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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Map Ref: Target Chart No. 2-2-NA.

Thirty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Trapani/Mile A/D, Sicily. They were escorted by 36 P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group. 18 planes returned early; 5 because of mechanical difficulties and 12 because of failure of join-up procedure. 15 B-26's returned safely to this base, 1 B-26 crashed and was destroyed on landing at this base. 3 B-26's landed safely, but damaged at friendly fields, 9 other planes are damaged, but all crews are safe.

Route and Altitudes: 45° T to Cape Serrat, 63° T for 190 miles, gradual right turn for 22 miles to I.P., (8 miles west of Cape San Vito) reaching 12,000' at I.P.; bomb run, 180° T for 13 miles at 11,000'; break away to the right; 245° for 292 miles, direct to this base, dropping to 4000'.

Bombs: 42 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse carried by 7 B-26's; 232 x 300 lb demolition bombs, 1/10 .025 second delay fuse carried by 29 B-26's. 42 x 500 lb demolition bombs and 80 x 300 lb demolition bomb returned to this base in planes that returned early. 8 x 300 lb demolition bombs carried by the B-26 that landed at a friendly airdrome before going over target. 142 x 300 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area. 2 bombs hung up over target and were returned to this base.

- (1) 36 planes assigned to bomb target.
- (2) 18 planes released bombs over target.
- (3) 142 bombs released over target.

Chronology: Time off between 06:13 and 06:32; rendezvous, 06:40; on course 06:45; target 08:25; 15 planes down at this base between 09:50 and 10:04. One B-26 landed late at 12:10.

Results: Direct hits observed on and among hangars and administration buildings on NE side of A/D and gun emplacements at L-16 were fully covered by bomb hits, and probably destroyed.

Flak: Intense heavy barrage over target, beginning at time bombs were released. Following barrage, flak was aimed and tracked, and was accurate as to both altitude and deflection.

Gun positions were reported at the following locations: E-35, J-40 B-20, B-23 - 4 guns each; one six gun battery in outer mole of harbor and in dock area, I-35.

Flak was also observed coming from Favignana Island, from Bo Rizzo A/D, from large ship in harbor and from Stagnore Island. Slight flak seen on Levanzo Island.

Observations: (1) 3 medium M/V's and about 12 smaller craft in outer harbor.
(2) 15 to 18 small and medium M/V's in inner harbor.
(3) 1 M/V painted white with 1 stack and 2 masts, heading W, observed at 08:23 from 10,000, at 38° 10' N, 12° 27' E. Approximate speed, 8 knots.

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Observations Cont'd: (4) 12 S/P's in Stagnone Harbor, 5 large, 7 small seen at 08:30 from 10,000'.

(5) Large ship, probably naval vessel, mistakenly identified as a battleship in preliminary mission report, painted grey and headed N. at 37° 50' N, 12° 20' E at 08:35 from 10,000'. Evasive action at high speed. Two ships followed which appeared to be smaller than coverettes.

(6) Small destroyer observed at 37° 56' N, 12° 23' E from 12000' heading E. toward land. Unidentified object in water near destroyer.

(7) About 25 E/A observed on A/D, including one large aircraft, observed grouped to S and E. of buildings on SE corner of A/D.

(8) 12 ME 109's attacked forward elements during bomb run. 4 made initial attack on lead plane, coming in from 12 o'clock high. Others attacked in elements of 3 making 1 pass after having made 2 feints; and coming in line abreast at 5 to 7 o'clock. Guns seemed to concentrate on tail and upper turret. Possibly could have been giving altitude to flak batteries. E/A had silver colored bottoms, with grayish blue fuselage, and white spinners. Red wing tips and silver bands around fuselage.

(9) Last element was attacked by 9 ships, believed to be Reggiane 200's. Attacked from 12 o'clock high. Planes were painted black, with white spot underneath fuselage.

(10) Three (3) ME 109's destroyed, 1 ME 109 probably destroyed, 5 ME 109's damaged.

Weather: Enroute, base to target, constant haze with visibility of 10 to 12 miles. Same weather at target and on return.

Our Losses: 1 B-26 crashed on landing at this base, injuring one officer and one enlisted man.

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Captain, Air Corps
Op. Intelligence O.

MISSION NO. 42

15 June 1943

FLIGHT COMMANDER-MAJOR POLK

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPTIAN DORMAN
"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>BULLARD</u> 785	<u>BARRETT</u> 292	<u>SUND</u> 194
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>GOODSON</u> 861	<u>TOWNS</u> 013	<u>STUMM</u> 724
<u>YELLOW "A2"</u>	<u>FAIR</u> 045	<u>HARRIS</u> 959	<u>KISLER</u> 024
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>VAN MARTER</u> 023	<u>LUTTRELL</u> 955	<u>TUCK</u> 842

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BREWER</u> 798	<u>CARTER</u> 894	<u>BARBER</u> 010
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>GRAVES</u> 763	<u>SWALL</u> 033	<u>BURNS</u> 027
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>OSBORN</u> 859	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 074	<u>WEST</u> 088
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>CORDILL</u> 006	<u>MILLER</u> 077

"C"

<u>RED "C"</u>	<u>LIMBERG</u> 958	<u>MORLEY</u> 186	<u>INGALLS</u> 092
<u>BLUE "C"</u>	<u>WEGENER</u> 776	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 189	<u>HAYWARD</u> 765
<u>YELLOW "C"</u>	<u>STELL</u> 060	<u>MILLER</u> 874	<u>OWEN</u> 100
<u>GREEN "C"</u>	<u>BARKER</u> 980	<u>PATTERSON</u> 855	<u>KENNEDY</u> 002

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SPARES
COULTER
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KENNEDY

RADIO: CHANNEL "A"
FIGHTER CALL-REDWING
BOMBER CALL-BULLFROG

EMERGENCY FIELDS
SOUK EL KHEMIS (HOSPITAL)
SOUK EL ARBA
BIZERTE MILITARY AIRDROME
FOCHE FIELD
HAMMANET

MISSION NO. 41.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON TRAPANI MILO AIRDROME SICILY
ON JUNE 15, 1943.

CREWS BY NAMES	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Barrett, Pilot, 1st Lt.	b 444th	292
Hash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0613
Ferrin, Bombardier, Captain,		Landed 0956 ²⁰
Housner, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Polk, Flight commander, Major,		
Weil, engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Kraker, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Hedgepeth, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	194
Sullivan, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 0613 ³⁰
Moran, NB, 2nd Lt.		Landed 0957
Meyers, engineer gunner S/sgt.		
Cook, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Wadjeck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	785
Edwards, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0614
Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		Landed at 0957 ²⁰
Goings, Bombardier, Sgt		
McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt		
DeVaul, Radio gunner, S/sgt.		
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	013
Hicks, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 0614 ²⁰
Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed 12:20
Dorman, Deputy Flight commander, Captain,		
Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
DeSantis, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Chouinard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	724
Weir, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0615
DeGuire, NB 2nd Lt.		Landed at. 0952
Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Burt, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Ferrera, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Woodson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	861
Jasinosky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0615 ²⁰
Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed at. 0917
Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Harris, Pilot, Captain,	444th	959
Mayer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0616
Long, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed at. 0950
Woodsbury, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
La Forest, Aerial Photographer, Cpl.		

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crew No. and Personnel	Squadron	Plane No.
Nuttrell, Pilot, Captain, Yeager, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Clark, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Butler, S/sbt. Engineer gunner Robichaux, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	955 Took off Landed 0845
Welch, Pilot, Captain, Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O Carroll, Nabagator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Krumpoch, Radio gunner, T/sgt. McLead, Aerial gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842 Took off 0618 Landed 0958
Van Marter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt. Carr, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Lillo, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Schempp, aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	023 Took off 0618 ²⁰ Landed
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Bigelow, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain, Maxwell, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	894 Took off 0619 Landed at 1002
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Feagin, Co, Pilot, F/O Homsher, NB S/sgt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	010 Took off 0619 Landed at 1002 ³⁰
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co, Pilot, F/O Quine, NB S/sgt. Bolton, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Clarke, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798 Took off 0620 Landed at 1003
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. White, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pace, NB, 2nd Lt. Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt Long, Radio gunner, S/sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	033 TOOK OFF 0620 ²⁰ Landed at 1008

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Crew By Names	Squadron	Plane No.
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co, Pilot, F/O Dufour, NB S/sgt. Stone, Engineer gunner, O'Connell, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Lacerva, Radio gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	027 Took off 0621 Landed at. 1001
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bracken, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kimbrow, NB Sgt. Pierce, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	763 Took off at 0621 ³⁰ Landed at. 1001 ³⁰
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ball, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bombardier, S/sgt. Schweikhardt, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Reyes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	024 Took off 0616 ³⁰ Landed at. 0959
Fair, Pilot, Green, Co, Pilot, Trick, Bombardier, Miller, Engineer gunner, Hansen, Radio gunner, Mikles, Aerial gunner,	444th	045 Took off 0617 Landed at. 0845 12:10
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Carragher, Co, Pilot, Lt. Hermann, Bombardier, Navigator, Lt. Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wormoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	074 Took off 0622 Landed at 0959
West, Pilot, Lt. Bart, Co, Pilot, Lt. Watson, NB, S/sgt. Cerchiraro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	088 Took off 0622/30 <i>Carley.</i> Landed at. 0850
Osborn, Pilot, Lt. Byram, Co, Pilot, Lt. Andrewson, NB, S/sgt/ Gloekner, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Dealsms, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	059 took o 0623 Landed

CREW BY NAME	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Cordill, Pilot, Captain, Crausner, Co, Pilot, Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, n. lt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	006 Took off 0629/30 Landed at
Miller, Pilot, Lt. Bougher, Co, Pilot, F/O Payton, Bombardier, LT. Folger, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Cerclon, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Eden, Aerial gunner,	442nd	077 Took off 0624 Landed at.
Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Tiemann, Co, Pilot, Lt. Amundson, Bombardier, Navigator, Lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hite, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	048 Took off 0624/30 Landed at. 0830
Morley, Pilot, Lt. Byramian, Co, Pilot, Lt. Harrison, NB. Lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	186 Took off 0625 Landed at 0715
Ingalls, Pilot, Lt. De Fan, Co, Pilot, Lt. Stokes, Bombardier, S/sgt. Burgess, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Siegal, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gunning, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	092 Took off 0625/30 Landed at 0824
Limberg, Pilot, Lt. Baird, Co, Pilot, Lt Hudson, BN. S/sgt. August, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Kennedy, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	958 Took off 0627 Landed at. 0837
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Tackman, Engineer gunner Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial gunner Sgt.	441st	189 Took off 0627/30 Landed at.

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CREWS BY NAME,	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
yward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt Bloom, Bombardier, Cpl. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	765 Took off 0628 Landed
WEgener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kcoontz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Blackford, Bombardier, Cpl. Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Lidicker, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	776 Took off 0628/30 Landed at.
Miller, Pilot, Captain, Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lehman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Dahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Patzke, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Smith, Aerial gunner, Pvt. Cirno, Photographer, Sgt.	441st	874 Took off 0629 Landed 0725
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Steinberg, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Macia, Bombarider, Captain, r, Engineer gunner, Sgt. arino, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Barker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	060 Took off 0629/30 Landed at.
Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cartwright, Co, Pilot, F/O Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Brien, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bain, RadioGunner, M/sgt Spow, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	855 Took off 0630 Landed at 0725
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	002 Took off 0630/30 Landed at 0726
Barker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. DeCasaus, Bombardier, Sgt. Seabloom, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lott, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Kleinschmidt, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	441st	980 Took off 0631 Landed at 0727
McGlannan, , Pilot, 1st Lt. atty, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt, Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt. Goodman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Mulligan, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Corp, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	441st	036 Took off 0631/30

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CREW BY NAME

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Conley, Co, Pilot, F/O
Starkweather, WB 1st Lt.
Blossman, Engineer gunner, Cpl.
Connelly, Radio Gunner, S.sgt.
Reynolds, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

444th

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Took off 0632

Landed at.

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