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

25 February 1944

FIELD ORDER)
NO. 9)

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

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE.

(1) Target is the Airdrome and installation at GRAZ.

(2) Enemy fighters may be encountered above 45°00'N.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) None.

2. This Group with 38 - B-24's will attack the Airdrome and it's installations at GRAZ, AUSTRIA. The bomb load will be 10 - 500 pound general purpose bombs with .1 second nose fusing and .01 second tail fusing.

3. This Group will attack the target in two waves of 18 airplanes each. The leader of each wave will sight for range and deflection. The leader of each box will sight for range. All other airplanes will toggle on the leaders. Bombing altitude will be 22,500 feet. The axis of attack will be 239°. Intervelometer setting is 150°. The rally will be left, a gradual turn losing 1000 feet of altitude at the rate of 300 feet per minute. Return to base will be direct.

4. No change.

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

b. (None). Pump-up two.

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c. (1) None.

(2) Group Leader - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -Major D. W. HARP.
Deputy Group Leader- - - - - - - - - - - -Major H. E. LANFORD.

By order of Lt. Col. COOL:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ON MISSION---------38 B-24s.
2. GROUP LEADER-------------------------Major D.W.HARP.
3. DEPUTY GROUP LEADER-------------------Major H.E.LANFORD.
4. SECOND SECTION LEADER-----------------Major E.C.AMBROSEN.
5. SECOND DEPUTY LEADER------------------Lt. J. W. KNIGHT.
6. OTHER GROUPS ON MISSION---------------454 &456 BGs (H)
7. ESCORT--------------------------------None.
8. BOMBS ---------------------------------10-500# demolition.
   Nose fusing - .1 sec.
9. AMMUNITION----------5200 rounds. Tail fusing - .01 sec.
10. FUEL LOAD----------------------------2300 gals gasoline,
    full oil service.
11. STATIONS ----------------------------06:45
12. TAXI & TAKEOFF INSTRUCTIONS----------Taxi to South end of runway
    for takeoff to North. Time
    of takeoff - 08:15

ORDER OF TAKEOFF:

	1st Section			2nd Section	
19	257	28 219	1	259	10 289
20	216	29 210	2	230	11 482
21	235	30 198	3	261	12 640
22	266	31 239	4	211	13 283
23	249	32 221	5	271	14 500
24	271	33 476	6	253	15 665
25	223	34 456	7	494	16 294
26	264	35 481	8	658	17 184
27	282	36 290	9	238	18 224
		37 260			
		38 280			

13. ASSEMBLY----------Over field at 6000 feet for rendezvous with 454th BG.

14. COURSE----------Base to Slunj - Climb 357°
    Slunj to key point - 6°.
    KEY POINT to I.P. 22500' 328°.
    I.P. to Target 22500' 239°.

15. TIME AT I. P.----------11:45.

16. TARGET TO BASE----------Let down 177°.

17. I. P.----------GLEISDORF.

18. AXIS OF ATTACK----------243° Mag

19. BOMBING FORMATION----------Two waves of 18 ships.

20. BOMBARDIER INFORMATION--------Aiming point for both waves, hangar line and wooded area to west of field. Lead ships of each wave sight for range and deflection, box leaders for range, all others toggle on leaders. Intervalometer setting 150'. Indicated Airspeed for bomb

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20. (Cont)----------run 160 MPH. Target elevation 1100'

21. RALLY***----------Left, losing 1000'.IAS 175 MPH.

WEATHER FORECAST:

Synoptic situation: Extensive low pressure syatem centered off the east coast of Spain. An open wave in the low system has a warm front extending eastward thru Sicily. Over running from the front is causing cloudiness over the area.

Base: 5 to 7 tenths of altocumulus and altostratus at 12000 feet in early morning, with 2 to 3 tenths of cirrus at 20000 feet. Lower stratus and stratocumulus will move in after 0800 and increase to 5 to 6 tenths by 1000. Bases of low clouds at 2000 to 3000 feet. Lower clouds will begin to show some breaks near noon and build up to cumulus during the afternoon. Light sctd rain shower in area during the morning. Visibility 6 to 8 miles in haze improving to 10 miles or more by 1000. Surface winds, southeast, 10 to 15 mph during the morning increasing to 20 mph in afternoon with light gusts.

Target: 3 to 4 tenths of low clouds at 2000 feet with tops at 5 to 6 thsd. 2 to 3 tenths of middle clouds at 12000 feet with tops at 16000 feet. Visibility restricted by haze.

Route: Same as base to coast of Italy, with breaks in clouds over the Adriatic, and decreasing in amount along the route. Visibility restricted by haze.

Icing: Freezing level near 5000 feet. Light rime icing in all clouds to 16000 feet.

Winds aloft:	5000 feet	350 degrees	20 MPH
	10000 feet	220 degrees	20 MPH
	15000 feet	260 degrees	25 MPH
	20000 feet	270 degrees	30 MPH

Surface temperature at target; Plus 1 degree C.
Surface pressure at target: 30.21 inches.
Altitude correction: Minus 320 feet.

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Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

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MISSION STATISTICS

1. 740th Squadron

221 - Returned early, arament failure two (2) turrets
210 - Cleland, MIA.

2. 741st Squadron

All ships scheduled took-off and completed mission.

3. 742nd Squadron

482 - Returned early, engine failure.

4. 743rd Squadron

253 - Returned early, engine failure.
211 - Crashed landed out of fuel.
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MISSION STATISTICS

Units Participating	Primary	Secondary	Last Resort
454, 455 AND 456	A/D GRAZ, AUSTRIA	A/D KLAGENFURT	FIUME & ZARA, YUGO.

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	7	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	60	500#	20	500#	10	500##	1	1000	10	10	0	0
741	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	1000	0	0	0	0
742	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	70	500#	0	500#	10	500#	0	1000	0	0	0	0
743	9	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	~~80~~ 78	500#	10	500#	10	500#	1	1000	0	0	0	0
	37	32	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	320 310	500#	20 30	500#	30	500#	2	4000	10	10	0	0

Formation over Target

257 HARP
235 Fisher | 216 LANFORD
266 Merchro | 249 JORDAN
271 Deeble | 223 Moore

264 SCRIMSHAW
219 Saine | 198 Hathaway

238 BETHUNE
239 Beemer | 205 Sheehan *

476 Hudson
451 Cecil | 456 Curtis

Williams
259 Bell | 260 M^c Williams

259 ANDERSEN
261 Sears | 230 KNIGHT
211 Cook

221 NEUMAN

494 NELSON
238 Beck | 255 Selee

253 THOMAS
445 Hess | 440 KING
Pawlik | 500 SCHATT
239 Schuppe | 454 TURNER

* Missing in Action

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (H)

APO 520
24 February 1944
1800A.

455

Operations Order
Number 24

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

(2) See latest messages from A-2 and A-3 Sections, this Headquarters.

b. (2) Operations for 24 February 1944. Plan Able. Maximum long range B-17's will attack [redacted] A/C factory at Row hour plus 04:00. Maximum short range B-17's will attack KLAGENFURT A/C factory at Row hour plus 03:30. Five groups B-24's of 47th Wing will attack [redacted] A/C at Row hour plus 04:10. Maximum P-38's and P-47's will cover withdrawal.

2. Maximum B-24's of 43rd, 45th and 45th BG's will attack A/D and installations at GRAZ TRIESTDORF A/D.

SECONDARY TARGET: KLAGENFURT A/C factory. Second alternate target FIUME M/T, port installation and shipping. Last choice target SARA M/T, port installations and shipping.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 5/8 CUMULUS at 4000 ft for 45th BG, 3000 ft for 45th BG and 6000 ft for 45th BG at Row hour plus 00:45.

LEAD: 45th BG, with 45th BG high on right and 45th BG higher on right. Fly close wing formation in right echelon.

ROUTE OUT: Start (43°07'N, 15°36'E), Key point (46°37'N, 15°34'E), IP, Target. Avoid [redacted], LJUBLJANA, KARLOVAC and GRAZ.

INITIAL POINT: Two miles SE of GRADISKA.

AXIS OF ATTACK: 343 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: Row hour plus 03:15.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 45th BG, 21,000 ft.
45th BG, 22,500 ft.
45th BG, 24,000 ft.

BOMBING FORMATION: Two waves 18 ships for each group, stacked up. Order of bombing: 45th BG, 45th BG, 45th BG.

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TARGET ELEVATION: 1100 ft (KLAGENFURT 1460 ft) (FIUME and ZARA S.L.).
RALLY: Left.
ROUTE BACK: Direct to base, avoiding SIBENIK if primary hit.

3. a. Last ship of 455th BG, take off to clear A/D by How hour minus 00:10.

x. Bomb load 500's with .1 sec nose and .01 sec tail fuzes. Intervolometer setting for 454th and 456th BG's 100 ft. For 455th BG 150 ft.

4. Omitted.

5. Command radio 6440. VHF Channel "B" for bombers. Collective call signs bombers (454th BG - FRONTROOM ONE) (455th BG - FRONTROOM TWO) (456th BG - FRONTROOM THREE). Bombs away will be sent. Radio silence until contact with enemy. IFF to be used in accordance with latest instructions. Since primary purpose of our effort is to provide diversion for forces attacking REGENSBURG, it is necessary that every effort be made to reach GRAZ area even if overcast. All units will adhere to routes and times to assure complete success of diversionary effort. Bombs will not be returned to base if enemy territory is penetrated (Targets in Jugoslavia must be positively in enemy hands before they will be bombed by us. This is a coordinated attack with 8th A.F. Brief crews to expect snow enroute and at the target.

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52235 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Lt Sisler
CO-PILOT 1st Lt Allen
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt Blocker
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt. Lafley
RADIO S/Sgt King

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Rundle
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Anderson
WAIST LEFT Sgt Hamides
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Schmaus
TAIL GUN Sgt Kuchaink

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

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

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Lt. Moore
CO-PILOT 1st Lt Ennis
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Erickson
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Dall
RADIO T/Sgt De Ruff

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Lowle
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Greland
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Schmuckerger
BALL TUR GUN Sgt Koutsky
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Smith

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

740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52221 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Lt Houser
CO-PILOT 1st Lt Mc Namara
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt. Dippiach
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Irvin
RADIO T/Sgt O'Brien

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Kempf
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Zielinski
WAIST LEFT Sgt Havens
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Robinson
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Zurfaro

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

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Lt Scrimshaw
CO-PILOT 1st Lt Miller
NAVIGATOR 1st Lt Blanco
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Stalle
RADIO Sgt Angelides

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Doherty
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Thomas
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Somers
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Seiter
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Hodgson
GUN S/Sgt Fender

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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

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Hynson
CO-PILOT 1st Jones
NAVIGATOR 1st Keller
BOMBARDIER 1st Banks
RADIO T/Sgt McHall

TOP TUR GUN Sgt Watermond
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Daniel
WAIST LEFT Sgt Strange
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Harpster
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Swieberger

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

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

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

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Amonsao
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 42-52210 BOMB LOAD 5,000lb. TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Cleland
CO-PILOT 1st Krentzman
NAVIGATOR 1st Skuldt
BOMBARDIER 1st Haass
RADIO T/Sgt Pfeifer

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Minnick
WAIST RIGHT Sgt Cuppa
WAIST LEFT Sgt Clark
BALL TUR GUN Cpl. Haney
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Snavely

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

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Bethune
CO-PILOT 1st Adkisson
NAVIGATOR 1st Abramowitz
BOMBARDIER 1st Austin
RADIO S/Sgt Riley

TOP TUR GUN T/Sgt Boone
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Bodley
WAIST LEFT S/Sgt Brown
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Vick
TAIL GUN Sgt Churchill

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740th SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 42-52239 BOMB LOAD 5,000 lb TIME OF T/O 08:30

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT 1st Lt Beckner
CO-PILOT 1st Lt Cunningen
NAVIGATOR F/O Brandstetter
BOMBARDIER 1st Lt Campbell
RADIO Sgt Johnson

TOP TUR GUN S/Sgt Bearden
WAIST RIGHT S/Sgt Sumaker
WAIST LEFT Sgt Hayes
BALL TUR GUN S/Sgt Harris
TAIL GUN S/Sgt Symkowicz

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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 0815

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT ASCH, ALFRED Capt.
CO-PILOT HARP, DAVID Maj.
NAVIGATOR GROSS, FRED 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER OHLMEYER, HAROLD L. 2nd Lt.
RADIO SWALES, ERNEST P. S/Sgt.
NAVIGATOR FRANTZ, FRANCIS 2nd Lt.

TOP TUR GUN HUDSON, IRLEND. 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.
MISSION COMPLETE

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 476 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0815

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT HUDSON, EUGENE L. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT SMITH, JAMES H. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR HOSMER, HUMPHREY B. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER BAKANAUSKAS, SAM 2nd Lt.
RADIO MUSE, KARL J. T/Sgt.

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

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 249 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0830

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT JORDAN, LEON D. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT ADAIR, ARDJA P 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR MOORE, GEORGE W. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER LOERCHER, CHARLES H. 2nd Lt.
RADIO FRIOT, MAHLON 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 COMPEETE

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 0830

2/25/44 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 WHITMIRE, CHARLES F. Sgt.
WAIST LEFT KEEN, WESTON K. Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN KIRBY, VICTOR E. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN ANDREWS, TERRY B. Sgt.
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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741s6 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 481 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0815

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

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

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 266 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0815

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT NORGARD, CLIFFORD D. Capt.
CO-PILOT STIENER, THEODORE J. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR SLUSSER, HARRIS W. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER DEMAS, WILLIAM 2nd Lt.
RADIO BANTZ, CLINTON D. T/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN HARTMAN, JOHN T. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT BERGMAN, ARTHUR E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT JENKINS, HAROLD V. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN MYRICK, TROY E. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN CRATCH, ALBERT E. S/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETE

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 0830

2/25/44 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 ROADMAN, PAUL C. T/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN STRAW, JOHN S. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT FRY, RUSSELL A. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT JOHNSON, ARTHUR R. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN HOWELL, EDWARD A. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN ANDREWS, NORMAN C. S/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETE

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 0830

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT WALTER, MYLES L. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT LANFORD, HORACE W. Maj.
NAVIGATOR McWILLIAMS ROBERT C. 1st Lt.
BOMBARDIER MASSEY, KARL R. 1st Lt.
RADIO BEARD, WILLIAM R. T/Sgt.
NAVIGATOR STROMAN, CLARIS W. 2nd Lt.
TOP TUR GUN LEWIS, ANGUS L. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT FOX, FRANK L. T/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT HAMBY LEON V. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN BENNETT, EUGENE C. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN CARSON, ROBERT G. S/Sgt.
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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 271 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0830

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

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 H L. T/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN PATTERSON, WEBB E. T/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT SQUIRES, FRANK E. S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT VANAMAN, J.B.E.(IO) S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN WISE, MARVIN M. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN PEARSON, ERNEST C. S/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETE

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 0815

2/25/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT CURTIS, JOHN F. 2nd Lt.
CO-PILOT FETTY, KENNETH D. 2nd Lt.
NAVIGATOR PICKEN, DONALD J. 2nd Lt.
BOMBARDIER REESE, GORDAN E. 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 KOMLEY, FRANK J. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN TOWNSEND, HUBERT L. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN CONNELL, DANIEL B. S/Sgt.
MISSION COMPLETE

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

741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 260 BOMB LOAD 10/500 TIME OF T/O 0845

2/25/44 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. T/Sgt.
TOP TUR GUN MILLER, CHESTER K. S/Sgt.
WAIST RIGHT McDOWELL, HARRY S/Sgt.
WAIST LEFT HARDY, ROBERT R. S/Sgt.
BALL TUR GUN RAGUSKY, DANIEL A. S/Sgt.
TAIL GUN RIFINSKY, JOSEPH V. S/Sgt.
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NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO
TOP TUR GUN
WAIST RIGHT
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TAIL GUN

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

25 February 1944

SUBJECT: List of Combat Crews Completing the Mission

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

SHIP #494
2nd Lt. NELSON
2nd Lt. TUCK
2nd Lt. ROTHER
F/O BASTIN
T/Sgt C.P. CHANCE
Sgt SKELTON
S/Sgt L. Latham
S/Sgt V. LATHAM
S/Sgt Mc COY
Sgt MILLER

SHIP #259
Major AMBROSEN
2nd Lt. GORECKI
~~2nd Lt. TYYKILA~~
1st Lt. TYYKILA
1st Lt. STRODE
S/Sgt LECOMTE
S/Sgt GRAVES
S/Sgt TALKINGTON
S/Sgt GROSSMAN
S/Sgt REESE
S/Sgt WANTUCK
2nd Lt BROTHERS

SHIP #261
2nd Lt. SENSENBRENNER
2nd Lt. JACKSON
2nd Lt. POWELL
2nd Lt. Mc GRANE
T/Sgt NERREM
S/Sgt PLOWMAN
T/Sgt JASTRZEMBOWSKI
S/Sgt RENNER
Sgt SCOTT
S/Sgt SELLARS

SHIP #230
2nd Lt. KNIGHT
2nd Lt. KELLY
2nd Lt. DOWLING
2nd Lt. CROTZER
2nd Lt. GIOVANNITTI
T/Sgt BALMER
S/Sgt DEARING
T/Sgt CLAPSADDLE
S/Sgt PAKNIK
S/Sgt RYAN
S/Sgt KELLER

SHIP #658
1st Lt. SPLEEN
2nd Lt. HESPELER
2nd Lt. KNOX
2nd Lt. EZELL
T/Sgt EDGE
S/Sgt PETERSON
S/Sgt BRIGGS
Sgt AMES
Sgt WINGERT
T/Sgt DRESSEL

SHIP #238
2nd Lt. BECK
2nd Lt. BUNATA
2nd Lt. BELL
2nd Lt. GAENZLE
S/Sgt CRUMMEY
T/Sgt CARSWELL
T/Sgt SEFCIK
S/Sgt SHELTON
S/Sgt KRAUS
S/Sgt MALCHOW

SHIP #640
2nd Lt. KING
2nd Lt. DAESCHNER
2nd Lt. ADAMS
2nd Lt. MACEDO
T/Sgt HARDY
T/Sgt SUMNER
T/Sgt SHOLLENBERGER
S/Sgt DOYLE
S/Sgt LOCKARD
S/Sgt KIMSEY

SHIP #482

Returned with
#3 Engine Fethered.

BERNARD M. KEOGH
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Plane No. 184

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.	CAPORASO, JOSEPH (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32462903
AE.	OVEN, ANDREWS M.	Sgt.	34406625
R.	ALDAPE, JOSE (NMI)	Sgt.	38411971
AR.	SMITH, LEO W.	Sgt.	14064595
AG.	WILLS, ROBERT I.	S/Sgt.	39281023
AG.	RUDOLPH, JACK B.	Sgt.	35694206

Plane No. 294

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.	17127732
AE.	PETRIE, DONALD R.	Sgt.	39266629
R.	MANZITTO, SEBASTINO (NMI)	Sgt.	37472964
AR.	HERBERT, ALEX G. JR.	Sgt.	13127681
AG.	SPENCER, MATTHEW A.	Sgt.	11088151
AG.	MCARTHUR, CHARLES J.	S/Sgt.	33489337

Plane No. 224

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.	0-688317
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.	36381397
AG.	BERG, HAROLD C.	Sgt.	36720807

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Plane No. 283

P.	BECHTOLD, WILBUR C. JR.	Capt.	0-402345
CP.	THOMAS, JACK H.	2nd Lt.	0-892487
O.	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.	0-691409
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. 253

P.	BRUNSON, CLYDE P.	2nd Lt.	0-694263
CP.	MOLNAR, ATLAS H.	2nd Lt.	0-795425
N.	BIGELOW, ROBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0-811520
B.	PARKER, WILLIAM C.	2nd Lt.	0-752355
E.	COSLETT, EDWARD B.	T/Sgt.	33351112
AE.	JOHNSON, THOMAS E.	S/Sgt.	17161001
R.	PETERSON, ALFRED R.	Sgt.	17175599
AR.	SCHULZ, ELMER C.	S/Sgt.	35320472
AG.	MOORE, WESLEY E.	S/Sgt.	37505738
AG.	DONLIN, JACK E.	Sgt.	37137076

Plane No. 665

P.	ANDERSON, LAURENS (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-445410
CP.	BROOKS, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.	0-808944
B.	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.	2nd Lt.	0-681777
N.	GINSBURG, SEYMOUR (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-753107
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

Plane No. 500

P.	SCHOTT, ROY H.	2nd Lt.	0-681209
CP.	CHEESMAN, ROY R.	2nd Lt.	0-742135
B.	BOCK, PHILIP (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-488300
N.	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	0-691928
E.	KLINEK, ALBERT J.	S/Sgt.	15324235
AE.	FLOYD, VERN L.	Sgt.	18231366
R.	LEVASSEUR, WARREN F.	S/Sgt.	17063265
AR.	FULLER, MAURICE L.	Sgt.	17161221
AG.	MARKELL, JOHN H.	Sgt.	36562770
AG.	SADLER, JACOB R.	Sgt.	

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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

Plane No. 211

P.	COOK, ROBERT L.	1st Lt.	0-723414
CP.	HANEY, RICHARD J.	F/O	T-122547
N.	WOODLOCK, DAVID J.	2nd Lt.	0-690533
B.	GUILD, PAUL B.	1st Lt.	0-668936
E.	INGALLS, ROBERT D.	T/Sgt.	37462396
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