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

Intelligence Narrative No. 46 Day Operation 10 July 1943.

Twenty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Vizzini, Sicily. Seven returned early;

- 1 - Faulty hydraulic system
- 1 - Oil leak
- 1 - High blower failure
- 1 - Magneto trouble
- 1 - Engine failure
- 1 - Low fuel pressure
- 1 - Spare ship.

They were escorted by Spitfires from Malta. Twelve B-26's of the first squadron dropped their bombs to the east of the target; the second squadron was unable to identify the target, and failed to drop.

The right engine of one bomber started smoking over the target, and this aircraft made an emergency landing at Pantelleria. It was observed to overshoot the runway, crash through a house and burn. Fate of the crew is unknown. Twenty-one of our bombers returned to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 93° T for 255 miles, starting at 3500' this base, rendezvousing at $36^{\circ} 30'$ N, $14^{\circ} 30'$ E at 10,000, curve to the left, making landfall at OP, Sampieri; 10° T to IP at Balada di Medico to 10,500; 348° T for 15 miles to target at 10,000.

Return: Breakaway to left, 65 miles at 9500 to $37^{\circ} 09'$ N, $13^{\circ} 22'$ E, reciprocal course homeward. (22 1/2 miles for 273° T)

Bombs: 232 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay tail fuse, carried by 29 B-26's. 56 x 300-lb. bombs returned to this base in the early returns. 96 x 300-lb. bombs dropped over target. 80 x 300-lb. bombs returned in the aircraft of the second squadron.

Chronology: Time off between 1439 and 1455 hours; rendezvous 1615 hours, bombs away 1640, time down between 1810 and 1818 hours.

Results: No direct hits scored on Vizzini. First squadron's bombs landed east of the target on the road north of Licodea Eubea. Second squadron failed to drop because of their failure to identify the target.

Flak: Very slight inaccurate heavy flak encountered during the bombing run south of Vizzini from unobserved positions: There were only 8 bursts counted, crews report three orange, 2 white, 3 black colored bursts.

Observations:

1. Two enemy aircraft were seen - both ME-109's. One gray-green with blue bottom and black crosses, was flying N at 10000 at $37^{\circ} 07'$ N, $14^{\circ} 15'$ E at 1646 from 10000. One black ME-109 with white crosses heading N on deck

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just E of Biscari S. Pietro A/D at 1641 from 10000.

2. Three trucks were seen headed S on road S of Biscari S. Pietro at 1646 from 10000. (37° 05' N, 14° 31' E).

3. One man of one crew reports what is believed to have been 6 or 8 orange-colored parachutes over country side.

4. Numerous scattered fires in 10 mile belt extending inland from southern Sicilian coast in vicinity of Dommalucata, 1650, 10000.

5. There were no signs of life or activity at either Comiso or Biscari S. Pietro A/D's. Biscari S. Pietro was covered with bomb craters.

Weather: En route, 5/10's stratus cumulus at 10000, otherwise CAVU; target CAVU; return same as en route.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 2686 (M) Bomb Wing (Prov), APO 520.

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

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WILLIAM COOK
1st Lt., Air Corps
Ass't. Gp. S-2 O.

MISSION NO. 53

10 July 1945

FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPTAIN BELCHER

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER-CAPTAIN DIETER

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>ROSS</u> 283	<u>BATRD</u> 056
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>CHURCH</u> 077	<u>MEYER</u> 298	<u>LOVECE</u> 999
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>WALKER</u> 984	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 595	<u>CHURCH</u> 051
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>OWEN</u> 002	<u>KIRLEY</u> 189	<u>PATTERSON</u> 009

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BULLARD</u> 882	<u>BOOTH</u> 904	<u>TOWNS</u> 978
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>FAIR</u> 861	<u>URNER</u> 295	<u>BURNS</u> 013
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>FRAGIN</u> 798	<u>SWALL</u> 894	<u>BURNS</u> 027
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>BUTLER</u> 763	<u>WELCH</u> 195	<u>LUTTRELL</u> 010

SPARES

<u>DAVIS</u> 074	<u>KOONTZ</u> 036	<u>CONLEY</u> 853	<u>TUCK</u> 575-N
<u>LIMBERG</u> 964	<u>TIMMONS</u> 926	<u>WEINBERG</u> 061	<u>BIGELOW</u> 023

RADIO: CHANNEL "B"
BOMBER CALL-SAXHORN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON VIZZINI ~~SICILY~~ SICILY 10 July, 1943.

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Ross, Pilot, Lt. Thompson, Co, Pilot, Lt. Beatty, Navigator, Lt. Bombardier. Rogers, Navigator, Captain Rogers. Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Moberly, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd F/C Captain (Pappy) Belcher	283 Take off 1439 Landed at. 1807
Baird, Pilot, 1st Lt. Byram Byram, Co, Pilot, Lt. Walker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Gomez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	056 Took off 1439½ Landed at. 1807 ³⁰
Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Tiemann, Co, Pilot, Lt. Monroe, Bombardier, Lt. Stander, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lt. Polk, Observer. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Griffin, Aerial gunner,	442nd	048 Took off 1440 Landed at. 1807 ³⁰
Meyer, Pilot, Captain, Immelriech, Co, Pilot, Lt. Fargo, Navigator bombardier, T/sgt. Decuir, avigator, Lt. Dewitte, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd Capt Dieter, Dep. F/C	298 Took off 1440½ Landed at 1808
Lovece, Pilot, Baucaum, Co, Pilot, Lt. Evans, Bombardier, Lt. Branning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wright, Radio gunner, S/ Sgt Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 Took off 1441 Landed at. 1808 ³⁰
Church, Pilot, Lt. James, Co, Pilot, Lt. Hermann, Bombardier, Lt. Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	077 Took off. 1441½ Landed at. 1809
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain, Milton, Co, Pilot, Lt. Shevelson, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Fishman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bofiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Cain, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	595 Took off 1442 Landed at. 1809

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Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. Riley, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brosi, Bombardier, S/sgt. Dolan, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Meeker, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st Captain, (Whip) Macia.	051 Took off 922 144 Landed at. 1809 ³⁰
Walker, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hayward, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Allen, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. O'Keefe, Engineer gunner, 1st Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Dickinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	984 Took off 1443 Landed at. 1809 ³²
Kirley, Pilot, Captain <i>NO 708's. Capt. copilot</i> Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Delaware, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner T/sgt. Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt	441st	139 Took off 1443 ² Landed. 174 <i>of early</i>
Patterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Cartwright, Co, Pilot, F/O Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Brien, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bain, Radio Gunner, M/Sgt. Spor, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st Captain Holt, Observer.	009 Took off 1444 Landed 1810
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kapstein, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Bombardier, T/sgt. Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt. Berdaus, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Foss, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	441st Laforest, Cpl Observer,	002 Took off 1444 ² Landed at. 1810 ³⁰
Booth, Pilot, Captain, Jackson, Co, Pilot, F/O Nerone, Navigator, Captain, Ott, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, pl.	444th	904 took off 922 1445 Landed at. 1813 ³⁰
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT TAKE OFF. ! MAG. DROP .	978
Bullard, 1st Lt.	444th THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT TAKE OFF. ! Plugs.	882

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Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Nb. 2nd Lt. Ferrin, Observer, Captain, Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	295 Took off 1447 Landed at. 1815
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Taylor, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rameraz, Bombardier, Sgt. Snebold, Engineer gunner, Smith, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Petroski, Aerial gunner, M/sgt.	444th	013 Took off 1446 Landed at 1735
Fair, Pilot, 2nd Lt	444th THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT TAKE OFF FUEL PRESSURE	861
Swall, Pilot, Captain, Co, Pilot, Brown, 2nd Lt. Kardis, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Williams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lewis, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Mountain, T/ Sgt. aerial gunner,	443rd	894 Took off 1448½ Landed at. 1811
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Bombardier 2nd Lt. Dore, Navigator, 1st Lt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027 Took off 1449 Landed at. 1800
Feagin, Pilot, F/o Orr, Co, Pilot, F/O Rose, Bombardier, S/sgt. Stevens, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798 Took off 1449 ½ Landed at. 1810
Welch, Pilot, Captain, Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O Carroll, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Krompoch, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. McLead, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	195 Took off 1150 Landed at Pantelleria
Luttrell, Pilot, Captain, Yeager, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dicky, Bombardier, Pfc. Hart, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	010 Took off 1450½ Landed at. 1818

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Butler, Pilot, F/O Landrum, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Chambers, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Bushong, Photographer, Cpl.	443rd	763 B Took off 1451 Landed at. 1815 ³⁰
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. White, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Schinkell Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Marble, Captain, Observer.	443rd	575 B Took off 1451 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1620 (early)
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bracken, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Leffler, Bombardier, Sgt. Mc Cloud, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Chelfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Fant, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842. B Took off 1455 Landed at. 1814 ³⁰
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Vandergrift, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Werrich, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Dorey, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Corp, Aerial gunner, Pvt.	441st	036 B Took off 1452 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed at. 1528 (early)
Conley, Pilot, F/O Coulter, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stockweather, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Bolloman, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Conley, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Reynolds, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	853 B Took off 1447 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed t. 1814
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Peterson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	061 B Took off 1454 Landed at. 1645 (early)
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Vaille, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Gearing, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Foster, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	946 B Took off 1453, Landed at 1513 (early)
Davis, Pilot, Lt. Young, Co, Pilot, Lt. Ablen, Bombardier, Lt.	442nd	074 B No take off

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SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

964 B

Limberg, Pilot, Lt.
 Dryer, Co, Pilot, Lt.
 Stokes, Bombardier, S/sgt.
 Cerchario, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Clark, Aerial gunner, Ssgt.

Took off 1452,

Landed at. 1806