

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 56, Day Operation, 31 July 1943

Thirty-seven B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb road junctions at Adrano, Sicily. They were escorted by 24 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group, and 18 Spitfires from Malta. Two B-26's returned early, one because of magneto failure and one because of a loose fuel-tank cover. One B-26 left the formation just east of Fantelleria enroute to the target, landed at Malta after jettisoning the bombs into the sea. Thirty-one B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule. Three B-26's returned to this base late after landing for fuel and minor engine repairs at Gela, Sicily.

Routes and Altitudes: 75 miles in a wide curve south of restricted area to Cape Mostela after rendezvous at 5,000' with P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group; 93° T for 221 miles to rendezvous with Spitfires at Pachino at 10,000'; 335° T for 54 miles to I.P., Ramacca climbing gradually to 12,000'; bomb run 22° T for 20 miles; break-away left; 207° T for 70 miles to Gela; 265° T for 174 miles; 75 miles direct to this base dropping to 3,000'.

Bombs: 222 x 500 lb demolition bombs 1/10, 25 second delay fuse, carried by 37 B-26's.

12 x 500 lb demolition bombs carried by 2 B-26's that returned early.

6 x 500 lb demolition bomb jettisoned in the sea by 1 B-26 that went to Malta prior to the bombing.

102 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target by 17 B-26's.

102 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base by 17 B-26's that failed to drop because of failure to identify the target.

Chronology: Time off between 08:39 and 08:03; rendezvous with P-38's and on course, 09:15; rendezvous with Spitfires, 10:42; target, 10:15; 30 B-26's down at this base between 12:45 and 12:56; 1 B-26 down at this base at 13:37; 3 B-26's down at this base between 16:32 and 17:09.

Results: The bombs of the 3rd Squadron scored direct hits on the road junction west of the town of Adrano, bracketing it with a good pattern. The 1st Squadron bombs and the 2nd flight of the 2nd Squadron were not dropped because of failure to identify the I.P. due to cloud cover, and consequent failure to identify the target. Bombs of the first flight of the 2nd Squadron started at the northwest corner of the town of Paterno and carried on across the road running east and west along the north edge of that town.

Flak: Slight heavy accurate flak was encountered over the target, which appeared to come from the southwestern slopes of Mt. Etna and Belpasso. This flak was inaccurate and very slight as encountered by the first two squadrons, and increased considerably in accuracy and slightly in intensity toward the end of the last flight.

Gun Positions:

- (1) 1 four gun heavy position just south of Adrano.
- (2) 1 heavy gun position on outskirts north-northwest of Adrano.
- (3) 4 heavy guns 1/2 mile south of road junction southwest of Adrano.

Gun Positions (Cont'd):

- (4) 1 heavy gun position just west of Nicolosi.
- (5) 1 heavy gun approximately two miles inland from Acireale.
- (6) 4 heavy guns in town of Bronte.
- (7) 2 heavy guns in hills just west of Biancaville.

Enemy Aircraft: None encountered.

Observations: (1) Fourteen trucks heading east on road east of Cinturipe, sighted at 11:15 from 12,000'.
(2) 20/30 truckconvoy heading south on Bronte-Adrano road, sighted at 11:15 from 12,000'.
(3) 1 S/E unidentified A/C flying at 12,000' heading 360°, north of Catania, seen at 11:15 from 12,000'.
(4) 2 S/E unidentified A/C flying north on the deck mid-way between Catania and Adrano sighted at 11:15 from 12,000'.
(5) A large fire with white smoke 3 miles inland from the mouth and along the north bank of the Dittaino River, was observed at 11:15 from 12,000'.
(6) Bridges across canals and water-courses in the vicinity of Paterno appeared all to be destroyed. Observed at 11:15 from 12,000'.

Our Losses: None. 2 B-26's damaged by flak. 1 B-26 is now at Malta, and requires an engine change.

Weather: Enroute, haze, 1/10 scattered cumulus at 4,000'; over the water, heavy cloud bank at 10,000' on southern side of Sicily; target, CAVU; Return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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SUBJECT: Photos.

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

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

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WILLIAM COOK
1st Lt., Air Corps
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MISSION NO. 67

F. MT COMMANDER - CAPTAIN DORMAN
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - CAPTAIN MORRAS

July 31, 1943

"A"			
<u>PERRY</u> 013	<u>HARRIS</u> 904	<u>BURNS</u> 147	
<u>MEYER</u> 024	<u>BARRETT</u> 292	<u>KISLER</u> 853	
<u>BULLARD</u> 920	<u>HALLOWELL</u> 025	<u>WEINBERG</u> 785	
<u>LUTTRELL</u> 900	<u>GRAVES</u> 575	<u>LONG</u> 842	
"B"			
<u>FRAGIN</u> 010	<u>SWALL</u> 004	<u>BURNS</u> 798	
<u>CALHOUN</u> 851	<u>BREWER</u> 307	<u>BRACKEN</u> 023	
<u>LIMBERG</u> 056	<u>ROSS</u> 983	<u>LADD</u> 048	
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 298	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>DAVIS</u> 859	
"C"			
<u>BAIRD</u> 035	<u>MORLEY</u> 283	<u>CHURCH</u> 179	
<u>WALKER</u> 946	<u>KENNEDY</u> 189	<u>BLAKE</u> 980	
<u>KOONTZ</u> 167	<u>HOY</u> 176	<u>CHURCH</u> 191	
<u>TIMMONS</u> 776	<u>DOBNEY</u> 912	<u>HAYWARD</u> 036	
SPARES			
<u>CONELY</u> 061	<u>BIGELOW</u> 027	<u>BRYANTIAN</u> 088	<u>STELL (N)</u> 030

ORDER OF LINEUP

RUNWAY NO. 1

HARRIS	904
PERRY	013
KISLER	853
HALLOWELL	025
BULLARD	920
LONG	842
SWALL	004
FRAGIN	010
BRACKEN	023
ROSS	983
LIMBERG	056
DAVIS	859
MORLEY	283
BAIRD	035
BLAKE	980
HOY	176

STELL (N) 030

RUNWAY NO. 2

BURNS	147
BARRETT	292
MEYER	024
WEINBERG	785
GRAVES	575
LUTTRELL	900
BURNS	798
BREWER	307
CALHOUN	851
LADD	048
MEYER	186
DEUTMAN	298
CHURCH	179
KENNEDY	189
WALKER	946
CHURCH	191

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ADRANO, SICILY 7/31/43:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Harris, Pilot, Captain Dorman, Co-Pilot, Captain, Burton, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Vaughn, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th Flight Commander.	904	Took-off:0839 Landed at: / 2 X 5 C
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Peterson, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	147	Took-off:0839:30 Landed at: / 2 X 5 C Capt. McCrory flew as Observer. Supp. Flight Commander
Perry, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Caffey, Co-Pilot, F/O. Chouinard, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	013	Took-off:0840 Landed at: / 2 X 5:50 B
Barrett, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Weir, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Shyrock, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	292	Took-off:0840:30 Landed at: / 2 X 6 B Capt. Horras flew as Dep. Flight Commander.
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Meadows, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853	Took-off:0841 Landed at: / 2 X 6:30 B
English, 2nd. Lt., Pilot Meyer, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ferrara, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	024	Took-off:0841:30 Landed at: / 2 X 6:30 B
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Lenz, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Etsel, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	025	Took-off:0842 Landed at: / 2 X 7 B

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Nagel, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Roberts, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Kuhne, Engineer, Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	785	Took-off: 0842:30 Landed at: Cpl. Bushong flew as photographer. B
Bullard, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Bryden, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bowen, Bombardier, S/Sgt. DeVaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920	Took-off: 0843 Landed at: 1247:30. C
Conley, Pilot, F/O. Coulter, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Peterson, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	061	Took-off: 0855 Landed at: 1248 B
Graves, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Yeager, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.	443rd	575	FAILED TO TAKE OFF.
Long, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O. Salterelli, Nav-Bomb., Pvt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Aramo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842	Took-off: 0844:30 Landed at: B
Luttrell, Pilot, Captain Smart, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Janeke, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	900	Took-off: 0845:30 Landed at: 1248 C
Swall, Pilot, Captain Brown, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Karidis, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Mountain, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	443rd	004	Took-off: 0846:30 Landed at: 1248:30. C
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Baker, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Mowry, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	Took-off: 0847 Landed at: 1248:30. B

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Feagin, Pilot, F/O. Cash, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Grant, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Gamble, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	010	Took-off:0848 Landed at: 1249 <i>B</i>
Brewer, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Boswell, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	Took-off:0849 Landed at: 1249 Capt. Roberts flew as Observer. <i>B</i>
Bracken, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Nolan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Tidwell, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023	Took-off:0850 Landed at: 1249:30 <i>B</i>
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Space, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Thompson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	851	Took-off:0850:30 Landed at: 1249:30 <i>B</i>
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Leffler, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Walt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	027	Took-off:0858:30 Landed at: 1254 <i>B</i>
Ross, Pilot, Lt. Defan, Co-Pilot, Lt. Thranhardt, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, S t. Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	983	Took-off:0851 Landed at: 1250 <i>C</i>
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	Took-off:0851:30 Landed at: 1250 <i>B</i>
Limberg, Pilot, Lt. James, Co-Pilot, Lt. Andrewson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	056	Took-off:0852 Landed at: 1251 <i>B</i>

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Meyer, Pilot, Captain Ingalls, Co-Pilot, Lt. Fargo, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. Dewitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	186	Took-off:0853 Landed at: / 25 / 30 Major Gladden flew as Observer.
Davis, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	859	FAILED TO TAKE OFF.
Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. (R. W.)	442nd	298	Took-off:0854 Landed at: / 25 2
Morley, Pilot, Lt. Chandler, Co-Pilot, Lt. Harrison, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Moran, Navigator, Lt. Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	283	Took-off:0854:30 Landed at: / 25 2:30
Church, Pilot, Lt. Dryer, Co-Pilot, Lt. Hermann, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	179	Took-off:0902 Landed at: / 25 /
Baird, Pilot, Lt. Byram, Co-Pilot, Lt. Walker, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Gomez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	Took-off:0855:30 Landed at: / 25 4
Bayramian, Pilot, Lt. Baker, Co-Pilot, Lt. Goldberg, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Gilbert, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Nardine, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088	Took-off:0901:30 Landed at: / 25 3 / 30
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Levine, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Viaille, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	189	Took-off:0856 Landed at: / 25 3:20

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Blake, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	980	B
Hammond, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt.		980	
Blackford, Nav-Bomb., Cpl.		Took-off:0857	
Formichelli, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1253	
Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Corp, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.			
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	946	B
Turner, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt.		946	
Scott, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt.		Took-off:0858	
O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		landed at:	
Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hoy, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	176	C
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Church, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	191	C
Dillon, Co-Pilot, F/O.		191	
Wilson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt.		Took-off:0859	
Lidicker, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.		Landed at:	
Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Sullivan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd. Lt.	441st	167	C
Vandegrift, Co-Pilot		167	
McFarland, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		Took-off:0859:30	
Dorey, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		Landed at:0935	
Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Kary, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.			
Dobney, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	912	C
Heinberg, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		912	
Corson, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.		Took-off:0900	
Trotter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Landed at:0930	
Wolf, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Hancock, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hayward, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	036	B
Oltman, Co-Pilot, F/O.		036	
Blair, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt.		Took-off:0900:30	
Pope, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		Landed at:	
Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Boals, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Timmons, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	776	B
Donahue, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.		776	
Rickless, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt.		Took-off:0901	
Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		Landed at:1255	
Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			

NAMES OF CREWS
Stall, Pilot, 1st. Lt.
STEINBERG, Co-pilot, 1st. Lt.
Fisher, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.
Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

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Landed at:1254:30