

455th Bomb Group, Field Orders, FO#167, Graz, Austria 12/8/44

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HEADQUARTERS
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
APO 520, U. S. ARMY

8 December 1944

FIELD ORDER
Number 167)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, CHEITI, FIUME, BOLZANO, GRAZ, and WEIN.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

- (1) Primary target is MOOSBIERBAUM Oil Refinery, with 85 heavy guns. 1st Alternate is WIENER NEUSTADT M/Y with 29 heavy guns. 2nd Alternate is GRAZ M/Y with 25 heavy guns.
- (2) 20 - 25 TE night fighters may attack if weather is permissible

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) None
- (2) None

2. Two PFF A/C of this Group taking off at 0230A to attack MOOSBIERBAUM Oil Refinery at 0506A, using 500# RDX bombs with .1 sec nose and .01 sec and .025 sec tail fuses mixed. Intervalometer setting 50 feet. Bombing altitude 22,600 feet to 22,900 feet.
3. Air Force formation will be a loose column of wings with 5th, 55th, 49th, 304th, and 47th Wings in order. Rally sharp right. Target elevation 600 feet. Route out CERIGNOLA to TP (4400N/1420E) to TP VODIZZE (4530N/1403E) to TP (4637N/1351E) to TP ARZBERG (4754N/1428E) to TP to TARGET. Route back TARGET to TP MOOS (4740N/1456E) to TP VODIZZE (4530N/1403E) to TP (4400N/1420E) to BASE.
4. No change.
5. a. Command..... 6440 Kcs.
Group Frequency..... 4975 Kcs.
A-G-L..... 4425 Kcs.
Collective Call Sign..... ROASTLAMB FOUR
Recall Signal..... TEAROOM

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b. None

c. Ship No. 071 Pilot CROSBY - 740th Bomb Squadron
Ship No. 790 Pilot CLAYTON - 741st Bomb Squadron E/R

By order of Lt. Col. SNOWDEN:

WILLIAM E. KEEFER
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Operations Officer

OFFICIAL:

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ANNEXES:

1. Mission Statistics
2. 304th Wing Opns. Order No. 342
3. Squadron Loading Lists

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MISSION STATISTICS

MISSION No. 162 - FIELD ORDER 167

PATHFINDER NIGHT MISSION.

2 PFF A/C Scheduled.

2 Took Off.

740th Bomb Squadron:

Ship 071, Pilot CROSBY, Mickey Navigator CUMMINGS.
Took off at 0233A - Bombed GRAZ M/Y. Returned to base at 0822A.

741st Bomb Squadron:

Ship 790, Pilot CLAYTON, Mickey Navigator HARTOUNIAN.
Took off at 0234A - Returned early - Mickey out. No sortie credit

Combat Time - Form I Time

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LOADING LIST
 MISSION RECORD

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Crosby	Ship No. <u>071</u> Hrs. Flown
C.F.	Lt Carr	
N.B.	Lt O'Malley	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Miller	
L.	T/Sgt Bathie	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Palanuk	
R.	T/Sgt Park	
A.R.	S/Sgt Goldberg	
G.	S/Sgt Eldridge	
G.	S/Sgt Karon	
O.		
N.V.	Lt Cummings	
Pass.		

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.		Ship No. _____ Hrs. Flown _____
C.F.		
N.		Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.		
E.		Mission Completed;
A.E.		
R.		
A.R.		
G.		
G.		
O.		
N.		
Pass.		

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P.		Ship No. _____ Hrs. Flown _____
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