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Ploesti (South) Roumania

Mission No. **86**

28 July 1944

Field Order No. **91**

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BRIEFING OUTLINE.

- 1. No. of aircraft on mission 25 B-24s
- 2. Group leader Colonel Graff
- 3. Deputy group leader Captain Liberty
- 4. "B" Box leader Lieut Crum
- 5. "C" Box leader Lieut Young
- 6. Other groups on mission 459,454,455,456 BGs.
- 7. Fighter escort 82nd FG with 304th Wg.
- 8. Bomb load and fuzing 500# GP, .1 N, .025 T.
- 9. Ammunition carried 4200 rounds .50 calibre.
- 10. Gas and oil load 2700 gals, full oil service.
- 11. Time at stations 0545B.
- 12. Take off instructions Taxi to south at 0615B for
take off to North at 0625B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

"A" BOX	"B" BOX	"C" BOX
131	360	267
135	250	312
359	938	453
517	994	330
499	939	184
166	492	283
447	400	184
741	239	204
	658	582

- 13. Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat Wing (459,454)
at GIULIA at 3,000 feet at 0700B.
2nd Combat Wing (455,456)
at STORNARA at 4,000 feet at 0700B.
- 14. On course to target Base to 5 miles north of KP
RAGUSA (42 31N, 18 22E) to 5 miles South of TP
KRUSEVAC (43 35N, 21 20E) to Point KRAVAR-NICA
(43 47N, 22 18E) to TP CARACAL (44 08N, 24 21E)
to TP PRUNDUL (44 05N, 26 14E) to TP HOTARELE
(44 11N, 26 21E) to IP to Target. Keypoint time
0752B at 14,000 feet.
- 15. Initial Point CATRUNESTI (44 34N, 26 22E)
- 16. Axis of attack 326 deg Mag.
- 17. Target time 1000B.
- 18. Bombing formation Bomb altitude 23,500 feet;
intervalometer setting 150 feet; target elev-
ation 500 feet. Synchronous bombing.
- 19. Bombardier information 9 ship front, 9 ship boxes.
- 20. Direction of rally Left.
- 21. Route back to base To TP DRAGASANI (44 40N, 24 17E)
to point VRATAR-NICA (43 47N, 22 18E) to 5 miles Sou-
th of TP KRUSEVAC to 5 miles North of KP to Base.
- 22. E. T. R. 1300B.

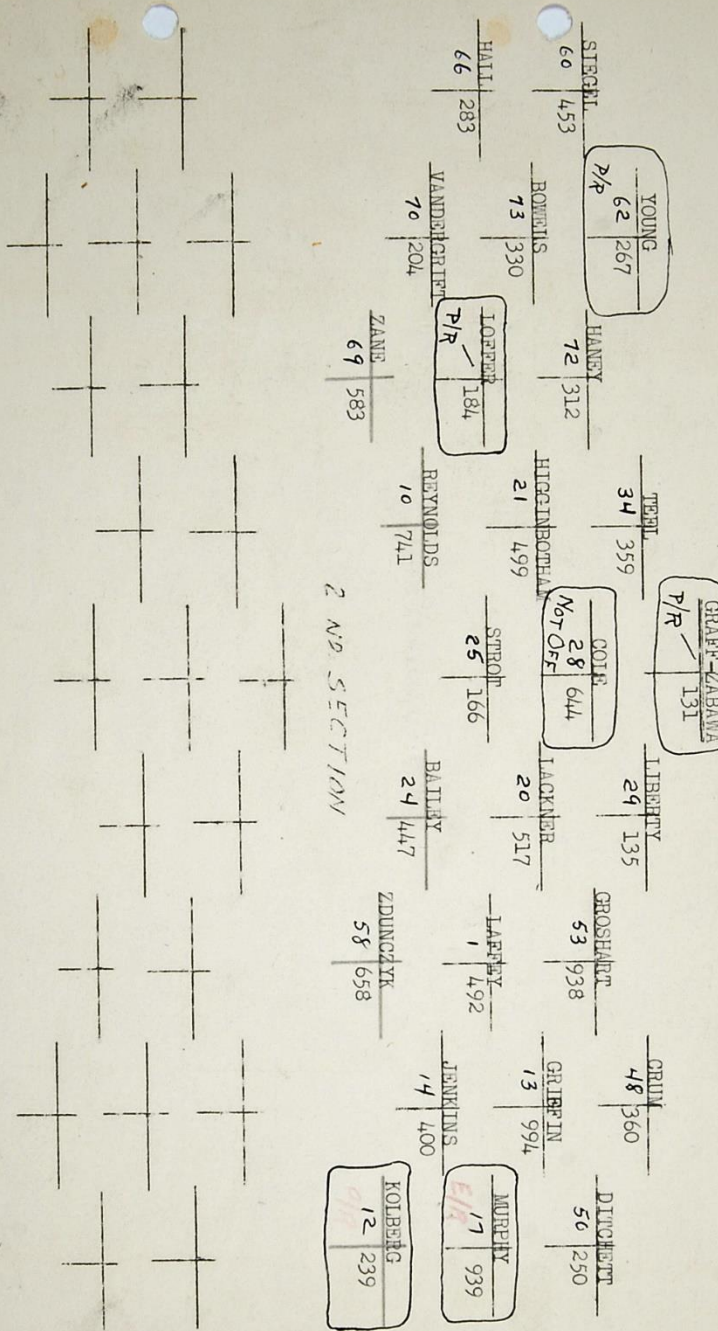
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

APO 520

FORMATION DIAGRAM

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2ND SECTION

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7/28/44

Lt Reynolds
Lt Capka
Lt Golden ✓
Lt Nelson
S/Sgt Rhodes

S/Sgt Brutvan
S/Sgt Dupeau
S/Sgt Lecuyer
S/Sgt Bordner
S/Sgt Ciulla

740

939

7/28/44

E/R
Lt Murphy
Lt Rogers
Lt Ritkes ✓
Lt Koo
S/Sgt Schmidt

S/Sgt Barker
Sgt Diles
Sgt Wagner
Sgt Ford
Sgt Porter

740

492

7/28/44

Lt Laffey
Lt Anderson
Lt Grim ✓
Lt Douglas
S/Sgt Leonard

S/Sgt Lekan
Sgt Ekstrom
Sgt Dimatriu
Sgt Cadwalader
Sgt Booth

740

239

7/28/44

P/R
Lt Kolberg
Lt Hall
Lt Wilson ✓
P/O Jaffe
S/Sgt Bonds

S/Sgt Preston
Sgt Silbereis
Sgt Wiernaa
Sgt Roads
Sgt Brady

740

400

7/28/44

Lt Jenkins
Lt Burke
P/O Jordan ✓
Lt Benson
S/Sgt Lines

S/Sgt Clements
S/Sgt Young
Sgt Wilson
Sgt Hindrichs
Sgt Bond

740

994

7/28/44

Capt Griffine
Lt Collette
Lt Kruger ✓
Lt Ward
S/Sgt Bosau

S/Sgt Pebley
S/Sgt Kleppe
S/Sgt Blackwell
S/Sgt Daly
Sgt Francis

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455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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28 July 1944
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L O A D I N G L I S T

A/C NUMBER	<u>188</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Capt. Liberty	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Lewis
CO-PILOT	Lt. Kafka	✓ WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Shaffer
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crowley Lt. Evans	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Vestal
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Carens ✓	BALL TUR GNR	XXXXXXXXXXXX
RADIO	Sgt. McMullen	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Chapootian
RADIO OPER.	Lt. Beralt		
A/C NUMBER	<u>131</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Lt. Col. Graff	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Zabawa	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libby
NAVIGATOR	Maj. Hoeller Lt. Bosler	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Moran
BOMBARDIER	Maj. Horner ✓	BALL TUR GNR	XXXXXXXXXXXX
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kennington
RA DAR OPER.	Lt. _____		
A/C NUMBER	<u>359</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Lt. Teel	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fisher
CO-PILOT	Lt. Armellino	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kuhn
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Vogelfang ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hewett
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Thatcher ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. De Spaine
RADIO	Sgt. Daniel	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Gales
A/C NUMBER	<u>499</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Lt. Higginbotham	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Alford
CO-PILOT	Lt. Pearson	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Nutter
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Corsello ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hutchings
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Di Mattio ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. McPartland
RADIO	Sgt. Toll	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bales
A/C NUMBER	<u>644</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Lt. Cole	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Daley
CO-PILOT	Lt. Asa	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Schneider
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Fischbein ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Millett
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Walsh ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. La Fasia
RADIO	Sgt. Corneli	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Miller
	Photographer - Sgt. Johnson, J. W.		
A/C NUMBER	<u>447</u>	DESTINATION	T/O
PILOT	Lt. Bailey	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Pell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Hosimer	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Emmons
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Flynn ✓	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Herman
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Pl ehsig ✓	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hamel
RADIO	Sgt. Phillips	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Walczak

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28 July 1944

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L O A D I N G L I S T

A/C NUMBER 186 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Strot	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Rhea
CO-PILOT	Lt. Kelleher	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Dawe
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Leigh	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Turner
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hanson	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Macintosh
RADIO	Sgt. Fischer	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Sassi

A/C NUMBER 517 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Lackner	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Bauer
CO-PILOT	Lt. Moreman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Conroy
NAVIGATOR	Lt. White	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. DeLozier
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Scott	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Dixon
RADIO	Sgt. Buffington	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Strickland

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

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

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

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

28 JULY 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 28 JULY 1944

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

SHIP 938

P LT GROSHART
CP LT HALL
N LT RUBINS ✓
B LT WACHS ✓
RUMBAUGH
CUNNINGHAM
JOHNS
RHODES
OLSZEWSKI
NELSON

SHIP 250

LT DITCHETT
LT RIDDEL
LT LECLAIR ✓
F/O SHABSIS ✓
DOLBEE
BEASLEY
JONES
CLARK
CONRAD
VERDIER

SHIP 658

ZDUNCZYK LT
LT LICHTMAN
LT WORSTER ✓
LT HEAD ✓
MCCARTIN
SHRADER
LUTY
BIRCHARD
CADENBACH
ROBERTSON

SHIP 360

LT CRUM
LT FITTER
LT KOTZ ✓
LT WEIGER ✓
WALTER,
MYLES
ANDERSON
MASON
BOONE
GEORGE

TIME _____

TARGET _____

RICHARD A. GOSLINE,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
OPERATIONS OFFICER.

Authority _____

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

28 July 1944

COMBAT LOADING LIST

MISSION NO. 86

	<u>SHIP #267 (C-1)</u>		<u>SHIP #312 (C-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #453 (C-3)</u>	
P	YOUNG, L.L.	LT.	HANEY, R.J.	LT.	SIEGEL, S.W.	LT.
CP	PRATHER, J.F.	LT.	CARPENTER, R.J.	LT.	SHUSTER, J.S.	LT.
N	ATWELL, E.C.	LT. ✓	PAUL, N.	LT.		
B	FRDRICKSON, E.H.	LT. ✓	PARTON, H.G.	LT. ✓	BRUNI, L.A.	LT. ✓
E	THUMA, J.H.	SGT.	WILLIAMS, F.M.	SGT.	RUSSELL, W.M.	SGT.
R	GREEN, W.P.	SGT.	HOUSSELL, G.W.	SGT.	FUSLFHR, C.B.	SGT.
AE	WALLER, P.W.	SGT.	HELSEY, P.W.	SGT.	RAUSCH, C.C.	SGT.
AR	ENTROP, H.	SGT.	KUHN, E.C.	SGT.	McDONOAUUGH, F.W.	SGT.
AG	WARE, C.H.	SGT.	QUEBEDO, R.P.	SGT.	RAMSAY, C.P.	SGT.
AG					SPEWOCK, A.	SGT.
N	FELZER, S.	LT. ✓	WALKER, G.T.	LT. ✓		
	<u>SHIP #330 (C-4)</u>		<u>SHIP #184 (C-5)</u>		<u>SHIP #283 (C-6)</u>	
P	BOWLES, F.M.	LT.	LOFFER, B.	LT.	HALL, W.	F/O
CP	HENSKE, E.J.	LT.	WOLTER, R.T.	LT. ✓	RIDGLEY, D.	F/O
N			FERRIS, R.R.	LT. ✓		
B	SLAUGHTER, W.M.	LT. ✓	DEFFENBAUGH, C.E.	LT. ✓	HINES, R.J.	LT. ✓
E	McKENZIE, D.A.	SGT.	BEMIS, S.A.	SGT.	CHOATE, J.V.	SGT.
R	PRICE, D.H.	SGT.	ELSEN, P.R.	SGT.	CICHON, J.	SGT.
AE	PLOOP, N.A.	SGT.	CONNELLY, J.W.	SGT.	SCHRIM, A.	SGT.
AR	GARCIA, G.N.	SGT.	HICKS, R.A.	SGT.	GALLOWAY, W.	SGT.
AG	OGDEN, C.A.	SGT.	RILEY, R.G.	SGT.	CHAMPNEY, R.	SGT.
AG	SCHMIEDESKAMP, H.	SGT.	MURPHY, M.J.	SGT.	DISRUDE, W.	SGT.
NV.	BAILEY ✓	LT.				
	<u>SHIP #583 (C-7)</u>					
P	ZANE, W.R.	LT.				
CP	PASMUSSEN, R.E.	LT. ✓				
N	SHAW, A.B.	LT. ✓				
B	PHILLIPS, J.R.	LT. ✓				
E	WILSON, W.W.	SGT.				
R	SICILIAN, L.J.	SGT.				
AE	SMITH, C.K.	SGT.				
AR	BATHE, J.C.	SGT.				
AG	WIELAND, R.E.	SGT.				
AG						