

Mission No. 47

24 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 52



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

24 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)  
NUMBER 52)

Maps: 1/500,000 Of NAPOLI, CHIETI, FIUME, and GRAZ.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is the MUNCHENDORF A/D; secondary target is GRAZ THALHEROF A/D; last resort is ZAGREB A/D Installations and BIHAC Troop Concentrations. There are 346 heavy A/A guns in WIEN area of which 50-75 may bear on briefed route.

(2) There are 125 enemy fighters over the target and 30-40 enroute.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) One Group P-51s will line rendezvous with bombers of this Wing at 46 35N 14 47E at 0933B and provide close escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will rendezvous with the 456th Bomb Group at STORNARA at 3000 feet at 0720B and attack MUNCHENDORF A/D at 1030B, using fragmentation bombs, clustered.

3. This Group will attack in two units of 18 plus spares ships each; 18 ship front with second elements unbalanced to right; second unit will be stacked up. Attack unit leaders sight for range and deflection; box leaders for rate; all others toggle on box lead. Bombing altitude will be 19,000 feet; intervalometer setting 250 feet; target elevation 590 feet. Rally right with 30 degree turn east of WEINER NEUSTADT. Avoid flying over SOPRON (47 42N 16 35E) so as to avoid flak. On leaving target descend to 12,000 feet or 1000 feet above overcast at not more than 500 feet per minute and at sufficiently reduced speed to enable stragglers to regain formation. Route back: To Rally Point FURSTENFELD (47 03N 16 05E) to Turn Point DRVNIK (43 27N 16 09E) to Base. Maximum PATHFINDER Force will lead. All aircraft will load four cartons of window and dispensing will begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

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(Field Order 52, Continued)

4. No change.

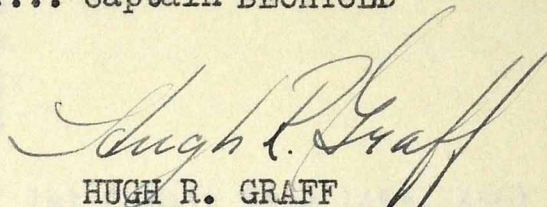
5. a. Command ..... 6440 Kcs.  
A. G. L. .... 4585 Kcs.  
Interplane ..... VHF Channel "A"  
Collective call sign ..... Foothold One One.  
Squadron call signs: 740th ..... Sungold  
741st ..... Whirling  
742nd ..... Whitecap  
743rd ..... Shortcut.  
Recall signal ..... Partial.

b. None.

c. (1) None.

(2) Group leader ..... Major GRAFF  
Deputy group leader ..... Captain BECHTOLD

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 134, Plan Able.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 ea Sq Opns
- 1 Gp S-2
- 1 Gp S-3.



BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission ..... 39 B-24s
2. Group leader ..... Major GRAFF
3. Deputy group leader ..... Captain BECHTOLD
4. Second unit leader ..... Lieut. BOWERS
5. Second deputy leader ..... Lieut. KEOGH
6. Other Groups on Mission ..... 456, 454, 459 BGs.
7. Fighter escort ..... One Group P-51s.
8. Bomb load ..... Frags, clustered.
9. Ammunition carried ..... 5200 rounds .50 cal.
10. Fuel load ..... 2700 gals gas, full oil service.
11. Time at stations ..... 0510B.
12. Take off instructions ..... Taxi to south at 0610B for T/O  
to north at 0620B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack unit			2nd Attack unit.		
887	120	983	749	166	261
764	271	208	476	249	989
278	283	198	855	280	771
264	879	270	494	481	200
994	982	939	570	949	259
190	583	492	240	517	938
274			099		993

13. Bomber rendezvous ..... 1st Combat Wing (455, 456) at  
STORNARA at 3000 feet at 0720B.  
2nd Combat Wing (459, 454) at  
GIULIA at 4000 feet at 0723B.
14. Course out ..... Base to 41 50N 16 20E to Turn Point  
43 10N 14 40E to Key Point OSTARIJE (45 14N 15 17E  
to Turn Point LITIJA (46 03N 14 50E) to Turn Point  
ZELJWEG (47 11N 14 45E) to Turn Point PRINZENS DORF  
(48 12N 15 30E) to IP to Target. Key Point at 0903B  
at 14000 feet.
15. Initial Point ..... NEULENGBACH (48 12N 15 55E)
16. Time at target ..... 1030B.
17. Return course ..... To rally point FURSTENFELD (47 03N  
16 05E) to Turn Point VRBPOVEC (45 53N 16 25E) to  
Turn Point DRVNIK (43 27N 16 09E) to Base.
18. Axis of attack ..... 119 degrees Mag.
19. Bombing formation ..... 18-ship front with second elements  
unbalanced to right. Second attack unit stacked up.
20. Bombardier information ..... Attack unit leaders sight for range  
and deflection; box leaders for rate; all others  
toggle on box-lead. Bombing altitude 19000 feet;  
intervalometer setting 250 feet; target elevation  
590 feet.



cast from Norge weather for 24 May 1944

PLAN ABLE

Wing bases for rendezvous: 1 to 2/10 stratocumulus at 4 thsd tops at 6 thsd. 1/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 13 thsd. 1/10 cirrostratus at 24 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles. Surface wind 270 deg 10 mph.

Route out:

From bast to Adriatic: Same as base except stratus over spur.

From Spur to head of Adriatic: 5 to 6/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 6 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 13 thsd. 2/10 cirrostratus at 24 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 20 to 30 miles.

Across Dinaric Alps: 7 to 9/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 7 thsd. 5/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 6/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in light haze.

From mountains to target: 5 to 6/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd decreasing to the North. 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 5 to 6/10 cirrus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd.

Target: 3/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 miles in light haze. Surface wind 300 deg 10 mph.

Surface pressure.....30.18 inches
Surface temperature.....plus 11 deg C
Temperature at 22500 feet.....minus 24 deg C

Winds aloft: 5000 feet 320 deg 20 knots, visibility 15 to 20 miles. 10000 feet 300 deg 30 knots. 15000 feet 290 deg 30 knots. 20000 feet 310 deg 35 knots. 25000 feet 310 deg 40 knots. Visibility 15 to 20 miles in light haze.

Route back:

From target to mountains: Same as route out.

Across mountains to coast: 7 to 9/10 cumulus at 3 thsd top at 10 to 12 thsd. 4 to 5/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 15 thsd. 6/10 cirrus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Light showers over mountains. Visibility 15 miles.

Across Adriatic to target: 2 to 3/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 5 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 5/10 cirrus at 24 thsd tops at 26 thsd. Visibility 20 miles in light haze.

Bases on return: 4/10 cumulus at 4 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrostratus at 24 thsd tops at 26 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles in light haze. Surface wind 20 deg 13 mph.

Freezing level: 7000 feet. Surface temperature...plus 21 deg



PLAN BAKER

gases for rendezvous: Same as plan ABLE

Route out:

From base to west coast: 6 to 8/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 7 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd top at 14 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrostratus at 24 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles in haze.

Along coast to 44 deg North: 5/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd top at 6 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd top at 14 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility 20 miles in light haze.

From 44 deg N to target: 6 to 8/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd top at 8 thsd. 3 to 4/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd.

Target: 6/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 3/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility A/C to ground 15 miles in light haze. Surface wind 60 deg 8 mph. Surface pressure.....30.03 inches  
Surface temperature..... plus 16 deg C  
Temperature at 22500 feet..minus 22 deg C

Winds aloft:

5000 feet	320 deg	25 knots
10000 feet	300 deg	30 knots
15000 feet	300 deg	30 knots
20000 feet	350 deg	35 knots
25000 feet	350 deg	40 knots

Route back:

From target to 44 deg North: 6 to 8/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 10 thsd. 3 to 4/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles.

Across penninsula: 5 to 6/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 10 thsd. 4/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd top at 25 thsd. Visibility 20 miles in light haze.

ases on return: Same as plan ABLE

PLAN CHARLIE

ases for rendezvous: Same as plan ABLE.

om base to west coast: Same as plan BAKER.

om west coast to target: 5/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd tops at 6 thsd. 3 to 4/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 14 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 20 miles in haze.

et: 3/10 stratocumulus at 3 thsd top at 6 thsd. 2/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd top at 14 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrostratus at 23 thsd tops at 25 thsd. Visibility 20 miles. Surface wind 315 deg 10 mph. Surface pressure.....29.94 inches Surface temperature....plus 21 deg C  
Temperature at 22500 feet.....minus 22 deg C



5000 feet 320 deg 30 knots  
 10000 feet 310 deg 35 knots  
 15000 feet 300 deg 35 knots  
 (Annex 2, Field) 20000 feet 320 deg 40 knots  
 25000 feet 320 deg 40 knots

Route back:

MISSION STATISTICS.

From target to coast: Same as route out.  
 Across peninsula: Same as plan BAKER.  
 Off. Not off: 740th Sq, Moore #239 - no navigator.  
 Wing bases on return: 741st Same as plan ABLE. back on taxi strip.  
 743rd Sq, Young #232 - no crew.

740th Bomb Sq:

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9 A/C Off  
 9 Over target  
 8 Returned  
 0 Early Return  
 0 Prior return  
 1 Missing in action: Jones 3190.

741st Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off  
 7 Over target  
 9 Returned  
 2 Early Return: Mangeroni #166 at 0831 - #4 prop gov inop  
 Gorski #099 at 0953 - couldn't find formation.  
 1 Prior return: Hammond 517 at 1020E - nose wheel actuating cylinder leak.  
 1 Missing in action - Brashear #280.

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off  
 8 Over target  
 10 Returned  
 0 Early return  
 2 Prior return: Brinage #771 at 1037 - nose and tail turret out.  
 Montgomery #993 at 1043 - #14 cylinder blown.

743rd Bomb Sq:

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

Double sortie credit

Combat time 6:20



(Annex 2, Field Order 52, 47th Mission)

MISSION STATISTICS.

42 A/C Scheduled.

39 Off. Not off: 740th Sq, Moore #239 - no navigator.  
741st Sq, Casteel #241 - stuck on taxi strip.  
743rd Sq, Young #232 - no crew.

740th Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off  
9 Over target  
8 Returned  
0 Early Return  
0 Prior return  
1 Missing in action: Jones 3190.

741st Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off  
7 Over target  
9 Returned  
2 Early Return: Nangeroni #166 at 0831 - #4 prop gov inop  
Gorski #099 at 0950 - couldn't find formation.  
1 Prior return: Hammond 517 at 1020B - nose wheel actuating cylinder leak.  
1 Missing in action - Brashear #280.

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off  
8 Over target  
10 Returned  
0 Early return  
2 Prior return: Brimage #771 at 1037 - nose and ball turret out.  
Montgomery #993 at 1043 - #14 cylinder blown.

743rd Bomb Sq:

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

Double sortie credit

Combat time 6:20



455<sup>th</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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FORMATION DIAGRAM

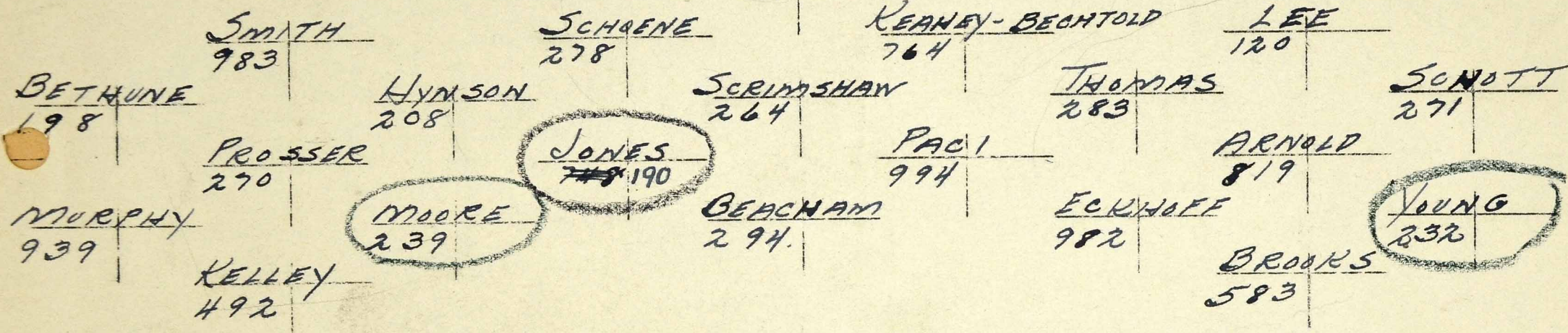
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GRAFF-BELLEMEERE

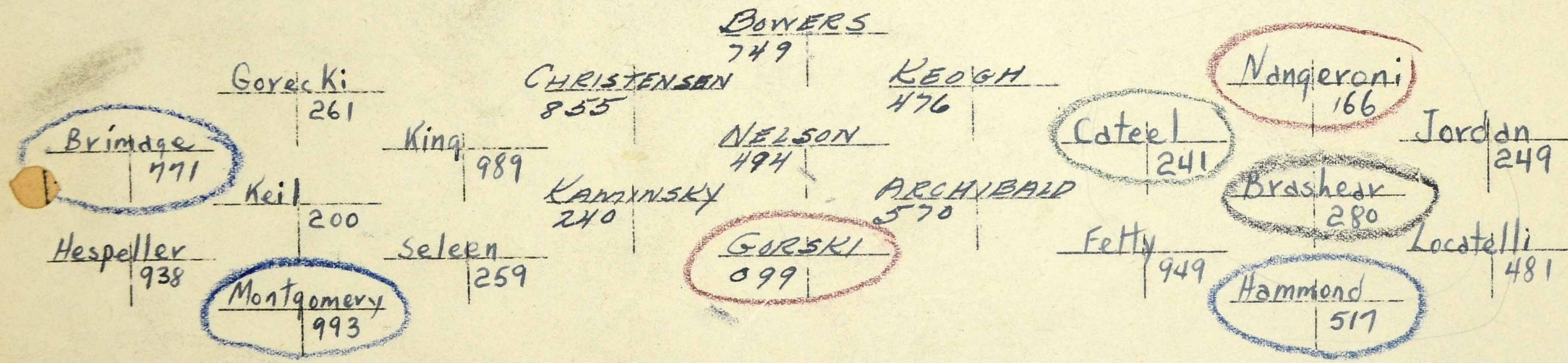
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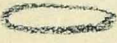



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2<sup>ND</sup> SECTION



-  Did not Take Off
-  Early Returns
-  Prior Returns
-  MIA

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MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 24 MAY 1944

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
455, 456, 459, 454 H	MUNCHENDORF A/D	GRAZ THALERHOF A/D	ZAGREB A/D

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	TOTAL ABOR.	MECH-FAIL-URE	ARM-FAIL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	JETTISONED NO.	BROUGHT BACK NO.	LOST			TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED	IN-CURED		
740	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1980	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	40 100#	1	4800	10	10	0	0
741	10	7	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1560	40 100#	0	40 100#	720	40 100#	1	667	10	0	4	6
742	10	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1680	40 100#	480	40 100#	240	40 100#	0	530	0	0	0	0
743	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2040	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	500	0	0	0	0
GROUP	39	33	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	7260	40 100#	480	40 100#	960	40 100#	2	4977	20	10	4	6



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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 47 DATE 24 May 1944

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY TOTAL TO DATE

A. Sorties	<u>39</u>			<u>1636</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>2</u>			<u>111</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>33</u>			<u>1775</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>73.20</u>			<u>3398.75</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>1</u>			<u>2</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>			<u>10</u>
Other	<u>0</u>			<u>6</u>
Missing	<u>1</u>			<u>4</u>
Damaged Flak	<u>12</u>	Severe	<u>11</u> Slight	<u>41 - 180</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u> "	<u>4 - 8</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u> "	<u>2 - 16</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>0</u>			<u>56</u>
Probable	<u>0</u>			<u>46</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>20</u>			<u>206</u>
Killed	<u>0</u>			<u>9</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>			<u>4</u>

3. At 0620 hours 39 B-24's took off to bomb MUNCHENDORF A/D

4. Escorted by 44 P-47's

5. a. 2 ret'd early 1 because of inoperative turbo; 1 took off late and could not catch the formation.

b. 3 ret'd prior 1 because of hydraulic leaks in nose wheel cylinder; 1 because nose and ball turret was inoperative; 1 because of feathered engine, jettisoned 240 bombs at 4500N/1500E.

6. a. 19 A/C dropped 4080 x 20 lb. (40.8 tons) frag, instantaneous bombs on Primary (No) target at 1015 hrs. from 19,000 to 21,500 ft. (type) (fusing)

b.      of above      x      lb. (     tons)      place      reasons

c. 14 dropped 3240 x 20 lb. (32.4 tons) bombs on VARAZDIN M/Y at 1047 hours from 15000 ft. The second attack unit did not drop on the primary because of overcast. Varazdin M/Y was a target of opportunity. other target, where, why

d.      returned      x      lb. bombs to base      give disposition of any bombs not dropped      give reasons

e. 1 jettisoned 240 x 20 lb. bombs at 4720N/1620E. One engine was feathered and the plane had to lighten its load.      place, reasons.

7. a. 37 A/C returned at 1245 hours.      A/C are at     

b. 1 A/C lost at 1025, 4750N/1639E. The ship was hit by      place      Five chutes were seen to open.      time      place      circumstances

c. 1 A/C missing and last seen at 1019, 4746N/1623E Plane left the formation in no apparent trouble, last      time      place      in level flight.      circumstances

8. Personnel casualties were     ,      position      degree of injury

240  
4080  
1440

4080  
3240  
240  
240  
7800

4080  
3240  
7320

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9360  
7800  
1560

7800  
1440  
9240

9360  
9240  
120

39  
240  
1560  
78  
9360

240  
240  
1440  
1920



C O N F I D E N T I A L

9. RESULTS:

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE: None encountered  
a. Fighters:

b. Flak: Intense, very accurate, heavy flak was encountered at the target. En route the formation encountered moderate, accurate, heavy flak at BRUCK 4725N/1517E; moderate, accurate, heavy flak at ST. MICHAELS (4721N/1502E); moderate, accurate, heavy flak at GRAZ (4707N/1526E); moderate to intense, accurate, heavy flak at ZELTWEG (4713N/1455E).

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: At ZELTWEG M/Y (4713N/1455E) at 0940 hours from 18200 feet 30 cars were observed in the yards. At KLAGENFURT M/Y (4638N/1419E) at 0957 hours from 19000 ft. an abundance of rolling stock was seen in the M/Y. At BOS KRUPA (4453N/1609E) at 1002 hours from 18000 ft, approximately 100 cars were observed in the M/Y. At SISAK (4529N/1622E) at 1042 hours from 14000 ft, 60 cars noted in M/Y. At 4503N/1623E at 1110 hours from 14000 ft, a large convoy of 20 to 30 vehicles were observed headed SW towards BIHAC.

b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters:  
25 S/E aircraft were seen at ST. POLTEN A/D (4813N/1538E) at 1002 hours from 19000 ft. At 4811N/1530E at 1000 hours from 22000 ft, an A/D was observed with 35 A/C on the field.

c. Flak Positions:

d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:

e. Naval: 1 large naval vessel was observed off the coast of Yugoslavian coast at 4350N/1530E at 1135 hours from 10,800 feet.

12. WEATHER: On the route out across the Adriatic there was 2 to 3/10 stratocumulus with tops at 6000 ft. The visibility over water was 10 miles in haze. Across the mountains and northward to about 47 degrees North there was 10/10 undercast of altocumulus with tops at 14000 ft. North of 47 degrees the layer of Altocumulus broke up so that in the Danube valley and the target area there was 4/10 altocumulus, tops at 14000 feet. Over the latter part of the route the visibility was 8 miles in haze. In the target area there was 4/10 altocumulus with tops at 14,000 feet, and patches of cirrostratus above the formation. The visibility in the target area was 4 miles in haze since the bomb run was made into the sun.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN:

4 A/C taking photos. About 4/10 cloud covered.

14. COURSE: ROUTE OUT: Base to 4150N/1620E to 4310N/1440E to 4515N/1505E to 4710N/1450E to 4813N/1530E to IP to target. Time 1013 heading 176°. ROUTE BACK: Target to 4700N/1605E to 4523N/1625E to 4530N/1610E to 4418N/1550E to 4345N/1545E to Base.

Time Received \_\_\_\_\_

Time Forwarded \_\_\_\_\_

Initials/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Initials/Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Axis of attack was into the sun. An 4/10 cloud cover casting shadows on the ground, plus heavy ground haze and 4 mile visibility made target difficult to pick up. Target sighted on beginning of bomb run. Cloud over target made observation difficult.

Lead ship received direct hit in nose on beginning of bomb run which broke glass in sight. Bombs were salvoed.

First attack unit bombed on leader.

Preliminary study of photos show bombs striking east and south of airfield approximately 2 miles.

Second attack unit did not pick up bombs away of first attack unit and failing to pick up the target did not drop.

Second attack unit dropped on Marshalling Yard at Varazdin reporting hits on Railroad and Warehouse.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

AP0 520  
23 May 1944

455  
Operations Order  
Number 134

1. a. (1) See latest Intelligence Summaries.
- b. (2) Operations for 24 May 1944. Plan Able. Six groups B-17's 5th Wing will attack targets as follows: Two groups employing Azon will destroy AVISIO RR Bridge; four groups will destroy ATZGERSDORF A/C Factory at 1110B. Key Point time for all groups is 0940B. B-24's of four groups 47th Wing will destroy WOLLERSDORF A/D Installations at 1040B. Time at Key Point is 0918B. B-24's of three groups 49th Wing will attack WOLLERSDORF A/D Installations at 1050B. Time at Key Point is 0928B. B-24's of four groups of 55th Wing will attack WOLLERSDORF A/D Installations at 1100B. Time at Key Point is 0938B. 306th Wing:

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all groups this Wing will frag MUNCHENDORF A/D.

TARGET: See attached Target Charts and Photos.

SECONDARY TARGET: GRAZ THALERHOF A/D; IP - BERNDORF (46°58'N, 15°47'E); Axis of attack 278° M; Elev 1096 ft; Intervalometer setting, 455th, 456th, 459th BG's 250 ft; 454th BG 200 ft; Rally left.

LAST RESORT: ZAGREB A/D Installations and BIHAC Troop Concentrations.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: See paragraph 1, b, (2).

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. Wing (455th - 456th) at STORNARA at 3000 ft at 0720B.

2nd C. Wing (459th - 454th) at GIULIA at 4000 ft at 0723B.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to 41°50'N, 16°20'E to Turn point 43°10'N, 14°40'E to Key Point OSTARIJE (45°14'N, 15°17'E) to Turn Point LITIJA (46°03'N, 14°50'E) to Turn Point ZELJEWG (47°11'N, 14°45'E) to Turn Point PRINZENS DORF (48°12'N, 15°30'E) to IP to Target. Time at Key Point is 0903B at 14,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: NEULENGBACH (48°12'N, 15°55'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 119 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: 1030B.

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BOMBING ALTITUDE: 455th BG - 19,000 ft; 456th BG - 20,000 ft;

459th BG - 21,000 ft; 454th BG - 22,000 ft;

BOMBING FORMATION: 18 ship front with 2nd elements unbalanced to right for all groups. *Second Attack Units stacked up.*

TARGET ELEVATION: 590 ft.

RALLY: Right with 30 degree turn East of WEINER NEUSTADT. Avoid flying over SOPRON (47°42'N, 16°35'E) so as to avoid flak.

ROUTE BACK: To Rally Point FURSTENFELD (47°03'N, 16°05'E) to Turn Point VRBPOVEC (45°53'N, 16°25'E) to Turn Point DRVNIK (43°27'N, 16°09'E) to Bases.

3. x. All groups load fragmentation bombs, clustered. Intervalometer setting for all groups 250 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 (455th BG - FOOTHOLD ONE ONE) (456th BG - FOOTHOLD ONE TWO) (459th BG - FOOTHOLD ONE THREE) (454th BG - FOOTHOLD ONE FOUR). Call signs for fighters:

Recall Signal: PARTIAL

Air Force formation will be close left echelon of Wings with 304th Wing leading, 47th Wing second, 49th Wing third, 55th Wing fourth and 5th Wing fifth. Two groups of 5th Wing attacking AVISIO will be last groups of Air Force formation.

Maximum PATHFINDER force will lead all groups.

Window will be dispensed in accordance with standard operating procedure. All aircraft will load four cartons of window; dispensing will begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

On leaving target, bombers will descend to 12,000 ft altitude or 1,000 ft above overcast at not more than 500 feet per minute and at sufficiently reduced airspeed to enable stragglers to regain formation positions.

By order of Colonel UPHEGROVE:

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Assistant A-3.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

APO 520  
24 May 1944  
0200B  
S/sgt Good  
S/sgt Carringer

455  
SUPPLEMENT TO:

O.O. #134

1. b. (2) 306th Wing: One group P-47's will rendezvous with AF formation at 0903B at Key Point (45°14'N, 15°17'E) and provide general cover to maximum limit of range on penetration. Fighters will provide close cover on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal to wings as follows: one group P-38's with the 47th and 49th Wing, one group P-38's with 55th Wing, one group P-51's with large formation of 5th Wing and one group P-38's with two groups B-17's attacking AVISIO.

304th Wing Escort: one group P-51's will line rendezvous with bombers of this wing at 46°35'N, 14°47'E at 0933B and provide close escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.

5. Call signs for fighters: General Penetration escort (325th FG - BREWER ONE). Close escort for this wing (31st FG - BREWER TWO).

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

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WILLIAM R. LARGE, JR.,  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps,  
Assistant A-3.

Lt ...  
Lt ...  
Lt ...  
Lt ...  
S/sgt Angelina

S/sgt ...  
S/sgt ...  
S/sgt ...

Lt ...  
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740th

983

5/24/44

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

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

740

208

5/24/44

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

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

740

939

5/24/44

Lt Murphy  
Lt Russell  
Lt Emery  
Lt Swanson  
T/Sgt Barrons

Sgt Schoene  
Sgt Jozefowicz  
S/sgt Hollinsworth  
S/sgt Graham  
Sgt Lauer

740

264

5/24/44

Lt Scrimshaw  
Lt Grissom  
Lt Blanco  
Lt Stelle  
S/sgt Angelides

T/Sgt Doherty  
S/sgt Thomas  
S/sgt Queer  
S/sgt Somers  
S/sgt Hodgson

740

198

5/24/44

Lt Bethune  
Lt Adkisson  
  
Lt Asip  
T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Collum  
S/sgt Sievers  
S/sgt Brown  
S/sgt Fisher  
S/sgt Yaus  
Sgt Fowler

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351

5/24/44

Lt Paci  
Lt Lebsock  
Lt Gilliam  
Lt Stewardson  
S/Sgt Lubeck

Sgt Louthan  
Sgt Manning  
Sgt Pierce  
Sgt Williams  
S/Sgt Carney

Sch Weisberger

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270

5/24/44

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

T/Sgt Austin  
S/Sgt Collins  
Sgt Kaplanek  
S/Sgt King M.  
S/Sgt Hubsch

740

748

5/24/44

Lt Jones  
Lt Zook  
Lt Waterman  
F/O Ash  
S/Sgt Peyer

S/Sgt Uasery  
Sgt West  
Sgt Pikkos  
Sgt Rositano  
Sgt Link

740

5/24/44

Lt Kelley  
Lt Riley  
Lt  
Lt Conner  
S/Sgt Dunn

S/Sgt Lewis  
Sgt Macormic  
Sgt Groome  
Sgt Earle  
Sgt Harper  
S/Sgt Alt

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

PILOT	Lt. Keogh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Steinhauer
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wigley	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 H. R.

A/C NUMBER 517 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Hammond *	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wendt	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. (Averill)
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Pokora	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Vanaman
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Efurd	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	Sgt. (Averill)	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pearson
Nose	Sgt. Squires		

A/C NUMBER 855 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

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PILOT	Lt. Nangeroni *	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Whittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Cornell
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Andrews, N.C.
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Elder	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fry

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

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	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



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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. Tarpy
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Davis, R. H.
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Shenk

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

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

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, J. Q.
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Caldwell

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 241 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Casteel	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Otte
CO-PILOT	Lt. Couget	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. James
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crim	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Gardner
BOMBARDIER	Sgt. Vicinski	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fowlkes
RADIO	Sgt. Singer	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Porter

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

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libby
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Boasi
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moran
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kennington



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24 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION 24 MAY 1944  
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SHIP #993  
LT MONTGOMERY  
LT SABO  
LT GUIDO  
LT SCHNEIDER  
MASON  
SUTTON  
LEITHAUSER  
PRITCHARD  
KYLE  
SMITH

SHIP #771  
LT BRIMAGE  
LT BOLDT  
LT TAYLOR  
STINSON  
COWAN  
PALUMBO  
TRUEX  
FRAWLEY  
**GREEN**

SHIP #259  
ST SELEEN  
LT WATT  
LT SANTINA  
LT WACHTENDONK  
EDGE  
DRESSEL  
PETERSON  
WINGERT  
AMES  
BRIGGS

SHIP #240  
LT KAMINSKY  
LT KIESELBACH  
LT SPIER  
LT MCCAULEY  
SCHIAVO  
AMBROSINI  
TUTHILL  
RUSSELL  
HILL  
STAPLETON

SHIP #989  
LT KING  
LT DAESCHNER  
LT EPPERSON  
LT GAENZLE  
SHOLLENBERGER  
HARDY  
LOCKARD  
SUMNER  
JACKSON  
DOYLE

SHIP # 570  
LT ARCHIBALD  
LT RAMSTAD  
LT BARNARD  
LT GROSS  
SEILER  
MADZIK  
HACHEY  
ABBONDONDELLO  
TEISINGER  
TODD

SHIP #938  
LT HESPELER  
LT BUNT  
LT HIATT  
LT PLATT  
WILSON  
HEMPHILL  
SPOTTS  
LIVINGSTON  
RHODES  
VIKEN

SHIP #494  
LT NELSON  
LT MONTGOMERY  
LT BASTIN  
LT ARIFF  
SKELTON  
LATHAM, V.  
LATHAM, L.  
GRAUWILLER  
MILLER  
MCCOY

SHIP #261  
LT GORECKI  
LT SWARTZ  
LT GIOVANNITTI  
LT TOLAR  
GRAVES  
WANTUCK  
STEWART  
TALKINGTON  
RYAN  
REESE

SHIP #200  
LT KEIL  
LT CRUM  
LT PICKERILL  
DOTE  
MEDEL  
AGNEW  
OLEYASH  
ULSH  
NOVAK

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



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COMBAT LOADING LIST

	<u>SHIP #879 (1-2-4)</u>		<u>SHIP #120 (1-2-1)</u>		<u>SHIP #278 (1-1-3)</u>
P	ARNOLD, W.A.	LT.	LEE, O.I.	LT.	SCHOENE, H.R.
CP	DUNSCOMB, R.S.	LT.	DENTON, C.A.	LT.	COLMAN, O.C.
N	ANDERSON, I.E.	LT.	GROSS, J.	LT.	HAYWOOD, R.F.
B	DRASCO, S.A.	LT.	HORAN, B.D.	LT.	DAVIS, R.H.
NOSE G	MANZITTO, S.	SGT.	DEAN, M.H.	SGT.	ROTH, E.J.
TOP TUR			COLLINS, J.M.	SGT.	LUMPKIN, L.F.
WAIST R	SPEWOCK, A.	SGT.	PENDLETON, P.C.	SGT.	CUSHING, W.L.
WAIST L	KNAPP, J.M.	SGT.	KOHNKE, E.B.	SGT.	BATES, J.E.
BALL TUR	SPENCER, M.	SGT.	DERRICK, C.E.	SGT.	PALMER, J.W.
TAIL G	MCARTHUR, C.J.	SGT.	LAFOLLETTE, J.H.	SGT.	BERG, H.C.
	<u>SHIP #283 (1-2-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #271 (1-2-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #982 (1-2-6)</u>
P	THOMAS, J.H.	LT.	SCHOTT, R.H.	LT.	ECKHOFF, A.E.
CP	ROSE, R.C.	LT.	TIGERT, HE.	F/O	MAURER, M.
N	GROSSMAN, B.M.	LT.	GERATY, D.F.	LT.	CAPLE, R.V.
B	VERKETIS, F.S.	LT.			FREIHEIT, W.W.
NOSE G	SHALLOW, J.B.	SGT.	KLINEK, A.J.	SGT.	GULLEY, C.H.
TOP TUR	BAILS, D.R.	SGT.	LEVASSEUR, W.F.	SGT.	CHLAN, R.P.
WAIST R	HERLIHY, J.J.	SGT.	FLOYD, V.L.	SGT.	FERRANIS, J.
WAIST L	BURKHARDT, G.	SGT.	PARKS, E.E.	SGT.	VOJTKO, J.M.
BALL TUR	PETERSON, D.E.	SGT.	SADLER, J.R.	SGT.	OLSOWSKY, E.E.
TAIL G	BORWELL, G.	SGT.	FULLER, M.L.	SGT.	EVERHART, H.B.
	<u>SHIP #583 (1-2-5)</u>		<u>SHIP #887 (1-1-1)</u>		PHOTO LANNOYE, R.J.
P	BROOKS, H.C.	LT.	GRAFF, H.	MAJ.	<u>SHIP #294 (1-1-4)</u>
CP	REGAN, M.	LT.	BELLEMERE, D.G.	CAPT.	BEACHAM, L.L.
N	GINSBURG, S.	LT.	BROOKSHIRE, B.H.	CAPT.	YOUNG, L.L.
B	JOHNSON, E.H.	LT.	BROWN, L.V.	LT.	HART, C.A.
NOSE G	TAYLOR, P.E.	SGT.	HUDSON	SGT.	DUDZIK, T.A.
TOP TUR	WINN, F.P.	SGT.	LIBBY	SGT.	PATTERICK, H.O.
WAIST R	WEINE, M.G.	SGT.	SWALES	SGT.	SIMEROOTH, R.B.
WAIST L	HOSAC, C.W.	SGT.	KENNINGTON	SGT.	HAYS, D.F.
BALL TUR	CLUCK, O.L.	SGT.	BOASI	SGT.	CONRAD, C.O.
TAIL G	O'BOYLE, J.J.	SGT.	NAV. MOLLER	SGT.	WARE, C.H.
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	<u>SHIP #764 (1-2-1)</u>			LT.	
P	BECHTOLD, W.C.	CAPT.			
CP	KEAHEY, G.O.	LT.			
N	WOODLOCK, D.J.	LT.			
B	MANNING, H.L.	LT.			
NOSE G	REES, R.E.	SGT.			
TOP TUR	BALCHUNAS, A.	SGT.			
WAIST R	MCNEIL, D.R.	SGT.			
WAIST L	WALLACE, E.N.	SGT.			
TAIL G	THIEL, J.J.	SGT.			
N	SPICER, C.B.	LT.			
MICKEY	ROGER	LT.			

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