

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 57, Day Operation, 6 August 1943

Thirty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb road junction at Badjazzo, Sicily. They were escorted by 48 P-38's of the 14th Fighter Group. 3 B-26's returned early, all spares. 1 B-26 left the formation because of engine trouble just before the bomb run, landed at Palermo, Sicily for fuel and returned to this base late. Thirty-five B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: 95° T for 185 miles to Cape S. Vito, after rendezvous with escort over this base at 4,000'; 85° T for 34 miles to Cape Gallo; 68° T for 107 miles to Stromboli Island; 90° T, curve left to I.P., 38° 44' N, 15° 32' E, climbing gradually to 11,800'; bomb run, 180° T for 38 miles; breakaway left.

From target: curve north over Gulf of Milazzo to avoid flak, 255° T for 324 miles direct to this base, dropping to 3,000'.

Bombs: 234 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 39 B-26's.

18 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in spares that returned early.

6 x 500 lb demolition bombs left at Palermo, Sicily by the B-26 that landed there.

203 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

7 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base, 1 having hung up over the target and 6 not having been dropped by 1 B-26 because of failure to see the element leader drop.

Chronology: Time off between 09:20 and 09:41; rendezvous and on course, 09:55; target, 11:55; down at this base between 13:30 and 13:51.

Results: Heavy cloud coverage at the target made identification and accurate assessment of results difficult. The target junction was missed, but direct hits were scored on roads north and west of the junction.

Flak: Moderate heavy flak, inaccurate toward leading elements but increasing in accuracy toward the end of the formation, was encountered over the target area, commencing at landfall and continuing for 10 miles past the target. Barrage type flak was encountered directly over the target.

Heavy gun positions were observed at the following locations:

- (1) Three 3 gun batteries at north west edge of Measina.
- (2) 3 gun batteries in the town of Pardiso.
- (3) One 4 gun battery at the southern end of peninsula west of Gulf of Milazzo.
- (4) Two 2 gun positions on each side of the mouth of river at Sinnaro Bay.
- (5) 6 guns in bushes on the bank of the river at 38° 16' N, 15° 28' E.
- (6) 2/3 guns at village of Saponara Villafranca.

Flak Cont'd:

Gun positions Cont'd.

(7) Heavy gun battery at 2nd bend in road north of target road junction.

(8) Several guns at end of point at Cape Milazzo.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Observations: (1) Object in water believed to be a life raft, at 11° 55' N, 37° 38' E, sighted at 13:00 from 9,000'.

(2) 3/4 trucks headed toward Messina, seen on road west of our target intersection, at 11:52 from 11,800'.

(3) Aerial activity was sighted north east of Mt. Etna. P-38's of the escort were seen go back to participate, but activity was too far to the rear of the formation for further identification of types or nationality. A possible dog fight was suggested. Sighting at 11:49 from 12,500'.

(4) At Milazzo, 2 medium M/V's, one at outer edge of the harbor, and the other inside the harbor near the shore, were sighted at 12:00 from 10,000'.

(5) One crew member reported 2 medium M/V's and 2 smaller boats along the shore south of Messina, sighted at 11:54 from 12,500'.

(6) 1 small M/V headed east in the Gulf of Milazzo, sighted at 12:02 from 10,000'.

(7) 6 small unidentified naval vessels in V of V's formation headed east-northeast at high speed 20 miles north of Cefalu at 11:37 from 13,500'.

(8) Roads and highways generally appeared abandoned.

Our Losses: None. One B-26 damaged, 5 B-26's slightly damaged by flak.

Weather: Enroute, 8/10 cumulous cloud cover at 4,000'; target, 5/10 cumulous at 5,000'; return, 6/10 cumulous at 4,000'.

Comments: Escort provided excellent cover.

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Op Intelligence Co.

MISSION # 74

PILOT COMMANDER - MAJ. PEDDIE
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - CAPT. HELCH

3 July 1943
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<u>RED "A"</u>	<u>Grimm</u> <u>HEECH</u> 042 851	"A" <u>ROBERTS</u> 900 894	<u>Jude</u> <u>SMITH</u> 027 872
<u>BLUE "A"</u>	<u>WILBUR</u> 052 900	<u>CARTER</u> 307	<u>BIGELON</u> 023
<u>RED "B"</u>	<u>BUTLER</u> 010 601	"B" <u>GRAVES</u> 157	<u>TUCK</u> 922 00
<u>BLUE "B"</u>	<u>MILLER</u> 048	<u>LOVECE</u> 999	<u>DAVIS</u> 008 086
<u>RED "C"</u>	<u>HOLMES</u> 017	"C" <u>HEIMROTH</u> 283	<u>CARRAHER</u> 055 596
<u>BLUE "C"</u>	<u>BAIRD</u> 047 186	<u>DOXSEE</u> 298	<u>SPEEGLE</u> 044
<u>RED "D"</u>	<u>OWEN</u> 001 009	"D" <u>MILLER</u> 595	<u>VALLS</u> 167
<u>BLUE "D"</u>	<u>CROTTY</u> 911	NOT <u>Steward</u> 189 176	<u>RILEY</u> 776
<u>RED "E"</u>	<u>VANDERGRIFT</u> 030	"E" <u>DOBNEY</u> 191 001	<u>Robins</u> <u>KAPSTAN</u> 070
<u>BLUE "E"</u>	<u>Weinberg</u> <u>MEYER</u> (*) 920045	<u>Booth</u> <u>COOPER</u> 927	<u>FAIR</u> 147
<u>RED "F"</u>	<u>Stumm</u> <u>PERRY</u> 061 920	"F" <u>DIETER</u> 025	<u>Foster</u> <u>ORNE</u> 890
<u>BLUE "F"</u>	<u>BULLARD</u> 853	<u>TOWNS</u> 959 904	<u>Permy</u> <u>STINE</u> 013 061
<u>Limberg</u> <u>FRAGEN</u> 787 983	<u>Stell</u> <u>LEBERG</u> 923 100	<u>S P A R E S</u> <u>MAYNARD</u> 980 933	<u>Wrightington</u> <u>FRAGIN</u> 021 922

RADIO * CHANNEL "A"

~~319th~~ FLAPJACK
~~1st~~ COPS

~~17th~~ BLUEJAY

320th NOT LIPS
~~14th~~
14th NIGHTBALL

Schoolboy
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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON BADJAZZA ROAD JUNCTION, SICILY
6 AUGUST 1943

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	922 PLANE NO.	
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Butler, Bombardier, Captain O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	Took-off: 0920/30 Landed at: 1336	©
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Key, Navigator-Bombardier, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	842 Took Off: 0940/30 Landed at: 1136	B
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-pilot, F/O Chambers, Navigator-Bombardier, S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851 Took Off: 0921/30 Landed At: 1334:30	B
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Face, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Groves, Navigator, Captain Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307 Took Off: 0922 Landed At: 1337	B
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Navigator-Bombardier, Sgt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023 Took Off: 0922/30 Landed At: 1341	B
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Copilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbrow, Navigator-Bombardier, Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	027 Took Off: 0921 Landed At: 1336:30	B
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Swindler, Navigator-Bombardier, 1st Lt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Ulakke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	157 Took Off: 0923/30 Landed At: 1338:30	©
		Major Peddie flew as Flight Commander	
		Lt. Farberow flew as Observer.	

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Navigator-Bombardier, S/Sgt. Schinkel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010 Took Off: 0923 Landed At: 1337:30 Sqn Leader Summers (RAF) flew as Observer
Butler, Pilot, F/O Landrum, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Quane, Navigator-Bombardier, S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Saccando, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Guiadel, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	601 Took Off: 0924/30 Landed At: 1338:30 Major Neveleff (NASAF) flew as Observer
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Evans, Navigator-Bombardier, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 Took Off: 0924 Landed At: 1339:30
Young, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Abeln, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088 Took Off: 0926 Landed At: 1340
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O Payton, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Bly, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	048 Took Off: 0925
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smith, Co-Pilot, and Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt	442nd	283 Took Off: 0927 Landed At: 1341
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesielski, Navigator Bombardier, S/Sgt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Schans, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Johnson, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	596 Took Off: 0926/30 Landed At: 1339

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Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017 Took Off: 0928 Landed At: 1342/30	B
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Himmelreich, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Amundson, Navigator Bombardier, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035 Took Off: 0927/30 Landed At: 1342 Major Gladden flew as Observer	C
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Goldberg, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Happer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Ross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	044 Took Off: 0929 Landed At: 1342/30	C
Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Byram, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Walker, Navigator Bombardier, S/Sgt. Glocekner, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	186 Took Off: 0928/30 Landed At: 1343	B
Miller, Pilot, Captain Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Lehman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain Sullivan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	595 Took Off: 0930 Landed At: 1344 Captain Belcher flew as Deputy Flight Commander	C
Valls, Pilot, 1st Lt. Timmons, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Scott, Navigator Bombardier, T/Sgt. Christenson, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	167 Took Off: 0929/30 Landed At: 1341/30	C
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Paulantis, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Eastburn, Navigator Bombardier, T/Sgt. Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Maxing, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	009 Took Off: 0931 Landed At: 1330 S/Sgt. Pogue flew as Photographer	B

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Hayward, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Oltman, Co-Pilot, F/O.7 McFarland, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Boals, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176	Ⓢ Took-off: 0930:30 Landed at: 1344:30
Riley, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	441st	776	B FAILED TO TAKE OFF
Crotty, Pilot, 1st. Lt. McGlannan, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Blackford, Nav-Bomb., Cpl. Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Mulligan, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	911	C Took-off: 0932 Landed at: 1730
Dobney, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Heinberg, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Corson, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Trotter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wolf, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hancock, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	001	B' Took-off: 0932:30 Landed at: 1346:30 Capt. Macia flew as Observer.
Robins, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Wegener, Co-Pilot, Lt. Wilson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Pfc. Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	070	Ⓢ Took-off: 0933 Landed at: 1345
Vandergrift, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Koontz, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Blair, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Dorey, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030	Ⓢ Took-off: 0934 Landed at: 1345:30
Booth, Pilot, Capt. Green, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Clark, Engineer Gunner, 2nd. Lt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	441st	927	Ⓢ Took-off: 0934 Landed at: 1348
Fair, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Stewart, Co-Pilot Chouinard, Nav-Bomb., Babler, Engineer Gunner, Haney, Radio Gunner, Mikles, Aerial Gunner,	441st	147	Ⓢ Took-off: 0936 Landed at: 1345:30 Capt. McCrory flew as Observer.

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Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Robinson, Bombardier, (2nd Lt.)-Navigator Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial, Spl.	444th	045 Took Off: 0935 Landed At: 1347/30	B
Dieter, Pilot, Captain, Nash, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain Green ark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	025 Took Off: 0937 Landed At: 1349	C
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Navigator-Bombardier, T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	292 Took Off: 0936/30 Landed At: 1349/30	B
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Bush, Navigator-Bombardier, Sgt. Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Friedman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, Spl.	444th	920 Took Off: 0938/30 Landed At: 1350	C
Townd, Pilot, 1st Lt. Hicks, Co-pilot, F/O Ott, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Sczewich, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	904 Took Off: 0938 Landed At: 1350/30	C
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Moore, Navigator Bombardier, Cpl. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	061 Took Off: 0939/30 Landed At: 1350/30	B
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Bowen, Navigator Bombardier, S/Sgt. Devaul, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. McGuire, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Babel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853 Took Off: 0939 Landed At: 1351	B
		Cpl. Gad flew as Photographer	

NAMES OF CREWS

Stell, Pilot, 1st. Lt.
 Steinberg, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt.
 Fisher, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.
 Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
 Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Limberg, Pilot, 1st. Lt.
 James, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.
 Andrewson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.
 Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.
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Feagin, Pilot, F/O.
 Smart, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.
 Tyson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt.
 Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Gamble, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

Edwards, Pilot, 1st. Lt.
 Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O.
 Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt.
 Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

SQUADRON

441st

PLANE NO.

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Took-off: 0940
 Landed at: 1110

442nd

958

B

Took-off: 0932:30
 Landed at: 1344:30

443rd

900

C

Took-off: 0941
 Landed at: 1347

444th

933

D

Took-off: 0941:30
 Landed at: 1132