

Intelligence Narrative No. 47, Day Operation 11 July 1943.

Twenty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Gerbini A/D #11, Sicily. They were escorted by Spitfires from Malta. Five B-26's, all spares, returned early. Twenty-two B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule. Two B-26's landed safely at this base at 2100 after landing at Malta.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: from 3500, 90° T for 58 miles to rendezvous with 319th Bombardment Group (M) at Menzel Kuerr; 95° T for 195 miles to 36° 30' N, 14° 30' E, at 16000, point of rendezvous with escort; curve to left 22 miles to Religione Point; 30° T, curve to left for 47 miles to IP, Lentini; bomb run 309° T for 12 miles at 9800; breakaway left.

From target: 213° for 80 miles to 36° 33' N, 14° 00' E; 73° for 225 miles direct to this base, dropping to 3000.

Bombs: 232 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, .045 second delay fuses, carried by 29 B-26's. 40 x 500-lb. demolition bombs returned to this base in spares that returned early. 192 x 500-lb. demolition bombs dropped in vicinity of target.

Chronology: Time off between 1350 and 1406; on course 1420; rendezvous with escort 1530; target 1602; down at this base between 1745 and 1756.

Results: Target was missed entirely. Bombs were dropped on a long plowed strip which was mistaken for the runway, beyond the target.

Flak: No flak was encountered over the target. Slight heavy flak was observed, but not encountered, at Scordia. Moderate heavy flak was observed but not encountered bursting 4/5 miles west of Religione Point on crossing coast at 1544 from 9500. One crew reported two planes in the vicinity of these bursts.

Observations:

- 1) 18 trucks in convoy headed SW at 37° 22' N, 15° 00' E, sighted at 1602 from 9800.
- 2) Large fire at the southern edge of Catania, sighted at 1600 from 10300.
- 3) Two ships burning near Cape Murro di Porco, sighted at 1559 from 10200.
- 4) One crew reported 15 small boats and 1 S/P in Augusta harbor, at 1600 from 10000.
- 5) New landing ground at 37° 22' N, 14° 36' E, consisting of a field with grass mowed down by taxiing. One glider was seen landing, and one glider was stationary on the field, at 1605 from 9500.
- 6) 1 JU-52 flying northeast at 6000, over Lentini, at 1501 from 10200.
- 7) Two S/E unidentified A/C seen behind escort, at 1606 from 9500.
- 8) Two slate blue ME-109's flying at 4000, headed northeast, seen on approach to the target at 1559 from 10200.
- 9) At Gerbini A/D #4, 7 A/C, unidentified; at Gerbini A/D #5, 5 T/E A/C and 6 S/E A/C, one of which was taking off, sighted at 1602 from 9800.
- 10) Crews that returned late after landing at Malta reported revetments lining both sides of Gerbini A/D #11, and 10/15 S/E and T/E A/C parked in them, at 1602 from 9800.

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11) 11 small boats (TLI or MT) going due east at high speed midway between Tunis and Pantelleria, at 1705 from 9000.

Weather: En route 2/10 scattered cumulus at 6000 over water and Sicily; target CAVU. Return same as en route.

Our losses: None. No planes damaged.

Comments: None.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

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MISSION # 54

11 July 1943

Flight Commander - Col GREGORY
 DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - Maj. SULLIVAN

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>WALKER</u> 946	<u>MILLER</u> 985 575	<u>BLAKE</u> 980
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>MONTGOMERY</u> 100	<u>NIGLEY</u> 985 984	<u>HOY</u> 002
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>HULLARD</u> 920	<u>GOODSON</u> 933	<u>FAIR</u> 260
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>SUND</u> 295	<u>BARRETT</u> 904	<u>TOWNS</u> 861

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BARBER</u> 851	<u>CARTER</u> 307	<u>VAN MATTER</u> 027
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>SWIGART</u> 010	<u>TICK</u> 575	<u>CALHOUN</u> 798 842
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>HOLLERS</u> 017	<u>DOUGLASS</u> 298	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 092
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>MILLER</u> 074	<u>MORLEY</u> 283	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 964

S P A R K S

<u>DOHNEY</u> 051 N	<u>PEGHLY</u> 953	<u>GRAVES</u> 763	<u>DAVIS</u> 859 N
<u>KOONTZ</u> 001	<u>STURGE</u> 061	<u>BIGLOW</u> 812 894	<u>CARLANER</u> 056

RADIO : CHANNEL "A"
 BOMBING CALL * BEACON

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON GERBINI A/D #3, 11 JULY.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Miller, Pilot, Captain Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Lehman, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. McGeever, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Berdaus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Watkins, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	595	<i>C</i> Took-off: 1350 Landed at: <i>17:45</i> Lt. Col. Gregory flew as Flight Commander.
Blake, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Levine, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Camp, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Formicelli, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Smith, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	441st	980	<i>B</i> Took-off: <i>13:50</i> Landed at: <i>17:45</i>
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Braden, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Blair, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Olson, Engineer Gunner, Aldrich, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Foss, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	946	<i>B</i> Took-Off: <i>13:51</i> Landed at: <i>17:45</i> <i>17:46</i>
KIRLEY, Pilot, Captain Horras, Co-Pilot, Captain Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Capt. Delaware, Engineer Gunner, Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	984	<i>B</i> Took-off: <i>13:52</i> Landed at: <i>17:45</i> <i>17:46</i> Maj. Sullivan flew as Dep. Flight Commander.
Hoy, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Condit, Co-Pilot, F/O. Moore, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Christianson, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kary, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	441st	002	<i>B</i> Took-off: <i>13:52</i> Landed at: <i>17:47</i>
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Lakoe, Co-Pilot, F/O. Tapp, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Gearing, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	100	<i>B</i> Took-off: <i>13:53</i> Landed at: <i>17:47</i> Capt Holt flew as Observer.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Goodson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	933	① Took-off: 1353:30 Landed at: 17:47½
Fair, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Green	444th	260	THIS PLANE FAILED TO TAKE OFF.
Bullard, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Stephens, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeVaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	① Took-off: 1354:30 Landed at: <i>Landed Malta</i>
Barrett, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Weinberg, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Perrin, Bombardier, Captain Merone, Navigator, Capt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Crass, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	904	① Took-off: 1355 Landed at: 17:48
Towns, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	861	THIS PLANE FAILED TO TAKE OFF.
Sund, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Sullivan, Co-Pilot, P/O. Fair, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wadzek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	295	① Took-off: 1356 Landed at: <i>Landed Malta</i>
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Stevens, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	① Took-off: 1356:30 Landed at: 17:56
Van Karter, 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	027	① Took-off: 1357 Landed at: 17:56½ Lt. Nadeau flew as observer.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	FLAME NO.	
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 Took-off:1357:30 Landed at: 17:48 $\frac{1}{2}$	B
Tuck, Pilot, 1st. Lt. White, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Schinkel, Engineer, Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McCahh, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575 Took-off:1358 Landed At; ' 17:49	B
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	842 Took-off:1358:30 Landed at: 17:49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pfc Gad flew as Photo.	B
Swigart, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Duforn, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Stone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	010 Took-ff:1359 Landed at: 17:50	B
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Spegel, Co-Pilot, Lt. Amundson, Nav-Bomba, Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	298 Took-off:1359:30 Landed at: 17:49 $\frac{1}{2}$ Maj. Gladden, flew as observer.	B
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	092 Took-off:1400 Landed at: 17:55	B
Holmes, Pilot, Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, Lt. Thranhardt, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017 Took-off:1400:30 Landed at: 17:50 $\frac{1}{2}$	B

NAMES OF CREWS
Morley, Pilot, Lt.
Chandler, Co-Pilot, Lt.
Harrison, Nav-Bomb., Lt.
Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.

SQUADRON
442nd

PLANE NO.
283

Took-off: 1401
Landed at: 17:51

B

Lt. Cook flew as observer.

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
Took-off: 1401:30
Landed at: 17:51

B

Miller, Pilot, Lt.
Bougher, Co-Pilot, ~~1st~~ P/O.
Payton, Nav-Bomb., Lt.
Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
Conlon, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

074
Took-off: 1402
Landed at: 17:51 1/2

B

NAMES OF THE CREWS.

SQUADRON

PLANENO.

Dobney, Pilot, 1st Lt.

441st

051

THIS PLANE DID NOT TAKE OFF

Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

441st

001 ~~110~~
take off 1402½
Landed at. 15:50

Vandegrift, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Weyrich, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.

Dorey, Engineer gunner, Sgt.

Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Wignac Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt.

444th

853
Took off 1403

Edwards, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Haddock, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.

Wells, Engineer gunner, Pfc.

Dean, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Landed 17:48

Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.

444th

061
took off 1404
Landed at. 17:48½

Weir, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Bowen, Bombardier, T/sgt.

Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Noe, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

Burt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt.

443rd

763
took off 1403½
Landed at. 15:40

Nolan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.

Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.

F... Engineer gunner, Sgt.

Miles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Yim, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt.

443rd

894
took off 1405
Landed at. 15:50

Bracken, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Leffler, Bombardier, Sgt.

McCloud, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.

Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Fant, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.

442nd

859
took off 1406

Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Ablen, Bombardier, Lt.

Dunn, Engineer gunner, S. sgt.

Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Conant, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Landed at. 15:42

Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt.

442nd

056
Took off 1403½

Freeman, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.

Leahy, Bombardier, Lt.

Palkonis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.

Shavs, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Landed 15:48