

Moosbierbaum Oil Refinery

Mission No. 68

26 June 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 73

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Authority NVD 745005

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

26 June 1944

FIELD ORDER)  
NUMBER 73)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, FIUME, GRAZ, CHIETI, and WIEN.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

- (1) Target is MOOSBIERBAUM Oil Refinery Area enclosed by L/M-12 I-10, G/H-13 and L-16 on Briefing Chart No. 14-39-NA. First alternate is center of city of VIENNA by Pathfinder on ETA. Second alternate for 1st C. Wg. (455th, 456th) is ZAGREB M/Y. Heavy flak maybe expected at VIENNA, BIHAC, GYOR, BISKOVIC, and BRATISLAVA.
- (2) Fighters to be expected are 50-60 single engine and 40-50 twin engine from LAKE BALATON to target area. Twin engine fighters are mostly ME-410s.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) None.
  - (2) One Group 332nd FG will provide penetration support and 5 Groups will provide remaining penetration, target area, and withdrawal support for Air Force. 52nd FG will intercept this Wing at KESZTHELY at 0840B at 24,000 feet and provide general escort through route.
2. Thirty-six, plus spares, B-24s of this Group will attack MOOSBIERBAUM Oil Refinery Area. Take off will be at 0540B and rendezvous with the 456th BG at STORNARA at 3,000 feet at 0630B. Target time is 0930B, axis of attack will be 245 degrees Mag. using 250 pound GP bombs with .1 second nose and mixed .01 and .025 second tail fuzing. Rally will be a slight left. Route back will be to rally point MURZZUSCHLAG (47°37N, 15°40E) to Turn Point SISAK (45°29N, 16°22E) to Key Point to Base at 1210B.
3. This Group will attack with a 9 ship front with second attack unit stacked down. Each Unit Leader will sight for range and deflection box leaders for range, all others will toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude will be 19,000 feet, intervalometer setting of 35 feet, target elevation 600 feet. Pathfinder will lead all Groups.

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On route out stay East of BIHAC, west of PAPA, and GYOR and East of BISKUBICE (48°08N, 17°11E). On route back stay East GLEISDORF (47°07N, 15°43E) and BIHAC. Lead attack unit will carry 4 cartons of window in each ship, dispensing will be in accordance with SOP and will begin two minutes before IP and will continue until clear of flak.

4. No change.

5. a. Command.....6440 Kcs.  
A.G.L. ....4585 Kcs.  
Interplane.....VHF Channel "A"  
Button.....VHF Channel "B"  
Collective Call Sign.....Bookclub One One.  
Squadron Call Signs: 740th.....Wideglobe  
741st.....Staghead  
742nd.....Wantmore  
743rd.....Shoebag.  
Fighter Call signs, 52nd FG.....Pusscat Two  
332nd FG.....Pusscat One  
31st FG.....Pusscat Four  
82nd FG.....Pusscat Three  
1st FG.....Pusscat Five  
14th FG.....Pusscat Six.  
Recall Code Word.....Temple.
- b. None.
- c. Group Leader..... Major THAYER.  
Deputy Group Leader..... Capt. BELLEMERE.

By Order of Colonel COOL:

WILLIAM E. KEEFER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

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Major, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

ANNEXES:

1. Briefing Outline
2. Mission Statistics
3. 304th Wg Opns O. 167.
4. Norge Weather Forecast

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Briefing Outline

1. No. of Aircraft on Mission.....39
2. Group Leader.....Major Thayer.
3. Deputy Group Leader.....Capt. Bellemere
4. Second Unit Leader.....Major Welsh
5. Second Deputy Leader.....Lt. Locatelli
6. Other Groups on Mission.....454th, 456th, and 459th BGs.
7. Fighter escort.....6 Fighter Groups for Air Force.
8. Bomb load & fuzing.....250# GPs .1 sec nose & mixed .01 & .025 Tail fuzing.
9. Ammunition carried.....5200 rounds 50 cal.
10. Gas and Oil load.....2700 gals, full oil service.
11. Time at stations.....0500B.
12. Take Off instructions.....Taxi to South at 0510B for Take-off to North at 0530B.

ORDER OF TAKE-OFF

1st Combat Unit			2nd Combat Unit		
257	583	492	359	241	230
764	395	748	481	517	494
312	294	994	499	249	259
198	232	424	989	462	570
167	161	270	240	644	238
351	283	264	292	261	
234	208		166	771	

13. Bomber Rendezvous..... 1st C. Wg (455th, 456th) at STORNARA at 3,000 feet at 0630B. 2nd C. Wg (454, 459th) at GIULIA at 4,000 feet at 0634B.
14. Course to Target..... Base to 41°50N, 11°20E to Keypoint, North tip of VARANSKO LAKE (43°56N, 15°32E) to Turnpoint KESZTHELY (46°46N, 17°14E) to Turn Point, PAPA (47°20N, 17°28E) to Turn Point CSEKLESZ (48°12N, 17°18E) to MALACKY (48°26N, 17°01E) to IP to target. Time at Key Point 0738B at 12,000ft.
15. Initial Point..... WETZLEINSDORF (48°29N, 16°22E).
16. Axis of Attack..... 245 deg. Mag.
17. Target Time..... 0930B.
18. Bombing Formation..... 9 ship front with 2nd Attack unit stacked down.
19. Bombardier Information..... Unit leaders sight for range and deflection, box leaders for range, all others toggle on leaders.
20. Direction of Rally..... Slight left.
21. E.T.A. .... 1210B.
22. Weather..... See Norge Forecast.

Annex 2, Field Order 72, 68th Mission, 26 June.

MISSION STATISTICS.

39 A/C Scheduled  
38 A/C Off

740th Bomb Sq:

11 A/C off  
11 A/C Over Target  
10 A/C returned  
0 A/C Early return  
0 A/C Prior return

Lebsock, Ship 167, MIA - E/F

741st Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off  
9 A/C Over Target  
6 A/C Returned  
0 A/C Early Return  
0 A/C Prior Return

MIA - E/F:  
McCarthy, Ship 241  
Jordan, Ship 249  
Keogh, Ship 462

742nd Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off  
7 A/C Over Target  
2 A/C Returned  
0 A/C Early Return  
2 A/C Prior Return:  
*Taylor*  
*Nelson*

MIA - E/F:  
Sensenbrenner, Ship 261  
Montgomery, J., Ship 230  
Montgomery, R., Ship 771  
Archibald, Ship 570  
Brown, Ship 238  
Jackson Ship 292

743rd Sq:

9 A/C Off  
9 A/C Over Target  
9 A/C Returned  
0 A/C Early Return  
0 A/C Prior Return

Combat Time 6:35

Double Sortie Credit.

38	9	9	11	11	0
26	9	7	9	11	0
0	0	0	0	0	0

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 NITTS PARTICIPATING  
 456, 459, 454

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Forecast form Norge Weather for operations for 26 June 1944

Wing bases for rendezvous: 3/10 altocumulus at 10 thsd tops at 11 thsd. 1/10 cirrus at 23 thsd tops at 24 thsd. Visibility 15 miles. Surface wind 280 degrees 8 mph.

Route out:

From base to Yugoslavian coast: 5 to 6/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 5 thsd tops at 7 thsd. 1 to 2/10 altocumulus at 9 thsd tops at 11 thsd. Visibility 15 miles.

From Yugoslavian coast across mountains: 7 to 8/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 4 thsd tops at 9 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. Scattered light rain showers. Visibility 12 miles becoming 5 miles in showers.

From mountains to target: 2/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 5 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 4 to 5/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. Scattered cirrus at 24 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 10 miles in haze. Surface wind 280 degrees 6 mph.

Surface pressure.....30.01 inches  
 Surface temperature.....plus 11 deg C  
 Temperature at 22500.....minus 25 deg C

Winds aloft:

5000 feet	290 degrees	10 knots
10000 feet	290 degrees	15 knots
15000 feet	300 degrees	20 knots
20000 feet	290 degrees	25 knots
25000 feet	290 degrees	30 knots

Route back: Cumulus activity after 0900 B. Stratocumulus deck over Adriatic breaking up and dissipating after 0930 B, otherwise little change.

Wing bases on return: 3 to 5/10 cumulus at 5 thsd tops at 10 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 9 thsd tops at 11 thsd. Scattered cirrus. Visibility 15 miles. Surface wind 250 degrees 10 mph.

Freezing level: 9 to 10 thsd.

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MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 26 JUNE 1944

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
455, 456, 459, 454	MOOSBIERBAUM OIL REFINERY	ZAGREB WEST 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-FALL-URE	ARM-FALL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	TYPE	JETTISONED NO.	TYPE			BROUGHT BACK NO.	TYPE	TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED	IN URED
740	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	198	250#	0	250	0	250	1	17,290	10	10	0	0
741	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	8	0	162	250#	0	250	0	250	3	25,605	30	30	0	0
742	9	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	126	250#	18	250	18	250	6	30,920	60	60	0	0
743	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	144	250#	0	250	0	250	0	2500	0	0	0	0
GROUP	38	36	0	2	0	0	0	0	33	12	1	630	250#	18	250	18	250	10	76,315	100	100	0	0

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

AFPO 520  
25 June 1944  
1915B.

455  
Operations Order)  
Number 169)

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

b. (1) Omitted.

(2) Operations for 26 June 1944. Plan Able. One Group B-17's of 5th Wing attack VIENNA WINTERHAFEN Oil Depot. Two Groups B-17's will attack VIENNA SCHWECHAT Oil Refinery. Three Groups B-17's will attack VIENNA LOBAU Oil Plant at 10:02B. Time at Keypoint is 08:15B. Four Groups B-24's of 47th Wing will attack SCHWECHAT A/C Factory at 09:50B. Time at Keypoint is 08:08B. Three Groups B-24's of 49th Wing will attack VIENNA KORNEUBURG Oil Refinery at 09:33B. Keypoint time is 07:48B. Four Groups B-24's of 55th Wing will attack VIENNA FLORISDORFER Oil Refinery and Adjacent M/Y at 09:43B. Keypoint time is 07:58B. Fighters of 306th Wing: One Group will give route cover for bomber formation on penetration. One Group P-51's will stand by to give withdrawal cover for 8th AF Bombers. Remaining Groups will give penetration cover from vicinity of LAKE BALATON, target and withdrawal cover for individual Bomb Wings. See Annex No. 2.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all Groups this wing will attack MOOSBIERBAUM Oil Refinery Area enclosed by I/M-12, I-10, G/H-13 and L-16 on Briefing Chart No. 14-39-NA.

FIRST ALTERNATE: Center of City of VIENNA by Pathfinder or ETA.

SECOND ALTERNATE: 1st C. Wing (455th and 456th BG's) ZAGREB M/Y.

455th BG ZAGREB West M/Y; 456th BG ZAGREB East M/Y;

IP; TRGOVISTE (46°00'N, 15°51'E) for both Groups.

Axis of Attack; 455th BG - 156°M; 456th BG - 145°M.

Elev; 400 feet. Rally; Right for both Groups.

Intervalometer setting; 35 feet for both Groups.

Bombing Formation; Same as for Primary Target.

2nd C. Wing; (454th and 459th BG's) GRAZ/THALERHOF

A/D Installations. IP VOITSBERG (47°03'N, 15°09'E)

Axis of attack; 108°M. Elev; 1096 feet. Rally; Right.

Intervalometer setting; 35 feet. Bombing Formation;

Same as for Primary Target.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: See Annex No. 2.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. Wing (455th and 456th BG's) at STORNARA at

3,000 feet at 06:30B. 2nd C. Wing (454th and 459th

BG's) at GIULIA at 4,000 feet at 06:34B.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to 41°50'N, 16°20'E to Keypoint, North tip of VARANSKO

LAKE (43°56'N, 15°32'E) to T.P., KESZTHELY (46°46'N, 17°14'E)

to T.P., PAPA (47°20'N, 17°28'E) to T.P., CSEKLESZ (48°12'N,

17°18'E) to MALACKY (48°26'N, 17°01'E) to IP to Target.

Time at Keypoint is 07:58B. at 12,000 feet.

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INITIAL POINT: WETZLEINSDORF (48°29'N, 16°22'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 245 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: 09:30B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 455th BG - 19,000 feet. 456th BG - 20,000 feet.  
454th BG - 21,000 feet. 459th BG - 19,000 feet.

BOMBING FORMATION: 9 ship front with second attack units stacked down.

TARGET ELEVATION: 600 feet.

RALLY: Slight Left.

ROUTE BACK: To Rally Point MURZZUSCHLAG (47°37'N, 15°40'E) to T.P.,

SISAK (45°29'N, 16°22'E) to Key Point to Base.

3. a. 1st C. Wing (455th and 456th) load 250 G.P.'s clustered with .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 sec tail fuzes.

b. 2nd C. Wing (454th and 459th) load 100 G.P.'s clustered with .1 sec nose and non-delay tail fuzes.

x. Intervalometer settings for all Groups is 35 feet.

4. Omitted.

5. Command radio on 6440 KC for bomber to bomber. VHF radio will be used in accordance with S.P. No. 36-2. Leaders will call BUTTON on Channel "B" and after check will switch to Channel "A". Call sign for bombers (455th BG - BOOKCLUB ONE ONE) (456th BG - BOOKCLUB ONE TWO) (454th BG - BOOKCLUB ONE THREE) (459th BG - BOOKCLUB ONE FOUR). Call sign for fighters - PUSSCAT. See Annex No. 2.

Recall Signal: ORANGE.

All aircraft of lead attack units will carry four cartons of window. Dispensing will be in accordance with SOP and will begin two minutes before IP and will continue until clear of flak.

Pathfinder aircraft will lead all Groups.

Air Force formation will be right echelon of Wings with 304th Wing leading, 49th Wing second, 55th Wing third, 47th Wing fourth, and 5th Wing last.

On route out, Stay East of BIHAC, West of PAPA, West of GYOR, and then East of BISKUBICE (48°08'N, 17°11'E). On Route Back, Stay East of GLEISDORF (47°07'N, 15°43'E) and East of BIHAC.

Plan Baker: All Groups stand down for maximum training of new crews and maintenance.

In case Primary or First Alternate target is not hit, first Combat Wing will set course to IP, VOITSBURG, of Second Combat Wing for second alternate target. First C. Wing will, then skirt to the South GRAZ so as to allow Second C. Wing to fall in position in column with 1st C. Wing after bombing. 1st C. Wing will then proceed to second alternate for that Wing, followed by 2nd C. Wing. This will insure that both C. Wings will have fighter escort on return to Base.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

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

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

AP0 520  
25 June 1944  
2400B

Annex No. 2 to Operations Order No. 169, dd 25 June 1944

FIGHTER ESCORT:

1. Air Force Escort:

One group, 325th FG will stand by for special mission, one group, 332nd FG will provide penetration support for Bomber Force and five groups will provide remaining penetration, target area and withdrawal support on two six June. This is plan "Able".

2. Escort for other Wings:

82nd FG will intercept 49th Wing at KESZTHELY at 0850B at 24,000 ft and provide general escort throughout route. 31st FG will intercept 55th Wing at KESZTHELY at 0900B at 24,000 ft and provide general escort throughout route. 1st FG will intercept 47th Wing at KESZTHELY at 0910B at 24,000 ft and provide general escort throughout route. 14th FG will intercept 5th Wing at KESZTHELY at 0920B at 24,000 ft and provide general escort throughout route.

3. Escort for 304th Wing:

52nd FG will intercept 304th Wing at KESZTHELY at 0840B at 24,000 ft and provide general escort throughout route.

4. Call signs for Fighter Groups:

- 332nd FG - (PUSSCAT ONE)
- 52nd FG - (PUSSCAT TWO)
- 31st FG - (PUSSCAT FOUR)
- 82nd FG - (PUSSCAT THREE)
- 1st FG - (PUSSCAT FIVE)
- 14th FG - (PUSSCAT SIX)

RECALL CODE WORD: "TEMPLE"

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

*George J. Doyle, Capt. A.C.*

For JOHN K. BROWN, JR.,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
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7. a. A/C returned at 1233 hours. Place, reasons.  
 b. A/C lost at 0938. In target area due to action by enemy aircraft. Place, reasons.  
 c. A/C missing and last seen at 1000 hours. Place, reasons.

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SUPPLEMENT TO CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT NO. 68, 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE.

a. Fighters.

First E/A were seen and encountered at Bratislava at approximately 0920 hours. In this area one group of Me-210's, Me-110's and Ju-88's came up to meet the formation. This group succeeded in separating the escort from formation. 50 to 60 T/E aircraft then broke up units of formation and made aggressive attacks from head-on closing to 50 to 100 yards then diving through the formation. Some T/E stayed out of range of formation and lobbed rockets. All T/E aircraft were firing 20 mm. ammunition and rockets. The T/E aircraft attacks lasted until the I.P. In the target area and after bombs away approximately 60 Me-109's and FW-190's were encountered. The S/E aircraft attacked from out of the sun at 11 and 12 o'clock high diving on formation and pressing as close as 30 yards. One enemy aircraft dove head-on into one of the bombers, both planes going down. The S/E dove through formation then and came up for attack from 6 o'clock low and around the clock. Attacks came singly, in pairs, and three's. Some S/E aircraft were black and gray camouflage with yellow spinner and cowls. Others were silver with orange band around tailage. Ju-88's were blue, 110's were rusty silver and 210 and 410's were black. Numerous aircraft were observed with belly-tanks.

ALVIN E. COONS,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Group S-2 Officer.

455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
 A.P.O. 520  
 FORMATION DIAGRAM  
 1ST SECTION  
 THAYER-GRAFF

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 DATE 26 JUNE

FISHER		PETERSEN		BELLEMERE		COOK	
JENKINS	208	HANSEN	312	BETHUNE	764	SMITH	583
748		400		198		120	POTUCEK
BECKNER		JOHNSON		LEB SOCK		YOUNG	395
994		351		167		232	ECKHOFF
KELLEY		MURPHY		GRIFFIN		NEUMAN	982
270		424		234		283	
PRESTON							
264							

2ND SECTION  
 WELSH

PAMSTAD-SNSBRNT		CHADWICK		LOCATELLI		NANGERONI	
261		499		481		166	MCCARTHY
J. MONTGOMERY		R. MONTGOMERY		KELLY		517	241
230		771		989		517	JORDAN
WELSON		JACKSON		240		644	249
PR 494		292					LACKNER
ARCHIBALD		TAYLOR					462
570		PR 259					
BROWN							
238							

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7. a. 26 A/C returned at 1223 hours. place, reasons.  
 b. 10 A/C lost at 0938 in target area due to motion by plane from ft. place  
 c. A/C missing and last seen at time circumstances

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ESCORT

Approximately 30 P-38's picked up formation at 0830 hours,  
at 46°05' N, 16°49' E.

About 10 P-51's seen at 0835.

Escort not seen after 0940, just after target. Approximately  
10 Me-410's made pass at formation, drawing off escort, after which  
20 S/E fighters attacked formation.

ALVIN E. COONS,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Group S-2 Officer.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
HEADQUARTERS 304TH BOMB WING (H)  
A-2 SECTION APO 520

C O N F I R M I N G M I S S I O N R E P O R T

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 62 DATE 26 June 1944  
2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY TOTAL TO DATE

A. Sorties	<u>38</u>				<u>2435</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>0</u>				<u>132</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>36</u>				<u>215</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<del>78.775</del> <u>78.75</u>				<del>5224.96</del> <u>5234.935</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>				<u>5</u>
E/A	<u>10</u>				<u>21</u>
Other	<u>0</u>				<u>14</u>
Missing	<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>
Flak	<u>0</u>	Severe	<u>0</u>	Slight	<u>47</u>
E/A	<u>2</u>	"	<u>1</u>	"	<u>8</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u>	"	<u>4</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>35</u>				<u>102</u>
Probable	<u>18</u>				<u>70</u>
Damaged	<u>1</u>				<u>11</u>
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>				<u>55</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>				<u>13</u>
G. Casualties Miss in A	<u>148</u>				<u>366</u>
Killed	<u>0</u>				<u>15</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>				<u>11</u>

3. At 0520 hours 38 B-24's took off to bomb MOOSEBERRY OIL Refinery Area.  
4. Escorted by 30 P-38's - P-51's.

5. a. None ret'd early  
b. Two ret'd prior one because of excessive heating of engine, and one because of oil leak, tail a/c jettisoned 18 bombs in Adriatic Sea.

6. a. 36 A/C dropped 630 x 250 lb. (           tons) G.P., and .025 sec tail fuses.  
    (No) (type) (fusing)  
    bombs on primary target at 0938 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 reasons

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

7. a. 26 A/C returned at 1223 hours.            A/C are at            place

b. 10 A/C lost at           ,            in target area due to action by            aircraft.  
               time place circumstances

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

8. Personnel casualties were 100 circumstances            during in action.  
               position            degree of injury

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9. RESULTS: Bombs of first A/C were seen to hit on the MPI. Target well covered. The target was surrounded by smoke pots. Heavy black smoke was observed rising from the target.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

a. Fighters: See supplement to this report.

b. Flak: Moderate to Intense, accurate, heavy flak was encountered at the target.

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: At PETRINJA M/Y (4536N/1617E), concentration of railroad cars, tank cars, and great stores of equipment, and a large railroad bridge, at 1040 hours, from 10000 ft. Thirty-two large storage tanks at MAGYKANIZSA (4628N/1700E) at 0840 hours, from 16000 ft. At KOPRIVNICA (4610N/1650E) 50 to 60 motor trucks headed southwest at 0830 hours, from 16000 ft. At SISAK (4520N/1622E) concentrations of railroad cars noted in three marshalling yards, and five long trains in yards, at 0820 hours, from 14000 ft.

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

At NOVY DVOR A/D (4826N/1701E) 6 B/E on ground at 0920 hours, from 19000 ft.  
At KINZHEVLYA A/D (4646N/1714E) 20 B/E on ground at 0845 hours, from 16000 ft.  
At BOROVO A/D (4652N/1717E), no hangars visible, 9 a/c in line awaiting takeoff at 0948 hours, from 16000 ft. At TAPOLCZA A/D (4653N/1728E) 15 to 20 a/c on ground, at 0940 hours, from 16000 ft. At NYOR (4741N/1738E) new landing strip being built just 3 miles southeast of town, at 0907 hours, from 17000 ft.

c. Flak Positions:

d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc: Smoke pots were used at the target.

e. Naval: 25 barges observed in target area, at 0938 hours, from 19000 ft. Large concentration of barges noted at SISAK (4529N/1622E), and at ZAGREB (4540N/1599E) at 1040 hours, from 10000 ft.

12. WEATHER: Over the entire route there were no clouds except scattered stratus in the valleys over the mountains in Yugoslavia. North of the mountains visibility was 20 to 25 miles with slight haze. The wind at 19000 ft in the target area was from 290 degrees, 20 knots. The target area was clear. The return route was the same as the route out except that it was somewhat hazier across the Adriatic.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Incomplete coverage as no photographs were taken by second attack unit.

14. COUPSE: Base to 4150N/1620E to 4357N/1526E to 4646N/1714E to 4812N/1718E to 4826N/1701E to I.P. to Target. Target time 0938 hours. Axis of attack 248 degrees. Target to 4738N/1545E to 4529N/1622E to 4356N/1528E to 4305N/1533E to Base.

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

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

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

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

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

740

MIA

5/26/44

Lt Leboock ✓  
Lt Grissom ✓  
Lt Gilliam ✓  
Lt Stewardson ✓  
T/Sgt Barrons

T/Sgt Amoruso  
S/Sgt Manning  
S/Sgt Williams  
S/Sgt Carney  
Sgt Pierce

740

234

6/26/44

Capt Griffin ✓  
Lt Collette ✓  
Lt Kruger ✓  
Lt Ward J. No. ✓  
Sgt Bosau

S/Sgt Pebley  
S/Sgt Daly  
Sgt Blackwell  
Sgt Klepper  
Sgt Francis

740

270

6/26/44

Lt Kelley ✓  
Lt Ennis ✓  
Lt Gustafson ✓  
T/Sgt Logan

T/Sgt Wert  
S/Sgt Balough  
S/Sgt Kruse  
S/Sgt Bischoff  
S/Sgt Franceschini  
S/Sgt Kaplanek

NG

740

264

6/26/44

Lt Preston ✓  
Lt Biro ✓  
Lt Pramik ✓  
S/Sgt McClure

S/Sgt Lutes  
S/Sgt Huntley  
Sgt Peterman  
Sgt Forbes  
Sgt Fullbright

740

748

NG  
6/26/44

S/Sgt Lubeck

Lt Jenkins ✓  
Lt Colby ✓  
Lt Sobel ✓  
Lt Loaring Clark ✓  
T/Sgt Marhenke

S/Sgt Jepsen  
Sgt Holdsworth  
Sgt Taylor  
Sgt Eaton  
Sgt Ferenz



740

492

6/26/44

Lt Hansen ✓  
Lt Ward ✓  
Lt Popejoy ✓  
Lt Dehn ✓  
T/Sgt DeRock

T/Sgt Yeandel  
S/Sgt Babcock  
S/Sgt Berg  
S/Sgt Rosenfield  
S/Sgt Seiter

740

994

6/26/44

Lt Beckner ✓  
Lt Ensminger ✓  
Lt Brandstetter ✓  
Lt Campbell ✓  
T/Sgt Watermond

T/Sgt Johnson P.A.  
S/Sgt Harris  
S/Sgt Symkowitz  
S/Sgt Sumakis  
S/Sgt Hayes

740

198

6/26/44

Lt Bethune ✓  
Lt Adcisson ✓  
Lt Abramowitz ✓  
Lt Asip ✓  
T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Collum  
S/Sgt Brown  
S/Sgt Bolling  
S/Sgt Yaus  
S/Sgt Sievers

740

351

6/26/44

Lt Johnson D. ✓  
F/O Robertson ✓  
Lt Teasdale ✓  
Lt Daniels L.V. ✓  
T/Sgt Freeman

T/Sgt Thigpen  
S/Sgt Merrill  
S/Sgt Jackson  
S/Sgt Fry  
S/Sgt Johnson R.J.

740

424

6/26/44

Lt Murphy ✓  
Lt Russell ✓  
Lt Emery ✓  
Lt Swanson ✓  
S/Sgt DuBeau

T/Sgt Schoene  
S/Sgt Graham  
Sgt Jozefowicz  
S/Sgt Hollinsworth  
S/Sgt Lauer

740

208

6/26/44

Lt Fisher ✓  
Lt Fabian ✓  
Lt Blacker ✓  
Lt Lafley ✓  
T/Sgt King A.

T/Sgt Rundle  
S/Sgt Schmaus  
S/Sgt Anderson  
S/Sgt Kucharik  
S/Sgt Hanides

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 A. O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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L O A D I N G L I S T

A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT *MIA* Lt. Jordan ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Mitchell  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Harrington ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Edwards  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Hale ✓ WAIST LEFT Sgt. Morris  
 BOMBARDIER Sgt. Friot BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Sherrick  
 RADIO TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Lead

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

PILOT *MIA* Lt. Keogh ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Higgins  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Vralsted ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Watson  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. McCracken ✓ BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Dogue  
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Doudy ✓ TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Lundquist  
 RADIO Sgt. Paslat

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

PILOT Lt. Chadwick ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Steinhauer  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Couget ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Schindler  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Grima ✓ WAIST LEFT Sgt. Earl  
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Daly ✓ BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Delaney  
 RADIO TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Anderson

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

PILOT *MIA* Lt. McCarthy ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Stever  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Anderson ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Moore  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Jackson ✓ WAIST LEFT Sgt. Rishko  
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Miller ✓ BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Kerr  
 RADIO Lt. Shetwell ✓ TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Bennett

A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT Capt. Mangeroni ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Straw  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Wittman ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Cornell  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Hosmer ✓ WAIST LEFT Sgt. Andrews  
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Bailen ✓ BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Howell  
 RADIO Lt. Roadman ✓ TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Fry

A/C NUMBER 481 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT Lt. Locatelli ✓ TOP TUR GNR Sgt. Karney  
 CO-PILOT Lt. Figgimbetham ✓ WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Dakin  
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Cahill ✓ WAIST LEFT Sgt. Kinnick  
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Molahan ✓ BALL TUR GNR Sgt. Anderson  
 RADIO Sgt. Schultz ✓ TAIL TUR GNR Sgt. Caldwell

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A/C NUMBER 359 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Maj. Walsh ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Cavano
CO-PILOT	Lt. Rosenberg ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Jones
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Kleinhaus
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blue ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hayek
RADIO	Sgt. Curl	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Cody

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

PILOT	Lt. Garski ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Herfeld
CO-PILOT	Lt. Disbrow ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Vincent
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Grim ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Weeks
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Scott ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Magnuson
RADIO	Sgt. Vicinski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Beauvais

A/C NUMBER 644 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Lackner ✓	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Buffington
CO-PILOT	Lt. Teel ✓	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Conroy
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Brier ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Huber
BOMBARDIER	S	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	
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	
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT	
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	
RADIO		TAIL TUR GNR	

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APO #520 U. S. ARMY

742nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) 26 June 1944  
Office of the Operations Officer

SUBJECT: Crews Completing Mission on 26 June 1944

TO : Operations Officer, 455th Bomb Group

<u>Ship 989</u>	<u>Ship 292</u>	<u>Ship 261</u>	<u>Ship 494</u>	<u>Ship 230</u>
P Lt Kelly	Lt Jackson	Lt Sensenbrenner	Lt Nelson	Lt J. Montgomery
CP Lt Swanner	Lt Aherns	Lt Ramstad	Lt Morris	Lt Sims
N Lt Nelson	Lt Smith	Lt Powell GIOVANNETTI	Lt Bastin	Lt Friedberg
B Lt Nelson	Lt Tolar	Lt McGrane	Lt Skelton	Lt Tilley
Bordeur	Sloper	Jastrzebowski	L. Latham	Ovens
Thomas	Beitz	Nerren	V. Latham	McCain
Blumberg	Truex	Sellers	Miller	Michaels
Pratt	Cristanus	Scott	Rhodes	York
Lacey	Rosenberg	Renner	Chance	Amborski
Pelkey	Citino	Plowman		Weiss
Johnson (F)				

<u>Ship 259</u>	<u>Ship 570</u>	<u>Ship 238</u>	<u>Ship 771</u>
P Lt Taylor	Lt Archibald	Lt J. Brown	Lt R. Montgomery
CP Lt Tuck	Lt Ungemach	Lt McKee	Lt Sabo
N Lt Platt	Lt Ezell	Lt Santina	
B Lt Boulware	Lt Barnard	Lt Ford	Lt Brothers
Rust	Seiler	Balmer	Mason
Wilson	Madzik	Goldman	Sutton
Spradling	Hachey	Shollenberger	Pritchard
Johnson	Abbondonelo	Kimsey	Kyle
Jackson	Teisinger	Grauwiller	Smith
Leverson	Todd	Yee	Leithauser
			Moore (F)

Combat Time: \_\_\_\_\_ :  
Target: \_\_\_\_\_ :

SHIP 232

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PETERSON, S.W.	Lt.	WINGO, L.L.	Lt.
CARPENTER, R.J.	Lt.	HENCKS, E.J.	Lt.
BAUMERT, R.H.	Lt.	BROYAN, C.B.	Lt.
PARTON, H.G.	Lt.	Oven, J.F.	Sgt.
Thomas, R.R.	Sgt.	Thuma, J.A.	Sgt.
Halsey, P.F.	Sgt.	Edgington, P.D.	Sgt.
Russell, G.Y.	Sgt.	Faller, R.N.	Sgt.
Williams, S.H.	Sgt.	Estrow, H.	Sgt.
Dean, J.L.	Sgt.	Green, W.P.	Sgt.
McCain, R.D.	Sgt.	Hare, C.B.	Sgt.

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DATE 26 June 1944

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 N BROOKSHIRE, B.H. ✓ Capt.  
 B BROWN, L.V. ✓ Lt.  
 E Ingalss, R.D. Sgt.  
 R Murray, V.E. Sgt.  
 AE Owens, B.G. Sgt.  
 AR Vance, D.S. Sgt.  
 AG Bush, D.D. Sgt.  
 AG Catt, J.L. Sgt.  
 N MOLNAR, Maj.  
 B HORNER, J. Maj.  
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 ARMSTRONG, A.T. ✓ Lt.  
 DRAKE, Lt.  
 SCHEEREN, T.M. ✓ Lt.  
 Roberts, W.R. Sgt.  
 Caldwell, G.S. Sgt.  
 Manuel, J.E. Sgt.  
 Hussey, H.R. Sgt.  
 McDonough, F.W. ✓ Sgt.  
 Taylor, P.B. ✓ Sgt.  
 HART, C.A. ✓ Lt.  
 ATWELL, E.C. ✓ Lt.

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 CAYEA, J.E. ✓ Lt.  
 SMITH, W.A. ✓ Lt.  
 HARDMAN, T.H. ✓ Lt.  
 Ledbetter, E. Sgt.  
 Kloos, G.W. Sgt.  
 Kennedy, C.J. Sgt.  
 Phillips, E.A. Sgt.  
 Peck, R.B. Sgt.  
 Hilgendorf, M.W. Sgt.

SHIP #583

P COOK, R.L. ✓ Capt.  
 CP TIGERT, H.E. ✓ F/O  
 N WOODLOCK, D.J. ✓ Lt.  
 B RANDALL, F.B. ✓ Lt.  
 E Bordwell, K. Sgt.  
 R Roth, E.J. Sgt.  
 AE Wells, J.L. Sgt.  
 AR Peeters, D.S. Sgt.  
 AG Peterson, D.E. Sgt.  
 AG Herbert, A.C. Sgt.  
 F Spencer, M.A. Sgt.

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 BUCHHOLZ, C.F. ✓ Lt.  
 FREDERICKSON, C. ✓ Lt.  
 HAWKINS, J.W. ✓ Lt.  
 Brown, T.M. Sgt.  
 Brown, E.L. Sgt.  
 Andrews, J.C. Sgt.  
 Boster, R.R. Sgt.  
 Gray, A.H. Sgt.  
 Kaleck, G.E. Sgt.

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 CARLTON, W.C. ✓ Lt.  
 DUDZIK, T.A. ✓ Lt.  
 Patterick, H.O. Sgt.  
 Ogg, D.E. Sgt.  
 Porter, W.M. Sgt.  
 Conrad, C.O. Sgt.  
 Simmeroth, R.B. Sgt.  
 Hays, D.F. Sgt.

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 CP CARPENTER, R.J. ✓ Lt.  
 N BAUMERT, R.H. ✓ Lt.  
 B PARTON, H.G. ✓ Lt.  
 E Thomas, R.R. Sgt.  
 R Heisey, P.W. Sgt.  
 AE Houssell, G.W. Sgt.  
 AR Williams, E.M. Sgt.  
 AG Kuhn, E.C. Sgt.  
 AG Quebedo, R.P. Sgt.

SHIP #232

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 Oven, A.M. Sgt.  
 Thuma, J.A. Sgt.  
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 Waller, R.N. Sgt.  
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