

455th Bomb Group – Field Orders, FO#146, Klagensfurt, Germany 11/3/44

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141st MISSION 3 November 1944.

304th Wing Operations Order #298, Amendment No. 1.

Three Pathfinder ships took off to Bomb KLAGENFURT A/C Factory.

740th Bomb Sq;

Ship #760, Pilot Crosby, M Navigator Cummings, took off at 1048A, overshot I.P., successfully bombed target area, axis of attack 181°, PFF synchronous, 21,500 feet, in complete overcast. Returned at 1520A.

741st Bomb Sq:

Ship #135, Pilot Bone, M Navigator Baralt, took off at 1056A, got to TRIESTE Area, experienced icing conditions and since they had no de-icers they returned to Base with their bombs at 1500A.

743rd Bomb Sq:

Ship #608, Pilot Houser, M Navigator Armando, took off at 1049A, arrived in vicinity of target but PFF Operator was unable to locate actual target, consequently returned to Base at 1538A after jettisoning bombs in Adriatic due to icing condition on wings.

Combat time: 5:30.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO O.O. # 298, d/d 2 November 1944.

2. Three PFF B-24's of each Gp this Wing will destroy KLAGENFURT A/C
Factory with MPI, I-6/7 on TC 14-4-NA, by Pathfinder method. Bombing by
individual A/C.

BOMBER DEPARTURE TIME: plus 01:30 to times given in O.O. # 298.
ROUTE OUT: Same as O.O. # 298 to WEIZEN LAKE (46°43'N, 13°20'E)
to IP to Target.
TURN POINT TIMES FROM LINE OF DEPARTURE: Same O.O. # 298 to WEIZEN
LAKE. Then IP, MILLSTATTER
LAKE at plus 01:56 at bombing
alt. to target at plus 02:03.
INITIAL POINT: MILLSTATTER LAKE (46°46'N, 13°39'E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 111° Mag.
TARGET TIME: Departure time plus 02:03.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 2000 ft. lower than O.O. # 298.
TARGET ELEVATION: 1475 ft.
RALLY: Right.
ROUTE BACK: Target to TOPLICE to OLIB ISLAND then reciprocal of
route out to base.

By command of Brigadier General UP THE GROVE:

Kenneth A. Cool
KENNETH A. COOL,
Colonel, Air Corps,
A-3.

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LOADING LIST

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740TH

Lt Crosby
Lt Carr
Lt Miller & Lt Cummings
Lt O'Malley
T/Sgt Parks

Ship 760

T/Sgt Bathie
S/Sgt Goldberg
S/Sgt Eldridge
S/Sgt Karen
S/Sgt Palmk

741ST Ship 135

P. Bone
CP. Jarry
N. Rathfelder
B. Kerr
MN. Baralt

E. BINSINELLA
R. MALLORY
STESLO
STARZINSKI
KIERNAN
MONTGOMERY

O'MALLEY

743RD Ship 608

P. HOUSER
CP. BROWN
N. BENNER
B. BEL
MN. ~~BARALT~~
ARMANDO

E. GIBBS
R. HERNANDEZ
OLSON
NORTON
FERRIS
TURNER

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