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Monfalcone

Mission No. 27

20 April 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 32

(Annex 1, F.O. 32, 20 Apr 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of Aircraft on Mission 42 B-24s.
2. Group leader Lt. Col. COOL
3. Deputy Group Leader Major KEEFER
4. Second Attack Unit Leader Major AMBROSEN
5. Deputy Second A. U. leader Lieut NELSON
6. Other Groups on Mission 454, 456, 459 BGs.
7. Escort on Mission 1 Gp P-38s 43/30N,
 14/20E, 16,000 ft, at
 1108B. P-51s will give
 special attention to
 455th at MONFALCONE.
8. Bomb Load 10/500# GP
9. Ammunition 5200 rounds.
10. Fuel Load 2700 gals, full oil serv.
11. Time at Stations 0745
12. Taxi and T/O Instructions Taxi to North for T/O to
 South at 0900.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit		2nd Attack Unit	
764	270	855	780
765	221	749	790
264	235	456	640
249	081	260	204
241	239	804	283
216	219		234
223	476		993
983	266		230
			282
			482
			570
			250
			771
			289
			190
			271

13. Bomber rendezvous 1st C Wg (455,456) at
 STORNARA at 3000' at 0955B. 2nd C wg at
 GIULIA at 4000 feet at 0957B.
14. Course to Target Base to 41/50N,16/20E to
 1st Key Point (44/00N,14/00E) at 17,000'
 at 1118B to 2nd Key Point 44/55N,13/40E
 to Initial Point to Target
15. Time at Target ~~1210E~~ 11.55B.
16. Return Course To 45/30N,13/30E, to Rally
 Point 45/10N,13/35E, to 1st Key Point to
 Base.
17. Initial Point SALVATORE POINT 45/30N,
 13/31E.
18. Axis of Attack 08 degrees M.
19. Bombing Formation 9-ship front, close route
 formation, 2nd Attack unit stacked down.
20. Bombardier Information Pathfinder aircraft will
 Interv. stg. 100' be in lead and deputy lead of each unit,
 I.A.S.S. 160 mph. and this method will be used in bombing
 Target elev. 0' regardless of weather to determine accu-
 Altitude 20,000' racy of Wing's Pathfinder Method.
21. Rally Right.

455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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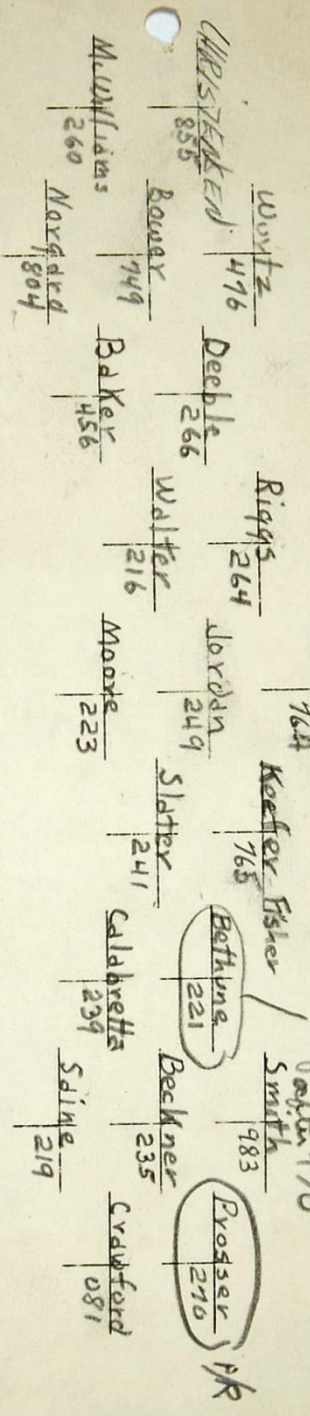
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1ST SECTION

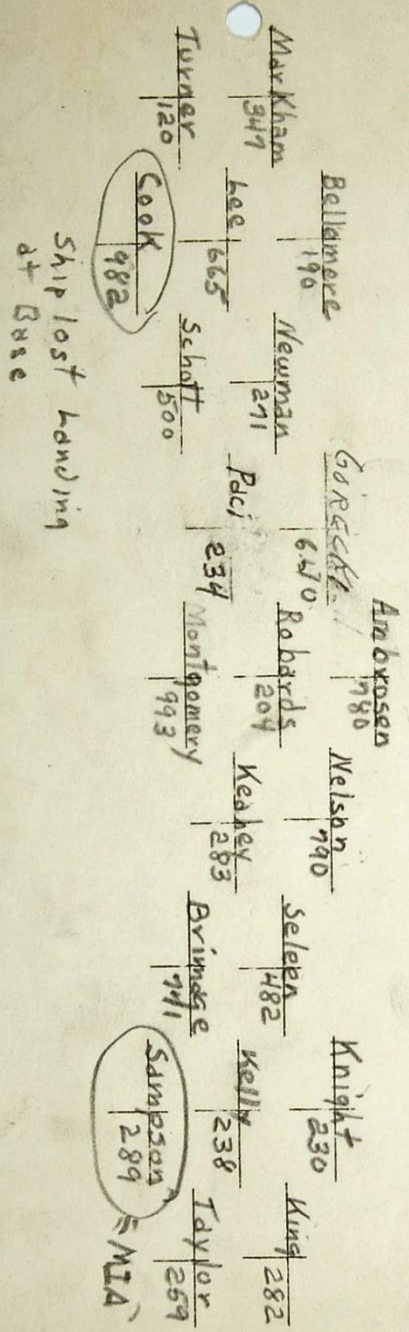
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overhead in position T/O



2ND SECTION



SHIP lost landing at Base

MIA

740

765

4/20/44

Maj Keefer
Lt Fisher
Lt Costantino
Lt Ohlmeyer
T/Sgt King A.

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

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264

4/20/44

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

T/Sgt Knight
S/Sgt Rushmore
S/Sgt Windsand
S/Sgt Lubeck
S/Sgt Johnston
F Sgt Johnson, J. W.

740

223

4/20/44

Lt Moore
Lt Ennis
Lt Erickson
Lt Gall
T/Sgt DeRock

T/Sgt Towle
S/Sgt Schweisberger
S/Sgt Koutsky
S/Sgt Greland
S/Sgt Smith

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983

4/20/44

Lt Smith
Lt Griffin
Lt Draghi
Lt Clowey
T/Sgt Wolke

T/Sgt Cassidy
S/Sgt Conlin
S/Sgt Nyquist
S/Sgt Good
S/Sgt Carringer

F Sgt Johnson, J. W.

Nose Gunner Sgt Childers

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239

4/20/44

Lt Calabretta
Lt Pendleton
Lt Gustafson
Lt Butler
T/Sgt Logan

T/Sgt Wert
S/Sgt Kruse
S/Sgt Franceschini
S/Sgt Bischoff
S/Sgt Balough

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219

4/20/44

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

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

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234

4/20/44

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

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

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764

4/20/44

Col Cool
Col Powers
Capt Moeller
Capt Horner
S/Sgt Swales

T/Sgt Hudson
S/Sgt DeLibey
S/Sgt Moran

Navigator
(V) Mickey Operator

S/Sgt Boasi
Lt Gross
Lt Heger

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270

4/20/44

Lt Prosser
Lt Kelley
Lt Frantz
Lt Kratz
T/Sgt Marhenke

T/Sgt Austin
S/Sgt King
S/Sgt Collins
S/Sgt Abbink
S/Sgt Hubsch

740

221

4/20/44

Lt Bethune, John L.
Lt Adkisson William R.
Lt Abramowitz Murray
Lt Austin, James P
T/Sgt Riley, Price O.

T/Sgt Boone, Claude J.
S/Sgt Brown, Harry L.
S/Sgt Vick, Goldman W.
Sgt Fisher, John T.
S/Sgt Fowler, Lawrence G.

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235

4/20/44

Lt Beckner
Lt Ensminger
F/O Brandstetter
Lt Campbell
S/Sgt Johnson P.A.

T/Sgt Beck
S/Sgt Sunakis
S/Sgt Cronin
S/Sgt Harris
S/Sgt Symkewicz

740

081

4/20/44

Lt Crawford
Lt Johnson R.W.
Lt Annala
Lt Compton D.
Sgt Imburg

S/Sgt De Selas
Sgt Cryeel
Sgt Faut
S/Sgt Fortson
Sgt Metrick

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

7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 260 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT V. McWilliams Lt. TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Miller
 CO-PILOT G. Wenzinger Lt. WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Hardy
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Wilkes WAIST LEFT Sgt. McDowell
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Fogel BALL TUR GUN Sgt. Raguskay
 RADIO Sgt. Eggemeyer TAIL GUN Sgt. Rifinsky

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7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 855 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
20 Apr 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

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7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 804 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT Capt. Norga d TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Hartman
 CO-PILOT Lt. Stiner WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Jenkins
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Regnier WAIST LEFT Sgt. Bergmann
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Demas BALL TUR GUN Sgt. Myrick
 RADIO Sgt. Bantz TAIL GUN Sgt. Cratch

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7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 266 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
20 Apr 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. Vanaman
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Eford BALL TUR GUN Sgt. Wise
 RADIO Sgt. Averill TAIL GUN Sgt. Squires

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

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	<u>Lt. Knogh</u>	TOP TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Swinney</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lt. Baker</u>	WAIST RIGHT	<u>Sgt. Abbye</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Jones</u>	WAIST LEFT	<u>Sgt. Allen</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Metrangos</u>	BALL TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Bopp</u>
RADIO	<u>Sgt. Kelley</u>	TAIL GUN	<u>Sgt. Apelin</u>

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741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 719 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	<u>Lt. Powers</u>	TOP TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Fox</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lt. Smith</u>	WAIST RIGHT	<u>Sgt. Demosh</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Evenson</u>	WAIST LEFT	<u>Sgt. Townsend</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Hamilton</u>	BALL TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Kerr</u>
RADIO	<u>Sgt. Gamble</u>	TAIL GUN	<u>Sgt. Pendleton</u>

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741st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 216 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	<u>Lt. Walter</u>	TOP TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Skratsky</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lt. Woodley</u>	WAIST RIGHT	<u>Sgt. Davis</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Stroman</u>	WAIST LEFT	<u>Sgt. Hamby</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Hart</u>	BALL TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Bennett</u>
RADIO	<u>Sgt. Beard</u>	TAIL GUN	<u>Sgt. Carson</u>

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

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	<u>Lt. Wurtz</u>	TOP TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Draper</u>
CO-PILOT	<u>Lt. Sutera</u>	WAIST RIGHT	<u>Sgt. Newman</u>
NAVIGATOR	<u>Lt. Slocum</u>	WAIST LEFT	<u>Sgt. Klien</u>
BOMBARDIER	<u>Lt. Laws</u>	BALL TUR GUN	<u>Sgt. Ashley</u>
RADIO	<u>Sgt. Cross</u>	TAIL GUN	<u>Sgt. Kampa</u>

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7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 219 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Edwards
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Morris
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. Friot	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Bennett

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7/1st SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 211 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

20 April DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Slater	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Chrisown
CO-PILOT	Lt. Muth	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Brathall
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Sobyak	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Moore
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Elkerton	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Barron
RADIO	Sgt. Harber	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Fisher.

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7/1 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 765 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

20 Apr DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Col Cool	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libby
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moeller	WAIST LEFT	
BOMBARDIER	Capt. Horner	BALL TUR GUN	
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Kennington

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_____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

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

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COMBAT LOADING LIST

<u>SHIP #271 (2-3-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #283 (2-1-5)</u>	
P	NEUMAN, DANIEL J.	1st Lt.	KEAHEY, GEORGE O.
CP	CAYEA, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	REGAN, MARK
N	SMITH, WYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	SPICER, CHARLES B.
B	HARDMAN, THOMAS H.	2nd Lt.	MANNING, HENRY L.
NOSE G	Kloos, George W.	T/Sgt.	Wallace, Edwin N.
TOP TUR	Ledbetter, Emmett	T/Sgt.	Rees, Ray E.
WAIST R	Kennedy, Clyde J.	S/Sgt.	Balchunas, Anthony
WAIST L	Phillips, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	Thiel, James J.
BALL TUR	Peck, Reid B.	S/Sgt.	McNiell, Donald A.
TAIL G	Hilgendorf, Marshall W.	S/Sgt.	Moore, Frank M.
<u>SHIP #204 (2-1-4)</u>		<u>SHIP #190 (2-3-1)</u>	
P	ROBARDS, ROBERT A.	1st Lt.	BELLEMEERE, DAVID G.
CP	COLMAN, ORRLIN C.	2nd Lt.	BROOKS, HAROLD C.
N	EIS, FREDERICK G.	2nd Lt.	GINSBURG, SEYMOUR
B	COTTER, JOHN G.	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.
NOSE G	Anderson, Rayburn L.	T/Sgt.	Weine, Max G.
TOP TUR	Schrader, Vernon P.	T/Sgt.	Winn, Francis P.
WAIST R	Knapp, James M.	T/Sgt.	Hosac, Chester W.
WAIST L	Gulley, Charles H.	Sgt.	Cluck, Omer L.
BALL TUR	Keene, Richard I.	S/Sgt.	O'Boyle, James J.
TAIL G	Minyard, Luther D.	S/Sgt.	Taylor, Paul E.
<u>SHIP #500 (2-3-5)</u>		<u>SHIP #982 (2-3-7)</u>	
P	SCHOTT, ROY H.	1st Lt.	COOK, ROBERT L.
CP	TIGERT, HAROLD E.	1st Lt.	HANEY, RICHARD J.
N	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	WOODLOCK, DAVID J.
B	BOCK, PHILLIP	2nd Lt.	GRECO, JOHN
NOSE G	Floyd, Vern L.	S/Sgt.	Brewer, Clayton A.
TOP TUR	Klinek, Albert J.	T/Sgt.	Aziz, Abraham
WAIST R	Levasseur, Warren F.	T/Sgt.	Friese, Ralph W.
WAIST L	Parks, Everett	Sgt.	Jenkins, Grover W.
BALL TUR	Sadler, Jacob R.	Sgt.	Paris, Henry C.
TAIL G	Fuller, Maurice L.	S/Sgt.	Stockdale, Lesley H.
<u>SHIP #347 (2-2-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #665 (2-3-4)</u>	
P	MARHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.	LEE, ORVILLE I.
CP	LOKKEN, LYNN G.	2nd Lt.	DENTON, CHARLES A.
N	POOPE, WESLEY A.	2nd Lt.	GROSS, JOSEPH
B	BROYAN, CARL B.	2nd Lt.	HORAN, BERNARD D.
NOSE G	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.	Derrick, Charles
TOP TUR	Schwemer, Louis E.	S/Sgt.	Collins, Joseph M.
WAIST R	Muzii, Louis A.9	Sgt.	Lafollette, John H.
WAIST L	Sasser, Gerald E.	Sgt.	Kohnke, Earl B.
BALL TUR	Klopchin, Andrew G.	Sgt.	Dean, Millard H.
TAIL G	Kirby, Joseph A.	Sgt.	Pendleton, Phil C.
PHOTO	Paige, Frank H.	T/Sgt.	