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Buda pest Tokol A/D

Mission No. 23

13 April 1944

Field Order No. 28

(Annex No. 1, Field Order No 28, 13 April 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE

1. Number of A/C on Mission-----38
2. Group leader-----Lt. Col. Cool
3. Deputy Gp. leader-----Major, Lanford
4. Second Unit leader-----Major Thayer
5. Second Deputy leader-----Capt. Bechtold
6. Other Gps on Mission-----454th, 456th, 459th
7. Escort-----One Group P-38's will rendezvous near IP at 47°00'N. at 1237B. to give target cover and withdrawal cover.
8. Bomb load-----40/100# G.P N -.10, T - .01
9. Ammunition-----5200 rounds
10. Fuel load-----2700 Gallons, Full oil service
11. Stations-----08:15B Hours
12. Taxi and T/O Instructions-----Taxi to North end of Field for T/O to the South. T/O time 0930B Hours

ORDER OF TAKE-OFF

1st Attack Unit-----		2nd Attack Unit	
765	260	253	204
257	481	500	347
456	230	283	351
494	658	983	223
282	259	234	235
570	289	270	219
476	238	208	081
266	771	294	264
241	261	665	190
249		278	

13. Bomber Rendezvous-----1st C.Wg. (455th, 456th) at Stornara at 3000 ft 10:28. 2nd C.Wg. (459th, 454th) at Guilia at 4000 ft 10:30.
14. Course-----Base to Key Point (Doboj 44°45'N, 18°05'E) to Dombovar (46°22'N, 18°10'E) to IP to target.
15. Target time-----12:52B Hours.
16. Return Course-----To Rally Point (46°25'N, 19°28'E) to Base.
17. Initial Point-----5 miles W. of S. end of CSEPAL Island (47°02'N, 18°52'E)
18. Axis of attack-----16° M.
19. Bombing Formation-----Group will bomb in a nine ship front (route formation).

455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

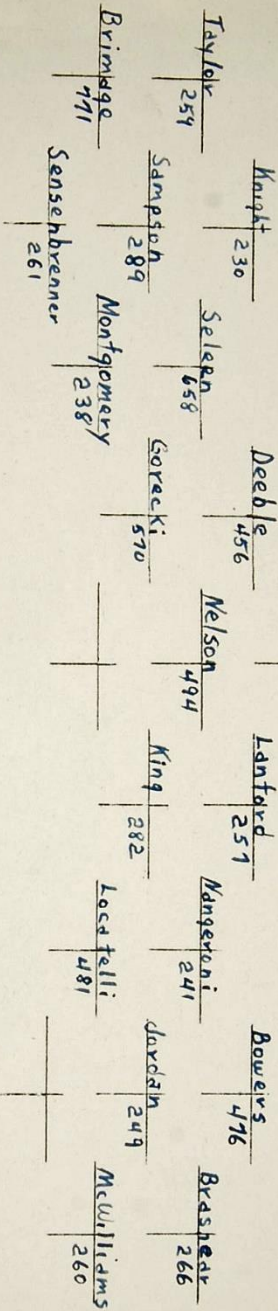
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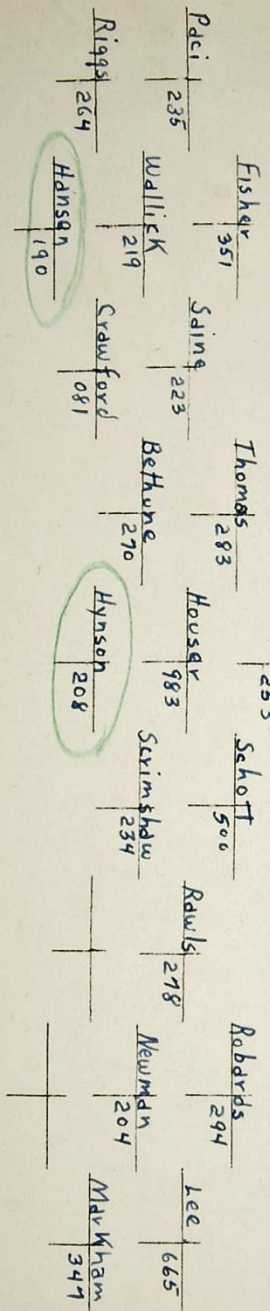
1ST SECTION

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2ND SECTION



Did not take off
Early Return
Prior Return

740

351

4/13/44

Lt Fisher
Lt Allen
Lt Blacker
Lt Lafley
T/Sgt King

T/Sgt Rundle
S/Sgt Anderson
S/Sgt Hanides
S/Sgt Schmaus
S/Sgt Kucharik

Nose Gun

Sgt Fender

740

223

4/13/44

Lt Saine
Lt Ward
Lt Compton
Lt Asip
T/Sgt Barrons

T/Sgt Amoruso
S/Sgt Carlson
S/Sgt Donahue
S/Sgt Bolling
S/Sgt Sievers

740

235

4/13/44

Lt Paci
Lt Johnson D.
Lt Teasdale
Lt Daniels
S/Sgt Freeman

S/Sgt Thigpen
Sgt Jackson
S/Sgt Merrill
S/Sgt Fry
S/Sgt Johnson R.J.

740

081

4/13/44

Lt Crawford
Lt Johnson R.W.
Lt Annala
Lt Compton
Sgt Childers

S/Sgt De Selms
Sgt Metrik
Sgt Crysel
S/Sgt Fortson
Sgt Faut

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740

264

4/13/44

Lt Riggs
Lt Burke
Lt Whidden
Lt Hercik
T/Sgt Strohmeier

T/Sgt McKnight
S/Sgt Rushmore
S/Sgt Windsand
S/Sgt Kolbe
S/Sgt Johnston

740

219

4/13/44

Lt Wallick
Lt Mc Inturff
Lt Costantino
Lt Hager
S/Sgt Moore

S/Sgt Loge
S/Sgt Cronin
S/Sgt Gaynor
S/Sgt Abbink
S/Sgt Franco

740

983

4/13/44

Lt Houser
Lt McNamara
Lt Deppisch
Lt Hoede
T/Sgt O'Brien

T/Sgt Kempf
S/Sgt Zielinski
Sgt Havers
S/Sgt Robinson
S/Sgt Furfaro

740

234

4/13/44

Lt Scrimshaw
F/O Robertson
Lt Blanco
Lt Stelle
S/Sgt Anglides

T/Sgt Doherty
S/Sgt Thomas
S/Sgt Somers
S/Sgt Queer
S/Sgt Hodgson

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740

270

4/13/44

Lt Bethune
Lt Adkisson
Lt Abramowitz
Lt Austin
T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Boone
S/Sgt Fowler
S/Sgt Vick
Sgt Fisher
S/Sgt Bearden

RETURN TO GROUP 8-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

A/C NUMBER

POSITION IN FORMATION

Lt. [unclear]
Lt. [unclear]
Lt. [unclear]

740

208

4/13/44

Lt Hynson
Lt Jones
Lt Keller
Lt Banks
T/Sgt McFall

S/Sgt Watermond
S/Sgt Daniel
S/Sgt Strange
S/Sgt Harpster
S/Sgt Lineberger

RETURN TO GROUP 8-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

A/C NUMBER

POSITION IN FORMATION

Lt. [unclear] TOP TOP GUN
Lt. [unclear] WAIST RIGHT
Lt. [unclear] WAIST LEFT
Lt. [unclear] BALL TOP GUN
Sgt. [unclear] TAIL GUN

RETURN TO GROUP 8-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

POSITION IN FORMATION

Lt. Bowers TOP TOP GUN
Lt. Baker WAIST RIGHT
Lt. [unclear] WAIST LEFT
Lt. Bailen BALL TOP GUN
Lt. Gamble TAIL GUN

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 249 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 1944 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Morris
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Edwards
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callan, M. C.	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. Priot	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Loud

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

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

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Locatelli	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Karney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Rezin	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kinnick
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cahill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Dakin
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McMahon	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Anderson
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Heer

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 266 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Brashear	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Fortson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Muth	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Keen
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Regnier	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Lindsey
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Elkerton	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Kirby
RADIO	Sgt. Korzaiewski	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Andrews

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 749 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Baker	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Townsend
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Evenson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Demosh
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bailen	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Moser
RADIO	Lt. Gamble	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Pendleton

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 456 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Deeble	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Hammond	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Pearson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Pokora	WAIST LEFT	(Sgt. Averill)
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Efurd	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	(Sgt. Averill)	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Squires
Nose Tur	Sgt. Vanaman		

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 241 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Nangeroni	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Johnson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Andrews, Norman C.
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Roadman	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Fry

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 260 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. McWilliams	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Miller
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mensinger	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Hardy
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Wilkes	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. McDowell
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Fogel	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Ragusky
RADIO	Sgt. Eggemeyer	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Rifinsky

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 257 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Fetty	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Kowley
CO-PILOT	Maj. Lanford	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Woodard
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jones	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bain
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Davis, Robert H.
RADIO	Sgt. Peitruszewski	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Connel

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

13 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 765 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

13 Apr 44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Col. Cool	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT	Maj. Welsh	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libbey
NAVIGATOR	Capt. Moehler	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Boasi
BOMBARDIER	Capt. Horner	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Moran
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Kennington
NAVIGATOR	Lt. McWilliams, R. C. Jr.		
RADAR OPER.	Lt. Screws		

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

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

_____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	TOP TUR GUN
CO-PILOT	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER	BALL TUR GUN
RADIO	TAIL GUN

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

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

_____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	TOP TUR GUN
CO-PILOT	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER	BALL TUR GUN
RADIO	TAIL GUN

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

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

_____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	TOP TUR GUN
CO-PILOT	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER	BALL TUR GUN
RADIO	TAIL GUN

Group 5.3

742ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO# 520 US ARMY

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Combat Crews Completing Mission on 13 April 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H)

Ship #289	Ship #771	Ship #259	Ship #238
LT SAMPSON	LT BRIMAGE	F/O TAYLOR	LT MONTGOMERY
LT NELL	LT W.R. BROWN	LT TUCK	LT SABO
LT HORSTMAN	LT SANTINA	LT ROTHER	LT GUIDO
LT ADAMS	LT WACHTENDONK	LT BOULWARE	LT SCHNEIDER
T/Sgt CARROLL	SSgt COWAN	S/Sgt SPRADLING	T/Sgt MASON
T/Sgt HAMILTON	S/Sgt STINSON	T/Sgt WILSON	S/Sgt SUTTON
S/Sgt CHARLES	Sgt BLANCO	T/Sgt RUST	T/Sgt PRITCHARD
S/Sgt BLANCHARD	Sgt GREEN	Sgt DAVID	S/Sgt SMITH
S/Sgt GARDNER	Sgt EGINTON	S/Sgt JOHNSON	S/Sgt KYLE
S/Sgt STEWART	Sgt SOUTHWORTH	S/Sgt LEVERSON	S/Sgt LEITHAUSER

Ship #494
LT NELSON
LT TANNER
LT ARIFF
F/O BASTIN
T/Sgt CHANCE
S/Sgt SKELTON
S/Sgt LATHAM, LEO
S/Sgt LATHAM, Vernon
S/Sgt MCCOY
S/Sgt MILLER
Sgt SANTIAGO

Ship # 570
LT GORECKI
LT GIOVANNITTI
F/O SWARTZ
LT HOLT
T/Sgt WANTUCK
S/Sgt GRAVES
S/Sgt LECONTE
S/Sgt TALKINGTON
S/Sgt GROSSMAN
S/Sgt REESE

Ship #282	Ship #230
LT KING	LT KNIGHT
LT DAESCHNER	LT COWDEN
LT MACEDO	LT CROTZER
LT BELL	LT BROTHERS
T/Sgt HARDY	T/Sgt BALMER
T/Sgt SUMNER	S/Sgt DEARING
S/Sgt R.W. JACKSON	T/Sgt CLAPSADDLE
T/Sgt DOYLE	S/Sgt PAKNIK
S/Sgt LOCKARD	Sgt GRAUEWILLER
S/Sgt KIMSEY	S/Sgt RYAN

Ship #658
LT SELEEN
LT HESPELER
LT BROWN, C.W.
LT EZELL
S/Sgt PETERSON
T/Sgt EDGE
S/Sgt BRIGS
S/Sgt AMES
S/Sgt WINGERT
T/Sgt DRESSEL

Ship #261
LT SENSENBRENNER
LT BOLDT
LT POWELL
LT McGRANE
T/Sgt NERREN
T/Sgt JASTRZEMBOWSKI
S/Sgt SELLARS
S/Sgt PLOWMAN
S/Sgt RENNER
S/Sgt SCOTT

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

743rd Bombardment Squadron (H)
 Office of the Operations Officer

13 April 1944

SHIP #253 (1-2-1)
 P THAYER, D.S.
 CP BROOKS, H.C.
 N BROOKSHIRE, B.H.
 B BROWN, L.V.
 RADIO Ingalls, R.D.
 NOSE G GRECO, J.
 TOP TUR Murray, V.
 WAIST R Vance, D.S.
 WAIST L Bush, D.D.
 BALL TUR Catt, J.L.
 TAIL G Owen, E.G.

Maj.
 2nd Lt.
 Capt.
 1st Lt.
 T/Sgt.
 2nd Lt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #283 (1-2-3)
 THOMAS J.H.
 ROSE, R.C.
 GROSSMAN, B.M.
 VERKETIS, F.S.
 Bails, D.R.
 Shallow, John S.
 Herlihy, J.J.
 Peterson, D.E.
 Audolph, J.B.
 Burkhardt, G.

1st Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 T/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #500 (1-2-1)
 P SCHOTT, ROY H.
 CP BECHTOLD, W.C.
 N GERATY, D.F.
 B BOCK, P.
 NOSE G Levasseur, W.F.
 TOP TUR Klinek, A.J.
 WAIST R Floyd, V.L.
 WAIST L Parks, E.
 BALL TUR Sedler, J.R.
 TAIL G Fuller, M.L.

1st Lt.
 Capt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 T/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 Sgt.
 Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #204 (2-2-1)
 NEUMAN, D.J.
 CAYEA, J.E.
 STOPA, L.A.
 HARDMAN, T.H.
 Kloos, G.W.
 Ledbetter, E.
 Kennedy, C.J.
 Phillips, E.A.
 Peck, R.B.
 Hilgendorf, M.

1st Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 T/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #665 (2-2-2)
 P LEE, O.I.
 CP DENION, C.A.
 N GROSS, J.
 B HORAN, B.D.
 NOSE G Collins, J.M.
 TOP TUR Winn, F.P.
 WAIST R Kohnke, E.B.
 WAIST L Dean, M.H.
 BALL TUR Pendleton, P.C.
 TAIL G Derrick, C.

1st Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 T/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #347 (2-2-6)
 MARKHAM, T.J.
 LOKKEN, L.G.
 POORE, W.A.
 BROYAN, C.B.
 Nelson, D.E.
 Schwemer, L.E.
 Muzii, L.
 Sasser, G.E.
 Klopchin, A.G.
 Kerby, J.A.

2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 Sgt.
 Sgt.
 Sgt.
 Sgt.
 T/Sgt.

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SHIP #278 (2-2-3)
 P RAWLS, D.M.
 CP EVANS, E.E.
 N MATHE, L.L.
 B ROSS, D.R.
 NOSE G Lohnes, R.W.
 TOP TUR Kennedy, I.N.
 WAIST R Donshue, J.J.
 WAIST L Smith, T.F.
 BALL TUR Laptewixz, J.C.
 TAIL G Parris, B.S.

1st Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 S/Sgt.
 T/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.
 S/Sgt.

SHIP #294 (2-2-4)
 ROBARDS, R.A.
 ECKHOFF, A.E.
 EIS, F.J.
 COTTER, J.G.
 Anderson, R.L.
 Schrader, V.D.
 Crocker, A.C.
 Spewock, A.
 Keene, R.I.
 Minyard, L.D.

1st Lt.
 2nd Lt.
 2nd Lt.
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