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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 45. Day Operation 9 July 1943

Twenty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Palazzolo, Sicily. They were escorted by Spitfires from Malta. One B-26 landed at Malta prior to bombing. Three B-26's returned early: two were spares and one because of engine trouble. The target was bombed successfully. Twenty-two B-26's returned to this base on schedule. One B-26 landed at Malta for fuel and returned to this base at 21:45.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: From 3,500', 97° T for 255 miles to rendezvous with escort at 36° 20' N, 14° 30' E at 10,000'; 22° T for 32 miles to Sampieri; turn left, curve right 14 miles to I.P. at Ragusa; bomb-run, 45° T for 13 miles at 9,300'; breakaway right.

From target: 180° turn to right, to Sampieri; 202° T for 32 miles; 277° T for 255 miles direct to this base.

Bombs: 156 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuses, carried by 26 B-26's. 6 x 500 lb demolition bombs at Malta in plane that landed there before bombing. 18 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in plane that returned early. 131 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area. 1 x 500 lb demolition bomb returned to this base, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 16:30 and 16:52; rendezvous, 18:14; target, 18:28; B-26's down at this base between 20:20 and 20:32. One B-26 down at this base at 21:45, after landing at Malta for fuel.

Results: Bombs of the first squadron landed in the center of the town, and extending to the edge of the target; bombs of two planes landed over at the crossroads northeast of the town. Bombs of the second squadron scored direct hits in the barracks-like buildings on eastern edge of target and walked up the southeastern and eastern edge of the town through the wooded park.

Flak: No flak was encountered or seen.

Observations: (1) A large fire was observed coming at Catania, at 18:28 from 9,800'.

(2) One crew reported numerous pill-boxes on Sicily scattered along the course, at 18:35 from 9,800'.

(3) One member of one crew reported sandy-colored "runway strips" in the form of a cross just E of Sampieri at 36° 43' N, 14° 45' E. Strips were reported to be only 1,000' long. Sighted at 18:22 from 11,000'.

(4) 2 M/V's, 200' and 300' respectively anchored off Augusta, sighted at 18:35 from 9,800'.

(5) 2 small M/V's in harbor at Syracuse, sighted at 18:30 from 9,800'.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

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Photography: 1 K-17 camera was returned to this base in one of the B-26's which returned early. 1 K-17 and 1 K-20 camera provide the bomb-strike photographic coverage for this mission.

Weather: Enroute, hazy; target, CAVU; return, 2/10 low scattered cumulous clouds at Tunisian coast.

Our Losses: None. No planes damaged.

Comments: None.

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Flight Commander - Capt. Marble
 Deputy Flight Commander - Capt. Chase

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>VAN MARTER</u> 023	<u>CARTER</u> 894	<u>FRAGDE</u> 798
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>GRAVES</u> 763	<u>ROBERTS</u> 307	<u>FRESCH</u> 842
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>CARRAHER</u> 056	<u>MOULIKY</u> 283	<u>DAYRAVIAN</u> 964
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>DOXSEE</u> 017	<u>HOLMES</u> 298	<u>LIMBERG</u> 074

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>KENNEDY</u> 002	<u>MC VAY</u> 595	<u>PATTERSON</u> 980
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>BRADEN</u> 036	<u>DOBNEY</u> 189	<u>STELL</u> 984
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>PERRY</u> 013	<u>HARRIS</u> 882	<u>PETERSON</u> 785
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 920	<u>DIETER</u> 933	<u>STUMM</u> 853

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<u>SHIGART</u> 010	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 046	<u>BLAKE</u> 100	<u>HALLWELL</u> 861 N
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July 9

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 520

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 268C (M) Bomb Wing (Prov), APO 520.

1. The following is the location of cameras of the formation as over the target (Palazzo, Sicily) of this Group this date:

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WILLIAM COOK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Asst. S-1 Officer

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
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9 July 1943

THE FOLLOWING COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATED IN RAID ON PALLAZOLA, SICILY,
9 JULY ~~XXXX~~ 1943:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	894	© Took-off: 1630 Landed at: 1650-30 2020 Capt. Marble flew as Flt. Comm.
Feagin, Pilot, F/O. Orr, Co-Pilot, F/O. Rose, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	B Took-off: 1630:30 Landed at: 2021
Van Marter, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Clark, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Perkins, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023	B Took-off: 1631 Landed at: 2021 ³⁰
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Boff, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Butler, Bombardier, Capt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Capt. Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	B Took-off: 1631 ³⁰ Landed at: 2021 ³⁰ Capt. Chase flew as Dep. Flt. Comm.
Tresch, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Wilbur, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Key, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Dore, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Carter, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	842	B Took-off: 1632 Landed at: 2022
Graves, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Nolan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Swindler, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Yim, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	763	B Took-off: 1632 ³⁰ Landed at: 2022

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Swigart, Pilot, F/O. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Dufour, Nav-Bomb. S/Sgt. Stone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	010 B Took-off: 1642 Landed at: 2030
Morley, Pilot, Lt. Chandler, Co-Pilot, Lt. Harrison, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Caldwell, Engineer, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	283 B Took-off: 1633 Landed at: 2024
Bayramian, Pilot, Lt. Baker, Co-Pilot, Lt. Goldberg, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gilbert, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Naudren, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	964 B Took-off: 1633 ³⁰ Landed at: 2024 ⁺
Carraher, Pilot, Lt. Freeman, Co-Pilot, Lt. Leahy, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Plakois, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Shans, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Johnson, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	056 B Took-off: 1634 Landed at: 2024 ⁺
Holmes, Pilot, Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, Lt. Thrankardt, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298 B Took-off: 1634 ³⁰ Landed at: 2025
Limberg, Pilot, Lt.	442nd FAILED TO TAKE OFF.	074
Doxsee, Pilot, Lt. Speigel, Co-Pilot, Lt. Amundson, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wiseman, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017 B Took-off: 1635 ³⁰ Landed at: 2025 ⁺
Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	048 B Took-off: 1643 ³⁰ Landed at: 2021

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NAMES OF THE CREW.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
McVay, Pilot, 1st Lt. Heinberg, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain, Corson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, S.sgt. Watkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	595	Took off 1635 Landed 2028 C
Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cartwright, Co, Pilot, P/O Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Brien, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Baine, Radio Gunner, M/Sgt. Spor, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	980	<i>Capt Helt</i> <i>Did not take off</i> Took off Landed at. B
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldon, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	002	<i>Capt Main</i> Took off 1636 ³⁰ Landed 2029 B
Dobney, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stevens, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Potter, Engineer gunner, S.sgt. Lancock, Radio gunner, Sg/t Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	441st	189	Took off 1637 Landed at. 2029 B
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Steinberg, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Farr, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Pvt. Barker, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	984	Took off 1637 ³⁰ Landed at. 2028 ⁺ B
Braden, Pilot, 1st Lt. Walker, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Olson, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Aldrich, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Lyons, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	036	Took off 1638 ³⁰ Landed at. 1830 B
Harris, Pilot, Captain Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt. Woodbury, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	882	Took off 1639 Landed at. 2030 ⁺ C

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Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	785
Lumpkin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1639 ³⁰
Morocco, Bombardier, Navigator, S/sgt.		Landed at. <i>Landed at Malta</i>
Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Kieffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Ferry, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	013
Edwards, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1652
Ferrara, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed at 1830
Wells, Engineer gunner, Pfc.		
Dean, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Dieter, Pilot, Captain,	444th	933
Nash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 1640 ³⁰
Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed at. 2032 ⁺
Greer, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	853
English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1641
Bowen, Bombardier, Navigator, S/sgt.		Landed at. 2031
Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Tucker, Radio gunner, T/sgt.		
oe, Aerial gunner, Corporal.		
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	920
Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O		Took off 1641 ³⁰
Breeding, Navigator, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed at. <i>Landed at Malta</i>
Horne, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Sewell, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	861
Buckhout, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1643
Ditmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed at. 2025
Etsel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Bourgault, Aerial gunner, S.sgt.		
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	100
<i>Levin</i> Stamm , Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		took off 1642 ³⁰
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed at 1915
Formicelli, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Smith, Aerial gunner, Pvt.		

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NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
Fair, Pilot, Lt.	444th	260
Green, Co, Pilot, Lt.		Took off 0637
Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed at. 0932
Babler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Hawey, Radio gunner, Cpl.		
Mikles, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	853,
Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off 0630 Landed at. 0933
Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt.		
Snebold, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Petroski, Aerial gunner, W/Sgt.		