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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 37, Day Operation, 20 June 1943

Twenty-three B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Bo Rizzo A/D, Sicily. They were escorted by 24 P-38's of the 5th Wing. Three B-26's returned early; one because of generator failure, one because of carburetor malfunctioning, one because pilot became ill and one because insufficient parachutes were aboard. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base, one after having landed at a friendly field because of fuel system trouble.

Route and Altitudes: 70° T for 275 miles to 37° 23' N, 12° 30' E after rendezvous at this field at 6000'; curve to left for 15 miles to Cape Granitola; 360° T for 8 miles to I.P., (37° 33' N, 12° 40' E) climbing to 10,600' at I.P.; bomb run, curve to left to axis of attack, 307° T, for 10 miles; breakaway to left to 37° 44' N, 12° 17' E at 8,000'; 245° for 270 miles direct to this base, dropping to 4000'.

Bombs: 2718 x 20 fragmentation bombs carried by 23 B-26's; 80 x 20 fragmentation bombs returned to this base by 4 planes that returned early. 2238 x 20 fragmentation bombs dropped over target area.

- (1) 23 planes assigned to bomb target
- (2) 19 planes released bombs over target
- (3) 2238 bombs released over target

Chronology: Time off between 06:52 and 07:14; rendezvous, 07:20; on course 07:20; target, 09:00; 1 B-26 down at this base at 10:20 because of engine trouble; 17 B-26's down at this base between 10:35 and 10:48; 1 B-26 returned to this base at 12:00 after having landed at Mateur because of fuel system trouble.

Results: North end of A/D and dispersal area on the west side well covered by bomb bursts. Direct hits in dispersal area at SE corner of the field. 9 serviceable fighter planes in revetments along west side of field destroyed. 2 unserviceable fighter planes on NW side of field destroyed.

Flak: Heavy slight inaccurate flak was encountered along the coast on breakaway from bomb run.

Heavy moderate flak, accurate as to deflection, inaccurate as to altitude was encountered on leaving the target area. This flak came from Favignana Island.

Heavy slight inaccurate flak was encountered over Maritimo Island.

Heavy slight flak was observed being fired from Castelvestrano A/D at formation attacking there.

Positions pinpointed as follows:

(Ref.: Target Chart 2-4-NA)

I/13 (4 guns)

N/29 (4 guns): 37° 38' N, 12° 44' E (1 gun)

and 37° 42' N, 12° 48' E (4 guns)

Heavy intense flak was seen being fired from Tripaini/Milo A/D at formation attacking that field.

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Observations: (1) At 08:50, 37° 15' N, 12° 00' E, 1 puff of black smoke, larger than flak burst, was seen above and ahead of the formation. Immediately afterward, ME 109's (white spinners, white bands around fuselages, white crosses) came in from above and made passes at the formation.

(2) At 08:52, at the Sicilian coast, 1MA 200 dived through the formation and leveled off to the right. Immediately afterwards an aerial bomb, with a bright red flame that burned for several minutes, burst ahead of the formation. E/A was fired upon by our gunners. No hits observed.

(3) 3 ME 109's seen flying low over Castelvetrano A/D from 10,500' at 08:05.

(4) 2 ME 109's made single attack head on from 10 o'clock at 09:05 at 8,000'. At same time rear element saw 1 FW 190 and 9 ME 109's pass below and engage P-38 escort to rear of this formation. These E/A had blue on top and silver beneath fuselages.

(5) 1 ME 109 followed this formation from the coast to breakaway after passing target, at our altitude, but beyond the range of our guns. It was noted that E/A followed on all turns, and even evasive action taken. This E/A believed to be observing carefully the tactics of our attack.

(6) At Castelvetrano, revetments on the north were empty, 10 S/E planes in revetments on east side. The field was empty except for 3 four-engine planes. Fire and smoke also seen at Castelvetrano A/D. Sightings at 08:57 from 10,500'.

(7) 3 large planes were reported parked in open field south of Campobello Di Mazara. Seen at 08:55 from 10,500'.

(8) One 2-engine plane seen on beach south of Castelvetrano A/D at 08:54 from 10,500'.

(9) 5 large, 6 small S/P's in base at Stagnone, seen at 09:05 from 8,000'.

(10) at 37° 53' N, 12° 28' E, camouflage net covering cove, 09:04 from 8,000', reported by 1 crew.

(11) 2 large M/V's on outer mole, 2 medium M/V's anchored south mole, 10 other small craft in Tripaini Harbor, seen at 09:05 from 8,000'.

(12) 1 large vessel and several small craft in Marsala Harbor, seen at 09:06 from 8,000'.

(13) 1 large M/V off Mazara Del Vallo, headed northwest, 14 knots sighted at 09:08 from 8,000'.

(14) 1 medium M/V anchored inside sandalip, north side Favignana Island, at 09:10 from 75,00'.


(15) It was reported by an observer that no traffic was seen on roads or railroads at Castelvetrano and Bo Rizzo.

(16) 16 planes in revetments along both sides of A/D, 4 planes on landing field, 10 planes dispersed in open field north of airdrome, at Bo Rizzo, at 09:00 from 9,600'.

Weather: Enroute, scattered cumulus at 5000' over south side of Sicily, otherwise clear; target, CAVU; return same as enroute.

Our Losses: None. 2 planes slightly damaged by flak, one of which will be non-operational for over 48 hours.

Comments: Last plane this formation reports that escort accompanied formation over target above and to the rear, and was seen to be heavily engaged with E/A as this formation left coast of Sicily.



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MISSION NO. 44

20 June 1943

FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPT. SIMS

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPT. KARLONITZ

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>LAIRD</u> 964	<u>ROSS</u> 074	<u>OSBORN</u> 859
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>NEUTMAN</u> 092	<u>CORDILL</u> 088	<u>INGALLS</u> 077
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>KENNEDY</u> 002	<u>MILLER</u> 189	<u>RILEY</u> 034
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>BLAKE</u> 001	<u>PATERSON</u> 855	<u>STELL</u> 036

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>PATERSON</u> 785	<u>DIETER</u> 920	<u>BULLARD</u> 861
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>FAIR</u> 024	<u>BOOTH</u> 194	<u>COULTER</u> 882
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>FRESCH</u> 842	<u>GARTER</u> 307	<u>SWIGART</u> 955
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>BRUNER</u> 798	<u>HEIGH</u> 010	<u>BUTLER</u> 780

SPARES

<u>CALHOUN</u> 023	<u>LIMBERG</u> 958	<u>BARKER</u> 100
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RADIO: CHANNEL "D"

BOMBER CALL - CLEARGUM
FIGHTER CALL - ENCORE

COLORS OF THE DAY: ATTACHED.

EMERGENCY FIELDS:

SOUK EL KHEMIS (HOSP. UNITS)
SOUK EL ARBA
BIZERTE MILITARY AIRFIELD
FOCH'S FIELD
HAMMENEH FIELD

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON
June 20, 1943.

JAMES OF CREWS.	SQUADRON.	PLANE NO.
Ross, Pilot, 1st Lt. Thompson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beatty, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Captain, Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Moberly, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	074 Took off 0652 Landed at. 1035
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Tiemann, Co, Pilot, lt. Monroe, Navigator Bombardier, lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	964 Took off 0653/30 Landed at 1035
Cordill, Pilot, Captain Straussner, Co, Pilot, lt. Thranhardt, Navigator Bombardier, lt. Evans, Navigator, lt. Gomez, Engineer gunner S/sgt. Trupka, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	088 Note Captain Karlowitz was on this aircraft as Dep. Flight commander. took off 0654/30 Landed at 0725
Ingalls, Pilot, lt. De Fan, Co, Pilot, lt. Baker, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Burgess, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Siegel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gurning, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	077 Took off 0655/30 Landed at 0901
Deutman, Pilot, lt. Brast, Co, Pilot, lt. Furrer, Navigator Bombardier, S/sgt. Cross, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Goedfry, Radio gunner, S. sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	092 Took off 0656/30 Landed at. 1037
Limberg, Pilot, lt. Dwyer, Co, Pilot, lt Stakes, Bombardier S/sgt August, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Clark, Radio Gunner, S/sgt/ Wiseman, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	958 Took off 0653 Landed at 1022
Miller, Pilot, Captain, Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lehman, Bombardier, lt. Wahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Patzke, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Watkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	189 Took off 0657 Landed at. 1037

NAMES OF THE CREWS.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Ailey, Pilot, lt. Church, Co, Pilot, lt. Brosi, Bombardier, S/sgt. Dolan, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Meeker, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Martz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	034 Took off 0658 Landed at. 1040+
Kennedy, Pilot, lt. Braden, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldron, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio gunner, Sgt. Miller, S/sgt. Aerial gunner,	441st	002 Took off Did Not take off
Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hayward, Co, Pilot, lt. Allen, Bombardier, lt. Brien, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bain, Radio gunner, M/sgt. Spor, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	855 Took off 0659/30 Landed at. 1040
Stell, Pilot, lt. Steinberg, Co, Pilot, lt. Allen, Navigator, lt. Farr, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Trino, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Barker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	036 Took off 0700/30 Landed at. 1041
Blake, Pilot, lt. Hammond, Co, Pilot, lt. Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt. Pope, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Boals, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	001 Took off 0701/30 Landed at 0819
Deiter, Pilot, Captain, Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain, Grear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	920 Took off 0703 Landed at. 1044
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Goings, N B S/sgt. Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mcguire, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	861 Took off 0704/30 Landed at. 1044+
Arker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robbins, Co, Pilot, lt. DeCasas, Bombardier, Sgt. Formichelli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Dorey, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Klienschmidt, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	441st	100 Took off 0705/30 Landed 1045

NAMES OF CREWS,	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Booth, Pilot, Captain, Licks, Co, Pilot, F/O Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Klingsman, Radio gunner, 1/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Ott, Bombardier,, 2nd Lt.	444th	194 Took off 0706/30 Landed at. - <i>Bozenta</i>
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conley, Co, Pilot, F/O Starkweather, NB Cpl. Blossman, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444	882 Took off 0707/30 Landed at. 0858 <i>Early</i>
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Green, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bamicki Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Babler, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Mikles, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	024 Took off 0708/30 Landed 1845+
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Bigelow, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, Navigator, 1st Lt. Chase, Observer, Captain, Hunter, Radio Gunner, 1/sgt. Mulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	443rd	307 Took off 0708/30 Landed at 1848+
Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sparc, Co, Pilot 2nd Lt. Leffler, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt. Stone, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. O'Connell, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	955 Took off 0710/30 Landed at. 1846
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilbur, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Key, Bombardier, Navigator, S/sgt. Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Powell, Aerial gunner, pl.	443rd	842 Took off 0711/30 Landed at. 1848 <i>Subjunctive</i>
Welch, Pilot, Captain, Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O Carroll, Bombardier, Navigator, lt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Krumpoch, Radio Gunner 1/sgt. McLead, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	010 Took off 0712/30 Landed at. 1846+
Butler, Pilot, F/O Mandrums, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ambers, NB, S/sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Spacone, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	780 Took off 0713 Landed at. 1847

NAME OF CREWS,	SQUADRON,	PLANE NO.
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co, Pilot, F/O Quine, Navigator Bombardier, 2/sgt. Chelfan, Engineer gunner, 1/sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Clarke, Aerial gunner, 1st Lt.	443rd	798 Took off 8/14/30 Landed at. 1047+
Calhoun,	443rd	023

THIS PLANE DID NOT TAKE OFF