

455<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group, Field Orders, FO#206, Augsburg, Germany, 2/27/45

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FORMATION DIAGRAM

DATE 2-27-45

1ST ATTACK UNIT

A BOX

	<u>Robnett</u> 70   381	
<u>Grooms</u> 47   775		<u>Montgomery</u> 30   366
	<u>Abney</u> 51   151	
<u>Combs</u> 41   312		<u>Hart</u> 48   668
	<u>Fotheringham</u> 55   928	

B BOX

	<u>Himes</u> <del>62   977</del> 75   033	
<u>Metz</u> 71   232		<u>DURKEE</u> 64   561
	<u>Dreher</u> 76   331	
<u>Brush</u> 74   482		<u>FRAYNE</u> 66   625
	<u>Rubin</u> 77   395	

2ND ATTACK UNIT

C BOX

	<u>Ellis</u> 12   808	
<u>Schwiger</u> 10   873		<u>McGoary</u> <del>27   135</del> 29   135
	<u>Winters</u> 13   597	
<u>Lee</u> 3   295		<u>HERDMAN</u> 11   414
	<u>FAY</u> <del>14   1000</del> 17   115	

D BOX

	<u>Arcndt</u> <del>25   869</del> 21   790	
<u>BONE</u> 27   279		<u>BENSON</u> <del>36   580</del> 25   869
	<u>CLAYTON</u> 26   974	
<u>Huffman</u> 23   663		<u>Polando</u> 33   577
	<u>Douglas</u> 37   419	

3RD ATTACK UNIT

E BOX

	<u>Harris</u> 16   376	
<u>HANCOCK</u> 59   624		<u>BRUNSON, J.</u> 20   917
	<u>Dahl</u> 72   146	
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F BOX

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HEADQUARTERS 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 520 US ARMY

D-AVC-1

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Supplement to Confirming Mission Report, Red 206.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, 304th Bombardment Wing (H) AAF,  
APO 520, U. S. Army.

✓ 42-51145 J-ZARA  
6. Va. A/C No. 645. Called in and said that he was low on gas and was going to land at ZARA. Last seen southeast of Zara, and north of Vis over the Adriatic Sea, on a heading of 270 degrees.

~~42-51148~~ J MIA  
A/C No. 990. Last seen southwest of Bratislava, called Group leader and said that he was running low on gas, and asked permission to drop his bombs, and leave the formation. The micky operator in the deputy lead a/c gave him a micky fix.

42-78453 to ZARA  
A/C No. 543. This aircraft and crew were last seen at 1427 hours, at 4418N/1623E, apparently heads for Zara. Earlier the bombs had been jettisoned at approximately 1353 hours over Jugoslavia.

Blue → 42-51917 J landed at Bari & refl. to Base.  
Lower

ALVIN E. COONS,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

PF 42-51135 H - crashed  
in into landing.

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7 20  
140 60/11 0018  
16:10 500  
158:20 400

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740

9400

2/27/45

Lt Richardson -  
Lt Ellis -  
Lt Brazelton -  
Lt Bressler -  
T/Sgt Mancl -

S/Sgt Montes  
Sgt Ridennoure  
Sgt Bojarski  
Sgt Ninker  
Sgt Ringvelski  
T/Sgt Mc-Carthy  
Lt Galbraith

740

740

135

2/27/45

Lt McGearry -  
Lt Berlinguet -  
Lt Drabik -  
T/Sgt Muro  
PFF Larson -

T/Sgt Carter  
S/Sgt Nelson  
S/Sgt Vick  
Sgt Dragich  
S/Sgt Brockman

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740

873

2/27/45

Lt Schwieger -  
Lt Wells -  
Lt Meyers -  
T/Sgt Martin

T/Sgt Brown A.D.  
S/Sgt Dix  
S/Sgt Carter  
S/Sgt Lloyd J.S.  
M/Sgt Lloyd W.T.

740

597

2/27/45

Lt Winters -  
Lt Dagenkolb -  
Lt Lewis -  
S/Sgt Maiorana

S/Sgt G oldarisi  
S/Sgt Bergquist  
Sgt Barbieri  
Sgt Helms  
A/Sgt Bondy

740

414

2/27/45

Lt Herdman -  
Lt Benish -  
Lt Weinberger -  
S/Sgt Weissblum

T/Sgt Hartman  
S/Sgt Lutz  
Sgt Brady  
Sgt Bogdanowicz  
Sgt Green

(7) A/Sgt Jersin

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0002  
Lt Harrison  
Lt Harrison  
Lt Hill  
Lt Harrison

740

295

2/27/45

Lt Lee /  
Lt Lane /  
F/O Moats /  
Sgt Thompson

Sgt Perry  
Sgt G ivans  
Sgt S mith  
Sgt H olmes  
Sgt L ove

740

115  
~~295~~

2/27/4 5

Lt Fay /  
Lt Wotijka /  
F/O Kleiber /  
Sgt Barber

Sgt Carey  
Sgt Finnie  
Sgt Danaher  
Sgt Watson  
Sgt Rupprecht

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 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, (H), AAF.  
 APO 520 U.S. ARMY.

27 FEBRUARY 1945  
 (DATE)

LOADING LIST

AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
790		
PILOT	LT. ARENDT ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. PONTON
CO-PILOT	LT. L.E. BRUNSON ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. DOUGHERTY
NAVIGATOR	LT. XXXXXXXPARK ✓	WAIST LEFT SGT. COLLINS
BOMBARDIER	LT. STEWART ✓	BALL TUR GNR SGT. KOCHANEK
RADIO	SGT. CRUMP ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. COBER
MICKEY	LT. ADAMS ✓	
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
869		
PILOT	LT. BENSON ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. DONAHUE
CO-PILOT	LT. HILL ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. DICKINSON
NAVIGATOR	LT. PROVAN ✓	WAIST LEFT SGT. MADDEN
BOMBARDIER	LT. GOODMAN ✓	BALL TUR GNR SGT. DUNCAN
RADIO	SGT. YANKOVICH ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. BUCHANAN
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
279		
PILOT	LT. BONE ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. DANSEY
CO-PILOT	LT. MC DRURY ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. COSBY
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT SGT. WEBER
BOMBARDIER	LT. LARSON ✓	BALL TUR GNR SGT. REEL
RADIO	SGT. ARMSTRONG ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. PECKSON
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
517		
PILOT	LT. POLANDO ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. HELTZEN
CO-PILOT	LT. REYNOLDS ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. MAISANO
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT SGT. KRUPSKI
BOMBARDIER	LT. PYLE ✓	BALL TUR GNR SGT. JONKERS
RADIO	SGT. OASE ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. OAKES
		PHOTO SGT. HUBER
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
974		
PILOT	LT. CLAYTON ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. GILL
CO-PILOT	LT. MOORE ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. GAGOLA
NAVIGATOR	LT. GIRARD ✓	WAIST LEFT SGT. MALAVICH
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR SGT. COOK
RADIO	SGT. GROSS ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. JEFFRIES
		SPOT JAMMER SGT. MAZUR
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
663		
PILOT	LT. HUFFMAN ✓	TOP TUR GNR SGT. HENDERSON
CO-PILOT	LT. SMITH, M.R. ✓	WAIST RIGHT SGT. COLE
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT SGT. PARKER
BOMBARDIER	LT. MEADE ✓	BALL TUR GNR SGT. HELMING
RADIO	SGT. COYLE ✓	TAIL TUR GNR SGT. HANKINS

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AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
419		
PILOT	LT. DOUGLAS ✓	TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT	LT. ERVALL ✓	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	LT. WINFIELD ✓	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO	SGT. HURLEY	TAIL TUR GNR
SGT. REED		
SGT. BERG		
SGT. HOADE		
SGT. DIEHL		
SGT. PERKINS		
<del>SPARE</del>	<del>AC NUMBER 917</del>	<del>DESTINATION</del>
<del>PILOT</del>	<del>LT. BRUNSON, L.J. <i>not aff</i></del>	<del>TOP TUR GNR</del>
<del>CO-PILOT</del>	<del>LT. MILLER</del>	<del>WAIST RIGHT</del>
<del>NAVIGATOR</del>	<del>LT. MC BAIN</del>	<del>WAIST LEFT</del>
<del>BOMBARDIER</del>		<del>BALL TUR GNR</del>
<del>RADIO</del>	<del>SGT. BROWN, A.Z.</del>	<del>TAIL TUR GNR</del>
<del>SGT. EXCELL</del>		
<del>SGT. GRETZINGER</del>		
<del>SGT. CLARK, R.F.</del>		
<del>SGT. EGGER</del>		
<del>SGT. YORK</del>		
AC NUMBER	366	DESTINATION
PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR
MICKEY	LT. DARLING	
AC NUMBER		DESTINATION
PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR
AC NUMBER		DESTINATION
PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR
AC NUMBER		DESTINATION
PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR

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419		
PILOT	LT. DOUGLAS ✓	TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT	LT. ERVALL ✓	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	LT. WINFIELD ✓	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO	SGT. HURLEY	TAIL TUR GNR
SGT. REED		
SGT. BERG		
SGT. HOADE		
SGT. DIIDL		
SGT. PERKINS		
<u>SPARE</u>		
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
917		
PILOT	LT. DRUNSON, L.D. <i>not off</i>	TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT	LT. MILLER	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	LT. MC BAIN	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO	SGT. BROWN, A.Z.	TAIL TUR GNR
SGT. EXCELL		
SGT. GRETZINGER		
SGT. CLARK, R.F.		
SGT. EGGER		
SGT. YORK		
AC NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/O
366		
PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR
SGT. DARLING		
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PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
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PILOT		TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR

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42ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
APO #520 U. S. ARMY

27 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 27 FEBRUARY 1945

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 455TH BOMB GROUP (H)

<del>SHIP 381</del>	<del>SHIP 366</del>	<del>SHIP 775</del>	<del>SHIP 312</del>
<del>P LT THATCHER</del>	<del>LT MONTGOMERY</del>	<del>LT GROOMS</del>	<del>LT T. COMBS</del>
<del>CP LT COL ROBINETT</del>	<del>LT HOGAN</del>	<del>LT CONNOLLY</del>	<del>LT BRYAN</del>
<del>N LT KOTZ</del>	<del>LT HALEY</del>	<del>LT DEPIANO</del>	<del>LT MITTON</del>
<del>B LT HOAGLAND</del>	<del>LT CONN</del>	<del>LT MUISE</del>	<del>LT BOYLE</del>
<del>SHEFFIELD</del>	<del>O'CONNOR</del>	<del>HAMMER</del>	<del>CIMICATA</del>
<del>GIANGARRA</del>	<del>HEALY</del>	<del>ALFINO</del>	<del>KERR</del>
<del>KRAFT</del>	<del>BELL</del>	<del>SINK</del>	<del>JETER</del>
<del>DILLON</del>	<del>NELSON</del>	<del>SILES</del>	<del>CANNOY</del>
<del>LILLEN</del>	<del>LITTLETON</del>	<del>STINE</del>	<del>CRAIG</del>
<del>N LT EBER</del>	<del>PFF? Lt. Darling</del>	<del>M. WEST</del>	<del>CUTRER</del>
<del>PFF Lt. Armando</del>		<del>F CLAYTON</del>	<del>SJ BEEKMAN</del>

<del>SHIP 668</del>	<del>SHIP 151</del>	<del>SHIP 928</del>
<del>P LT HART</del>	<del>LT ABNEY</del>	<del>LT FOTHERINGHAM</del>
<del>CP LT OZENGHAR</del>	<del>LT TINKHAM</del>	<del>LT EICH</del>
<del>N LT HILL</del>	<del>LT DESANCTIS</del>	<del>LT TOLLMAN</del>
<del>B LT C. SMITH</del>	<del>LT WERNICK</del>	<del>LT REINHART</del>
<del>DAWSON</del>	<del>WHITE, J.</del>	<del>WALTER</del>
<del>DEMALINE</del>	<del>CARVER</del>	<del>FREDERICK</del>
<del>GILMAN</del>	<del>MILLIGAN</del>	<del>MYLES</del>
<del>KILBANE</del>	<del>DAVEE</del>	<del>KOSINSKI</del>
<del>C. FISHER</del>	<del>LANQUETTE</del>	<del>G. WEST</del>
<del>KIESECKER</del>	<del>MEYERSON</del>	<del>HOSTETTER</del>
<del>SJ BRUYERE</del>		<del>F VOCHATZER</del>

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

HENRY C. KELLY  
CAPT, AIR CORPS  
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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