

HISTORY
OF THE
460TH BOMBARDMENT
GROUP (H)
August 1, 1944
to
August 31, 1944

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, US ARMY

1 August 1944 to 31 August 1944

During the month of August the 460th Bombardment Group (H) maintained its high level of performance. While the Group dropped from first to second place in bombing results, it surpassed its own all-time high figure (15th Air Force) of July.

Twenty missions were dispatched during the month of August and these became longer in range, with obviously additional hazards. "Flak alleys" were the order of the month and "milk runs" conspicuous by their absence.

The following summary clearly indicates the enlarged geographical coverage assigned to the Group. There were four missions to Germany, (including two to Blechhammer and one to Friedrichshafen); one to Poland; two to Roumania (Ploesti); One to Hungary; two to Czechoslovakia; two to Austria (Vienna area); One to Yugoslavia; five to France and two to Italy.

Missions led by the Group Commanding Officer and his staff were as follows:

COLONEL BERTRAM C. HARRISON, GROUP COMMANDER

6 Aug. Miramas, France (M/Y)
14 Aug. St. Tropez, France (Own Positions)
20 Aug. Czechowice, Poland (O/R)
24 Aug. Pardubice, Czechoslovakia (O/R)
26 Aug. Ferrara, Italy (RR Bridge)

LT COL HAROLD T. BABB, DEPUTY GROUP COMMANDER

7 Aug. Blechhammer, Germany (O/R)
13 Aug. Sete, France (Gun Positions)
18 Aug. Ploesti, Roumania (O/R)
23 Aug. Markersdorf, Austria (O/R)
28 Aug. Story, Hungary (O/R)

LT COL WILLIAM B. CAMPBELL, GROUP S-3

2 Aug. Genoa, Italy (Harbor Installations)
10 Aug. Ploesti, Roumania (O/R)
16 Aug. Ober Raderach, Germany (Chem Works)
22 Aug. Kornenberg, Austria (O/R)
27 Aug. Blechhammer, Germany (O/R)

Narrative reports and Bomb Fall Plot photo, describing the twenty missions flown in August are attached as Enclosure #1. These indicate the excellent results obtained and the type of targets

Although two more missions were flown than in the previous month, casualties were less. These were as follows:

Killed in Action:	4 Officers - 3 Enlisted Men
Missing in Action:	27 Officers - 42 Enlisted Men

Many officers and enlisted men distinguished themselves and were decorated for outstanding acts of bravery in aerial combat. Nine hundred fifty-three (953) awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Oak Leaf Clusters, were given to officers and men.

Included in the above, the following awards were made to the Group Commanding Officer and his staff:

Col. B. C. Harrison	Silver Star	GO 2420 8 Aug.
Lt. Col. H. T. Babb	2nd OLC to Air Medal	GO 2355 6 Aug.
Lt. Col. W. B. Campbell	1st OLC to D.F.C.	GO 2887 27 Aug.
Maj. J. B. Crain	1st OLC to D.F.C.	GO 2671 17 Aug.
	2nd OLC to Air Medal	GO 2770 22 Aug.
Maj. J. L. Crossey	Distinguished Flying Cross	GO 2489 12 Aug.
Capt. B. S. May	Distinguished Flying Cross	GO 2566 15 Aug.
	2nd OLC to Air Medal	GO 2431 9 Aug.

A list of awards of the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross to members of the Group is attached as Enclosure #3.

The strength of the Group covering officers and enlisted men for the month of August is as follows:

At beginning:	379 Officers,	1642 Enlisted Men
Net increase:	- "	12 "
Net decrease:	31 "	- "
At end	: 348 "	1654 "

By the end of August, the majority of the original combat crews had left for the United States or had completed their fifty missions. These depleted ranks were promptly filled by replacement crews. While these crews had been well trained at home, they were new to combat, and many practice missions and formation flying had to be gone through. This change over, so much of it falling in the period under review, makes the performance of the Group all the more outstanding.

New buildings, the enlisted men's club and improvements continue apace, and in this building program there is no stand-down.

Photographs taken on the hard-stands or in the air as well as two aerial photographs of outstanding interest are included as Enclosure #2.

3 Incls.

Incl. #1 Mission Reports and Photos.

Incl. #2 Aerial and Hard-stand Photos.

Incl. #3 List of Awards.

Enclosure #3

AWARDS

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DECORATIONS

HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520

8 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 2420)

EXTRACT

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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster for the Distinguished Flying Cross. . . . IV

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer, Air Corps, United States Army, residence and citation as indicated:

BERTRAM C. HARRISON, O-21152, Colonel, Headquarters 460th Bomb Gp. For gallantry in action as pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 26 July 1944, Colonel Harrison led his group on a bombing mission against a vitally important enemy airdrome in Austria. Approaching the target his formation encountered intense, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire which severely damaged his aircraft and rendered two engines inoperative. Despite this difficulty, together with heavy fire from aggressive enemy fighters, displaying outstanding courage and leadership, Colonel Harrison led his entire group over the cloud obscured target for a highly successful bombing run. Under his capable direction the bombs from his ship and those of his entire formation were concentrated in the immediate target area, inflicting grave damage to vital installations and supplies. Turning from the target, he quickly rallied his group and regaining the operation of his two inoperative engines, he skillfully brought them safely to base without further damage. By his conspicuous gallantry, outstanding leadership and intense devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout over forty (40) successful missions against the enemy, Colonel Harrison has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Leesburg, Virginia.

By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR,
Colonel, GSC,

Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

J. W. IVINS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520

12 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 2489)

Awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for
the Distinguished Flying Cross I

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND/OR OAK LEAF
CLUSTER FOR THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for the Distinguished Flying Cross, in categories as listed, is awarded to the following named personnel, Air Corps, United States Army, position, date of act, and residence as indicated, with the following citation:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the North African and Mediterranean Theatres of Operations. Consistently, throughout many combat missions against highly important and strategic enemy installations, the personnel listed below have demonstrated the highest order of professional skill, heroism, leadership, and devotion to duty. Although regularly and frequently opposed by large numbers of enemy fighters, together with intense, accurate, and heavy anti-aircraft fire during which their aircraft were at times seriously damaged, these men have fought through to their targets and aided in the destruction of those vital objectives. Despite severe and adverse weather conditions, rugged terrain, and many other major obstacles and hazards, these men have gallantly engaged, fought, and defeated the enemy without regard for their own personal safety and against great odds. Their conspicuous and extraordinary achievements throughout these many missions against the enemy have been of inestimable value to successful combat operations and have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

JAMES L. CROSSEY, O-659451, Captain, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: McKoos Rocks, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES D. ALLEN, O-691346, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Rumania, 12 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Frederick, Oklahoma.

HARRY BAIRD, O-688898, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

DAVID E. BURT, O-684841, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Tucson, Arizona.

MAURICE E. CLARK, O-801245, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Groton, South Dakota.

JOHN F. CLEARO, O-666630, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Felt Mills, New York.

BENJAMIN F. CRAWFORD, O-802069, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumania, 15 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Los Angeles, California.

RAY A> DIEHL, O-813342, First Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Germany, 14 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Nokosville, Virginia.

JOHN B. BIEVER, O-463845, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Spalding, Nebraska.

CORNELIUS P. GUILFOYLE, O-739549, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Chicago, Illinois.

WINSTON M. HAGLER, O-804329, First Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Geneva, Alabama.

NELSON M. HENNINGER, O-689314, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Pocatello, Idaho.

JOSEPH HOJNACKI, O-683999, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Amsterdam, Ohio.

ARTHUR L. JOHNSTON, O-683551, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Shelbyville, Kentucky.

HOWARD J. KINNEY, O-743657, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Pico, California.

DANIEL D. KNOPP, O-691100, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Toledo, Ohio.

GORDON M. LOW, O-808435, First Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Soda Springs, Idaho.

WILLIAM D. MC CLUSKEY, O-690855, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Lackawanna, New York.

ARTHUR J. MILLS, O-801245, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Memphis, Tennessee.

LEROY W. NEWBY, JR., O-754756, First Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Crafton, Pennsylvania.

PAUL D. PATTINSON, O-447449, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Arcadia, California.

JAMES M. PERKINS, O-698336, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

CARL T. SCHUNEMAN, JR., O-666362, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: St. Paul, Minnesota.

SIGMUND SEKLECKI, O-682726, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE A. SPOMAUER, O-814429, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

PHILIP A. STEWART, O-742220, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Houlton, Maine.

EDWARD J. STIPEK, O-694900, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Berwyn, Illinois.

WILLIAM E. THACKER, O-685186, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Michigan City, Indiana.

JAMES O. THORNTON, O-448853, First Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Atlanta, Georgia.

WILLIAM V. TOBIN, O-467475, First Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Syracuse, New York.

THOMAS H. WILSON, O-805541, First Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Grove Hill, Alabama.

GEORGE L. VAN BUSKIRK, O-529700, First Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumaniamany, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Oakland, California.

DAVID B. ANDERSON, O-799706, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Holland, Michigan. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Mabel B. Anderson, (Wife), Lugers Road, Holland, Michigan.

JOHN R. BANKERT, O-696414, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Munhall, Pennsylvania.

DONALD B. BLANKETT, O-690537, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Zenesville, Ohio.

ROBERT M. BURGETT, O-694648, Second Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Fultonham, New York.

RICHARD F. BURMEISTER, O-690543, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Saginaw, Michigan.

ROBERT A. CHITTENDEN, O-688311, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: West Springfield, Illinois. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mr. Robert H. Chittenden, (Father), 317 South Grand, West Springfield, Illinois.

CHARLES B. CLARK, O-692371, Second Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: South Gate, California.

FOLORES COLON-COLON, O-690698, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Utundo, Puerto Rico.

JAMES A. DAVIS, O-692953, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Anacoco, Louisiana.

CLARENCE O. DYER, O-684700, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Omaha, Nebraska.

JOSEPH W. GRANGER, JR., O-808625, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Xenia, Ohio.

LUTHER C. GRIMBLE, O-682477, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: St. Louis, Missouri.

RICHARD C. HAYDEN, O-694451, Second Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Wyaconda, Missouri.

WAYNE E. HICKEY, O-755223, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Springtown, Texas.

ROBERT J. HOOKS, O-694372, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Little Falls, New York.

ROBERT F. LAMBERT, O-754916, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Pasadena, California.

WALTER F. MAHONEY, O-807009, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Houston, Texas. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Flora Mahoney, (Mother), 1613 Milby Street, Houston, Texas.

JERRY MARRO, O-694574, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Brooklyn, New York.

JUNE V. MEFFORD, O-1691612, Second Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Englewood, California.

DONALD P. PORTER, O-689165, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Jackson, Mississippi.

RALPH Q. OAKES, O-807775, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Pilot, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Venice, California. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Norma M. Oakes, (Wife), 1336 Zanja Street, Venice, California.

WILLIAM ROSENBERG, O-690325, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

SIDNEY R. SMITH, O-374472, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Louisville, Kentucky. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Esther Smith, (Wife), 1307 DeBarr Street, Apartment 8, Louisville, Kentucky

RALPH M. THOMPSON, O-642740, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: North East Pennsylvania.

MELVIN L. VAN HORN, O-1691685, Second Lieutenant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: San Bernardino, California.

ROY V. WHITING, O-688569, Second Lieutenant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Bombardier, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Chicago, Illinois.

LOUIS C. WHITTEGAR, O-1691664, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Co-pilot, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: San Antonio, Texas.

ARTHUR W. ZSCHOCH, O-755244, Second Lieutenant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Atchison, Kansas.

RAYMOND D. ANDERSON, 39038645, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Oakland, California.

BAILEY CANTRELL, JR., 14161502, Technical Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: West Helena, Arkansas.

ELLIS L. EDWARDS, 37183880, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Springfield, Missouri.

JOHN B. GRIFFIN, 16094842, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Dallas, Texas.

FORTUNATO V. GUERRA, 38158586, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Del Rio, Texas.

BUEL H. HAMNER, 18151417, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Austria, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Minden, Louisiana.

THOMAS S. HARPER, 16077172, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES J. HINER, 17128136, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Belvue, Kansas.

GORDON JOHNSON, 17154522, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Wyndmore, North Dakota.

ROBERT E. KLAUS, 32695338, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Austria, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Springfield Gardens, New York.

STEPHEN A. KUHN, 15014477, Technical Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Toledo, Ohio.

JOHN C. LINK, 36513494, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Austria, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Saginaw, Michigan.

LAWRENCE J. MANDELLA, 12158446, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES J. MC ALLISTER, 14182584, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Columbus, Georgia.

JAMES M. MC CUME, 37237689, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Stafford, Kansas.

FREDERICK W. MIERSE, 32331523, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Brooklyn, New York.

GEORGE W. MOORE, 19142045, Technical Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Sacramento, California.

Robert Morgan, 16150417, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT B. MUSSER, 13177021, Technical Sergeant, 76th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: St Joseph, Missouri.

Arthur Neal, 31270518, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Holbrook, Massachusetts.

Claude D. Nelson, 34348995, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Preston, Mississippi.

JOHN G. PAPPAS, 11016475, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Germany, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Somerville, Massachusetts.

ANTHONE PAWKOVICH, 33403300, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Kaylor, Pennsylvania.

SPIRO PETROS, 11095866, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: New York City, New York.

PAUL E. RICHARDS, 15394385, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Bolton, Massachusetts.

BURMAN W. ROACH, 34382343, Technical Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Greenville, South Carolina.

ROBERT SMALLWOOD, 33481891, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Morristown, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL O. SMITH, 35372070, Technical Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Gary, Indiana.

FRANK P. STOKLOSA, JR., 16147938, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Ecorse, Michigan.

DAVID A. WALSH, 11098594, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: West Springfield, Massachusetts. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mr. Orpha Walsh, (Mother), 496 Kings Highway, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM B. WEBSTER, 17161559, Technical Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Waxahachie, Texas.

JIMMIE WELCH, 18231991, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Radio-operator-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Corpus Christi, Texas.

JACK L. ALBERT, 34607505, Technical Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Kernersville, North Carolina.

DOUGLAS G. ARCHAMBSAU, 16044849, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT O. BIGGS, 38212564, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Morrilton, Arkansas.

FORREST L. BISHOP, 31130498, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Williamstown, Massachusetts.

ROBERT O. BIGGS, 38212564, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Morrilton, Arkansas.

ORA F. BLACK, JR., 31317902, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Bangor, Maine.

KURT G. BLUMENSTEIN, 35521876, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Cleveland, Ohio.

WILLIAM H. BURSON, 34162647, Staff Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 16 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Montgomery, Alabama.

Joe C. Carter, 20846149, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Goldthwaite, Texas.

RONALD R. COLEMAN, 39181384, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Poulsbo, Washington.

ROBERT P. CORDANO, 16088469, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: St Joseph, Michigan.

JUSTIN N. DANNER, 19098089, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 21 April 1944. Residence at appointment: Los Angeles, California.

JOHN D. DAVIS, JR., 34606559, Staff Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Mooresville, North Carolina.

NORRIS A. DENSON, 18042003, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Palestine, Texas.

JAMES W. ESTES, 37505346, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 26 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Warsaw, Missouri.

THOMAS J. EVANS, JR., 18151151, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: New Orleans, Louisiana.

HERMAN I. FRANK, 12146063, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Brooklyn, New York. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Dora Snyder, (Mother), 235 Roebling Street, Brooklyn, New York.

FRAZIE NOE, JR., 35486251, Staff Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 15 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Evansville, Indiana.

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CLYDI E. HOGAN, 34587636, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Rumania, 28 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Collman, Alabama.

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HENRY P. MADARIS, 34339448, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: High Point, North Carolina. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Mabel Madaris, (Mother), 2018 English Street, High Point, North Carolina.

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RAY B. MC INTYRE, 39198266, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Acme, Washington.

ANTHONY W. MILLER, 16126062, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Chicago, Illinois.

EDWARD W. MURRAY, 14157581, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Bronx, New York. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs Margaret S. Murray, (Wife), 2855 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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KENNETH A. PEAKE, 15114794, Staff Sergeant, 760th Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Greenfield, Ohio.

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NORMAN W. SMITH, 38250074, Staff Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 10 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Las Vegas, New Mexico. (Missing in Action). Next of kin: Mrs. Greco B. Smith, (Mother), 2323 Boulevard, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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JAMES E. THOMPSON, 33414881, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Greensburgh, Pennsylvania.

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PAUL L. VEGA, 39035495, Staff Sergeant, 763rd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 16 June 1944. Residence at appointment: San Francisco, California.

GEORGE E. WEBSTER, 32747389, Staff Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Albany, New York.

JESSE C. STANDARD, 39859499, Sergeant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Gunner, Austria, 26 July 1944. Residence at appointment: Chandler, Arizona.

FIRST (1ST) OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE)

EDWARD G. SEERGY, O-1683565, Second Lieutenant, 762nd Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Navigator, Rumania, 18 May 1944. Residence at appointment: Brooklyn, New York.

IELAND E. PRITCHARD, 18024395, Technical Sergeant, 761st Bomb Sq., 460th Bomb Gp., Engineer-gunner, Germany, 13 June 1944. Residence at appointment: Rock, Arkansas.

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INCLOSURE #1

MISSION REPORTS

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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

3 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #71, Operations Order #142.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 2 August 1944, at 0855 hours, 30 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Genoa Harbor Installations in Italy. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel William B. Campbell, Group Operations Officer, and the second attack unit by Major Robert H. Martin, C.O., 760th Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units as scheduled and rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished without incident at 1000 hours over Altamura. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 1011 hours with the 460th in the lead position. The fighter escort, P-38s, were contacted at 1218 hours over Capraic Isle. They furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover leaving the formation near Rome at 1410 hours.

3. In route to the target, one of our a/c turned back in the vicinity of the IP (4410N-0910E) at 1254 hours. The #1 and #2 engines were feathered. The a/c was last seen on a heading to Corsica, under control but losing altitude. It has not yet been reported.

4. 29 a/c were over the primary target, the harbor installations of Genoa at 1258 hours. From 19,250', 27 a/c dropped 67.5 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .025T fusing on the target. One a/c jettisoned its bombs in the sea just before target time in order to hold the formation when the #3 engine failed. Due to release malfunction, one a/c was unable to release its bombs and returned them to base. Bombs in excellent concentration fell on the two briefed aiming points. The enemy was using this port actively when the bombs fell. Choke point of M/Y severely hit and portion of M/Y. Large explosions, caused by direct hits on what appears to be ammunition stores. One destroyer was probably sunk. Two merchant ships and one submarine severely damaged. The A-5 was used by both attach units.

5. The Group encountered scant to moderate accurate heavy flak over the target.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: En route: 2-3/10th alto-cumulus over Italy, tops 8-9,000'. Over the Tyrrhenian Sea: 2-

3/10th cirrus, tops 19,000'. Weather on return was the same. Visibility was 20 miles over the entire route.

7. 29 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1540 hours.
8. 11 a/c were damaged by flak. There was no casualties.
9. 10 a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.
10. Observations: Crews report that the harbor at Genoa was very active. Six large freighters were observed from 19,000' at 1258 hours.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - TC
Incl 2 - Photo

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #72, Operations Order #143.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 3 August 1944, at 0640 hours, 26 of 27 scheduled A/C took off to bomb the Friedrichschafen/Manzell A/C Works in Austria. One a/c, stuck on the taxi-strip, was unable to take off. The Group was led by Major William H. James, Jr., S-3, 763rd Bomb Sqdn (H), and the second attack unit by Major Charles F. Lincoln, Jr., C.O., 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area but the 485th was not over Altamura for the scheduled rendezvous. The 460th proceeded to the Wing rendezvous and formed with the 464th and 465th at 0754 hours, two minutes early. The 485th fell into its proper position after reaching the Adriatic. The fighter escort, P-51s, the formation near Ancona at 0935 hours. They furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover leaving the formation at (4500N-1330E) at 1230 hours.

3. Three A/C returned early for the following causes: (1) gas leak in bomb bay, (2) Landing gear would not stay retracted, (3) #4 engine failure. Two of these A/C jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic, and one a/c dropped bombs on a railroad at (4630N-1155E).

4. From 22,200', 23 a/c dropped 55.25 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & no delay tail fusing, on the primary target at 1113 hours. A heavy concentration of bombs fell on the briefed aiming point, causing numerous fires in the target area. Photographs are partially cloud obscured, but show that the warehouse, boiler house and shops were well covered and that the large assembly hangar SE of the briefed aiming point received direct hits. One a/c had nine bombs hung up due to rack malfunction and were later jettisoned in the sea. The A-5 was used by both attack units.

5. The Group encountered MIH flak in the target area. A/A guns put up a wall of fire over the target but most of the bursts were either above or below the formation.

6. The Group observed approximately fifty e/a, ME-109s and FW-190s, near Innsbruck at 1138 hours. They did not attack this Group but went on to attack the 465th, firing rockets in coordinated attack. E/A were a dark olive drab color.

7. Route was flown as briefed. Weather: Over Italy, scattered alto-cumulus clearing over the Adriatic. Over Alps, 2-3/10th alto-cumulus, tops 10-12,000', increasing to 7-8/10th alto-cumulus, tops 13-15,000' over the target. On return, 7 to 8/10th cumulus over Alps, 3-4/10th cumulus over Po Valley and scattered cumulus over the Adriatic. Over southern Italy, 3 to 5/10th cumulus, bases 5-6,000'. Visibility 15-20 miles over entire route.

8. Twenty a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1435 hours. Three a/c landed at friendly fields to refuel and have since returned to this base.

9. One a/c was slightly damaged by flak. There was no casualties.

10. Seven a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - Photo.
Incl 2 - TC

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

7 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #73, Operations Order #144.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 6 August 1944, at 0700 hours, 28 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Arles/Rhone RR Bridge in France. The Group was led by Colonel Bertram C. Harrison, Group Commander, and the second attack unit by Major Richard E. Anderson, S-3, 761st Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The group assembly and rendezvous with the 485th at 0808 hours were without incident. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0819 hours, as scheduled, with the 460th flying the lead position. Fighter escort, P-51s & P-38s, were observed for a few minutes over Arles at 1154 hours. They were not seen at any other time.

3. Near Rome, one of our a/c was hit by bullets from a preceding a/c test firing its guns. The left wing was set on fire near the wheel well, and the pilot lowered the wheel in an attempt to extinguish the fire. Gasoline was transferred from the left wing tanks and the two engines feathered. The pilot had almost reached land at the Tiber River mouth when the wing buckled and fell off. Seven men bailed out but the pilot, co-pilot and radio operator did not leave. Of the seven who bailed out, one man, the navigator was drowned.

4. As the Group approached the primary target, the Arles/Rhone RR bridge, the lead bombardier, Major James B. Crain, could see that the bridge was already out. The Group proceeded to the alternate target, the Miramas M/Y. From 20,000', 27 a/c were over the alternate target at 1157 hours. 26 a/c dropped 65 tons of 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N - no delay tail fusing. One a/c was unable to drop its bombs due to release malfunction and bombs were later jettisoned in the sea at (4320N-0642E). Bombing was excellent, with at least fifty direct hits in area just south of the locomotive depot. The warehouses were well covered and the resulting explosions and smoke denote that ammunition storage was probably hit. At least 20 bombs fell in the area of the choke point west of the station. There was also a good concentration of bombs in the station area. The bombardiers of both attack units used Automatic Pilot.

5. The Group observed three e/a at a distance over Arles. The e/a were single-engine fighters, painted black, and were immediately driven off by the escort.

6. The Group met MAH flak over this alternate target, the M/Y at Miramas. The flak defenses were reported on the right of the Group's course from the IP to the target, the heavier concentration coming from the air fields west of the target. Flak bursts were both black and white.

7. At 1200 hours, one of our a/c was shot down by flak over Miramas. Nine chutes were observed to open. The a/c crashed immediately after the target, but did not explode or burn after contact with the ground. EEA report filed.

8. In order to bring the Wing over the primary target at the correct time, the Group made a 30 degree turn left of course between the Italian coast and Corsica. The Group resumed the briefed course ten minutes later. Over Corsica on the return, the Group flew fifteen miles left of the briefed course to avoid clouds. Weather: En route, clear increasing to 3-5/10th alto-cumulus, tops 12000', over western Italian Mts; over Corsica, 4-6/10th cumulus, bases 8-10000', tops 15-16000'. Over the French coast, 2-4/10th cumulus and 1-2/10th cirrus at 23000'. Over the target, clear with visibility, ten miles. On the return route, 5-7/10th cumulus over Corsica with towering cumulus and cumulonimbus over Italy. Visibility 10-15 miles over route.

9. 21 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1530 hours. One a/c, unable to lower its nose wheel, made a successful tail-down landing. The crew was unharmed. Five a/c landed at friendly fields. Four of these a/c have since returned.

10. Eight a/c were damaged by flak.

11. Ten planes attempted photos. Two significant prints are attached.

12. Observations: The Group observed smoke generators in operation at Toulon, effectively screening harbor installations.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - TC
Incl 2 - 2 Photos.

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

8 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #74, Operations Order #145.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 7 August 1944, at 0655 hours, 28 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Blachhammer North Synthetic Oil Plant in Germany. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander, and the second attack unit by Major George S. Davis, Jr, S-3, 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group assembled its two attack units without incident and made rendezvous with the 485th over Altamura. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0809 hours, as briefed, with the 460th flying in #4 position. The fighter escort consisted of P-51s and P-38s. P-51s furnished penetration and were picked up at 1026 hours at Lake Valencel. They left the formation fifty miles south of the target. P-38s furnished withdrawal cover being first seen at (4840N-1740E) at 1210 hours. They left the formation at 1401 hours near Vis.

3. Eight a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #2 & #3 superchargers out, (2) crew member sick, (3) no oxygen, (4) gunner injured, (5) #3 supercharger out, (6) unable to transfer gas from auxiliary tanks, (7) supercharger out, (8) engine failure. Three a/c jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic and three a/c returned bombs to base. two a/c jettisoned bombs on targets of opportunity: one a/c bombing a highway at (4730-1830) and another a/c bombing a bridge at (4509N-1801E).

4. At 21,500', 20 a/c were over the primary target, Blechhammer North Synthetic Oil Plant at 1132 hours. 19 a/c dropped 47.5 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .01 & .025T fusing. One a/c jettisoned bombs immediately after target time having had trouble in opening the bomb bay doors. Bombing was done visually, the target being seen clearly from eight miles out. A fine pattern of bombs fell on the briefed aiming point, causing fires and smoke that rose to 18,000 feet. The smoke screen at the primary target was not effective. The A-5 was used on the bomb run by the first attack unit. The A-5 was not used by the second attack unit as it had burned out before reaching the target.

5. The Group experienced IAH flak for 6 to 8 minutes in the target area. The flak area extended beyond the target area to midway

to the pally pt., Troppau. Group report flak at the following locations: SIH at Bratislava, SIH at Lake Blidinja and Kocerin. One of our a/c, an early return, made a left turn around Vrgorac to avoid briefed flak only to encounter MAH flak at Ajuburkt (4312N-1734E).

6. En route to the target, six ME-109s were observed in the Vienna area at 1040 hours. These e/a made aggressive attacks from 6 to 7 o'clock closing to 200 yards. Some 30 to 40 ME-109s were seen between Lake Balaton and the target but these e/a did not attack this Group. In the target area, the Group observed about 50 e/a and a running fight began that lasted for thirty minutes after target time. E/a consisted of ME-109s, FW-190s and ME-110s. Crews reported that none of the ME-109s were the old "E" model. About twenty ME-109s attacked the formation from 6 to 7 o'clock low and level. These a/c all made single attacks, aggressively, and closing to 30 to 200 yards. Other encounters took place with 12 ME-109s. These a/c attacked aggressively from the rear and closing to within 50 yards individually. The FW-190s fired explosive ammunition. Four OEMs were seen in the Zagreb area on the return route at 1330 hours. These did not attack the formation. The ME-109s were painted black and bluish gray with gray undersides. Black crosses were outlined in white on the wings. Some e/a were silver. The FW-190s were camouflaged a yellowish-brown with yellow crosses on the wings. The cowlings were painted yellow with stripes radiating out. Two FW-190s were observed with red bands around the fuselage in front of the tail. Claims: 2-6-1.

7. One of our a/c, damaged by flak over the target, was unable to keep up with the formation. This straggler was attacked and shot down by enemy fighters at 1130 hours at (4955N-1730E). Nine parachutes were seen. Another a/c was last observed near Knin with one engine feathered. KIA reports filed.

8. The route was flown as briefed except on the return, when the formation was forty miles left of course from the first turn point opposite Vienna. Weather: On route, 3-5/10th strato-cumulus, tops 4-5000' over Italy and the Adriatic. Over Yugoslav coast, 4-5/10th strato-cumulus and alto-cumulus, tops 11-12000', increasing to 7-9/10th strato-cumulus and alto-cumulus, tops 13-14000' over No. Central Yugoslavia. North of Lake Balaton, 2 to 4/10th cumulus, tops 10000' becoming clear with scattered cumulus over the target. On return, cumulus activity increased with 4-6/10th cumulus over Czechoslovakia and Hungary, increasing to 8-10/10th over Yugoslav Mts. Some towering cumulus over Yugoslav Mts to 21000'. Visibility: 10-15 miles over entire route.

9. 18 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1615 hours.

10. Eight a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

11. 16 a/c were damaged by flak. There was one casualty, a crew member receiving a leg wound from flak.

12. Observations: Crews reported a smoke screen over the target area. Smoke generators were placed along the north and south sides of the primary target, but the smoke screen although covering a wide area, was not dense enough to hide the target.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incl.
Incl 1 - TC
Incl 2 - Photo.

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

11 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #75, Operations Order #148.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 10 August 1944, at 0727 hours, 24 of 26 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Astra Romano O/R at Ploesti, Roumania. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel William B. Campbell, Group Operations Officer, and the second attack unit by Major Robert H. Martin C.O., 760th Bomb Sqdn (H). Two a/c failed to take off for the following reasons: (1) bomb bay doors inoperative, (2) no engineer.

2. Because of cloud conditions which delayed the take off until 0727 hours, the Group assembled over the field. Rendezvous with the 485th and Wing formation were combined over Spinazzola at 0811 hours. The 460th led the Wing. Fighter escort, P-38s and P-51s, were first seen at Dragaseni (4440N-2417E) at 1041 hours, furnishing penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation at Barevan (4326N-2343E) at 1155 hours.

3. Two a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #2 engine out and malfunction of turbos, (2) fuel pump inoperative. One a/c returned bombs to base and the other a/c jettisoned bombs at (4430N-2350E).

4. On the bomb run at 1106 hours, one of our a/c received a direct flak hit in the bomb bay which caused an explosion. The left wing broke off at the root and the tail disintegrated. Three chutes were seen as the a/c spiraled down. EKA report filed.

5. 21 a/c were over the primary target, the Astra Romano O/R, at 1107 hours. 20 a/c dropped 50 tons of 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N & .025T fusing. Due to rack malfunction, one a/c failed to release bombs. This a/c jettisoned five bombs in the Adriatic, and returned five bombs to the base. Bombing was done by Pathfinder and offset. A study of check points and photographs indicating that bombs fell on the briefed target. Oil fires sent smoke to 18,000 feet. Due to precession of gyro, the second attack unit did not use the A-5.

6. The Group encountered IAH flak over the primary target for 6½ minutes. The flak tracked the formation. Black, white and pink bursts were observed. The smoke screen was in operation at Ploesti. Fifty generators were on the south border of the target. The smoke was a thin gray, and the generators had apparently just been fired.

7. The route was flown as briefed with a slight variation right of course on the return route to avoid flak at Leakovac (4300N-2157E). Weather: On take off, 6/10th thin stratus locally at 200 feet, tops 4-500', 3/10th alto-stratus, tops 11-12000', increasing to 6-8/10th alto-stratus, tops 11-12000' over the Adriatic. The weather was generally clear with few scattered cumulus from 30-40 miles inside the Yugoslav coast to the target. On the return, scattered cumulus to Adriatic increasing to 6-8/10th alto-stratus and alto-cumulus, tops 8-10000'. Visibility on route, 15-20 miles, on return over Adriatic and Italy, 10-15 miles.

8. 21 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1435 hours.

9. 8 a/c were damaged by flak. There was one casualty, the nose gunner of one a/c receiving a slight cut over the eye from flak.

10. 9 A/C attempted photos. A significant print is attchd.

11. Observations: A/D (4205N-2325E), 6 ME-109s, painted brown, taking off at 0944 hours, observed from 13,000'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photo

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

13 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #76, Operations Order #149.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 12 August 1944, at 0630 hours, 25 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb Gun Positions on the French coast in the Sete-Narbonne area. The Group was led by Major Richard K. Anderson, S-3, 761st Bomb Sqdn (H), and the second attack unit by Major Charles F. Lincoln, C.O., 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. Due to weather conditions, the Group forced its attack units over the Spinazzola Air Base at 0735 hours. There was no rendezvous with the 485th, the 460th proceeding to Spinazzola and joining the Wing at 0742 hours. A few P-51s were seen in the target area.

3. Two a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #2 & #4 superchargers inoperative, (2) gas leak. These a/c jettisoned all bombs in the sea.

4. From 16,000-16,500', the four boxes, totaling 23 a/c, were over the targets, Able, Baker, Charlie & Dog (Primary targets at 1116, 1115, 1114, 1112½ hours respectively. The tonnage in 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N & .025T fuses, was distributed as follows.

6 a/c, (A) Gun Position, R-671013, - -	14.75 tons
5 a/c, (B) Gun Position, R-772101, - -	12.25 tons
6 a/c, (C) Gun Position, R-836145, - -	14.50 tons
6 a/c, (D) Gun Position, R-911096, - -	<u>15.00</u> tons
Total:	56.50 tons.

Due to rack malfunction, 3 a/c had four bombs hung up. There were jettisoned in the sea.

Able box attacked gun position R-671013 scoring three direct hits and many near misses on the emplacement. Many near misses were scored on the other gun positions, however, as damage was inflicted.

5. SIH flak was experienced by the Group over the target area.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Clear on route with scattered cumulus over Corsica. Over the target area, CAVU. Visibility: fifteen miles.

7. 21 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1515 hours. One a/c, due to loss of power, crash-landed near the base on the return. Two of the crew members were killed, one in bailing out and one in the crash. Two crew members sustained broken bones. Another a/c, low on fuel, landed at Naples and has returned to this base.

8. 9 a/c attempted photos. Four significant prints are attached.

9. Observations: Toulon, 1055 hours, smoke generators in operation screening the area. Sete, 1115 hours, smoke generators in operation screening the area.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #77, Operations Order #151.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 13 August 1944, at 0825 hours, 30 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the gun positions in the Sete-Narbonne area of France. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander, and the second attack unit by Lt. Benjamin S. Haller, Airplane Commander, 761st Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0921 hours. Rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished and the Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0940 hours with the 460th leading. Escort of P-51s was not contacted until the rally point and then for only a minute.

3. From 15,400' - 17,000', 4 boxes, totaling 30 a/c, were over the Able, Baker, Charlie and Dog targets (Primary) at 1311, 1309, 1309, and 1308 hours respectively. Tonnage of 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N & ,025T fusing was released as follows:

7 a/c (A), R671013, - - 17.5 tons.
8 a/c (B), R772101, - - 20.0 tons
8 a/c (C), R836145, - - 19.5 tons
7 a/c (D), R911094, - - 17.0 tons

Automatic pilot was used by the lead ship of all four boxes. Due to release malfunction, 2 a/c jettisoned four bombs short of the target area. Results: "A" box missed its target. "B" box believed to have scored some hits. (Photo not available) "C" box scored direct hits on the target. "D" box scored a few direct hits and many near misses on the target.

4. SIH flak was encountered over the primary targets.

5. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Clear on take off, enroute and over the targets. On return: 2-4/10th cumulus over Corsica, clear over the Adriatic, 2-4/10 over the Apennines. Visibility throughout, 15-20 miles.

6. 29 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1515 hours. One of our a/c became low on oil and landed at Rome and has since returned to this base.

7. 10 a/c attempted photos. Four significant prints are attached.

8. Observations: Smoke generators in operation, effectively screening the harbor area at Toulon. Generators were placed on the south side of the town, wind from the NE.

3 large transports and 12 small vessels in Mestre Harbor at 1130 hours, 20,200'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photos

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

15 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #78, Operations Order #152.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 14 August 1944, at 1235 hours, 28 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb Gun Positions on the French coast in the St. Tropez area. The Group was led by Col. Bertram C. Harrison, CO, 460th Bomb Gp (H), and the second attack unit by Major George S. Davis, Jr., Operations Officer, 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed its attack units in the regular assembly area and made rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished as scheduled at 1338 hours. Wing formed over Spinazzola at 1349 hours with the 460th leading. Rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished 2,000 ft above briefed altitude and Wing rendezvous was 3,000 ft above, due to weather.

3. From 15,700' - 16,500', 4 boxes totaling 27 a/c were over Able, Baker, Charlie and Dog targets (Primary) at 1631, 1632, 1633, and 1634 hours respectively. Tonnage of 1000 lb GP bombs, .1N and .025T fusing was released as follows:

6 a/c (A) S-205513, - -	15.00 tons
6 a/c (B) U-546259, - -	15.00 tons
7 a/c (C) U-525177, - -	17.50 tons
7 a/c (D) U-448178, - -	<u>17.50</u> tons
Total: 65.00 tons	

4. Results: "A" box missed its target. "B": box fell short but possibly bomb pattern extended to the target. "C" box fell short but one gun position believed hit. "D" box released bombs far short of the target due to rack malfunction of the lead ship. Due to malfunction of bomb rack, 1 a/c jettisoned his bomb load over the Tyrrhenian Sea. At the target one ship was blown out of formation as it dropped its bombs. Premature explosion caused holes in fuselage and left wing. All boxes used Automatic Pilot.

5. No flak was encountered.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Take off - 6/10th cumulus with tops at 10,000'. Over the west coast of Italy 3/10th cumulus. 1-2/10th cumulus over Tyrrhenian Sea increasing to 4-5/10th

cumulus over target. On return: 2-4/10th cumulus over Corsica and Tyrrhenian Sea and 1-3/10th cumulus over Italy.

7. 27 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1930 hours. One a/c turned back near the IP and landed at Capodichino Field, Naples with the #3 engine out.

8. 10 a/c attempted photos. Four significant prints are attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photos

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

16 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #79, Operations Order #153.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 15 August 1944, at 0610 hours, 28 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the highway bridge at Bourg St. Andeel, France. The Group was led by Major Robert L. Spear, CO of the 761st Bomb Sq (H), and the second attack unit by Major William H. James, Jr., Operations Officer of the 763rd Bomb Sq (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0900 hours. Rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished over Altamura at 0915 hours and with the Wing over Spinazzola at 0924 hours. The 460th flew second place in the Wing formation. P-51 escorts were seen at 1225 hours at 44°12'N-06°35'E on the route out and last seen at Nimes at 1310 hours.

3. From 15,500', 28 a/c were over the primary target, the highway bridge at Bourg St. Andeel, at 1256 hours. 27 a/c dropped 68 tons of 1000 lb GP bombs .1N & .025T fusing bombs. Automatic pilot was used by the leader of the first attack unit. Result: The western end of the bridge sustained hits and is believed out.

4. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: On take off, route out, and over target area, generally clear. Visibility 15-20 miles enroute but over France, 10-15 miles. On return, few scattered cumulus over the water and 2-3/10th cumulus over Corsica and south Italy

5. 26 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1750 hours. On the return route, one of our a/c landed at Fomigliane and another at Tarquinia. Both have returned to base.

6. 10 a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

7. Observations: Coastal guns observed at 43 °15'N-05 °40'E. 300 wagons in the Nimes M/Y at 1310 hours. Considerable barge activity on the Rhone River north of target, at 1256 hours. Monaco Harbor, 20 small ships, at 1202 hours.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,

2 Incls
Incl 1 - TC
Incl 2 - Photos

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

17 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #80, Operations Order #154.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 16 August 1944, at 0700 hours, 28 scheduled a/c took off to bomb the Ober/Raderach Chemical Works. The Group was led by Lt. Col William B. Campbell, Operations Officer of the 460th Bomb Gp (H), and the second attack unit was led by Major Charles F. Lincoln, Jr., CO of the 762nd Bomb Sq (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0750 hours. It is noted here that the 464th was in our area during assembly. Rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished as scheduled at 0758 hours over Altamura and Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0809 hours. Escort of P-51s was first contacted at 43°00'N-13°00'E at 0954 hours. They were later relieved by P-38s. The P-38s furnished further penetration, target and withdrawal cover and were last seen at 43°00'N-13V00'E at 1243 hours.

3. Six a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #2 and #3 superchargers out. (2) booster pump out and #1 engine failing. (3) #4 supercharger out. (4) radio and interphone out, nose turret inoperative. (5) prop switch broken on #2 engine and prop ran away. (6) booster pump out on #1 engine, #3 prop ran away. Three of these a/c returned their bombs to base. The other three jettisoned their bombs at the following locations: Near Fuszen, Germany; 46°32'N-11°02'E; Adriatic Sea.

4. From 21,600' at 1129 hours, 22 a/c dropped 50.5 tons of 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N and .01 and .025 T fusing. Bombing was below briefed altitude due to cirrus clouds. The target was partially smoke obscured but photographs reveal that an excellent concentration of bombs covered the target area. Four a/c failed to release their bombs over the target due to rack malfunctions. Two of these a/c had 12 bombs hung up, 8 of which were jettisoned in the Adriatic and 4 over the Alps. The other two a/c accidentally dropped 2 and 4 bombs respectively between the IP and the target. The first attack unit used the automatic pilot. Due to the large number of a/c in the vicinity, the pilot of the lead ship of the second attack unit elected to retain control of his a/c and the automatic pilot was not used.

5. RIH flak was encountered at the target. A red flare was also observed over the target area which burst at 21,000 ft and fell

to the earth burning in two pieces. The burst was about the size of a flak burst. Four a/c sustained miner flak damage.

6. Route: Two semicircles to the right of briefed course were made just before IP to kill time because the formation was ahead of schedule. On return, the route was right of the briefed course and formation passed west of Venice (see Track Chart). Weather: Generally clear over Italy and Adriatic with 3-5/10th cirrus increasing to 8-10/10th over Alps being 22,000'. Target was clear except for scattered cirrus, being 22,000'. On return scattered cumulus over Alps, tops 18,000'. Visibility was 15 miles over whole route.

7. 19 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1500 hours. Three a/c landed at friendly fields, due to gas shortage and have since returned to base.

8. Eight a/c attempted photos. Two significant prints attached.

9. Observations: (1) active power plant at Porta Lakes (46°07'N-12°20'E) time 1220 hours, altitude 18,000'. (2) A/D, Heszingen, fifty ME-109s dispersed in fields surrounding it, also two dummy planes are believed to be painted on the runway, time 1116 hours, altitude 21,000'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photos

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

19 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #81, Operations Order #155.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 18 August 1944, at 0625 hours, 30 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb Ploesti targets, the exact one to be determined 30 minutes before reaching the target, after contact with Weather Reconnaissance aircraft. The Group was led by Lt. Col. Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander, and the 2nd attack unit was led by Major Richard H. Anderson, Operations Officer, 761st Bomb Sq (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0710 hours. Rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished as scheduled at 0718 hours and the Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0729 hours with the 460th in the lead. Escort of P-51s was contacted by radio at 1000 hours, at 45°08'N-25°00'E and furnished penetration and target cover. They were last seen just past the target at 1043 hours. The reconnaissance a/c was contacted at 0957 hours and it advised that targets #5 and #7 were open. It is noted that interference made it difficult to converse with the reconnaissance a/c.

3. Three a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #2 engine failure (2) gasoline leaking from wing tank (3) two generators out and could not stay with formation. These a/c disposed of ten bombs in the Adriatic and returned 14 to the base.

4. At 1033 hours, flying at 24,500', 27 a/c were over the chosen target, the Americano Romano Oil Refinery. 21 a/c released 42.00 tons of 500 lb GP bombs with .1N and .025T fusing. Due to mistaken target identification, the lead box of the second attack unit, composed of 5 a/c, held its bombs and bombed warehouses on the Danube River at Lom, Bulgaria, on the return route. 10.00 tons of bombs were released on this target. Due to bomb rack malfunctions, one a/c salvoed its bombs two miles short of the primary target when it opened its bomb bay doors. Automatic pilot was used to bomb the primary target but was not used to bomb Lom because there was not sufficient time to set it up. Both targets were bombed visually. Result of bombing primary target: Main concentration of bombs fell in area of the boiler house, which sustained a direct hit and several near misses, and in the tank farm area directly north of it. The west portion of the refinery was smoke obscured and may have been hit.

Results of bombing Lom: No photographs of the bomb hits were obtained but crew observations indicate the warehouses were well hit.

5. IAH flak was encountered over Ploesti and scant flak was observed over Sabici (42°51'N-22°09'E). Twenty a/c received flak damage, two of which landed without brakes because of damaged hydraulic systems. Three crew members were wounded by flak. One received a serious leg wound; the bone being splintered. The other two sustained minor wounds, one in the hand, the other, in the shoulder.

6. Four black ME-109s and two FW-190s were seen between the IP and the primary target at 1027 hours. These e/a did not attack.

7. The only deviation from the briefed route was between Ploesti and Svode, 42°58'N-22°17'E, where the formation was north of the briefed route and passed over Lom. Weather: Generally clear enroute to target with traces of cirrus and a few scattered cumulus over Bulgaria and Roumania. On return 1-2/10th cumulus over Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and 2-3/10th cumulus over south Italy. Visibility over whole route was 15-20 miles.

8. Twenty-seven a/c returned to the base with a mean landing time of 1350 hours.

9. Ten planes attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

10. Observations: (1) semi-effective smoke screen at primary target with majority of generators south west of the target (see attached photo). (2) airfield just north of Bucharest with twelve unidentified a/c on it, at 1038 hours, altitude 21,000 ft.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photo

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #82, Operations Order #156.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 20 August 1944, at 0634 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Czechowice Oil Refinery in Poland. The Group was led by Colonel Bertram C. Harrison, CO of this Group and the second attack unit by Maj George S. Davis, Jr., Operations Officers of the 762nd Bomb Sq (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the usual assembly area at 0720 hours. The rendezvous with the 464th and 465th was made over Spinazzola at 0739 hours as scheduled, and the 460th lead the Wing. Fighter escort of P-51s was contacted at 1002 hours at 43°12'N-19°18'E. They furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover and were last seen at 1335 hours, at 43°12'N-16°42'E.

3. Four a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) supercharger out, flaps inoperative (2) cylinder head blew out in #1 engine (3) run away prop, plane landed and took off again but failed to catch the formation (4) pilot, bombardier and tail gunner sick. Two of these a/c brought their bombs back and two jettisoned in the Adriatic Sea.

4. From 19,000', at 1107 hours 27 a/c dropped 66.75 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N and .025T fusing on the primary target, oil refinery at Czechowice, Dziedzice, Poland. Results: Excellent bomb pattern centered at briefed aiming point, the boiler house.

2 direct hits and 2 near misses on Distillation Units.
6 hits on railroad siding.
4 hits on finished products storage.
4 hits in boiler house.
2 hits in Petrol Treatment Plant
5 hits in Lubricating Oil Treatment Plant.
3 large oil tanks hit-3 others with near misses.
2 hits on wax extraction building. Asphalt plant has a direct hit. Area directly NW containing small pressure tanks very well covered.

The lead aircraft used automatic pilot on the bomb run but the leader of the 2nd attack unit elected to retain control of his aircraft. Three a/c failed to drop one bomb each on the target.

One of the bombs was jettisoned in Adriatic, one was brought back, and one dropped his accidentally five miles from the base. Ordnance is now investigating this.

5. One ME-109 was seen just before the IP at 1045 hours and two Me-210s were seen over the target area at 1106 hours. These e/a did not attack.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Italy and Adriatic: 2-3/10th alto cumulus. Yugoslavian mountains: 4-6/10th cirrus, tops 22,000' and 2-4/10th cumulus. Target: clear. On return: Czechoslovakia and Hungary: 3-5/10th cumulus. Yugoslavia: 5-7/10th cumulus, tops 16-17,000'. Adriatic and Italy: 2-3/10th cumulus. Visibility over whole route, 10 to 15 miles.

7. 27 a/c returned to the base with a mean landing time of 1440 hours.

8. 10 planes attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

9. Observations: (1) M/Y at 48°45'N-19°10'E with 300 to 500 cars at 1215 hours, altitude 17,000'. (2) 40-50 barges on the Danube at 46°35'N-18°55'E at 1230 hours, altitude 17,000'. (3) 500 oil cars in M/Y in target vicinity at 1106 hours, altitude 19,000'. (4) apparently new factory (active) consisting of three large buildings, 49°07'N-19°04'E at 1134 hours, altitude 16,000'. (5) Barrage Balloon over dam on tributary of the Vistule River five miles south of target at 1110 hours, altitude 19,000'.

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.

Incl 1 - TC

Incl 2 - Photo

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

22 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #83, Operations Order #157.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 21 August 1944, at 0650 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Nis A/D, Yugoslavia. The Group was led by Major Charles F. Lincoln, C.O., 762nd Bomb Sqdn, and the second attack unit by Major William H. James, Jr., S-3, 763rd Bomb Sqdn.

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0745 hours. Rendezvous with the 485th over Altamura was accomplished at 0758 hours and with the Wing over Spinazzola at 0809 hours. The P-51s were first sighted over the I.P. at 0947 hours and furnished target and withdrawal cover. They were last seen over the coast of Yugoslavia on course at 1050 hours.

3. One a/c returned early due to failure of #2 supercharger and short circuit in the ball turret. This a/c jettisoned bombs in Yugoslavia (4244N-2014E).

4. From 18,800', 30 a/c were over the primary target, the A/D at Nis, Yugoslavia at 1004 hours. 30 a/c dropped 63.06 tons of frag clusters. The northeast portion of the target, the portion assigned, was thoroughly covered. Two planes were caught on the ground and destroyed. Fires were observed in the target area and in the M/Y to the east. Due to rack malfunction, one a/c had seven clusters hung up. Bombs were salvoed just after the target. Malfunction of the automatic pilot prevented its use by the lead unit. The second attack unit used it.

5. SIH flak was encountered at the target and meant flak was observed at Mitrovica.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Take-off, clear. Over the Adriatic, 3-5/10th strato-cumulus, tops 5000'. 1-2/10th cirrus over the coast of Yugoslavia, increasing to 4-6/10th cumulus over the target with bases at 23-25,000'. On the return, over the Yugoslav Mts. 2-4/10th cumulus. Over the Adriatic, 3-5/10th cumulus. Clear at the base. Visibility over the whole route 15 miles.

7. Thirty a/c returned to the base with a mean landing time of 1205 hours.

8. Ten a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - TC
Incl 2 - Photo

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #84, Operations Order #158.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 22 August 1944, at 0600 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Koreneuberg O/S near Vienna, Austria. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel William B. Campbell, Group Operations Officer, and the second attack unit by Major Robert H. Martin, C.O., 760th Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area at 0652 hours and rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished over Altamura at 0700 hours. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0711 hours, with the 460th flying in #3 position. Fighter escort, P-51s, were first sighted at 0927 hours near Lake Balaton. They furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover, leaving the formation at 1128 hours near Banja Luka.

3. Seven a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #4 engine and #1 generator out, (2) #2 turbo out, (3) #4 supercharger out, #2 engine throwing oil, (4) #2 engine vibrating and smoking, (5) Oxygen system out, (6) Supercharger out, (7) two superchargers out. Three a/c jettisoned 25 bombs in the Adriatic, one of these a/c returned 5 bombs to base. Two a/c returned bombs to base. Two a/c jettisoned bombs at (4620N-1715E) and (4523N-1726E).

4. From 24,000', 24 a/c were over the primary target, the Koreneuberg O/S, at 1017 hours. 22 a/c dropped 55 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .025T fusing. Due to malfunctions, two a/c failed to release bombs on the target. One of these a/c, the Group Leader's, lost bombs midway between the IP and the target, the other a/c jettisoned bombs five minutes after target time. The concentration of bombs fell short of the target.

Photographs show the target area obscured by smoke from previous bombings. The first attack unit used the automatic pilot. The second attack unit did not, because this equipment was out of adjustment.

5. The Group encountered IIH flak over the target area. Crews reported flak at (4736N-1552E) from approximately eleven guns. Smoke pots were observed W & NW of Vienna and at Wiener Neustadt.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: CAVU.
7. 24 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1255 hours.
8. 9 a/c were slightly damaged by flak. There was no casualty.
9. 10 a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.
10. Observations: A/D, NW of Gyer (4744N-1737E), 60 SEF and a few TEF at 0955 hours, 23,000'. 500 cars in M/Y near A/D. Neighborhood north of Gyer, 1000 hours, 30 ME-109s attacking another wing as it flew northward. 3 B-24s shot down. (This observation made by the last early return)

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

2 Incls.
Incl 1 - Photo
Incl 2 - TC

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #85, Operations Order #159.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 23 August 1944, at 0800 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Markersdorf A/D in Austria. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander and the second attack unit by Major Richard W. Anderson, S-3, 761st Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed its two attack units in the regular assembly area and rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished at 0902 hours. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0913 hours, the 460th flying in the #4 position. The fighter escort, P-38s & P-51s, were first sighted at 1128 hours at (4625N-1604E), furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation at 1410 hours near (4145N-1710E).

3. Two a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) prop governor out, (2) #3 engine failure. These a/c jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic.

4. Although the Group arrived at the briefed I.P., and a current heading to the target was announced by the navigator, the lead ship did not fly it. The Remote Indicating Compass was faulty. Actually, the Group passed west of the target, which was, at the time of the bomb run, partially obscured by cloud. 29 a/c were in the formation. From 23,000', at 1236 hours, 26 a/c dropped 65 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & no delay T fusing on the auto bahn under construction west of the target. Three a/c failed to release bombs. Bombs were jettisoned as follows: 10 bombs in Adriatic, 10 bombs at (4803N-1512E) and 10 bombs, 3 minutes after target time.

5. Nineteen e/a were observed on the mission. Four ME-109s, black in color, were seen at 1230 hours near the target. These e/a flew by the formation low at 2000 yards and went on to attack a straggling B-24 of another Group. Approximately 12 ME-109s and 3 JU-88s were also seen in the target area. E/a were at 22,000' flying below our formation and did not attack.

6. The route was flown as briefed with some variation in the target area. (See attached chart) Weather: On route, clear over Italy and Adriatic increasing to 2-4/10th cirrostratus over the Yugoslav coast. Over Austria and the target, 4-6/10th cumulus. On the return

route, 2-4/10th cirrus and 4-6/10th cumulus over Yugoslavia clearing over the Adriatic. 2-3/10th cumulus over Italy. Visibility throughout, ten to fifteen miles.

7. 29 a/c returned to the base with a mean landing time of 1515 hours.

8. Ten a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
S-2

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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

25 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #86, Operations Order #160.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 24 August 1944, at 0725 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Fante O/R at Pardubice, Czechoslovakia. The Group was led by Colonel Bertram C. Harrison, Group Commander, and the second attack unit by Major George S. Davis, S-3, 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. Group assembly in the regular assembly area was on time, as was rendezvous with the 485th. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0833 hours, with the 460th leading. The fighter escort, P-38s & P-51s, first sighted at 1045 hours at (4430N-1500E), furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation at 1400 hours at (4500N-1500E). Cover over the target seemed in adequate.

3. While proceeding to the assembly area, the #2 engine on one of our a/c caught fire. The pilot tried unsuccessfully to extinguish the flames and he was unable to feather the engine. The crew members all parachuted to safety. The pilot broke his right leg in landing.

4. One a/c returned early for the following reason: (1) unable to transfer fuel. This a/c returned bombs to the base.

5. From 20,600', 29 a/c dropped 72 tons of 500 lb RDX bombs, .1N & .025T fusing, on the primary target, the Fante O/R, at 1218 hours. The concentration of bombs fell across the aiming point in an excellent pattern that blanketed the refinery. Exploding oil tanks, smoke and fire covered the area. The workshops, distillation bldg., lubricating oil filtration and wax separation bldg., boiler house, oil treatment plant, packing house, oil tanks and office bldgs. All suffered direct hits. Due to release malfunction, two a/c failed to drop two bombs on the target. One of these bombs was jettisoned in the Adriatic, the other, just after target time. The first attack unit used the automatic pilot on the bomb run. The second attack unit was unable to use it due to malfunction.

6. The Group did not encounter flak over the primary target but SAH flak was observed at Linz. Smoke generators were also observed in operation at Linz, Stayr and St. Polten at 1130 hours.

7. 50-65 e/a were observed by this Group. On the rally, 30-40 ME-109s & FW-190s and 10-15 ME-110s & ME-210s, were seen at 1225

hours. These e/a were seen to attack the 485th Group from 5 o'clock level. The e/a made several passes in formations of twelve a/c, closing aggressively before breaking off the attacks at 7 o'clock. E/a fired explosive ammunition. As these e/a broke toward the 485th, a few of them flew within range of the 460th and the gunners fired at them. Gunners claims: 3 destroyed, 1 probable, 1 damaged. Crews report that the SEFs were black in color, ME-110s were observed with black fuselages and white wing tips and ME-210s were painted orange. At 1310 hours, crews reported seeing five single vapor trails, one mile in length, near (4800N-1500E). P-51s were in the area but were unable to close on these probable jet-propelled a/c.

8. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Clear on take off increasing to 3-5/10th alto-stratus over the NE Adriatic, tops 10,000'. Over NE Yugoslavia, 7-9/10th alto-stratus and 2-4/10th cirrus to the target, tops 22,000'. On the return, clear to Yugoslavia with 3-5/10th cumulus over the mts., clearing over the Adriatic with scattered cumulus over Italy. Visibility throughout, 15 to 20 miles.

9. 28 a/c returned to the base with a mean landing time of 1540 hours. One a/c landed at Vis to refuel and has since returned to this base.

10. Ten a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

11. Observations: a. Pardubice A/D, six 6-engine a/c, 30 SEF, at 1218 hours, 20,000'. B. Chrudim A/D (4957N-1548E), 33 e/a on field at 1216 hours, 20,000'. (4 ME-109s were seen to take off from this A/D and attack the 485th). C. Silba (4421N- 1440E), CL at 1407 hours, 16,000'. D. (4425N-1440E), two DDs at 1400 hrs, 16,000'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

27 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #87, Operations Order #162.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 26 August 1944, at 0640 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Ferrara Railroad Bridge. The Group was led by Major Robert H. Martin, C.O., 760th Bomb Sqdn (H), and the second attack unit by Lt. Milton W. Briggs, 761st Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed without incident in the regular assembly area and was on course over Spinazzola at 0745 hours as briefed.

3. From 23,000', 30 a/c were over the primary target, the Ferrara RR Bridge, at 0950½ hours. 27 a/c dropped 81 tons of 1000 lb GP bombs, .1N & no delay T fusing. The bridge was smoke obscured due to previous bombings, but visible strings of bombs led into and out of the obscured area indicating a concentration of hits around the bridge. One a/c, with an engine on fire, was unable to hold formation and dropped its bombs on the railroad at Piove (4517N-1201E). Hits were observed among the rolling stock. Three a/c failed to release bombs on the target for the following reasons: (1) bomb bay doors inoperative, (2) release malfunction; (3) flak damaged. Two a/c jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic, the other a/c jettisoned bombs just after target time. Due to malfunction, the first attack unit did not use the automatic pilot. The second attack unit used it.

4. The Group encountered M-IAH flak over the target for approximately three minutes. Flak from one battery was encountered at Sovolento (4516N-1158E) and SIH flak was encountered at N.W. end of L. Comacchio.

5. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Generally clear over S. Italy on take off, clear over the Adriatic. Over N. Italy, 2/10th cirrus, tops 25,000' and 3-5/10th cumulus over Italy on return. Visibility: 10 miles on take off increasing to 15-20 miles over Adriatic and N. Italy.

6. 29 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1205 hours. One a/c with severe battle damage, crash-landed at this base. Two a/c landed at friendly fields, Pescara and Foggia. One of the three a/c (Foggia) has since returned.

7. 20 a/c were damaged by flak. Two crew members were wounded by flak, one man sustaining a leg wound and one a neck wound.

8. 10 a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #88, Operations Order #163.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 27 August 1944, at 0725 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Blechhammer South Synthetic Oil Plant in Germany. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel William B. Campbell, Group Operations Officer, and the second attack unit by Major William H. James, Jr., S-3, 763rd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group formed in the regular assembly area and rendezvous with the 485th was accomplished without incident. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0832 hours, the 460th flying in the #2 position. The fighter escort, P-51s and P-38s, first sighted forty miles north of Lake Balaton, at 1117 hours, furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation in the Vienna area at 1250 hours.

3. Five a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) #4 supercharger out, (2) oxygen system out, (3) supercharger and nose turret out, (4) short circuit in instrument panel, (5) low on gas. Three a/c jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic, one a/c returned bombs to base and the other a/c jettisoned five bombs in Adriatic and returned five to base.

4. From 23,400', 25 a/c were over the primary target at 1215 hours. 24 a/c dropped 57.5 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .025T fusing. Excellent bomb pattern, with concentration on briefed aiming point in northern third of refinery. Compressor house, gas generating plant, boiler house suffered numerous hits. Fires and explosions caused. Four a/c failed to release twenty bombs on the target due to malfunctions. One bomb was dropped three minutes before target, four bombs were dropped two minutes after target and fifteen bombs were jettisoned thirty miles south of the target. Both attack units used the automatic pilot on the bomb run.

5. The Group encountered M-IIH flak over the target area. Smoke generators were observed west of the target extending over the entire length of the refinery. About twenty generators were seen on the west bank of the Oder River and some were south of the refinery. They were ineffective.

6. The route was flown as briefed with the exception of a wide turn between the rally point and Gyer. Weather: CAVU over entire route except over southern Italy on return where it was 3-5/10th cumulus. Visibility: 20 miles.

7. 23 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1550 hours. On route to the target, one a/c landed at Vis and one a/c is missing. (KKA report filed) On route to the target, one of our a/c was unable to retract the right landing gear. The pilot flew to the target and back with the gear down. On the return near Anfria, this a/c ran out of gas and the crew bailed out. Two crew members suffered slight injuries in the landing.

8. Four a/c were slightly damaged by flak. There were no casualties.

9. Ten a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

10. Observations: A/D (4705N-1755E) 10 TEF and 3 SEF at 1054 hrs, 19,000'. L/G (4845N-1750E) 22 SEF at 1232 hrs, 21,700'. Brac Isle (4323N-1630E) 12 H/V at 1414 hours headed north, 12,000'. Szony (4745N-1808E) 200 barges tied up on Danube.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

29 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #89, Operations Order #164.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 28 August 1944, at 0710 hours, 30 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Szony O/R in Hungary. The Group was led by Lt. Colonel Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander, and the second attack unit by Major Richard E. Anderson, S-3, 761st Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. Group assembly and rendezvous with the 485th were without incident. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0814 hours, as scheduled, the 460th flying in the #3 position. The fighter escort, P-38s, first seen at Piotaeca (4558N-1714E) at 1003 hours, furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation at Banja Luka (4446N-1712E) at 1150 hours.

3. Two a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) unable to retract landing gear, (2) #4 engine throwing oil and oxygen system out in tail turret. One a/c returned bombs to base and the other a/c jettisoned bombs at (4145N-1625E).

4. From 22,000', 28 a/c were over the primary target, the Szony O/R, at 1041 hours. 24 a/c dropped 58.5 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .025T fusing. Bombs were well concentrated on the target, with a few falling short and some over. Smoke from previous groups prevents detailed analysis of hits. Due to sight malfunction, one a/c dropped its bombs short of the target, and four other a/c were unable to release bombs on the target due to rack malfunction. Bombs were disposed of as follows: 10 bombs at (4545N-1717E), 6 bombs just after target, 10 bombs south of Ditonisca and 10 bombs returned to base. Both attack units used the automatic pilot on the bomb run.

5. The Group encountered SIH flak over the target area. SIH flak is also reported ten miles SE of the target.

6. The route was flown as briefed with the exception that the Group attacked on an axis of ten degrees. Weather: C.A.V.U.

7. 28 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1330 hours.

8. One a/c was slightly damaged by flak. There were no casualties.

9. Ten a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

10. Observations: Bos Gradiaka (4508N-1706E) 30 barges in Sava River at 0948 hours, 20,000'. Szakesferhervar A/D (4709N-1825E) 12 single engine e/a on A/D, 20,000'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission #90, Operations Order #165.

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),
APO 520, U.S. Army (Attn: A-2).

1. On 29 August 1944, at 0710 hours, 31 scheduled a/c were dispatched to bomb the Moravaka Ostrava South M/Y in Czechoslovakia. The Group was led by Major Charles C. Ward, C.O., 763rd Bomb Sqdn (H), and the second attack unit by Major George S. Davis, Jr., S-3, 762nd Bomb Sqdn (H).

2. The Group assembly and rendezvous with the 485th were accomplished without incident. The Wing formed over Spinazzola at 0812 hours as briefed, the 460th flying in the #4 position. The fighter escort, P-38s & P-51s, first sighted at (4910N-1800E) at 1055 hours, furnished penetration, target and withdrawal cover. They left the formation at 1210 hours near Budapest, Hungary.

3. Four a/c returned early for the following reasons: (1) supercharger out and oil leak, (2) low on gas, (3) & (4) engine failures. Three a/c jettisoned bombs in the Adriatic and one a/c returned bombs to base.

4. Finding 8-9/10th cloud cover over the target, the leader close to bomb using PFF. From 23,200', 27 a/c were over the primary target at 1117 hours. 25 a/c dropped 62.5 tons of 500 lb GP bombs, .1N & .025T fusing. Photographs of the target are cloud obscured. A concentration of bombs fell in a field believed to be past the target. The lead ship used the automatic pilot, but the leader of the 2nd attack unit chose to retain control of his a/c. Due to release malfunctions, two a/c failed to bomb the target. These a/c disposed of bombs as follows: (1) ten bombs jettisoned SE of Budapest, (2) ten bombs jettisoned forty-five miles after target.

5. SIH flak was encountered over the primary target.

6. The route was flown as briefed. Weather: Enroute, 4-6/10th cirrus, 8-9/10 strato-cumulus over the target, visibility: 10 miles.

7. 25 a/c returned to base with a mean landing time of 1500 hours. One a/c landed on Vis and has since returned to base. One of our a/c was lost. This a/c was reported to have crash-landed in Yugoslavia by P-38 pilot. Crew members were seen to leave the wreckage. (EEA report filed)

8. Nine a/c attempted photos. A significant print is attached.

9. Observations: 3 M/Vs seen between Korcula and Scedro Isles at 0905 hours, heading 345 degrees, 12,000'.

For the Commanding Officer:

ROGER WARNER,
Major, Air Corps,
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