

MISSION NO. 24

Bucharest M/Y

15 April 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 29

(Annex 1, Field Order 29, 15 Apr 44)

ANNEX - MISSION BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of Aircraft on Mission 39 B-24s.
2. Group leader Major E.C.AMBROSEN.
3. Deputy Group leader Lt. SENSENBRENNER.
4. Second unit leader Lt. H.I.MILLER.
5. Second deputy leader Lt. H.F.HOUSER.
6. Other Groups on Mission 454,456, and 459BGs.
7. Escort on Mission P-38s and P-47s.
8. Bomb load Ten 500# GPs, nose
.1 and tail .025 fuses.
9. Ammunition 5200 rounds.
10. Fuel load 2700 gals, full oil serv.
11. Stations 0700B hours.
12. Taxi and T/O instructions Taxi to north for T/O
to south; T/O time 0815B.

13. ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

<u>1st Attack Unit</u>		<u>2nd Attack Unit</u>	
764	282	983	219
261	289	221	081
259	658	270	234
294	204	249	476
253	347	855	260
278	271	266	749
640	665	239	481
570	500	190	241
771	283	264	223
230	494	235	

13. Bomber Rendezvous 1st C Wg (456,459) at GIULIA
at 3000 feet at 0912B. 2nd C
Wg (454,455) at SAN GIOVANNI
4000 feet at 0912B.
14. Course Base to Turn Point, SIPAN IS-
LAND (42/45N, 17/55E) at 1000B
at 13,000 ft, to Turn Point,
(44/35N, 22/45E) to Key Point
SERBANESTI (44/42N, 25/00E) at
1147B to IP to Target.
15. Target time 1200B hours.
16. Return course To rally point SLATINA (44/26N
24/23E) to Turn Point (44/35N
22/45E) to SIPAN ISLAND to Base
17. Initial Point LUNGELETUL (44/37N, 25/40E).
18. Axis of Attack 119 Mag.

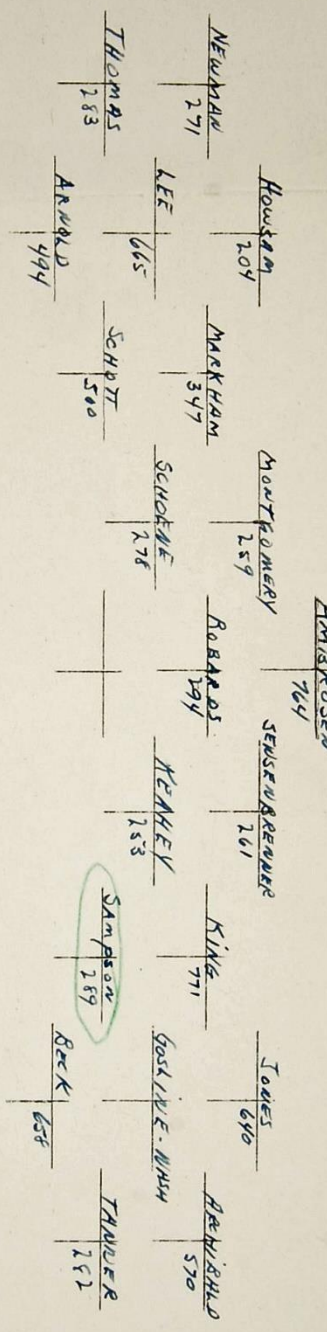
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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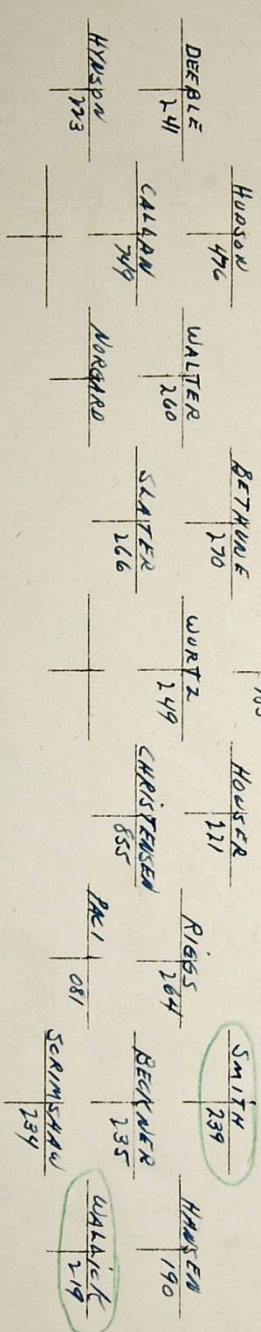
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FORMATION DIAGRAM
1ST SECTION



2ND SECTION

MILLER-SAINE



PRIOR RETURN

989 S-3

740	989	4/15/44	
	Lt Miller Lt Saine Lt Draghi & St Anala Lt Clowery T/Sgt Volk Sgt Johnson J.W.		T/Sgt Cassidy S/Sgt Nyquist S/Sgt Conlin S/Sgt Good S/Sgt Carringer
740	221	4/15/44	
	Lt Houser Lt McManara Lt Deppisch Lt Hoade T/Sgt O'Brien		T/Sgt Kempf S/Sgt Zielinski S/Sgt Havers S/Sgt Robinson S/Sgt Furfaro S/Sgt Lubeck
740	270	4/15/44	
	Lt Bethune Lt Adkisson Lt Abramowitz Lt Austin T/Sgt Riley		T/Sgt Boone Sgt Fowler S/Sgt Voth Sgt Fisher Sgt Fender
740	223	4/15/44	
	Lt Hynson Lt Jones Lt Keller Lt Banks T/Sgt McFall		S/Sgt Gatermond S/Sgt Dattel S/Sgt Strange S/Sgt Harpster S/Sgt Lineberger
740	190	4/15/44	
	Lt Hansen Lt Fabian Lt Popejoy Lt Dehn S/Sgt Lisi		T/Sgt Yeandel S/Sgt Babcock S/Sgt Berg S/Sgt Seiter S/Sgt Rosenfield

740

237

4/15/44

Lt Smith
Lt Ward
Lt Compton J.A
Lt Astp
T/Sgt Barrons

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

740

264

4/15/44

Lt Riggs
Lt Burles
Lt Whidden
Lt Bercik
T/Sgt Strohmeier

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

W

740

235

4/14/44

Lt Beckner
Lt Bauminger
F/O Brandstetter
Lt Campbell
S/Sgt Johnson

S/Sgt Bearden
S/Sgt Kruse
S/Sgt Sumakis
S/Sgt Harris
S/Sgt Synkowitz

740

219

4/15/44

Lt Wallick
Lt McInturff
Lt Costantiano
Lt Hager
S/Sgt Moore

S/Sgt Logo
S/Sgt Gaynor
S/Sgt Cronin
S/Sgt Abbink
S/Sgt Franco

740

081

4/15/44

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

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

740

234

4/15/44

Lt Scrimshaw
F/O Robinson
Lt Blance
Lt "telle
S/Sgt Angelidies

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

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Deeble	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Hammond	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Vanaman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Tokora	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Pearson
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Eford	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	Sgt. Averill	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Squires

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Wurtz	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Draper
CO-PILOT	Lt. Subera	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Newman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Slocum	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Klien
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Laws	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Ashley
RADIO	Sgt. Gross	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Kampa

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Hinton	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Gorski	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Sandefer
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jones	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Woodard
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Magnuson
RADIO	Sgt. Pietruszewski	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Vonachen

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 476 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Hudson	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Beeler
CO-PILOT	Lt. Smith	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Hamilton
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosmer	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Elliott
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Massey	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. NMI Wolfe
RADIO	Sgt. Muse	TAIL GUN	Sgt. M Wolfe

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Blater	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Chrisown
CO-PILOT	Lt. Montgomery	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Brathall
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cobyak	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Barron
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangos	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Bopp
RADIO	Sgt. Harber	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Fisher

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 855 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

Apr 15 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Christensen	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Bialas
CO-PILOT	Lt. Heathcote	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Swann
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Taber	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bowles
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Padgett
RADIO	Sgt. Mayfield	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Abbott

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Capt Norgard	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Hartman
CO-PILOT	Lt. Stiner	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Jenkins
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bergmann
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Demas	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Myrick
RADIO	Sgt. Bantz	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Cratch

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Walter	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Skrtasky
CO-PILOT	Lt. Woodley	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Davis
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Stroman	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hamby
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hart	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Bennett
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Carson

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

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

15 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. K. A. Callan	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Jessett
CO-PILOT	Lt. Timmons	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Hale
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Rantz	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Heiskell
BOMBARDIER	Lt. M Callan	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Jefferds
RADIO	Sgt. Matthews	TAIL GUN	Sgt. James

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	_____

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

15 April 1944

SUBJECT : Combat Crews Completing Mission on 15 April 1944.

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

Ship #494

LT. ARNOLD
LT. DUNSCOMB
LT. ANDERSON
LT. DRASCO
MC ARTHUR
KEITH
PETRI
MANZITTO
HERBERT
ARNSON

Ship #570

LT. ARCHIBALD
CAPT. GUNNELL
LT. EZELL
LT. BARNARD
T/Sgt MADZIK
S/Sgt HACHEY
S/Sgt SKELTON
T/Sgt CHANCE
S/Sgt ABBONDEDELLO
S/Sgt Mc COY

Ship #259

LT. MONTGOMERY
LT. SABO
LT. SCHNEIDER
LT. GUIDO
S/Sgt DEARING
S/Sgt COWAN
T/Sgt PRITCHARD
S/Sgt SMITH
Sgt GRAUWILLER
S/Sgt LEITHAUSER
MASON (PHOTO)

Ship #640

LT. JONES
LT. YTTRI
LT. BODWELL
LT. BOFFA
T/Sgt SEMAN
S/Sgt BLANCHARD
T/Sgt JACKSON, R.W.
S/Sgt PHILBIN
S/Sgt GRILFFITH
S/Sgt WOOLDRIDGE

Ship #289

LT. SAMPSON
LT. NEIL
LT. HORSTMAN
LT. ADAMS
T/Sgt BALMER
S/Sgt CHARLES
T/Sgt HAMILTON
S/Sgt PAKNIK
S/Sgt GARDNER
S/Sgt FABRIZIO

Ship #771

LT. KING
LT. KAMINSKY
LT. MACEDO
LT. FORD
Sgt GOLDMAN
S/Sgt LECOMTE
S/Sgt HEITZMAN
S/Sgt PITTMAN
S/Sgt LIVINGSTON
S/Sgt GRAFAM
PALOMBO (PHOTO)

Ship #282

LT. TANNER
LT. HAWLEY
LT. HERMAN
LT. BROWN, C.W.
T/Sgt MIZELL
S/Sgt CHASE
T/Sgt WAUGH
S/Sgt ENGHAUS
S/Sgt DUVAL
S/Sgt JACKSON, J.A.

Ship #764

MAJ. AMBROSE
LT. KEOGH
CAPT. TYKILA
LT. MC GLASSON
T/Sgt WEDIN
T/Sgt STAPLETON
T/Sgt HARKEY
T/Sgt ANTONSON
S/Sgt ROBINSON
LT. GIDDEN
RADAR MAN

Ship #261

LT. SENSENBRENNER
LT. BOLDT
LT. POWELL
LT. GROSS
LT. MC GRANE
T/Sgt NERREN
S/Sgt SELLARS
T/Sgt JASTRZEMBOWSKI
S/Sgt PLOWMAN
S/Sgt RENNEN
S/Sgt SCOTT

Ship #230

LT. GOSLINE
LT. NASH
LT. ROTHER
LT. KNOX
T/Sgt PELKEY
S/Sgt BENNETT
T/Sgt ROMANO
~~S/Sgt ROMANO~~
S/Sgt HOFFMEISTER
S/Sgt BROCK
S/Sgt FRAWLEY

Ship #658

LT. BECK
LT. BUNATA
LT. CROTZER
LT. DOWLING
T/Sgt EDGE
S/Sgt BLANCO
T/Sgt SEFCIK
S/Sgt SHELTON
S/Sgt MALCHOW
S/Sgt EGINTON

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

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

15 April 1944

	<u>SHIP #665</u> (1-3-4)		<u>SHIP #283</u> (1-3-2)		<u>SHIP #253</u> (1-3-5)
P	LEE, O.I.	1st Lt.	THOMAS, J.H.	1st Lt.	KEAHEY, G.O.
CP	DENTON, C.A.	2nd Lt.	ROSE, R.C.	2nd Lt.	REGAN, M.
N	GROSS, J.	2nd Lt.	GROSSMAN, B.M.	2nd Lt.	SPICER, C.B.
B	HORAN, B.D.	2nd Lt.	VERKETIS, F.S.	2nd Lt.	MANNING, H.L.
NOSE G	Derrick, C.E.	S/Sgt.	Shallow, J.S.	T/Sgt.	Moore, F.M.
TOP TUR	Collins, J.M.	T/Sgt.	Bails, D.R.	T/Sgt.	Rees, R.E.
WAIST R	Bush, D.D.	T/Sgt.	Burkhardt, G.	S/Sgt.	Balchunas, A.
WAIST L	Kohnke, E.B.	S/Sgt.	Herlihy, J.J.	S/Sgt.	Wallace, E.N.
BALL TUR	Dean, M.H.	S/Sgt.	Peterson, D.E.	S/Sgt.	McNeil, D.R.
TAIL G	Pendleton, P.C.	T/Sgt.	Rudolph, J.B.	Sgt.	Thiel, J.J.
	<u>SHIP #271</u> (1-3-3)		<u>SHIP #204</u> (1-3-1)		<u>SHIP #347</u> (1-3-2)
P	NEUMAN, D.J.	1st Lt.	HOWSAM, E.R.	1st Lt.	MARKHAM, T.L.J.
CP	CAYEA, J.E.	2nd Lt.	STERLING, R.N.	2nd Lt.	LOKKEN, L.G.
N	SMITH, W.A.	2nd Lt.	STOPA, L.A.	2nd Lt.	POORE, W.A.
B	HARDMAN, T.H.	2nd Lt.	GUDMUNDSON, R.E.	2nd Lt.	BROYAN, C.B.
NOSE G	Kloos, G.W.	T/Sgt.	Todoro, A.	S/Sgt.	Nelson, D.E.
TOP TUR	Ledbetter, E.	T/Sgt.	Cochrnae, W.P.	S/Sgt.	Schwemer, L.E.
WAIST R	Kennedy, C.J.	S/Sgt.	Baird, R.M.	Sgt.	Muzii, L.A.
WAIST L	Phillips, E.A.	S/Sgt.	Kapitzke, L.	T/Sgt.	Sasser, G.E.
BALL TUR	Peck, R.B.	S/Sgt.	Weisler, R.A.	S/Sgt.	Klopchin, A.U.
TAIL G	Hilgendorf, M.W.	S/Sgt.	Dandenault, T.	S/Sgt.	Kirby, J.A.
				PHOTO	Paige, F.A.
	<u>SHIP #500</u> (1-3-7)		<u>SHIP #494</u> (1-1-8)		<u>SHIP #278</u> (1-3-6)
P	SCHOTT, R.H.	1st Lt.	ARNOLD, W.A.	1st Lt.	SCHOENE, H.R.
CP	EVANS, E.E.	2nd Lt.	DUNSCOMB, R.E.	2nd Lt.	COLMAN, O.C.
N	GERATY, D.F.	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, I.E.	2nd Lt.	HAYWOOD, R.F.
B	BOCK, P.	2nd Lt.	DRASCO, S.A.	2nd Lt.	DAVIS, R.J.
NOSE G	Levasseur, W.F.	T/Sgt.	Petrie, D.R.	S/Sgt.	Palmer, F.W.
TOP TUR	Klinek, A.J.	T/Sgt.	Keith, R.R.	T/Sgt.	Lumpkin, L.F.
WAIST R	Floyd, V.L.	S/Sgt.	Manzitto, S.	S/Sgt.	Cushing, W.L.
WAIST L	Parks, E.	Sgt.	Herbert, A.G.	S/Sgt.	Bates, J.E.
BALL TUR	Salder, J.R.	Sgt.	McArthur, C.A.	T/Sgt.	Laptewicz, J.D.
TAIL G	Fuller, M.L.	S/Sgt.	Annson, E.L.	Sgt.	Berg, H.C.
	<u>SHIP #294</u> (1-1-4)				
P	ROBARDS, R.A.	1st Lt.			
CP	ECKHOFF, A.E.	2nd Lt.			
N	EIS, F.J.	2nd Lt.			
B	COTTER, J.G.	2nd Lt.			
NOSE G	Anderson, R.L.	T/Sgt.			
TOP TUR	Schrader, V.D.	T/Sgt.			
WAIST R	Crocker, A.C.	S/Sgt.			
WAIST L	Spewock, A.	S/Sgt.			
BALL TUR	Keene, R.I.	S/Sgt.			
TAIL G	MINYARD, L.D.	S/Sgt.			