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DOUBLE  
MISSION NO 18

2 April 1944

Field Order No. 23

ANNEX #1, F.O. 23, MISSION #18, 2 April 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. Number of A/C on Mission..... 40 B-24s.
2. Group Leader ..... Lt. Col. K.A.COOL.
3. Deputy Group Leader..... Major H.R.GRAFF.
4. Second Unit Leader..... Captain W.C.BECHTOLD.
5. Second Deputy Leader..... Lieut. R.A.ROBARDS.
6. Other Groups On Mission..... 454, 456, 459 BGs.
7. Escort on Mission ..... Largest Group P-38s  
 will make line interception with Bomber force at 44°40'N, 15°20'E at 10:00B at 10,000 feet and provide general cover to prudent limit of endurance. Maximum P-47s will intercept Bombers east of KLAGENFURT at 46°36'N, 14°59'E at 10:50B at 17,000 feet and provide general coverage to prudent limit of endurance. Withdrawal escort will be two Groups of P-38s, rendezvousing with bomber formation at Target at 11:40B and provide general cover to prudent limit of endurance on withdrawal.
8. Bomb Load ..... Ten 500# GP, Nose .1 sec, tail .01 sec fuse.
9. Ammunition ..... 5200 rounds.
10. Fuel Load ..... 2700 gals, full oil serv.
11. Stations ..... 06:45 Hours.
12. Taxi and T/O Instructions ..... Taxi to south for T/O to north. T/O Time 07:55B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit.	2nd Attack Unit.
257	247 253 283
290	239 260 500
221	264 481 224
494	230 879 249
238	259 267 748
2282	407 184 223
351	289 294 081
216	640 204 190
983	261 2271 198
235	482 9271 270

9282-Not scheduled but added on at T/O time, crew was briefed.

13. Bomber Rendezvous ..... 1st C Wg (459,454) at Guilia at 4000' at 08:45B. 2nd C Wg (455, 456) at SAN GIOVANNI at 3000' at 08:45B.
14. Course ..... Base to Key Point, ANDRIJA ISLAND (43°02'N, 15°46'E) at 09:29B; to Turn Point (47°36'N, 14°35'E) to IP (47 53N 14°35'E) to Target.
15. Target Time..... 11:40B.
16. Return Course ..... Via Turn Point (46° 40'N, 14° 38'E) to 44 05N, 15 00'E to Base.

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MISSION RECORD

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Saine	Ship No. <u>748</u> Hrs. <u>Flt/O</u> <u>08:30</u>
C.P.	Lt Ward	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Compton	
E.	Lt Asip	Mission Completed.
	T/Sgt Amoruso	
	A.E.S/Sgt Carlson	
	R. T/Sgt Barrons	
	A.R.S/Sgt Bolling	
	G. S/Sgt Donahue	
	C. S/Sgt Sievers	
	O. S/Sgt Lubeck	
	N.	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Beckner	Ship No. <u>235</u> Hrs. <u>Flt/On</u> <u>08:30</u>
C.P.	Lt Ensminger	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	F/O Brandstetter	
B.	Lt Campbell	Mission Completed.
E.	T/Sgt Beck	
	A.E.S/Sgt Johnson P.	
	R. S/Sgt Harris	
	A.R.S/Sgt Symkowitz	
	G. S/Sgt Sumakis	
	G. S/Sgt Hayes	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Prosser	Ship No. <u>270</u> Hrs. <u>Flt/O</u> <u>08:30</u>
C.P.	Lt Kelley	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Frantz	
E.	Lt Kratz	Mission Completed.
	T/Sgt Austin	
	A.E.S/Sgt King M.	
	R. T/Sgt Marhenke	
	A.R.S/Sgt Collins	
	G. S/Sgt Alt	
	G. S/Sgt Hubsch	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Houser	Ship No. 221 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt McNamara	
N.	Lt Deppisch	Bombs Dropped Rds. Fired
E.	Lt Hoade	
T.	T/Sgt Kempf	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Zielinski	
R.	T/Sgt O'Brien	
A.R.	S/Sgt Havers	
G.	S/Sgt Robinson	
G.	S/Sgt Furfaro	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Hansen	Ship No. 190 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt Fabian	
N.	Lt Popejoy	Bombs Dropped Rds. Fired
B.	Lt Dehn	
E.	T/Sgt Yeandel	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Babcock	
R.	T/Sgt Mohr	
A.R.	S/Sgt Berg	
G.	S/Sgt Rosenfield	
G.	S/Sgt Seiter	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Powers	Ship No. 282 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt Johnson R. R.	
N.	Lt Frew	Bombs Dropped Rds. Fired
E.	Lt McNeill	
T.	S/Sgt Hooper	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Simmons	
R.	Sgt Dunlap	
A.R.	Sgt Leonard	
G.	Sgt Thurston	
G.	Sgt Crook	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Hynson	Ship No. 983 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt McInturff	
N.	Lt Costantino	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Hager	
E.	T/Sgt Collum	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Abbink	
R.	S/Sgt Moore	
A.R.	S/Sgt Lisi	
G.	S/Sgt Gaynor	
C.	S/Sgt Franco	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Bethune	Ship No. 198 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt Adkisson	
N.	Lt Abramowitz	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Austin	
E.	T/Sgt Boone	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Churchill	
R.	T/Sgt Riley	
A.R.	S/Sgt Bodley	
G.	S/Sgt Vick	
C.	S/Sgt Brown	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Calabretta	Ship No. 239 Hrs. Flown 08:30
C.P.	Lt Shumaker	
N.	Lt Gustafson	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Butler	
E.	T/Sgt Wert	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Bischoff	
R.	T/Sgt Logan	
A.R.	S/Sgt Kruse	
G.	S/Sgt Balough	
C.	S/Sgt Franceschini	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Scrimshaw	Ship No. 216 Hrs. Flt/O 08:30
C.P.	F/O Robertson	
N.	Lt Blanco	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Stelle	
E.	T/Sgt Doherty	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Thomas	
R.	S/Sgt Anglides	
A.R.	S/Sgt Queer	
G.	S/Sgt Somers	
G.	S/Sgt Hodgson	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Fisher	Ship No. 351 Hrs. Flt/O 08:30
C.P.	Lt Allen	
N.	Lt Blacker	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Lagley	
E.	T/Sgt Rundle	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Childers	
R.	T/Sgt King	
A.R.	S/Sgt Anderson	
G.	S/Sgt Kucharik	
G.	S/Sgt Hanides	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Riggs	Ship No. 299 Hrs. Flt/O 08:30
C.P.	Lt Burke	
N.	Lt Whidden	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Bercik	
E.	T/Sgt McKnight	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Strohmeier	
R.	S/Sgt Rushmore	
A.R.	S/Sgt Windsand	
G.	S/Sgt Kolbe	
G.	S/Sgt Johnston	
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RETURN TO GROUP 3-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 257 BOMB LOAD \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF T/O \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Col Cool	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt Hudson
CO-PILOT	Maj Lanford	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt Boesi
NAVIGATOR	Capt. Beller, Lt. Cross	WAIST LEFT	Sgt Libby
BOMBARDIER	Capt. Horner	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt Moran
RADIO	Sgt Swales	TAIL GUN	Sgt Kennington

RETURN TO GROUP 3-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 290 BOMB LOAD \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF T/O \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Maj Graff	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mangeroni	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt Johnson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Eline Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt Andrews
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callen	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt Howell
RADIO	Sgt Roadman	TAIL GUN	Sgt Fry

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

2nd Lt. COWDEN  
 2nd Lt. CROTZER  
 2nd Lt. DOWLING  
 T/Sgt BALMER  
 S/Sgt DEARING  
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 T/Sgt CLAPSADDLE  
 S/Sgt RYAN  
 Sgt GRAUWILLER  
 S/Sgt WOOLDRIDGE

Ship #640  
 1st Lt. SELEEN  
 2nd Lt. HESPELER  
 2nd Lt. HERMAN  
 2nd Lt. KNOX  
 T/Sgt EDGE  
 S/Sgt PETERSON  
 T/Sgt DRESSEL  
 S/Sgt WINGERT  
 S/Sgt BRIGGS  
 S/Sgt AMES

Ship #238  
 2nd Lt. BRIMAGE  
 2nd Lt. BROWN, W.R.  
 2nd Lt. SANTINA  
 2nd Lt. WACHTENDONK  
 S/Sgt COWAN  
 Sgt BLANCO  
 S/Sgt STINSON  
 Sgt GREEN  
 Sgt SOUTHWORTH  
 Sgt EGINTON

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

April 2, 1944

SUBJECT : Combat Crews Completing Mission on April 3, 1944

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

Ship #282

1st Lt. KING  
2nd Lt. DAESCHNER  
2nd Lt. MACEDO  
2nd Lt. ADAMS  
T/Sgt HARDY  
T/Sgt SUMNER  
S/Sgt HEITZMAN  
S/Sgt DOYLE  
S/Sgt LOCKARD  
S/Sgt Kimsey

Ship #407

1st Lt. PARDOE  
2nd Lt. COSTELLO  
2nd Lt. GOTTLIEB  
2nd Lt. PATTERSON  
T/Sgt WARREN  
S/Sgt LEONHARD  
T/Sgt ROBERTS  
S/Sgt BLACK  
S/Sgt KIMBERLY  
S/Sgt MATTHEWS

Ship #482

1st Lt. BECK  
2nd Lt. BUNATA  
2nd Lt. GAENZLE  
2nd Lt. BELL  
T/Sgt CARSWELL  
S/Sgt CRUMMEY  
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T/Sgt SEFCIK  
S/Sgt SHELTON  
S/Sgt KRAUS  
S/Sgt MALCHOW

Ship #230

1st Lt. KNIGHT  
2nd Lt. COWDEN  
2nd Lt. CROTZER  
2nd Lt. DOWLING  
T/Sgt BALMER  
S/Sgt DEARING  
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T/Sgt CLAPSADDLE  
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2nd Lt. BROWN, W.R.  
2nd Lt. SANTINA  
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Sgt GREEN  
Sgt SOUTHWORTH  
Sgt EGINTON



Ship #259

F/O TAYLOR  
2nd Lt. PUGLUESE  
2nd Lt. ROTHER  
2nd Lt. BOULWARE  
T/Sgt WILSON  
S/Sgt SPRADLING  
T/Sgt RUST  
S/Sgt JOHNSON  
Sgt DAVID  
S/Sgt LEVERSON

Ship #494

1st Lt. ~~TUCKER~~ NELSON  
2nd Lt. TUCK  
2nd Lt. ARIFF  
F/O BASTIN  
T/Sgt CHANCE  
S/Sgt LATHAM, L.W.  
S/Sgt SKELTON  
S/Sgt LATHAM, V.L.  
Sgt MILLER  
S/Sgt MC COY  
Sgt PALOMBO

Ship# 261

1st Lt. GORECKI  
F/O SWARTZ  
2nd Lt. GIOVANNITTI  
2nd Lt. ~~WALKER~~ BROTHERS  
S/Sgt WANTUCK  
S/Sgt LECOMTE  
S/Sgt GRAVES  
S/Sgt TALKINGTON  
S/Sgt GROSSMAN  
S/Sgt REESE

Ship #289

1st Lt. Sampson  
2nd Lt. NEIL  
2nd Lt. HORSTMAN  
2nd Lt. HOLT  
T/Sgt CARROLL  
S/Sgt CHARLES  
T/Sgt HAMILTON  
S/Sgt STEWART  
S/Sgt GARDNER  
S/Sgt ABBONDONDELLO

RICHARD A. GOSLINE  
1st Lt. Air Corps  
Operations Officer

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743RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 Office of the Operations Officer  
 APO 520

COMBAT LOADING LIST

2 April 1944

	<u>SHIP #271</u>		<u>SHIP #9271</u>			
P	BRUNSON, CLYDE P.	1st Lt.	0-684263	NEUMAN, DANIEL J.	1st Lt.	0-745158
CP	MOLNAR, ATLAS H.	2nd Lt.	0-795426	CAYEA, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	0-687741
N	BIGELOW, ROBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0-811520	SMITH, WYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	0-752972
B	PARKER, WILLIAM C.	2nd Lt.	0-752355	HARDMAN, THOMAS F.	2nd Lt.	0-671353
NOSE G	Peterson, Alfred R.	Sgt.	17175599	Kloos, George W.	T/Sgt.	12188423
TOP TUR	Coslett, Edward B.	T/Sgt.	33351112	Ledbetter, Emmett	T/Sgt.	14160177
WAIST R	Johnson, Thomas E.	S/Sgt.	17161001	Kennedy, Clyde J.	S/Sgt.	18209661
WAIST L	Schulz, Elmer G.	S/Sgt.	35320472	Phillips, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	34684046
BALL TUR	Donlin, Jack E.	Sgt.	37137674	Peck, Reid B.	S/Sgt.	35576360
TAIL G	Moore, Wesley E.	S/Sgt.	37505736	Hilgendorf, Marshall W.	S/Sgt.	13110064

	<u>SHIP #267</u>		<u>SHIP #260</u>			
P	RAWLS, DON M.	1st Lt.	0-802459	MARKHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.	0-803340
CP	EVANS, EARL E.	2nd Lt.	0-690068	LOKKEN, LYNN C.	2nd Lt.	0-687048
N	MATHE, LEWIS L.	2nd Lt.	0-811698	POORE, WESLEY A.	2nd Lt.	0-698226
B	ROSS, DEAN R.	2nd Lt.	0-747676	RANDALL, FRANK B.	2nd Lt.	0-748103
NOSE G.	Lohnes, Raymond W.	S/Sgt.	11114158	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.	18209685
TOP TUR	Kennedy, Isaac N.	T/Sgt.	14085951	Schwemer, Louis E.	S/Sgt.	16087443
WAIST R	Donahue, John J.	S/Sgt.	33340184	Muzzi, Louis A.	Cpl.	32723364
WAIST L	Roth, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	19124105	Sasser, Gerald E.	Cpl.	34702999
BALL TUR	Laptewicz, John C.	S/Sgt.	11057520	Klopchin, Andrew G.	Cpl.	32863910
TAIL G	Parris, Billy S.	S/Sgt.	34444766	Kirb, Joseph A.	Cpl.	14074563

	<u>SHIP #224</u>		<u>SHIP #879</u>			
P	CHEESMAN, ROY R.	1st Lt.	0-742135	ARNOLL, WILLIAM A.	1st Lt.	0-681293
CP	TAVERNIT, ANTHONY S.	F/O	T-122636	DUNSCOMB, RICHARD E.	2nd Lt.	0-687471
N	GENDRON, HAROLD E.	2nd Lt.	0-690699	ANDERSON, Ingvar E.	2nd Lt.	0-752973
B	CELOVSKY, ANDREW F.	2nd Lt.	0-688663	DRASCO, STEPHEN A.	2nd Lt.	0-731477
TOP TUR	Corley, Perry L.	T/Sgt.	18019495	Manaitto, Sebastino	S/Sgt.	37472964
NOSE G.	Pastner, Harold J.	T/Sgt.	13111919	Keith, Ronald R.	T/Sgt.	17127734
WAIST R	Lee, Robert E.	S/Sgt.	20808602	Petrie, Donald R.	S/Sgt.	39266229
WAIST L	Franzelas, Paul J.	S/Sgt.	32713395	<del>Herbert, Alex G.</del>	<del>S/Sgt.</del>	<del>13127881</del>
BALL TUR	Trinko, Wesley P.	S/Sgt.	16044326	Herbert, Alex G.	S/Sgt.	13127881
TAIL G	Pine, Edgar R.	S/Sgt.	18117916	McArthur, Charles A.	T/Sgt.	33489337

	<u>SHIP #294</u>		<u>SHIP #184</u>			
P	ROARDS, ROBERT A.	1st Lt.	0-678326	KEAHEY, GEORGE O.	1st Lt.	0-742727
CP	ECKHOFF, ALBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0-750357	REGAN, MARK	2nd Lt.	0-686275
N	EIS, FREDERICK G.	2nd Lt.	0-753105	SPICER, CHARLES B.	2nd Lt.	0-753115
B	COTTER, JOHN G.	2nd Lt.	0-688411	MANNING, HENRY L.	2nd Lt.	0-688379
NOSE G	SCHRADER, Vernon	T/Sgt.	14056917	Moore, Francis M.	S/Sgt.	6576628
TOP TUR	Spewock, Andrew	S/Sgt.	33279588	Rees, Ray E.	S/Sgt.	39833873
WAIST R	Crocker, Albert C.	S/Sgt.	14124951	Balchunas, Anthony	S/Sgt.	14180756
WAIST L	Anderson, Rayburn L.	T/Sgt.	34495132	Wallace, Edwin N.	S/Sgt.	18052322
BALL TUR	Keene, Richard I.	S/Sgt.	37493729	Thiel, James J.	S/Sgt.	15382723
TAIL G	Minyard, Luther D.	S/Sgt.	16143102	McNeil, Donald R.	S/Sgt.	39458767
N	STOPA, LEO A.	2nd Lt.	0-753036			

SHIP #204

	COOK, ROBERT L.	1st Lt.	0-423414
CP	HANEY, RICHARD J.	Flt/O	T-122547
N	WOODLOCK, DAVID J.	2nd Lt.	0-690533
B	GUILD, PAUL B.	1st Lt.	0-668936
NOSE G	Orona, John V.	S/Sgt.	17091068
TOP TUR	Aziz, Abraham	T/Sgt.	31081805
WAIST R	Jenkins, Grover W.	Sgt.	14029854
WAIST L	Weisler, Robert A.	S/Sgt.	15374208
BALL TUR	Paris, Henry C.	S/Sgt.	14188419
TAIL G	Stockdale, Leslie H.	S/Sgt.	37230200

SHIP #253

P	BECHTOLD, WILBUR C.	Capt.	0-402345
CP	BELLEMERE, DAVID G.	Capt.	0-724879
N	BROOKSHIRE, BEVERLY	Capt.	0-443647
N	GROSS, JOSEPH	2nd Lt.	0-811631
B	BROWN, DEROY V.	1st Lt.	0-735523
NOSE G	Murry, Victor	S/Sgt.	14085754
TOP TUR	Ingalls, Robert D.	T/Sgt.	37462396
WAIST R	Bush, Duane D.	T/Sgt.	13134869
WAIST L	Vance, Duane S.	S/Sgt.	38397097
BALL TUR	Catt, James L.	S/Sgt.	14151492
TAIL G	OWENS, Benjamin G.	S/Sgt.	38415690