MISSION - 2 TROOP CONCENTRATION

455th Bomb. Group

Field Order No. 7

Feb. 18, 1944

HEADQUARTERS 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF,
A.P.O. 520 U.S. ARMY

18 February 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NO. 7)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, ROMA, 1/250,000 of ROMA.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is troop concentration area near GROTTAFERATA and FADETE.

(2) Enemy fighters have been reported over beach-head in strafing attacks. The exact number of enemy aircraft in this vicinity is not known.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) The bomb line is approximately 3 miles south of the town of CAPOLEONE.

(2) None.

2. This Group with 30 B-24's will attack the target at 11:15. The Bomb load will be ten 500# demolition bombs with .1 second nose fuse and .025 second tail fuse.

3. This Group will attack the target in two waves of two Squadrons each, second wave stepped up. The lead ship of each wave will sight for range and deflection, the box leaders for range, all other toggle on the leaders. The bombing altitude will be 20,000 for the lead ship. The axis of attack will be 77° Magnetic. The rally will be left then right, losing 1000 feet on a gradual turn.

4. No change.

5. a. Command ----------6440 kcs
Interplane ----------4975 kcs
A.G.L. ----------4585 kcs
VHF ----------"B" Channel.

b. None.

c. (1) Beach head at NUTTONO, ground forces.

(2) Group leader - Lt. Col. K.A. Cool.
Deputy Group leader - Major H.R. Graff.

(Field Order No. 7 Con't.)

By order of Lt. Col. COOL:

HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

OFFICIAL:

HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

ANNEXES:

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(Annex No. 1. Field Order No. 7)

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM NO. 3

I. MISSION OF THE 15TH AIR FORCE FOR 17 FEBRUARY 1944.

The German Commander Kesselring shows every determination to exert a maximum pressure against the Allied forces South of ROME, and especially to drive the Allied forces in the beach-head into the sea. It is against this pressure that all units of the 15th Air Force will make a maximum, all out effort on 17th Feb. given favorable weather. From dawn to dusk a maximum number of sorties in close support of our troops will be flown, to the limit of our capabilities. While 5 groups of B-24's of the 47th Wing are making a concentrated attack on one of the most active and vital of German communications points, the PADOVA M/Yd's maximum B-17's and fighters of the 5th Wing are standing by to make 2 sorties each against the German forces operating against the Allied beach-head in the ROME area.

Maximum B-24's of three groups of this Wing will attack three targets in the battle area in close support of our ground forces. All three groups will stand by for assignment of an additional mission during the day.

SCHEDULE OF ATTACK:

A. Maximum B-24's of the 454th Bomb Group will attack CECCHINA assembly area at 0910A.
B. Maximum B-24's of the 455th Bomb Group will attack Troop Concentration at 881/570 (Sheet 150, Italy 1:100,000) at 0920A.
C. Maximum B-24's of the 456th Bomb Group will attack GROTTAFERRATA Town at 0930A.

All Groups will carry 500 lb. bombs.

TARGETS:

CECCHINA ASSEMBLY AREA at CECCHINA STATION

Location GSGS 4164 Sheet 150, 875/443, 41 deg 42' N - 12 deg 39' M.
Elevation: Approximately 750 feet.

The station is approximately 2 miles south of ALBANO and is an important enemy communications center.

GROTTAFERRATA:

Location: GSGS 4164 sheet 150, 603/540, 40 deg 47' N - 12 deg 40' E.
Elevation: APP. 1000 feet.

The town lies approximately 10 miles SE of ROME, 2 miles north of Lake Albano. It is believed to be vital communications point and a headquarters for German resistance against the beach-head. Its destruction will materially aid hard pressed Allied troops who will be close enough to see our formations pass over-head.

(Annex No. 1 Con't., Field Order No 7)

TROOP CONCENTRATION TARGET: Assigned by the Army, its immediate destruction of which is of enormous tactical value.

GROUND SITUATION:

General Summary on 15 February, Approximately 70 sorties over beach-head, 4 enemy aircraft destroyed and 2 damaged without loss; formations were small ranging from 2 to 10 aircraft. Preliminary reports of 65 fighters bomber sorties over beach-head in morning of 16 February. In the early evening of 15 February there was constant traffic south east on the ROME-FROSINONE Road and south in the ARCE-SORA area, on 16 February there was light scattered movement on the roads to and from the beach-head. NAAF has received a statement from the Commanding General on the Beach-head that Naval and Air support on 12 February was most effective. 5th Army situation report 1130 hours 16 February: On Beach head Allies attacked to clear area G-0523: indications of very heavy enemy attack coming from northwest of beach-head. Normal patrol activity in NINTURNO sector, quiet night except for some artillery and mortor fire in CASSINO sector, night patrols report contact in northern sector. 8th Army situation report 0705 hours 16 February; some patrolling and light shelling in southern sector, slight artillery and mortor fire in northern sector;

MOST RECENT BOMB LINE: Main Bomb Line - No Change.

Beach Head Bomb Line as of 2100 hours 16 February is as follows: F-7631, 8033,

8633, 8834, 9834, G-0628, 0313

All units are especially warned that unless assigned specifically, targets to the rear of the bombline will nunder no circumstances be attacked.

In battle areas bombs will not be dropped through clouds. If there is any doubt bombs will not be dropped.

Twice recently units of the 15 air Force have dropped bomb dangerously close to our own troops. Strict observance of the above is absolutely essential.

WILLIAMS
A-2

(Annex No. 2. Field Order No. 7)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. Number of Aircraft on mission ----------30 B-24's
2. Group Leader ----------Lt. Col. K.A. COOL
3. Deputy Group Leader ----------Major H.R. GRAFF
4. Second Section Leader ----------Major E.C. AMBROSEN
5. Second Section Deputy Leader ----------Lt. J.W. KNIGHT
6. Number of other Groups on Mission ------None
7. Escort ----------None
8. Bombs ----------10-500# Demolition
   Nose fusing .1 sec.
   Tail fusing .025 sec.
9. Ammunition ----------5200 rounds
10. Fuel load ----------2300 gals and full oil service.
11. Stations ----------07:15
12. Taxi and takeoff instructions ----------Taxi to south end of runway
    in following order for Take-off
    to Northwest.
    Time of Take-off 0915

ORDER OF TAKE-OFF:

1. 257	8. 296	15. 250	22. 476
2. 224	9. 270	16. 482	23. 481
3. 204	10. 223	17. 640	24. 260
4. 294	11. 239	18. 494	25. 266
5. 500	12. 210	19. 238	26. 290
6. 267	13. 235	20. 230	27. 280
7. 665	14. 282	21. 259	28. 241
			29. 283
			30. 271

13. Assembly ----------Over field at 5000 ft.
    Depart field 0955, Climb on course.

14. Course ----------Base to Palamorola Is. 2630
    Climb Palamorola to turning point,
    311°. Turning point to IP 39° T
    21,000 ft.

15. Time at I.P. ----------11:10
    IP to target 77° 20,000
    Time over target 11:15

(Field Order No. 7, Annex No. 2 continued)

16. Target to turn point----------81° T. losing 1000'

17. I.P.----------41 44'N 12 20'E.

18. Axis of attack----------77

19. Bombing formation----------Two waves, 2 Sq. each

20. Bombardier information----------Aiming point for lead ship will be 1 mile W of FRASCHOTE. Intervelometer setting 100' IAS for bombing 160 MPH

Target information-----650'
Surface pressure-------29.68"
Wind aloft-------------350 25MPH.
Surf temp & GC---Alt&Corr7.5 &200.

21. Rally----------1/3 needlewidth turn to left 30 then right turn on course to SUBRACO.

22. Base at takeoff: 8/10 to 10/10 stratocumulus at 2500/ tops near 10,000 ft. Lower stratus, 2/10 at 8 to 10 hnd after 0800. Visibility 4 to 7 miles in haze. Surface winds, North to north-northeast, 6 to 9 MPH.

En route to target: 8/10 to 10/10 stratocumulus at 2500 tops near 10,000 feet.

Target: 3/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 3000 feet, tops near 10,000 feet. 1/10 altostratus at 16000 feet.

En route to base: 8/10 to 10/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 2500 feet. 2/10 to 3/10 stratus at 1000 feet.

Icing: Freezing level near 3500 feet, Icing in all clouds to 1500 feet.

Winds aloft:			
	5000 ft	30 deg	20 mph
	10000 Ft	10 deg	20-25 mph
	15000 ft	350 deg	25 mph
	20000 ft	350 deg	25 mph

Surface pressure at target, 29.68 inches
Surface temperature at target, plus 7.5 deg C.
Altitude correction, plus 200 feet.

Mission No. 2

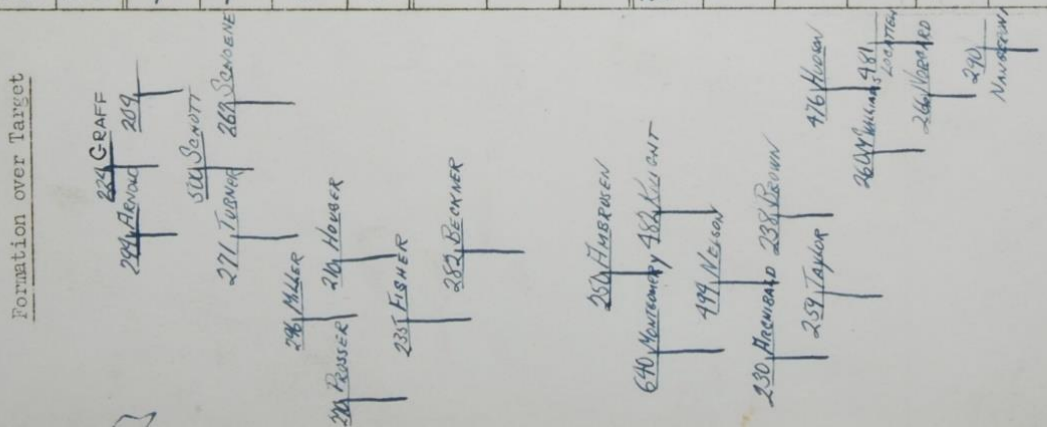
Date FEB. 17, 1944

MISSION STATISTICS

Units Participating	Primary	Secondary	Last Resort
455 Th Bomb Gp (H)	TROOP CONCENTRATION AREA AT 881570	NONE	NONE

Unit	A/C Off Ground	A/C OVER TARGET: Primary	Secondary	Last Resort	ABORTIVES: Total Abor.	Mech. Failure	Arm. Failure	Other	CLAIMS: Destroyed	Probable	Damaged	DISPOSITION OF BOMBS: Effective No.	Effective Type	Jettisoned No.	Jettisoned Type	Brought Back No.	Brought Back Type	A/C Lost	Amm. Exp.	CASUALTIES: Total	M.I.A.	Killed	Injured
740	6	5	NONE	NONE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	500#	0	0	10	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0
741	7	5	"	"	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	~~50~~ 49	500#	0	0	~~41~~ 31	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0
742	7	7	"	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
743	7	6	"	"	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	500#	10	500#	~~20~~ 0	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0
	27	23	NONE	NONE	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	~~220~~ 219	500#	10	500#	~~70~~ 61	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0

Formation over Target



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(ANNEX NO. 3, FIELD ORDER NO. 7)

MISSION STATISTICS

1. 30 A/C B-24's were scheduled to fly.

2. 3 A/C failed to take-off.

3. 4 A/C returnedearly.

4. 23 A/C were over target.

5. 22 A/C returned to home base.

6. 1 A/C B-24 #42-52270 landed at Marciandise A/D.

7. 740th Squadron:

   239 Failed to take-off - Electrical trouble.
   223 Returned early - Electrical trouble.

8. 741st Squadron:

   280 Failed to take-off - Electrical trouble.
   241 Returned early - supercharger trouble.
   257 Returned early - Electrical trouble.

9. 742ndSquadron:

   All scheduled A/C took off.
   No early returns.

10. 743rd Squadron:

    204 Failed to take-off - Armament trouble.
    283 Early return - cause unknown.
    665 Early return - cause unknown.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

APO 520,
16 February, 1944.
2000A.

Operations Order
Number 15

1. a. See latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) The enemy continues to press our beachhead very hard.

(2) Operations for 17 February, 1944. Maximum B-17's of the 5th Wing and maximum P-38's and P-47's are standing by to make two sorties each in support of ground operations in ROME area. Five groups of B-24's of the 47th Wing are attacking PADUA M/Y.

2. Three groups maximum B-24's of this Wing will attack targets in support of ground forces and will plan on two sorties during the day.

TARGET: 454th BG CECCHINA Assembly Area. 456th BG GROTTAFERRATA Town. 455th BG Troop concentration area at 881570.
BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 454th BG SAN GIOVANNI at 6000 ft at 0750A.
456th BG STORNARA at 7000 ft at 0755A.
455th BG SAN GIOVANNI at 6000 ft at 0810A.
ROUTE OUT: 454th BG PALMAROLA ISLAND, #, 41°30'N, 12°00'E, IP, target. 456th BG same route as 454th BG. 455th BG same route as 454th BG.
INITIAL POINT: All groups 41°44'N, 12°20'E.
AXIS OF ATTACK: 454th BG 104 degrees M. 455th BG 77 degrees M. 456th BG 82 degrees M.
TARGET TIME: 454th BG 0910A. 456th BG 0920A. 455th BG 0930A.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 454th BG 23,000 ft. 456th BG 21,000 ft. 455th BG 20,000 ft.
BOMBING FORMATION: 454th and 456th BG's two waves of three squadrons each. 455th BG same formation, fly wing squadrons in close.
TARGET ELEVATION: CECCHINA Town and Area 750 ft. GROTTAFERRATA Town 1000 ft. 455th BG target 650 ft.
RALLY: 454th BG RIGHT. 456th BG LEFT. 455th BG LEFT.
ROUTE BACK: 454th BG PALMAROLA ISLAND, Base. 456th BG North of POLESTRINA TO SUBIACO, Base. 455th BG same as the 456th BG.

3. a. Last ship of 454th BG to be off ground at 0725A in order to clear for the 455th BG take-off.

3. x. All groups load ten 500's with .1 second nose and .025 second tail fuzes. 454th and 456th BG's intervalometer setting 100 ft. 455th BG intervalometer setting 100 ft.

4. Omitted.

5. Command 6440. VHF channel "B" for bombers. Collective call signs (454th BG - BELLBOY ONE) (455TH BG-BELLBOY TWO) (456th BG-BELLBOY THREE). IFF will be handled in accordance with our message cite TOFE-85. Bombs away will be sent as previously instructed. All crews will be briefed on latest bomb line. Absolutely no bombs will be dropped to rear of bomb line. Bombs will not be dropped through overcasts. Bombs will not be dropped unless target is definitely identified. In case target area is cloud-covered on first approach, units will withdraw into friendly territory and will circle to await better cloud conditions. Circling will continue up to one hour if necessary.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

JOHN K. BROWN, JR.,
Colonel, Air Corps,
A-3

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Mission # 2
Field Order No. 7

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 41-29496 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT Lt. Miller
CO-PILOT Lt. Bastow
NAVIGATOR Lt. Stepanian
BOMBARDIER Lt. Ellenbrook
RADIO T/Sgt Veley

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Dixon
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Beatty
WAIST LEFT Sgt Sapia
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Hughes
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Mahoney

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52270 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lbs TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT Lt. Prosser
CO-PILOT Lt Kelly
NAVIGATOR Lt Infanty
BOMBARDIER Lt Kraty
RADIO T/Sgt Markenke

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Dixon
WAIST RIGHT Sgt King
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Collins
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Alt
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Hubach

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52223 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lbs TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT Lt Moore
CO-PILOT Lt Ennis
NAVIGATOR Lt Erickson
BOMBARDIER Lt Gall
RADIO T/Sgt DeRock

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Lourke
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Greland
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Schweisberger
BALL TUR GUN Sgt Kontasky
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Smith

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52239 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lbs TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT Lt Smith
CO-PILOT Lt Griffin
NAVIGATOR Lt Droghi
BOMBARDIER Lt Clowery
RADIO T/Sgt Walk

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Cassidy
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Conlin
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Nygaat
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Good
TAIL GUN Sgt Carringer

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Field Order No. 3

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 481 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0900

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT LOCATELLI, JULIO C. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT REZIN, DOUGLES S. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR CAHILL, ROBERT E. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER McMAHON, WILLIAM F. 2nd Lt.
RADIO SCHULTZ, FREDERICK J. S/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN KARNEY, CHARLES R. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT KINNICK, WALDON R. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT DAKIN, RICHARD A. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN ANDERSON, JAMES Q. Sgt.
TAIL GUN HEER, WARREN G. Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 280 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT BRASHEAR, JOHN R. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT MUTH, GORDON, C. F/O.
NAVIGATOR REGNIER, ROBERT A. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER ELKERTON, GEORGE P. 2nd Lt.
RADIO KORZENIEWSKI, EDWARD S/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN FORTSON, DALE T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT ABBOTT, JACK E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT BOWLES, WILLIAM F. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN KIRBY, VICTOR E. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN ANDREWS, TERRY B. S/Sgt.

TURN BACK

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 241 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0845

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT BARBOUR, DAVID A. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT DODRILL, CHARLES F. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR JACKSON, THORTON H. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER HAMILTON, ROBERT M. 2nd Lt.
RADIO SHOTWELL, EDWARD O. Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN STOWER, CARL W. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT MOORE, HUGH E. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT RISHKO, MICHEAL Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN KERR, DONALD M. Sgt.
TAIL GUN BENNETT, KENNETH L. Sgt.

TURN BACK

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 257 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0915

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT COOL, KENNETH L. Lt. Col.
CO-PILOT THAYER, DAVID S. Capt.
NAVIGATOR BROOKSHIER, BEVERLEY 1st Lt.
BOMBARDIER BROWN, LEROY 1st Lt.
RADIO MERRY VICTOR E. S/Sgt.
[redacted] NAVIGATOR WOODLOCK, DAVID 2nd Lt.
TOP TUR GUN INGALLS, ROBERT D. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT CATT, JAMES L. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT VANCE, DUANE S. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN BUSH, BUANE T/Sgt.
TAIL GUN OWEN, BEN G. S/Sgt.

TURN BACK

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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52235 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 2t Fisher
CO-PILOT 2t Allen
NAVIGATOR 2t Blacker
BOMBARDIER 2t Jaffey
RADIO S/Sgt King

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Rundle
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Anderson
WAIST LEFT Sgt Sanders
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Schmaus
TAIL GUN Sgt Kurbanik

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52210 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 2t. Houser
CO-PILOT 2t McNamara
NAVIGATOR 2t. Depopiolo
BOMBARDIER 2t. Levin
RADIO T/Sgt. O'Brien

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Kempf
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Zielinski
WAIST LEFT Sgt Devera
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Robinson
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Zunfaro

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 41-29282 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 09:00

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 2t Beckner
CO-PILOT 2t Ensminger
NAVIGATOR F/O Brandstetter
BOMBARDIER 2t. Campbell
RADIO Sgt Johnson

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Beck
WAIST PIGHT S/Sgt Sumalis
WAIST LEFT Sgt Hayes
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Harris
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Szymkowicz

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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 476 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0900

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT HUDSON, EUGENE L. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT WELSH, RUSSELL J. Maj.
NAVIGATOR HOSMER, HUMPHREY B. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER BAKANAUSKAS, SAM 2nd Lt.
RADIO MUSE, KARL J. S/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN BEELER, FRANCIS E. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT HAMILTON, HAROLD L. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT ELLIOTT, WAYNE V. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN WOLFE, MELVIN Sgt.
TAIL GUN WOLFE, MARVIN I. Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 260 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0915

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT McWILLIAMS, VICTOR 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT MENSINGER GLENN E. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR WILKES, ROSCOE H. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER FOGEL, ANTHONY 2nd Lt.
RADIO EGGEMEYER, VICTOR H. S/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN MILLER, CHESTER K. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT McDOWELL, HARRY Sgt.
WAIST LEFT HARDY, ROBERT R. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN RAGUSKY, DANIEL A. Sgt.
TAIL GUN RIFINSKY, JOSEPH V. Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 266 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0815

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT NORGARD, CLIFFORD D. Capt.
CO-PILOT STINER, THEODORE J. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR SLUSSER, HARRIS W. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER DEMAS, WILLIAM 2nd Lt.
RADIO BANTZ, CLINTON D. S/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN HARTMAN, JOHN T. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT BERGMANN, ARTHUR E. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT JENKINS, HAROLD V. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN MYRICK TROY, E. Sgt.
TAIL GUN CRATCH ALBERT E. Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 290 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0925

2/17/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT NANGERONI, LOUIS L. 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT WITTMAN, WILLIAM T. F/O
NAVIGATOR KLINE, GEORGE L. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER BLUM, JACK F. 2nd Lt.
RADIO BOADMAN, PAUL C. S/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN STRAW, JOHN S. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT FRY, RUSSELL A. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT JOHNSON, ARTHUR R. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN HOWELL, EDWARD A. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN ANDREWS, NORMAN C. Sgt.

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742nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO #520
New York, New York.

17 February 1944

SUBJECT: List of Crews on Second Mission:

To : 455th Bomb Group (H), Operations Officer.

Ship #250
Major E.C. AMBROSEN
1st Lt R.A. GOSLINE
1st Lt J.P. TYYKILA
2nd Lt R.G. McGLASSON
1st Lt R.D. STRODE
T/Sgt E.F. WEDIN
T/Sgt M.R. HARKEY
S/Sgt C.R. WEBB
T/Sgt E. ANTONSON
S/Sgt W.T. ROBINSON
Sgt H.W. DUVAL

Ship #230
2nd Lt S.A. ARCHIBALD
2nd Lt T.A. WATSON
2nd Lt E.B. EZELL
2nd Lt W.E. BROWN
T/Sgt W.J. MADZIK
S/Sgt J.R. HACHEY
S/Sgt H. Seiler
S/Sgt J.A. ABBONDONDELLO
S/Sgt D.R. TEISINGER
Sgt M.D. TODD

Ship #494
2nd Lt H.O. NELSON
2nd Lt R.W. TUCK
2nd Lt A. ARIFF
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S/Sgt V. LATHAM
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S/Sgt D.E. DEARING
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2nd Lt G.B. BOULWARE
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N.	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	0-691928
B.	BOCK, PHILIP	2nd Lt.	0-688300
E.	KLINEK, ALBERT J.	S/Sgt.	15524235
AE.	FLOYD, VERN L.	Sgt.	18231366
R.	LEVASSEUR, WARREN F.	S/Sgt.	17063265
AR.	FULLER, MAURICE L.	Sgt.	17161221
AG.	HANSON, JAMES S.	Sgt.	16110368
AG.	MARKELL, JOHN H.	Sgt.	36562770

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P.	ARNOLD, WILLIAM A.	2nd Lt.	0-681293
CP.	DUNSCOMB, RICHARD E.	2nd Lt.	0-687471
N.	ANDERSON, INGVAR E.	2nd Lt.	0-752973
B.	DRASCO, STEPHEN A.	2nd Lt.	0-751477
E.	KEITH, RONALD R.	S/Sgt.	17127752
AE.	PETRIE, DONALD R.	Sgt.	39266229
R.	MANZITTO, SEBASTINO	Sgt.	37472964
AR.	HERBERT, ALEX G. JR.	Sgt.	13127661
AG.	SPENCER, MATTHEW A.	Sgt.	11088151
AG.	MCARTHUR, CHARLES J.	S/Sgt.	33489337

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P.	SCHOENE, HORST R.	2nd Lt.	0-748259
CP.	COLMAN, ORRIN C.	2nd Lt.	0-691039
N.	HAYWOOD, RENORD F.	2nd Lt.	0-690417
B.	DAVIS, RALPH J.	2nd Lt.	0-688517
E.	LUMPKIN, LENDON F.	T/Sgt.	38289148
AE.	PALMER, FLOYD W.	S/Sgt.	33284415
R.	ORONA, JOHN V.	S/Sgt.	17091068
AR.	CUSHING, WALDO L.	S/Sgt.	11083357
AG.	BATES, JAMES E.	S/Sgt.	36301597
AG.	BERG, HAROLD C.	Sgt.	36720807

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P.	GRAFF, HUGH R.	Major	
CP.	BUCKLEY, JOHN N.	1st Lt.	0-792000
N.	GRECO, JOHN (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-743587
B.	BROYAN, CARL B.	2nd Lt.	0-688304
F.	WILSON, FRANCIS M.	2nd Lt.	0-691336
N.	GROSS, JOSEPH (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-811631
E.	KNAPP, JACK M.	T/Sgt.	18161439
AE.	MCVAY, ELMER G.	S/Sgt.	17021478
R.	ROTH, EDWARD J.	S/Sgt.	19124105
AR.	LAFOLLETTE, JOHN H. JR.	S/Sgt.	35724961
AG.	RAMSAY, CARLYLE P.	S/Sgt.	38458089
AG.	ENTROP, HENRY (NMI)	S/Sgt.	38370083

Plane No. 271

P.	TURNER, ERNEST F.	2nd Lt.	0-747924
CP.	WALWORTH, NEIL M.	2nd Lt.	0-812335
N.	HINE, LEONARD D.	2nd Lt.	0-690421
B.	DAVIS, CLARENCE R.	2nd Lt.	0-688985
E.	CAPAROSO, JOSEPH (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32462903
AE.	OVEN, ANDREWS M.	Sgt.	34406625
R.	ALDAPE, JOSE (NMI)	Sgt.	38414971
AR.	SMITH, LEO W.	Sgt.	14064595
AG.	WILLS, ROBERT I.	S/Sgt.	39281023

Plane No. 283

P.	RAMEY, THOMAS A.	2nd Lt.	0-541608
CP.	TAVERNIT, ANTHONY S.	F/O	T-122636
N.	GENDRON, HAROLD E.	2nd Lt.	0-690699
B.	BELOVSKY, ANDREW F.	2nd Lt.	0-688663
E.	PASTNER, HAROLD J.	T/Sgt.	13111919
AE.	TRINKO, WESLEY P.	S/Sgt.	16024326
R.	CORLEY, PERRY L.	T/Sgt.	18019495
AR.	FRANZELAS, PAUL J.	S/Sgt.	32713395
AG.	PINE, EDGAR R.	S/Sgt.	18117916
AG.	MAGEE, JOHN G.	S/Sgt.	38410805

Plane No. 665

P.	ANDERSON, LAURENS	2nd Lt.	0-445410
CP.	BROOKS, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.	0-808944
N.	GINSBURG, SEYMOUR (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-753107
B.	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.	2nd Lt.	0-681777
E.	WINN, FRANCIS P.	T/Sgt.	7022350
AE.	CLUCK, OMER L.	S/Sgt.	18169926
R.	WEINE, MAX G.	Sgt.	32459798
AR.	TAYLOR, PAUL E.	S/Sgt.	37235868
AG.	HOSAC, CHESTER W.	T/Sgt.	39902561
AG.	O'BOYLE, JAMES J.	S/Sgt.	31271689