

Piacenza A/D

Mission No. 48

25 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 53

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Authority NVP 745005

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

25 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 53)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, ROMA, CHIETI, FIRENZE and MILANO.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is the PIACENZA A/D. Secondary target is South half of REGGIO EMILIA A/D. There are two four-gun heavy A/A batteries at the target.

(2) There are approximately thirty enemy fighters in the target area.

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) One Group P-51s will rendezvous with bombers of this Wing at KEYPOINT at 0907B and provide close escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal, to maximum range of limit.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s this Group will takeoff at 1000B; rendezvous with the 454th Bomb Group at SAN GIOVANNI at 1051B; attack PIACENZA A/D at 1330B, using fragmentation bombs, clustered; landing at Base at 1530B.

3. This Group will attack in two units of 18 plus spares ships each; 18-ship front, unbalanced to the left; second attack unit stacked up. Attack unit leaders sight for range and deflection; box leaders for range; all others toggle on box leaders. Bombing altitude will be 21,000 feet; intervalometer setting 250 feet; target elevation 450 feet. Rally left. Route back: To PORTO SAN GIORGIO (43 11N 13 48E) to Base. Pathfinders will lead. Window will not be used. Do not bomb FLORENCE.

4. No change.

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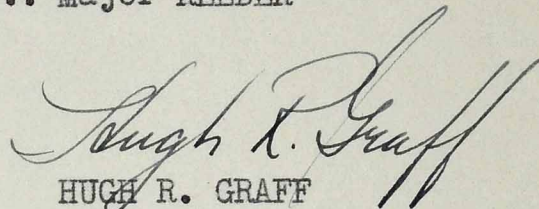
5. a. Command	6440 Kcs
A. G. L.	4585 Kcs
Interplane	VHF Channel "A"
Collective call sign	Encore Four Four
Squadron call signs: 740th	Welldone
741st	Squarebox
742nd	Wishwell
743rd	Twindyke
Fighter call sign: 52nd Gp	Exceed
Recall signal	Looselip

b. None

c. (1) None

(2) Group leader Major KEEFER
Deputy group leader Major REEDER

By order of Colonel COOL:


HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

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Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

ANNEXES:

1. Briefing Outline.
2. Mission Statistics
3. 304th Wg Opns Order 136, Plan Baker.

DISTRIBUTION:

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

(Annex 1, Field Order 53, 25 May 1944)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission..... 41 B-24s.
2. Group leader Major KEEFER
3. Deputy group leader Major REEDER
4. Second attack unit leader Lieut KNIGHT
5. Second unit deputy leader Lieut. COWDEN
6. Other Groups on mission 456,459,454 BGs.
7. Fighter escort 1 Group P-51s.
8. Bomb load Frags, clustered.
9. Ammunition carried 5200 rounds, .50 cal.
10. Gas and oil load 2700 gals, full oil service.
11. Time at stations 0830B.
12. Take off instructions Taxi to South at 0950 for take off to North at 1000B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
889	167	855	989	494	982
239	583	481	938	200	232
939	198	249	570	658	278
166	492	271	312	238	952
476	351	216	500	292	879
099	749	105	771	482	283
264			230	271	

13. Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat Wing (456,459) at GIULIA at 3,000 feet at 0751B.
2nd Combat Wing (454,455) at SAN GIOVANNI at 4,000 feet at 0751B.
14. Course out Base to 41 50N 16 20E to KEYPOINT 43 40N 14 00E to PORTO GARIBALDI (44 40N 12 13E) to MOLINELLI (44 37N 11 40E) to 44 50N 1104E to IP to Target. Time at KEYPOINT is 0907B at 14,000 feet.
15. Initial Point FIDENZA (44 52N 10 04E)
16. Axis of attack 285 degrees Mag
17. Time at target 1030B.
18. Bombing formation 18-ship front with second elements unbalanced to left. Second attack unit stacked up.
19. Bombardier information Attack unit leader for range and deflection; box leaders for range; all others toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude 21,000; intervalometer setting 250 feet; target elevation 450 feet.
20. Direction of rally Left, gradually losing altitude at the rate of 300 feet per minute.
21. Return course To PORTO SAN GIORGIO (43 11N 13 48E) to Base.
22. E.T.R. 1530B.

(Annex 2, Field Order 53, 48th Mission)

MISSION STATISTICS.

41 A/C Scheduled

39 Off. Not off: Kelley #270, 740th Sq., two mags inop.
Beckner #994, 740th Sq., hydraulic system inop.

740th Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off
8 Over target
9 Returned
1 Early return: Hynson 239 at 1039B - gas leak
0 Prior return

741st Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
9 Over target
10 Returned
1 Early return: Gorski #216 at 1045B - gas leak.
0 Prior return

742nd Bomb Sq:

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

743rd Sq:

9 A/C Off
9 Over target
8 Returned: Schoene #278 was jumped by 4 ME 109s and belly landed at
field near Penna Point, Italy.
0 Early return
0 Prior return.

Single sortie credit.

Combat time 5:35.

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MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 25 MAY

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
456, 459, 454, 455H	PIACENZA A/D	REGGIO EMILIA A/D	

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
740	9	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1621	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	140 100#	0	400	0	0	0	0
741	10	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2160	40 100#	0	40 100#	240	40 100#	0	1405	0	0	0	0
742	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2640	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	1855	0	0	0	0
743	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1800	40 100#	0	40 100#	0	40 100#	1	1000	3	0	0	3
GROUP	39	36	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	0	8220	40 100#	0	40 100#	240	140 100#	1	4660	3	0	0	3

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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 48 DATE 25 May 1944
 2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

		TOTAL TO DATE
A. Sorties	<u>37</u>	<u>1673</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>2</u>	<u>113</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>37</u>	<u>1482</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>82.2</u>	<u>3480.95</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>4</u>
Flak	<u>0</u>	<u>41 - 180</u>
Severe	<u>0</u>	<u>4 - 8</u>
Slight	<u>0</u>	<u>2 - 18</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	<u>57</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>47</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
Probable	<u>1</u>	<u>47</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>0</u>	<u>206</u>
Killed	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>unknown</u>	<u>unknown</u>

3. At 1000 hours 39 B-24's took off to bomb PIACENZA A/D

4. Escorted by 12 P-38's 9 P-51's

5. a. 2 ret'd early because of gas leaks. 60-240

b. 0 ret'd prior

6. a. 37 A/C dropped 8220 x 20 lb. (82.2 tons) Frag, instananeous
 (No) (type) (fusing)
 bombs on primary target at 1921 hrs. from 20,000 to 21,500 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 reasons

e. jettisoned x lb. bombs at place, reasons.

7. a. 36 A/C returned at 1530 hours. 1 A/C are at FINELLA FIELD, (4210N/1443E)* place

b. A/C lost at , place circumstances

c. A/C missing and last seen at , place

8. Personnel casualties were * One ship was forced down at Finella Field, with injured
 position degree of injury
 crew members. Number and degree of injury unknown.

Bomb strike appeared to begin with runway, extending northward through dispersal area and across the field to the river. Two strings of bombs were reported short and to the left.

4 or 5 Me 109's and 3 Or 4 Fw 190's were first observed in the target area 1305. There were 12 attacks on 9 A/C by 5 Me 109's. None of these attacks were aggressive. They came from all around the clock. A head on pass was made at the first attack unit by 3 E/A which then circled and hit the second unit from the rear and level. No markings noted.

None encountered.

At PARMA (4448N/1020E) at 1320 hours from 20,700 ft, 150 cars were observed in the M/Y. At 1420 hours from 14500 feet, 24 cars were seen in the M/Y at FABRIANO (4320N/1254E). At LAVEZZOLA (4435N/1152E) at 1250 hours from 19000 feet, a large concentration of R.R. cars were noted in the M/Y.

At 4452N/1018E, 4 miles north of PARMA, at 1320 hours from 20,700 feet an A/D was observed with 3 landing strips. The A/D was under construction and much building activity was noted. At S. AGOSTINO (4448N/1130E) at 1259 hours from 21,000 feet, 9 E/A were seen on the A/D.

At FERRARA (4450N/1138E) at 1258 hrs from 18000 ft, a smoke screen was noted.

At 4504N/1108E at 1304 hours from 20,700 ft, smoke pots were observed.

At 1245 hours from 19,000 feet, 5 barges were observed in the canal at 4450N/1104E. At 4223N/1607E at 1131 hours from 14000 feet, a freighter was noted heading toward Yugoslavia. At 1437 hours from 12,500 feet 3 large ships were seen inside the breakwater at SAN BENEDETTO S. TRENTO (4257N/1353E). At PESARO (4355N/1255E) at 1440 hrs from 10,000 feet, 2 M/V were observed at anchor.

From the base to the Adriatic there was 5 to 6/10 cumulus at 3000 feet with tops at 6000 feet. The Adriatic Sea was clear. Inland in the Po Valley there was patches of altocumulus with tops at 12000 feet. The target area was clear. The visibility was 15 to 17 miles in haze. On the route back along the mountains there was 2 to 3/10 altocumulus with tops at 12000 feet and 2 to 3/10 cumulus with tops at 6000 feet.

6 cameras obtained full coverage of bomb strikes.

ROUTE OUT: Base to 4150N/1620E to 4340N/1400E to 4440N/1213E to 4437N/1140E to 4450N/1104E to IP to target. Time 1321 Heading 280 degrees.
ROUTE BACK: Target to 4311N/1348E to base.

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

APC 520
24 May 1944
2015B.

455th BG
Operations Order)
Number 136)

1. a. (1) See latest Intelligence Summaries.
 - b. (1) Omitted.
 - (2) Operations for 25 May 1944. Plan Baker. Six groups B-17's of 5th wing will attack targets as follows: Two groups with main force destroy AVISIO RR Bridge; one group destroy ORA RR Bridge South of BOLZANO; one group destroy PINZANO RR Bridge; one group destroy TRENTO main W/Y; and one group attack BRENNER PASS. Time at Keypoint is 08:27B. B-24's of four groups of 47th wing will attack Harbor installations at MONFALCONE and at PORTO MARCHESA. Time at Keypoint is 08:42B. B-24's of three groups of 49th wing will destroy CASTEL MAGGIORE W/Y, SAN RUFFILO W/Y, and BORGO PANIGALE RR Sidings. Time at Keypoint is 09:22B. Four groups B-24's of 55th wing will attack targets at BOLOGNA. Time at Keypoint is 08:52B. 306th wing: one group P-51's will furnish close escort to bombers of 5th wing on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal. one group P-38's will furnish target cover for 47th wing and one group of 5th wing. one group of P-38's will furnish close escort for 55th wing on penetration and for 49th wing on withdrawal. one group P-38's will dive bomb LAVISANO RR Bridge and conduct sweep of rail line between CORIZIA, TREVISO, and FERRARA. one group P-47's will stand down.
2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all groups this wing will frag PIACENZA A/D.

TARGET: See attached target charts.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: one group P-51's will rendezvous with bombers of this wing at KEYPOINT at 09:07B and provide close escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal to maximum limit of range.

SECONDARY TARGET: REGGIO EMILIA A/D, attack generally from west to east, 456th and 459th BG's taking north half and 454th and 455th BG's south half of target.

FERRARA A/D: Same as above.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. wing (456th and 459th BG's) at GIULIA at 3,000 ft., at 07:51B.

2nd C. wing (454th and 455th BG's) at SAN GIOVANNI at 4,000 ft., at 07:51B.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to 41°50'N, 16°20'E to KEYPOINT (43°40'N, 14°00'E) to PORTO GARIBALDI (44°40'N, 12°13'E) to MOLINELLA (44°37'N, 11°40'E) to (44°50'N, 11°04'E) to IP to target. Time at KEYPOINT is 09:07B at 14,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: FIDENZA (44°52'N, 10°04'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 285 degrees N.

TARGET TIME: 10:30B.

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BOMBING ALTITUDE: 456th BG - 18,000 ft; 459th BG - 19,000 ft;
 454th BG - 20,000 ft; 455th BG - 21,000 ft.
 BOMBING FORMATION: 13 ship front, 456th and 459th BG's unbalanced
 to right; 454th and 455th BG's unbalanced to left.
 TARGET ELEVATION: 450 ft.
 RALLY: Left.
 ROUTE BACK: TO PORTO SAN GIORGIO (43°11'N, 13°43'E) to base.

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 g fighters. Collective call signs for bombers (456th BG - ENCORE FOUR ONE) (459th BG - ENCORE FOUR TWO) (454th BG - ENCORE FOUR THREE) (455th BG - ENCORE FOUR FOUR). Call sign for fighters: (52nd FG - EXCEED).

Recall signal: LOOSELIP.

Air force formation will be column of wings with 5th wing leading, 47th second, 55th wing third, 304th fourth, and 49th wing fifth.
 Window will not be used.

Do not bomb FLORENCE.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

William R. Large, Jr.
 WILLIAM R. LARGE, JR.,
 Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
 Ass't. A-3.

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loading list

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Lt Murphy
Lt Russell
Lt Emery
Lt Swanson
S/Sgt Lubeck

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

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Maj Keefer
Lt Miller
Lt Gross & Lt Compton
Lt Ohlmeier
T/Sgt Barrons

T/Sgt Amoruso
S/Sgt Carlson
S/Sgt Bolling

S/Sgt Sievers
Lt Moore E.F.

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Lt Crawford
Lt Johnson R.W.
Lt Annala
T/Sgt Imburg

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

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Lt Johnson D.
F/O Robertson
Lt Teasdale
Lt Daniels L.V.
S/Sgt Freeman

T/Sgt Thigpen
S/Sgt Johnson R. J.
S/Sgt Fry
S/Sgt Merrill
S/Sgt Jackson

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Lt Lebsock
Lt Grisson
Lt Gilliam
Lt Stewardson
S/Sgt Childers

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

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A/C NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/sgt Bearden
PILOT	Lt Pendleton	S/sgt Counts
CO-PILOT	Lt Millar	S/sgt Groome
NAVIGATOR	Lt Pramik	S/sgt Adams
BOMBARDIER	Lt Katz	S/sgt Goble
RADIO	S/sgt Keen	
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

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A/C NUMBER	DESTINATION	T/sgt Rundle
PILOT	Lt Fisher	S/sgt Anderson
CO-PILOT	Lt Fabian	S/sgt Anides
NAVIGATOR	Lt Blacker	S/sgt Schmaus
BOMBARDIER	Lt Lafley	S/sgt Kucharik
RADIO	T/sgt King	
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

A/C NUMBER

DESTINATION

PILOT	Lt James D. Jordan	T/sgt
CO-PILOT	Lt Charles Morrison	S/sgt
NAVIGATOR	Lt Robert T. Casey	S/sgt
BOMBARDIER	Lt Charles Longhorn	S/sgt
RADIO	Lt James Priest	S/sgt
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

A/C NUMBER

DESTINATION

PILOT	Lt Charles E. Hansen	T/SGT YEANDLE
CO-PILOT	Lt Frank Rogers	S/SGT BERG
NAVIGATOR	Lt T. E. Ford	S/SGT QUEER
BOMBARDIER	Lt Bert Averill	S/SGT SEITER
RADIO	Lt Dehn	S/SGT ROSENFELD.
	S/sgt ANGELIDES	
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

A/C NUMBER

DESTINATION

PILOT	Lt James E. Smith	T/sgt
CO-PILOT	Lt William Rogers	S/sgt
NAVIGATOR	Lt James Buchanan	S/sgt
BOMBARDIER	T/sgt Earl J. King	S/sgt
RADIO		
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

A/C NUMBER

DESTINATION

PILOT	Lt. Gentry	T/sgt
CO-PILOT	Lt. Gentry	S/sgt
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Gentry	S/sgt
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Gentry	S/sgt
RADIO	Lt. Gentry	S/sgt
	TOP TUR GNR	
	WAIST RIGHT	
	WAIST LEFT	
	BALL TUR GNR	
	TAIL TUR GNR	

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Lt Pendleton
Lt Millar
Lt Pramik
Lt Katz
S/sgt Keen

DESTINATION

TOP TUR GNR
WAIST RIGHT
WAIST LEFT
BALL TUR GNR
TAIL TUR GNR

T/sgt Bearden
S/sgt Counts
S/sgt Groome
S/sgt Adams
S/sgt Goble

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Lt Fisher
Lt Fabian
Lt Blacker
Lt Lafley
T/sgt King

DESTINATION

TOP TUR GNR
WAIST RIGHT
WAIST LEFT
BALL TUR GNR
TAIL TUR GNR

T/sgt Rundle
S/sgt Anderson
S/sgt Anides
S/sgt Schmaus
S/sgt Kucharik

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LT HANSEN
LT WARD
LT POPEJOY
LT DEHN
S/sgt ANGELIDES

DESTINATION

TOP TUR GNR
WAIST RIGHT
WAIST LEFT
BALL TUR GNR
TAIL TUR GNR

T/SGT YEANDLE
S/SGT BERG
S/SGT QUEER
S/SGT SEITER
S/SGT ROSENFIELD.

A/C NUMBER

DESTINATION

T/O

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO

LT. WARD
LT. WARD
LT. WARD
LT. WARD
LT. WARD

TOP TUR GNR
WAIST RIGHT
WAIST LEFT
BALL TUR GNR
TAIL TUR GNR

T/SGT. GOTT
S/SGT. GARDNER
S/SGT. JENSEN
S/SGT. CORNELL
S/SGT. PORTER

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 45TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
 A.F.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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A/C NUMBER 216 DESTINATION _____ T/O E/R
 PILOT LT. HAROLD GORSKI TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. ANGUS LEWIS
 CO-PILOT LT. DISBROW WAIST RIGHT SGT. WEEKS
 NAVIGATOR LT. ROY M. JONES WAIST LEFT SGT. VINCENT
 BOMBARDIER LT. SCOTT BALL TUR GNR SGT. MAGNUSON
 RADIO SGT. ED KIETRUZEWSKI TAIL TUR GNR SGT. BRAUVAIS

A/C NUMBER 099 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____
 PILOT LT. KENNETH D. FETTY TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. FRANK KOWLEY
 CO-PILOT LT. JOE OGAN WAIST RIGHT S/SGT. JAMES BAIN
 NAVIGATOR LT. LUKASHEVICK WAIST LEFT SGT. HARRY
 BOMBARDIER LT. RICHARD HIGGINS BALL TUR GNR S/SGT. ROBERT H. DAVIS
 RADIO SGT. PAUL L. BAKER TAIL TUR GNR SGT. SHENK

A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____
 PILOT LT. LEON D. JORDAN TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. ARNOLD W. MITCHELL
 CO-PILOT LT. CHARLES ROSENBERG WAIST RIGHT S/SGT. JOHN R. EDWARDS
 NAVIGATOR LT. ROBERT T. CAHILL WAIST LEFT S/SGT. RUSSELL MORRIS
 BOMBARDIER LT. CHARLES LOEBCHER BALL TUR GNR S/SGT. EDGAR SHERRICK
 RADIO T/SGT. MAHLON PRIOT TAIL TUR GNR S/SGT. ROBERT W. LOUD

A/C NUMBER 481 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____
 PILOT LT. CHARLES E. HAMMOND TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. WEBB E. PATTERSON
 CO-PILOT LT. G. WENDT WAIST RIGHT S/SGT. FRANK E. SQUIRES
 NAVIGATOR LT. FRANK POKORA WAIST LEFT S/SGT. J.B.E. VANAMAN
 BOMBARDIER LT. JAMES T. EFURD BALL TUR GNR S/SGT. MARY E WISE
 RADIO T/SGT. ROBERT AVERILL TAIL TUR GNR S/SGT. ERNEST PEARSON

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____
 PILOT LT. JAMES H. SMITH TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. FRANCIS E. BEELER
 CO-PILOT LT. NIXON WAIST RIGHT S/SGT. WAYNE V. ELLIOTT
 NAVIGATOR LT. HUMPHREY HOSMER WAIST LEFT S/SGT. JOSEPH FISHER
 BOMBARDIER LT. SAM BAKANAUSKAS BALL TUR GNR S/SGT. FOWLKES
 RADIO T/SGT. KARL J. MUSE TAIL TUR GNR S/SGT. HAROLD HAMILTON

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____
 PILOT LT. CASTEEL TOP TUR GNR T/SGT. OTTE
 CO-PILOT LT. COUGET WAIST RIGHT S/SGT. GARDNER
 NAVIGATOR LT. HALE WAIST LEFT S/SGT. SINGER
 BOMBARDIER LT. RAESSLY BALL TUR GNR S/SGT. CORNELL
 RADIO T/SGT. VICINSKI TAIL TUR GNR S/SGT. PORTER

741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
4TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
A.F.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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A/C NUMBER 855 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	LT. ROBERT C. CHRISTENSEN	TOP TUR GNR	T/Sgt. CASIMIR BLALIAS
CO-PILOT	LT. RALPH CARDWICK	WAIST RIGHT	S/Sgt. WILLIAM F. BOWLES
NAVIGATOR	LT. CHARLES TABER	WAIST LEFT	S/Sgt. GORDON SWANN
BOMBARDIER	LT. PAUL A YOUNG	BALL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. LEO C. PADGETT
RADIO	T/Sgt. ORBAL T. MAYFIELD	TAIL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. JACK B. ABBOTT

A/C NUMBER 105 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	LT. ROBERT L. BAKER	TOP TUR GNR	T/Sgt. ALTON SWINNEY
CO-PILOT	LT. WIGELY	WAIST RIGHT	S/Sgt. AABYE
NAVIGATOR	LT. W. KELLEHORN	WAIST LEFT	S/Sgt. E. ALLEN
BOMBARDIER	LT. MATRANGOS	BALL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. JAMES O. BOPP
RADIO	T/Sgt. ELMER KELLEY	TAIL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. A. PLEN

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	LT. BERNARD KEOGH	TOP TUR GNR	S/Sgt. STEINHAUER
CO-PILOT	LT. HARRINGTON	WAIST RIGHT	S/Sgt. SOL SCHINDLER
NAVIGATOR	LT. CROWLEY	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. ADRIAN BALR
BOMBARDIER	LT. GRIMM	BALL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. DELANEY
RADIO	S/Sgt. DALY	TAIL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. ANDERSON

A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	LT. LOUIS NANGERO III	TOP TUR GNR	T/Sgt. JOHN S. STRAW
CO-PILOT	LT. WILLIAM WITTMAN	WAIST RIGHT	S/Sgt. ELDER
NAVIGATOR	LT. GEORGE KLINE	WAIST LEFT	S/Sgt. ANDREWS, N.C.
BOMBARDIER	LT. JACK BLUM	BALL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. EDWARD HOWELL
RADIO	S/Sgt. MURFIELD	TAIL TUR GNR	S/Sgt. RUSSELL FRY

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER	BALL TUR GNR
RADIO	TAIL TUR GNR

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	TOP TUR GNR
CO-PILOT	WAIST RIGHT
NAVIGATOR	WAIST LEFT
BOMBARDIER	BALL TUR GNR
RADIO	TAIL TUR GNR

742ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 25 MAY 1944

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

SHIP #230

NASH
BOLDT
GROSS
LEACH
ROMANO
PELKEY
BROCK
HOFFMIESTER
FRAWLEY
BENNETT

SHIP #238

BROWN, J.B.
MCKEE
FORD
SHOLLENBERGER
BENCH
GOLDMAN
PITTMAN
GRAHAM
LIVINGSTON

SHIP #771

MONTGOMERY
SABO
SCHNEIDER
GUIDO
PRITCHARD
MASON
SUTTON
KYLE
SMITH
LEITHAUSER

SHIP #200

WATSON
SWANNER
MCGLASSON
BRODEUR
THOMAS
BLUMBERG
PELKEY
PRATT
LACEY

SHIP #494

SENSENBRENNER
RIDDEL
POWELL
MCGRANE
AGNEW
NERREN
PLOWMAN
SELLARS
SCOTT
RENNER

SHIP #482

TANNER
HAWLEY
PLATT
WAUGH
MIZELL
CHASE
ENGHAUS
JACKSON
MALCHOW

SHIP #658

KAMINSKY
KIESELBACH
SPIER
MCCAULEY
AMBROSINI
SCHIAVO
TUTHILL
RUSSELL
HILL
STAPLETON

SHIP #938

COWDEN
FLEMING
TAYLOR
NELSON
BAKOS
BOUCHER
WASHBURN
O'NEILL
BODMAN
MATHESON
SANTIAGO

SHIP #570

ARCHIBALD
RAMSTAD
GAENZLE
BARNARD
SEILER
MADZIK
HACHEY
ABBONDONDELLO
TODD
TEISINGER
~~XXXX~~GREISSEL

SHIP #292

JACKSON
AHERNS
SMITH
TOLAR
SLOPER
ROSENBERG
BEITZ
CITINO
TRUEX
CRISTINUS

SHIP #989

KNIGHT
MENDENHALL
CROTZER
BROTHERS
CLAPSADDLE
BALMER
GRAUWILLER
DEARING
PAKNIK
RYAN

TARGET _____

TIME _____

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

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

25 May 1944.

COMBAT LOADING LIST

SHIP #278 (2-3-4)
P SCCHOENE, H.R.
CP COLMAN, O.C.
N HAYWOOD, R.F.
B DAVIS, R.J.
NOSE G ROTH, E.J.
TOP TUR LUMPKIN, L.F.
WAIST R CUSHING, W.L.
WAIST L BATES, J.E.
BALL TUR PALMER, F.W.
TAIL G BERG, H.C.

SHIP #500 (2-1-6)
LT. SCHOTT, R.H.
LT. TIGERT, H.E.
LT. GERATY, D.F.
LT. BOCK, P.
SGT. FLOYD, V.L.
SGT. KLINEK, A.J.
SGT. PARKS, E.E.
SGT. SADLER, J.R.
SGT. FULLER, M.L.
SGT. DEVASSEUR, W.F.

SHIP #232 (2-2-3)
YOUNG, L.L. LT.
HENSKE, E.J. LT.
ANDERSON, I.E. LT.
OVEN, A. SGT.
WARE, C.H. SGT.
OWEN, B.G. SGT.
THUMA, J.A. SGT.
WALLER, R.B. SGT.
ENTROP, H. SGT.
GREEN, W.P. SGT.

SHIP #283 (2-2-5)
P THOMAS, J.H.
CP ROSE, R.C.
N GROSSMAN, B.M.
B VERKETIS, F.S.
NOSE G SHALLOW, J.B.
TOP TUR BAILS, D.R.
WAIST R BURKHARDT, G.
WAIST L HERLIHY, J.J.
BALL TUR PETERSON, D.E.
TAIL G RAMSAY, C.P.

SHIP #271 (2-1-1)
LT. ROBARDS, R.A. CAPT.
LT. ARNOLD, W.A. LT.
LT. EIS, F.G. LT.
LT. COTTER, J.G. LT.
SGT. SPEWOCK, A. SGT.
SGT. SCHRADER, V.D. SGT.
SGT. ANDERSON, R.L. SGT.
SGT. KNAPP, J.M. SGT.
SGT. KEENE, R.I. SGT.
SGT. MINYARD, L.D. SGT.

SHPP #952 (2-3-2)
BEACHAM, L.L. LT.
CARLTON, W.C. F/O
HART, C.A. LT.
DUDZIK, T.A. LT.
HAYS, D.F. SGT.
PATTERICK, H.O. SGT.
CONRAD, C.O. SGT.
SIMEROTH, R.B. SGT.
PLACE, J.R. SGT.

SHIP #312 (2-1-4)
P LEE, O.I.
CP DENTON, C.A.
N GROSS, J.
B HORAN, B.D.
NOSE G DEAN, M.H.
TOP TUR COLLINS, J.M.
WAIST R PENDLETON, P.C.
WAIST L KOHNKE, E.B.
BALL TUR DERRICK, C.E.
TAIL G LAFOLLETTE, J.H.
AG BUSH, D.D.

SHIP #879 (2-3-7)
LT. KEAHEY, G.O. LT.
LT. DUNSCOMB, R.E. LT.
LT. SPICER, C.B. LT.
LT. MANNING, H.L. LT.
SGT. REES, R.E. SGT.
SGT. BALCHUNAS, A. SGT.
SGT. BORDWELL, G. SGT.
SGT. WALLACE, E.N. SGT.
SGT. THIEL, J.J. SGT.
SGT. MCNIEL, D.R. SGT.

(740 Sqdn.)
SHIP #583 (2-3-5)
HANSEN, C.V. CAPT.
WARD, J.T. LT.
POPEJOY, H.E. LT.
DEHN, K.J. LT.
YENADEL, W.J. SGT.
ROSENFELD, A. SGT.
ANGLEIDES, P.S. SGT.
BERG, D. SGT.
SEITER, L.J. SGT.
QUEER, R.O. SGT.

SHIP #982 (2-3-2)
P ECKHOFF, A.E. LT.
CP MAURER, M. F/O
N CAPLE, R.V. LT.
B FREIHEIT, W.W. LT.
NOSE G GULLEY, C.H. SGT.
TOP TUR FERBANIS, J. SGT.
WAIST R CHLAN, R.P. SGT.
WAIST L OLSOWSKY, E.E. SGT.
BALL TUR VOJTKO, J.N. SGT.
TAIL G EVERHART, H.B. SGT.