

Genoa Harbor Installations

Mission No. 44

19 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 49

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

19 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 49)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, ROMA, FIRENZE, BOLOGNA, and GENOVA.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) The target is GENOA HARBOR INSTALLATIONS. Secondary target LIGURE M/Y. Last resort any active M/Y in Northeastern PO VALLEY. There are fifty heavy A/A guns around GENOA.

(2) There are thirty to forty ME 109s in the BOLOGNA area and forty to fifty single engine fighters in the Northwest area.

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b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) One Group of P-38s will rendezvous at KEY POINT at 0923B at 18000 feet and provide close offensive escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will attack GENOA HARBOR INSTALLATIONS at 1000B, using 500# GP bombs with .1 second nose and half .01 second and half .025 sec tail fuzes.

3. This Group will attack in 2 units of 18 plus spares ships each, with second attack unit stacked down. Lead ships will sight for range and deflection; box leaders for range; all others toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude will be 19,500 feet, intervalometer setting 50 feet. Target elevation is sea level. Rally will be sharp right and not lower than 18,500 feet until all Groups of the 49th Wing have been cleared. Route back will be to CAPRAIA to MONTECRISTO to PONZA ISLE to Base. Each ship of lead attack unit will load three cartons of window, dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

4. No change.

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CASUALTIES					TOTAL M. I. A. KILLED OR WOUND	IN	ESORT
0	0	0	0	0			
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5. a. Command 6440 Kcs
 A. G. L. 4585 Kcs
 Interplane "B" Channel
 Collective call sign Thickrug Four
 Squadron Call signs: 740th Timid
 741st Warthog
 742nd Motion
 743rd Yachtclub
 Recall signal Lovebird
 IFF to be used as per latest instructions.

b. None.

c. (1) None.

(2) Group leader Major LANFORD
 Deputy group leader Lt. LIBERTY

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. 129,
 Plan Able.

DISTRIBUTION:

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(Annex No. 1, F.O. 49, 19 May 1944)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission 41 B-24s.
2. Group leader Major LANFORD
3. Deputy group leader Lt. LIBERTY
4. Second unit leader Major THAYER
5. Second deputy leader Lt. KEAHEY
6. Other groups on mission 456,459,454 BGs.
7. Fighter escort One Group P-38s.
8. Bomb load 10/500# GP .1 N and half
.01 and half .025 sec tail.
9. Ammunition 5200 rounds .50 calibre
- 10 Gas and oil load 2700 gals, full oil service.
- 11 Time at stations 0500B.
- 12 Take off instructions Taxi to north for takeoff
to south. T/O 0605B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
257	476	230	879	583	983
749	481	938	184	500	198
241	249	771	278	294	994
989	280	993	234	271	239
238	949	482	190	952	167
259	517	240	939	270	264
166	105	570	351	741	

- 13 Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat Wing (456,459)
at STORNARA at 3000 feet at 0703B.
2nd Combat Wing (454,455)
at SAN GIOVANNI at 4000 at 0703B.
- 14 Course to target Base to turn Point ISERNIA
(41 36N, 14 14E) to Turn Point VENAFRO
(41 29N, 14 02E) to Turn Point MONDRAGONE
(41 07N, 13 54E) to Turn Point PONZA ISLE
(40 54N, 12 58E) to Turn Point MONTECRISTO
(42 20N, 10 19E) to Key Point CAPRAIA
(43 02N, 09 49E) to IP to Target. Time at
Key Point is 0923B at 18000 feet.
- 15 Time at target 1000B.
- 16 Return course To CAPRAIA to MONTECRISTO
to PONZA ISLE to Base.
- 17 Initial Point 44 08N, 08 42E.
- 18 Axis of attack 35 Degrees Mag.
- 19 Bombing formation 9-ship front with second
attack unit stacked down.
- 20 Bombardier information Lead ship for range and de-
flection; box leaders for range; all others
toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude 19500'
Int. setting 50', IAS 160.
- 21 Direction of rally Sharp right.

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Forecast from Norge Weather for 19 May 1944

Wing bases for rendezvous: 2 to 3/10 cirrus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 10 to 15 miles in haze. Surface wind northwest 10 mph.

Route out:

From base to west coast: 4/10 cumulus at ³~~2~~ thsd, tops at ¹⁰~~25~~ thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 5/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in light haze.

From west coast to target: 3/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops 10 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 5/10 cirrus at 22 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles.

Target: 3/10 low clouds at 4 thsd tops at 10 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 5/10 cirrus at 22 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in haze. Surface wind northwest 10 mph.

Surface pressure.....30.03 inches
Surface temperature.....plus 13 deg C
Temperature at 22500 feet...minus 24 deg C

Winds aloft:

5000 feet	280 deg	15 knots
10000 feet	250 deg	25 knots
15000 feet	250 deg	35 knots
20000 feet	250 deg	40 knots
25000 feet	250 deg	45 knots

Route back:

From Target to coast: 4 to 5/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops at 10 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd top at 18 thsd. 3/10 cirrus at 22 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in haze.

Across mountains: 8/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops at 10 to 12 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd tops at 18 thsd. 3/10 cirrostratus at 22 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Scattered rain showers in mountains. Visibility 8 miles in showers.

From mountains to base: 5/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops 10 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 15 thsd top at 18 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrus at 22 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in haze.

Bases on return: 4 to 5/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops at 10 to 12 thsd. 3/10 cirrus at 22 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in haze. Surface wind southwest 8 to 10 mph.

Freezing level: 11000 feet.

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(Annex 2, F.O. 49, 44th Mission)

MISSION STATISTICS.

41 A/C Scheduled
41 Off

740th Bomb Sq:

11 A/C Off
11 Over target
10 Returned: Paci 939 landed at Alesan Field. *S-2 gave P/R on this*
1 Early return: Pendleton 190 at 0923B.
10 Prior return: Paci 939

741st Bomb Sq:

11 A/C Off
9 Over target
11 Returned
2 Early return: Casteel 249 at 0950B.
Deeble 105 at 1047B.
0 Prior return

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
9 Over target
10 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return
E/R ship # 259 Taylor

Combat time; 6:50

Single sortie credit.

743rd Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off
9 Over target
9 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return.

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455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

A.P.O. 520

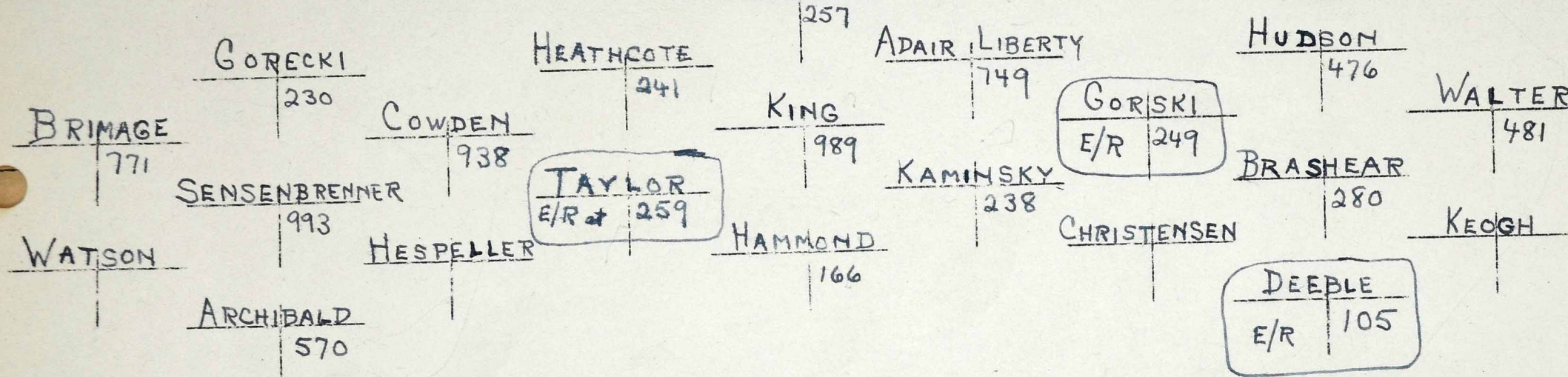
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1ST SECTION

LANFORD WELSH

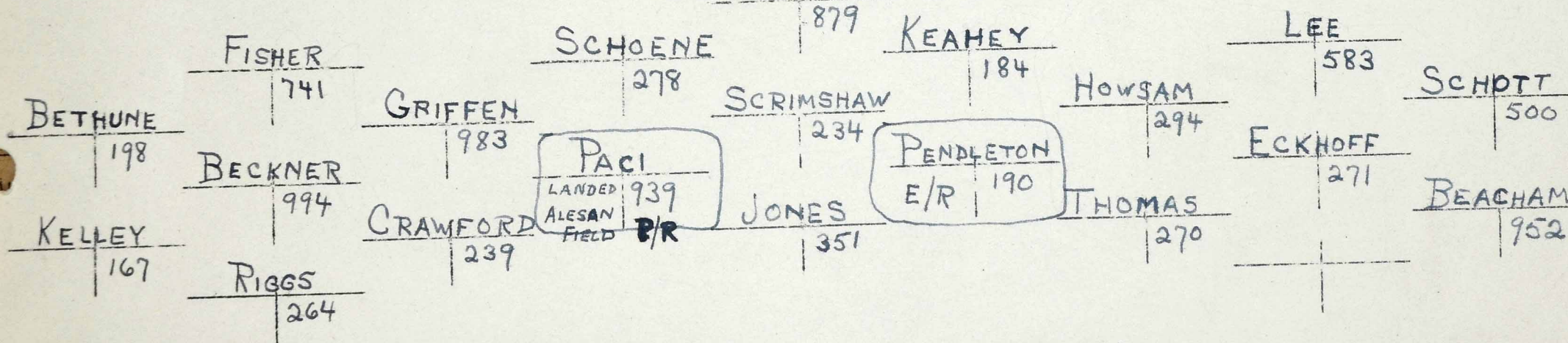
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2ND SECTION

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CASUALTIES		
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DATE 19 MAY 44

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
456th 459th 454th 455th	GENOA HARBOR INSTALLATIONS	NOU LIGURE M/Y	PO VALLEY

UNIT	A/C OFF GROUND	A/C OVER TARGET			ABORTIVES				CLAIMS			DISPOSITION OF BOMBS				A/C LOST	AMM. EXP.	CASUALTIES					
		FRI- MARY	SECON- DARY	LAST RESORT	POP 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 CURED
740	12	11	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	88	500#	0	500#	18	500#	0	4720	0	0	0	0
741	11	9	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	10	500#	10	500#	0	457	0	0	0	0
742	10	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	0	500#	10	500#	0	495	0	0	0	0
743	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	1200	0	0	0	0
GROUP	41	37	0	1	34	34	0	0	0	0	0	358	500#	10	500#	38	500#	0	7172	0	0	0	0

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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 44 DATE 19 May 1944
TOTAL TO DATE

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

A. Sorties	<u>37</u>				<u>1525</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>4</u>				<u>102</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>36</u>				<u>1357</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>89.5</u>				<u>3189.65</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>				<u>2</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>				<u>10</u>
Other	<u>0</u>				<u>6</u>
Missing	<u>0</u>				<u>3</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>	Severe	<u>1</u>	Slight	<u>29</u> <u>168</u>
Flak	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u>	"	<u>4</u> <u>8</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	"	<u>2</u>	"	<u>2</u> <u>15</u>
Other	<u>0</u>				<u>56</u>
F. Victories	<u>0</u>				<u>26</u>
Dest in Air	<u>0</u>				<u>10</u>
Probable	<u>0</u>				<u>27</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>				<u>8</u>
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>				<u>176</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>				<u>9</u>
G. Casualties	<u>0</u>				<u>4</u>
Miss in A	<u>0</u>				
Killed	<u>0</u>				
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>				

3. At 0634 hours 41 B-24's took off to bomb GENOA, Harbor Installations,

4. Escorted by sixteen to twenty P-38's.

5. a. Four ret'd early two because of inoperative superchargers, both A/C returned bombs to base. One because landing gear wouldn't lock in retracted position, returned bombs to base. One because of a feathered engine, jettisoned bombs in Adriatic Sea.
b. 1 ret'd prior

6. a. 36 A/C dropped 358 x 500 lb. (89.5 tons) G.P., .1 sec. nose and .01 and .025 (No) (type) (fusing) sec. tail. bombs on primary target at 1010 hrs. from 18,000 to 19,500 ft.

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. 36 A/C returned at 1255 hours. 1 A/C are at unknown 12th Air Force Field. place

b. A/C lost at , place circumstances

c. A/C missing and last seen at 0850 hours at 15,000 ft., place circumstances

8. Personnel casualties were , position degree of injury

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9. RESULTS: Target was picked up before beginning of bomb run, but was obscured by clouds before bombs away. During rally hits were observed on east side of harbor, and some strikes on docks, carrying over into the city proper. Smoke was seen rising from town.
10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:
- a. Fighters: P-38's were observed in fight just to left of target. At ELBA ISLAND at 0930 hours, three Me-109's were seen attacking B-26 formation at 10,000 ft, fifteen P-51's arrived on the scene and drove off attacking fighters. This Group was not attacked by any enemy aircraft.
- b. Flak: Slight, inaccurate, heavy Flak was encountered just after bombs away at the target. Slight, inaccurate, heavy flak was directed against this Group at ELBA ISLAND.
11. OBSERVATIONS:
- a. Communications:
- b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters: Large structures believed to be power house, and light buildings seen at (4420N/0920E), at 1018 hours, from 17,500 ft. At SESTRI-LEVANTE (4417N/0923E) much activity was noted in shipyard and nearby factory buildings, at 1020 hours, from 17,000 ft.
- c. Flak Positions:
- d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:
- e. Naval: Dock facilities at LA SPEZIA were covered by smoke caused by bombing, pier appeared to be well hit. LEGHORN Harbor Installations also appeared well covered by bombing. One large M/V and numerous smaller M/V's seen in harbor at GENOA.
12. WEATHER: Base to mountains 4/10 cirrus at 20,000 ft, 5/10 cumulus at 7,000 ft. West coast of Italy 10/10 altostratus at 18,000 ft. Over water to 42° N, 8/10 cumulus tops 5,000 ft. From Corsica to target altostratus and also cumulus merged into one layer tops at 15,000 ft, and 3/10 cumulus tops at 8,000 ft. Visibility 10 miles in haze. At target 9/10 altocumulus tops at 15,000 ft, and 3/10 cumulus tops at 3,000 ft. Target was seen only through very small breaks in this cover.
13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: Two K-22 cameras obtained 17 negatives of target area. Clouds obscured target.
14. COURSE: Base to (4135N/1419E) to (4129N/1404E) to (4050N/1300E) to (4112N/1217E) to (4305N/1019E) to (4320N/0940E) to I.P. to Target. Axis of Attack 355°. Target to (4305N/0955E) to (4225N/1030E) to (4101N/1356E) to Base.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

AFPO 520
18 May 1944
20,00B

455^H
Operations Order
Number 129

1. a. (1) See latest intelligence summaries.

b. (2) Operations for 19 May 1944. Plan Able. B-17's of six groups of 5th wing will attack LAVISANA railroad Bridge, TAGLIAMENTO CASARSA railroad Bridge, PORTO MARCHERA targets, RIMINI railroad Bridge; Time at Key Point (43°40'N, 14°00'E) is 09:05B. Ason force will stand down. Four groups B-24's of 47th wing will attack LA SPEZIA Commercial port and oil Depot; Time at Key Point CAPRAIA is 09:33B at 18,000 ft. Three groups B-24's of 49th wing will destroy RECCO Viaduct; Time at Key Point CAPRAIA is 09:43B. B-24's of four groups of 55th wing will attack BOLOGNA STAZIONE NUOVA M/Y, FARENZA M/Y, and FORLI M/Y; Time at Key Point (43°40'N, 14°00'E) is 09:15B. 306th wing; Fighters will provide close offensive cover to groups as follows; one group each P-38's and P-47's for 5th wing; one group P-38's for 55th wing; one group P-51's for 49th wing; and one group P-51's for 47th wing. Escort will press offensive attacks on airborne enemy wherever practicable.

2. thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all groups this wing will attack GENOA HARBOR INSTALLATIONS (See attached target charts).

SECONDARY TARGET: 1st C. Wg (456th-459th); ALESSANDRIA M/Y; Elev 310 ft; IP-BISTAGNO (44°40'N, 08°22'E); Axis of attack, 33 degrees N. Intervalometer setting 100 ft. Rally Right.

2nd C. Wg (454th-455th); NOVI LIGURE M/Y; Elev 550 ft; IP-BISTAGNO; Axis of Attack, 77 degrees N. Intervalometer setting 85 ft. Rally Right.

LAST RESORT TARGET: Any Active M/Y in Northeastern PO VALLEY

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: one group P-38's will rendezvous with bombers of this wing at KEY POINT at 09:23B at 18,000 ft and provide close offensive escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. Wg (456th-459th) at STORNARA at 3000 ft at 07:03B.

2nd C. Wg (454th-455th) at SAN GIOVANNI at 4000 ft at 07:03B.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Turn point ISERNIA (41°36'N, 14°14'E) to Turn point VENAFRO (41°29'N, 14°02'E) to Turn point MONDRAGONE (41°07'N, 13°54'E) to Turn point PONZA ISLE (40°54'N, 12°53'E) to Turn point MONTECRISTO (42°20'N, 10°19'E) to KEY POINT CAPRAIA (43°02'N, 09°49'E) to IP to target. Time at KEY POINT is 09:23B at 18,000 ft.

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INITIAL POINT: 44°08'N, 08°42'E.
 AXIS OF ATTACK: 35 degrees N.
 TARGET TIME: 10:00G.
 BOMBING ALTITUDE: 456th BG-19,500 ft; 459th BG-20,500 ft;
 454th BG-21,500 ft; 455th BG-19,500 ft.
 BOMBING FORMATION: 9-ship front for all groups. Second attack units stacked down.
 TARGET ELEVATION: Sea Level.
 RALLY: Sharp Right.
 ROUTE BACK: TO CAPRAIA to MONTECRISTO to PONZA ISLE to Base.

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

4. Omitted.

5. Command on 6440 KC for bomber to bomber and VHF channel "A" for bombers and fighters. Collective call signs for bombers (456th BG-THICKRUG ONE) (459th BG-THICKRUG TWO) (454th BG-THICKRUG THREE) (455th BG-THICKRUG FOUR). Call signs for fighters (14th FG-GREENBERG).

Recall signal; LOVEBIRD

Air force formation; column of wings as follows:

ADRIATIC ROUTE: 5th wing leading with 55th second.

LIGURIAN SEA ROUTE: 304th wing leading with 47th second, and 49th wing third.

Window will be employed in accordance with standard operating procedure. Each aircraft of lead attack unit of each group will load three cartons of window; dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

Pathfinder will stand down.

Axis of attack of 49th wing on RECCO viaduct is 45 degrees N. bombing altitude below 18,000 ft. on this wings rally, the groups might cross over the 49th wing groups which may be on bombing run. Groups of this wing will not descend below 18,500 ft on rally until they have cleared all groups of 49th wing if this occurs.

By order of Colonel UPHERROVE:

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

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 W. JOHNSON, R.V.
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RADIO

S/SGT LUBECK
SGT MANNING
SGT PIERCE
S/SGT CARNEY
S/SGT JACKSON

LT GRIFFIN
LT LEBSOCK
LT GILLIAM
LT STEWARDSON
TOP TURRET GNR SGT LOUHAN-

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T/SGT RUNDLE
S/SGT ANDERSON
S/SGT HANIDES
S/SGT SUMAKIS SCHMAUS
S/SGT KUCHARIK

LT FISHER
LT FABIAN
LT BLACKER
LT LAFLEY
T/SGT KING

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T/SGT COLLUM
SGT FISHER
S/SGT GRELAND
YOUS SGT
SGT FOWLER

LT BETHUNE
LT ADKISSON
LT KERMES

T/SGT RILEY

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T/SGT BECK
S/SGT SUMAKIS
S/SGT HAYES
S/SGT HARRIS
S/SGT SYMKOWICZ

LT BECKNER
LT ENSMINGER
F/O BRANDSTETTER
LT CAMPBELL
T/SGT JOHNSON

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T/SGT DESELMS
S/SGT CRYSEL
S/SGT FORTSON
S/SGT METRIK
S/SGT FAUT
S/SGT ALT

LT CRAWFORD
LT JOHNSON, R.W.
LT ANNALA

T/SGT ILBURG

NOSE GUNNER

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

S/SGT LEWIS
SGT MARTIN
SGT MACORMIC
SGT EARLE
SGT HARPER

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LT RIGGS
LT BURKE
LT WHIDDEN
LT BERCIK
T/SGT STROHMEIER

T/SGT MCKNIGHT
S/SGT WINDSAND
S/SGT RUSHMORE
S/SGT KOLBE
S/SGT JOHNSTON

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LT SCRIMSHAW
LT GRISSON
LT BLANCO
LT STELLE
S/SGT ANGELIDES

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

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LT JONES
LT ZOOK
LT WATERMAN
F/O ASH
SGT PEYERL

SGT USSERY
SGT WEST
SGT LINK
SGT ROSITANO
PINKOS SGT.

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LT PACI
LT MURPHY
LT EMERY
LT SWANSON
S/SGT DU BEAU

S/SGT SCHOENE
A-SGT JOZEFOWIC Z
SGT HOLLINGSWORTH
S/SGT HAVERS.
SGT LAUER

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

19 May 1944.
 (DATE)

L O A D I N G L I S T

A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Gorski	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Otte
CO-PILOT	Lt. Smith	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Gardner
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hale	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Singer
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hassely	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Porter
RADIO	Sgt. Vicinski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moriarty

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

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
RADIO	Sgt. Beard	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Carson

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

A/C NUMBER 241 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. Miller	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kerr
RADIO	Sgt. Bhotwell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bennett

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A/C NUMBER 517 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 166 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. McMahon	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Curtiss
RADIO	Sgt. (Siemon)	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Markoski
Nose	Sgt. Delozier		

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Adair	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Watson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Liberty	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Cornell
NAVIGATOR	Lt. McWilliams	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Logue
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McCracken	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Lundquist
RADIO	Sgt. Dandy	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Puslat

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 257 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Major Lanford	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT	Major Welsh	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Boasi
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cahill, Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Libby
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Loercher	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moran
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kennington

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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COMBAT LOADING LIST

19 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Crews Completing Mission on 19 May 1944.

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

SHIP 4952 (2-2-5)		SHIP 4271 (2-2-6)		SHIP 4270 (2-2-5) 740 Ship	
P	CARLTON, W.C. F/O	P/O	MAURER, M.	Lt.	THOMAS, J.R.
CP	DUDZIA, P.A. 2nd Lt.	Lt.	FREIHIT, W.W.	Lt.	ROSE, D.C.
B	Ogg, D.E. Sgt.	Sgt.	Gulley, C.H.	Sgt.	GROSSMAN, B.M.
NOSE G	Starick, H. Sgt.	Sgt.	Fe...	Sgt.	VERKERTIS, F.S.
TOP	SHIP 993	SHIP 570	SHIP 482	SHIP 230	SHIP 771
WAIST R	Nave, D.F. Sgt.	Sgt.	Chlan, R.D. Sgt.	Sgt.	Balla, D. Sgt.
WAIST L	LT SENSENBRENNER	LT ARHCIBALD	LT HESPELER	LT GORECKI	LT BRIMAGE
BALL	LT RIDDEL	LT RAMSTAD	LT BUNT	LT SWARTZ	LT HAWLEY
TAIL	LT POWELL	LT BARNARD	LT HIATT	LT HOLT	LT TOLAR
	LT MCGRANE	LT MACEDO	LT SMITH	LT GIOVANNITTI	LT PICKERILL
	NERREN	SEILER	WILSON	GRANES	STINSON
P	JASTRZEMBOWSKI	MADZIK	HEMPHILL	WANTUCK	SCHOTT, Lt.
CP	SELLARS	HACHEY	SPOTTS	STEWART	TICKET, F/O
N	PLOWMAN	ABBONDONDELO	YEE	TALKINGTON	BLANCO Lt.
B	RENNER	TEISINGER	RHODES	LECONTE	ROCK, P. Lt.
NOSE G	SCOTT	TODD	VIKEN	REESE	Floyd, V. Sgt.
TOP	Rees, R.E. Sgt.	Sgt.	Cochrane, P.P. Sgt.	Sgt.	Klinek, A.J. Sgt.
WAIST R	Balchunas, A. Sgt.	Sgt.	Baird, R.N. Sgt.	Sgt.	Parks, E. Sgt.
WAIST L	Wallace, E.N. Sgt.	Sgt.	Wissler, P.A. Sgt.	Sgt.	Levasseur, W.P. Sgt.
BALL	SHIP 938	SHIP 240	SHIP 259	SHIP 989	SHIP 238
TAIL G	LT COWDEN	LT WATSON	LT TAYLOR	LT KING	LT KAMINSKY
	LT FLEMING	LT SWANNER	LT MCKEE	LT DAESCHNER	LT KIESELLBACK
	LT TAYLOR	LT HERMAN	LT ROTHER	LT EPPERSON	LT MCCAULEY
P	BOUCHER	LT NELSON	LT BOULWARE	LT SANTINA	LT SPIER
CP	WASHBURN	BOUDEUR	WILSON	SHOLLENBERGER	SCHIAVO Lt.
N	BAKOS	THOMAS	SPRADLING	HARDY	GROSS, J. Lt.
B	BODMAN	BLUMBERG	RUST	LOCKARD	BORAN, B. Lt.
NOSE G	MATHESON	PRATT	STAPLETON	SUMNER	Dean, M. Sgt.
TOP	AMES	LACEY	JOHNSON	KIMSEY	Collins, Sgt.
WAIST R	Bates, J.F. Sgt.	Sgt.	MILLER	DOYLE	Pendleton, Sgt.
WAIST L	Cushing, W.L. Sgt.	Sgt.	Bush, D.P. Sgt.	PALOMBO	Kohnke, F.B. Sgt.
BALL	Palser, P.N. Sgt.	Sgt.	Catt, J.L. Sgt.		Derrick, C.E. Sgt.
TAIL G	Berg, H.C. Sgt.	Sgt.	Owens, B.S. Sgt.		Lafollette, J.H. Sgt.
	TARGET _____				PHOTO Peige, F.H. Sgt.

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 Operations Officer.

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	<u>SHIP #952 (2-2-5)</u>		<u>SHIP #271 (2-2-6)</u>		<u>SHIP #270 (2-2-5) 740 Ship</u>
P	BEACHAM, L.L.	1st Lt.	ECKHOFF, A.E.	Lt.	THOMAS, J.H.
CP	CARLTON, W.C.	F/O	MAURER, M.	F/O	ROSE, R.C.
N	HART, C.L.	2nd Lt.	CAPLE, R.V.	Lt.	GROSSMAN, B.M.
B	DUDZIK, T.A.	2nd Lt.	FREIHEIT, W.W.	Lt.	VERKETIS, F.S.
NOSE G	Ogg, D.E.	Sgt.	Gulley, C.H.	Sgt.	Shallow, J.B.
TOP TUR	Patterick, H.O.	Sgt.	Ferbanis, J.	Sgt.	Bails, D.R.
WAIST R	Hays, D.F.	Sgt.	Chlan, R.D.	Sgt.	Burkhardt, G.
WAIST L	Conrad, C.O.	Sgt.	Vojtko, J.M.	Sgt.	Herlihy, J.J.
BALL TUR	Simeroth, R.B.8	Sgt.	Olsowsky, E.E.	Sgt.	Peterson, D.E.
TAIL G	Place, J.R.	Sgt.	Everhart, H.B.	S/Sgt.	Ramsay, C.P.
	<u>SHIP #184 (2-1-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #294 (2-2-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #500 (2-1-2)</u>
P	KEAHEY, G.O.	Lt.	HOWSAM, E.R.	Lt.	SCHOTT, R.H.
CP	REGAN, M.	Lt.	STERLING, R.N.	Lt.	TIGERT, H.E.
N	SPICER, C.B.	Lt.	STOPA, L.A.	Lt.	GERATY, D.F.
B	MANNING, H.L.	Lt.	GUDMUNDSON, R.E.	Lt.	BOCK, P.
NOSE G	Moore, F.M.	Sgt.	Todoro, A.	Sgt.	Floyd, V.L.
TOP TUR	Rees, R.E.	Sgt.	Cochrane, W.P.	Sgt.	Klinek, A.J.
WAIST R	Balchunas, A.	Sgt.	Baird, R.M.	Sgt.	Parks, E.
WAIST L	Wallace, E.N.	Sgt.	Wiesler, R.A.	Sgt.	Levasseur, W.F.
BALL TUR	Thiel, J.J.	Sgt.	Kapitzke, L.E.	Sgt.	Sadler, J.R.
TAIL G	McNeil, D.R.	Sgt.	Dandenault, E.C.	Sgt.	Fuller, M.
	<u>SHIP #278 (2-1-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #879 (2-1-1)</u>		<u>SHIP #583 (2-2-1)</u>
P	SCHOENE, H.R.	Lt.	BELLEMERE, D.G.	Capt.	LEE, O.I.
CP	COLMAN, O.C.	Lt.	BECHTOLD, WIC.	Capt.	DENTON, C.A.
N	HAYWOOD, R.F.	Lt.	BROOKSHIRE, B.H.	Capt.	GROSS, J.
B	DAVIS, R.J.	Lt.	BROWN, L.V.	Lt.	HORAN, B.D.
NOSE G	Roth, E.J.	Sgt.	Murray, V.E.	S/Sgt.	Dean, M.H.
TOP TUR	Lumpkin, L.F.	Sgt.	Ingalls, R.D.	Sgt.	Collins, J.M.
WAIST R	Bates, J.E.	Sgt.	Vance, D.S.	Sgt.	Pendlton, P.C.
WAIST L	Cushing, W.L.	Sgt.	Bush, D.D.	Sgt.	Kohnke, E.B.
BALL TUR	Palmer, F.W.	Sgt.	Catt, J.L.	Sgt.	Derrick, C.E.
TAIL G	Berg, H.C.	Sgt.	Owens, B.G.	Sgt.	Lafollette, J.H.
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