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ROME AREA, Troop Concentrations

Mission No. 46

23 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 51

(Annex 1, Field Order 51)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No of aircraft on mission42 B-24s.
2. Group leaderMajor THAYER
3. Deputy group leader Captain BECHTOLD
4. 2nd Unit leader Lieut. BOWERS
5. 2nd Deputy leader Lieut. WALTERS
6. Other Groups on mission 454, 456, 459 BGs.
7. Fighter escort One Group P-38s.
8. Bomb load 10/500# GPs .1 sec Nose,
.01 sec and .025 tail.
9. Ammunition carried 5200 rounds .50 cal.
- 10 Time at stations ~~0700B~~. 0530B.
- 11 Take off instructions Taxi to south for takeoff
to north at 0705B.

12 ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
887	294	167	749	855	250
271	312	198	481	517	570
232	278	234	241	105	230
270	120	264	432	166	200
939	283	748	240	099	993
208	583	492	259	280	989
982	190	239	949	249	494

- 12 Fuel load 2700 gals, full oil service.
- 13 Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat wing (454,455) at
SAN GIOVANNI at 3000 feet at 0800B
2nd Combat Wing at GUILIA
at 4000 feet at 0802B.
14. Course out Base to Turn Point ISERNIA
(41 36N 14 14E) to CASSINO (41 29E
13 50E) to Turn Point PONZA ISLAND
(40 55N 12 57E) to Turn Point 41 40N
12 10E to IP to Target.
15. Initial Point 41 48N 12 20E
16. Time at target 1000B.
17. Return course To 41 10N 13 00E to Base.
18. Axis of attack 109 degrees M.
19. Bombing formation 9-ship front, second attack
unit stacked down. Second unit echelon
to left to uncover first unit on
bombing run.
20. Bombardier Information Lead ship sight for range
and deflection; box lead for range;
all others toggle on leaders. Inter-
valometer setting 200 feet; IAS for
bomb run 160 mph; bombing altitude
21000 feet; wind will be at 260° at
50 mph.
21. Rally Right. Descend at normal
rate to 10000 feet to avoid other
Wing, enroute to target.

455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

APO 520

FORMATION DIAGRAM

MISSION NO 46

DATE May 23, 1944

1st SECTION
Taylor
Not off 887

Houser 167

Serimshaw 234

Riggs 264

Pendleton 492

Meare 239

Bethune 198

Johnson 148

Kelley 208

Prosser 270

Murphy 939

Housdam 271

Arnold 278

Lee 120

Robards 294

Kealey 312

Brooks 583

Beacham 500
E/R 470840

Thomps 283

2nd SECTION

King 250

Brown 230

Jackson 200

Cowden 989

Nelson 494

Archibald 570

Kamidsky 993

Sensenbrenner 261

Fetty 949

Kelly 482

Watson 240

Brashkar 250

Addiv 249

Heathcote 241

Bowens 749

Waltke 481

Deeble 105

Hudson 476

Mangelsen 166

Baker 517

Gorski 099

740

208

5/23/44

LT KELLEY
LT RILEY
LT AMES
LT CONNER
S/SGT DUNN

S/SGT LEWIS
SGT MACORMIC
SGT
SGT EARLE
SGT HARPSTER

740

167

5/23/44

LT HOUSER
LT MCNAMARA
LT BERKEME DEPP ISCH
LT HOADE
S/SGT O'BRIEN

T/SGT KEPT
S/SGT HAVERS
S/SGT ZIELINSKI
S/SGT ROBINSON
S/SGT FURAFRO

740

234

5/23/44

LT SCRIMSHAW
LT ZOOK
LT BLANGO
LT STELLE
S/SGT ANGELIDES

T/SGT DOHERTY
S/SGT THOMAS
S/SGT QUEER
S/SGT SOMERS
S/SGT HODGSON

740

270

5/23/44

LT PROSSER
LT LAFFEY
LT FRANZ
LT KRATZ
T/SGT LISI

T/SGT AUSTIN
S/SGT SOLLINS
S/SGT SMITH
S/SGT KING
S/SGT HUBSCH

740

492

5/23/44

LT FENDLETON
LT MILLAR
LT PRAMIK
LT KATZ
S/SGT KEEN

T/SGT BEARDEN
S/SGT COUNTS
SGT GROOME
SGT ADAMS
SGT BOBLE

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Loading Lists
5/23/44

740	748				
		LT JOHNSON D.			T/SGT THIGPEN
		F/O ROBERTSON			S/SGT MERRILL
		LT TEASDALE 192			S/SGT JACKSON
		LT DANIELS			T/SGT JOHNSON R.J.
		S/SGT WHELAN			S/SGT FRY
740		239	5/23/44		S/SGT DONAHUE
		LT MOORE			SGT FISHER
		LT ENNIS			T/SGT RILEY
		LT GUSTAFSON		NOSE GUNNER	S/SGT KRUSE
		LT ASIP			S/SGT FRANCESCHINI
740		T/SGT LOGAN 264	5/23/44		S/SGT BISCHOFF
		LT RIGGS			S/SGT BALOUGH
		LT BURKE			T/SGT MCKNIGHT
		LT WHIDDEN			S/SGT RUSHMORE
		LT BERCIK			S/SGT WINDSAND
		T/SGT STROHMAYER			S/SGT KOLBE
					S/SGT JOHNSTON.
740		939	5/23/44		
		LT MURPHY			S/SGT SCHOENE
		LT RUSSELL			SGT GRAHAM
		TL EMERY			A-SGT JOZEFOWICZ
		LT SEANSON			S/SGT ALT
		LT MURPHY			SGT HOLLINGSWORTH
				NOSE GUNNER	SGT LAUER
740		198	5/23/44		
		LT BETHUNE			T/SGT COLLUM
		LT ADKISSON			S/SGT BROWN
		LT WATERMAN			S/SGT DONAHUE
		T/SGT RILEY			SGT FISHER
				NOSE GUNNER	SGT FOWLER
					SGT YAUB

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

23 March 1944

(DATE)

LOADING LIST

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Bowers,	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Moser
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Brniak, Lt. Kuntz	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. DeMosh
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bailen	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Finks
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR/GNR	Sgt. Pendleton

A/C NUMBER ~~426~~ 855 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 481 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 517 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Baker	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wigley	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 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

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A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mangeroni	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Straw
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Wittman	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Weeks
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Kline	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Andrews
RADIO	Lt. Blum	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Howells
	Sgt. Roadman		Sgt. Fry

A/C NUMBER 280 DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

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

A/C NUMBER 099 DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT	Lt. Gorski	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Lewis
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Disbrow	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Harvey Vincent
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Jones	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Woodard
RADIO	Lt. Scott	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Magnuson
	Sgt. Pietruszewski		Sgt. Beauvais

A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Herfield
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Vralsted	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Lundquist
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Crowley	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Watson
RADIO	Lt. McCracken	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Logue
	Sgt. Dendy		Sgt. Puslat

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT	Lt. Petty	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kowley
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Ogan	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bain
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Luckashevich	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Tarry
RADIO	Lt. Higgins	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Davis
	Sgt. Baker		Sgt. Shenk

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/C _____

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

23 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: CREW COMPLETING MISSION ON 23 MAY 1944

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

SHIP #230

BROWN
MCKEE
MACEDO
FORD
GOLDMAN
ENGLAUS
HEITZMAN
PITTMAN
LIVINGSTON
GRAHAM

SHIP #993

KAMINSKY
KIESELBACH
SPIER
MCCAULEY
AMBROSINI
SCHIAVO
TUTHILL
RUSSELL
HILL
REESE

SHIP #240

WATSON
SWANNER
KERMIS
NELSON
BRODEUR
THOMAS
BLUMBERG
PRATT
LACEY
PELKEY

SHIP #482

KELLY
WATT
SANTINA
WACHTENDONK
DRESSSEL
EDGE
PETERSON
WINGERT
BRIGGS
AMES

SHIP #259

SENSENBRENNER
RIDDEL
POWELL
MCGRANE
JASTRZEMBOWSKI
NERREN
PLOWMAN
SELLARS
RENNER
SCOTT

SHIP #250

KING
DAESCHNER
EPPERSON
PICKERILL
SHOLLENBERGER
HARDY
SUMNER
DOYLE
LOCKARD
JACKSON

SHIP #494

NELSON
MONTGOMERY
ARIFF
BASTIN
LATHAM, V.
LATHAM, L.
SKELTON
CHANCE
MILLER
MCCOY

SHIP #989

COWDEN
FLEMING
TAYLOR
BAKOS
BOUCHER
WASHBURN
O'NEILL
BODMEN
MATHESON

SHIP #200

JACKSON
AHRENS
SMITH
TOLAR
SLOPER
ROSENBERG
BEITZ
CITINO
CHRISTANOUS
TRUAX

SHIP #570

ARCHIBALD
RAMSTAD
GROSS
MADZIK
HACHEY
SEILER
ABBONDONDELLO
TEISINGER
TODD

TARGET _____

TIME _____

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

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

23 May 1944.

COMBAT LOADING LIST

120

	<u>SHIP #294</u> (1-2-1)		<u>SHIP #XXX</u> (1-1-2)		<u>SHIP #312</u> (1-2-5)	
P	ROBARDS, R.A.	Capt.	LEE, O.I.	Lt.	KEAHEY, G.O.	Lt.
CP	COLEMAN, O.C.	2nd Lt.	DENTON, C.A.	Lt.	REGAN, M.	Lt.
N	EIS, F.G.	Lt.	GROSS, J.	Lt.	SPICER, C.P.	Lt.
B	COTTER, J.G.	Lt.	HORNA, B.D.	Lt.	MANNING, H.L.	Lt.
NOSE G	SPEWOCK, A.	SGT.	DEAN, M.H.	SGT.	REES, P.	SGT.
TOP TUR	SCHRADER, V.D.	SGT.	COLLINS, J.M.	SGT.	WALLACE, F.N.	SGT.
WAIST R	KNAPP, J.M.	SGT.	PENDLETON, P.C.	SGT.	BALCHUNAS, A.	SGT.
WAIST L	ANDERSON, R.L.	SGT.	KOHNKE, E.B.	SGT.	MCNIEL, D.	SGT.
BALL TUR	KEENE, R.I.	SGT.	DERRICK, C.E.	SGT.	THIEL, J.J.	SGT.
TAIL G	MINYARD, L.D.	SGT.	LAFOLLETTE, J.H.	SGT.	BERG, H.C.	SGT.

	<u>SHIP #583</u> (1-2-6)		<u>SHIP #283</u> (1-2-5)		<u>SHIP #278</u> (1-2-3)	
P	BROOKS, H.C.	Lt.	THOMAS, J.H.	Lt.	ARNOLD, W.A.	Lt.
CP	TIGERT, H.E.	F/O	ROSE, P.C.	Lt.	DUNSCOMB, P.S.	Lt.
N	GINSBURG, S.	Lt.	GROSSMAN, B.M.	Lt.	ANDERSON, I.F.	Lt.
B	JOHNSON, E.H.	Lt.	VERKETIS, F.S.	Lt.	DRASCO, S.A.	Lt.
NOSE G	WINN, F.P.	SGT.	SHALLOW, J.B.	SGT.	LUMPKIN, L.F.	SGT.
TOP TUR	WEINE, M.G.	SGT.	BAILS, D.R.	SGT.	MANZITTO, S.	SGT.
WAIST R	CLUCK, O.L.	SGT.	BURKHARDT, G.	SGT.	BATES, J.E.	SGT.
WAIST L	O'BOYLE, J.J.	SGT.	HERLIHY, J.J.	SGT.	SPENCER, M.	SGT.
BALL TUR	HOSAC, C.W.	SGT.	PETERSON, D.E.	SGT.	MCARTHUR, C.J.	SGT.
TAIL G	TAYLOR, P.E.	SGT.	RAMSAY, C.P.	SGT.		
PHOTO	PAIGE, P.H.	SGT.				

	<u>SHIP # 271</u> (1-1-2)		<u>SHIP #232</u> (1-1-3)	
P	HOWSAM, F.R.	Lt.	YOUNG, I.L.	Lt.
CP	BECHTOLD, W.C.	Capt.	HENSKE, E.J.	Lt.
N	STOPA, L.A.	Lt.		
B	GUDMUNDSON, R.E.	Lt.	OVEN, A.M.	SGT.
NOSE G	TODORO, A.	SGT.	THUMA, J.A.	SGT.
TOP TUR	COCHRANE, W.P.	SGT.	GREEN, W.P.	SGT.
WAIST R	BAIRD, R.M.	SGT.	WARE, C.H.	SGT.
WAIST L	WEISLER, R.A.	SGT.	ENTROP, H.	SGT.
BALL TUR	KAPITZKE, L.E.	SGT.	EDGINGTON, A.B.	SGT.
TAIL G	DANDENAULT, E.C.	SGT.	WALLER, R.N.	SGT.
NAVI.	GRECO, J. (NMI)	Lt.		

COMBAT LOADING LIST CONT'D. 5-23-44

	SHIP #190 (1-2-8) E/R	SHIP #982 (1-2-7) No T/O	SHIP #887 (1-1-1) No T/O
P	BEACHAM, L.L. Lt.	ECKHOFF, A.E. Lt.	THAYER, D.S. Maj.
CP	CHARLTON, W.C. F/O	MAURER, M. F/O	STERLING, R.N. Lt.
N	HART, C.A. Lt.	CAPLE, R.V. Lt.	WOODLOCK, D.J. Lt.
B	DUDZIK, T.A. Lt.	FREIHEIT, W.W. Lt.	BROWN, L.V. Lt.
NOSE G	PATTERICK, H.D. SGT.	GULLEY, C.H. SGT.	VANCE, D.S. SGT.
TOP TUR	PLACE, J.R. SGT.	FERBANIS, J. SGT.	MURRAY, V. SGT.
WAIST R	SEMMEROTH, R.B. SGT.	VOJTKO, J.M. SGT.	CATT, J.L. SGT.
WAIST L	HAYS, D.F. SGT.	OLSOWSKY, E.E. SGT.	BUSH, D.D. SGT.
BALL TUR	PARKS, E.E. SGT.	EVERHART, H.B. SGT.	INGALLS, R.D. SSGT.
TAIL G.	CONRAD, C.O. SGT.		OWEN, B.G. SGT.
		N	BROOKSHIRE, B.H. CAPT.