

Intelligence Narrative No. 40 Day Operation, 3 July 1943

Twenty-five B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Capoterra A/D, Sardinia. They were escorted by 12 P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group and 23 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. Two B-26's returned early, one of which was a spare and the other because of engine failure. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: 334° T for 45 miles to rendezvous point over Matera, climbing from 3000' at this base to 5000'; 353° T for 100 miles to 38° 45' N, 09° 21' E; curve to left for 26 miles to I.P., 5 miles south of Cape S. Elia, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run, 290° T for 13 miles dropping to 10,000'; curve to left for 25 miles to 38° 56' N, 08° 42' E; curve to left, then 153° for 169 miles direct to this base, dropping to 3000'.

Bombs: 102 x 500 lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 .045 second delay fuse, carried by 13 B-26's (12 planes carried 8, 1 carried 6), 240 x 100 lb. demolition bombs 1/10 .025 second delay fuses carried by 12 B-26's. 6 x 500 lb demolition and 20 x 100 demolition bombs returned to this base in planes that returned early. 90 x 500 lb. demolition bombs and 199 x 100 lb. demolition bombs dropped over target area. 21 x 100 lb. demolition bombs (4 hung up over target; 17 not dropped because racks failed to function) and 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs (not dropped because of failure of select release, returned to this base.

Chronology: Time off between 11:31 and 11:42; on course, 11:55; rendezvous 12:05; target, 12:56; 23 B-26's down at this base between 13:55 and 14:15.

Results: 500 lb bombs were seen to describe a good pattern across the center of the A/D. 100 lb bombs of one flight landed among the planes dispersed along southern edge of A/D. 100 lb bombs of 3rd flight were dropped in a good pattern in northern dispersal area. Two explosions were seen by the tail gunner of the last ship in the target area.

15 to 20 planes counted on southern side of field.

Flak: Slight to moderate heavy flak was encountered on approach and over target, coming from gun positions along Cagliari Bay shore. Heavy gun positions were pin-pointed as follows: (4 guns) K/21; (4 guns) D/30; (1 gun) I/21; 39° 12' N, 09° 01' E (1 gun); 39° 10' N, 08° 55' E (1 gun); 38° 53' N, 08° 48' E (1 gun). Light flak or small-arms fire was observed being fired at the formation from the beach near Pula after breakaway, at 13:05 from 9,500'.

Observations: 1. 6/7 S/P's in water at S/P base at Alas, Sardinia, sighted at 12:51 from 11,000'.

2. 5 large twin-engine E/A in dispersal area north of target; bomb craters seen among them; sighted at 12:53 from 11,000'.

3. P-38 shot down S/E E/A at 39° 08' N, 09° 02' E, seen at 11,000'. Tactics employed too high for observation. Time 11:55

4. Three medium M/V at Cagliari; one tied at dock at K/18, another tied at dock at K/21 and third anchored outside mole at F/22. Numerous small boats at K/18. Sighted at 11:53 from 11,000'.

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- Observations (Cont'd.)
5. One ~~medium~~ 4/7 and 4/5 barges seen between jettys at BC/26-29, at 11:51 from 11,000'.
  6. Large fire on coast road between La Madelena and Sarroch, seen at 12:51, from 10,800'.
  7. A U-shaped building of new construction on a road facing the beach 4 miles SW of Paula was reported to have been seen at 13:04 from 9,500'.
  8. Grass fire reported 10 miles east of Tenlada, Sardinia at 13:03 from 9,500'.
  9. Two large white crosses with four long rectangular strips outside and opposite ends of crosses, on field 1 1/2 miles, 310°, from target seen at 12:57 from 9,500'.
  10. One Walrus seen taking off to east at 37° 50' N, 09° 50' E at 13:32 from 5000'.
  11. Large radio tower at 38° 55' N, 08° 50' E, seen at 13:08 from 9,000'.
  12. Power or radio station with large antennae at 38° 59' N, 06° 47' E seen at 13:07 from 9,000'.

Weather: Enroute, 6/10 strato-cumulus at 4000' from 50 miles north of Tunisia extending over Sardinia, 7/10 alto-cumulus at 14,000' over water and extending north over Sardinia; target, clear, return as enroute.

Our Losses: None. 1 B-26 damaged, 4 slightly damaged by flak.

Comments: Escort cover was excellent.

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Flight Commander : Cap t. BELCHER  
Deputy Flight Commander : Maj. SULLIVAN.

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"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>TOWNS</u> 792	<u>HARRIS</u> 861	<u>PERRY</u> 853
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 013	<u>BARRETT</u> 061	<u>HALLOWELL</u> 798
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>BARBER</u> 851	<u>TUCK</u> 574	<u>GRAVES</u> 763
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>GALHORN</u>	<u>VAN METER</u>	<u>BREWER</u>

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"B"

<u>RED B</u>	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 017	<u>MEYER</u> 999	<u>DAVIS</u> 859
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>MILLER</u> 964	<u>MORLEY</u> 283	<u>LADD</u> 048
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>STELL</u> 060	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 189	<u>RILEY</u> 980
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>PATTERSON</u> 002	<u>MC VAY</u> 765	<u>BLAKE</u> 100

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<u>WALKER</u> 009 N	<u>GOODSON</u> 785	<u>WELCH</u> 842 N	<u>LIMBERG</u> 007
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RADIO : CHANNEL "A"  
P-38 Escort - KENWORD  
P-40 " - RINGWAY  
BOMBER CALL - LACEWORK

COLOGS OF THE DAY ATTACHED.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON CAPO - A AIRDROME SARDINIA.  
 JULY 3, 1943.

Name of crews.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co, Pilot, F/O Burton, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Dicke, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Chouinard, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Dorman, <del>Flight Commander</del> , Captain,	444th	792. <sup>B</sup> Took off 1131 Landed 1355
Harris, Pilot, Captain, Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Woodbury, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Belcher, C. Captain, <i>FIT. COMM.</i> Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.	444th	861 <sup>S</sup> Took off 1130 Landed. 1406
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Edwards, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 1st Lt. wells, Engineer gunner, Pfc. Dean, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt/.	444th	853. <sup>B</sup> Took off 1130/30 Landed 1406
Barrett, Pilot, 1st Lt. Weinberg, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Perrin, Bombardier, Captain Nerone, Navigator Bombardier, Captain Sullivan, Flight Commander, Major,	444th	061 Took off landed
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	978
<u>This plane did not take off</u>		
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O Horn, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Breeding, Bombardier, S/sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	013 <sup>B</sup> Took off 1133 Landed at. 1409
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. White, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pace, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Schinkel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	575 <sup>C</sup> Took off 1133/30 Landed at. 1407

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Graves, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Stround, co-pilot, F/O. Kimbrow, Bombardier, Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Pierce, Engineer gunner, Sgt, Yim, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Cirno, Photo., Sgt.	443rd	763	B
		Took off: 1134 Landed at: 1407 <sup>30</sup>	
Barber, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Long, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Homsher, Nav-Bomb.-S/Sgt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851	B
		Took-off: 1134:30 Landed at: 1407	
VanKarter, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Clark, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Benner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lillo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	507	B
		Took-off: 11:35 Landed at: 1408 <sup>30</sup>	
Brewer, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Quine, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Clarke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	023	B
		Took-off: 1135:30 Landed at: 1408	
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Thompson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	780	B
		Took-off: 1136 Landed at: 1408	
Meyer, Pilot, Captain Himmelreich, Co-Pilot, Lt. Fargo, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	999	C
		Took-off: 1136:30 Landed at: 1411	
Davis, Pilot, Lt. Young, Co-Pilot, Lt. Abeln, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	859	B
		Took-off: 1137 Landed at: 1411	
Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. <del>XXXXX</del> Miller, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	017	B
		Took-off: 1137:30 Landed at: 1411 <sup>30</sup>	

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Morley, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Bayramian, Co-Pilot, Lt. Harrison, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	283	2
Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Tiemann, Co-Pilot, Lt. Monroe, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	048	3
Miller, Pilot, Lt. Bougher, Co-Pilot, F/O. Payton, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	964	4
Montsinger, Pilot, Lt. Kilton, Co-Pilot, Lt. Tapp, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Tackman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	189	3
Riley, Pilot, Lt. Church, Co-Pilot, Lt. McGeever, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Dolan, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Meeker, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Kary, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	441st	980	5
Stell, Pilot, Lt. Steinberg, Co-Pilot, Lt. Scott, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Macia, Observer, Captain.	441st	060	5
McVay, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Timmons, Co-Pilot, Lt. Corson, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Pvt. Waltman, Photo, T/Sgt.	441st	765	3

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Blake, Pilot, Lt. Hammond, Co-Pilot, Lt. Camp, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Dorey, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Boals, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100 Took-off:1141:30 Landed at:1255 (Early)	B
Patterson, Pilot, Lt. Cartwright, Co-Pilot Allen, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Brien, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bain, Radio Gunner, M/Sgt. Spor, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	002 Took-off:1142 Landed at:1416	B
Braden, Pilot, Lt. Condit, Co-Pilot, F/O. <del>Kearney, Nav-Bomb., Lt.</del> Moore, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Olson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Aldrich, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gehring, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	009 Took-off:1142:30 Landed at:1258	B
Welch, Pilot, Captain Collins, Co-Pilot, F/O. Carroll, Nav-Bomb., Lst. Lt. Bowles, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Krumppoch, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McLead, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842 Took-off:1131:30 Landed at:1357	B
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	785 Took-off:1132 Landed at:1356	B
Limberg, Pilot, Lt. Baucum, Co-Pilot, Lt.	442nd NO TAKE OFF.	077 <del>Take-off</del>	