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ZARA

Mission No. 3

Field Order No. 8

February 22, 1944

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

22 February 1944

FIELD ORDER)
NO. 8)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, CHEITI, FIUME and VENEZIA.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is harbor and installations at ZARA, YUGOSLAVIA. Primary purpose is to divert fighters from the PO VALLEY.

(2) Enemy fighters are in force in the PO VALLEY.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) None.

2. This Group with 41 - B-24's will make a diversionary sweep to Key Point 45°20'N, 13°00'E and will then bomb harbor at ZARA, YUGOSLAVIA.

3. This Group will reach Key Point at 11:04, thenturn to attack harbor at 11:50. This Group will attack the targetin two waves of three flights each. Second wave will be stepped up. The lead ship of each wave will sight for range and deflection, the lead ship of the boxeswill sight for range, all other ships will toggle on their lead ship. The bombing altitude will be 22,000 feet. Axis of attack 114°. The rally will be right losing altitude at 300 feet per minute.

4. No change.

5. a. Command - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 6440 kcs.
Interphone- - - - - - - - - - - - - 4975 kcs.
A.G.H. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 4585 kcs.
VHF - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - "B" Channel.
Collective call sign- - - - - - - Exceed Two.

b. None.

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c. (1) None.

(2) Group leader - - - - - - - - - - - - - Lt. Col. K. A. COOL.
Deputy Group leader- - - - - - - - - Major H. R. GRAFF.

By order of Lt. Col. COOL:

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

OFFICIAL:

HUGH R. GRAFF,
Major, AirCorps,
Operations Officer.

ANNEXES:

1. Intelligence Report.
2. Briefing Outline.
3. Mission Statistics.
4. Operations Order 304th Wing.

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A-2 Section
304th Bomb Wing (H)
APO 520, U.S. Army
2130 Hrs. 21 Feb 1944

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM # 7

1. MISSION OF FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE FOR 22 FEB 1944

The most decisive air action of this War is now in progress. All Allied Air Forces will continue to operate at maximum effort until the German Air Force is driven from the sky. Only extreme weather conditions can prevent Fifteenth Air Force from Participating.

SPECIAL PLAN A FOR 22 FEB 1944
See 15th A.F. Intelligence Annex No 1 to Field Order No 10 (13 Feb 1944)

A. MISSION PLAN: The same as in 15th A.F. Field Order No 10, except for certain changes and additions which are set forth in 304th Bomb Wing F.C. No 21, for 22 Feb 1944

SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS:

304th Bomb Wing: Maximum B-24's of the 454th & 456th B.G.'s will attack the N and S M/Yds at BROD, YUGOSLAVIA, with 500 lbs bombs, at H hours Plus 0750 hours. Key point at KORMEND (47 deg 01' N - 16 deg 35' E) will be reached at H hour Plus 0710 hours Maximum B-24's of the 455th B.G. will make a feint to Key Point in Northern Adriatic at 45 20 N - 13 00 E, (Time over Key point is H hour Plus 0605 hours) and will attack port and Harbor installations at ZARA at H hour Plus 0650 hours . Alternate target for all Groups is Port and Harbor installations at SIBENIK

II. TARGETS:

A. BROD N & S M/Yds
see 15th Air Force Intelligence annex No 1 to Field Order No 10 (13 Feb 1944) and 304th Wing Intelligence annex (No 5) to operations Order No 20 for 21 Feb 1944 and Intelligence Memorandum No 6, 21 Feb 1944.

B. ZARA: (44 deg N - 15 deg E)
An Italian held port in the Yugoslavian Coast, is an important point for Supply of German Troops in the Balkans, Supplies come down the coast from TRIESTE and FIUME, usually in small craft and generally at night.

C. SIBENIK Harbor and installations. (Alternate Target)

D. Reconnaissance on January 31 observed 13 sixty foot invasion barges unloading M/T at ZARA in addition to a number of other small costal vessels including two German escort craft. Considerable shipping by small boats has been observed on regular reconnaissance of that area but some decline in volume was noted on 15 Feb In the past month shippin at ZARA has been bombed or strafed by the AAF and the MACAF on four different occasions.

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TARGET MATERIAL:

A. BROD
1 T.C. 8-103-
2 Maps: GSGS 4396 Yugoslavia 1:100,000 Sheet #48
3 Photos: 28 sets of each: Phots 3023 - 3029, incl. (7 photos)
4023 - 4029, incl. (7 photos)

B. ZARA
1 T.C. 4-139-NA
2 Maps: GSGS 4396 Yugoslavia 1:100,000 (Sheet #75)

C. SIBENIK
1 Maps: GSGS 4396, Yugoslavia 1:100,000, (Sheet #92 & 93, 1 each Group)
2 Photo Mosaic No. 1944, 1:15,000, MC #40,028. (6 annotated & 4 unannotated distributed to 454th, 455th, & 456th on 18th Feb. 4 unannotated distributed 21 Feb. 1944).

SPECIAL NOTE: All Photos and Photo Mosaics must be returned in good condition to the WING A-2 SECTION. Crews should be carefully briefed to to return all photos at interrogation. These photos should be checked by the S-2 section, and returned to Wing with the writtten confirming Mission Report.

III. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. ENEMY AIR: No Change.

B. FLAK:

1. BROD: No Change.

2. ZARA: Four 4 gun heavy dual purpose batteries comprise the defenses of this area and are pinpointed at the following locations: 959053, 984057, 992017, 009022. Ref. GSGS 4396 Yugoslavia 1:100,000 Sheet 75. These same pinpoints are indicated and Annetated Flak Map E/808.

EXPERIENCE: On 17 January B-24's encountered moderated inaccurate heavy flak from Zara.

C. SIBENIK: No Change.

IV. GROUND SITUATION:

BALKANS: Partiaians are reported to have ousted the Germans from OTOCAK (WF-90 about 5 miles S of BROD) and GRANCANICA (XM-47), and to be advancing down the DOROJ (XM-28) - TUZLA (XM-76) railroad line, wrecking it enroute.

V. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

VI. REPORTS:

VII. ESCAPE INTELLIGENCE

No Change from 15th Air Force Intelligence Annex No. 1 to F.O. No. 10. (13 Feb. 1944.)

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VIII. SPECIAL BRIEFING NOTES:

A. The following is a paraphrase of a message received 21 February, 1944 from the Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force:

General SPAATZ has expressed his appreciation of our efforts toward supporting the air force units that are now engaged over Germany in large scale air battles. It is his belief that our mission to destroy the German Air Force can be accomplished in short order by combined all out effort aimed at drawing that Air Force into decisive battle. Inform your subordinate units that in order to destroy the German Air Force we must make our contribution and operate with maximum effort.

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B. SECURITY:

1.. Again all units are reminded that information concerning future combat operations is of the highest degree of secrecy

2. Discussion of future missions, either based on facts or rumors, is positively forbidden except in the course of official business. There is to be no discussion whatsoever of plans for future operations even in those sections where such plans are made or handled except by those whose duties require them to do so and then only under circumstance which will insure effective security.

3. The same high degree of security attached to future combat operations applies to all information concerning missions that have been briefed and then cancelled, because the same plan may be used again. Knowledge of them absolutely must not be divulged.

4. This Intelligence is classified as SECRET, and should be handled with the utmost care to preserve complete secrecy of its contents.

PLAN B IS CANCELLED.

Plan C: is the same as Plan B in 304th Bom Wing Operations Order No. 20 for 21 February 1944, except for target time, which is 1200 hours.

WILLIAMS
A-2

DISTRIBUTION:
1 Copy to each Group 454th, 455th, 456th.
1 Copy to Nutmeg.

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BRIEFING OUTLINE

1. Number of Aircraft on mission ----------41 B-24's.
2. Group leader ----------Lt. Col. K.A. Cool
3. Deputy Group leader ----------Major D.W. Harp
4. Second section leader ----------Captain, W.E. Keefer
5. Second section deputy leader ----------Lt. Smith
6. Number of other Groups on missions ----------None
7. Escort ----------None
8. Bombs ----------10-500# General Purpose
   Nose fusing .1 sec
   Tail fusing .025 sec.
9. Ammunition ----------5200 rounds
10. Fuel load ----------2300 gals. and full oil service
11. Stations ----------07:10
12. Taxi and take-off instructions ----------Taxi to southwest end of runway in following order for Take-off to Northwest.
    Time of Take-off 08:30

ORDER OF TAKE-OFF:

1. 257	9. 658	17. 271	25. 476	33. 235
2. 494	10. 640	18. 224	26. 290	34. 264
3. 238	11. 230	19. 283	27. 241	35. 749
4. 294	12. 482	20. 665	28. 210	36. 216
5. 267	13. 259	21. 253	29. 282	37. 456
6. 500	14. 282	22. 296	30. 223	38. 249
7. 261	15. 211	23. 239	31. 497	39. 271
8. 289	16. 204	24. 198	32. 219	40. 481
				41. 260

13. Assembly ----------Over field 4000'
    Depart field 0920.

14. Course ----------Base to key Point - 333° 20,000'
    Key point to turning point 150° Climb
    Turning point to IP - 99° 22,000'

15. Time at I.P. ----------11:45
    I.P. to target - 112° - 22,000'
    Time over target - 11:50

16. Target to Base ----------172° let down.

17. I.P. ----------Island of MOLAT

18. Axis of attack ----------112°.

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19. Bombing Formation ----------Two waves of 18 ships each.
20. Bombardier Information ----------Aiming point for lead wave. Docks and installations on main land. Aiming point for second wave. Inland west of docks & instalations. Intervelometer setting. 300'

21. Rally ----------Right turn losing Alt. 300' Per Min.

22. Weather:

Synoptic situation: Low pressure centered to the south of the peninsula of Italy with a second center in eastern Balkans.

Base: 8 to 10 tenths stratus at 3000 to 5000 feet with 4 to 6 tenths of altostratus at 10000 feet. Low clouds tending to break around noon with 6 to 7 tenths cumulus in the afternoon. Visibility 10 miles.

Plan ABLE:

Route: Same as base with 8 to 10 tenths coverage. Clouds topping mountains with sctd snow showers in the mountain areas. Tops of clouds near 12000 feet.

Target: 5-6 tenths of low clouds with 5 to 6 tenths of middle clouds at 11000 feet with occasional breaks.

Plan ~~XXXXX~~ CHARLIE:

Route: Same as base with clouds topping mountains and conditions improving on the other side of the mountains.

Target: 2 to 3 tenths low clouds with 2 tenths middle couds. Light haze over target.

Icing: Freezing level 3500 feet. Icing in all ~~xxxxx~~ clouds.

Winds aloft: 5000 feet 340 deg, 20 mph
10000 " 330 deg, 15 mph
15000 " 300 deg, 15 mph
20000 " 290 deg, 10 mph

	ABLE	CHARLIE
Surface pressure at target:	29.82"	29.79 inches
Surface ~~xxxxx~~ temperature target:	plus 5°c	plus 6 deg C
Altitude correction:	plus 94'	plus 122 feet

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Date FEB. 22, 1944

MISSION STATISTICS

Units Participating	Primary	Secondary	Last Resort
455	DOCKS AT ZARA, YUGO.	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.	Type	Jettisoned No.	Type	Brought Back No.	Type	A/C Lost	Amm. Exp.	CASUALTIES Total	M.I.A.	Killed	Injured
740	9	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	80	500#	0	0	20	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0
741	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
742	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	~~100~~ 90	500#	~~50~~	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
743	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	500#	0	0	18	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0
	39	38	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	362	500#	10	0	38	500#	0	0	0	0	0	0

Formation over Target

257 Cook
282 Nelson
274 Roberds
500 Keayey
267 Fowls
258 Talcuir
211 Cook
230 Gregory
Mckinney
Dawsam
658 Sexton
26 Sexton
Hoyland
640 Jones
Wiseley
265 Thomas
282 Sampson
182 Parker
238 Beard
276 Keefer
158 Alexander
239 Smith
426 Wurtz
241 Barbour
250 Callan
223 Wallick
Brashears
245 Bowers
412 Rocha
Sayne
235 Fisher
269 Rules
246 Walters
Jordan
288 Jordan
481 Curtis
211 Deerake
260 Hinton

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740th BOMB SQUADRON

210	Failed to Take-Off	Electrical Trouble
282	Returned Early	Broken Gas Cap

743rd BOMB SQUADRON

253	Failed to Take-Off	Armament

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

APO 520,
21 February, 1944.
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455

Operations Order
Number 21

1. a. No change.

b. (1) No change.

(2) Operations for 22 February, 1944. Plan Able FO #10, Hq. 15th A. F., dated 13 February, 1944, except omit par. 3. b. (2). This group will go with force to GRAZ. Plan Charlie. Same as Plan Baker in O. O. No. 20, dated 20 February, 1944.

2. Plan Able. Maximum B-24's of 454th and 456th BG's will make a diversionary sweep to key point at KORMEND and will then attack BROD M/Y. 455th BG will furnish maximum B-24's and will make a diversionary sweep to key point 45°20'N, 13°00'E and will then bomb ZARA harbor.

TARGET: 455th see attached target chart.
SECONDARY TARGET: 455th BG SIBENIK town. 454th BG and 455th BG SIBENIK harbor and shipping.
BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 455th BG at SAN GIOVANNI at 4000 ft at How hour plus 4:20. 454th and 456th BG's at SAN GIOVANNI at 5000 ft at How hour plus 05:00.
LEAD: 454th BG with 456th BG high on right to key point and then high on left to target.
ROUTE OUT: 455th BG Base, Key Point (45°20'N, 13°00'E), 44°20'N, 13°50'E, IP, target. 454th and 456th BG's Base, 45° 35'N, 15°35'E, Key Point (KORMEND 47°01'N, 16°35'E), IP, target.
INITIAL POINT: 455th BG MOLAT (44°12'N, 14°54'E). 454th and 456th BG's SLAV POZEGA (45°20'N, 17°41'E).
AXIS OF ATTACK: 455th BG 114 degrees M. 454th and 456th BG's 129 degrees M.
TARGET TIME: 455th BG How hour plus 06:50. 454th and 456th BG's How hour plus 07:50.
BOMBING ALTITUDE: 455th BG 22,000 ft. 456th BG 21,500 ft. 454th BG 20,000 ft.
BOMBING FORMATION: 455th BG two waves of 18 ships each. 454th and 456th BG's same.
TARGET ELEVATION: ZARA S. L. BROD M/Y 295 ft.
RALLY: 455th BG RIGHT. 454th and 456th BG's RIGHT.
ROUTE BACK: ZARA to Base. BROD, 43°18'N, 16°53'E, Base.

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3. a. 455th BG must be at Key Point at How hour plus 06:05, at 20,000 ft. Intervalometer setting 300 ft.

b. 454th and 456th BG's must be at Key Point at How hour plus 07:10 , at 20,000 ft. Intervalometer setting 454th BG 75 ft and 456th BG 75 ft. 454th BG will bomb South M/Y and 456th BG will bomb North M/Y.

x. Bomb load maximum B-24's all groups with ten 500's with .1 second nose and .025 second tail fuzes.

4. Omitted.

5. Command radio 6440. VHF channel "B" for bombers. Collective call signs for bombers (454th BG-EXCEED ONE) (455th BG-EXCEED TWO) (456th BG-EXCEED THREE). Bombs away will be sent. IFF will be used as previously instructed. All crews will be briefed on best direction to turn along routes to avoid bad weather and where best weather areas are to be found. This coordinated time mission is of utmost importance and every effort consistent with safety must be made to reach Key Points, or the immediate area of Key Points at the specified times. H hour is 0500.

PLAN CHARLIE

Same as Plan Baker in O. O. No. 20, dated 20 February, 1944, except:

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 454th and 456th BG's at CERIGNOLA at 7000 ft at 1035A and 455th BG at 8000 ft at 1035A. Climb to 12,000 ft over CERIGNOLA and set course at 1055A.
FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: PALMAROLA ISLAND at 20,000 ft at 1145A.
LEAD: 454th BG with 455th BG high on right and 456th BG low on left.
TARGET:TIME: 12:00A.

3. a. 455th BG clear A/D by 09:40 for 454th BG take-off.

5. Same as Plan Able, this order, except add channel "A" for fighters. Collective call signs for fighters (1st FG-BELLBOY ONE) (14th FG-BELLBOY TWO) (82nd FG-BELLBOY THREE).

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

John K. Brown Jr.

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

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

740 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52223 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st. Wallick
CO-PILOT 1st. Lindvall
NAVIGATOR 1st Whidden
BOMBARDIER 1st. Hager
RADIO S/Sgt Moore

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Collum
WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Lisi
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Gagnon
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Abbink
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Franco

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-64497 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st. Pidcock
CO-PILOT 1st Markham
NAVIGATOR 1st. Stanley
BOMBARDIER 1st. Coman
RADIO T/Sgt. Abraham

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Rockstad
WAIST RIGHT Sgt Backstrom
WAIST LEFT Cpl. Brosz
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt. Kellog
TAIL GUN S/Sgt. Kilian

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52219 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Saine
CO-PILOT 1st Ward
NAVIGATOR 1st Compton
BOMBARDIER 1st. Arip
RADIO T/Sgt Barrons

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Amoruso
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Carlson
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Donahue
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Bolling
TAIL GUN Sgt. Sievers

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 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st. Fisher
CO-PILOT 1st Allen
NAVIGATOR 1st Blacker
BOMBARDIER 1st Safley
RADIO S/Sgt King

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Rundle
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Anderson
WAIST LEFT Sgt Hawkes
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Schmans
TAIL GUN Sgt Kucharik

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 41-29296 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lbs TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT Capt. Keefer
CO-PILOT Capt Asch
NAVIGATOR 1st Grose
BOMBARDIER 2t. Ahlmeyer
RADIO T/Sgt. Veley

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Dixon
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Beatty
WAIST LEFT Sgt. Sapin
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 42-52239 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Smith
CO-PILOT Capt Reeder
NAVIGATOR 1st Streghi
BOMBARDIER 1st Clowney
RADIO T/Sgt Wolk

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

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52198 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st. Calabretta
CO-PILOT 1st. Powers
NAVIGATOR 1st. Gratafon
BOMBARDIER 1st. Butler
RADIO S/Sgt Logan

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Ward
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Kruse
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Francesachini
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Brickoff
TAIL GUN Sgt. Balough

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 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Miller
CO-PILOT 1st. Hynson
NAVIGATOR 1st. Keller
BOMBARDIER 1st. Banks
RADIO T/Sgt McFall

TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Waterwood
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Daniel
WAIST LEFT Sgt Strange
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Harpster
TAIL GUN S/Sgt. Lindberger
GUN S/Sgt Bearden

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 41-29264 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	1st Rigg	TOP TUR GUN	T/Sgt McKnight
CO-PILOT	1st Burke	WAIST RIGHT	S/Sgt Rushmore
NAVIGATOR	1st Popejoy	WAIST LEFT	S/Sgt Windsand
BOMBARDIER	1st Berick	BALL TUR GUN	S/Sgt Kolbe
RADIO	T/Sgt Strohmeier	TAIL GUN	S/Sgt Johnston

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 08:30

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	1st Cleland	TOP TUR GUN	T/Sgt Minnick
CO-PILOT	1st Krentzman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt Cuppa
NAVIGATOR	1st Skuldt	WAIST LEFT	Sgt Clarke
BOMBARDIER	1st Haase	BALL TUR GUN	Cpl. Haney
RADIO	T/Sgt Pfeifer	TAIL GUN	Sgt Snavely

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

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 271 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0856

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

MAGNUSON, DALE F. S/Sgt.

PILOT DEEBLE, RICHARD J. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT HAMMOND, CHARLES E. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR POKORA, FRANK J. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER EFURD, JAMES T. 2nd Lt.
RADIO AVERILL, ROBERT L. T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN [redacted]
WAIST RIGHT SQUIRES, FRANK E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT VANAMEN, J. B. E. (IO) S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN WISE, MARVIN M. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN PEARSON, ERNEST C. S/Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

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

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 249 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0840

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT JORDAN, LEON D. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT ADAIR, ARJA P. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR MOORE, GEORGE W. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER LOERCHER, CHARLES H. 2nd Lt.
RADIO FRIOT, MAHLON R. T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN MITCHELL, ARNOLD W. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT EDWARDS, JOHN R. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT MORRIS, RUSSELL S. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN SHERRICK, EDGAR S. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN LOUD, ROBERT W. S/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 0845

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT CALLAN, RICHARD A. 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT EMMONS, ALEXANDER S. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR KUNTZ, GUY T. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER CALLAN, MICHAEL C. 2nd Lt.
RADIO MATTHEWS, WILLIAM F. T/Sgt.
R WAIST COONS, ALVIN W., Major

TOP TUR GUN JESSET, LEONARD E. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT HEISKELL, JAMES F. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT HALE, LUCIAN H. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN JEFFERDS, ALFRED B. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN JAMES, DANIEL P. S/Sgt.

MISSION COMPLETED

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

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 257 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0830

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT COOL, KENNETH A. Lt. Col.
CO-PILOT MONTGOMERY, JACK D. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR MOELLER, JAMES Capt.
BOMBARDIER MASSEY, KARL R. 1st Lt.
RADIO SWALES, ERNEST P S/Sgt.
NAVIGATOR JOHNSON, WILLIAM H. 2nd Lt.

TOP TUR GUN HUDSON, IRLEN D. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT LIBBY, DONALD E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT BOASI, JOHN F. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN MORAN, THOMAS D. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN KENNINGTON ROBERT H. S/Sgt.

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741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 749 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0830

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT LANFORD, HORACE W. Maj.
CO-PILOT BOWERS, WINFIELD S. JR. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR McWILLIAMS, ROBERT C. 1st Lt.
BOMBARDIER BAILEN, NATE 2nd Lt.
RADIO GAMBLE, RONALD A. T/Sgt.
NAVIGATOR EVENSON, MELVIN 2nd Lt.

TOP TUR GUN FOX, FRANK L. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT TOWNSEND, HUBERT L. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT DEMOSH, MILTON L. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN MOSER, CLARENCE A. T/Sgt.
TAIL GUN PENDLETON, RICHARD V. T/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETED

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 456 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0855

2/22/44 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 T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN FORTSON, DALE T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT SWANN, GORDON F. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT SANDEFER, DEXTER L. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN KIRBY, VICTOR E. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN ANDREWS, TERRY B. Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETED

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 216 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0845

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT WALTER, MYLES L. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT WOODLEY, DEAN E. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR STROMAN, CLARIS W. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER HART, RICHARD E. 2nd Lt.
RADIO BEARD, WILLIAM R. T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN LEWIS, ANGUS L. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT VON ACHEN, LOUIE B. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT HAMBY, LEON V. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN BENNETT, EUGENE C. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN CARSON, ROBERT C. S/Sgt.
MICCION COMPLETED

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 481 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT CURTIS, JOHN F. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT FETTY, KENNETH D. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR RICKEN, DONALD J. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER HIGGINS, RICHARD J. 2nd Lt.
RADIO CORIDDI, FEDERICO G. T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN RICKEY, JOHN W. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT BAIN, JAMES K. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT KOWLEY, FRANK J. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN DAVIS, ROBERT H. Sgt.
TAIL GUN CONNELL, DANIEL B. S/Sgt.
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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

74lst SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 241 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0845

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT BARBOUR, DAVID A. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT DODRILL, CHARLES F. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR JACKSON, THORNTON H. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER HAMILTON, ROBERT M. 2nd Lt.
RADIO SHOTWELL, EDWARD O. Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN STOVER, CARL W. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT MOORE, HUGH E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT RISHKO, MICHAEL S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN KERR, DONALD M. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN BENNETT, KENNETH L. S/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 260

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT HINTON, WALTER R. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT SNIDER, HARLEY D. F/O
NAVIGATOR SOBYLAK, EMIL J. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER WISKIRCHEN CARL J. 2nd Lt.
RADIO HARBER, JOHN R. T/Sgt.

TOP TUR GUN CHRISAWN, OLIN O. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT GRISHAM, ROSCOE S. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT BRATHALL, SELMER L. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN BARRON, GROVER C. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN FISHER, JOSEPH E. S/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETED

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 476

2/22/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT LIBERTY, LAWRENCE F. 1st Lt.
CO-PILOT WURTZ, NELSON A. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR SLOCUM, WALTER L. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER LAWS, KELS F/O
RADIO GROSS, HUGO R. T/Sgt.
SUTERA, ALLEN E. (Passenger)

TOP TUR GUN DRAPER, WILLIAM E. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT KLEIN, EMANUEL S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT NEWMAN, WILLIAM J. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN ASHLEY, FRANK A. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN KAMPA, BERNARD WS/Sgt

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_____ SQUADRON A/C NUMBER _____ BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

_____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO

TOP TUR GUN
WAIST RIGHT
WAIST LEFT
BALL TUR GUN
TAIL GUN

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742nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO #520
U.S. ARMY

22 February 1944

SUBJECT: List of Combat Crews Completing Third Mission.

TO : Operations Officer, 455th Bomb Group (H)

Ship #494	Ship #658	Ship #482
Major E.C. AMBROSEN	1st Lt. A.E. SELEEN	2nd Lt. W.J. PARDOE
2nd Lt H.O. NELSON	2nd Lt R.S. HESPELER	2nd Lt W.V. COSTELLO
2nd Lt A. ARIFF	2nd Lt R.K. KNOX	2nd Lt T.R. PATTERSON
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Sgt C.L. SKELTON	S/Sgt L.F. PETERSON	S/Sgt R.P. LEONHARD
S/Sgt L.W. LATHAM	S/Sgt A.W. BRIGGS	T/Sgt W.B. ROBERTS
S/Sgt V.L. LATHAM	Sgt D. AMES	S/Sgt R.J. BLACK
S/Sgt R.F. MC COY	S/Sgt F.A. WINGERT	S/Sgt R.F. MATTHEWS
Sgt G.C. MILLER	T/Sgt G.R. DRESSEL	S/Sgt E.C. KIMBERLEY

Ship #259	Ship #640	Ship #289
F/O E.W. TAYLOR	2nd Lt M. JONES	2nd Lt W.H. SAMPSON
2nd Lt R.W. TUCK	2nd Lt V.R. YTTRI	2nd Lt W. NEIL
2nd Lt G.A. ROTHER	2nd Lt R.K. BODEWELL	2nd Lt E.L. HORSTMAN
2nd Lt G.B. BOULWARE	2nd Lt V.M. BOFFA	2nd Lt. R.S. HOLT
S/Sgt D.E. WILSON	S/Sgt L.C. SEMAN	S/Sgt J.A. CARROLL
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S/Sgt J.W. SHELTON
S/Sgt H.W. KRAUS
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S/Sgt L.J. JASTRZEMBOWSKI
S/Sgt H.C. SELLARS
S/Sgt R.W. PLOWMAN
S/Sgt E.J. RENNER
Sgt R.M. SCOTT

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2nd Lt H.L. CROTZER
2nd Lt M.J. DOWLING
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S/Sgt J. PAKNIK
S/Sgt D.E. DEARING
S/Sgt C.H. CLAPSADDLE
S/Sgt R.A. KELLER
S/Sgt J.W. RYAN

Target_____

Combat Hours_____

BERNARD M. KEOGH
1st Lt. Air Corps
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Plane No. 211

P.	BECHTOLD, WILBUR C. JR.	Capt.	0-402345
CP.	COOK, ROBERT L.	1st Lt.	0-423414
O.	HANEY, RICHARD J.	F/O	T-122547
N.	WOODLOCK, DAVID J.	2nd Lt.	0-690533
B.	GUILD, PAUL B.	1st Lt.	0-668936
E.	AZIZ, ABRAHAM (NMI)	T/Sgt.	31081805
AE.	JENKINS, GROVER W.	Pvt.	14029854
R.	BREWER, CLAYTON A.	T/Sgt.	32473552
AR.	FRIESE, RALPH W.	S/Sgt.	39543402
AG.	PARIS, HENRY C.	S/Sgt.	14188419
AG.	STOCKDALE, LESLIE H.	S/Sgt.	37230200

Plane No. 665

P.	LEE, ORVILLE I.	2nd Lt.	0-745707
CP.	DENTON, CHARLES A.	2nd Lt.	0-751991
N.	HAGGERTY, JAMES J.	2nd Lt.	0-752993
B.	HORAN, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.	0-688354
E.	COLLINS, JOSEPH M.	S/Sgt.	14141959
AE.	DERRICK, CHARLES E.	S/Sgt.	18186727
R.	KOHNKE, EARL B.	S/Sgt.	36313336
AR.	DEAN, MILLARD H.	S/Sgt.	13120545
AG.	PENDLETON, PHIL C.	T/Sgt.	14044629
AG.	PEETERS, DAVID (NMI)	Sgt.	32812940

Plane No. 500

P.	KEAHEY, GEORGE O.	1st Lt.	0-742727
CP.	REGAN, MARK (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-686275
N.	SPICER, CHARLES B.	2nd Lt.	0-753115
B.	MANNING, HENRY L.	2nd Lt.	0-688379
E.	REES, RAY E.	Sgt.	39833873
AE.	MCNEIL, DONALD R.	S/Sgt.	39458767
R.	WALLACE, EDWIN N.	Sgt.	18052322
AR.	BALCHUNAS, ANTHONY (NMI)	Sgt.	12180756
AG.	THIEL, JAMES J.	S/Sgt.	15382723
AG.	MOORE, FRANCIS M.	Sgt.	6576628

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Plane No. 283

P.	THOMAS, JACK H.	1st Lt.	0-802487
CP.	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.	0-591409
N.	GROSSMAN, BERNARD M.	2nd Lt.	0-811632
B.	VERKETIS, FRANK S.	2nd Lt.	0-752368
E.	BAILS, DALE R.	T/Sgt.	15377161
AE.	HERLIHY, JOHN J.	S/Sgt.	32401971
R.	SHALLOW, JOHN B.	T/Sgt.	16151536
AR.	PETERSON, DONALD E.	S/Sgt.	19309776
AG.	BURKHARDT, GEORGE (NMI)	S/Sgt.	13075914
AG.	WEST, RALPH E.	S/Sgt.	14162099

Plane No. 294

P.	ROBARDS, ROBERT A.	1st Lt.	0-678326
CP.	ECKHOFF, ALBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0-750357
N.	EIS, FREDERICK G.	2nd Lt.	0-755105
B.	COTTER, JOHN G.	2nd Lt.	0-686411
E.	SCHRADER, VERNON D.	T/Sgt.	14056917
AE.	SPEWOCK, ANDREW (NMI)	S/Sgt.	33279588
R.	ANDERSON, RAYBURN L.	T/Sgt.	34495132
AR.	CROCKER, ALBERT C.	S/Sgt.	14124951
AG.	KEENE, RICHARD I.	S/Sgt.	37493729
AG.	MINYARD, LUTHER D.	S/Sgt.	16145102
AG.	SHAW, THOMAS G.		

Plane No. 267

P.	RAWLS, DON M.	1st Lt.	0-802459
CP.	EVANS, EARL E.	2nd Lt.	0-690068
N.	MATHE, LEWIS L.	2nd Lt.	0-811698
B.	ROSS, DEAN R.	2nd Lt.	0-747676
E.	KENNEDY, ISAAC N.	T/Sgt.	14085951
AE.	DONAHUE, JOHN J.	S/Sgt.	33340184
R.	SMITH, THOMAS F.	S/Sgt.	13128363
AR.	LAPTEWICZ, JOHN C.	S/Sgt.	11057520
AG.	LOHNES, RAYMOND W.	S/Sgt.	11114158
AG.	PARRIS, BILLY S.	S/Sgt.	34644766

Plane No. 271

P.	NEUMAN, DANIEL J.	2nd Lt.	0-745158
CP.	CAYEA, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	0-687741
N.	SMITH, WYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	0-752972
B.	HARDMAN, THOMAS H.	2nd Lt.	0-871353
E.	LEDBETTER, EMMETT (NMI)	T/Sgt.	14160177
AE.	KENNEDY, CLYDE J.	Sgt.	18209661
R.	KLOOS, GEORGE W.	T/Sgt.	12188423
AR.	HILGENDORF, MARSHALL W.	S/Sgt.	13110064
AG.	PHILLIPS, ERNEST A.	S/Sgt.	34664046
AG.	PECK, REID B.	S/Sgt.	35576360

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH BOMB WING (HV) D-1-1
A-2 SECTION APO 520

MISSION SUMMARY NO. 8

OPERATIONS FOR 22 FEBRUARY 1944.

	454th	455th	456th	459th	TOTAL
MISSIONS:	1	1	1		3
SORTIES:	31	38	37		106
EARLY RETURNS:	3	1	2		6
A/C BOMBING:	27	37	28		92
TONNAGE DROPPED:	47.50	90.50	69.75		207.75
LOSSES: FLAK					
E/A					
OTHER					
MISSING:					
DAMAGED: FLAK					
E/A					
E/A DEST IN AIR:					
PROBABLE					
DAMAGED					
E/A DEST ON GND.					
DAMAGED					

304TH WING OPERATIONS TO DATE

	454th	455th	456th	459th	TOTAL
MISSIONS:	4	3	3		10
SORTIES:	141	98	109		348
EARLY RETURNS:	9	9	6		24
A/C BOMBING:	133	59	68		260
TONNAGE DROPPED:	310.50	145.25	166.25		622
LOSSES: FLAK					
E/A			2		2
OTHER	1				1
MISSING:					
DAMAGED: FLAK	17		8		25
E/A			4		4
E/A DEST IN AIR			2*		2*
PROBABLE			1		1
DAMAGED			3*		3*
E/A DEST ON GND:	3				3
DAMAGED	3				3

* Correction in report of 17 February 1944.

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

1. 454TH BOMB GROUP * At 0911 hours 34 B-24's took off to fly a diversion to key point at 4701 N- 1635 E and bomb the N. M/Y at BROD, Yugoslavia on return. 3 A/C returned early, one oxygen leak, one prop governor out, one blown gasket. 19 A/C dropped 190X500 #GP bombs (.10N .025 T fuse) on alternate target, SIBENIK harbor and installations at 1315 hours from 20,000 - 23,400 feet. At key point weather on course to primary target was considered too high to climb over so course varied to point directly W of primary target. Weather unimproved neccesitating a turn to alternate target.

1 A/C jettisoned 10X500 at NAGYKANSIZA, Hungary (4630 N - 17 E) and 2 A/C jettisoned 20X500 over Yugoslavia (One ten minutes short of alternate target, one at 46 N -1630 E) 8 A/C returned 80X500 to base due to partial overcast over alternate target, mechanical trouble, and one A/C did not drop because of personnel error on target area. 27 A/C returned at 1540 hrs and 4 A/C returned from Yugoslavia territory between 1240 and 1437 hours 3 reporting engine failures and 1 with a gunner frostbitten due to malfunction of heating equipment.
RESULTS: Two to five strings reported to have hit peninsula. Others seen inland and to south of target. Fires observed on target area.
ENEMY RESISTANCE: E/A no encounters but one formation of 5-6 FW 190s flew close to bombers at 20,000 feet at 1155 hours about 15 miles SW of ZAGREB Another 4 FW 190s were seen at approximately 46 N - 16 E, 1235 hours at 20,000 feet.
FLAK: At SIBENIK, KARLOVA and at 46'13 N - 15'45 E was slight, innaccurate heavy.
OBSERVATIONS: 1 large M/V at N. end ZUTSKI CHANNEL headed north at 1115 hours (4345 N - 1530 E)
WEATHER: Cunulus undercast 10/10 at 10,000 feet enroute and return. 5/10 at SIBENIK.

2. 455TH BOMB GROUP * At 0830 hours 39 B-24's took off to make a divirsionary sweep to a key point 4520 N 1500' E and then bomb docks at ZARA, Italy. One returned early because of broken gas cap and fuel leak 37 A/C dropped 362X500 lb GP bombs .1 nose, .025 tail fuse on target at 11 47 hours from 19500 to 21000 feet. One A/C returned 8X500 GP bombs to base one jettisoned 10X500 lb bombs at sea at 44'50 N 14'35 E. 38 A/C returned at 1400 hours.
RESULTS: Target well covered, bombs hit dock area and across town.
ENEMY RESISTENCE: No flak or enemy aircraft encountered.
OBSERVATIONS: Large naval craft observed at 43'50 N 13'40 E at 1043 hours heading 65 degrees, approximately 15 small naval craft stationary in POLA Harbor at 1048 hours.
WEATHER: En Route Strato cumulous with top at 1500 feet throughout, 9/10 cover over target 6/10 cover and 5/10 to 8/10 cover.
PHOTOGRAPHS: Four A/C took Pictures.

3. 456TH BOMB GROUP: At 0830 hours 39 B-24's took off on a diversion to key point 4701 N 1635 E then to bomb S M/Y's at BROD. 2 returned early 1 oil pressure low, 1 engine failure, A compelte overcast prevented bombing of primary target and 31 A/C went over alternate, SIBENIK harbor and installations and R. R. siding., with 28 dropping 279X500 bombs .10 nose ,025 tail at 12:44 hours from 22,000feet, 4 returned 31X500 to base, 2 Jettsioned 20X500 over water and 6 jettisoned 60X500 over Yugoslavia. 35 returned at 1441, 2 landed at friendly fields.
RESULTS: Target appeared well covered and heavy damage believed inflicted.
ENEMY RESISTENCE: E/A none.
FLAK: Slight innaccurate heavy flak from SIBENIK, 4628 N 1738 E, 4530 N 1530 E moderate innaccurate heavy from ZAGREB Area.
OBSERVATIONS: 50 vehicles on road near split moving N.W. IM/V, 2 possible tankers and 20 small other craft in MASLINICA Harbor 4324 N 16 13 E.
WEATHER: Broken clouds 7/10 from 13000, 17,000 feet enroute over Adriatic building up to 10/10 coverage at same altitude to coast. Over primary target 9/10 cumulus, alternate target SIBENIK 2/10 cumulus at 3,000 to 8,000 return simular enroute.

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

FIRST PHASE BOMB DAMAGE REPORT:

SIBENIK; Yugoslavia.

454th B.G. 22/2-44, 1315 Hours, 195 x 500 (.1 x .025) G.P. Bombs.

Due to very low temperature, cameras freezing only 3 photos of poor quality, incomplete cover and small scale were obtained.

A number of bombs bursts are seen in vicinity of eastern choke point of M/Yd's Six bombs are seen on peninsular where storage warehouses are located and approximately seven are seen at Eastern end of peninsula containing naval installations. Numerous scattered bursts are on large peninsula to southeast of main part of city. Due to quality of photos any specific damage assessment is out of question.

ZARA, Port Italy.

455th B.G. 22/2/44, 1147 Hours, 362 x 500 (.1 and .025) G.P. Bombs

Photos of fair cover and quality but of small scale.

Large strings of bombs fell in a southwesterly direction starting in bay to northwest of city and carrying through to the port and main part of city. Many hits were made in port area and in built up area on Peninsula as well as in city on mainland. Scale of photos prevents specific determination of damage.

SIBENIK, Yugoslavia

456th B.G. 22/2-44, 1344 hours, 279 x 500 (.1 and .025) G.P. Bombs.

Photos of fair coverage but small scale.

Large concentration of bombs are centered on peninsula where storage warehouses are located. Large Warehouses at outer end of peninsula received severe damage from many hits. At inner end of peninsula large concentrations of bombs covered railroad line running to warehouses and also railroad running to main marshalling yard. At this point this line runs across a low area and is on a fill or embankment. It is probable thatt this line is cut. Two bombs fell at the outer end of the peninsula containing Naval Installations and a string fell across narrow neck at center of this peninsula.

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