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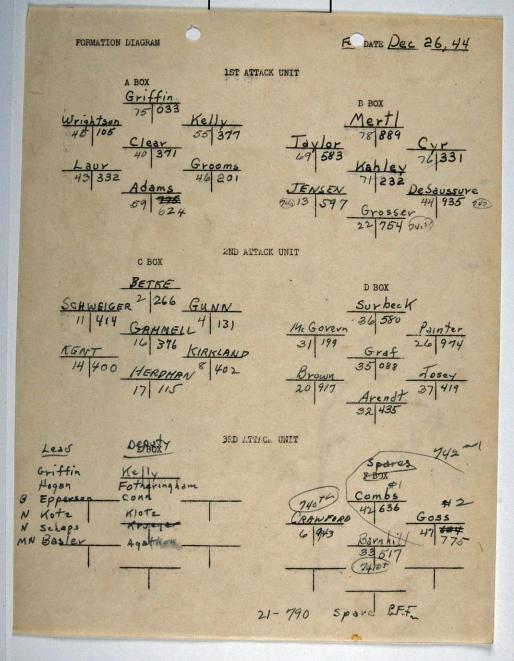
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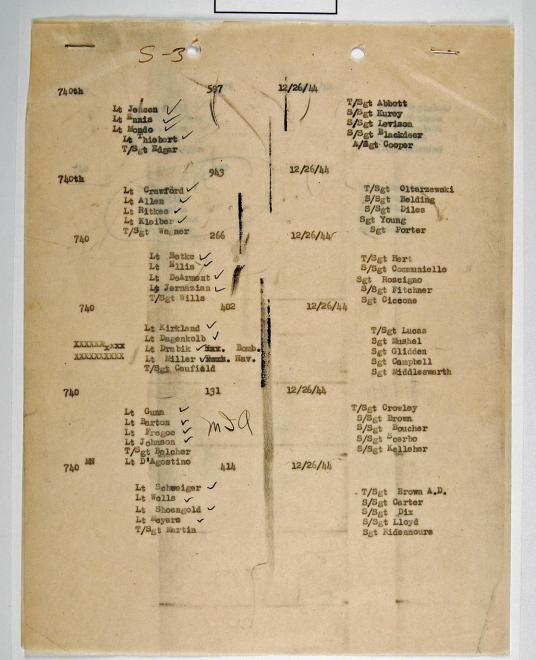
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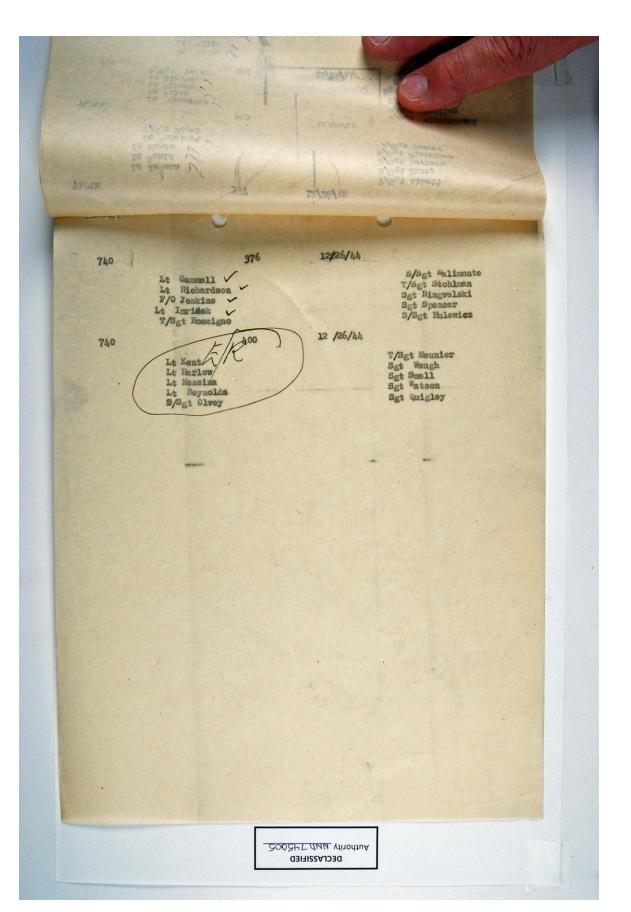
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AC AUTBER 517 DASTIN TO			ON	T/0
PILOT GO-FILOT NAVIGATOR BO BANDIER RADIO	Pepin Duncan		TOP TUR CYR WAIST LEFT WAIST LEFT BALL TUR CYR TAIL TUR GFR	Deen Chambers Dougherty Law Morello
AC NUMBER 7	AC NUMBER 754 DESTINATION			T/0
PILOT ©O-PILOT NAVIGATOR SOUBLANDIER RADIO	Douglas Hassen V		TOP TUR GNR WAIST RIGHT WAIST LEFT BALL TUR GNR TAIL TUR GNR	Clark
AC NULBER		DESTIL ATIO	NO	T/0
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AC NUMBER		DESTINATION	DET	T/0
PILOT CO-PILOT GAVIGATOR BOLBARDIER WADIO			TOP TUR GNR VAIST RIGHT WAIST LEFT BALL TUR GNR TAIL TUR GNR	







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

26 DECEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 26 DEC 1944

TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER, 455TH BOMB GP (H)

SHIP 033
P MAJOR GRIFFIN
CP LT HOGAN
N LT KOTZ
B LT EPPERSON
DAVIES
DELANEY
FREEMAN
HARSHALL
HOSTETTER
LT SCHEPS
LT BASLER (PFF)

SHIB 624 LT ADAMS LT FAHEY LT GOULD LT HUGGINS STEDMAN DI SABATINO BEERS CONTRATTO EGGERT PEARCE SHIP 105
LT WRIGHTSON
LT EDELSTEIN
LT JENKINS
LT SIEGEL
CROSBY
SCHIAVO
NEELEY
LARRICK
CURIO
KOSINSKI

SHIP 201
P LT GROOMS
CP LT OZENGHAR
N LT KENNY
B LT MUISE
HAMMER
ALFINO
SINK
SILES
STINE
WEST, M.
WALLO (F)

SHIP 636 LT COMBS LT BRYAN LT MITTON LT BOYLE CIMICATA KERR JETER CUTRER CUTRER CANNOY CRAIG SHIP 935
LT DE SAUSSURE
LT NILES
LT HULL
LT REINHART
MITCHELL, D.
BOSWELL
BAJDA
PAULEYFOX
KING

SHIP 337
P CAPT KELLY
CP LT FOTHERINGHAM
N LT KLOTZ
B LT CONN
PHELAN
KELLER, E.
STURNIOLO
POR
JABLONSKI
MASON, R.

SHIP 371 LT CLEAR LT MLCAK LT KIEFFER LT HEIGHTON SHEFFIELD REINL HANDY FERGUSON MC DONALD MC CLAIN, G. SHIP 332 LT LAUR LT HAGAN LT GLASE LT FILANSKY FISHER, H. GERTIG GYSAN BROWN, J. SHEEHAN BRICKER

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#### PLANE NO. 583

TAYLOR, C. P.	LT. L
FOSTER, K. S.	LT
SUMMERFIELD, W.	LT. L
BELTRAMI, A. P.	LT
Black, W. B.	Sgt.
Shaia, L. E.	Sgt.
Calwell, G.	Sgt.
Erickson, W. P.	Sgt.
Solek, J. A.	Sgt.
Beene, D. W.	Sgt.
HAIRSTON, R.	LT. L

#### PLANE NO. 331

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P CYR, G. W. LT.

CP HUGHES, J. F. LT.

N KERMES, R. J. LT.

B MOFFITT, R. P. LT.

E Ryan, E. F. Sgt.

R Fedewa, J. A. Sgt.

AE Carey, J. Sgt.

AE D'Andria, E. F. Sgt.

AG Harper, M. D. Sgt.

AG Walsh, J. R. Sgt.

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8. RESULTS: The lead boxes (A and B) made a PFF-Synchronous run on the target, and dropped by PFF. The lead bombardier states thathis intervalometer was out, and that he salvoed his bombs, and that he should have hit over the target. Photos show his bombs short. The lead bombardier of "O" box states that he picked up the target as the PFF operator called off the 40 degree angle, and took over the bomb run at that point. The bombs of "C" and "D" boxes form an excellent pattern directly on the MPI.

6. c. Two aircraft are missing:

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(1) A/C number 42-51131 was hit by flak and number three engine was feathered. Losing altitude, but still under control, several pieces of equipment were thrown from the bomber. Taking a heading of 60 degrees the aircraft was apparently headed for the Russian lines. Last seen at (4725M/1700E), at 1318 hours.

(2) A/C number 337 was last seen at Gyor, Hungary (4740N/1740E), at 1320 hours. One engine was feathered, and the aircraft appeared to be losing altitude. Was heeded in the direction of the Russian lines.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This Group was the first Group of the Wing to bomb, although it was scheduled as number two in the Wing. About halfway up to the target the lead Group appeared to be in difficulty. It was going slowly and was off course. The 455th Group leadcalled the 456th Group lead for 45 minutes and got no response. Finally the 456th deputy lead called and stated that he was off course, and that the Group leader had turned back. The course was leading to Wiener-Neustadt. The 455th Group leader then stated " OK follow me", and pulled into the lead.

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