

Intelligence Marrative No. 1 Day Operation 22 April 1943

Eighteen B-26's (plus three B-26's as spares) of the 320th Bomb Group (Bedium) took off today from this base to bomb boat sheds and small craft in Carloforte Port, Sardinia. Two B-26's returned early due to mechanical difficulty; a third B-26 (S) returned early as briefed. Thirty-six P-40's of the 325th Fighter Group provided escort.

Route: North from this base to a predetermined time location in the Mediterranean Sea, then the formation turned east as a "feint" to Cagliari. Then directly south of the southernmost tip of S. Fietro Island, they turned north to the target. After the bombing run, breakaway to the east, then north, and after passing the island of S. Fietro west, then south to this base.

Chronology: Bombers took off between 1245 hours and 1253 hours. The F-40's, this base, took off directly afterwards. One B-26 returned early at 1258 hours; a second B-26 returned at 1259 hours; a third B-26 returned at 1300 hours. Bombers and F-40's returned to this base between 1535 hours and 1559 hours.

Bombs: 60 x 300 lb. demolition (1/10ths .025 seconds delay) bombs in first 6 ship flight. 180 x 100 lb. demolition Inst. in remaining 12 ships. 36 x 100 lb. bombs were returned to this base.

Results: The bombing run was made on a heading of 358° True with the first flight at 8700 feet altitude concentrating their 300 lb. bombs on the boat yards and sheds at south end of harbor. The second and third flights made their run in schelon to the left at 8200 and 7700 feet respectively concentrating their 100 lb. bombs on the light craft in the harbor.

Direct hits were made on the boat yards and sheds and on the small craft in the port. The town and western edge of the harbor were also hit; smoke made accurate count of vessels actually hit impossible.

Flak: Very light inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over target; inaccurate for height, inaccurate for deflection.

Weather: Enroute, scattered cumulus at 4500 feet, slight haze. Over target, CAVE. Heturn, scattered cumulus at 4500 feet, slight haze; cumulus building up over North Africa.

Observations: (1) Photos taken of the harbor by our B-26's today before the bomb hits obscured the target reveal an increase in shipping in the port over the amount of shipping indicated by 3027 NA/115 - 3PG 20/4/43.

(2) In addition to the small craft in the harbor, there were five bigger vessels believed to be freighters at positions as indicated in photographs and one large vessel believed to be a cargo liner off end of big pier.

(3) Twin-engined aircraft believed to be transport observed at 1405 hours, Cape Sperone, heading east at an altitude of 2000 to 4000 feet. Our fighters did not attack.

(4) Two destroyers and one cruiser (friendly) sighted heading north 15 miles off Cape Bone at 1503 hours. Observation made from 5500 feet.

Comments: Surprise element apparently excellent.
Seven photos herewith.

JAMES H. MACIAJR. Captain, Air Corps Group Intelligence Officer.



Mission No. 1 22 April Take-off - 1250 RED DORMAN 959 GOODSON DIETER 785 724 Spares BLUE MCCRORY SUMMERS. 853 842 BREWER CHICK MORLEY 073 024 986 PATTERSON **YELLOW** CARTER 009 798 SWALL LUTTRELL 780 010 GREEN ROBERTS + 763 LOVECE TATUM 958 965 BROWN MEYER 865 KARLOWITZ HEIMROTH 980 056 PINK HORRAS + MCVAY DOBNEY

Colors of the Day Attached Emergency Fields
Bone and Telergma(Hospital Unit)

Radio Bomber Call Bullfrog Pursuit Call Gangster

Target Elevation Sea Level

Bombing Altitude:

Red & Blue - 8700 Green & Yellow - 8200 Brown & Pink - 7700

848

QUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M. OFFICE OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER NATOUSA APO 520

22 April 1943

LIST OF COMBAT CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BAID ON CARLO FORTE HARBOR, SARDINIA, 22 AFRIL 1943.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

444TH

SHIP NO.

959

#1

DORMAN-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN PETERSON-CO-PILOT-1ST LT. RIDGE-NAVIGATOR-1ST LT. PERRIN-BOMBARDIER-1ST LT. PERRIN-BOMBARDIER-1ST LT.

TOOK OFF: 1245 LANDED AT: 1549

NOTE: LT. COL. FORDYCE ACTED AS OBSERVER AND TAIL-GUNNER ON THIS CREW, REPLACING VINCENT PETROSKI M/SGT.

SNEBOLD-ENGINEER-GUNNER-T/SGT. SMITH-RADIO-GUNNER-T/SGT.

#4

DIETAR -PILOT- CAPTAIN.

BURNS- CO-PILOT.1st Lt. STRONG -NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER T/SGT.

GREAR-ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT. COLLINS-RADIO-GUNNER- T/SGT.

AUL-AERIAL GUNNER- SCT

444TH

724

TOOK OFF: 1245/30 LANDED AT: 1549/30

NOTE: MISGT PETROSKI ACTED AS OBSERVER.

GOODSON-PILOT-1st Lt.

STUMM-CO-PILOT-2nd Lt.

HOUSNER-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-2nd Lt. NOTE: LT.STUMM REPLACED LT. FAIR

PORTER- ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT.

TUCKER-RADIO-GUNNER-T/SGT.

HANSEN-AERIAL-GUNNERS SGT?

LLLTH

785

AS CO-PILOT

TOOK OFF:1246XXX

LAMDED AT: 1550XXX

MCCRORY-PILOT-CAPTAIN

SUND-CO-FILOT-1ST LT.

MILLER-NAVYG TOR-BOMBARDIER 2ND LT.

REYES-ENCINEAR-CUNNER-SGT.

SCHWEIKHART-RADIO-GUNNER T/SGT.

HURT-SERIAL-GUNNER S/Sgt.

444TH

853

NOTE: LT. SUND REPLACED LT. BALL AS CO-PILOT.

TOOK OFF:1246:30

LANDED AT:1550:30

NOTE: CAPT. MARBLE ACTED AS OBSERVER.

#6

CHICK-PILOT-CAPTAIN

WOREHINGTON-CO-PILOT-1st. Lt.

CHESHIRE-1ST LT .- NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER

ALTER-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.

HOENK-RADIO GUNNER-TISGT.

HILTON-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.

444TH

024

NOTE: LT. WORTHINGTON REPLACED LT. IENCSEWSKI

AS CO-PILOT.

TOOK OFF: 1247

Langed at: 1551

NOTE: MAJ. BOWERS ACTED AS OBSERVER.

CREW NO. AND PERSONNEL

SQUADRON

443rd

443RD

443RD

442ND

44.2ND

SHIP NO.

#3

CARTER-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN

BIGELOW-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.

DUNKEL-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.

FOULKES-S/SGT.-AERIAL GUNNER HUNTER-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT.

SMITH-ENGINEER GUNNER-CPL.

#1

LUTTRELL-KM-PILOT-1ST. LT. FLT. LEADER 443RD

YEAGER-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.

O'KEEFE-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-CAPTAIN

ROBICHAUX-RADIO GUNNER-S/SET.

BRITTON-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

THOMPSON-ENGINNER GUNNER-S/SGT.

#4

SWALL-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN

BRACKEN-CO-FILOT-1ST. LT.

BOSWELL-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.

LEWIS-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.

MOUNTAIN-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.

WILLIAMS-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.

1/2

ROBERTS-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN

GOFF-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT.

BUTLER-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.

HANSEN-RADIO-GUNNER-S/SGT.

KERCHENSKI-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

RAMIREZ-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.

45

TATUM-PILOT-1ST. LT.

GARNETT-CO-PILOT-2ND. LT.

FURRER-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-S/SGT.

DUFFY-ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT.

CARVER-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.

WEEKS-AERIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.

#8

LOVECE-PILOT-1ST. LT.

LIMBERG-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT.

EVANS-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-1ST. LT.

BRANNING-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT/

WRIGHT-RADIO GUNNER-T/SGT.

BROWN-AERIAL GUNNER-SGT.

#3

MEYER-PILOT-FLIGHT LEADER-CAPTAIN

DAVIS-CO-PILOT-1ST. LT.

FARGO-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-T/SGT.

DEWITTE-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT.

ARSENAULT-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.

LONG-ABRIAL GUNNER-T/SGT.

798

NOTE: OIL LEAK-LEFT ENGINE.

TOOK OFF:1248

LANDED AT:1312

010

NWTTE

TOOK OFF:1248:30

LANDED AT:1424:30

-

TOOK OFF:1249

LANDED AT:1553:30

763

TOOK OFF:1249:30

LANDED AT:1552

ner

TOOK OFF:1250

LANDED AT:1552:30

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O

NOTE: LT. WOODS ACTED AS OBSERVER.

059

~~~ ~~

TOOK OFF:1250:30

LANDED AT:1553

442ND 865

NOTE: LT. DAVIS REPLACED LT. INGALLS

AS CO-FILOT.

TOOK OFF: 1251

LANDED AT:1559:30

CREW NO. AN ASONNEL SQUADRON SHIP NO. 442nd 056 # 9 # 9 HEIMROTH-PILOT- 1st Lt. CARRAHER-CO-PILOT-1st Lt. TOOK OFF: 12:51 CIESIELSKI=NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-S/sgt LANDED: 15:54 TOOK OFF : 12:51 30 MITCHELL- ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/sgt. STREET-RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. WORNOFF- AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT. 980 441st #4 KARLOWITZ-PILOT-1st Lt. CROTTY-CO-PILOT-2nd -t. SHEVELSON-NAVIGATOR-BOMBARDIER-1st Lt. TOOK OFF: 1252 FISHMAN-ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT. LANDED: 1554:30 FISHMAN-ENGINEER-GUNNER-S/SGT. COFIELL-RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. CAIN-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT. 441st SHIP NO. #2 HORRAS-PILOT-CASTAIN. 877 SONAIT-CO-PILOT- 1st Lt. ALLEN- NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER. 13t Lt. TOOK OFF:1852:30
FOSS-ENGINEER GUNNER- S/SGT. LANDED: 1557
ARCHER-RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. NOTE: MAJ. PARSONS ACTED AS OBSERVER. CORP-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT 441st 848 #6 DOBNEY-PILOT- 1st -t. ROBINS-CO-FILOT- 2nd "t. TOOK OFF: 1253 OZUK-MAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- CAPTAIN. LANDED : 1555:30 THATCHER-ENGINEER GUNNER-8/SGT. WOLF-RADIO GUNNER- S/SGT. NOTE: CAPT. MACIA ACTED AS OBSERVER. BECKSTEAD-AERIAL GUNNER- CPL. 44lst 765 MCVAY-PILOT- 1st Lt. TIMMONS-CO-PILOT- 1st Lt. FISHER-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- 2nd Lt. TOOK OFF: 1253:30 LANDED : 1556:30 RINALDI-ENGINEER GUNNER- S/SGT. GREENLEE-RADIO GUNNER- S/ SGT. CURLEE- AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT. 073 443rd # 10 BREWER-PILOT 2nd Lt. TAKE OFF: 1247:30 PEARCE-CO-PILOT- FLT/OFFICER. QUINE-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. LANDED : 1556 BOLTON-ENGINEER GUNNER- SGT." YOST-RADIO GUNNER- T/SGT CLARKE-AERIAL GUNNER- SGT. 842 443rd SUMMERS-PILOT# 1st Lt. TOOK OFF; 1254 LANDED : 1424 WILBUR-CO-PILOT. 2nd Lt. HOMSHER-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-S/SGT. CHELFANT-RADIO CUNNER-S/SGT. HART-AERIAL GUNNER-S/SGT.

PERKINS-ENGINEER CUNNER- S/SGT.

CREW NO. AND ....ONNEL SQUADRON

SHIP NO. 986

TOOK OFF: 1254:30

LANDED : 1557:30

# 10

MORLEY-PILOT- 1st Lt.

442nd

BAUCUM-CO-PILOT- 1st Lt.

ELLIOTT-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER- CAPTAIN

CALDWELL-ENGINEER GUNNER-S/SGT. UNCLES-RADIO GUNNER-S/SGT.

MARTIN-AERIAL CUNNER- T/SGT.

PATTERSON-PILOT-1st Lt.

44lst

CARTWRIGHT-CO-PILOT- FLT/ OFF.

ASCIENZO-NAVIGATOR BOMBARDIER-1st Lt.

BRIEN, JR .- ENGINEER GUNNER- SGT.

BAIN- RADIO GUNNER- M/SGT SPOR-AERIAL GUNNER- S/SGT. 009

TOOK OFF: 1255. LANDED : 1558:30