

Intelligence Narrative No. 36. Day Operation, 18 June 1943

Map Reference: Target Chart No. 1-105A-NA

Twenty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb shipping at Terranova Pausania/Olbia, Sardinia. They were escorted by 24 P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group. Three (3) B-26's returned early; one because of generator malfunctioning; one because guns failed to fire on test after leaving the coast; and one because one engine was cutting-out. Twenty-four (24) B-26's returned safely to this base, seven (7) after having landed for fuel at friendly fields.

Routes and Altitudes: 32° T 220 miles to 38° 50' N, 10° 00' E, after rendezvous at this base at 6000'; 180° T for 135 miles, curve to the left for 20 miles to I.P., (N. tip, Tavolara Island) reaching 12,000' at I.P.; bomb run, 270° T for 12 miles from 11,000', dropping to 9,800'; breakaway to the left; 138° T for 60 miles; 180° T for 100 miles; 200° T for 162 miles to Souk el Khemis; 241° T for 73 miles direct to this base, dropping gradually from target to 4,000'.

Bombs: 162 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .025 second delay fuse, carried by 27 B-26's; 18 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in planes that returned early. 132 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area. 12 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in 2 B-26's that failed to drop over target because bombight gyros tumbled.

- (1) 27 planes assigned to bomb target.
- (2) 22 planes released bombs over target.
- (3) 132 bombs released over target.

Chronology: Time off between 07:46 and 07:59; Rendezvous, 08:10, on course, 08:10; target, 10:20; 18 B-26's down at this base between 12:19 and 12:29; 1 B-26 down at this base at 12:45; 6 B-26's returned to this base between 14:15 and 14:46 after having landed for fuel at Souk el Khemis; 1 B-26 returned to this base at 14:20 after having landed at Souk el Arba for fuel.

Results: Direct hits on east end of long commercial docks in center of harbor and on 2 large M/V's docked on north and south sides of end of dock causing large explosions followed by fire. Flames mounted to 500 feet, and smoke rose to 5000 feet in the air. 18 bombs fell in a good pattern among smaller craft in inner harbor south of long commercial dock, scoring possible hits or near misses.

Flak: Moderate accurate heavy flak was encountered on the bomb run which appeared to come from the following locations: G-3, MH-3, PQ-1, C-(-4), KL-(-4), H-(-4), F-6, C-22, P-24, K-17, R-17, C-19 (4 guns) and I-(-3) (believed to be 20 mm.)



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Moderate inaccurate light flak was encountered on the breakaway from bomb run.

- Observations:
- (1) 1 large M/V in harbor at H-16.
 - (2) 1 large M/V in harbor at O-14-15.
 - (3) 2 large M/V's in harbor on north and south sides of end of commercial dock at H-12 (attached on this mission)
 - (4) 1 medium M/V in harbor at H-15-16.
 - (5) Several small ships in inner harbor south of long commercial dock.
 - (6) 1 TIC 10 miles off coast east of S. Teodoro D Ovidde course, 130°, speed 12 knots, sighted at 10:38 from 8000'.
 - (7) 2 M/V's leaving Gulf of Terranova heading east were seen being bombed by B-25's following this group at 12:26 from 11,000'.
 - (8) 2 seaplanes on water at H-23, 1 seaplane or transport plane flying on deck in same vicinity, at 10:25 from 11,000.
 - (9) 1 large transport plane flying on deck over harbor heading south, at 10:24 from 11,000'.
 - (10) 1 Reggiane 2001, camouflaged mottled brown, made one half-hearted pass from high 1 o'clock against third element of first flight during breakaway at 10:28 from 9800', then dove to deck.
 - (11) 2 ME 109's sighted flying on deck at the mouth of harbor at 10:23 from 11,000'. These did not attack.
 - (12) 3 ME 109's sighted below at breakaway, at 10:28 from 9800 feet. Two were flying on the deck and third at 2000 feet. Third seen to dive and join the other two. These did not attack.
 - (13) 5 S/S fighters on east side, 4 multi-engine fighters on west side of Venforita L/G. Three fighters were seen to take off during bombing run. Sightings at 10:25 from 11,000'.
 - (14) 1 P-38' seen smoking on return, but retained his position with formation.

Weather: Enroute, CAVU; target CAVU, with slight haze; return CAVU.

Our losses: None. 6 planes slightly damaged by flak, 3 of which will be non-operational for 48 hours.

Comments: None.

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MISSION NO. 43

18 June 1943

FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPTAIN MANBLE

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPTIAN ROBERTS

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>GILMAN</u> 798	<u>SMALL</u> 195	<u>BOERS</u> 027
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>GRAVES</u> 763	<u>TUCK</u> 894	<u>TROSBER</u> 842
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> 958	<u>WYSE</u> 088	<u>DOISER</u> 092
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	<u>MURPHY</u> 074	<u>HOLMES</u> 855

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BAKER</u> 060	<u>MCVAY</u> 765	<u>H-YLAND</u> 980
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>CHEN</u> 002	<u>MUNTSINGER</u> 874	<u>LEONER</u> 776
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>URNER</u> 024	<u>DAITZ</u> 194	<u>BOOTH</u> 853
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>GUNNS</u> 045	<u>MALCOLM</u> 001	<u>GOODSON</u> 785

SPARES

<u>NORTHINGTON</u> 792	<u>VAN WARTER</u> 023	<u>MC CLAMOR</u> 036
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RADIO: CHANNEL "D"
BOMBER CALL-GREENHEAD
FIGHTER CALL-SALMON

EMERGENCY FIELDS
BUNK AND TELEGRAM (HOSPITAL UNITS)
BIZBETH MILITARY AIRBORNE
FOCNE FIELD

COLORES OF THE DAY: ATTACHED.

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THE FOLLOWING COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

Olbia Harbor

CREWS	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
Capt. SWALL, P 2nd Lt. BROWN, CP 1st Lt. KARIDIS, BN 1st Lt. DORE, N S/Sgt. HART, EG S/Sgt. LEWIS, RG S/Sgt. MOUNT, G Capt. MORBLE, F.C.	443rd	195 TAKE OFF 07:40 LANDING 14:39
1st Lt. BURNS, P 2nd Lt. BAKER, CP S/Sgt. MOWRY, BN Sgt. CAPUTO, EG S/Sgt. WALL, RG Sgt. SHEPHERD, G	443rd	027 ✓ TAKE OFF 07:46½ LANDING 14:43
1st Lt. CALHOUN, P 1st Lt. WILBUR, CP S/Sgt. THOMPSON, BN Sgt. SMITH, EG T/Sgt. MARTIN, RG Sgt. CARR, G	443rd	798 ✓ TAKE OFF 07:47 LANDING 12:43+
1st Lt. TUCK, P 1st Lt. WHITE, CP 2nd Lt. PACE B 2nd Lt. STEVENS, N S/Sgt. SCHINKEL, EG S/Sgt. LONG, RG S/Sgt. MC GAHA, G Capt. ROBERTS, D.F.C.	443rd	894 ✓ TAKE OFF 07:47½ LANDING 12:26½
1st Lt. TRESCH, P 2nd Lt. LANDRUM, CP S/Sgt. KEY, BN Sgt. CARTER, EG S/Sgt. DOOLITTLE, RG Cpl. POWELL, G	443rd	842 TAKE OFF 07:59½ LANDING 12:28½

CREWS

SQUADRON
443rdSHIP NO.
7631st Lt. GRAVES, P
1st Lt. BRACKEN, CP
Sgt. KIMBRO, BN
Sgt. PEIRCE, EG
S/Sgt. MILES, RG
S/Sgt. YDM, GTAKE OFF 07:48 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 12:27 $\frac{1}{2}$

442nd

088

Capt. MEYER, P
Lt. HEMMERRICH, CP
T/Sgt. FARGO, EG
S/Sgt. DE WITTE, EG
S/Sgt. ARSENAULT, RG
T/Sgt. LONG, GTAKE OFF 07:49
LANDING 12:19

442nd

092

Lt. DOXSEE, P
Lt. BAIRD, CP
Lt. ROBERTSON, BN
S/Sgt. LASTER, EG
S/Sgt. ALLEN, RG
S/Sgt. BURNS, GTAKE OFF 07:49 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 12:19 $\frac{1}{2}$

442nd

958

Lt. CHURCH, P
Lt. JAMES, CP
S/Sgt. WALKER, BN
S/Sgt. Madrid, EG
S/Sgt. SWARTZ, RG
S/Sgt. LEVESQUE, GTAKE OFF 07:50
LANDING 12:20

442nd

074

Lt. MORLEY, P
Lt. BAYRAMIAN, CP
Lt. PAYTON, BN
S/Sgt. CALDWELL, EG
S/Sgt. UNCLES, RG
T/Sgt. MARTIN, G
Sgt. CIRMO, PHOTO.TAKE OFF 07:50 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 12:20 $\frac{1}{2}$

442nd

855

Lt. HOLMES, P
Lt. BURROWS, CP
Lt. MILLER, BN
S/Sgt. WALDEN, EG
S/Sgt. PALMER, RG
S/Sgt. LINCO, GTAKE OFF 07:51
LANDING 14:49

NEWS	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
Lt. DAVIS, P Lt. YOUNG, CP Lt. ABELN, BN S/Sgt. DUNN, EG Sgt. HOGAN, RG Sgt. COVERT, G	442nd	859 take off 07:51 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDING 12:20
1st Lt. MC VAY, P 1st Lt. TIMMONS, CP 2nd Lt. FISHER, BN S/Sgt. RINALDI, EG S/Sgt. GREENLEE, RG S/Sgt. CURLEE, G Capt. Macia, Obs.	441st	765 TAKE OFF 07:52 LANDING 12:21 $\frac{1}{2}$
1st Lt. HAYWARD, P 1st Lt. WALKER, CP Cpl. BLOOM B Sgt. O'KEEFE, EG T/Sgt. APPLETON, EG S/Sgt. DIEKINSON, G	441st	980 TAKE OFF 07:52 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDING 12:22
1st Lt. WALKER, P 1st Lt. VALLS, CP S/Sgt. COCKRELL, BN Pvt. FOSS, EG T/Sgt. ALDRICH, RG Sgt. MINASSIAN, G	441st	060 TAKE OFF 07:53 LANDING 12:22 $\frac{1}{2}$
1st Lt. MONTSINGER, 1st Lt. WALKER, CP 1st Lt. TAPP, BN Sgt. HANCOCK, EG TACKMANN, Sgt. TOMLINSON, RG Sgt. ELLISON, G Capt. HOLT, OBS.	441st	874 TAKE OFF 07:53 $\frac{1}{2}$ LANDING 12:24
1st Lt. WEGENER, P 2nd Lt. KOONTZ, CP Cpl. BLACKFORD, BN Sgt. LEVI, EG S/Sgt. DOWING, RG S/Sgt. WURST, G	441s6	776 TAKE OFF 07:54 LANDING 14:40

CREWS

SQUADRON

SHIFT NO.

1st Lt. OWEN, P
2nd Lt. KAPSTEIN, CP
2nd Lt. STEVENS, BN
S/Sgt. THATCHER, EG
T/Sgt. DEVINE, RG
S/Sgt. MAZZO, G

441st

002

TAKE OFF 07:54 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 12:24

Capt. DIETER, P
1st Lt. NASH, CP
1st Lt. STEPHENS, BN
S/Sgt. GREAR, EG
T/Sgt. COLLINS, RG
S/Sgt. AUL, G

444th

Returned Early

194

TAKE OFF 07:53
LANDING 09:40

Capt. BOOTH, P
1st Lt. EDWARDS, CP
2nd Lt. OTT, BN
T/Sgt. CLARK, EG
T/Sgt. KLINGAMAN, EG
Cpl. HARRISON, G

444th

Returned Early

853

TAKE OFF 07:55 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 08:14

1st Lt. URNER, P
2nd Lt. ENGLISH, CP
2nd Lt. MITLER, BN
S/Sgt. VAUGHAN, EG
T/Sgt. STOEKEL, RG
S/Sgt. MONAGHAN, G

444th

Returned Early

024

TAKE OFF 07:56
LANDING 09:07

1st Lt. HALLOWEKK, P
2nd Lt. HORNBERGER, CP
2nd Lt. DITMAR, BN
S/Sgt. ETZEL, EG
T/Sgt. LENCO, RG
S/Sgt. BOURGALT, G

444th

861

TAKE OFF 07:56 $\frac{1}{2}$
LANDING 12:24 $\frac{1}{2}$

1st Lt. GOODSON, P
2nd Lt. FAIR, CP
2nd Lt. BROWN, B
S/Sgt. PORTER, EG
T/Sgt. TUCKER, RG
S/Sgt. HANSEN, G
Capt. DORMAN, OBS.

444th

785

TAKE OFF 07:57
LANDING 12:21

CREWS	SQUADRON	SHIP NO.
1ST Lt. BURNS P 1st Lt. TAYLOR, CP 1st Lt. RICKLESS, B T/Sgt. SNERBOLD, EG T/Sgt. SMITH, RG M/Sgt. PETROSKI, G	444th	045 TAKE OFF 07:57 ¹ / ₂ LANDING 14:59
1st Lt. WORTHINGTON, P 1st Lt. WORTHINGTON, P P/O CAFFEY, CP Sgt. HORNE, EG S/Sgt. BREEDING NB S/Sgt. SEWELL, RG S/Sgt. TEETER, G	444th	792 TAKE OFF 07:58 ¹ / ₂ LANDING 14:02
1st Lt. MC GLANNON, P 1st Lt. GROTTY, CP S/Sgt. CAMP, BN S/Sgt. GOODMAN, EG Sgt. GEARING, RG 1st Lt. WATKINS, G	441st	036 TAKE OFF 07:58 LANDING 12:25 ¹ / ₂
1st Lt. VAN MARTER, P 2nd Lt. TURNER, CP S/Sgt. LEFFLER, NB S/Sgt. WATT, EG S/Sgt. LILLO, RG S/Sgt. SCHEMPF, G	443rd	023 TAKE OFF 07:48 LANDING 12:27