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

Intelligence Narrative No. 49 Day Operation 13 July 1943.

Thirty-two B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Carcitella I/G. Nine returned early, seven of which were spares. The eighth came back early because of high blower failure, the ninth because of a sick crew member. They were escorted by 48 P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group. The target was bombed successfully. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: 92° T for 35 miles, 53° T for 40 miles to rendezvous at Cape ed Dreik with the P-40's at 5000; 76° T for 112 miles, climbing, to 37° 30' N, 12° 36' E, 51° T, passing over Forte Palo (OP) at 10500, to a point 6 miles south of S. Margherita Belice; then a sweeping turn to the left to the IP, Salami; 260° T for 10 miles at 10000 to the target. Breakaway to the left, diving to 9500, to target 220° T to 37° 13' N, 12° 01' E. From this point a reciprocal course homeward, dropping gradually to 3500 at arrival this base.

Bombs: 192 x 500-lb. bombs, 1/10 delay nose fuse, 45 second delay tail fuse, carried by 32 B-26's.

54 x 500-lb. bombs, 1/10 delay nose fuse, 45 second delay tail fuse, returned to this base in the 9 planes which returned early.

132 x 500-lb. bombs, 1/10 delay nose fuse, 45 second delay tail fuse, dropped on the target.

2 bombs which failed to drop on "select" were salvaged just beyond the target. Bomb strikes, this salvo, were unobserved.

4 bombs hung up over the target and were returned to this base.

Chronology: Time off between 0716 and 0739; on course 0745; rendezvous 0811, bombs away 0857; time down between 0945 and 1006.

Results: One string of bombs started near the east end of the east-west runway, walking diagonally across the field toward the north end of the north-south runway. Another string landed south of the east-west runway and walked west off the field. A third string landed short to the east, missing the landing ground completely.

Flak: At Salami barrage types of white puffs were seen; accurate for altitude, very inaccurate for deflection.

Slight to moderate, fairly accurate (100-200 yards away from formation) above the Partanna area.

After the target slight light flak, very low and inaccurate was observed being fired at the formation from Ciavolo.

Positions:

- 1) Heavy guns at 37° 46' N, 12° 46' E.
- 2) Another at 37° 41' N, 12° 46' E.
- 3) Four-gun position, light, on hill near a stream south of Carcitella.
- 4) Moderate, heavy, inaccurate fire from S. Margherita Belice.
- 5) 3 batteries were reported to south end of Castelvetrano A/D.
- 6) There was at least one heavy gun position in a clump of olive trees between Partanna and S. Rinfa.

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Enemy aircraft: At the target, immediately following "bombs away," two silver ME-210's were sighted directly behind the formation and at the same altitude. One attacked the B-26 flying position No. 2 from level 6 o'clock. The enemy aircraft opened fire beyond range and closed to 400 yards still firing, when the tail gunner of the attacked bomber opened fire, pouring 35 rounds into the cockpit. The attacking aircraft peeled off to the right and fell out of control to the ground two or three miles west of Carcitella L/G, at 0858 from 10000.

Two black ME-109's jumped bomber flying No. 3 of the last element at the same time, attacking in a similar manner. They came in flying abreast at 6 o'clock at the same altitude as the bombers. They broke away to the right and one ME-109 resumed the attack, again from 6 o'clock level. The tail gunner shot 100 to 250 rounds in the two attacks and saw some tracers enter below the engine of the second ME-109.

Summary: 1 ME-210 destroyed,
1 ME-109 damaged.

Observations:

- 1) There were 19 S/E E/A well dispersed (approximately 400 ft. between planes) on the Carcitella L/G. The majority of the planes, about 90%, were on the east side of the north-south runway. No revetments or attempts at camouflage were seen.
- 2) A large convoy of 15 to 18 large trucks of square, box-like appearance, resembling moving vans, were seen heading north at a large turn in the road at $37^{\circ} 49' N, 12^{\circ} 58' E$, north of Gibellina at 0850 from 11000. When first seen they were moving slowly, but they stopped, probably upon sighting our planes. There were two S/E A/C describing lazy eights above this convoy. They were at first thought to be attacking, but upon closer observation were seen to be merely flying above and were assumed to be flying escort. Three fires of about the size that would be made by a burning truck were seen near or on the road in the vicinity of these parked vehicles, and one or more of these trucks may perhaps have been burning.
- 3) 8 trucks headed southwest on the road 5 miles southwest from Salemi, at 0850 from 11000.
- 4) No activity on Bo Rizzo A/D, at 0857 from 10000.
- 5) 9 small, barge-like boats drawn up to the shore at $37^{\circ} 45' N, 12^{\circ} 28' E$, at 0900 from 9800.
- 6) 1 small M/V leaving the south harbor entrance at Marsala at 0900 from 9000.
- 7) The crew of one of the planes reported two submarines just below the surface of the water at $36^{\circ} 58' N, 11^{\circ} 13' E$, heading toward the tip of Cape Bon at 0845 from 200.
- 8) Two 18-car trains in the marshalling yards at San Ninfa at 0856 from 10500.
- 9) Defense activity was noted as follows:
 - a. 1 to 2 mile trench running roughly east-west at $37^{\circ} 42' N, 13^{\circ} 00' E$, at 0855 from 10500.
 - b. A 1-mile long trench, running roughly east-west at $37^{\circ} 47' N, 12^{\circ} 50' E$.
 - c. A short trench and road block was seen at 116939, GSGS 1-100, Sheet 266. Confirming photo of these three trenches was sent in with the bomb strike photos marked for the attention of Major Adams.

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Our losses: One damaged airplane.

Injuries: One crew member sustained minor injury from flak.

Comments: None.

Press Data: Victory Claimant, S/Sgt. M. R. Reyes, 10050457,
Home town address: Kingsville, Texas.
Nearest relative: Ruben Reyes, P O Box 206, Kingsville, Texas.

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FLIGHT COMMANDER
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER

MAJOR GLADDEN
CAPTAIN HORRAS

"A"

<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>LUTTRELL</u> 010	<u>ROBERTS</u> 894	<u>WILBUR</u> 842
<u>BLUE 2A"</u>	<u>TRESCH</u> 307	<u>TUCK</u> 575	<u>CALHOUN</u> 027
<u>YELLOW "A"</u>	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 298	<u>ROSS</u> 283	<u>LOVECE</u> 999
<u>GREEN "A"</u>	<u>HIMMELREICH</u> 092	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 596	<u>THOMPSON</u> 964

"B"

<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>MC GLANNON</u> 036	<u>PATTERSON</u> 984	<u>HAYWARD</u> 980
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>WALKER</u> 001	<u>MC VAY</u> 189	<u>OWEN</u> 002
<u>YELLOW "B"</u>	<u>PERRY</u> 853	<u>TONNS</u> 904	<u>HALLONELL</u> 260
<u>GREEN "B"</u>	<u>STUMM</u> 013	<u>BOOTH</u> n295	<u>KISLER</u> 861

SPARES

<u>BARBER</u> 851	<u>SPEIGLE</u> 048	<u>RILEY</u> 009	<u>BULLARD</u> 061
<u>VAN KATER</u> 004	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u> 017	<u>STELL</u> 946	<u>SUND</u> 920 N

RADIO: CHANNEL "A"
BOMBER CALL "FIRETREE"

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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13 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Photos.

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

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

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JAMES H. MACIA Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps
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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON CARCITELLA, 13 JULY 1943.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Butler, Bombardier, Captain Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	894	<i>C</i> Took-off:0716 Landed at: 0951 Maj. Gladden flew as Flight Commander.
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Akin, Co-Pilot, F/O. Kimbrow, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842	<i>B</i> Took-off:0716:30 Landed at: 0952 Cpl. LeForrest flew as Photo.
Luttrell, Pilot, Captain Yeager, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Dickey, Nav-Bomb, Pfc. Engineer Gunner, Marriott, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	<i>B</i> Took-off:0717:30 Landed at: 0951 ⁺
Tuck, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Poune, Co-Pilot, F/O. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Schinkel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575	<i>B</i> Took-off:0718 Landed at: 0952 ⁺ Capt. Horras flew as Dep. Flight Commander.
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Thompson, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Stevens, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	<i>B</i> Took-off:0718:30 Landed at: 0952 ⁺
Tresch, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Graves, Co-Pilot, F/O. Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Carter, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	307	<i>B</i> Took-off:0719 Landed at: 0953
Ross, Pilot, Lt. Defan, Co-Pilot, Lt. Beatty, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Moberly, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	283	<i>B</i> Took-off:0720 Landed at: 1006

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Lovece, Pilot, Lt. Baucum, Co-Pilot, Lt. Evans, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999	Took-off: 0721 Landed at: 0953 ⁺ C
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	056	Took-off: 0721:30 Landed at: 0953 ⁺ B
Heimroth, Pilot, Lt. Smith, Co-Pilot, Lt. Miller, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Mithbell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298	Took-off: 0722 Landed at: 0959 B
Thompson, Pilot, Lt. Stuhr, Co-Pilot, Lt. Baker, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt./. Burgess, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Siegel, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gunning, Aerial Gunner, S/Gt.	442nd	074	xxxxxx Took-off: 0723 Landed at: 0954 B
Himmelreich, Pilot, Lt. Tschirgi, Co-Pilot, Lt. Hooper, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gloeckner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Deselms, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	092	Took-off: 0724 Landed at: 0954 ⁺ B
Patterson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Cartwright, Co-Pilot, P/O. Allen, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Brien, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bain, Radio Gunner, M/Sgt. Spor, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	984	Took-off: 0725 Landed at: 1001 B
Hayward, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Hammond, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Allen, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Pope, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Orr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	980	Took-off: 0725:30 Landed at: 1001 ⁺ B

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
McGlannan, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Crotty, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Wilson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Foss, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Downing, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	036	Took-off:0726 Landed at: 1001 ⁺ B
McVay, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Faulantis, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Corson, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	441st	189	Took-off:0727:30 Landed at:0912 B
Owen, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Kapstein, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Eastburn, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lawless, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	002	Took-off:0728:30 Landed at: 1002 Capt. Macia flew as Observer. B
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Donahue, Co-Pilot, Lt. Bloom, Nav-Bomb., Cpl. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dickson, Aerial Gunner,	441st	001	Took-off:0729 Landed at: 1002 ⁺ Capt. Holt flew as Observer. B
Towns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Urner, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Burton, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Chouinard, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	904	Took-off:0736:30 Landed at: 1003 ⁺ C
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	260 441st	260	Took-off:0730 Landed at: 1003 ⁺ Capt. Dorman flew as Observer. B
Perry, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Edwards, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Haddock, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Dean, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	853	Took-off:0731 Landed at: 1004 B

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Booth, Pilot, Captain, Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ott, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Geisking Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	295	B
		Took-off:0731:30 Landed at: 0948	
		Lt. Geisking flew as Observer.	
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Meadows, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861	B
		Took-off:0732 Landed at: 0948 ⁺	
Stumm, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Weir, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Bowen, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. Burtt, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Nos, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	013	B
		Took-off:0733 Landed at:0838	
Barber, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Long, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Homsher, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Nelson, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851	B
		Took-off:0734 Landed at:0914	
Van Marter, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Clark, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Lillo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	004	B
		Took-off:0735 Landed at:0914	
Speigle, Pilot, Lt. Probasco, Co-Pilot, Lt. Darby, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	048	B
		Took-off:0738 Landed at:0906	
Bayramian, Pilot, Lt. Baker, Co-Pilot, Lt. Goldberg, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gilbert, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Naudrin, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	017	B
		Took-off:0734 Landed at: 0911	

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Riley, Pilot, Lt. Church, Co-Pilot, Lt. Brosi, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. DOLAN, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Meeker, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Christianson, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	009 Took-off:0735:30 Landed at:0945	B
Stell, Pilot, Lt. Heinberg, Co-Pilot, Lt. Rickless, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Levi, Engineer Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	946 Took-off:0737 Landed at:0923	B
Bullard, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	061 Took-off:0738:30 Landed at:0900	B
Sund, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O, Fair, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wadzek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920 Took-off:0729 Landed at:0910	C