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Bucharest M/Y

Mission No. 30

24 April 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 35

2. 8. COMMING-
V. NO OFFICE

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BRIEFING OUTLINE

1. Number of A/C-----36
2. Group leader-----Major THAYER
3. Deputy Group leader-----Capt. BELLEMERE
4. Second Unit leader-----Major WELSH
5. Second Deputy leader-----Lt. WALTER
6. Other Groups on mission-----454th, 456th, 459th.
7. Escort-----Same as Page 1
8. Bomb Load-----10/500 N - .10, T - .025
9. Ammunition-----5200 rounds
10. Fuel load-----2700 gal. Full oil service
11. Stations-----0720B
12. Taxi & T/O Instructions-----Taxi to South end of Field for
T/O to North. T/O time 08:35B.

TAKE-OFF ORDER

| 1st Section | | 2nd Section | |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 253 | 500 | 249 | 260 |
| 294 | 283 | 216 | 200 |
| 278 | 879 | 481 | 230 |
| 190 | 983 | 771 | 250 |
| 239 | 741 | 993 | 570 |
| 081 | 234 | 259 | 238 |
| 204 | 167 | 855 | 482 |
| 347 | 264 | 241 | 261 |
| 271 | 583 | | |
| 120 | | | |

13. Bomber Rendezvous-----1st C. Wg. (454th and 455th) at
San Giovanni at 3000 ft. at 11:30B. 2nd C. Wg.
(456th and 459th) at Guilia at 4000 ft. at 11:32B.
14. Course-----Base to Keypoint BUDUA (42°17N,
18°51E) at 1025B at 12,000ft to Turn Point
CORONINI (44°42N, 21°41E) to Turn Point MOSACENI
(44°34N, 25°10E) to IP to Target.
15. Target Time-----1211 hours
16. Return Course-----Target to Rally Point five miles
North of PITESTI (44°52N, 24°52E) to Key Point to
Base. Avoid GORICA at (42°26N, 19°15E) on return
route.
17. Initial Point----- (CLEJANI (44°19N, 25°44E).
18. Axis of Att ck-----60°M

455 E. BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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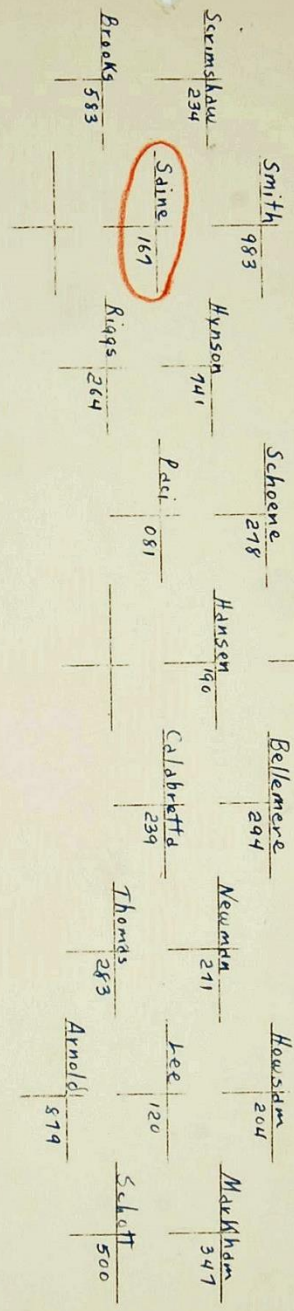
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FORMATION DIAGRAM

1ST SECTION

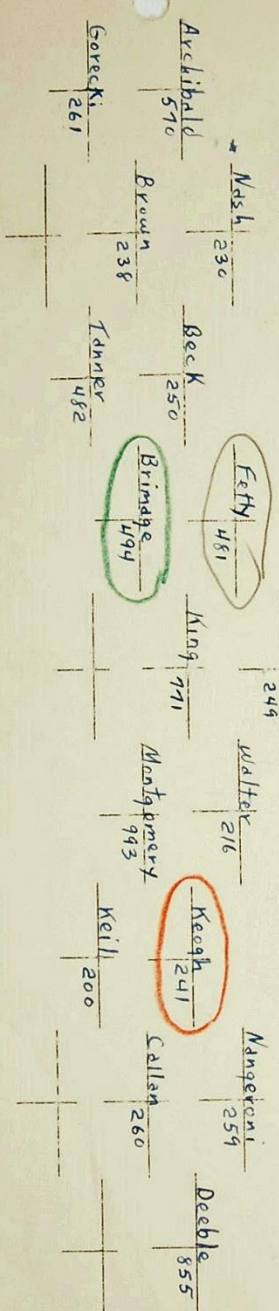
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~~Thayer~~ Beckhold 253



2ND SECTION

Welsh-Bowers 249



- Did not T/O
- Early Return
- Prior Return

740th

741

4/24/44

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

S/Sgt Watermond
S/Sgt Daniel
S/Sgt Strange
S/Sgt Harpeter
S/Sgt Lineberger

740th

983

4/24/44

Lt. Smith
Lt. Griffen
Lt. Draghi
Lt. Kratz
T/Sgt Wolk

T/Sgt Cassidy
S/Sgt Conlin
S/Sgt Nyquist
S/Sgt Good
S/Sgt Carringer
Sgt Johnson J.W.
Sgt Childers

740th

239

NOSE GUNNER
4/24/44

LT. CALABRETTA
LT. MURPHY
LT GUSTAFSON
LT SWANSON
T/SGT LOGAN

T/SGT WERT
S/SGT FRANCESCHINI
S/SGT KRUSE
S/SGT BISCHOFF
S/SGT BALOUGH

740th

264

4/24/44

LT RIGGS
LT BURKE
LT WHIDDEN
LT BERCIK
T/Sgt STROHEIER

T/SGT MCKNIGHT
S/SGT RICHMORE
S/SGT WINDSAND
S/SGT KOLBE
S/SGT JOHNSTON

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740th

190

4/24/44

LT HANSEN
LT LEBSOCK
LT FRANK
LT DEHN
S/SGT LISI

T/SGT YEANDEL
S/SGT BERG
Sgt GROOME
S/SGT SEITER
S/SGT ROSENFELD

740th

081

4/24/44

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.

740th

234

4/24/44

LT SCRIMSHAW
F/O ROB RYSON
LT BLANCO
LT STELLE
S/SGT ANGELIDES

T/SGT DOHERTY
S/SGT THOMAS
S/SGT SOMERS
S/SGT QUEER
S/SGT HODGSON

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741 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, (F) AAF.
 45TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, (M), AAF.
 APO #520 U.S. ARMY.

24 April 1944
 (Date)

LOADING LIST

| <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>259</u> | <u>DESTINATION</u> | <u>T/O</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Pilot | Lt. Nangeroni | | Top Tur Gnr Sgt. Straw |
| CoPilot | Lt. Wittman | | Waist Right Sgt. Andrews |
| Navigator | Lt. Kline | | Waist Left Sgt. Bain |
| Bombardier | Lt. Blum | | Ball Tur Gnr Sgt. Howell |
| Radio | Sgt. Roadman | | Tail Tur Gnr Sgt. Fry |
| <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>241</u> | <u>DESTINATION</u> | <u>T/O</u> |
| Pilot | Lt. Keogh | | Top Tur Gnr Sgt. Swinney |
| CoPilot | Lt. Baker | | Waist Right Sgt. Aabye |
| Navigator | Lt. Sobyak | | Waist Left Sgt. Malley Allen |
| Bombardier | Lt. Matrangoes | | Ball Tur Sgt. Bopp |
| Radio | Sgt. Kelley | | Tail Tur Sgt. Applin |
| <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>481</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>T/O</u> |
| PILOT | Lt. Fetty | | Top Tur Gnr Sgt. Kowley |
| CoPilot | Lt. Gorski | | Waist Right Sandefer |
| Navigator | Lt. Taber | | Waist Left Sgt. Woodard |
| Bombardier | Lt. Higgins | | Ball Tur Gnr Sgt. Magnuson |
| Radio | Sgt. Pietruszewski | | Tail Tur Gnr Sgt. Von Achen |
| <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>216</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>T/O</u> |
| PILOT | Lt. Walter | | Top Tur Gnr. Sgt. Skratsky |
| CoPilot | Lt. Woodley | | Waist Right Sgt. H.E. Davis |
| Navigator | Lt. Stroman | | Waist Left Sgt. Sgt. Hamby |
| Bombardier | Lt. Hart | | Ball Tur Gnr Sgt. R.H. Davis |
| Radio | Sgt. Beard | | Tail Tur Gnr Sgt. Carson |
| <u>A/C NUMBER</u> | <u>260</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>T/O</u> |
| Pilot | Lt. R.A. Callan | | Top Tur Gnr Sgt. Jessett |
| CO Pilot | Lt. A.S. Emmons | | Waist Right Sgt. Hale |
| Navigator | Lt. G. Kuntz | | Waist Left Sgt. Heiskell |
| Bombardier | Lt. M.C. Callan | | Ball Tur Gnr Sgt. Jefferds |
| Radio | Sgt. Matthews | | Tail Tur Gnr Sgt. James |

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741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, (H), AAF.
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP, (H) AAF.
APO #520 U.S. ARMY.

24 April 1944
(Date)

A/C NUMBER 855 Destination _____ T/O _____

| | | | |
|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pilot | Lt. Deeble | Top Tur Gnr | Sgt. Patterson |
| CoPilot | Lt. Hammond | Waist Right | Sgt. Pearson |
| Navigator | Lt. Pokora | Waist Left | Sgt. Vanaman |
| Bombardier | Lt. Efurd | Ball Tur Gnr | Sgt. Wise |
| Radio | Sgt. Av rill | Tail Tur Gnr | Sgt. Squires |

A/C NUMBER 249 Desitnation _____ T/O _____

| | | | |
|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Pilot | Lt. Bpwers | Top Tur Gnr | Sgt. Fox |
| CoPilot | Maj Welsh | Waist Right | Sgt. Demosh |
| Navigator | Lt. McWilliams | Waist Left | Sgt. Townsend |
| Bombardier | Lt. Bailen | Ball Tur Gnr | Sgt. Anderson |
| Radio | Sgt. Gamble | Tail Tur Gnr | Sgt. Pendleton |

Medico

42ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY

24 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT: LIST OF CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 24 APRIL 1944
TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 455TH BOMB GP

SHIP 200
LT KEIL
LT KAMINSKY
LT PICKERILL
LT LEACH
DOTE
NOVAK
AGNEW
OLEYASH
ULSH
MEDEL

SHIP 261
LT GORECKI
F/O SWARTZ
LT GIOVANNITTI
LT HOLT
WANTUCK
GRAVES
LECOMTE
TALKINGTON
REESE
GROSSMAN

SHIP 993
LT MONTGOMERY
LT DORTON
LT GUIDO
LT SCHNEIDER
~~XX~~ SUTTON
PRITCHARD
MASON
KYLE
LEITHAUSER
SMITH

SHIP 570
LT ARCHIBALD
LT WATSON
LT BARNARD
LT EZELL
MADZIK
HACHEY
SEILER
ABBONBONDELO
TEISINGER
TODD
GREISSEL

SHIP 482
LT TANNER
LT HAWLEY
LT HERMAN
LT BROWN, C. W.
MIZELL
WAUGH
ENGHAUS
JACKSON
DUVAL
CHASE

SHIP 250
LT BECK
LT BUNATA
LT DOWLING
LT ROTHER
CRUMMEY
CARSWELL
SEFCIK
SHELTON
KRAUS
MALCHOW

SHIP 230
LT NASH
LT BOLDT
LT GROSS
LT KNOX
PELKEY
ROMANO
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BROCK
FRAWLEY
WINGERT
HOFFMEISTER

SHIP 771
LT KING
LT COL KEESE
LT GAENZLE
LT BELL
SHOLLENBERGER
HARDY
SUMNER
KIMSEY
DOYLE
LOCKARD

SHIP 238
LT BROWN
CAPT GUNNELL
LT FORD
LT MACEDO
BENCH
HEITZMAN
GODDMAN
PITTMAN
LIVINGSTON
GRAHAM

TARGET _____
TIME _____

RICHARD A. GOSLINE
1ST LT, AIR CORPS
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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

24 April 1944

COMBAT LOADING LIST

| | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| | <u>SHIP #253 (1-1-1)</u> | | <u>SHIP #294 (1-1-2)</u> | |
| P | THAYER, DAVID S. | Maj. | ROBARDS, ROBERT A. | 1st Lt. |
| CP | BECHTOLD, WILBUR C., Jr. | Capt. | BELLEMERE, DAVID G. | Capt. |
| N | BROOKSHIRE, BEVERLY H. | Capt. | EIS, FREDERICK G. | 2nd Lt. |
| B | BROWN, LEROY V. | 1st Lt. | COTTER, JOHN G. | 2nd Lt. |
| NOSE G | Murray, Victor E. | S/Sgt. | Anderson, Rayburn L. | T/Sgt. |
| TOP TUR | Ingalls, Robert D. | T/Sgt. | Schrader, Vern D. | T/Sgt. |
| WAIST R | Vance, Duane S. | S/Sgt. | Knapp, Jack N. | T/Sgt. |
| WAIST L | Catt, James L. | S/Sgt. | Orona, John V. | S/Sgt. |
| BALL TUR | Eush, Duane | T/Sgt. | Keene, Richard I. | S/Sgt. |
| TAIL G | Owen, Benjamin G. | S/Sgt. | Minyard, Luther D. | S/Sgt. |
| N | GRECO, JOHN | 2nd Lt. | CAPLE, ROGER V. | 2nd Lt. |
| | <u>SHIP #278 (1-1-3)</u> | | <u>SHIP #347 (1-2-2)</u> | |
| P | SCHOENE, HORST R. | 1st Lt. | MARKHAM, THOMAS J. | 2nd Lt. |
| CP | COLMAN, ORRIN C. | 2nd Lt. | LOKKEN, LYNN C. | 2nd Lt. |
| N | HAYWOOD, RENORD F. | 2nd Lt. | POORE, WESLEY A. | 2nd Lt. |
| B | DAVIS, RALPH J. | 2nd Lt. | BROYAN, CARL E. | 2nd Lt. |
| NOSE G | Roth, Edward | S/Sgt. | Nelson, Delbert E. | S/Sgt. |
| TOP TUR | Lumpkin, Dendon F. | T/Sgt. | Schwemer, Louis E. | S/Sgt. |
| WAIST R | Cushing, Waldo L. | S/Sgt. | Muzii, Louis A. | Sgt. |
| WAIST L | Eates, James E. | S/Sgt. | Sasser, Gerald E. | Sgt. |
| BALL TUR | Oven, Andrew M. | S/Sgt. | Klopchin, Andrew G. | Sgt. |
| TAIL G | Berg, Harold C. | Sgt. | Kirby, Joseph A. | Sgt. |
| PHOTO | Mason, D. M. | Unknown | | |
| | <u>SHIP #271 (1-2-3)</u> | | <u>SHIP #120 (1-2-4)</u> | |
| P | NEUMAN, DANIEL J. | 1st Lt. | LEE, ORVILLE I. | 1st Lt. |
| CP | CAYEA, JOHN E. | 2nd Lt. | DENTON, CHARLES A. | 2nd Lt. |
| N | SMITH, WYLIE A. | 2nd Lt. | GROSS, JOSEPH | 2nd Lt. |
| B | HARDMAN, THOMAS H. | 2nd Lt. | HORAN, BERNARD D. | 2nd Lt. |
| NOSE G | Kloos, George W. | T/Sgt. | Derrick, Charles E. | S/Sgt. |
| TOP TUR | Ledbetter, Emmett | T/Sgt. | Collins, Joseph M. | T/Sgt. |
| WAIST R | Kennedy, Clyde J. | S/Sgt. | Lafollette, John H. | S/Sgt. |
| WAIST L | Phillips, Ernest A. | S/Sgt. | Kohnke, Earl B. | S/Sgt. |
| BALL TUR | Peck, Reid B. | S/Sgt. | Dean, Millard H. | S/Sgt. |
| TAIL G | Hilgendorff, Marshall W. | S/Sgt. | Pendleton, Phil C. | T/Sgt. |
| | <u>SHIP #204 (1-2-5)</u> | | <u>SHIP #500 (1-2-6)</u> | |
| P | HOWSAM, EARL R. | 1st Lt. | SCHOTT, ROY H. | 1st Lt. |
| CP | STERLING, RAYMOND W. | 2nd Lt. | TIGERT, HAROLD E. | F/O |
| N | STOPA, LEO A. | 2nd Lt. | GERATY, DONALD F. | 2nd Lt. |
| B | GUDMUNDSON, ROY E. | 2nd Lt. | BOCK, PHILLIP | 2nd Lt. |
| NOSE G | Todoro, Anthony | S/Sgt. | Levasseur, Warren F. | T/Sgt. |
| TOP TUR | Cochrane, William P. | T/Sgt. | Klinek, Albert J. | T/Sgt. |
| WAIST R | Baird, Raymond M. | S/Sgt. | Flyod, Vern L. | S/Sgt. |
| WAIST L | Weisler, Robert A. | S/Sgt. | Fuller, Maurice L. | S/Sgt. |
| BALL TUR | Kapitzke, Lawrence E. | T/Sgt. | Parke, Everett E. | Sgt. |
| TAIL G | Dandenaault, Ernest C. | S/Sgt. | Sadler, Jacob R. | Sgt. |

Combat Loading List of 4-24-44 cont'd.

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| | <u>SHIP #879 (1-2-7)</u> | | <u>SHIP #883 (1-2-8)</u> | |
| P | ARNOLD, WILLIAM A. | 1st Lt. | BROOKS, HAROLD C. | 2nd Lt. |
| CP | DUNSCOMB, RICHARD E. | 2nd Lt. | KEAHEY, GEORGE O. | 1st Lt. |
| N | ANDERSON, INGVAR E. | 2nd Lt. | GINSBER, SEYMOUR | 2nd Lt. |
| E | DRASCO, STEPHEN A. | 2nd Lt. | JOHNSON, EDWARD H. | 2nd Lt. |
| NOSE G | Keith, Donald R. | T/Sgt. | Weine, Max G. | Sgt. |
| TOP TUR | Petrie, Donald R. | S/Sgt. | Winn, Francis P. | T/Sgt. |
| WAIST R | Manzitto, Sebastino | S/Sgt. | Taylor, Paul E. | S/Sgt. |
| WAIST L | Herbert, Alex G. | S/Sgt. | Hosac, Chester W. | T/Sgt. |
| BALL TUR | McArthur, Charles A. | T/Sgt. | Gluck, Omer L. | S/Sgt. |
| TAIL G | Spencer, Matthew A. | S/Sgt. | O'Boyle, James J. | S/Sgt. |
| PHOTO | PAIGE, FRANK H. | T/Sgt. | | |
| | <u>SHIP #283 (1-2-9)</u> | | | |
| P | THOMAS, JACK H. | 1st Lt. | | |
| CP | ROSE, ROBERT C. | 2nd Lt. | | |
| N | GROSSMAN, BERNARD M. | 2nd Lt. | | |
| E | VERKETIS, FRANK S. | 2nd Lt. | | |
| NOSE G | Shallow, John S. | T/Sgt. | | |
| TOP TUR | Bails, Dale R. | T/Sgt. | | |
| WAIST R | Burkhardt, George | S/Sgt. | | |
| WAIST L | Herlihy, John J. | S/Sgt. | | |
| BALL TUR | Peterson, Don E. | S/Sgt. | | |
| TAIL G | Ramsay, Carlyle P. | S/Sgt. | | |