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Site *La Spezia*  
~~Caserta~~, Italy (*Leghorn*)

MISSION NO. 40

12 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 45

(Annex 1, F.O. 45, 12 May 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission .....41 B-24s.
2. Group leader .....Major AMBROSEN
3. Deputy group leader .....Lt. GOSLINE
4. Second unit leader .....Major ASCH
5. Second deputy leader .....Lt. HOUSER
6. Other Groups on mission .....456, 459, 454 BG.
7. Fighter escort .....Sweeps will cover 15AF.
8. Bomb load .....10/500 Gps .1 nose, .025 tail
9. Ammunition .....5200 rounds .50 cal.
- 10 Fuel load .....2700 gals, full oil service.
- 11 Time at stations .....0415B.
- 12 Take off Instructions .....Taxi to South for T/O to N.  
 Take off time 0520B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

<u>1st Attack Unit</u>			<u>2nd Attack Unit</u>		
250	570	294	167	190	476
240	938	278	983	351	216
238	261	184	239	748	105
347	494	500	249	994	481
879	482	120	241	270	949
271	259	283	855	741	166
771	200	583	264		099

- 13 Bomber rendezvous .....1st Combat Wing (456,459) at STORARA  
 at 4000 feet at 0615B.  
 2nd C Wg at SAN GIOVANNI at 5000  
 feet at 0615B. (454,455th).
- 14 Course to target .....See ROUTE OUT on Opns Order 121.  
 455th CAPRAIA to 43 50N, 09 18E  
 to IP to target.
- 15 Time at target .....0905B.
- 16 Return course .....CAPRAIA ISLAND to PIANOSA ISLAND to  
 PONZA ISLAND to CAPRI ISLAND to Base.
- 17 Initial Point .....1½ miles W of river mouth at point  
 43 47N, 10 14E.
18. Axis of attack .....174 degrees Mag.
19. Bombing formation .....9-ship front second attack unit  
 stacked down.
20. Bombardier information ....Usual method. Bombing altitude 20000  
 feet. Intervalometer setting 200 ft.  
 Ias for bomb run 160 mph. Target  
 elevation is sea level.
21. Direction of rally .....Sharp right until out of flak.
22. Weather forecast:  
 See NORGE forecast for 12 May.

455 E. BOMBARDMENT GROUP

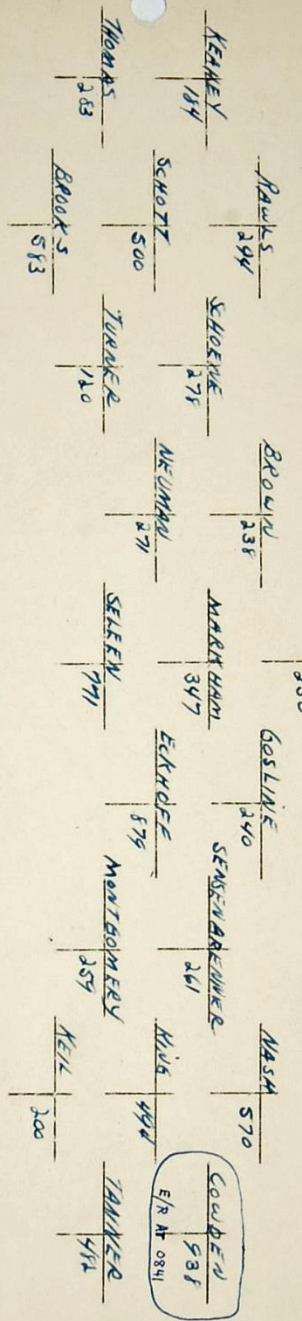
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FORMATION DIAGRAM  
 1ST SECTION  
 AMBROSE, PETER

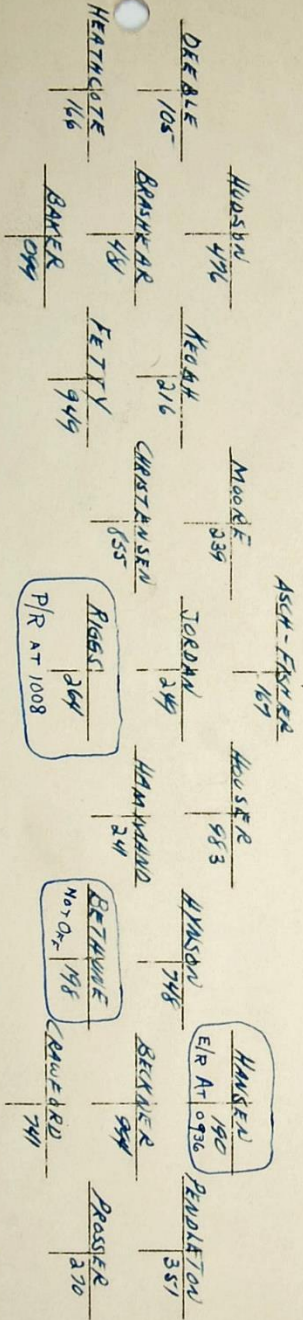
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2 ND SECTION



740

167

5/12/44

Maj Asch  
Lt Houser  
Lt Deppisch  
Lt Ohlmeyer  
T/Sgt O'Brien

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

NG

S/Sgt Childers

740

983

5/12/44

Lt Fisher  
Lt Fabian  
Lt Blacker  
Lt Hoade  
T/Sgt King A.

T/Sgt Rundle  
S/Sgt Schmaus  
S/Sgt Anderson  
S/Sgt Hanides  
S/Sgt Kucharik

NG

S/Sgt Lubeck

740

239

5/12/44

Lt Moore  
Lt Ennis  
Lt Gustafson  
Lt Butler  
T/Sgt Logan

T/Sgt Wert  
S/Sgt Kruse  
S/Sgt Franceschini  
S/Sgt Bischoff  
S/Sgt Balough

740

748

5/12/44

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

T/Sgt Watermond  
S/Sgt Daniel E.D.  
S/Sgt Strange  
S/Sgt Harpster  
S/Sgt Lineberger  
Sgt Griessel

740

190

5/12/44

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

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

740

270

5/12/44

Lt Frosser  
Lt Laffey  
Lt Frantz  
Lt Kratz  
T/Sgt Marhenke

T/Sgt Austin  
S/Sgt Collins  
Sgt Yaus  
S/Sgt King M.  
S/Sgt Rubsch

740

351

5/12/44

Lt Pendleton  
F/O Butler  
Lt Framik  
Lt Katz  
S/Sgt Keen

T/Sgt Bearden  
Sgt Counts  
Sgt Groome  
Sgt Adams  
Sgt Coble

740

994

5/12/44

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

T/Sgt Beck  
S/Sgt Sumakis  
S/Sgt Hayes  
S/Sgt Harris  
S/Sgt Symkowiez

740

264

5/12/44

Lt Riggs  
Lt Burke  
Lt Teasdale  
Lt Bercik  
E/Sgt Strohmeier

T/Sgt McKnight  
S/Sgt Rushmore  
S/Sgt Windsand  
S/Sgt Kolbe  
S/Sgt Johnston

740

741

5/12/44

Lt Crawford  
Lt Johnson R.W.  
Lt Annala  
Lt Lafley  
S/Sgt Imburg

T/Sgt De Selms  
S/Sgt Crysel  
S/Sgt Fortson  
S/Sgt Metrik  
S/Sgt Faut

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

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L O A D I N G L I S T

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

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

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

PILOT	Lt. Christensen	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Bialas
CO-PILOT	Lt. Chadwick	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Swann
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Taber	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bowles
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Padgett
RADIO	Sgt. Mayfield	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Abbott

A/C NUMBER 099 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. Allen
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangos	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bopp
RADIO	Sgt. Kelley	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Applin

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

PILOT	Lt. Keogh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Steinhauer
CO-PILOT	Lt. Newfield	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Schindler
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crowley	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Earl
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Grimm	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delaney
RADIO	Sgt. Daly	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Anderson

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

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Mitchel
CO-PILOT	Lt. Disbrow	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Edwards
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Morris
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Loercher	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. Friot	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Loud

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

PILOT	Lt. Fetty	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Kowley
CO-PILOT	Lt. Ogan	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Bain
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Lukashevich	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Tarp
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Davis, R. H.
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Shenk

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

PILOT	Lt. Brashear	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fortson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mith	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Keen
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Regnier	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Lindsay
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Elkerton	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kirby
RADIO	Sgt. Korzeniewski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. James

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

PILOT	Lt. Heathcote	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Stover
CO-PILOT	Lt. Snider	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Moore
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jackson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Rishko
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Scott	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kerr
RADIO	Sgt. Shotwell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bennett

A/C NUMBER 105 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. Efurd	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	Sgt. Averill	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Squires

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

PILOT	Lt. Hudson	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Beeler
CO-PILOT	Col.	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Fisher
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosmer	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Elliott
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bakanauskas	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fowlkes
RADIO	Sgt. Mise	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hamilton

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 US ARMY

12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crews Completing Morning Mission on 12 May 1944.

TO : Operations Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H)

SHIP NO 230  
MAJOR AMBROSEN  
COL POWER  
CAPTAIN TYYKILA  
LT STRODE  
SGT HARKEY  
SGT WEDIN  
LT MCGLOSSON  
SGT STAPLETON  
SGT ANTONSON  
SGT STEWART  
SGT ROBINSON

SHIP NO 570  
LT NASH  
LT BOLDT  
LT GROSS  
LT KNOX  
SGT PELKEY  
SGT BENNETT  
SGT BROCK  
SGT HOFFMEISTER  
SGT FRAWLEY  
SGT ROMANO

SHIP NO 261  
LT SENSENBRENNER  
LT JACKSON  
LT POWELL  
LT MCGRANE  
SGT JASTRZEMBOWSKI  
SGT NERREN  
SGT PLOWMAN  
SGT RENNER  
SGT SELLARS  
SGT MASON  
*SGT Scott*

SHIP NO 938  
LT COWDEN  
LT FLEMING  
LT TAYLOR  
LT EPPERSON  
SGT BAKOS  
SGT BOUCHER  
SGT WASHBURN  
SGT O'NEILL  
SGT BODMAN  
SGT MATHESON

SHIP NO 200  
LT KEIL  
~~LT CRUM~~  
LT PICKERILL  
LT LEACH  
SGT AGNEU  
SGT DOTE  
SGT OLEYASH  
SGT NOVACKI  
SGT ULSH  
SGT MEDAL

SHIP NO 240  
LT ARCHIBALD  
LT GOSLINE  
LT EZELL  
LT BARNARD  
LT ARRIFF  
SGT SEILER  
SGT MADZIK  
SGT HACHEY  
SGT ABBONDONDELO  
SGT TEISINGER  
SGT TODD

SHIP NO 494  
LT KING  
LT DAESCHNER  
LT GIOVANNITTI  
LT GIDDEN  
SGT SHOLLENBERGER  
SGT HARDY  
SGT SUMNER  
SGT LOCKARD  
SGT KIMSEY  
SGT DOYLE

SHIP NO 238  
LT BROWN  
LT KAMINSKY  
LT MACEDO  
SGT HEITZMAN  
SGT BENCH  
SGT GOLDMAN  
SGT PITTMAN  
SGT LIVINGSTON  
SGT GRAHAM

SHIP NO 259  
LT MONTGOMERY  
LT BROWN  
LT SCHNEIDER  
LT GUIDO  
SGT PRITCHARD  
SGT MASON  
SGT SUTTON  
SGT SMITH  
SGT KYLE  
SGT LEITHAUSER

SHIP NO 482  
LT TANNER  
LT HAWLEY  
LT HERMAN  
LT BROWN, C.W.  
SGT WAUGH  
SGT ENGHaus  
SGT CHASE  
SGT MALCHOW  
SGT JACKSON

SHIP NO 771  
LT SELEEN  
LT WATT  
LT SANTINO  
LT WACHTHENONK  
SGT DRESSEL  
SGT EDGE  
SGT PETERSON  
SGT BRIGGS  
SGT WINGERT  
SGT AMES

HENRY C. KELLY,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't Opns Officer.

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

12 May 1944.

COMBAT LOADING LIST

	<u>SHIP #500 (1-2-4)</u>		<u>SHIP #294 (1-3-1)</u>	
P	SCHOTT, ROY H.	1st Lt.	RAWLS, DON M.	1st Lt.
CP	TIGHEP, HAROLD E.	F/O	EVANS, EARL E.	2nd Lt.
N	CERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	WOODLOCK, DAVID	2nd Lt.
B	BOCK, PHILLIP D.	2nd Lt.	ROSS, DEAN R.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Floyd, Vern L.	S/Sgt.	Smith, Thomas F.	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Klinek, Albert	T/Sgt.	Laptewicz, John C.	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Perks, Everett	Sgt.	Donahue, John J.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Levasseur, Warren F.	T/Sgt.	Orons, John	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Saddler, Jacob R.	S/Sgt.	Parris, Billy S.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Fuller, Maurice L.	S/Sgt.	Lohnes, Raymond W.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #278 (1-3-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #283 (1-3-6)</u>	
P	SCHOFF, HORST R.	1st Lt.	THOMAS, JACK H.	1st Lt.
CP	WILSON, FRANCIS M.	2nd Lt.	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.
N	HAYWOOD, BENFORD F.	2nd Lt.	GROSSMAN, BERNARD	2nd Lt.
B	DAVIS, RALPH J.	2nd Lt.	VERKETTIS, FRANK S.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Roth, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	Shallow, John B.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Lumpkin, Lendon	T/Sgt.	Bails, Dale R.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Bates, James E.	S/Sgt.	Burkhardt, George	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Cushing, Waldo L.	S/Sgt.	Herlihy, John J.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Palmer, Floyd W.	S/Sgt.	Peterson, Don E.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Berg, Harold	Sgt.	Baird, Raymond M.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #120 (1-3-5)</u>		<u>SHIP #582 (1-3-7)</u>	
P	TURNER, ERNEST F.	1st Lt.	BROOKS, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.
CP	WALFORTH, NEIL M.	2nd Lt.	DENTON, CHARLES	2nd Lt.
N	GRECO, JOHN	2nd Lt.	GINSBURG, SEYMOUR	2nd Lt.
B	DAVIS, CLYDE P.	2nd Lt.	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Aldape, Jose	S/Sgt.	Taylor, Paul E.	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Caporaso, Joseph	T/Sgt.	Winn, Francis P.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Oven, Andrews M.	S/Sgt.	Hosue, Chester W.	T/Sgt.
WAIST L	Wills, Robert I.	T/Sgt.	Weine, Max G.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	McVay, Elmer C.	T/Sgt.	Cluck, Omer L.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Smith, Leo W.	S/Sgt.	O'Boyle, James J.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #184 (1-3-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #879 (1-3-5)</u>	
P	KEARFY, GEORGE O.	1st Lt.	ECKHOFF, ALBERT F.	2nd Lt.
CP	REGAN, MARK	2nd Lt.	MAURER, MARTIN	F/O
N	SPICER, CHARLES E.	2nd Lt.	CAPLE, ROGER V.	2nd Lt.
B	GUDMUNDSON, ROY H.	2nd Lt.	FREIHIT, WILTON W.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Moore, Frank M.	S/Sgt.	Ferbanis, Joseph	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Rees, Ray E.	S/Sgt.	Vojtko, John M.	Sgt.
WAIST R	Balchunas, Anthony	S/Sgt.	Saentistgo, O.	Sgt.
WAIST L	Wallace, Edwin N.S	S/Sgt.	Olsowsky, Ernest E.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Theil, James J.	S/Sgt.	Everhart, Henry E.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	McNeil, Donald R.	S/Sgt.	Gulley, Charles H.	S/Sgt.

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<u>SHIP #271 (1-1-6)</u>			<u>SHIP #347 (1-1-4)</u>		
P	NEUMAN, DANIEL S.	1st Lt.	MARKHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.	
CP	CAYEA, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	LOKKEN, LYNN C.	2nd Lt.	
N	SMITH, VYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	POORE, WESLEY A.	2nd Lt.	
E	HARDMAN, THOMAS H.	2nd Lt.	BROYAN, CARL E.	2nd Lt.	
NOSE G	Kloos, George W.	T/Sgt.	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.	
TOP TUR	Ledbetter, Emmett	T/Sgt.	Schwemer, Louis E.	S/Sgt.	
WAIST R	Kennedy, Clyde J.	S/Sgt.	Muzii, Louis A.	S/Sgt.	
WAIST L	Phillips, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	Arnson, Erling L.	Sgt.	
BALL TUR	Peck, Reid B.	S/Sgt.	Klopchin, Andrew G.	S/Sgt.	
TAIL G	Hilgendorf, Marshall W.	S/Sgt.	Sasser, Gerald E.	S/Sgt.	
		PHOTO	Lennoy, R. J.	Sgt.	