

455th Bomb Group, Field Orders FO#153, Linz, Austria 11/15/44

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

15 November 1944

FIELD ORDER)
NO 153)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPLES, CHIETI, FIUME, GRAZ, MUNICH, AND BOLZANO.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

- (1) Target is LINZ BENZOL OIL REFINERY, Buildings No. 4 and 5, on BC 14-7. There are 163 heavy flak guns in target area.
- (2) None

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) None
- (2) None

- 2. Five ships of this Group will take-off at thirty (30) second intervals and attack LINZ BENZOL OIL REFINERY by PFF. Bomb load will be 500# RDX with .1 sec nose and mixed .01 and .025 sec tail fuzings, with two (2) bombs per A/C fuzed for long delay 6 to 72 hours. Intervalometer setting 50 feet.
- 3. Attack will be made by individual ships by PFF. All ships will adhere strictly to assigned target time blocks to avoid confusion with other Groups and Wings in target area. Aircraft forced to return early will fly at a minimum safe altitude to keep clear of A/C on route out. In event that adequate cloud cover fails along route over enem territory, the mission will be abandoned. Rally will be right around STEYR.
- 4. No change.
- 5. a. Command ----- 6440 Kcs
A.C.I. ----- 4585 Kcs
Group Frequency ----- 4425 Kcs
Interphone ----- Channel "C"
Collective Call Sign ----- SCANTY-FOUR
Recall Signal ----- QUAKER

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5. b. None

c. 131 - Lt. CROSBY 608 - Lt. BONE 010 - Lt. REYNOLDS
071 - Lt. ALDER 033 - Lt. HOUSER

By order of Lt. Col. SNOWDEN:

WILLIAM E. KEEFER
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Operations Officer

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., Air Corps
Operations Officer

ANNEXES:

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LOADING LIST

740th
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Lt Grosby
Lt Carr
Lt Miller & Lt Cummings
Lt O'Malley
T/Sgt Parks

T/Sgt Rathie
S/Sgt Palamuk
S/Sgt Golberg
S/Sgt Eldridge
S/Sgt Karon

PILOT
CO-PILOT
NAVIGATOR
BOMBARDIER
RADIO

A/C NUMBER DESTINATION

PILOT
CO-PILOT
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741ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ^{AF}
4TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ^{AF}
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

15 NOVEMBER 1944
(DATE)

LOADING LIST

A/C NUMBER	<u>608</u>	DESTINATION	T/O	<u>0904 Landed</u>
PILOT	LT. BONE	TOP TUR GNR	SGT. BISINELLA	
CO-PILOT	LT. JOSEY	WAIST RIGHT	SGT. STESLOW	
NAVIGATOR	LTS BATCHELDER, BARAL	WAIST LEFT	SGT. KIERNAN	
BOMBARDIER	LT. KERR	BALL TUR GNR	SGT. SKARZENSKI	
RADIO	SGT. MALLORY	TAIL TUR GNR	SGT. MONTGOMERY	
742 ND A/C NUMBER		DESTINATION	T/O	
PILOT	<u>B</u>	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		
743 RD A/C NUMBER		DESTINATION	T/O	
PILOT	<u>HOUSER</u>	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		
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

15 NOVEMBER 1944

SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 15 NOVEMBER 1944

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

*Prior
return
at 1249

T/O at
0905*

SHIP 010
P LT REYNOLDS
CP LT RHILLIPS
N LT LYNAM
B LT ARTHUR
FRONTZ
KINCAID
LAZENBY
CEKLINSKI
BEARS
CUNNINGHAM, G.
LT BASLER (PFF)

SHIP 073
LT ALDER
LT SHERIDAN
LT KLOTZ
LT WEIGER
JOHNSON, V.
MITCHELL, D.
VARNELL
TOMME
KRISTEL
HUNZIKER

*T/O at 0903
Landed 15*

LLOYD M. GRIFFIN,
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,
OPERATIONS OFFICER.

TIME _____

TARGET _____

Combat time

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Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520

15 November 1944.

COMBAT MISSION
NO 148

COMBAT LOADING LIST

SHIP #033

P	LT. HOUSER, A.
CP	LT. BROWN, J. N.
N	LT. BENNER, C. B.
B	LT. BELL, J. C.
NV	LT. MARTIN, W. (GP)
R	Sgt. Hernandez, R. M.
E	Sgt. Gibbs, O.
AE	Sgt. Norton, R. K.
AR	Sgt. Montgomery, A.
AG	Sgt. Boone, J. E.
AG	Sgt. Olson, W. E.

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