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Ploesti M/Y

Mission No 36

5 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 41

HEADQUARTERS  
 455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF,

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of Aircraft on Mission ..... 39 B-24s.
2. Group Leader ..... Major D. W. HARP
3. Deputy Group Leader ..... Captain W.C.BECHTOLD
4. Second Unit Leader ..... Major R. C. WELSH
5. Second Deputy Leader ..... Lieut. R. J. DEEBLE.
6. Other Groups on Mission ..... 454, 456, 459 BGs.
7. Escort on Mission ..... 1 Gp P-38s and 1 Gp P-51s  
 out, 1 Gp P-38s back.
8. Bomb load ..... 10/500# GP .1 sec nose and  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$  .01 and .025 sec tail.
9. Ammunition carried ..... 5200 rounds of .50 cal
- 10 Fuel load ..... 2700 gals, full oil service
- 11 Stations ..... 0900B.
- 12 Taxi and T/O Instructions ..... Taxi to north for T/O to South  
 Take off time 1027B.

ORDER OF TAKEOFF:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
764	278	983	476	855	250
765	347	167	949	216	771
879	665	264	249	099	200
234	583	994	989	241	570
748	120	270	259	481	261
741	283	351	938	260	482
271		939	166	494	

- 13 Bomber rendezvous ..... 1st Combat Wg (456,459) at  
 Guilia at 3000 ft at 1122B.  
 2nd C Wg at San Giovanni at  
 4000 ft at 1123B (454,455).
- 14 Course out ..... Base to Key Point BUDVA (42  
 17N, 18 51E) to Turn Point 42 50N  
 19 10E to Turn Point 44 14N, 22 41E  
 to Turn Point SLATINA (44 26N, 24 22E)  
 to I.P. to Target.
- 15 Time at target ..... 1410B.
- 16 Return Course ..... Rally to Turn Point (44  
 14N 22 41E) to Base.
- 17 Initial Point ..... TARGOVISTE (44 57N 25 28E)
- 18 Axis of Attack ..... 89° Mag.
- 19 Bombing Formation ..... Lead ship of each attack unit  
 sight for range and deflection, box  
 leaders for range, others toggle on  
 leaders. 9-ship front with second  
 attack unit stacked down.
- 20 Bombardier Information ..... Intervalometer setting 140  
 feet, IAS for bombing run 160 mph.  
 Bombing altitude 20,500 ft. Target  
 elevation 500 feet.
- 21 Rally ..... Left going north of CAMPINA.

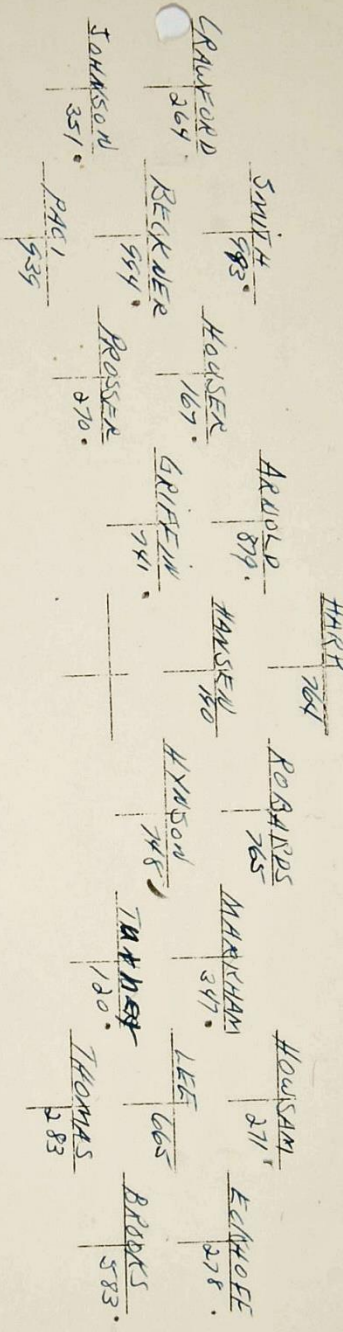
455 E. BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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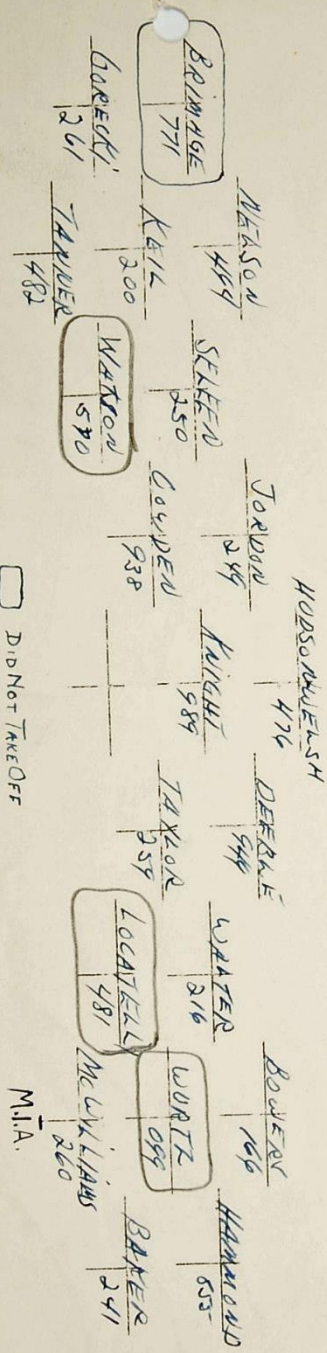
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FORMATION DIAGRAM  
1ST SECTION

DATE 5/5/44



2ND SECTION



DID NOT TAKE OFF  
 PRIOR RETURN

740

270

5/5/44

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

S/Sgt King  
T/Sgt Marhenke  
S/Sgt Collins  
S/Sgt Hubsch  
S/Sgt Metrik

740

167

Lt Houser  
Lt McNamara  
Lt Deppisch  
Lt Hoade  
T/Sgt O'Brien

T/Sgt Kempf  
S/Sgt Zielinski  
S/Sgt Havers  
S/Sgt Robinson  
S/Sgt Furfaro

740

741

Lt Griffin  
Lt Lebsock  
Lt Gilliam  
Lt Stewardson  
Sgt Galvin

Sgt Louthan  
Sgt Martin  
Sgt Williams  
Pfc Pierce  
Sgt Earle

740

190

Lt Hansen  
Lt Ward  
Lt Popejoy  
Lt Dehn  
T/Sgt Lisi

T/Sgt Yeandel  
S/Sgt Rosenfield  
S/Sgt Berg  
S/Sgt Seiter  
Sgt Fowler

740

983

Lt Smith  
Lt Russell  
Lt Draghi  
Lt Clowery  
T/Sgt Wolk

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

NG S/Sgt Fender

740

939

5/5/44

Lt Paci  
Lt Murphy  
Lt Emery  
Lt Swanson  
Cpl DuBeau

Sgt Schoene  
S/Sgt Gralin  
Sgt Jozefowicz  
Sgt Hollinsworth  
Sgt Lauer

740

351 Johnson D. 5/5/44

Lt Johnson D.  
F/O Robertson  
Lt Ames  
Lt Daniels  
S/Sgt Freeman

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

740

748

5/5/44

Lt Hynson  
Lt Jones  
Lt Keller  
Lt Panks  
T/Sgt McFall

T/Sgt Watermond  
S/Sgt Daniel  
S/Sgt Lineberger  
S/Sgt Harpster  
S/Sgt Strange

740

264

5/5/44

Lt Crawford  
Lt Johnson  
Lt Annala  
Lt Compton D.L.  
S/Sgt Imburg

T/Sgt De Selms  
Sgt Carney  
S/Sgt Crysel  
S/Sgt Fortson  
S/Sgt Raut

740

994

5/5/44

Lt Beckner  
Lt Ensminger  
P/O Brandstetter  
Lt Levin  
T/Sgt Johnson P.A.

T/Sgt Collum  
S/Sgt Harris  
S/Sgt Symkowitz  
S/Sgt Sumakis  
S/Sgt Hayes

741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AA  
 455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AA  
 A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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LOADING LIST

A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Edwards
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Mooris
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McCracken	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. Friot	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delaney

A/C NUMBER 855 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Hammond	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Loiocano
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Vincent
NAVIGATOR	Lt. W. Crim	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Siemon
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hodges	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Curtiss
RADIO	Sgt. Elder	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delozier

A/C NUMBER 099 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Wurtz	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Draper
CO-PILOT	Lt. Sutera	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Newman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kuntz	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Klein
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Miller	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Ashley
RADIO	Sgt. Gross	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kampa

A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Demosh
NAVIGATOR	Lt. McWilliams	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Stienhauer
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bailen	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moser
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pendleton

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Deeble	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wendt	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Pearson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Pokora	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Vanaman
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Eford	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	Sgt. Averill	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Squires

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Maj Welsh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Beeler
CO-PILOT	Lt. Hudson	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Elliott
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosmer	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Shenk
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callan	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fowlkes
RADIO	Sgt. Muse	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hamilton

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A/C NUMBER 481 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Locatelli	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Karney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Rosenberg	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kinnick
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cahill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Dakin
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McMahon	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Anderson
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Caldwell

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Baker	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wigely	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Aabye
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Winklehorst	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Allan
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangoes	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bopp
RADIO	Sgt. Kelley	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Applin

A/C NUMBER 216 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Walter	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Skratsky
CO-PILOT	Lt. Woodley	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Davis
NAVIGATOR	St. Stroman	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hamby
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hart	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Ludwig
RADIO	Sgt. Beard	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Carson

A/C NUMBER 260 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. McWilliams	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Miller
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mensinger	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Hardy
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Wilkes	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. McDowell
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Fogel	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Ragusky
RADIO	Sgt. Eggemeyer	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Rifinsky

A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

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

A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
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

5 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 5 MAY 1944.

TO : OPERATION S OFFICER, 455TH BOMB GP (H).

SHIP #482  
LT TANNER  
LT HAWLEY  
LT HERMAN  
LT BROWN  
MIZELL  
WAUGH  
ENGHAUS  
DUVAL  
JACKSON  
CHASE

SHIP #989  
LT KNIGHT  
LT MENDENHALL  
LT BROTHERS  
LT CROTZER  
BALMER  
DEARING  
CLAPSADDLE  
PAKNIK  
GRAUWILLER  
SEILER

SHIP #570  
LT WATSON  
LT SWANNER  
LT NELSON  
LT THOMAS  
BRODEUR  
PRATT  
THOMAS, J.R.  
BLUMBERG  
PELKEY  
LACEY  
GREISSEL

SHIP #494  
LT NELSON  
LT MONTGOMERY  
LT ARIFF  
LT BASTIN  
CHANGE  
LATHAM, L.  
LATHAM, V.  
MILLER  
MCCOY  
MADZIK

SHIP #259  
LT TAYLOR  
LT TUCK  
LT ROTHER  
LT BOULWARE  
WILSON  
SPRADLING  
RUST  
JOHNSON  
DAVID  
STEWART

SHIP #261  
LT GORECKI  
LT SWARTZ  
LT GIOVANNITTI  
LT HOLT  
WANTUCK  
GRAVES  
LECONTE  
TALKINGTON  
REESE  
ABBONDONDELLO

SHIP #250  
LT SELEEN  
LT HESPELER  
LT EZELL  
LT BARNARD  
EDGE  
PETERSON  
BRIGGS  
AMES  
WINGERT  
DRESSSEL

SHIP #200  
LT KEIL  
LT CRUM  
LT LEACH  
LT PICKERILL  
AGNEW  
OLEYASH  
DOTE  
MEDEL  
XXXXXX  
ULSH  
SPAPLETON

SHIP #938  
LT COWDEN  
LT FLEMING  
LT EPPERSON  
LT TAYLOR  
BAKOS  
O'NEILL  
BOUCHER  
WASHBURN  
BODMAN  
MATHESON

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

5 May 1944

COMBAT LOADING LIST

	<u>SHIP #271 (1-2-1)</u>		<u>SHIP #347 (1-2-3)</u>	
P	HOWSAM, EARL R.	1st Lt.	MARKHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.
CP	STERLING, RAYMOND M.	2nd Lt.	LOKKEN, LYNN C.	2nd Lt.
N	STOPA, LEO A.	2nd Lt.	POORE, CARL B.	2nd Lt.
B	GUDMUNDSON, ROY E.	2nd Lt.	BROYAN, CARL	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Todoro, Anthony	S/Sgt.	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Cochrane, William P.	T/Sgt.	Schwemer, Louis E.	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Baird, Raymond M.	S/Sgt.	Muzil, Louis A.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Wiesler, Robert A.	S/Sgt.	Arnson, Erling L.	Sgt.
BALL TUR	Kapitzke, Lawrence E.	T/Sgt.	Klopchin, Andrew G.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Dandenault, Ernest C.	S/Sgt.	Sasser, Gerald E.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #879 (1-1-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #583 (1-2-5)</u>	
P	ARNOLD, WILLIAM A.	1st Lt.	BROOKS, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.
CP	DUNSCOMB, RICHARD S.	2nd Lt.	BEECHAN, L.L.	2nd Lt.
N	ANDERSON, INGVAR E.	2nd Lt.	GINSEBURG, SEYMOUR	2nd Lt.
B	DRABCO, STEPHEN A.	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Petrie, Donald R.	S/Sgt.	Hosac, Chester, W.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Keith, Ronald R.	T/Sgt.	Winn, Francis P.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Manzitto, Sebastino	S/Sgt.	Weine, Max G.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Herbert, Alex G.	S/Sgt.	Taylor, Paul E.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	McArthur, Charles A.	T/Sgt.	Cluck, Omer L.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Spencer, Matthew A.	S/Sgt.	O'Boyle, James J.	S/Sgt.
PHOTO	Rahnoye, R. J.	Cpl.	Paige, Frank H.	T/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #665 (1-2-4)</u>		<u>SHIP #120 (1-2-6)</u>	
P	LEE, ORVILLE I.	1st Lt.	TURNER, ERNEST F.	1st Lt.
CP	DENTON, CHARLES A.	2nd Lt.	WALWORTH, NEIL M.	2nd Lt.
N	GROSS, JOSEPH	2nd Lt.	DAVIS, CLARENCE R.	2nd Lt.
B	HORAN, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.	HINE, LEONARD D.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Collins, Joseph M.	T/Sgt.	Aldape, Jose	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Derrick, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	Caporaso, Joseph	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Dean, Millard H.	S/Sgt.	Wills, Robert H.	T/Sgt.
WAIST L	Kohnke, Carl B.	S/Sgt.	Oven, Andrew m.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Pendleton, Phil G.	T/Sgt.	McVay, Elmer C.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Lafollette, John H.	S/Sgt.	Smith, Leo W.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #278 (1-2-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #283 (1-2-7)</u>	
P	ECKHOFF, ALBERT E.	2nd Lt.	THOMAS, JACK H.	1st Lt.
CP	MAURER, MARTIN	Sgt.	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.
N	CAPLE, ROGER V.	2nd Lt.	GROSSMAN, BERNARD	2nd Lt.
B	FREIHEIT, WILTON W.	2nd Lt.	VERKETIS, FRANKS.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Gulley, Charles H.	Sgt.	Bails, Dale R.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Ferbanis, Joseph	S/Sgt.	Shallow, John S.	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Chlan, Raymond D.	S/Sgt.	Peterson, Donald E.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Vojkom, John M.	Sgt.	Burkhardt, George	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Olsowsky, Ernest E.	S/Sgt.	Ramsay, Carlyle P.	S/Sgt.
TAIL	Everhart, Henry B.	S/Sgt.	Herliny, John J.	S/Sgt.

COMBAT LOADING LIST Cont'd. 5-5-44.

	SHIP #764 (1-1-1)		SHIP #765 (1-1-2)	
P	BELLEMEERE, DAVID G.	Capt.	ROBARDS, ROBERT A.	1st Lt.
CP	HARP	Maj.	BECHTOLD, WILBUR C. Jr.	Capt.
N	BROOKSHIRE, BEVERLY H.	Capt.	EIS, FRADERICK G?	2nd Lt.
B	BROWN, LEROY V.	1st Lt.	COTTER, JOHN G.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Murray, Victor	S/Sgt.	Anderson, "ayburn L.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Catt, James L.	S/Sgt.	Schrader, Vernon D.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Bush, Duane S.	T/Sgt.	Knapp, Jack N.	T/Sgt.
WAIST L	Ingalls, Robert D.	T/Sgt.	Keene, Richard I.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Owen, Ben G.	S/Sgt.	Minyard, Luther D.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Vance, Duane S.	S/Sgt.		
MICKEY	HOVER G.A	2nd Lt.	HART, CARL A.	2nd Lt.
N	GRECO, JOHN	2nd Lt.	CREWS	Unknown