

55BW Mission Summary No. 106, 21 Sept 44 (Cont'd).

On 21 Sept 44, 120 B-24 a/c of the 55th Bombardment Wing took off to bomb Primary Target (Communications). Due to adverse weather conditions, the 464th and 465th Bombardment Groups returned bombs to base. With the exception of 1 a/c of the 460th Bombardment Group, this unit returned all bombs to base. This B-24 a/c attached itself to another Wing and dropped 2.5 tons of 500 lb RDX, .1 and .01 fusing, on KISKORE. All a/c of these Groups returned safely to bases.

28 B-24 e/c of the 485th Bombardment Group attacked the first alternate target, BROD M/Y. From 24,000' 26 a/c dropped 64.75 tons of 500 lb RDX, .1 and .01 fusing. 2 a/c jettisoned bomb loads.

Results: The 485th Bomb Group; BROD N M/Y: Numerous strikes fell across the center of the yard. Incidental damage includes several strikes in the locomotive factory area north of the yard and several hits on barracks type buildings south of the yard. Damage to trackage is believed to be considerable. Some doubt exists about all through tracks being cut.

No escort reported. No enemy fighters were seen. Flak at BROD was of 4 minutes duration - IAH. MAH flak was encountered at SARAJEVA.

Weather: Multi-layer clouds enroute, base 3,000' during assembly. Overcast over YUGO mountains. Visibility at target 20-25 miles, On return, 10/10 alto-cumulus and alto-stratus at 15,000' tops. Also YUGO coast deck was solid from 15,000 to 8,500'.

27 a/c landed at base at 1400A. 1 a/c listed as missing.