

HEADQUARTERS
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF,

6 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 42)

Maps: 1/500,000 Of NAPOLI, CJIETI, SHKRODA, BEOGRAD, BRASOV,
and BUCARESTI.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

(1) Target is CAMPINA M/Y. Secondary target is Industrial Center of PLOESTI by Pathfinder Method. 21 heavy flak guns surround town, but outer perimeter of PLOESTI guns must be avoided on rally out.

(2) 60-70 single engine and 15-20 twin engine fighters may be put up by enemy to intercept bombers, majority of interceptions in immediate target area.

2. b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) None.

(2) One Group P-38s will cover the formation over target and on withdrawal.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will attack M/Y, Railway Sidings and Military Installations at CAMPINA, using 500# GP bombs with .1 sec nose and .01 sec tail fuzes.

3. This Group will attack in two units of 18 ships each with second attack unit stacked down. Leaders will sight for range and deflection, box leaders for range (kill rate on their portion of target) others toggle on leaders. Maximum Pathfinder will be used. Bomb will visually if possible. Bombing altitude will be 21,000 feet, intervalometer setting 50 feet. Rally will be right to not less than 1800 Mag. Route back to 44 12N, 22 47E, to Turn Point (42 40N 19 10E) to Key Point BUDVA to Base. Each aircraft of lead attack unit will load 5 cartons of window, three cartons being dispensed three minutes before IP and continuing until clear of flak. Remaining window will be used if necessary to enter PLOESTI flak area.

4. No change.

AFF to BOMBARDMENT GROUP

- 5. a. Command 6440 Kcs
- A. G. L. 4585 Kcs
- Interplane "B" Channel
- Collective Call Sign Pumpup One Three.
- Squadron Call Signs: 740th Leanto
- 741st Startpost
- 742nd Motion
- 743rd Wantmore
- Recall Signal Afford
- IFF to be used as per latest instructions.

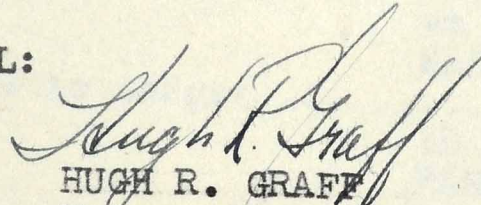
b. None.

c. (1) None

- (2) Group leader Major W.E.KEEFER
- Deputy Group Leader Lieut. H.I.MILLER

By order of Lt. Col. COOL:

HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

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- ANNEXES:
- 1. Briefing Outline
 - 2. Mission Statistics
 - 3. Ops Order 304 Wg No. 116.

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

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of Aircraft on mission 36 B-24s.
2. Group leader Major KEEFER
3. Deputy Group leader Lt. H. MILLER
4. Second ~~deputy~~ leader Lt. R. GOSLINE
5. Second deputy leader Lt. J. KNIGHT
6. Other Groups on mission 454, 456, 459BGs
7. Fighter escort 1 Group P-38s.
8. Bomb load 10/500# Gp .1 sec nose
and .61 tail fuzes.
9. Ammunition 5200 rounds.
- 10 Gas and oil load 2700 gals, full oil serve
- 11 Time at stations 0650B.
- 12 Takeoff instructions Taxi to north at 0735 for
T/O to south at 0750B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
741	270	257	250	261	665
264	190	949	989	230	583
166	234	241	282	938	120
481	994	476	271	993	294
242	081	105	982	238	771
748	239	216	347	570	283
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13. Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat wing (459,454)
at GIULIA at 4000' at 0845. 2nd CW at
SAN GIOVANNI at 4000' at 0845B.
14. Course to target Base to KP BUDVA (42 27N,
18 53E) to TP 42 40N, 19 10E to TP
RAMNICUL VALCEA (45 06N, 24 22E) to IP
to Target.
15. Time at target 1130B.
16. Return course To 44 12N, 22 47E to TP
42 40N, 19 10E to KP to BUDVA to Base.
17. Initial Point BADENI (45 15N, 25 11E)
18. Axis of attack 106 degrees Mag.
19. Bombing formation 9-ship front with second
attack unit stacked down.
20. Bombardier information Unit leaders sight for range
and deflection, box leaders for range,
others toggle on leaders. Intervalometer
setting 50 feet, IAS 160 mph, altitude
21,000, target elevation 1500 feet.
21. Direction of rally Right to not less than 180° M

(Annex 2, F.. Order 42, 6 Apr 44)

MISSION STATISTICS.

38 A/C Scheduled
36 Off:

Johnson 351, 740th Sq,
Brashear 249, 741st Sq,

740th Bomb Sq:

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

741st Bomb Sq:

8 A/C Off
7 Over target
8 Returned
0 Early return
1 Prior return : Heathcote 105 at 1315, 1-2-3 superchargers.

742nd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
9 Over target
9 Returned
02 Early return; ^{743rd crews} (Eckhoff 982 at 0855, hydraulic system.)
0 Prior Return
1 Missing in action: Beck 282.
Lee 665 at 1010, #4 governor runaway.)

743rd Bomb Sq:

8 A/C Off
68 Over target
8 Returned
20 Early return Eckhoff & Lee
0 Prior return

Combat time: 6:45.

Double sortie credit.

455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

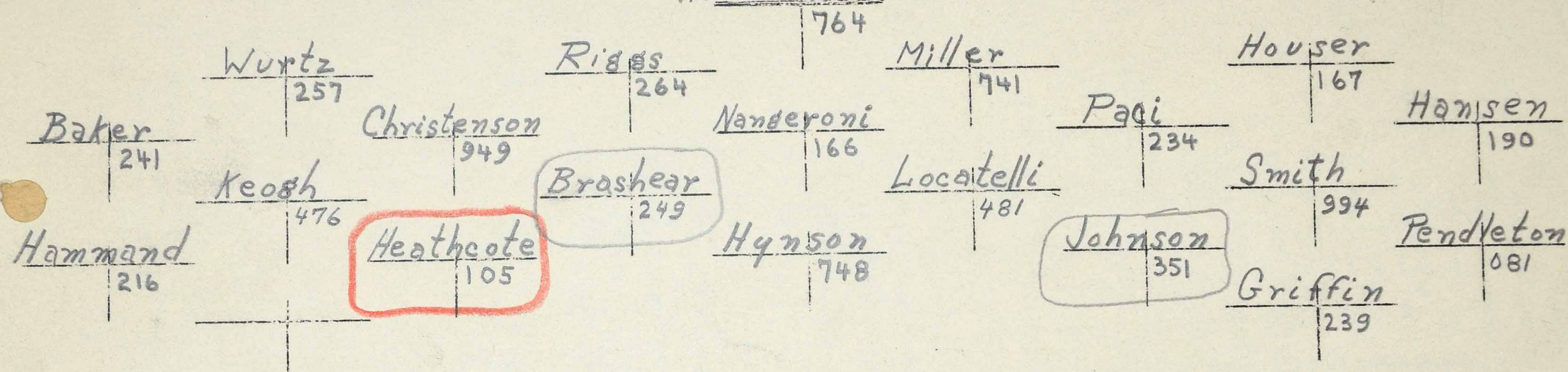
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FORMATION DIAGRAM

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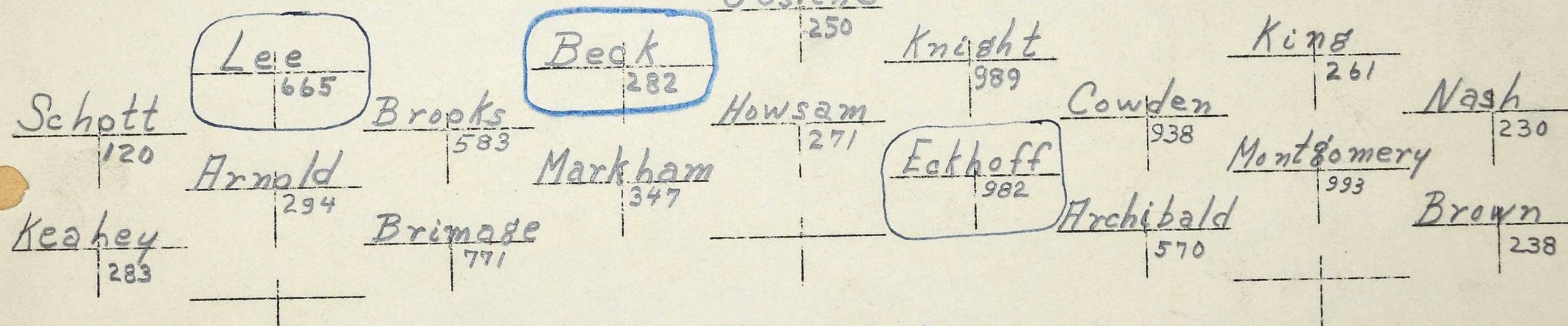
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2ND SECTION

Gosline



- ☐ EARLY RETURN
- ☐ DID NOT TAKE OFF
- ☐ M.I.A.
- ☐ PRIOR RETURN

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MISSION STATISTICS

DATE 6 MAY 1944

UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
455th 454th 456th 459th	CAMPINA	PLOEST I	

UNIT	A/C GROUND	A/C OVER TARGET			ABORTIVES			CLAIMS			DISPOSITION OF BOMBS					A/C	AMM.	CASUALTIES				
		PRI-MARY	SECON-DARY	LAST RESORT	TOTAL ABOR.	MECH-FAIL-URE	ARM-FAIL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	TYPE	JETTISONED NO.	TYPE	BROUGHT BACK NO.	TYPE	LOST	EXP.	TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED
740	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	500#	10	500#	0	500#	0	1250	0	0	0	0
741	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	1485	10	10	0	0
742	10	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	90	500#	0	500#	0	500#	1	5200	0	0	0	0
743	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	60	500#	20	500#	0	500#	0	2600	1	0	1	0
GROUP	36	32	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	314	500#	30	500#	0	500#	1	10535	11	10	1	0

CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 37 DATE 6 May 1944
2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY TOTAL TO DATE

A. Sorties	<u>31</u>			<u>1262</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>2</u>			<u>89</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>33</u>			<u>1117</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>2.78.5</u>			<u>2584.31</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>			<u>2</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>			<u>10</u>
Other	<u>0</u>			<u>5</u>
Missing	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
Damaged Flak	<u>3</u>	Severe	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <u>105</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	"	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u> <u>7</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u> <u>12</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>1</u>			<u>51</u>
Probable	<u>2</u>			<u>46</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>10</u>
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>			<u>47</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>8</u>
G. Casualties Miss in A	<u>10</u>			<u>146</u>
Killed	<u>1</u>			<u>9</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>			<u>3</u>

3. At 0750 hours 36 B-24's took off to bomb CAMPINA M/Y and Military Installations.

4. Escorted by 50 P-38's

5. a. 2 ret'd early 1. Wheels wouldn't retract, no hydraulic fluid.
(jettisoned 10 x 500 at 4330N/1620E)
b. 1 ret'd prior 2. Runaway prop governor. (jett. 10 x 500 at 4340N/1730E)
1. Three superchargers inop. (jett. 10x500 at 4200N/1811E)
(All jettisoned in Adriatic Sea)

6. a. 32 A/C dropped *314 x 500 lb. (78.5 tons) G. P., .1 sec. Nose, .01 sec. Tail.
(No) (type) (fusing)
bombs on Primary target at 1131 hrs. from 20,000 to 21,000 ft.

*Pathfinder A/C carried 4 x 500 lb bombs.

b. of above x lb. (tons) place reasons
no

c. dropped x lb. (tons) bombs on
other target, where, why

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

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

7. a. 32 A/C returned at 1445 hours. A/C are at place

b. A/C lost at , place circumstances
time

c. 1 A/C missing and last seen at 1049, 1442N/2340E, place
time

left formation, reason unknown.

8. Personnel casualties were Nose Gunner, , Killed, Flak wound in head.
position degree of injury

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9. RESULTS: First bombs appeared to strike just short of M/Y but main concentration of bombs were in center of the target. One large fire was started in installation just short of the MPI. Some bombs carried over target as far as the river.

MARKINGS: The Me 109's were black with yellow cowlings and spinners and a yellow band around the fuselage. Orange circles were noted under the wings.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

a. Fighters: 12 Me 109's were first seen at 1049 at VIDIN the A/C followed formation to target then dropped their belly tanks through the formation. 20 to 25 Me 109's 20 Fw 190's, 2 Me 110's were seen in target area. Escort kept most E/A away from formation but some E/A broke through to make single attacks from level and around the clock. A Total of 18 attacks were made on formation, majority being unaggressive. One Me 109 made aggressive attack from 10'clock level pressing to 100 yds. Formation of E/A flew above the formation attempting to drop Wing tanks on formation.

b. Flak: Intense, accurate, heavy flak at target: BOR 4400N/2210E, heavy, moderate flak, not accurate: TAROVISTE Heavy Intense and accurate: STALOC 4340N/2125E Heavy accurate moderate flak:

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: CRAIOVA M/Y concentration of RR cars at 1159 hours from 16,000 ft: SLATINA M/Y at 1200 hours from 16,500 ft, great concentration of RR cars: TAROVISTE M/Y 4457N/2527E at 1146 hours from 15,000 ft, 7 strings of cars:

b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters:
KRUSEVAC A/D 4335N/2120E at 1029 hours from 14,000 ft, 40 S/E fighters: CRAIOVA A/D 4419N/2348E at 1159 hours from 16,000 ft 25 S/E and 6 T/E: SLATINA A/D 4426N/2422E at 1207 hours from 17,000 ft 20 S/E on ground: At 4440N/2330E at 1101 hours from 15,000 ft 8 barracks or storehouses, no town nearby: FILIASI A/D 4434N/2332E at 1206 hours from 17,000 ft 25 T/E and 15 S/E on ground: KRALJEVO A/D 4344N/2043E at 1250 hours from 18,000 ft 25 A/C on ground two of which were transports: RASKA A/D 4317N/2037E at 1250 hours from 18,000 ft 27 various A/C, Ju 52's, FW 200D's, and some S/E.

d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:

e. Naval: TURNUL-SEVERIN at 1220 hours from 14,000 ft, one large river craft at dock: GULF OF KOTAR 4225N/1840E at 1340 hours, from 12,000 ft, small naval vessel in harbor:

12. WEATHER: Base to middle of Adriatic clear. From there to coast a band of stratocumulus, 10/10, tops at 5,000 ft. Over mountains to target patches of cirrus at 30,000 ft, visibility 8 to 10 miles in haze. 2/10 to 3/10 cirrus at 30,000 ft, visibility 8 to 10 miles in haze at target. Return same as enroute except that Adriatic was clear on return, visibility over mountains improved to 20 miles, temperature at 20,000 ft, 20 degrees Cent. Weather was not considered to have affected the bomb run.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: 27 photographs obtained by 1 K84B camera and 5 K-22 cameras. Complete coverage of target area obtained.

14. COURSE: Base to 4216N/1854E to 4240N/1910E to 4412N/2247E to 4506N/2422E to IP to Target, Time 1131, Axis of Attack 120 degrees. Target to 4407N/2254E to 4217N/1847E to Base.

Time Received _____

Time Forwarded _____

Initials/Signature _____

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

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Operations Order
Number 116

APD 520

5 May 1944

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1. a. (1) See latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (2) Operations for 6 May 1944. Plan Able. Two groups B-17's, 5th wing will attack BRASOV A/C Factory. One group B-17's will attack installations on BRASOV A/D. Two groups B-17's will frag dispersed A/C on BRASOV A/D. Target time 1151B - time at Key Point 0953B. 489th group will attack TURNUL SEVERIN M/Y. Four groups B-24's, 47th wing will attack BRASOV M/Y at 1141B - time at Key Point 0942B. Three groups B-24's, 49th wing will attack PITESTI M/Y at 1120B - Key Point time 0952B. Three groups B-24's, 55th wing will attack CRAIOVA M/Y at 1110B - time at Key Point 1002B. 306th Wg - One Gp P-38's will give penetration escort & will rendezvous with AF formation at 43°31'N, 21°37'E at 1018B. One Gp fighters will give target and withdrawal cover for bombers at BRASOV. One Gp fighters will give withdrawal cover to bombers from BRASOV and CAMPINA. One Gp will cover the 49th Wg over Target and on withdrawal.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all Groups this wing will attack and destroy M/Y, Railway Sidings and Military Installations at CAMPINA. One Group fighters will give target cover over CAMPINA and withdrawal cover.

TARGET: 1st C. wing - attack RR Sidings and Military Installations at CAMPINA at H-9/10 on Target Chart No. 11-1-NA.

2nd C. wing - attack CAMPINA M/Y and Military Installations between C/H-4 and J-2 on target chart No. 11-1-NA.

SECONDARY TARGET: Industrial Center of PLOESTI by Pathfinder method.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: One Group P-38's will cover this wing over the target and on withdrawal.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. wing (459th - 454th) at GIULIA at 3,000 feet at 0845B.

2nd C. wing (455th - 456th) at STORNARA at 4,000 feet at 0845B.

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

ROUTE OUT: Base to Key Point BUDVA (42°27'N, 18°53'E) to Turn Point (42°40'N, 19°10'E) to Turn Point (44°12'N, 22°47'E) to Turn Point RANICUL VALCEA (45°06'N, 24°22'E) to IP to Target. Time at Key Point 0942B at 11,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: BADENI (45°15'N, 25°11'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 106 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: 1130B.

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BOMBING ALTITUDE: 459th BG - 19,000 ft; 454th BG - 20,000 ft;
455th BG - 21,000 ft; 456th BG - 19,000 ft.
BOMBING FORMATION: 9 ship front with second attack units stacked
down for all groups.
TARGET ELEVATION: 1500 ft.
RALLY: Right to not less than 180 degrees M.
ROUTE BACK: To 44°12'N, 22°47'E to Turn Point (42°40'N, 19°10'E)
to Key Point BUDVA to Base.

3. a. 1st C. Wing - load 500's RDX bombs with .1 sec nose and half .01
and half .025 sec tail fuzes. Intervalometer setting 110 ft.

b. 2nd C. Wing - load 500's GP bombs with .1 sec nose and .01 sec
tail fuzes. Box leaders kill rate on *their* portion of the target. Intervalometer
setting 50 ft.

4. Omitted.

5. Command on 6440 KC for bomber to bomber and VHF channel "B" for bombers
and fighters. Collective call signs for bombers (459th BG - PUMPUP ONE ONE)
(454th BG - PUMPUP ONE TWO)(455th BG - PUMPUP ONE THREE)(456th BG - PUMPUP ONE
FOUR). Call signs for fighters: penetration escort (32nd FG - BELLEVOY ONE).
Target cover and withdrawal cover (14th FG - KEYWORD ONE).

Recall signal: AFFORD.

Air Force formation will be two parallel columns. In left column,
47th Wing leads and 5th Wing second followed by 483rd Group. In right column,
304th Wing leads with 49th Wing second and 55th Wing third.

Window will be employed in accordance with SOP. Each aircraft of lead
attack units will load 5 cartons of window. Three cartons will be dispensed
on CAMPINA beginning three minutes before IP and continuing until clear of flak.
Remaining window will be used if necessary to enter PLOESTI flak area.

Correct timing is imperative for all units in order to obtain max-
imum cover from escorting fighters.

Maximum pathfinder will be used. Bombing will be done visually if
possible.

Watch for 47th Wing crossing above our course at 14,000 ft approxi-
mately 20 miles west Southwest of Key Point.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

John K. Brown, Jr.
JOHN K. BROWN, Jr.,
Colonel, Air Corps,
A-3.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
740th Bomb Sq (H)

MEMORANDUM TO: Sp S-3

FOR:

Necessary Action
Your Files
Your Information
Note and Return
Distribution
Approval
Signature & Return
As Requested

REMARKS:

740th Opns

Lt Russel
Lt Draghi
Lt Butler
T/Sgt Wolk

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270

5/6/44

Lt Houser
Lt McNamara
Lt Deppisch
Lt Hoade
T/Sgt O'Brien

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264

5/6/44

Lt Riggs
Lt Burke
Lt Whidden
Lt Bercik
T/Sgt Strohmeier

T/Sgt Wert
S/Sgt Kruse
S/Sgt Franceschini
S/Sgt Bischoff
S/Sgt Balough

T/Sgt Rundle
S/Sgt Anderson
S/Sgt Childers
S/Sgt Selmaus
S/Sgt Kucharik

T/Sgt Cassidy
S/Sgt Conlin
S/Sgt Nyquist
S/Sgt Goff
S/Sgt Carringer

T/Sgt Kempf
S/Sgt Zielinski
S/Sgt Havers
S/Sgt Robinson
S/Sgt Purfaro

S/Sgt Lubeck

T/Sgt Collum
S/Sgt Rushmore
S/Sgt Windsand
S/Sgt Kolbe
S/Sgt Johnston

LOADING LIST

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5/6/44

Maj Ke-fer
Maj Graff
Capt Moeller Lt Gustafson
Lt Clowery
T/Sgt Logan
Lt Hojer

T/Sgt Wert
S/Sgt Kruse
S/Sgt Franceschini
S/Sgt Bischoff
S/Sgt Balough

V

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5/6/44

NAVIGATOR

BOMBARDIER

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Lt Miller
Lt Kelley
Lt Blacker
Lt Frantz
T/Sgt King
Lt Lafley

T/Sgt Rundle
S/Sgt Anderson
S/Sgt Childers
S/Sgt Schmaus
S/Sgt Kucharik

994

5/6/44

Lt Smith
Lt Russel
Lt Draghi
Lt Butler
T/Sgt Wolk

T/Sgt Cassidy
S/Sgt Conlin
S/Sgt Nyquist
S/Sgt Cook
S/Sgt Carringer

740

270

5/6/44

Lt Houser
Lt Monamara
Lt Deppisch
Lt Hoade
T/Sgt O'Brien

T/Sgt Kempf
S/Sgt Zielinski
S/Sgt Havers
S/Sgt Robinson
S/Sgt Furfaro

740

264

5/6/44

Lt Riggs
Lt Burke
Lt Whidden
Lt Bercik
T/Sgt Strohmeier

S/Sgt Lubeck
T/Sgt Colham
S/Sgt Rushmore
S/Sgt Windsand
S/Sgt Kolbe
S/Sgt Johnston

LOADING LIST

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239

5/6/44

Lt Griffin
Lt Lebsack
Lt Gilliam
Lt Stewartson
Sgt galvin

Sgt Louthan
S/Sgt Manning
Cpl Pierce
Sgt yaus
S/sgt Williams

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5/6/44

Lt Hyason
Lt Jones
Lt Keller
Lt Banks
T/Sgt McFall

T/Sgt Watermond
S/Sgt Daniels
S/Sgt Strange
S/Sgt Harpster
S/Sgt Lineberger

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5/6/44

Lt Hansen
Lt ward
Lt Popejoy
Lt Dehn
S/sgt Dunn

T/Sgt Yeandel
S/Sgt Babcock
S/Sgt Berg
S/Sgt Seiter
S/Sgt Rosenfield

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5/6/44

Lt Pendleton
Lt Riley
Lt Paramik
Lt Katz
Sgt Keen

T/Sgt Bearden
Sgt Counts
Sgt Coble
Sgt Groome
S/Sgt Adams

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5/6/44

Lt Paci
Lt Murphy
Lt Emory
Lt Swanson
Cpl Du Beau

Sgt Schoene
Sgt Jozefowicz
S/Sgt Grahm
Sgt Hollinsworth
Sgt Iauer

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741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AA
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AA
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6 May 44

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A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Mangeroni	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Andrews
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Townsend
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Dendy
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fry

A/C NUMBER 481 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Locatelli	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Karney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Rosenberg	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kinnick
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cahill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Dakin
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McMahon	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Anderson
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Caldwell

A/C NUMBER 257 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Murtz	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Draper
CO-PILOT	Lt. Sutera	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Newman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Ranz	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Klein
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Miller	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Ashley
RADIO	Sgt. Gross	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Larpe

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Baker	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wigely	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Aabye
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Winklehorst	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Allen
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangoes	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bopp
RADIO	Sgt. Kelley	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Applin

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER 105 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Heathcoat	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Stover
CO-PILOT	Lt. Snider	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Moore
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jackson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Rishko
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hamilton	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kerr
RADIO	Sgt. Shotwell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bennett

741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
455TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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L O A D I N G L I S T

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Keogh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Herfeld
CO-PILOT	Lt. Newfield	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Smith
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Grimm	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Pulsat
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Crowley	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Finks
RADIO	Sgt. Cornell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Huggins

A/C NUMBER 216 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Hammond	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Loicano
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Sieman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Grim	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Lundquist
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hedges	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Vincent
RADIO	Sgt. Elder	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delozier

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

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APO 520 U.S. ARMY

6 May 1944

SUBJECT: Crews Completing mission on 6 May 1944.

TO : Operations Officer, 455th Bomb Group

SHIP 993

Lt Montgomery
Lt W. Brown
Lt Guido
Lt Schneider
Mason
Sutton
Pritchard
Smith
Kyle
Leithauser

SHIP 282

Lt Beck
Lt Bunata
Lt Dowling
Lt Thomas
Crummey
Carswell
Sefcik
Shelton
Kraus
DuVal

SHIP 261

Lt King
Lt Kelly
Lt Bell
Lt Gaenzle
Hardy
Summer
Shollenberger
Doyle
Lockard
Kimsey

SHIP 230

Lt Nash
Lt Boldt
Lt Gross
Lt Knox
Pelkey
Bennett
Romano
Hoffmeister
Brock
J.A. Jackson

SHIP 238

Lt Brown
Lt Kaminsky
Lt Ford
Lt Macedo
Bench
Heitzman
Goldman
Pittman
Livingston
Graham

SHIP 250

Lt Gosline
Lt McWard
Lt McGlasson
Lt Gidden
Lt Rother
Wedin
Stapleton
Harkey
Stewart
Antonson
Robinson

SHIP 989

Lt Knight
Lt Mendenhall
Lt Brothers
Lt Crotzer
Balmer
Dearing
Clapsaddle
Grauwiller
Skelton
Paknik

SHIP 570

Lt Archibald
Lt Ramstad
Lt Barnard
Lt Ezell
Madzik
Hachey
Seiler
Abbondondelo
Teisinger
Todd

SHIP 771

Lt Brimage
Capt Gunnell
Lt Wachentdonk
Lt Santana
Cowan
Blanco
Stinson
Green
Miller
McCoy

SHIP 938

Lt Cowden
Lt Fleming
Lt Taylor C.
Lt Epperson
Boucher
Washburn
Bakos
O'Neill
Bodman
Matheson
Santiago

TARGET: _____

COMBAT TIME: _____

RICHARD A. GOSLINE
1st Lt, Air Corps
Operations Officer

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

6 May 1944.

COMBAT LOADING LIST

	<u>SHIP #283 (2-3-6)</u>		<u>SHIP #294 (2-3-4)</u>	
P	KEANEY, GEORGE O.	1st Lt.	ARNOLD, WILLIAM A.	1st Lt.
CP	REGAN, MARK	2nd Lt.	DUNSCOMB, RICHARD S.	2nd Lt.
N	SPICER, CHARLES B.	2nd Lt.	ANDERSON, INGVAR E.	2nd Lt.
B	MANNING, HENRY L.	2nd Lt.	DRASCO, STEPHEN A.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Wallace, Edwin N.	S/Sgt.	Keith, Ronald R.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Rees, Ray E.	S/Sgt.	Manzitto, Sebastino	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Thiel, James J.	S/Sgt.	Herbert, Alex G.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Simeroth, Robert B.	Sgt.	Spencer, Matthew A.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Ogg, Dick E.	S/Sgt.	McArthur, Charles J.	T/Sgt.
TAIL G	McNeil, Don R.	S/Sgt.	Petrie, Donald R.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #347 (2-1-6)</u>		<u>SHIP #271 (2-1-4)</u>	
P	MARKHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.	HOWSAM, EARL E.	1st Lt.
CP	LOKKEN, LYNN C.	2nd Lt.	STERLING, RAYMOND M.	2nd Lt.
N	POORE, CARL E.	2nd Lt.	HART, CARL A.	2nd Lt.
B	BROYAN, CARL	2nd Lt.	DUDZIK, TED A.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.	Todoro, Anthony	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Schwemer, Louis E.	T/Sgt.	Cochrane, William P.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Muzii, Louis A.	S/Sgt.	Baird, Raymond M.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Arnson, Erling L.	Sgt.	Wiesler, Robert A.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Klopchin, Andrew G.	S/Sgt.	Kapitzke, Lawrence E.	T/Sgt.
TAIL G	Place, Joel R.	Sgt.	Dandenault, Ernest C.	S/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #583 (2-1-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #120 (2-3-3)</u>	
P	BROOKS, HAROLD C.	2nd Lt.	SCHOTT, ROY H.	1st Lt.
CP	BEACHAM, LOYD L.	1st Lt.	TIGERT, HAROLD E.	F/O
N	SEYMOUR GINSBURG	2nd Lt.	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.
B	JOHNSON, EDWARD H.	2nd Lt.	BOCK, PHILIP D.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Winn, Francis P.	T/Sgt.	Conrad, Charles C.	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Weine, Max G.	S/Sgt.	Klinek, Albert J.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	HOSAC, Chester W.	T/Sgt.	Levasseur, Warren F.	T/Sgt.
WAIST L	Winn, Francis P.	T/Sgt.	Parks, Everatt	Sgt.
BALL TUR	Cluck, Omer L.	S/Sgt.	Hays, Donald F.	Sgt.
TAIL G	OBoyle, James J.	S/Sgt.	Fuller, Maurice L.	S/Sgt.
GUNNER	Patterick, Harold O.	S/Sgt.		
PHOTO	Paige, Frank H.	T/Sgt.		
	<u>SHIP #665 (2-3-1)</u>		<u>SHIP #982 (2-2-5)</u>	
P	LEE, ORVILLE I.	1st Lt.	ECKHOFF, ALBERT E.	2nd Lt.
CP	DENTON, CHARLES A.	2nd Lt.	MAURER, MARTIN	F/O
N	GROSS, JOSEPH	2nd Lt.	CAPLE, ROGER V.	2nd Lt.
B	HORAN, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.	FREHEIT, WILTON W.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Dean, Millard H.	S/Sgt.	Gulley, Charles H.	Sgt.
TOP TUR	Collins, Joseph M.	T/Sgt.	Ferbanis, Joseph	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Pendleton, Phil C.	T/Sgt.	Chlan, Raymond D.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Kohnke, Earl B.	S/Sgt.	Vojkom, John M.	Sgt.
BALL TUR	Derrick, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	Olsowsky, Ernest E.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Lafollette, John H.	S/Sgt.	Everhart, Henry B.	S/Sgt.