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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative NO. 39, Day Operation, 28 June 1943

(Map Ref: Target Chart No. 1-7-NA)

Twenty-five B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Milis L/G, Sardinia. They were escorted by 48 P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group. Two B-26's returned early, one was a spare and the other because the right engine cut out. One B-26 was shot down. Twenty-two B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: 345° T for 67 miles to Cape Matefouch; 30° T for 195 miles to 39° 50' N, 07° 38' E, curve to right for 52 miles to IP, 40° 15' N, 08° 24' E, climbing gradually to 11,000; bomb run 110° T for 15 miles at 10,000 feet; curve to right and 237° T for 110 miles; 183° T for 125 miles; 165° T for 67 miles direct to this base, dropping to 4,000.

Bombs: 2958 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs carried by 25 B-26's; 240 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs returned to this base by 2 planes that returned early. 2652 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs dropped over target area. 66 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs returned to this base, having hung up over target.

Chronology: Time off between 11:05 and 11:25, rendezvous 11:30; on course 11:30; target 13:03; 22 B-26's down at this base at between 14:35 and 14:51.

Results: L/G was well covered by good patterns. 1 pattern started at barracks or stores in the vicinity of R/25 and extended across the field into the south-east dispersal area. Another pattern started at J/18 and extended to T/15. 19 planes were reported on the field: 10 on the north edge (3 of which were multi-engined), 6 in the central part of the field at P/15, and 3 south of barracks at V/19. Bombs landed on or among 14 planes.

Flak: Slight to moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered over Milis L/G and on breakaway from bomb run. Gun positions were reported as follows:

L/8 (4 guns); U/32 (4 guns) 4-gun battery general vicinity SV 2027, 39° 35' N, 08° 47' E;
4 guns 39° 47' N, 08° 38' E; 39° 41' N, 08° E.

After leaving the target, slight to moderate heavy accurate flak was encountered in passing over the vicinity Usellus, which came up in a sudden coordinated barrage.

Observations: 1) What appeared to be newly built barracks and long low sheds were reported at Paulitativo, Sardinia, sighted at 1303 from 10,000.
2) A long line of white smoke was reported coming from an area southwest of Lake Tinso at 40° 03' N, 08° 50' E at 1305, from 9,500.
3) One man of one crew reports at L/G at 39° 50' N, 08° 57' E. 3 revetments along the edge, and 3 planes were seen on the field. 2 flak positions were seen along edge of field, sighted at 1307 from 9,600.
4) 1 S/E fighter took off during the bomb run (from Milis L/G).

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2) 3 S/W B/A seen engaged by escort after target, at 1310 from 9500, above and behind formation.

6) 1 S/E E/A seen to light in the water 5 miles southwest of Tomara at 1315 from 9500 feet.

7) 2 P-38's, one with a propeller feathered and other with tip of right wing shot off, joined our formation at 1316 for protection.

Weather: En route 4/10 alto-stratus over water midway between coasts; target CAVU; 2/10 scattered cumulus over central part of Sardinia; return as en route.

Our losses: 1 B-26 shot down by flak above Bannari D Usellers. 5 parachutes were seen to open, and plane crashed and burned 2 miles south of Terralba, at 1310 from 9500 feet. 1 plane damaged and 9 others slightly damaged by flak.

Photography: Of the two K-17's carried by our bombers, one was returned early to this base in the B-26 which developed engine trouble. The remaining K-17 jammed over the target. No vertical bomb-strike photos were taken.

The one K-20 which was used was in the hands of a gunner inexperienced in aerial photography. The results were unworthy of reproduction.

Comments: Escort cover was excellent.

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MISSION NO. 46

28 June 1943

FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. GREGORY

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-Captain CHASE

"A"

RED "A" WEGENER
716

KIRLEY
189

KENNEDY
002

BLUE "A" SONIAT
~~009~~ 034

KARLOWITZ
595

OWEN
100

YELLOW "A" BULLARD
~~013~~ 882

BOOTH
904

EDWARDS
061

GREEN "A" TOWNS
853

GOODSON
933

SUND
785

"B"

RED "B" LUTTRELL
780

CARTER
575

BARBER
851

BLUE "B" CALHOUN
842

WELCH
763

BIGELOW
023

YELLOW "B" INGALLS
088

HEIMROTH
596

CHURCH
077

GREEN "B" DOXSEE
092

LOVCE
999

HOLMES
017

FEAGIN
811 798

SPARES
MILLER
128 074

FAIR
~~128~~ 861

RADIO CALL: CHANNEL "D"
FIGHTER CALL-CLEARGUN
BOMBER CALL-ENCORE

EMERGENCY FIRMS?
BOMB AND TELEGRAM
(HOSPITAL UNITS)

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON MILIS LANDING FIELD SARDINIA.

NAMES OF CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Kirley, Pilot, Captain, Horras, Co, Pilot, Captain, Malsbury, Navigator, Captain, Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Gregory, Flight Commander, Lt. Col.	441st	- 189 Took off 1105 Landed 1435+
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	002 Took off 1105+ Landed 1436
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Koonz, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stevens, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Pvt. Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st <i>Capt Maria</i>	776 took off 1106 landed at 1436+
Karlowitz, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Shevelson, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain, Fishman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Coffell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt/ Smith, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	441st <i>PIT-FOSS CAPT. Chase</i>	595 Took off 1106+ Landed at. 1437
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kapstein, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Navigator Bombardier, T/sgt. Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st <i>Capt Holt</i>	100 Took off 1107 Landed at. 1437+
Soniat, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. DE Casaus, Navigator, Bombardier, Sgt. Seabloom, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lott, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Kleinschmidt, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	441st <i>Dawn axes Langat</i>	009 034 Took off 1107 1/2 Landed at.
Booth, Pilot, Captain, Jackson Co, Pilot, F/O Bott, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Tlausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Klingaman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Harrison, Cpl.	444th	904 Took off 1108 Landed at. 1439+

Names of Crews.	SQUADRON,	Plane No.
Edwards, Pilot, 1st Lt. Perry, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Wells, Engineer gunner, Pvt. Dean, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th NTO	061 Took off Landed At
Taylor, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rickless, Navigator, 1st Lt. Goings, Bombardier, S/sgt. Babel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devaul, Radio, Gunner, T/sgt. McGuire, S/sgt. Aerial gunner,	444th	882 Took off 1110 Landed 1441
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	933 Took off 1111 Landed at. 1441+
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co, Pilot, F/O Moran, Navigator, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Meyers, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Wadzeck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	785 Took off 1112 Landed at. 1442
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co, Pilot, F/O Burton, NB. 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. DeSantis, T/sgt. radio gunner, Chouinard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th NTO	853 Took off Landed at.
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Gilbert, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kardis, NB. 1st. Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain, Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	575 Took off 1113 Landed at. 1443
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Long, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Grove, Bombardier, Captain, Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	851 Took off 1114 Landed at. 1444

Name of Crews,	Squadron,	Plane No.
Luttrell, Pilot, Captain, Yeager, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dickey, Navigator, Bombardier, Butler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	780 Took off 11 15 Landed at. 1444+
Welch, Pilot, Captain, Collins, Co, Pilot, F70 Carroll, Navigator, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Krumpoch, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. McLead, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	763 Took off 11:16 Landed at. 1445
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bracken, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Leffler, Navigator Bombardier, Sgt. McCloud, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, Sgt/ Fant, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	023 Took off 11:17 Landed at. 1445+
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Cirmox, Aerial Photographer, Sgt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842 Took off 11:18 Landed at. 13:40
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Carragher, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Miller, Bombardier, Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	096 Took off 11:19 Landed at. 1447+
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Navigator, Bombardier, S/sgt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	077 Took off 11:19 1/2 Landed at. 1429+
Ingalls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Defan, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Burgess, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Seegel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gunning, Aerial gunner,	442nd	088 Took off 11:20 Landed at. 1442+
Lovecq, Pilot, 1st Lt. Chandler, Co, Pilot, Lt. Evans, Bombardier, Lt. Bramming, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 Took off 11:21 Landed a.t 1451

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Crews By Name,	Squadron	Plane No.
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co, Pilot, lt. Celeski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Walden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. — <i>write</i> — Linco, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	017 Took off 11:22 Landed at 1448
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baird, Co, Pilot, lt. Amundson, Bombardier, Lt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wiseman, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	092 Took off 11:23 Landed at 1428
Miller, Pilot, lt. Bougher, Co, Pilot, Flight Officer. Payton, Bombardier, Lt. Folger, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Eden, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd <i>Early</i>	074 Took off 11:24 Landed at 1230
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Green, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Banicki, Bombardier, nd Lt. Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Mikles, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Fe	444th	861 Took off. 1109 Landed at. 1440
Feagin, Pilot, F/O Orr, Co, Pilot, F/O Rose, Navigator, Bombardier, S/sgt. Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harpstor, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798 Took off 1125 landed at. 1446