THE DAY ATTACHED:

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

10 June 1943

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON PANTELLERIA ARTILLERY, June 10, 1943;

CREW PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
1st Lt. KAHLOWITZ, P 2nd Lt. CROTTY, CP Capt. OZUK, N 1st Lt. SHEVELSON NB S/Sgt. FISHMAN, EG T/Sgt. COPIELL, RG OBS. GEN. WEBSTER, Maj. WALLING F.C.	441st	874 TAKE OFF 13:54 LANDED 1715
1st Lt. STELL, P 2nd Lt. MILTON, CP 2nd Lt. CORSON, B Sgt. FARR, RG S/Sgt. MARINO, RG S/Sgt. BARKER, G	441st	036 TAKE OFF 13:54½ <del>REMOVED</del> LANDED 17:02
2nd Lt. WALKER, P 2nd Lt. BRADEN, CP S/Sgt. COCKRELL, BN Pvt. FOSS, EG S/Sgt. ALDRICH, RG S/Sgt. BEARD, G	441st	001 TAKE OFF 13:57½ <i>land</i> 17:28
Capt. MILLER, P 2nd Lt. LANKFORD, CP 2nd Lt. MC GEEVER, N 1st Lt. LENMAN, B S/Sgt. DAHL, EG T/Sgt. PATZKE, RG Capt. MC CRORY, OBS.	441st	855 TAKE OFF 13:55½ LANDED 17:17
Lt. CHURCH, C.S. Lt. RILEY, CP S/Sgt. BROSI, B Sgt. DOLAN, EG Sgt. MEEKER, RG Pvt. CORP, G	441st	100 TAKE OFF 13:56 LANDED 17:17½

## CREW PERSONNEL

## SQUADRON

## SHIP NO.

1st Lt. MONTSINGER, P  
 Lt. HAMMOND, CP  
 S/Sgt. CAMP, BN  
 Sgt. POPE, EG  
 Sgt. LARGENT, RG  
 S/Sgt. BOALS, G

441st

034

TAKE OFF \* 13:50 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDED 17:18 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Capt. ROBERTS, P  
 1st Lt. GOFF, CP  
 Capt. BUTLER, BN  
 Capt. O'KEEKE, N  
 Capt. HOLT, B  
 S/Sgt. RAMIREZ, EG  
 S/Sgt. CHALFANT, RG  
 S/Sgt. KERCHENSKI, G

443rd

023

TAKE OFF - 13:57

LANDED 17:19 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

$$\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ 13:57 \\ \hline 7:22 \end{array}$$

2nd Lt. BURNS, P  
 2nd Lt. BAKER, CP  
 S/sgt. KIMTRO, BN  
 S/Sgt. WALL, RG  
 Sgt. SHEPHERD, G  
 Sgt. CAPUTO, BG

443rd

763

TAKE OFF -14:04 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDED 17:25 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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

443rd

798

TAKE OFF 13:58

LANDED 17:20

1st Lt. CALHOUN, P  
 2nd Lt. SPACE, CP  
 S/Sgt. THOMPSON, BN  
 Sgt. SMITH, EG  
 T/Sgt. MARTIN, RG  
 S/Sgt. MILES

443rd

780

TAKE OFF 14:05

LANDED 17:30 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

1st Lt. BARRETT, P  
 2nd Lt. BRYDEN, CP  
 T/Sgt. WEIL, EG  
 Corp. PERRIN, B  
 T/Sgt. BAKER, RG  
 S/Sgt. HEDGERETH, G  
 Gen. VANDENBERG, OBS.

444th

194

TAKE OFF 13:58 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDED 17:22 $\frac{1}{2}$

## CREW PERSONNEL

## SQUADRON

## SHIP NO.

1st Lt. URNER, P  
 2nd Lt. ENGLISH, CP  
 2nd Lt. MILLER, B  
 S/Sgt. VAUGHAN, EG  
 T/Sgt. STOERKEL, RG  
 S/Sgt. MONAGHAN, G

444th

853

TAKE OFF - 13:59

LANDED 17:23

1st Lt. TOWNS, P  
 F/O HICKS, CP  
 2nd Lt. HAUSNER, RG MB  
 S/Sgt. DICKE, RG EG  
 T/Sgt. DESANTIS, RG  
 S/Sgt. CHOUINARD, G

444th

724

TAKE OFF - 13:59

LANDED 17:24

Capt. BOOTH, P  
 Lt. JACKSON, CP  
 2nd Lt. OTT, B  
 S/Sgt. CLARK J.L., EG  
 Cpl. HARRISON, G  
 S/Sgt. MIKLES, RG

444th

292

TAKE OFF - 14:00

LANDED 17:25

1st Lt. PERRY, P  
 1st Lt. EDWARDS, CP  
 S/Sgt. FERRARA, B  
 Pfc. WELLS, EG  
 S/Sgt. DEAN, RG  
 Sgt. TUCKER, G

444th

861

TAKE OFF 14:00

LANDED 15:23

Capt. MEYER, P  
 Lt. HEIMELREICH, CP  
 T/Sgt. FARGO, BN  
 S/Sgt. DEMITTE, EG  
 S/Sgt. ARSENAULT, RG  
 T/Sgt. LONG, G

~~444th~~

442nd

785 186

TAKE OFF - 14:01

LANDED 17:04

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

442

088

TAKE OFF 14:16

LANDED 17:20<sup>+</sup>

## CREW PERSONNEL

SQUADRON  
442ndSHIP NO.  
859

Lt. CHURCH, P  
 Lt. JAMES, CP  
 S/Sgt. WALKER, B  
 S/Sgt. MADRID, EG  
 S/Sgt. SWARTZ, RG  
 S/Sgt. LEVESQUE, G  
 Cpl. La FOREST. Photo.

TAKE OFF 14:02

LANDED

18:14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Lt. HEIMROTH, P  
 Lt. CARRAHER, CP  
 Lt. HERMANN, NB  
 S/Sgt. MITCHELL, EG  
 S/Sgt. STREET, RG  
 S/Sgt. WISEMAN, G

442nd

074

TAKE OFF 14:02<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

LANDED

17:26

Lt. LADD, P  
 Lt. TIEMANN, CP  
 Lt. MONROE, NB  
 S/Sgt. STANDER, EG  
 S/Sgt. HITE, RG  
 Sgt. GRIFFIN, G

442nd

048

TAKE OFF 14:03

LANDED

17:26<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Lt. LOVECE, P  
 Lt. STRAUSSNER, CP  
 S/Sgt. CIESIELSKI, NB  
 S/Sgt. BRANNING, EG  
 T/Sgt. WRIGHT, RG  
 Sgt. BROWN, G

442nd

958

TAKE OFF 14:03<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

LANDED

17:27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Lt. ROSS, P  
 Lt. THOMPSON, CP  
 S/Sgt. BAKER, BN  
 S/Sgt. GANDY, EG  
 Sgt. WILLIAMS, RG  
 S/Sgt. MORBERLY, G

442nd

987

TAKE OFF 14:01<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

LANDED

1st Lt. PETERSON, P  
 2nd Lt. LUMPKIN, CP  
 S/Sgt. MORROCCO, BN  
 T/Sgt. JAMISE, EG  
 T/Sgt. HIGGINS, RG  
 S/Sgt. KEIFFER, G

~~442nd~~444<sup>th</sup>

013

TAKE OFF 14:04

LANDED

17:26

~~LIST OF~~

CREW PERSONNEL	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
1st Lt. PETERSON, P	444th	013
<hr/>		<del>TAKE OFF 14:04</del>
		LANDED
	441st	002
Lt. SONIAT, P		
Lt. BARKER, CP		TAKE OFF 13:55
Sgt. DE CASAUS, BN		
S/Sgt. SEABLOOM, EG		
Cpl. KLEINSCHMIDT, G		LANDED 17:16
Cpl. LOTT, G		