

Craiova Railway Repair Depot

Mission No. 66

24 June 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 71

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Authority NVD 745005

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

24 June 1944.

FIELD ORDER)  
NUMBER 71)

Maps: 1/500,000 Of Napoli, Chieti, Shkroda, Beograd, Brasov and Bucuresti.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is the CRAIOVA RAILWAY REPAIR DEPOT in area inclosed by H-16/17, F-16/17, F/G-15 and H-15 on target chart 11-13-AN. The first alternate is NIS WEST M/Y, axis of attack 249° M, rally right. Second alternate is SKOPLJE M/Y, axis of attack 224° M, rally slight left then right. There is no flak at the target, 18 guns at first alternate and 16 guns at second alt.

(2) There are 30-40 ME 109's at SOFIA that may try to intercept.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) The 82nd Group will intercept this Wing at DIAGALUKA (42 38N, 22 33E) at 0854B at 18,000 feet to provide escort throughout route. 31st Group will conduct fighter sweep in the BUCHAREST area at 0950B.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will take off at 0605B; rendezvous with the 456th Bomb Group at STORNARA at 3,000 feet at 0700B; attack the CRAIOVA RAILWAY REPAIR DEPOT at 0930B, axis of attack 17° M; rally slight right then left around North of CRAIOVA; return to SAN GIOVANNI Base at 1205B. 500# GP bombs with .1 sec nose and .025 sec tail fuzes will be used.

3. This Group will attack in a column of 9-ship boxes stacked down. Box leaders will sight for range and deflection, all others toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude will be 19,500 feet; intervalometer setting 50 feet; target elevation 395 feet. Window will not be employed. It is imperative that route via OHRIDSKOLAKE be adhered to and that all units cross YUGOSLAV Coast at 16,000 feet or above. Bombing altitude on both alternates same as on primary target. Bombing formation on SKOLPJE same as on primary.

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4. No change.

5. a. Command ..... 6440 Kcs  
Interplane ..... VHF CHANNEL "A"  
A. G. L. .... 4585 Kcs  
Button ..... VHF Channel "B"  
Collective call sign ..... Radcliff Two  
Fighter call sign: 31st FG ..... Tankstop  
                                  81st FG ..... Ballsout  
Squadron call signs: 740th ..... Rockcake  
                                  741st ..... Raceclub  
                                  742nd ..... Stephigh  
                                  743rd ..... Swanlike  
Recall signal ..... Portrait  
Fighter recall ..... Shampoo

b. None.

c. Group leader ..... Major LANFORD  
Deputy group leader ..... Capt. LIBERTY

By order of Colonel COOL:

WILLIAM E. KEEFER  
Major, Air Corps  
Operations Officer.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 ea Sq Opns
- 1 Gp S-2
- 1 Gp S-3

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BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission ..... 39 B-24s
2. Group leaders ..... Major LANFORD
3. Deputy group leader ..... Capt. LIBERTY
4. Second unit leader ..... Capt. BECHTOLD
5. Second deputy lead ..... Lieut Sensenbrenner
7. Fighter escort ..... 31st and 81st FGs.
8. Bomb load and fuzing ..... 500# GPs with .1 sec nose and ~~fixed~~ .025 sec tail fuzes.
9. Ammunition carried ..... 4200 rounds .50 calibre
10. Gas and oil load ..... 2700 gals, full oil service
11. Time at stations ..... 0500B.
12. Take off instructions ..... Taxi to south at 0550B for t/O to north at 0605B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

257	105	289	395
<del>262</del>	261	267	983
241	200	583	400
462	240	283	239
476	259	879	424
476	658	120	167
485	938	982	208
499	292	232	198
328	494	312	234
517	328	294	351
	771	161	994

13. Bomber rendezvous ..... 1st Combat Wing (456,455) at STORNARA at 3000 feet at 0700B.  
2nd Combat Wing (459,454) at GULLIA at 4000 feet at 0705B.
14. Course out to target ..... Base to OHRIDSKOLAKE (41 00N 20 40E) to PRILEP (41 21N 21 32E) to IP to target. Cross YUGO SLAV Coast at 16,000 feet.
15. Initial Point ..... SAGERCEA (44 06N 23 45E)
16. Axis of attack ..... 17 degrees M
17. Time at target ..... 0930B
18. Bombing formation ..... Column of 9-ship boxes stacked down.
19. Bombardier information ..... Box leaders sight for range and deflection, all others toggle on leaders.
20. Direction of rally ..... Slight right then left around North of CRAIOVA.
21. E. T. R. .... 1205B.
22. Route back to base ..... To 43 03N 21 57E to BAR (42 05N 19 05E) to Base. Avoid LOM (43 49N 23 12E) PRISTINA (42 40N 21 09E) and 42 04N 21 07E because of previously experienced flak.
23. Weather ..... See NORGE Forecast.

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AFO 520

23 June 1944

2030B

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Number 167)

1. a. (1) See Latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (2) Operations for 24 June 1944. Plan Charlie. 2 Groups B-17's, 5th wing will attack PIATRA RR Bridge using Axon force at 1030B. 4 Groups will stand down. 4 Groups B-24's, 47th wing will attack PLOESTI ROMANO AMERICANO Oil Refinery at 0930B. 49th wing will stand down. 55th wing will stand down. 306th Wing; Will furnish escort for 5th wing, 304th wing, and using 4 Groups, furnish penetration, target and withdrawal cover for 47th wing. One Group will strafe DANUBE RIVER Pugs and Power craft between IRON GATES CANAL and DRENCOVA. See Annex No. 2.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all Groups this wing will attack CRAIOVA RAILWAY REPAIR DEPOT in area inclosed by H-16/17, F-16/17, F/C-15 and H-15 on target chart 11-13-NA.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: NIS M/Y's as follows:

456th BG - NIS North M/Y. Axis of attack 247°M.

Rally - right.

455th BG - NIS West M/Y. Axis of attack 249°M.

Rally - right.

459th BG - NIS South M/Y. Axis of attack 242°M.

Rally - left.

454th BG - NIS North M/Y. Axis of attack 247°M.

Rally - right. IP SVRLJIG (43°25'N, 22°08'E)

for all Groups. Elevation 615 feet. Minimum Intervalometer setting. Bombing formation same as formation on Primary target. See attached target charts.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: SKOPLJE M/Y. IP MATEJCA (42°08'N, 21°36'E). Axis of attack 224°M. Elevation 800 feet. Rally - slight left then right. Minimum Intervalometer setting. See attached target charts for aiming points.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: See Annex No. 2.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st Combat Wing (456th - 455th) at STORNARA at 3,000 feet at 0700B. 2nd Combat Wing (459th - 454th) at GIULIA at 4,000 feet at 0705B.

LEAD: 456th BG with 455th, 459th and 454th BG's in order.

ROUTE OUT: Base to OHRIDSKOLAKE (41°00'N, 20°40'E) to PRILEP (41°21'N, 21°32'E) to IP to target. Cross YUGOSLAV COAST at 16,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: SEGARCEA (44°06'N, 23°45'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 17 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: 0930B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 456th BG - 18,000 ft. 455th BG - 19,500 ft.  
459th BG - 19,000 ft. 454th BG - 21,000 ft.

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**BOMBING FORMATION:** 1st Combat Wing (456th - 455th) column of 9 ship boxes stacked down.  
2nd Combat Wing (459th - 454th) column of 6 ship boxes with boxes stacked down.

**TARGET ELEVATION:** 395 feet.

**RALLY:** Slight right then left around North of GRAIOVA.

**ROUTE BACK:** To (43°03'N, 21°57'E) to BAR (42°05'N, 19°05'E) to base. Avoid LOM (43°49'N, 23°12'E) PRISTINA (42°40'N, 21°09'E) and (42°04'N, 21°07'E) because of previously experienced flak.

3. x. All Groups load 500's G.P. with .1 sec nose and .025 sec tail fuzes. Intervalometer setting for all Groups is 50 feet.

4. Omitted.

5. Command on 6440 Kc for bomber to bomber. VHF channel in accordance with Signals Procedures 36-2. Leaders will call BUTTON on Channel "B" and then switch to Channel "A". Collective call signs for bombers (456th BG - RADCLIFF ONE) (455th BG - RADCLIFF TWO) (459th BG - RADCLIFF THREE) (454th BG - RADCLIFF FOUR). Call sign for fighters (TANKSTOP) (See Annex No. 2).

Recall Signal: PORTRAIT.

WINDOW WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED.

It is imperative that route via CHRIDSKOLAKE be adhered to and that all units cross YUGOSLAV Coast at 16,000 feet. or above.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

\* Bombing formation on SKOPLJE same as on primary target.

Bombing altitude on both alternates same as on primary target.

- 1st BG - (RADCLIFF ONE)
- 2nd BG - (RADCLIFF TWO)
- 3rd BG - (RADCLIFF THREE)
- 4th BG - (RADCLIFF FOUR)
- 5th BG - (TANKSTOP)
- 6th BG - (TANKSTOP)
- 7th BG - (TANKSTOP)
- 8th BG - (TANKSTOP)

RECALL ONE WORD: "PORTRAIT"

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

*John K. Brown, Jr.*  
JOHN K. BROWN, JR.,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
A-3.

*John K. Brown, Jr.*  
For JOHN K. BROWN, JR.,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
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MISSION STATISTICS.

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24 June 1944  
0230B

42 A/C Scheduled

Annex No. 2 to Operations Order No. 167, add 23 June 1944

FIGHTER ESCORT:

741st Sq, Liberty #852 - #1 prop gov inop.  
743rd Sq, Neuman #120 - bad tire out, unsafe to F/O.

1. Air Force Escort;

740th Bomb Sq:

31st Group will conduct fighter sweep in the BUCHAREST Area at 0950B.

10 A/C Off

2. Escort for other Wings:

8 Returned

0 Ear 332nd Group will intercept 47th Wing at STIP (41°44'N, 22°12'E) at  
2 Pri 0802B at 18,000 ft to provide escort on penetration thru SOFIA Area.  
52nd Group will intercept 47th Wing at LOVECH (43°08'N, 24°43'E) at  
0841B at 20,000 ft to provide escort on penetration, target and  
741st Bomb 25,000 ft to provide escort on withdrawal paying particular attention  
9 A/C Off (43°46'N, 25°56'E) at 0959B at 20,000 ft and provide escort on  
9 Over withdrawal. 14th Group will intercept 5th Wing at GLAVANOVITIS  
9 Ret (42°48'N, 22°31'E) at 0950B at 18,000 ft to provide escort throughout  
0 En route.  
0 Prior return

3. Escort for 304th Wing:

742nd Bomb 82nd Group will intercept 304th Wing at DIAGALUKA (42°38'N, 22°33'E)  
at 0854B at 18,000 ft to provide escort throughout route.

10 A/C Off

4. Call signs for Fighter Groups:

10 Returned

0 Ear 332nd FG - (RETAIN ONE)  
0 Pri 52nd FG - (RETAIN TWO)  
325th FG - (RETAIN THREE)  
1st FG - (RETAIN FOUR)  
743rd Bomb 82nd FG - (TANKSTOP)  
14th FG - (FRONTROOM)  
10 A/C Off 31st FG - (BALLSOUT)  
10 Over target  
10 Re RECALL CODE WORD: "SHAMPOO"  
0 Early return  
0 Pr By order of Colonel UP THE GROVE;

Combat time 6:15.

Single sortie credit.

*Capt. J. F. Lee*  
For JOHN K. BROWN, JR.,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
A-3.

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42 A/C Scheduled

39 Off: Not off: 740th Sq, Preston #402 - bad tire.  
741st Sq, Liberty #862 - #1 prop gov inop.  
743rd Sq, Neuman #120 - bad tire cut, unsafe to T/O.

740th Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off

8  
10 Returned  
0 Early return  
2 Prior return: Smith #400 - Pilot sick.  
Kelley #239 - oil leak and pressure drop.

741st Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off

9 Over target  
9 Returned  
0 Early return  
0 Prior return

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off

10 Over target  
10 Returned  
0 Early return  
0 Prior return

743rd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off

10 Over target  
10 Returned  
0 Early return  
0 Prior return

Combat time 6:15.

Single sortie credit.



455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

A.P.O. 520

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FORMATION DIAGRAM

DATE 24 June

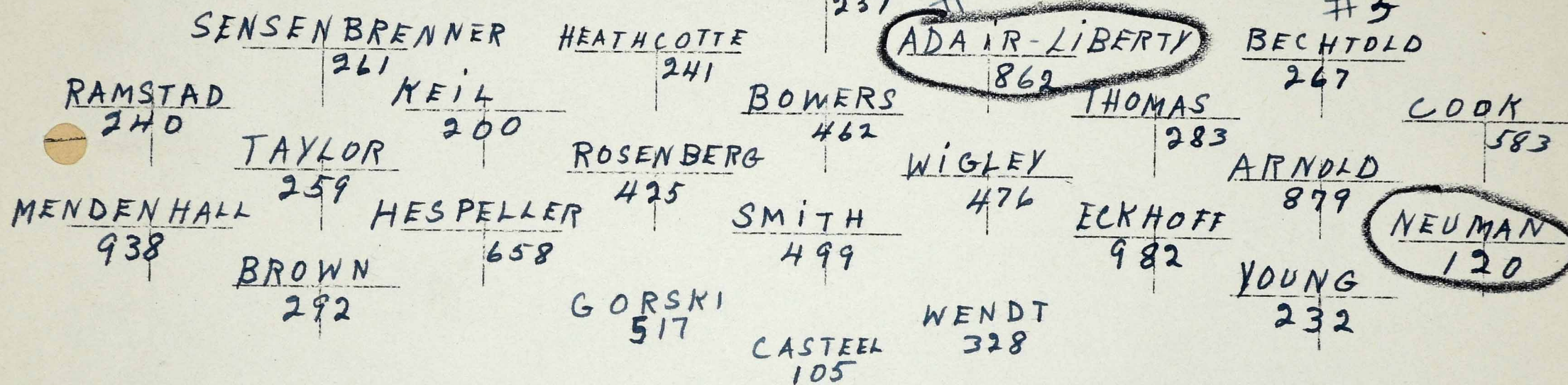
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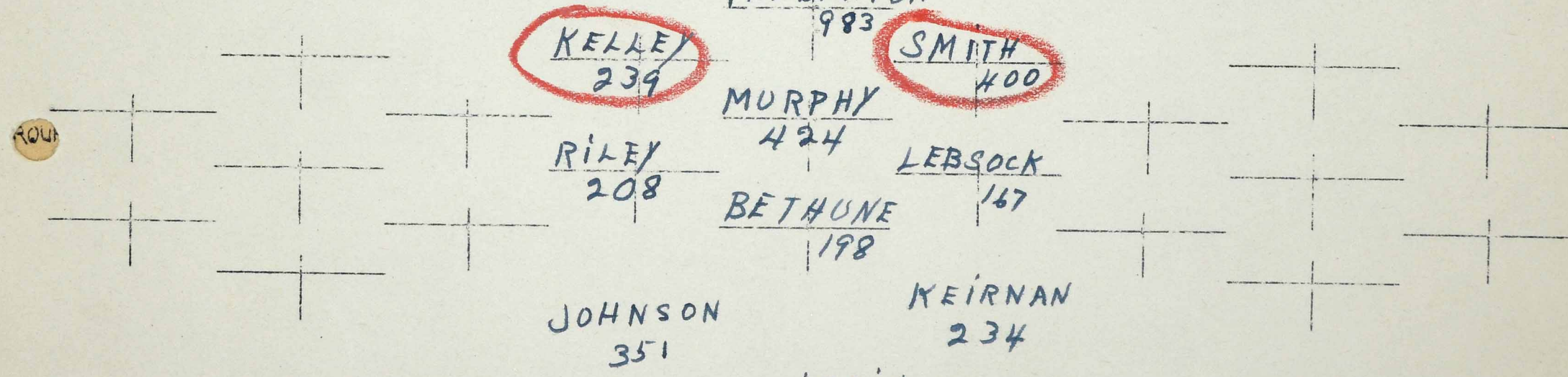
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NEUMAN  
120

2ND SECTION

PENDLETON #4



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MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 24 JUNE 1944

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
456, 455, 454, 459	CRAIOVA, RAILWAY REPAIR	NIS m/y	SKOPJE m/y

UNIT	A/C OFF GROUND	A/C OVER TARGET			ABORTIVES				CLAIMS			DISPOSITION OF BOMBS				A/C LOST	AMM. EXP.	CASUALTIES					
		FRI-MARY	SECON-DARY	LAST RESORT	TOTAL ABOR.	MECH-FAIL-URE	ARM-FAIL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	TYPE	JETTISONED NO.	TYPE			BROUGHT BACK NO.	TYPE	TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED	IN JURED
740	10	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	10	500#	10	500#	0	750	0	0	0	0
741	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	500	0	0	0	0
742	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	900	0	0	0	0
743	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	1200	0	0	0	0
GROUP	39	37	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	370	500#	10	500#	10	500#	0	2850	0	0	0	0

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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 66 DATE 24 June 1944

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY		TOTAL TO DATE	
A. Sorties	<u>39</u>	<u>2356</u>	
B. Early Returns	<u>0</u>	<u>171</u>	
C. A/C Bombing	<u>37</u>	<u>2142</u>	
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>92.5</u>	<u>5016,185</u>	
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>260</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>
Missing	<u>0</u>		
Damaged Flak	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>260</u>
Severe	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>
Slight	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>0</u>		
Probable	<u>0</u>		
Damaged	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>	<u>55</u>	
Damaged	<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	
G. Casualties Miss in A	<u>0</u>	<u>266</u>	
Killed	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	

3. At 0610 hours 39 B-24's took off to bomb GRADIVA Railroad repair shops.

4. Escorted by P-51's and P-38's.

5. a. None ret'd early

b. Two ret'd prior One because number 2 engine was inoperative, this a/c jet bombed 10 bombs in the Adriatic Sea. One because pilot was taken sick.

6. a. 37 A/C dropped 370 x 500 lb. (92.5 tons) G.P., .1 sec. nose and .025 sec. tail. bombs on primary target at 0923 hrs. from 17500 to 19000 ft. 0924 hrs. from 19000 to 20000 ft.

b.      of above      x      lb. (     tons)      place      reasons

c.      dropped      x      lb. (     tons) bombs on      other target, where, why

d.      returned      x      lb. bombs to base      give disposition of any bombs not dropped      give reasons

e.      jettisoned      x      lb. bombs at      place, reasons.

7. a. 37 A/C returned at 1222 hours.      A/C are at      place

b.      A/C lost at     ,      time      place      circumstances

c.      A/C missing and last seen at     ,      time      place      circumstances

8. Personnel casualties were     ,      position      degree of injury

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

9. RESULTS: "A" Box on approach to target lost sight of it in cloud, did 360 degree turn and made another run. The other three boxes dropped on the first run. Bombs struck on east side of target carrying well across east half of repair yards and over. Fires reported in target area.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

a. Fighters: No enemy fighters encountered, but one He 109 and one FW 190 were observed in the target area at a great distance. These E/A were not seen making any attacks.

b. Flak: No flak encountered at the target. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak, observed at BERAT (4044N/1956E), but did not reach this formation.

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: 60 railroad cars at PRISTINA M/Y (4240N/2110E) at 1042 hours, from 18000 ft. 60 railroad cars at SKOPJE M/Y (4159N/2128E) at 0903 hours, from 20000 ft. Approximately 200 railroads cars at BITOLJ M/Y (4101N/2120E) at 0823 hours, from 18000 ft. Two large trains filled with a white material observed at ZHIVOVTS M/Y (4325N/2310E) at 0911 hours, from 19000 ft. At LESKOVI M/Y (4300N/2156E) numerous shops along rails in M/Y, and about 50 railroad cars in yards, at 1003 hours, from 20000 ft.

b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters:

New factory buildings observed at CALPAT (4400N/2256E) at 1003 hours, from 18000 ft. 20 E/A observed on the ground at an airbase at the target at 0932 hours, from 18000 ft. One T/E, possibly a transport observed at BERAT (4042N/1956E) at 0800 hours, from 15000 ft.

c. Flak Positions:

d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:

e. Naval: Large river craft headed north at LOM (4350N/2312E) on Danube River, seen at 1005 hours, from 17200 ft. Concentration of approximately 25 barges on Danube River at VIDIN (4400N/2251E) observed at 1000 hours, from 18000 ft.

12. WEATHER: Across the Adriatic 5 to 7/10 cirrus and cirrostratus at 21000 ft, decreasing to 2/10 over the eastern Adriatic. From the Albanian coast to the Danube 4/10 cumulus tops at 12000 ft, and 2/10 cirrus at 21000 ft. From the Danube into the target 3/10 cumulus and stratocumulus tops at 12000 ft. From the target to the Yugoslav coast 3 to 5/10 cumulus tops at 17000 ft increasing to 5 to 7/10 over the mountains. There was 3 to 5/10 cirrostratus at 21000 ft. Over the Yugoslav coast 8 to 10/10 cumulus and cumulonimbus at 20000 ft. Wind at 20000 ft was from 240 degrees at 25 knots. Temperature at 20000 ft was 14 degrees Centigrade.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

14. COURSE: Base to 4051N/2043E to 4121N/2132E to IP to Target. Target time 0944, Axis of attack 10 degrees. Target to 4303N/2157E to 4205N/1905E to Base.

Time Received \_\_\_\_\_

Time Forwarded \_\_\_\_\_

Initials/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Initials/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Loading Lists  
6/24/44

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6/24/44

Capt Griffin ✓  
Lt. Collette ✓  
Lt Kruger ✓  
Lt Ward J.W. ✓  
S/Sgt Bosau ✓

S/Sgt Poble ✓  
Sgt Klepper ✓  
Sgt Blackwell ✓  
Sgt Daly ✓  
Cpl Francis ✓

740

198

6/24/44

Lt Bethune ✓  
Lt Adkisson ✓  
Lt Abramowitz ✓  
Lt Asip ✓  
T/Sgt Hiley P.O. ✓

T/Sgt Collum ✓  
S/Sgt Dolling ✓  
S/Sgt Brown ✓  
S/Sgt Yaus ✓  
S/Sgt Seivers ✓

740

424

6/24/44

Lt Riggs ✓  
Lt Russell ✓  
Lt Emery ✓  
Lt Swanson ✓  
S/Sgt Dubeay ✓

T/Sgt Schoene ✓  
S/Sgt Graham ✓  
S/Sgt Hollingsworth ✓  
S/Sgt Kauer ✓  
S/Sgt Carlson ✓

740

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6/24/44

Lt Johnson D. ✓  
E/O Robertson ✓  
Lt Teardale ✓  
Lt Daniels ✓  
S/Sgt Freeman ✓

T/Sgt Thielen ✓  
S/Sgt Merrill ✓  
S/Sgt Johnson R.J. ✓  
S/Sgt Jackson ✓  
S/Sgt Fry ✓

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6/24/44

Lt Kiegan ✓  
Lt Giles ✓  
Lt Furbish ✓  
Lt Hastings ✓  
S/Sgt Ball N.A. ✓

S/Sgt Ball, R.M. ✓  
S/Sgt Fender ✓  
S/Sgt Bozak ✓  
S/Sgt Fitch ✓  
S/Sgt Brazil ✓

740

983

6/24/44

Major Asch ✓  
 Lt. Pendleton ✓  
 Lt Prank ✓  
 Lt Katz ✓  
 T/Sgt Keen ✓

TOP TUR GNR  
 WAIST RIGHT  
 WAIST LEFT  
 BALL TUR GNR  
 TAIL TUR GNR

T/Sgt Watermond  
 S.Sgt Counts  
 S/S t Coble  
 S/Sgt Groome  
 S/sgt Lubeck  
 S/sgt Santiago O.

DESTINATION

740

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6/24/44

PILOT Lt Leboeck ✓  
 CO-PILOT Lt Grisson ✓  
 NAVIGATOR Lt Gilliam ✓  
 BOMBARDIER ~~XXLXXXXXX~~  
 RADIO S/sgt Childers ✓

TOP TUR GNR  
 WAIST RIGHT  
 WAIST LEFT  
 BALL TUR GNR  
 TAIL TUR GNR  
 N.G.

T/Sgt Amoroso  
 S/sgt Manning  
 S/sgt Pierce  
 S/sgt Carney  
 S/sgt Williams  
 T/Sgt Markenke

DESTINATION

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6/24/44

PILOT Lt Riley ✓  
 CO-PILOT Lt Laffey ✓  
 NAVIGATOR Lt Ames ✓  
 BOMBARDIER Lt Conner ✓  
 RADIO T/Sgt Dunn ✓

TOP TUR GNR  
 WAIST RIGHT  
 WAIST LEFT  
 BALL TUR GNR  
 TAIL TUR GNR

T/Sgt Lewis  
 S/sgt Martin  
 S/sgt Macomie  
 S/Sgt Earle  
 S/sgt Harper

DESTINATION

PILOT Lt. Smith ✓  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Valsted ✓  
 NAVIGATOR  
 BOMBARDIER  
 RADIO

TOP TUR GNR  
 WAIST RIGHT  
 WAIST LEFT  
 BALL TUR GNR  
 TAIL TUR GNR

Sgt. Bealer  
 Sgt. Elliott  
 Sgt. Jackson  
 Sgt. Taylor  
 Sgt. King

741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
45TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

24 June 1944  
(DATE)

LOADING LIST

A/C NUMBER 257 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Maj Welsh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Lewis
CO-PILOT	Maj Lanford	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libby
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline & Crin	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Boasi
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callan	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moran
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kennington

A/C NUMBER 862 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Capt. Liberty	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Huggins
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Watson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosner & Bosler	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Logue
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bakanauskas	BALL TUR GNR	
RADIO	Sgt. Dendy	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Puslat
	Mickey Lt. Baralt		

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Heathcote	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Stover
CO-PILOT	Lt. Higginbotham	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Rishko
NAVIGATOR	CC.	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Moore
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Miller	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kerr
RADIO	Sgt. Shotwell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bennett

A/C NUMBER 462 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. DeMosh
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Taber	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Moser
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bailen	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Finks
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pendleton

A/C NUMBER 425 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Rosenberg	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Cavano
CO-PILOT	Lt. Anderson	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Jones
NAVIGATOR	IX.	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Kliennaus
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McCracken	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Huyck
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Cody

A/C NUMBER 499 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Smith	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Beeler
CO-PILOT	Lt. Vralsted	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Elliott
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hamilton
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fowlkes
RADIO	Sgt. Muse	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Loud

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A/C NUMBER 328 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Wendt ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Loicano
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Ludwig
NAVIGATOR	XX.	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Sherrick
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Newby ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Lundquist
RADIO	Sgt. Simon	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Markoski

A/C NUMBER 517 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Gorski ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Merfeld
CO-PILOT	Lt. Disbrow ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Vincent
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Brier ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Weeks
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Magnusen
RADIO	Sgt. Pietruszewski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Beavvais

A/C NUMBER 105 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Casteel ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Otte
CO-PILOT	Lt. Lackner ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Gardner
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hale ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Singer
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delaney
RADIO	Sgt. Vicinski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Porter

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Wigely ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Buffington
CO-PILOT	Lt. Teel ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Huber
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Conroy
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Scott ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Dixon
RADIO	Sgt. Bauer	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Strickland

A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT	
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR	

A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
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NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR	



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N	CARLTON, W. C.	LT CROTZER	LT PICKERILL	LT SANTINA	LT FRIEDBERG
B	LT BROTHERS	LT BARNARD	LT LEACH	WOODLOCK, D.	LT TILLEY
E	DRESSEL	AMBROSINI	AGNEW	LT. BAKOS	SHOLLENBERG
R	BALMER	BETZ	FERRANT	SGT. BOUCHER	MCCOIN
AR	GOLDMAN	TUTHILL	GULLEY	OLEYASH	MICHAEL
AG	GRAUWILLER	RUSSELL	VERREAR	ULSH	YORK
AG	KIASEY	HDL	VOJTKO	NOVAK	AMBORSKI
AG	EGINTON	STAPLETON	YOR	MEDEL	WEISS
AG	SINEROTH, P. B.	SOT.	OLSOVSKY, P. E.	RGT. SANTIAGO (F)	WHITMIRE (F)

	SHIP 261	SHIP 494	SHIP 259	SHIP 240	SHIP 658
P	SENSENBRENNER	LT NELSON	LT TAYLOR	LT RAMSTAD	LT HESPELER
CP	LT RIDDEL	LT MORRIS	LT TUCK	LT SWANNER	LT BUNT
N	LT POWELL	HAYWOOD	LT RROTHER	FREDERICKSON	LT PLATT
B	LT MCGRANE	LT BASTIN	LT BOULWARE	LT NELSON	LT HYATT
E	JASTRZEMBOWSKI	SKELTON	RUST	Sgt. BRODEUR	WILSON
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AG	PLOWMAN	L. LATHAN	JOHNSON	Sgt. PRATT	VIKEN
AG	RENNER	MILLER	JACKSON	Sgt. LACEY	YEE
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CP ROSE, R.C.	It.	BOWLES, F.M.	Lt.
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B VERKETIS, F.S.	Lt.	SLAUGHTER, W.K.	Lt.
E BAILS, D.R.	Sgt.	PRICE, D.H.	Sgt.
R SHADOW, J.B.	Sgt.	MC KENZIE, D.A.	Sgt.
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AG BURKHARDT, G.	Sgt.	SCHMIEDESKAMPH, H.J.	Sgt.
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E OGG, D. E. ✓ Sgt.  
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