

HEADQUARTERS
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF,
APO 520, U. S. Army,

18 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 48)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, CHIETI, SHKRODA, BEOGRAD, BRASOV,
and BUCARESTI.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) The target is PLOESTI DACIA ROMANO Refinery. Secondary is Primary Target by Pathfinder Method. Last resort targets are CRAIOVA M/Y, TURNUL SEVERIN M/Y, BELGRADE ZEMUN A/D, SAVA M/Y, ZEMUN A/D. If BELGRADE, TURNUL SEVERIN, CRAIOVA targets are closed on route in, last resort target is NIS M/Y. There are 142 heavy A/A guns widely scattered around target area. No more than 20% of these guns can bear on our formation if target is approached from IP on briefed axis of attack. Target is surrounded by smokepots.

(2) There are 205 enemy fighters in the PLOESTI area.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) One Group P-51s will rendezvous with bomber formation at 44 52N 22 24E at 1000B, and provide penetration cover to maximum range. One Group P-51s and one Group P-38s will rendezvous at 45 22N 25 32E at 1048B and 1054B respectively, and provide cover from IP through target to maximum range. One Group P-38s will rendezvous at 1104B and provide withdrawal escort.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will attack PLOESTI DACIA ROMANO Refinery, center of impact at E-18/19 on briefing chart 11-100B-NA, at 1120B; using 500# GP bombs with .1 sec nose and half .01 and half .025 sec tail fuzes.

3. This Group will attack in two units of 18 plus spares ships with second attack unit stacked down. Leaders will sight for range and deflection; box leaders for range; others toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude will be 19,500 feet, intervalometer setting 50 feet, target elevation 500 feet. Rally left 30 degrees then right.

Field Order 48, Continued.

3. Route Back: To Turn Point LUNGULETUL (44 36N 25 40E) to Turn Point OREKHOVA (43 45N 23 56E) to Turn Point PIROT (43 10N 22 35E) to Turn Point KALLMET (41 52N 19 41E) to Base. All aircraft will load five cartons of window, dispensing to begin in vicinity of 45 22N 25 32E and continue until four minutes after bombs away. Pathfinder aircraft will lead. Bombing will be visual if possible.

4. No change.

5. a. Command 6440 Kcs
A. G. L. 4585 Kcs
Interplane "B" Channel
Collective Call sign Betty Three One
Squadron call signs: 740th ... Wideglobe
741st ... Nudist
742nd ... Shortcut
743rd ... Windscreen
Recall signal Keeper
IFF will be used as per latest instructions.

b. None

c. (1) None.

(2) Group Leader Colonel COOL
Deputy Group Leader Major REEDER

By order of Colonel COOL:

HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

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ANNEXES:

1. Briefing Outline.
2. Mission Statistics.
3. 304th Wg Opns Order No. 127,
Plan Able.

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(Annex 1, Field Order 48, 18 May 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission 42 B-24s.
2. Group Leader Colonel COOL
3. Deputy Group Leader Major REEDER
4. Second Unit Leader Lieut GOSLINE
5. Second deputy Leader Lieut KELLY
6. Other Groups on mission 456, 459, 454 BG
7. Escort Penetration: 1 Gp P-51s. IP
to target: 1 Gp P-38s, 1 P-51s.
Withdrawal: 1 Gp P-38s.
8. Bomb load 10/500 Gp .1 N. .01 and .025 T.
5200 rounds .50 cal.
9. Ammunition carried 0615B.
- 10 Time at stations 2700 ~~minutes~~ ^{gals Gasoline}, full oil service.
- 11 Fuel load
- 12 Take off instructions Taxi to south at 0710 for T/O
to north at 0725B.

TAKE OFF ORDER:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
887	167	749	250	989	952
764	239	216	494	200	583
198	741	481	938	238	271
280	939	855	184	570	500
241	994	249	879	993	347
166	190	476	081	230	253
270	351	949	982	482	283

- 13 Bomber Rendezvous 1st Combat Wg (455,456) at
STORNARA at 3000 feet at 0825B.
2nd Combat Wg (459,456) at
GIULIA at 4000 feet at 0828B.
- 14 Course out Base to Key Point MIKELICI
(42 28N 18 25E) to Turn Point ~~PECENISCA~~
(42 42N 18 38E) to Turn Point PECENISCA
(44 52N 22 23E) to Turn Point SINAIA
(45 22N 25 32E) to IP to Target.
- 15 Initial Point HOMORACIUL (45 16N 26 01E)
- 16 Time at target 1120B.
- 17 Return Course To Turn Point LUNGULETEL
(44 36N 25 40E) to Turn Point OREKHOVA
(43 45N 23 56E) to Turn Point PIROT
(43 10N 22 35E) to Turn Point KALLMET
(41 52N 19 41E) to Base.
- 18 Axis of Attack 173 degrees Mag.
- 19 Bombing formation 9-ship front with second
attack unit stacked down.
- 20 Bombardier information Lead ship will sight for range
and deflection; box leaders for range;
all others toggle on leaders. Interva-
lometer setting 50 feet, Ias for bomb
run 160 mph, bombing altitude 19,500',
target elevation 500 feet.
- 21 Rally left 30 degrees then right
at 165 IAS.

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Plan Able:

Route out:

Over target
From base to Dinaric Alps: 8/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 5 thsd. 8/10 altostratus at 13 thsd tops at 15 thsd. Visibility 18 miles.

Across mountains: 8/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 5 to 11 thsd. 6/10 altostratus at 13 thsd tops at 15 thsd. 4/10 cirrus at 20 thsd tops at 23 thsd. Visibility 18 miles.

East side of mountains to target: 7/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 4 thsd tops at 5 to 9 thsd. 8/10 altocumulus at 13 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 6/10 cirrus at 20 thsd tops at 24 to 27 thsd. Visibility 18 miles.

Target ABLE: 8/10 cumulus and stratocumulus at 4 thsd tops 5 to 10 thsd. 8/10 altocumulus at 13 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 7/10 cirrus at 19 thsd tops at 25 to 28 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in haze. Surface wind 330 degrees 13 mph.

Surface pressure.....29.94 inches
Surface temperature.....plus 14 deg C
Temperature at 22500 feet...minus 26 deg C

Winds aloft:

5000 feet	270 deg	20 knots
10000 feet	270 deg	15 knots
15000 feet	260 deg	15 knots
20000 feet	220 deg	10 knots
25000 feet	220 deg	15 knots

Route back: Same as route out.

Wing bases on return: 7/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops at 7 to 9 thsd. 4/10 altostratus at 13 thsd tops at 14 to 15 thsd. Visibility 12 to 15 miles. Surface wind 290 degrees 11 mph.

Freezing level: 9000 feet.

Plan Baker:

Route out:

From base to Adriatic: 3/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 5 thsd. 6/10 altostratus at 13 thsd tops at 15 thsd. Visibility 15 miles.

Over Adriatic: 4/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 5 thsd. 3/10 altostratus at 13 thsd tops at 15 thsd. 4/10 cirrus at 22 thsd tops at 24 thsd.

Target Baker: 4/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 6 thsd. 5/10 altostratus at 12 thsd tops at 15 thsd. 6/10 cirrus at 23 thsd tops at 26 thsd. Visibility 12 miles in haze. Surface wind 230 degrees 8 mph.

Surface pressure.....29.97 inches
Surface temperature.....plus 15 deg C
Temperature at 22500 feet...minus 24 deg C

Winds aloft:

5000 feet	270 deg	20 knots
10000 feet	240 deg	25 knots
15000 feet	240 deg	30 knots
20000 feet	230 deg	30 knots
25000 feet	230 deg	40 knots

Route back: Same as route out.

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GROUP	A/C	OFF	IRI -	SECO
		GROUND	MARY	DARY
40	10		9	0
41	11		11	0
42	10		10	0
43	11		11	0
42	42		41	0

(Annex 2, Field Order 48, 18 May 44, Mission #43)

MISSION STATISTICS.

42 A/C Scheduled
42 Off

740th Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
9 Over target
8 Returned: Johnson 351 landed at Bari.
1 Early return: Bethune 198 at 0930B.
0 Prior return.

741st Bomb Sq:

11 A/C Off
11 Over target
11 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
10 Over target
10 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return

743rd Bomb Sq:

11 A/C Off
11 Over target
8 Returned: Missing in action:
Turner 253.
Markham 347.
Rawls 081.
0 Early return
0 Prior return

741st crew flew 743rd Ship 887.
743rd crew flew 740th Ship 081, M.I.A.

Combat time: 7:45.

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455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP
A.P.O. 520

MISSION NO. 43

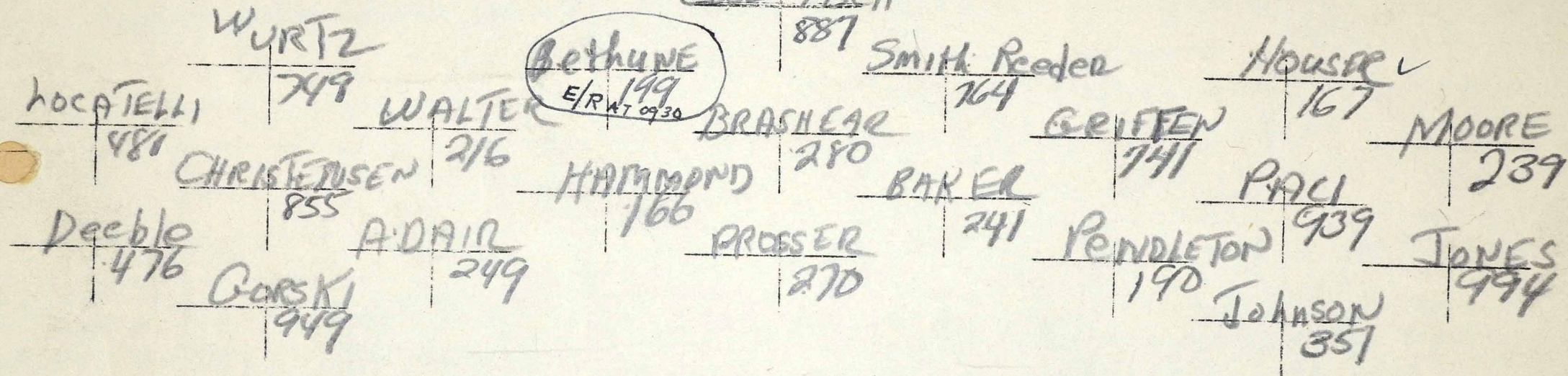
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UNITS PARTICIPATING

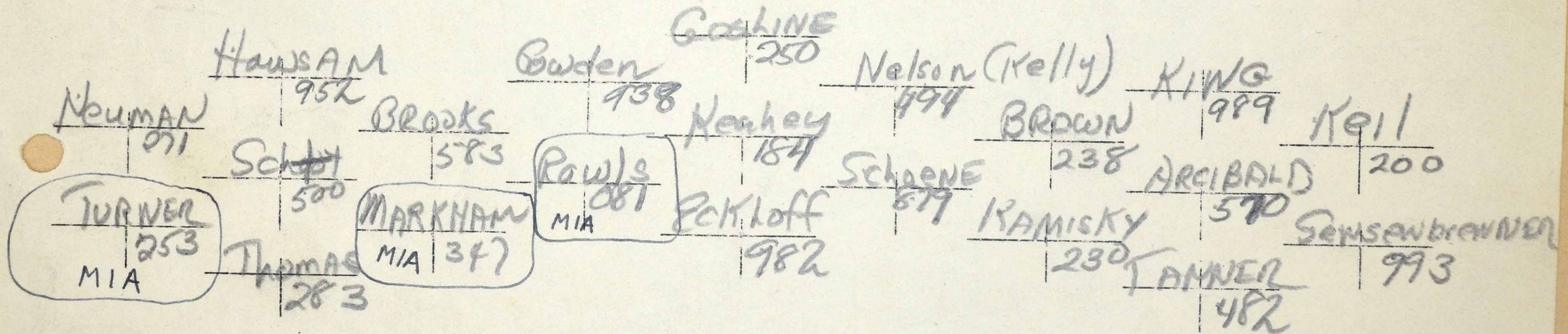
455th 456th 459th

FORMATION DIAGRAM

1ST SECTION
COOL ASCH



2ND SECTION



A/C	A/C OVER		
	OFF GROUND	FRI-MARY	SECO DARY
40	10	9	0
41	11	11	0
42	10	10	0
43	11	11	0
GROUP	42	41	0

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MISSION NO. 43

MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 18 MAY 1944

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
455th 456th 457th 454th	PLOESTI DACHA ROMANO REFINERY	PATHFINDER METHOD	CRAIGOUR M/Y

UNIT	A/C GROUND	A/C OVER TARGET				ABORTIVES			CLAIMS			DISPOSITION OF BOMBS				A/C LOST	AMM. EXP.	CASUALTIES					
		FRI-MARY	SECON-DARY	LAST RESORT	POPAL-ABOR.	MECH-FAIL-URE	ARM-FAIL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	TYPE	JETTISONED NO.	TYPE			BROUGHT BACK NO.	TYPE	TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED	IN JURED
740	10	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	500#	10	500#	0	500#	0	750	0	0	0	0
741	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	3149	0	0	0	0
742	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	795	0	0	0	0
743	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	500#	0	500#	0	500#	3	1100	30	30	0	0
GROUP	42	41	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	396	500#	10	500#	0	500#	3	5749	30	30	0	0

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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 43 DATE 18 May 1944
2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY TOTAL TO DATE

A. Sorties	<u>41</u>			<u>1488</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>1</u>			<u>98</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>41</u>			<u>1321</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>99</u>			<u>3100.15</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>			<u>2</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>			<u>18</u>
Other	<u>0</u>			<u>6</u>
Missing	<u>3</u>			<u>3</u>
Damaged Flak	<u>2</u>	Severe	<u>21</u>	Slight
E/A	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u>	"
Other	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u>	"
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>0</u>			<u>56</u>
Probable	<u>0</u>			<u>16</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>10</u>
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>			<u>47</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>8</u>
G. Casualties Miss in A	<u>30</u>			<u>176</u>
Killed	<u>0</u>			<u>9</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>			<u>4</u>

3. At 0725 hours 42 B-24's took off to bomb PLOESTI DACIA ROMANA REFINERY
4. Escorted by 25 - 30 P-51's and 20 - 25 P-38's
5. a. 1 ret'd early because of ill crew member, jettisoned 10 bombs in Adriatic.
- b. 0 ret'd prior
6. a. 41 A/C dropped 396 x 500 lb. (99 tons) G.P. .1 sec nose 1/2 - .61 sec tail
 (No) (type) (fusing)
 bombs on Primary target at 1120 hrs. from 19,000 to 20,500 feet
- b. of above x lb. (tons) place reasons
- c. dropped x lb. (tons) bombs on other target, where, why
- d. returned x lb. bombs to base give disposition of any bombs not dropped
 give reasons
- e. jettisoned x lb. bombs at place, reasons.
7. a. 37 A/C returned at 1505 hours. A/C are at place
- b. A/C lost at , place circumstances
- c. 3 A/C missing and last seen at See Supplement. time place
 circumstances
8. Personnel casualties were , position degree of injury

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C O N F I D E N T I A L9. RESULTS:

An almost complete overcast at the target precluded observation of results. The Pathfinder operator estimated that bombs fell just south of the industrial center of town. A few crews reported that they caught a fleeting glimpse of the H/Y off to the right of the course. They estimated that some bombs may have fallen in the vicinity of the ASTRA REFINERY.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

a. Fighters: 12 to 15 Me 109's and Fw 190's observed in target area. Me 109's and P-51's participated in dog fight over target. The brunt of the attack was borne by F Box which occupied the low position. 3 planes reported attacks by Me 109's, the attacks coming from low and level at 6 o'clock. One crippled ship behind the formation was observed under attack by four Fw 190's. Escort drove the attacking E/A off.

b. Flak: Moderate to Intense very accurate heavy flak, mostly black, some red bursts was encountered at target. White bursts were observed several feet above formation. At BOR (44 06N/22 07E) Moderate heavy flak directed against another group. At CAMPINA (45 08N/25 43E) slight to moderate inaccurate heavy flak.

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: At PLOVDIV H/Y (42 09N/24 44E) at 1223 hours approximately 75 RR cars were observed from 21,000 ft. At (45 00N/24 50E) at 1048 hours a large truck convoy was seen parked along road from 20,000 ft. At (43 50N/21 26E) at 1010 hours freight train seen heading North from 16,000 ft. At ROSIOR DE VEDE (44 07N/25 00E) at 1144 hours a new marshalling yard and a new bridge were seen from 18,000 feet.

b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters:

At KALOJANOVO A/D (42 21N/24 44E) at 1220 hours three hangers and three small and one large A/C observed on ground from 20,000 ft. At PLOVDIV A/D at 1223 hours 30 large T/E aircraft seen parked from 21,000 ft. Four or five hangers observed from 20,000 ft., at 1204 hours at LOVECH A/D (43 09N/24 42E). At KRALJEVO A/D (43 44N/20 43E) at 1000 hours, dispersal area and factory seen from 16,000 ft.

c. Flak Positions:

d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:

e. Naval: Heavy barge traffic observed along DANUBE RIVER, 30 barges anchored at 43 56N/24 15E. Most of barge traffic was headed up stream.

12. WEATHER: Adriatic on route out 3/10 to 5/10 strato cumulus and 3/10 alto cumulus tops 12,000 feet. From coast across mountains 4/10 to 6/10 cumulus, tops 6 to 8,000 ft. and 8/10 alto cumulus tops 14,000 ft., 5/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft. East of mountains in DANUBE VALLEY 7/10 cumulus tops 15,000 ft. and 4/10 cirrus at 23,000 ft. along North edge of valley low clouds increased to 9/10 cumulus tops 17,000 ft. At target 9/10 cumulus tops 17,000 ft., and 4/10 cirrus at 23,000 ft. visibility 15 to 20 miles. Route back to Adriatic Sea 8/10 to 10/10 cumulus tops 20 to 30,000 ft. 5/10 cirrus at 24,000 ft. Adriatic same as en route.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

14 photographs taken, cloud obscured.

14. COURSE:

ROUTE OUT: Base to 42 28N/18 25E to 42 42N/18 38E to 43 23N/19 39E to 43 44N/20 45E to 43 45N/21 23E to 44 31N/23 36E to 45 00N/24 34E to 45 16N/25 00E to 45 22N/25 32E to IP to target, axis of attack 206 degrees Mag. Target to 44 07N/24 59E to 43 52N/24 48E to 42 04N/24 52E to 41 40N/24 38E to 41 25N/24 05E to 41 15N/22 45E to 41 36N/19 37E to Base.

Time Received _____

Time Forwarded _____

Initials/Signature _____

Initials/Signature _____

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

455-136
APO 520
17 May 1944
22:00B

Operations Order
Number 127

1. a. (1) See latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (2) Operations for 18 May 1944. Plan Able. B-17's of four groups of 5th Wing will attack PLOESTI ROMANO AMERICANO Refinery at 11:00B; Key point Time is 08:49B. Two groups B-17's, 5th Wing will attack BELGRADE Rail Bridges; Key point Time is 09:40B. Azon Force will stand down. Four groups B-24's of 47th Wing will attack PLOESTI UNIREA SPERANZA Refinery at 11:10B; Key point Time is 09:06B. Three groups B-24's of 49th Wing will destroy PLOESTI XENIA Refinery at 11:40B; Key Point Time 09:36B. Four groups B-24's, 55th Wing will destroy PLOESTI CONCORDIA VEGA Refinery at 11:30B; Key Point is 09:26B. 306th Wing; one group P-47's will rendezvous with bomber force at 43°30'N, 20°00'E, at 09:20B and provide penetration cover and target cover for group attacking BELGRADE. One group P-51's will rendezvous with bomber formation at 44°52'N, 22°24'E at 10:00B and provide penetration cover to maximum range. One group P-51's and one group P-38's will rendezvous with bomber formation at 45°22'N, 25°32'E, at 10:48B and 10:54B respectively and provide cover from IP through target to maximum range. One group P-38's each will rendezvous with bomber force at 44°37'N, 25°40'E at 11:09B and at 43°44'N, 25°57'E at 11:40B respectively and provide withdrawal escort to maximum range.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all groups will attack PLOESTI Area as follows:

TARGET: 1st C. Wg (455th, 456th) will attack and destroy PLOESTI DACIA ROMANO Refinery, center of impact at E-18/19 on briefing chart 11-100B-NA. See attached target charts.

2nd C. Wg (459th, 454th) will attack and destroy PLOESTI REDEVENTA Refinery, center of impact at H-13/14 on briefing chart 11-100B-NA. See attached target charts.

SECONDARY TARGET: Bomb Primary target by PATHFINDER Method.

LAST RESORT TARGETS: CRAIOVA M/Y for both Combat Wings. Elev. 500 ft; IP-BALS (44°22'N, 24°05'E). Axis of attack-262°M. Rally Left. Intervalometer setting 50 ft.

TURNUL SEVERIN M/Y: Elev. 225 ft; IP-VANJUL MR. (44°25'N, 22°53'N). Axis of attack-321°M. Rally Left. Intervalometer setting 65 ft.

BELGRADE ZEMUN A/D Installations and SAVA M/Y: Attack generally from East to West with IP in vicinity of VOLJOVICA. 1st C. Wg (455th, 456th), ZEMUN A/D; 2nd C. Wg (459th, 454th) SAVA M/Y. Rally Left.

If BELGRADE, TURNAL SEVERIN, CRAIOVA targets closed on route in, last resort target is NIS M/Y's. Do not bomb unassigned targets in JUGOSLAVIA.

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BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. Wg (455th, 456th) at STORNARA at 3000 ft at 08:25B.

2nd C. Wg (459th, 454th) at GIULIA at 4000 ft at 08:28B.

LEAD: 455th BG with 456th, 459th and 454th BG's in order.

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point MIKELICI (42°28'N, 18°25'E) to Turn Point (42°42'N, 18°38'E) to Turn Point PECENISCA (44°52'N, 22°23'E) to Turn Point SINAI (45°22'N, 25°32'E) to IP to Target.
Time at Key Point 09:16B at 14,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: HOMORACIUL (45°16'N, 26°01'E)

AXIS OF ATTACK: 1st C. Wg-173°M. 2nd C. Wg-174°M.

TARGET TIME: 11:20B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 455th BG - 19,500 ft; 456th BG - 20,500 ft;
459th BG - 21,500 ft; 454th BG - 19,500 ft.

BOMBING FORMATION: 9-ship front with second attack units stacked down.

TARGET ELEVATION: DACIA ROMANA-500 ft; REDEVENTA-520 ft.

RALLY: Left 30 degrees then right.

ROUTE BACK: To Turn Point LUNGULETUL (44°36'N, 25°40'E) to Turn Point OREKHOVA (43°45'N, 23°56'E) to Turn Point PIROT (43°10'N, 22°35'E) to Turn Point KALLMET (41°52'N, 19°41'E) to Base.

3. x. All groups load 500's GP with .1 sec nose and half and half .01 sec and .025 sec tail fuses. Intervalometer setting 50 ft. for all groups.

4. Omitted.

5. Command on 6440 KC for bomber to bomber and VHF Channel "A" for bombers and fighters. Collective call signs for bombers (455th BG-BETTY THREE ONE) (456th BG-BETTY THREE TWO) (459th BG-BETTY THREE THREE) (454th BG-BETTY THREE FOUR). Call signs for fighters; Penetration escort (325th FG-SHAPELY ONE) (52nd FG-SHAPELY TWO). Target cover (14th FG-SHAPELY FOUR) (31st FG-SHAPELY THREE). Withdrawal escort (1st FG-SHAPELY FIVE) (82nd FG-SHAPELY SIX).

Recall Signal: KEEPER.

Air Force formation will be left echelon of wings with 5th leading, 47th second, 304th third, 55th fourth, 49th fifth and two groups attacking BELGRADE Sixth.

Window will be dispensed in accordance with SOP. All aircraft will load five cartons of window. Dispensing will begin in vicinity of 45°22'N, 25°32'E and continue until four minutes after bombs away.

Pathfinder aircraft will lead all groups. Bombing will be visual if possible.

Very close formation will be necessary for maximum fighter cover, and accurate routes and timings are essential.

By Order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

William R. Large, Jr.
WILLIAM R. LARGE, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Assistant A-3.

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SUPPLEMENT TO 455TH BOMB GROUP'S CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT NO. 43, 18 May 1944.

7. c. A/C number 42-64347 was believed hit by flak at target, just after releasing it's bombs. It was attacked by two Me 109's, and probably hit. Last seen at 4422N/2510E at 1140 hours, under control, flying level on a heading of 235°. #1 engine was feathered, and #2 engine was smoking.

A/C number 42-42253 was observed to have engine trouble at the target at 1130 hours. Last seen at 4315N/2500E at 1200 hours, losing altitude, no chutes were seen.

A/C number 42-78081 was heard calling BIG FENCE for homing at 1400 hours, but was not observed. BIG FENCE ANSWERED IT's call. The A/C which intercepted the calls was at 4140N/1940E at the time of interception.

ALVIN E. COONS,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

LOADING LIST

740

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5/18/44

Major Reeder
 Lt Smith
 Lt Draghi & Lt Gustafson
 Lt Clowery
 T/Sgt Wolk
 Lt Crews

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

V

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5/18/44

Lt Belhune
 Lt Adkisson
 Lt Annala
 L
 T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Collum
 S/Sgt Yaus
 S/Sgt Brown
 Sgt Fisher
 Sgt Fowler
 S/Sgt Greland

N T

740

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5/18/44

Lt Prosser
 Lt Laffey
 Lt Frantz
 Lt Kratz
 T/Sgt Lisi

T/Sgt Austin
 S/Sgt Smith
 S/Sgt Collins
 S/Sgt King
 S/Sgt Habsch

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5/18/44

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

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5/19/44

Lt Moore
 Lt Ennis
 Lt Campbell
 Lt Ames
 T/Sgt Logan

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

740

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5/18/44

Lt Griffin
Lt Lebsock
Lt Gilliam
Lt Stewartson
S/Sgt Dunn

Sgt Lauthan
S/Sgt Manning
Pfc Pierce
S/Sgt Carney
Sgt Williams

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5/18/44

Lt Paci
Lt Murphy
Lt Emory
Lt Swanson

S/Sgt Schene
Pfc Jozefowicz
Sgt Hollinsworth
S/Sgt Graham
Sgt Lauer
S/Sgt Crysel

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5/18/44

Lt Jones
Lt Zook
Lt Waterman
P/O Ash
S/Sgt Peyerl

S/Sgt Ussery
Sgt West
Sgt Pinkos
Sgt Rositano
Sgt Link

740

190

5/18/44

F/O Lt Pendleton
F/O Lt Butler
Lt Premik
Lt Eatz
S/Sgt Keen

351

5/18/44

T/Sgt Bearden
Sgt Groome
Sgt Counts
Sgt Adams
Sgt Goble

740

Lt Johnson
F/O Robertson
Lt Teasdale
Lt Daniels
S/Sgt Freeman

Sgt Thigpen
S/Sgt Johnson
S/Sgt Fry
Sgt Merrill
S/Sgt Jackson

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740

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5/18/44

Lt Rawls
Lt Evans
Lt Boust
Lt Ross
T/Sgt Donahue

T/Sgt Laptewicz
S/Sgt Smith
S/Sgt Orona
S/Sgt Lotines
S/Sgt Parris

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A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

18 May 1944
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L O A D I N G L I S T

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 ~~741~~ 476 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 280 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Brashear	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fortson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Muth	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. Smith

A/C NUMBER 476 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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