

American Airmen And Aircraft Losses At Ploesti

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Low Level Raid August 1, 1943

53 Bombers Shot Down With 530 Men—130 Taken Prisoner

High Level Raids April 4, 1944 to August 19, 1944

314 Bombers Shot Down	3140 Men	1027 Taken Prisoner
<u>111 Fighters Shot Down</u>	<u>111 Men</u>	<u>28 Taken Prisoner</u>
425	3251	1055

8th Air Force On Low Level Raid Based In England (flying from the Libyan desert)

B-24	44th Bomb Group	51 POWs
B-24	93rd Bomb Group	18 POWs
B-24	389th Bomb Group	17 POWs
B-24	98th Bomb Group*	
B-24	376th Bomb Group*	

* Also on the High Level Raids

15th Air Force On High Level Raids Based In Italy

310 B-17 Bombers

2nd	Bomb Group	11 POWs
97th	Bomb Group	76 POWs
99th	Bomb Group	62 POWs
301st	Bomb Group	20 POWs
463rd	Bomb Group	<u>85 POWs</u>
		254 POWs

930 B-24 BOMBERS

98th	Bomb Group	59 POWs
376th	Bomb Group	84 POWs
449th	Bomb Group	97 POWs
450th	Bomb Group	133 POWs
451st	Bomb Group	62 POWs
454th	Bomb Group	26 POWs
455th	Bomb Group	68 POWs
456th	Bomb Group	26 POWs
459th	Bomb Group	67 POWs
460th	Bomb Group	25 POWs
461st	Bomb Group	31 POWs

*As a tie-in with the passing of John R Kane
(Last Mission Section) this list of Ploesti
losses further emphasizes the cost of free-
dom.*



*Lil Jughaid coming off the target at 150 feet Aug 1, 43.
Note: B-24s were not equipped with a ball turret.*

464th	Bomb Group	44 POWs
465th	Bomb Group	26 POWs
484th	Bomb Group	17 POWs
485th	Bomb Group	<u>8 POWs</u>
		773 POWs

166 P-38 FIGHTERS

1st	Fighter Group	6 POWs
14th	Fighter Group	3 POWs
82nd	Fighter Group	<u>8 POWs</u>
		17 POWs

P-47 Fighters Not Known

166 P-51 Fighters

31st	Fighter Group	2 POWs
52nd	Fighter Group	5 POWs
325th	Fighter Group	<u>4 POWs</u>
		11 POWs

Final Analysis Of Losses At Ploesti

367	Bombers Shot Down With	3670 Men
111	Fighters Shot Down With	111 Men
3781	Men Shot Down	
1185	Survived and Returned Home	