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HISTORY  
of  
464<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Comprising  
776<sup>TH</sup> 777<sup>TH</sup> 778<sup>TH</sup> 779<sup>TH</sup>  
BOMBARDMENT SQUADRONS (H)  
PANTANELLA AIRBASE  
ITALY

for  
SEPTEMBER 1944

55<sup>TH</sup> BOMBARDMENT WING (H)  
15<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE

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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

1 October 1944

GROUP HISTORY 1 SEPTEMBER 1944 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1944

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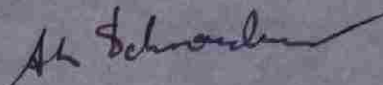
1 October 1944

During the past month our tonnage of bombs dropped and number of missions flown have been low, due to circumstances beyond our control.

On the other hand, there is a really bright side to our operations during the month of September: our losses were very low and a fairly heavy amount of damage was inflicted on each mission.

With increasingly bad weather, more and more emphasis will be placed on all training--ground and air.

With fewer missions flown, due to bad weather, more time will be available to all personnel for other purposes. In order that this time will not weigh collectively or individually, it is hoped that we will be able to provide additional athletic and recreational facilities--at our own expense if necessary.



A. L. SCHROEDER  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
 464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 520 U S Army

1 October 1944

NARRATIVE HISTORY FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944

1. The present designation of this unit is 55th Bombardment Wing (H), Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, U S Army.

2. Lt. Colonel ELVIN E. GOODYEAR, O-401217 appointed Acting Deputy Group Commander, Vice Lt. Colonel CHARLES F. MCKENNA III, on D/S to the United States.

Major JAMES H. GILSON, O-412958 appointed Commanding Officer of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H), Vice Lt. Colonel ELVIN E. GOODYEAR, appointed Deputy Group Commander.

3. The strength of the unit, commissioned and enlisted was as follows:

	Officers	Enlisted Men
As of 31 August 1944	415	1679
Net Decrease (Officers) increase (EM)	11	50
As of 30 September 1944	404	1729

4. Attacking enemy objectives in Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Germany and Poland, this Group flew a total of thirteen (13) missions. Hungary received the brunt of our attacks with six (6) attacks on marshalling yards, bridges and oil refineries. During the course of the month four (4) marshalling yards, four (4) bridges, two (2) oil refineries and two (2) war materiel factories and one (1) harbor installation were bombed.

A total of 373 sorties were flown and 840.75 tons of bombs dropped on enemy objectives.

Due to adverse weather conditions a total of ten (10) scheduled missions were cancelled.

Since this Group became operational on 30 April 1944 it has flown a total of 83 combat missions, with 2526 sorties and has dropped 5264 tons of bombs on enemy targets.

5. No encounters with enemy aircraft were experienced during this period. Two (2) additional claims for enemy aircraft previously destroyed were allowed. This Group continues to lead the Wing in destruction of enemy aircraft. Totals to date for this Group are as follows:

	<u>Air</u>	<u>Ground</u>
Destroyed	76	20
Probably destroyed	40	
Damaged	20	12

6. There were two (2) deaths in the Group during this period, one (1) officer killed in action and one (1) officer dying from Malaria. There were six (6) minor wounds, three (3) moderately serious wounds and four (4) cases of frost bites during this same period resulting from combat missions.

Twenty (20) Combat Crew Members were listed as Missing in Action, with twelve (12) Crew Members being returned to duty who were previously listed as Missing in Action.

7. Awards made during this period were as follows:

Good Conduct Medal	162
Purple Heart Medal	65
Air Medal	150
1st Cluster to Air Medal	88
2nd Cluster to Air Medal	83
3rd Cluster to Air Medal	88
4th Cluster to Air Medal	4
Distinguished Flying Cross	198
First Oak Leaf Cluster to D.F.C.	2

Eight (8) Distinguished Flying Cross awards were made to Combat Crew Members listed as Missing in Action and one (1) Posthumously.

The Silver Star was awarded to the following flying personnel:

General Order No 3052, Hq. 15th Air Force 2 September 1944

T/Sgt James H Elder	70022777	777th Squadron
S/Sgt Sylvester A Faugman	38109865	777th Squadron
S/Sgt George R Masterson	36379395	777th Squadron
S/Sgt Robert L McMillan (K.I.A.)	14154813	777th Squadron
S/Sgt James J Petrone (M.I.A.)	31325304	777th Squadron
1st Lt John L Tudbury Jr.	0-795861	777th Squadron
T/Sgt Ernest N Monthey	17127572	777th Squadron
S/Sgt Robert V King	36380226	777th Squadron
S/Sgt Wilbur A Tri	37168950	777th Squadron

General Order No 3433, Hq. 15th Air Force 16 September 1944

Capt. William T Eaves	0-66256	777th Squadron
1st Lt Joyce W Lewis	0-749273	779th Squadron
1st Lt Morgan D Vaughan	0-668842	779th Squadron
2nd Lt Bartholomew D Barry Jr.	0-718954	779th Squadron
2nd Lt James T Creekmore	0-555969	779th Squadron
T/Sgt Richard L Dupre (Posthumous)	17070726	779th Squadron
T/Sgt William F Wrinn (M.I.A.)	32393005	779th Squadron
S/Sgt Robert J Fischer	35461534	779th Squadron
S/Sgt Walter H Stutts	6871543	779th Squadron

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Sgt	Frank B Dansereau	14128287	779th Squadron
Sgt	Joseph C Palmiero	32944905	779th Squadron

The Soldiers Medal was awarded to the following ground personnel:

General Order No 3433, Hq. 15th Air Force 16 September 1944

Cpl	James W Arinstrong	35549194	778th Squadron
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General Order No 3653, Hq. 15th Air Force 26 September 1944

2nd Lt	LeRoy B Marsh Jr	0-867005	779th Squadron
T/Sgt	Dale S Caldwell	39836565	779th Squadron
M/Sgt	William L Spivey	18005538	779th Squadron
M/Sgt	Clarence V Avenius	14052135	779th Squadron
M/Sgt	Theodore G Moldenhauer	18001470	779th Squadron
M/Sgt	Herman T Moldenhauer	18001481	779th Squadron
S/Sgt	Lester G Hacker	35091299	779th Squadron
Sgt	Wayne G Marienau	37472933	779th Squadron
T/Sgt	Harry A Bruneau	12033129	779th Squadron

8. There were three (3) aircraft accidents during this period, resulting in three (3) minor injuries to crew members and two (2) aircraft with major damage and one (1) aircraft completely wrecked.

<u>Date</u>	<u>A/C #</u>	<u>Details of Accident</u>
A. 8 September 1944	41-28701	Left landing gear gave way while a/c was being taxied. No injuries. Major damage to a/c.
B. 28 September 1944	41-29417	Left landing gear gave way on landing, letting left wing and No 1 prop dig into the runway. Three (3) minor injuries. A/C completely wrecked.
C. 29 September 1944	42-50963	Right wing stalled out just above the runway during a simulated two engine landing, dragging

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12. Morale for the Group continued at a high level. Low combat losses, crews finishing their tour of duty, plus the interest being shown in preparing living quarters for winter have had a good effect on morale. Construction of better quarters has been keeping personnel busy, and busy men are usually contented men. More emphasis has been placed on physical training, resulting in more athletic competition and body building sports.

13. A copy of the Medical History of the Group from 1 September 1943 to 30 June 1944 is inclosed.

14. From the Chaplains view point, the month of September 1944 has been the best in the history of the Group. Chapel attendance has increased, letters of sympathy for men lost has decreased and baptismal services exceeded burial services.

During this period attendance at Church Services was 2127. Letters of sympathy were written for only one crew.

Work continues on the Chapel at a satisfactory pace. A bronze church bell has been installed, stained glass windows put in and a dedication plaque of marble has been placed above the church entrance. Since this plaque has been installed many of us have paused and humbly read the inscription "DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD, IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE MEN IN THE 464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS".



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the right wing tip and  
vertical stabilizer on  
the runway. No injuries.  
Major damage to the a/c.

9. There were twenty four (24) new cases of venereal disease reported in the Group during the five (5) week period beginning 26 September 1944, for a rate of 115.99 per 1000 men per annum. This as compared to four (4) new cases for a rate of 25.81 for the previous reporting period in August 1944. Based on Case Contact Histories in the Group Surgeon's file this increase appears to be the result of increased activities of prostitutes in Rome, Bari, Naples and smaller surrounding towns. The Medical Section is making a determined effort by lectures and motion pictures to bring this situation back under control. Patrols are being made in the surrounding towns to decrease the number of possible contacts with prostitutes. There has also been a reduced number of passes issued to enlisted personnel in view of the existing conditions.

Members of this Group donated 289 units of blood during this period.

10. A total of seventy eight (78) Combat Crew Members finished their fifty (50) combat missions and are awaiting orders sending them back to the United States.

11. Fourteen (14) replacement Combat Crews were assigned to this Group, and were given the regular three (3) day ground training and indoctrination program.

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A large reading and lounging room is being constructed as a wing to the Chapel, including a fireplace and comfortable furniture for benefit of those who wish to spend a quiet evening of reading or study.

15. Special Services showed fifteen (15) different films together with G.I. movies and training films during this period. Cold and rainy weather failed to discourage the movie fans of the Group. One (1) U.S.O. show played at this base, featuring Al Robinson, which was by far the best U.S.O. production to show at this base up to the present time.

Four hundred men attended showing of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" at Bari and Foggia.

Ten (10) new men signed up for courses in the Armed Forces Institute, and weekly discussions groups were organized in the 778th and 779th Squadrons.

The personnel of this Group contributed \$1700 in memberships in the Army Air Forces Air Society during this period.

A compulsory program of physical training was instituted and was well received by personnel of the Group. Three (3) hours of physical training a week is required by all personnel.

Three (3) issues of the "464th Bomb Blast" the camp newspaper were distributed.

16. At last, after months of operating in makeshift tents, the new Headquarters Building is occupied. The building houses

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S-1, S-2, S-3, and office of the Commanding Officer, as well as a briefing room. It is a distinct relief to be inside out of the wind, dust and rain and should lead to greater efficiency in all sections.

17. The big question in nearly every one's mind at the present time is "How are we going to keep warm this winter?"

## BIOGRAPHIES

1. Captain VERL FIELDING, O-649927, Group Statistical Control Officer was inducted into the Army on 5 November 1941 at Camp Blanding, Florida. Assigned to the 9th Troop Carrier Squadron, of the 63rd Troop Carrier Group. Captain Fielding served with the same Squadron in personnel work at Brookley Field, Florida, Camp Williams, Wisconsin, Selfridge Field, Michigan, Pope Field, North Carolina, Dodd Field, San Antonio, Texas, Stuttgart A.A.B., Arkansas, until 12 December 1942, reaching the grade of Sergeant. Appointed to O.C.S., Miami Beach, Captain Fielding finished the course at A.A.F. Statistical School at Harvard University and was commissioned 2nd Lt. A.C. on 1 March 1943.

Following assignment at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Wash, Salina Kansas and Topeka Kansas, Captain Fielding was assigned to the 464 Bombardment Group (H) on 20 August 1943 at Orlando, Florida, where selected personnel were receiving special training at A.A.F.S.A.T. Captain Fielding has served with this Group since that time as Group Statistical Control Officer and Assistant Group Adjutant.

Captain Fielding is 24 years of age, married, with a son age one month which he has never seen, and claims Plant City, Florida as his home town. Captain Fielding intends to finish college at the University of Florida, having one year to go to obtain his degree.

2. Captain ALLEN S. ORTON, O-861841, Group Weather Officer entered the Army at Albany, New York, on 19 July 1942 as an Aviation Cadet in Meteorology. Graduating from A.A.F.T.C., New York University on 11 May 1943 he was commissioned a 2nd Lt A.C. Captain Orton served as weather officer and ground school instructor at Stewart Field, West Point until 5 August 1943 when he was sent to A.A.F.S.A.T., Orlando Florida for a course as Staff Weather Officer. Upon completion of this course was assigned to the 464th Bombardment Group (H) as Weather Officer on 2 September 1943.

Captain Orton is 24 years of age, single and claims Salem, New York as his home town. A graduate of Union College Schenectady, New York, Captain Orton intends to go to a graduate school of Economics after he is discharged from the Army.

3. 1st Lt. RICHARD E. STRINGFIELD, O-857791, Group Photo Interpreter, joined the Army as an enlisted man on 14 January 1942 in New York City. Assigned to Ordnance Lt Stringfield served at Camp Upton, New York, Morrison Field, Florida and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, until October 1942 when he was appointed an Aviation Cadet for training at the Cadet Photo School at Lowry Field, Colorado. At time of appointment as Aviation Cadet, Lt Stringfield was Technician 5th Grade.

Completing the course of instruction on 1 January 1943, Lt Stringfield received his commission as 2nd Lt A.C. Serving

as photo supply officer at Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio, until March 1943. Lt Stringfield attended A.A.F. A.I.S., Harrisburg. Then followed service at Patterson Field, McClellan Field, Sacramento, A.A.B. Santa Maria, and the 382nd Bombardment Group (H) at Pocatello Idaho. Lt Stringfield joined the 464th Bombardment Group (H) on 21 October 1943 at Pocatello A.A.B. and has been with the Group since that time. Lt Stringfield is 26 years of age, single, and claims Somerville N.J. as his home town. A graduate of Rutgers University, Lt. Stringfield intends to take a post graduate course in advertising at Northwestern University after the war.

4. 1st Lt LANSON H. CRAWFORD, O-582691, entered the Army as Enlisted Man in the Air Corps on 20 February 1942 at Hammer Field, Fresno, California. Serving in the photo laboratory as a photo technician and section chief, Lt Crawford rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Appointed to O.C.S. Miami Beach, Florida on 20 June 1943, Lt Crawford upon completion of his course, was commissioned 2nd Lt A.C. on 16 October 1943. Assignments followed to the 382nd Bombardment Group at A.A.B., Pocatello, Idaho, as Group Photo Officer, where he served until joining the 464th Group as Group Photo Officer on 11 November 1943.

Lt Crawford is 38 years of age, single and claims Wellsville Ohio, and Fresno, California as his home towns. Lt Crawford intends to continue his career in commercial art and commercial color photography which he gave up when he entered the Army.

HEADQUARTERS  
55TH BOMBARDMENT WING  
APO 520 US ARMY

10 September 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 464th Bombardment Group, APO 520,  
U. S. Army.

1. It is my desire to highly commend the Officers and enlisted men of your Group and Squadron Engineering sections for the excellent maintenance record maintained since arriving in this theatre of operations.
2. The quality of maintenance and appearance of the Engineering areas have been superior. This condition reflects the zealous effort and persistent application to duty performed by all concerned.
3. Request the contents of this letter be brought to the attention of all personnel concerned.

/s/ George R. Acheson  
/t/ GEORGE R. ACHESON,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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TO CO 460TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 464TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 485TH BOMB GROUP

GR---BT

CONFIDENTIAL I DESIRE TO COMMEND THE COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN  
TODAYS MISSION X THE GROUP FORMATIONS AS A WHOLE WERE EXCELLENT UP TO  
AND INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TARGET AND RALLY X THE INDIVIDUALS  
GROUPS WERE MMMM SCATTERED SOMEWHAT BELOW BALATON WHICH SHOULD BE  
IN THE FUTURE BUT GENERALLY FORMATIONS WERE CONSIDERED EXCELLENT  
X END ACHESON

BT 101726B

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LEJN R NR5 AT 101731B JJK AR K

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*Maurice C. Killling*  
MAURICE C. KILLING, Capt, AC



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FROM C G 55TH BOMB WING FFW ABLE 99 HH0436 241402A  
TO CO 460TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 464TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 465TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 485TH BOMB GROUP  
GR---BT

THE FOLLOWING TWX RECEIVED FROM COMMANDING GENERAL FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION QUOTE IT IS WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT  
I COMMAND YOUR WING FOR ITS PART IN THE SUPERB BOMBING ACCOMPLISHED  
BY THE 15TH AF ON 20 SEPTEMBER PD THIS OPERATION IS EVIDENCE OF A STEADY  
COMMA FORWARD PROGRESS AND A CREDIT TO EVERY OFFICER AND ENLISTED MAN IN  
YOUR ORGANIZATION PD UNQUOTE ACHESON  
BT 241402A

SENT AT 24/1406A AB K AR  
LXON RECD NR 3 AT 24/1407A RC K AR  
LEJN R NR2 AT 24/1407B FSG K  
LEKO R NR3 AT 241406A CH AR  
LENR R R NR 3 AT 241406 JW K

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*Maurice C. Kielling*  
MAURICE C. KIELLING, (Capt, AC)

CONFIDENTIAL

LEJN LKRO V LDZC NR9-8 PP

FROM 55TH BOMB WING CITE FFW ABLR 103 251525A  
TO CO 464TH BOMB GROUP  
CO 465TH BOMB GROUP  
GR---BT

CONFIDENTIAL X THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
OF THE FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION X QUOTE POST  
RAID RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AT SCARC/// SCARAMANGA RESULTING  
FROM THE EXCELLENT BOMBING X MY HIGHEST COMMENDATIONS TO ALL PERSONNEL  
PARTICIPATING IN THESE ATTACKS X UNQUOTE I DESIRE TO ADD MY COMMENDATION AND  
CONGRATULATIONS ALTHOUGH AN EXCELLENT JOB WAS MARRED BY THE INACCURATE BOMB-  
ING OF ONE BOX X END  
ACHESON

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LKRO R NRS 251545A JM K

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*Maurice C. Kiehl*  
MAURICE C. KIEHL, Capt, AC

PROMOTIONS

Major CLARENCE G. POFF, O-416342 to Lt. Colonel  
SO 248 Par 7 Hq 15th Air Force 4 September 1944  
Commanding Officer 778th Bombardment Squadron (H)

Captain GEORGE W. CARNEY JR, O-662743 to Major  
SO 249 Par 15 Hq 15 Air Force 5 September 1944  
Operations Officer 778th Bombardment Squadron (H)

Captain WILLIAM G. SHOEMAKER, O-789213 to Major  
SO 251 Par 25 Hq 15 Air Force 13 September 1944  
Operations Officer 779th Bombardment Squadron (H)

Captain CLYDE CRABTREE, O-914836 to Major  
SO 271 Par 4 Hq 15 Air Force 27 September 1944  
Executive Officer 777th Bombardment Squadron (H)



First Replacement Combat Crew to finish 50 combat missions being decorated by Colonel A.L. Schroeder Group Commander.

From Left to Right:

T/Sgt	John J Ritter
T/Sgt	Edward J Masar
T/Sgt	William M Robb
T/Sgt	Robert W Loichinger
T/Sgt	Alex Michels
1st Lt	Albert E Hudeck
1st Lt	Harry W Glaze Jr
1st Lt	Ralph T MacGlemmy

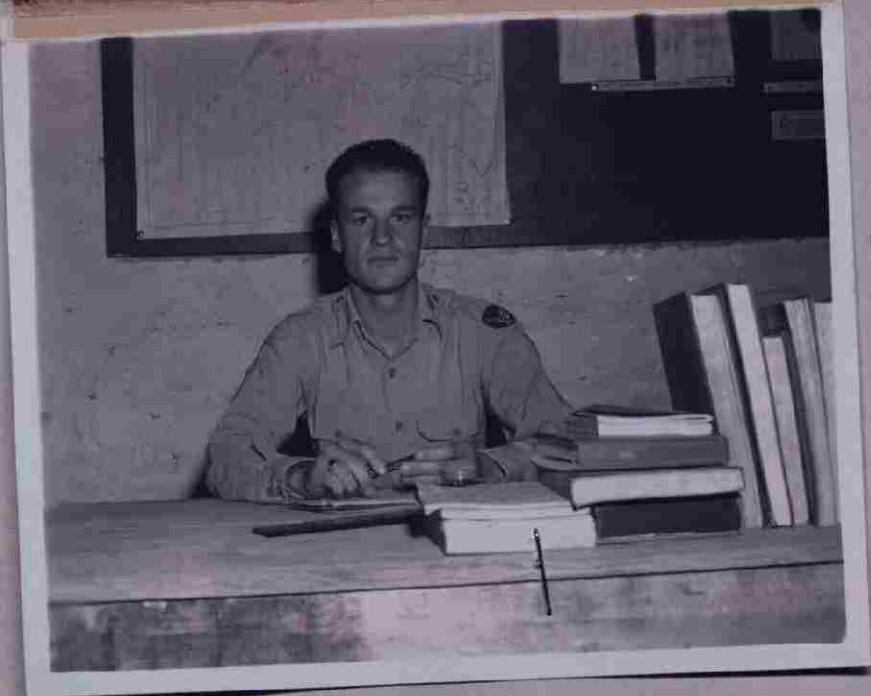
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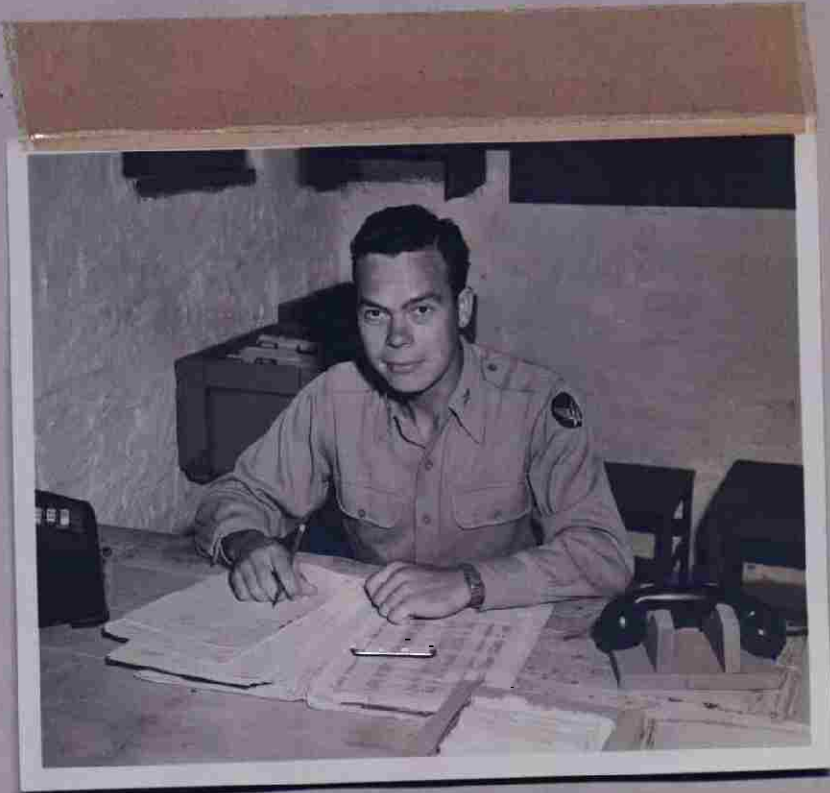
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Pvt	Henry W Fischer	Sgt	Thomas S Huntley
Sgt	Rufus P Helms	Cpl	Roy M Hermes
S/Sgt	Eugene L Majeski	S/Sgt	Arthur E Moseley
M/Sgt	Harold F Cross	T/Sgt	Edwin A Enerson
Major	Daryl D Johns	M/Sgt	Henry O Peterson
S/Sgt	George W Watson	Sgt	Ralph L Conaway
Sgt	Harry C Rumpf	Pfc	Sidney R Beaver
Cpl	Bernard A Lyons	T/Sgt	Frank C Witmer
		Pvt	James E Dadisman



Capt. Allen S Orton  
Group Weather Officer



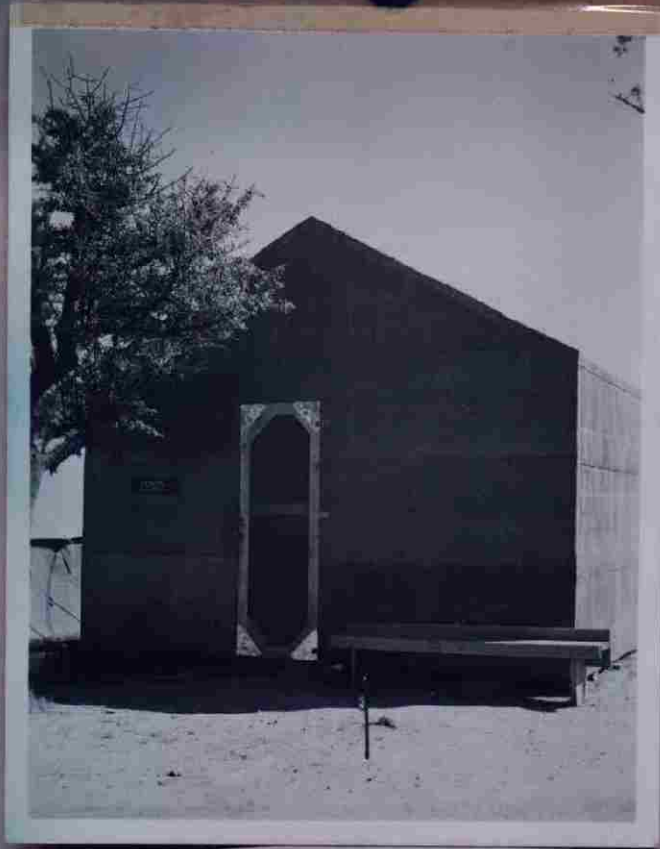
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Statistical Control  
Officer



1st Lt Lanson H. Crawford Group Photo Officer

1st Lt. Richard E. Stringfield Group Photo Interpreter



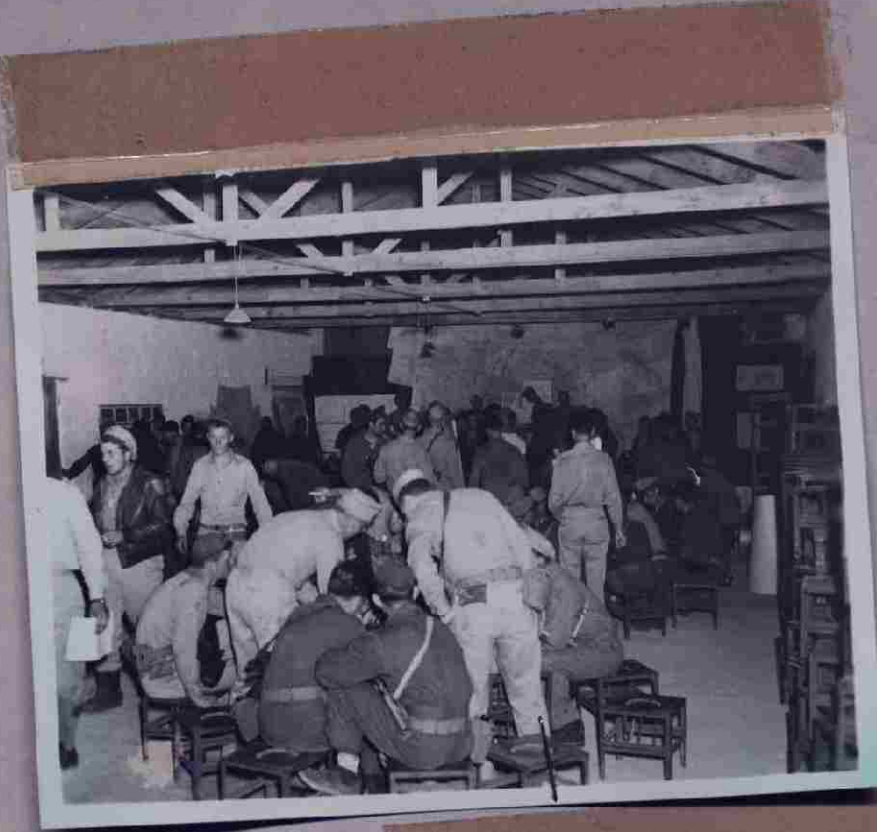


Group Dental Clinic

Group Dispensary



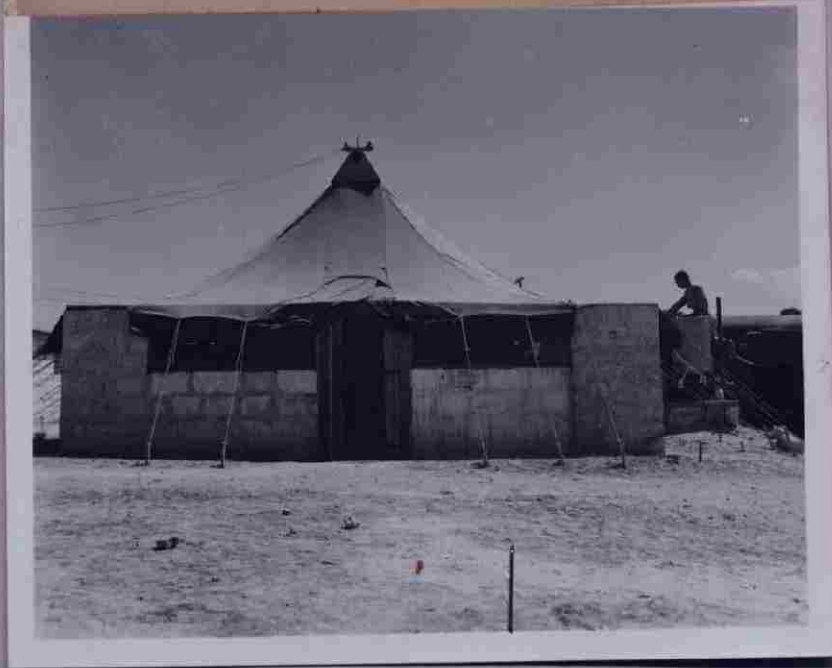




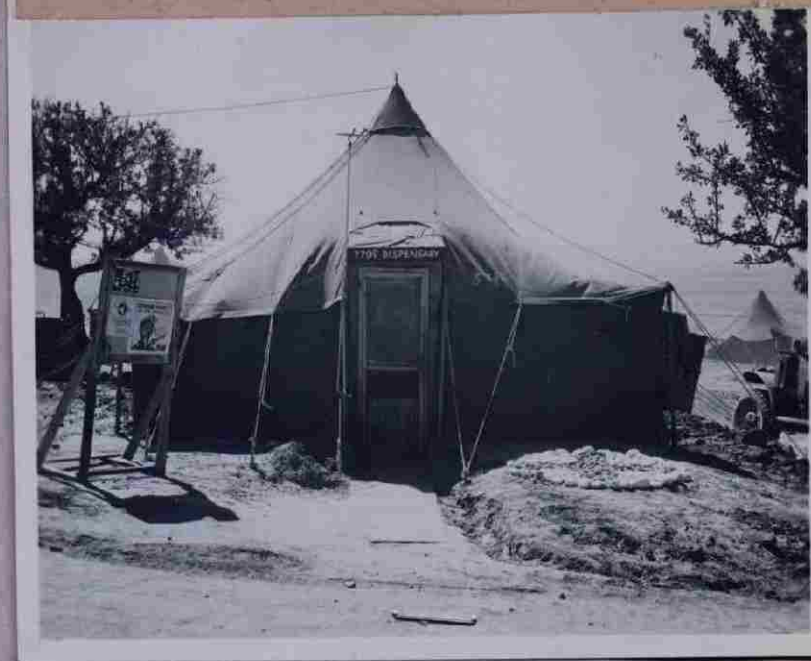
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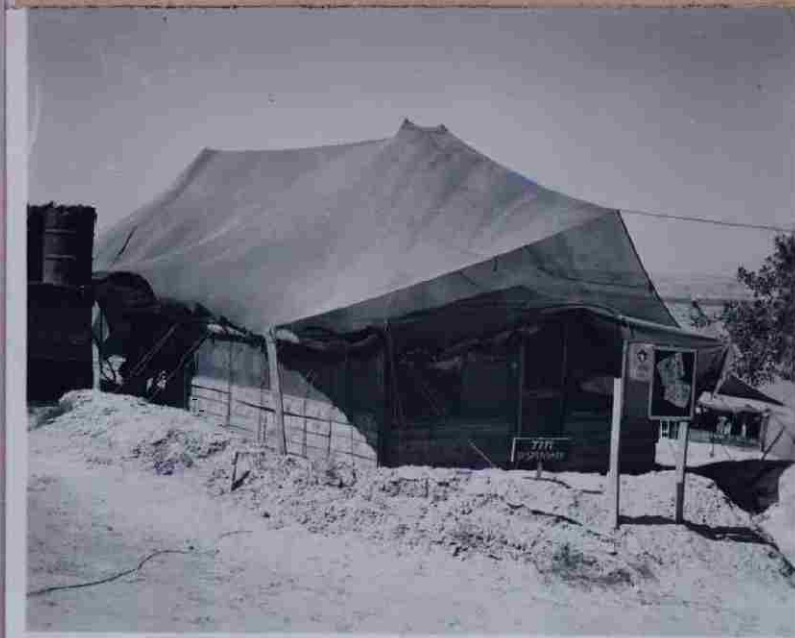
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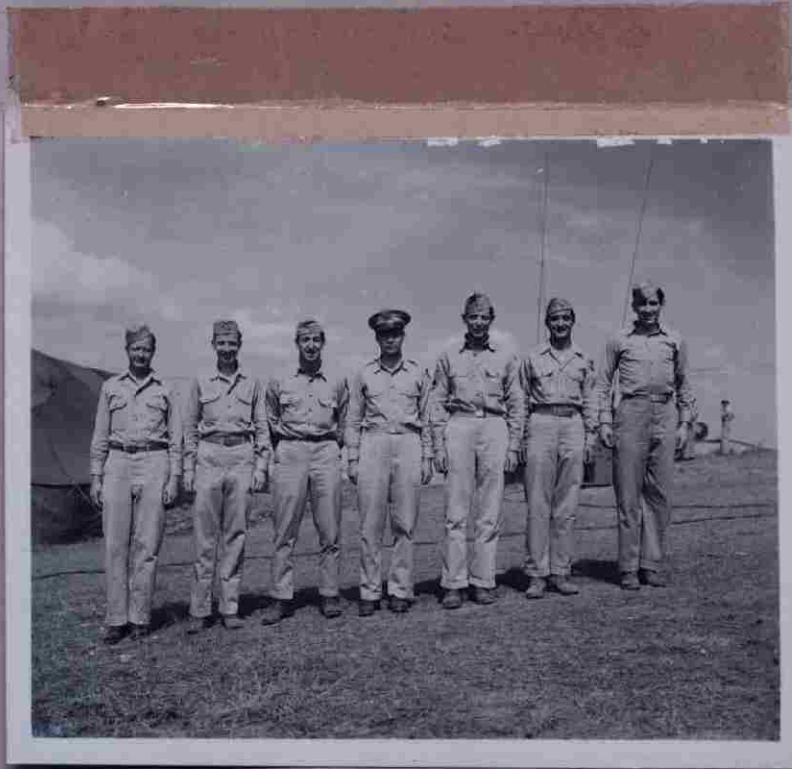
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776th Squadron  
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777th Squadron  
Dispensary



GROUP COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Left to Right -

Cpl	Clifford A Natwick
Cpl	Richard A Connerty
S/Sgt	Norton Hirsch
Capt.	Foyl Beasley
M/Sgt	Robert Marantz
Cpl	Joseph E Cozenso
Pvt	John J Curran



776th Bomb Sq Communications Section

Front Row - left to right -

Cpl Peter B Gerace  
 Sgt Theodore J Stoyaka  
 Sgt Russell C Reddix  
 Cpl Willard W Wall  
 Pfc Orlando S Carby  
 1st Lt Daniel E Colvin  
 2nd Lt Peter J Fay  
 Pfc Michael A O'Toole  
 Cpl Ralph F Meeks  
 Sgt Robert O Gaylord  
 Pfc William E Miller  
 Cpl Francis J Waltz Jr.

Second Row - left to right -

T/Sgt Lester E Read  
 Cpl Chris E Smith  
 S/Sgt Harry G Harris  
 Cpl Edgar H Fox Jr.  
 Cpl Gustave (NMI) Ruble  
 Cpl Edward Sheu  
 Pvt William Fuerst  
 Sgt Thomas E Reagan  
 Sgt Roy (NMI) Kelwood  
 Cpl Jerome (NMI) Cohen

Back Row - left to right -

M/Sgt Wayne (NMI) Van Wiennen  
 Cpl Edward J Burger  
 Pfc Fred S Aarts  
 Cpl Worthington E Nyhart

Pfc James D Sowell  
 Cpl Robert Loveless  
 S/Sgt Michael (NMI) Dmytrus  
 Cpl Bernard O Stackler  
 Cpl Paul A Sabol



777TH COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Pvt	John J Smith	Sgt	Gene S Bakke
Sgt	Eugene Urciuoli	Pvt	John Krebs
Sgt	Nathaniel H White	M/Sgt	Augusto Barra
Capt	Charles R Weathersbee	Pvt	Eugene J Smith
Pvt	Harris Nelson	Cpl	Norman McDermott
Pvt	Charles Zeitter	T/Sgt	Camilius G Schlechter
S/Sgt	Charles J McCormick	Sgt	Guy Lindsey
Sgt	Myrl R Heckert		

Back Row: (Left to Right)

Pvt	Nicholas G Avgerenor
Pfc	Thomas E Abele
Pfc	Jesse D Dotson
Sgt	Ernest B Flew
S/Sgt	Stanley F Szerlong
Cpl	Henry Halbrooks
Pvt	Opal Jones



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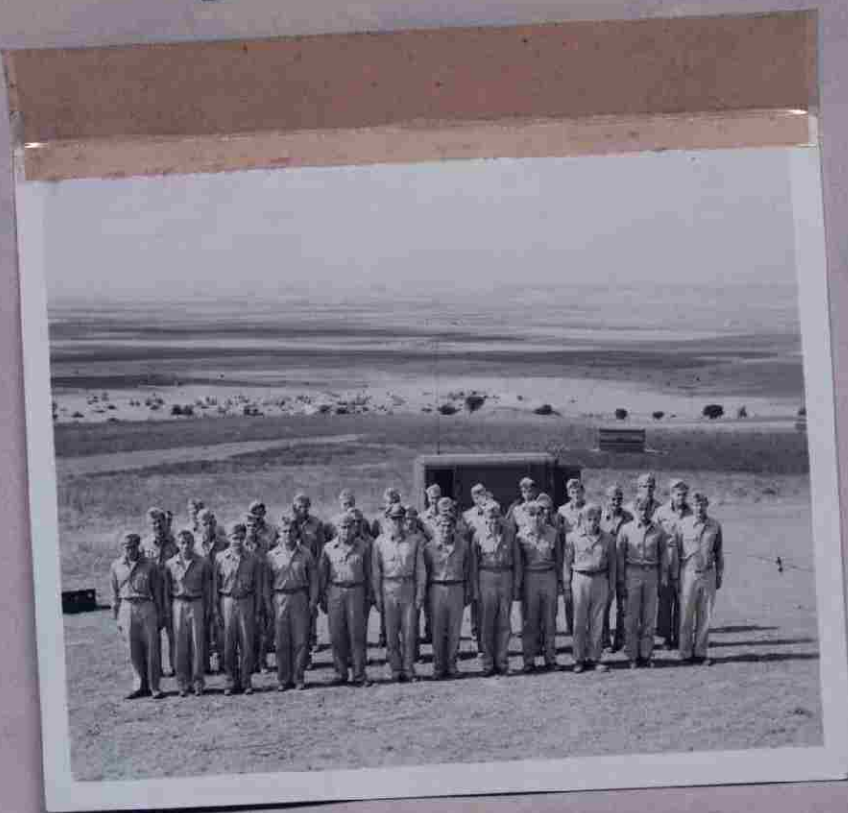
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Cpl	C.C. Cole
Sgt	E.A. Gerken
Pfc	K.F. Sipp
Cpl	C.O. Pearson
Pvt	S.I. Harwood
Cpl	C.M. Jones
Cpl	G.W. Lee
Cpl	N. Sperling
Cpl	E.N. Windle
Pvt	P. Angelli

Second Row - left to right -

M/Sgt	R.B. Ward
Sgt	R. Richardson
Sgt	J.F. Holder
Cpl	F.J. Delathauwer
S/Sgt	J.N. Henry
S/Sgt	W.C. Graham

Back Row - left to right -

Pvt	F. Braunschweig
Cpl	J.W. Armstrong
Sgt	G.H. Merriam
Cpl	R.T. Hallock
Pvt	S. Ashkian
Pvt	P.D. Turner
Cpl	E.S. Kennedy
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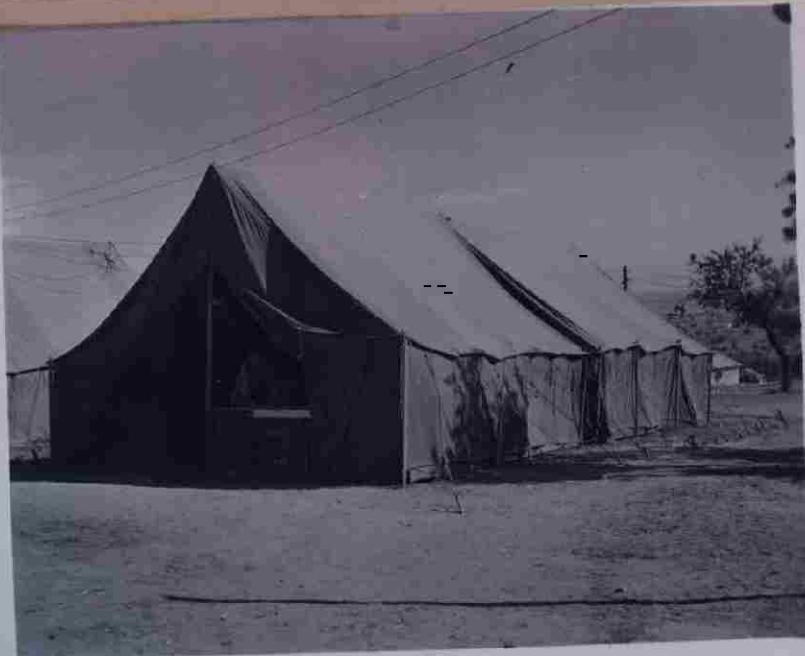
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Dust, sweat and tears

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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

BVB/FFE/hob

1 September 1944

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SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 1 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off at 0715B hours to bomb the rolling stock in the Szajol M/Y at Szajol, Hungary.

The thirty one (31) a/c formed in two (2) attack units, the first being led by Major Clarence G. Poff, Squadron Commander of the 778th Bombardment Squadron (H), and the second by Captain Robert L. Wingfield, Flight Leader of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. The form-up was made as planned, however, the line rendezvous was not as prescribed. The 464th Bombardment Group entered the assembly area and executed a 300° turn, at which time the four (4) boxes of the 465th Bombardment Group (H) were not in a group formation but were flying as individual boxes. For this reason the Group leader of the 464th Bombardment Group (H) set course for and was over Spinazzola at 0821B hours in the Wing lead position. This lead was kept until the first TP was reached at which time the 465th Bombardment Group took over and continued to lead to the target.

3. Two (2) scheduled a/c returned early. B-24 a/c No. 42-78340, because of a gas leak in the Tokio tank, turned from 42°08'N-17°06'E and landed at 0924B hours. B-24 a/c No. 42-95325 due to a loss of oil pressure necessitating the feathering of No. 1 engine, and because No. 3 and No. 4 engines were running rough and losing oil, returned from 44°18'N-19°46'E and landed at 1155B hours. Two (2) spares returned as ordered from 42°35'N-17°35'E landing at 1036B hours.

4. Twenty seven (27) a/c were over the target at 1103B hours (briefed target time was 1100B hours) and twenty six

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(26) a/c dropped sixty five (65) tons of 500 pound GP bombs (.1 nose and .025 tail fusing) from 20,200 feet. One (1) a/c over the target with the formation did not release because the bomb release handle would not go into select or into salvo position. This a/c returned two and one half (2½) tons of bombs to base. One (1) early return and the two (2) spares returned seven and one half (7½) tons of bombs to base. One (1) early return in order to lighten the load after the loss of No.1 engine, jettisoned two and one half (2½) tons of bombs at 43°08'N-18°20'E.

Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage Disposition

Dropped on target	65.00 tons
Returned to base	10.00 tons
Jettisoned	<u>2.50 tons</u>
Total	77.50 tons

Bomb strike photos show a heavy concentration of bombs in the Szajol M/Y. Numerous direct hits were made among approximately 400 cars in the yard. An explosion occurred in the midst of several columns of cars near the west end of the M/Y. There were probable direct hits and near misses on the railroad station and adjoining buildings. The largest concentration of hits covered 2500 feet of trackage in the center of the yard. Additional hits extended 2,000 ft north of the yard, and a small concentration is on the river bank 3500 ft north of the MPI. Approximately 30 strikes were one mile short of the target, in the open area between the two sets of tracks.

5. The C-1 Automatic Pilot was used by the leader in each attack unit. Bombing was visual.

6. Flak at the target was SIH and commenced one (1) minute after bombs-away, lasting for about one (1) minute. Thirty (30) to thirty five (35) bursts were counted, mostly to the left of the formation and believed to be from guns defending Szolnok.

7. There were no encounters. One (1) JU 88 was observed at 1200B hours at 45°21'N-20°29'E flying at 18,000 ft, 2,000 ft below the formation, and at right angles to the course of the formation. One (1) FW 190 was observed at 1100B hours in the target area. This e/a came in high from 7 o'clock and closed to within 700 yards of the formation, breaking away without attacking. Four (4) unidentified a/c were observed at 1135B

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Ltr Narrative Mission Report, contd

hours at 46°06'N-19°40'E. When first seen, the a/c were to the rear of the formation and high, but were engaged by the escort and dispersed.

8. Rendezvous with the fighter escort consisting of ten (10) P-51 a/c of the 52nd and 332nd Fighter Groups was effected at 1015B hours. The escort provided target cover and withdrawal to 43°07'N-18°07'E being last observed at 1234B hours.

9. The weather was generally clear. From the Dinaric Alps to the target cirrus was encountered with a few alto stratus patches. The target was clear with frontal clouds to the northwest of the target. Visibility was restricted to 15 miles in haze. On return the weather was clear, except for scattered cumulus over the Dinaric Alps, with visibility 15 to 20 miles over the entire route.

10. The following observations were reported:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Observation</u>
1008B	44°55'N-20°15'E	18,000	Six (6) oil storage tanks.
1008B	44°48'N-20°23'E	18,000	Five (5) SEF on A/F.
1018B	45°23'N-20°24'E Petrovgrad	17,000	Nine (9) SEF on A/D.
1113B	46°55'N-19°43'E	18,500	A/D with twelve (12) 4 engine A/C dispersed in parking Area.
1134B	46°06'N-19°40'E Subotica	14,500	Factory with three (3) smoking stacks.
1134B	46°06'N-19°40'E Subotica	14,500	M/Y containing 400 to 500 wagons.
1200B	44°47'N-19°20'E	14,000	Twelve (12) seaplanes with silver wing tips, one with twin fuselage, in the Driva River.

11. No a/c of this Group received flak damage.

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12. Twenty seven (27) a/c landed at this base from 1322B hours to 1400B hours.

13. The route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route flown is inclosed.

14. Seven (7) a/c attempted photographs. Selected print inclosed.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Inclosures:  
Incl 1- Track Chart  
Incl 2- Selected print

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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

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319.1

2 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 2 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off at 0710B hours to bomb Supovac RR Bridge, Yugoslavia.

The thirty one (31) a/c formed into two (2) attack units, the first being led by Lt Col Elvin E. Goodyear, Squadron Commander of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H), and the second by Captain Robert H. Fowler, Asst Operations Officer of the 778th Bombardment Squadron (H).

The three (3) spare a/c flew the entire mission.

2. Form-up was executed without incident. In effecting the line rendezvous with the 465th Group, the 465th Group at 0813B hours was heading south from Andria to Corato. A right turn was made instead of a left to effect the rendezvous. The 460th Group did not pass over Spinazzola on course at the prescribed time due to being late for rendezvous. The 465th and 464th Groups passed over Spinazzola at 0826B hours and joined the 460th ten (10) miles east of Spinazzola.

3. The thirty one (31) a/c bombed the target by boxes in column. (Briefed target time 1015B hours) Target times of the four (4) boxes were as follows: A-1019B hours, B-1020B hours, C-1020B hours, D-1020B hours. Twenty nine (29) of the thirty one (31) a/c over the target dropped seventy two (72) tons of 1000 pound RDX bombs fused .1 nose and non-delay tail, from the following altitudes: A-18,500, B-19,100, C-18,000, D-19,180.

Two (2) of the thirty one (31) a/c over the target returned three (3) tons of bombs to base; one a/c returned two and one half (2½) tons of bombs because of rack malfunction, the other a/c returned one half (½) ton of bombs because of rack malfunction.

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One (1) of the thirty one (31) a/c over the target accidentally released two and one half (2½) tons of bombs at 43°28'N-21°37'E.

Recapitulation of Bombs:

29 a/c Dropped on target	72.00 tons
2 a/c Returned to base	3.00 tons
1 a/c Jettisoned	<u>2.50 tons</u>

Total tonnage of 31 a/c 77.50 tons

Bomb strike photos show a direct hit on the railroad tracks at the eastern end of Suprovac railroad bridge and numerous additional hits extending 2600 feet along the eastern approach to the bridge. Several near misses were scored at both the north and south edges of the bridge, and smoke from these obscures possible direct hits. The railroad line was also hit at a point 3,000 feet northwest of the bridge. A few bombs fell in the populated area 4,000 feet southeast of the target.

4. The leader of Able Box used C-1 Automatic Pilot on bomb run; the leader of Baker Box made a PDI run because C-1 Automatic Pilot was inoperative due to faulty tubes; the leader of Dog Box used C-1 Automatic Pilot on the bomb run.

5. Scant Heavy flak of undetermined accuracy was observed on the rally at Nis. Ten (10) to twelve (12) bursts were reported.

6. Rendezvous with fighter escort consisting of thirty (30) P-51 a/c identified as 325th and 52nd Fighter Groups was effected at 0923B hours at 42°50'N-18°03'E. These a/c covered the formation at the target and were last seen at 1120B hours at 41°48'N-19°08'E.

7. Weather at base was clear, visibility 10/15 miles. Generally clear to Deligrad except for patches of altostratus and stratocumulus over the Dinaric Alps.

At Deligrad pronounced vapor trails were noted at 19000 feet and 6/10 altostratus, base 18,500 feet was encountered.



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At target, 3/10 to 4/10 altostratus at 18,500 feet compelled formation to drop down from briefed altitude. Visibility at target was 8/10 miles in heavy haze.

On return, conditions were similar except for a few scattered cumulus over the Dinaric Alps and 2/10 strato cumulus over the Adriatic.

Visibility for entire route was 10/15 miles in haze.

8. The following observations were reported by returning crew members:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Observation</u>
1003B	43°44'N-20°45'E	18,700 ft	Two (2) unidentified e/a on A/D.
1004B	45°44'N-20°43'E	19,600 ft	A/D unoccupied.

9. Thirty one (31) a/c landed at this base from 1215B hours to 1235B hours.

10. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route flown is inclosed.

11. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected print inclosed.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Inclosures:  
Incl 1 - Track chart  
Incl 2 - Selected print



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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 520 U S Army

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4 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 4 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off at 0946B hours to bomb Bronzolo South M/Y, Italy.

The thirty one (31) a/c formed into two (2) attack units, the first attack unit being led by Major William H. Reddell, Commanding Officer of the 776th Bombardment Squadron (H), and the second by 1st Lt. Charles F. Fowler, Flight Leader of the 778th Bombardment Squadron (H).

The three (3) spare a/c returned as follows:

(a) A/C No 42-78340 landed at the 460th Group at 1435B hours due to cross wind at this base, at 1627B hours turned back at Barletta. Jettisoned bombs at (41°35'N-16°20'E).

(b) A/C No 42-78521 landed at this base at 1520B hours, turning back at (42°45'N-15°20'E). Jettisoned bombs at (41°33'N-16°16'E).

(c) A/C No 42-78514 landed at this base at 1515B hours turning back at (42°54'N-15°20'E). Jettisoned bombs at (41°40'N-16°20'E).

Due to cross winds these three (3) a/c were instructed to jettison their bombs in the Adriatic and fly until the gas load had been substantially reduced as a safety precaution.

2. Group form up and line rendezvous was made as planned. On the Wing rendezvous this Group was two (2) minutes late due to a low overcast and being two thousand (2000) feet higher than briefed altitude.

3. One (1) a/c returned early. A/C No 42-52514 turned

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5. The Group Leader used the C-1 automatic pilot. The leader of the second attack unit did not use the C-1 automatic pilot as it was inoperative due to Vertical Gyro tremble, used P.D.I.

6. There was no flak at the target. Flak was observed at Feltre (46°01'N-11°55'E) as S H, and at Trento I H. The accuracy could not be determined due to distance.

7. Rendezvous was made with fighter escort at 1130B hours at (44°30'N-13°30'E) when 35/40 P-51 a/c of the 325th Fighter Group were observed. Excellent cover was given on penetration, target and withdrawal, escort being last seen at 1530B hours at the Italian Coast.

8. There was 6/10 to 8/10 strato-cumulus at take-off, tops 7,500 feet. Same cloud coverage over land to Adriatic and for about 2/3 of the Adriatic Route where coverage decreased to few scattered, then clear.

Scattered cumulus over land to target becoming 4/10 - 5/10 in highest mountains east of target.

Clear over target, visibility unlimited. In the area of the target was 4/10 alto-cumulus, tops 15,000 feet. To the west over the Alps were heavy cumulus clouds.

Returning conditions were similar with 3/10 cumulus over base on return.

Visibility was unlimited over entire route.

9. The following observations were made by returning Crew Members:

Time	Place	Altitude	Observation
1305B	(45°39'N-12°36'E)	21000	Truck convoy of forty (40) trucks.
1329B	(46°22'N-11°18'E)	22600	Six (6) anti aircraft guns
1402B	(45°40'N-12°15'E) Treviso	20500	M/Y with a few wagons - However on single track north from M/Y for ten (10) miles was solid with wagons
1409B	(45°39'N-12°53'E)		Transport in canal locks
1301B	(45°50'N-12°50'E)	23000	Fourteen (14) barges along coast moving north



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1237B	(44°25'N-12°12'E)	20000	Extensive smoke screen at Ravenna
1405B	(45°40'N-12°50'E)	17500	Smoke screen
1407B	(45°36'N-12°55'E)	17000	Ten (10) small boats anchored A/D with two (2) T/E a/c
1310B	(46°03'N-12°37'E)		Twelve (12) different sized buildings with odd shaped roofs. Two (2) large piles of equipment looked like ammunition along side of a railroad yard.
1359B	(45°52'N-11°57'E)	18500	

Airdromes and landing grounds with no a/a visible were observed at the following locations:

(46°05'N-13°00'E) (46°10'N-12°53'E)  
 (45°45'N-12°15'E) (45°40'N-12°15'E) (Treviso) also  
 4 landing strips on other side of city.

10. Twenty seven (27) a/c landed at this base between 1550B hours and 1616B hours.

11. The route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route flown inclosed.

12. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected print attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
 Major, AC  
 Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
 Incl 1 - Track Chart  
 Incl 2 - Selected Photograph





HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

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5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 5 September 1944, thirty one (31) scheduled B-24 a/c took off at 0700 B hours to bomb the Szob, Hungary RR Bridge (primary target). The thirty one (31) a/c formed two (2) attack units. The first attack unit was led by Colonel A.L. Schroeder, Group Commanding Officer and the second attack unit by Major James H. Gilson, Assistant Group Operations Officer.

2. Group assembly and Wing rendezvous were executed as planned and without incident.

3. Thirty one (31) a/c were over the target at 1050 $\frac{1}{2}$  B hours and twenty five (25) a/c dropped sixty two and one half (62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of 1,000 pound RDX bombs (.1 nose and non delay tail fusing) from 15,500 feet. Six a/c failed to drop on target for the following reasons:

A/C No 42-78431 jettisoned two and one half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons because of accidental release between IP and target. Bomb release handle slid past safety stud and into salvo position instead of release.

A/C No 44-41053 jettisoned two and one half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons at (42°30'N-17°35'E). Could not release on target, bomb bay doors crept.

A/C No 42-50963 jettisoned two and one half (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons at (47°10'N-19°38'E). Unable to release at target due to bomb bay door malfunction and had to jettison on return route to maintain formation position.

A/C No 42-78472 jettisoned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton at (42°05'N-17°04'E) two (2) tons were returned to the base. Unable to drop on target because bomb bay doors would not open. Could jettison only one bomb without injury to bomb bay doors.

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A/C No 42-51856 returned two and one half (2½) tons to base. Could not release due to broken rack linkage.

A/C No 44-10573 returned two and one half (2½) tons to base. A-2 release froze at altitude.

Recapitulation of bombs

Dropped on target	62.50 tons
Jettisoned	8.00 tons
Returned to base	<u>7.00 tons</u>
Total	77.50 tons

Target visibility was excellent and bombing was visual. The first attack unit bombed on PDI as the automatic pilot would not bank and was inoperative. The second attack unit used automatic pilot.

Bomb strike photos show several near misses along both edges of the Szob railroad bridge. No direct hits were seen before the bridge became obscured by smoke from hits close by. Several strikes were among approximately 50 railroad cars 1,000 feet east of the bridge. The main concentration of bombs extends from the bridge to the junction of the two rivers, 1,000 feet to the south. One 100 foot long barge was sunk and another probably damaged by near misses. Nineteen (19) undamaged railway hospital cars were standing on a side track one half (½) mile east of the bridge.

4. No flak defense was encountered at the target but S to MIH was encountered between the IP and the target being variously reported at the following positions. Tardos (47° 40'N-18° 27'E) and Tokod (47° 43'N-18° 39'E). No e/a were observed.

5. Fighter escort was described as excellent with the 325th Fighter Group predominate. A/C from the 52nd and 332nd Fighter Groups were also observed. Escort was first observed at 0925B hours (44° 11'N-16° 56'E) and withdrawal was at 1246B hours (42° 41'N-17° 45'E). 20/50 fighters being in the vicinity of this group at all times.

6. The weather was generally clear on route out with a few stratocumulus over Adriatic and a few patches of cirrus and altostratus over Alps and Hungarian planina. Clear at



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target, visibility 25 miles. On return, 8/10 to 10/10 stratocumulus over Dinaric Alps, tops 10-12,000 feet. 1/10 small cumulus at base on return. Visibility generally unrestricted.

7. Two (2) a/c were damaged by flak but neither will be inoperational for twenty four (24) hours.

8. The following observations were made:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Observation</u>
0907B	Split Harbour	12,500	Transport and two (2) small vessels.
1010B	(46°17'N-17°18'E)	15,000	M/T convoy-two miles long.
1023B	(46°52'N-17°24'E)	15,000	A/D twenty two (22) silver TE a/c-transport type.
1025B	(46°58'N-17°32'E)	15,000	A/D nine SEF. Previously reported and a/c positions unchanged. Possibly dummies.
1100B	Hatvan (47°46'N-19°40'E)	15,000	M/Y 500 wagons.
1116B	(46°55'N-19°40'E)	14,500	A/D twenty (20) a/c.

All crews reported heavy barge traffic in Danube river in vicinity of Budapest.

9. Thirty one (31) a/c returned to this base landing between 1328B and 1342B hours.

10. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route as flown inclosed.

11. Four (4) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photo inclosed.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track chart  
- Incl 2 - Selected photo

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6 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 6 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c, together with two (2) spares, took off at 0655B hours to bomb the Rolling Stock in the Nyiregyhaza, Hungary M/Y. The thirty (30) a/c formed in two attack units, the first of which was led by Major Weldon K. Burton, Operations Officer of the 464th Bombardment Group (H). The second attack unit was led by Captain Robert H. Fowler, Operations Officer of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. The group assembly, line rendezvous and wing rendezvous were executed without incident.

3. One (1) spare returned from (42°45'N - 16°30'E) landing at the base at 0943B hours.

4. Twenty nine (29) a/c were over the target at 1112B hours (briefed target time was 1100B hours) and twenty eight (28) a/c dropped sixty eight (68) tons of 500 pound R D X bombs (.1 nose and .025 tail fusing) from 16,200 feet.

B-24 a/c No 44-41053 was unable to release on the target for the reason that the bomb bay doors would not fully open. This a/c jettisoned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton of bombs in checking the racks at 1340B hours at (42°52'N - 16°35'E), and returned to this base two (2) tons of bombs.

B-24 a/c No 42-52526 unable to release the bombs from the right rack due to the failure of the right door to completely open over the target, jettisoned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton of bombs at (42°15'N - 16°30'E) because the a/c was out of trim. This a/c returned three fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of a ton of bombs to this base.

B-24 a/c No 42-50962, due to a rack malfunction released only seven (7) bombs on the target and returned three fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of a ton of bombs to this base.

The one (1) returning spare brought back two and one half

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(2½) tons of bombs.

Recapitulation of Bomb Disposition

Dropped on target	68	tons
Jettisoned	1	tons
Returned to base by a/c over the target	3.50	tons
Returned to base by one (1) spare	2.50	tons
	<u>75.00</u>	<u>tons</u>

Bombing was visual. The first attack unit leader used the C-1 automatic pilot. The second attack unit leader used P D I as the C-1 automatic pilot was erratic.

Bomb strike photos show numerous hits from this and from the preceding group concentrated in the center of the Nyiregyhaza Marshalling Yard. The area of heaviest concentration lay between the south end of the warehouses and a point 2000 feet further south in the yard. The complete bomb pattern was approximately 2500 feet in diameter, with its center coinciding with the central portion of the yard. A large majority of this group's bomb strikes were obscured by the smoke from earlier bombing.

5. There was no flak encountered at the target; however S I H flak was encountered at the IP (48°02'N - 21°22'E) which was generally below the formation.

Ten (10) FW 190 a/c were observed at 1136B hours at (47°05'N-21°20'E) low at 1500 feet and about ten (10) miles from the formation in the 4 o'clock position. One (1) ME 109 a/c was reported observed at 1134B hours at 16,600 feet where the formation was at 16,200 feet. This e/a, described as having camouflaged markings on the fuselage and tail assembly, was chased off by the escort.

6. Fighter escort consisting of fighters of the 52nd, 325th and 332nd Fighter Groups furnished very close cover to and from the target. The rendezvous with the fighters was earlier than planned taking place at 0940B hours at (44°46'N - 18°00'E) when sixteen (16) P-51 a/c of the 52nd fighter group were first sighted. The escort was last observed at 1400B hours over the Adriatic at (42°50'N - 16°32'E).

7. At the base at take off there was 3/10 altostratus at 12000 feet increasing to 7/10 over the Spur with bases at 14000 feet. The cloud cover continued over the Adriatic and Dinaric Alps with the bases lifting to 16000 feet to 18000 feet. Over the

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Hungarian Plains the cloud coverage decreased to 2/10 to 3/10. At the target there was 1/10 cirrus and clear otherwise with visibility 20 to 25 miles. On the return there was 5/10 cirrostratus and 2/10 altostratus over Hungary, and over the Dinaric Alps 9/10 cirrostratus with bases at 18,000 feet which lowered to 16,000 feet over the Adriatic and to 12,000 feet over the base with 8/10 coverage. Visibility was 20 to 25 miles over the entire route.

8. No a/c of this group were damaged by flak.

9. The following observations were reported:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ALT</u>	<u>OBSERVATION</u>
1000B	(45°20'N - 19°00'E)	15000	Thirty (30) barges in the Danube. All crews report much river traffic. A/D runway being extended.
* 1006B	(45°46'N - 19°02'E)	15200	A/D with eleven (11) silver SEF and one (1) dark SEF well dispensed.
1034B	(46°55'N - 19°43'E)	15500	M/Y containing about 500 wagons
1039B	(47°11'N - 19°49'E)	16000	Extensive smoke screen covering an area of eight (8) square miles.
1130B	(47°15'N - 21°45'E)	16000	Dark yellow smoke.
1139B	(46°58'N - 21°05'E)	16000	One (1) of the P-51 a/c of the escort dropped several white flares. This a/c continued along with other a/c of the escort.

Several crews report activity on a small scale in M/Y along the route, however there are many reports of trains of cars stopped along rail lines outside of M/Y areas as though an attempt was being made to avoid concentrations of rolling stock.

10. Twenty nine (29) a/c landed at this base between 1423B hours and 1445B hours without incident.

11. The route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route as flown inclosed.

12. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph inclosed.

For the Commanding Officer:

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Ltr Narr Miss Rpt cont'd

FRANCIS F. ELDER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

2 Incls -  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Strike Photograph

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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 520 U S Army

BVB/PFE/rom

6 September 1944

319.1

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 6 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c, together with two (2) spares, took off at 0655B hours to bomb the Rolling Stock in the Nyiregyhaza, Hungary W/T. The thirty (30) a/c formed in two attack units, the first of which was led by Major Weldon K. Burton, Operations Officer of the 464th Bombardment Group (H). The second attack unit was led by Captain Robert E. Fowler, Operations Officer of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. The group assembly, line rendezvous and wing rendezvous were executed without incident.

3. One (1) spare returned from (42°45'N - 16°30'E) landing at the base at 0943B hours.

4. Twenty nine (29) a/c were over the target at 1112B hours (briefed target time was 1100B hours) and twenty eight (28) a/c dropped sixty eight (68) tons of 500 pound H D X bombs (.1 nose and .025 tail fusing) from 16,200 feet.

B-24 a/c No 44-41053 was unable to release on the target for the reason that the bomb bay doors would not fully open. This a/c jettisoned one half (1/2) ton of bombs in checking the racks at 1340B hours at (42°52'N - 16°35'E), and returned to this base two (2) tons of bombs.

B-24 a/c No 42-52526 unable to release the bombs from the right rack due to the failure of the right door to completely open over the target, jettisoned one half (1/2) ton of bombs at (42°15'N - 16°30'E) because the a/c was out of trim. This a/c returned three fourths (3/4) of a ton of bombs to this base.

B-24 a/c No 42-50962, due to a rack malfunction released only seven (7) bombs on the target and returned three fourths (3/4) of a ton of bombs to this base.

The one (1) returning spare brought back two and one half

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(2 1/2) tons of bombs.

Recapitulation of Bomb Disposition

Dropped on target	68	tons
Jettisoned	1	tons
Returned to base by a/c over the target	3.50	tons
Returned to base by one (1) spare	2.50	tons
	<u>75.00</u>	tons

Bombing was visual. The first attack unit leader used the C-1 automatic pilot. The second attack unit leader used P D I as the C-1 automatic pilot was erratic.

Bomb strike photos show numerous hits from this and from the preceding group concentrated in the center of the Nyiregyhaza Marshalling Yard. The area of heaviest concentration lay between the south end of the warehouses and a point 2800 feet further south in the yard. The complete bomb pattern was approximately 2500 feet in diameter, with its center coinciding with the central portion of the yard. A large majority of this group's bomb strikes were obscured by the smoke from earlier bombing.

5. There was no flak encountered at the target; however S I H flak was encountered at the IP ( $43^{\circ}02'N - 21^{\circ}22'E$ ) which was generally below the formation.

Ten (10) FW 190 a/c were observed at 1136B hours at ( $47^{\circ}05'N - 21^{\circ}20'E$ ) low at 1500 feet and about ten (10) miles from the formation in the 4 o'clock position. One (1) ME 109 a/c was reported observed at 1134B hours at 16,600 feet where the formation was at 16,200 feet. This a/c, described as having camouflaged markings on the fuselage and tail assembly, was chased off by the escort.

6. Fighter escort consisting of fighters of the 52nd, 325th and 332nd Fighter Groups furnished very close cover to and from the target. The rendezvous with the fighters was earlier than planned taking place at 0940B hours at ( $44^{\circ}46'N - 16^{\circ}00'E$ ) when sixteen (16) F-51 a/c of the 52nd fighter group were first sighted. The escort was last observed at 1400B hours over the Adriatic at ( $42^{\circ}50'N - 16^{\circ}32'E$ ).

7. At the base at take off there was 3/10 altostratus at 12000 feet increasing to 7/10 over the Spur with bases at 14000 feet. The cloud cover continued over the Adriatic and Pinaric Alps with the bases lifting to 16000 feet to 18000 feet. Over the



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Hungarian Plains the cloud coverage decreased to 2/10 to 3/10. At the target there was 1/10 cirrus and clear otherwise with visibility 20 to 25 miles. On the return there was 5/10 cirrostratus and 2/10 altostratus over Hungary, and over the Dinaric Alps 9/10 cirrostratus with bases at 18,000 feet which lowered to 16,000 feet over the Adriatic and to 12,000 feet over the base with 8/10 coverage. Visibility was 20 to 25 miles over the entire route.

8. No a/c of this group were damaged by flak.

9. The following observations were reported:

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1000B	(45°20'N - 19°00'E)	15000	Thirty (30) barges in the Danube. All crews report much river traffic. A/D runway being extended.
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1139B	(46°58'N - 21°05'E)	16000	

Several crews report activity on a small scale in M/Y along the route, however there are many reports of trains of cars stopped along rail lines outside of M/Y areas as though an attempt was being made to avoid concentrations of rolling stock.

10. Twenty nine (29) a/c landed at this base between 1423B hours and 1445B hours without incident.

11. The route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route as flown inclosed.

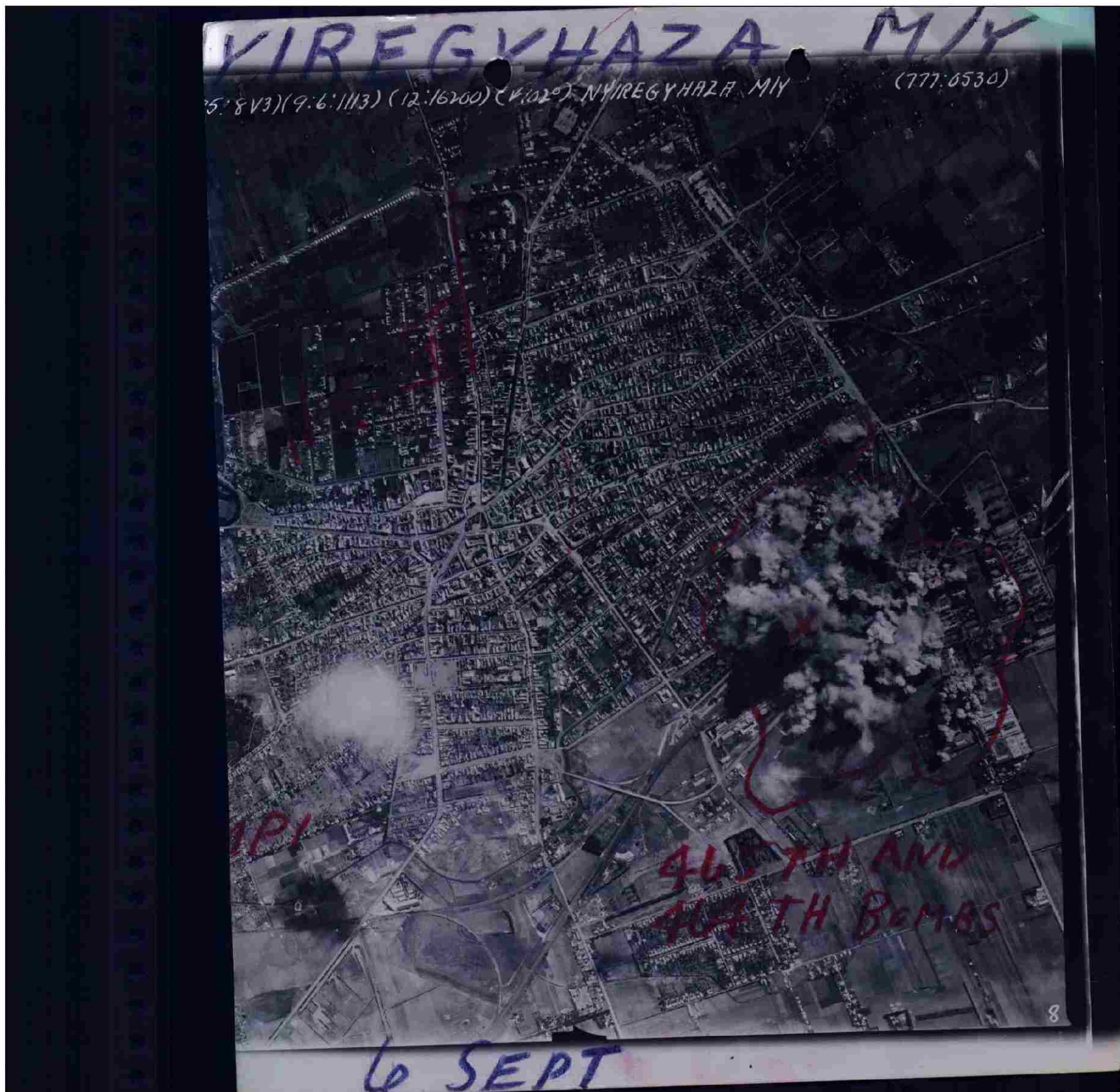
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For the Commanding Officer:

Ltr Nerr Miss Rpt cont'd

FRANCIS F. ELDER,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Intelligence Officer.

2 Incls -  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Strike Photograph



HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

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10 September 1944

319.1

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 10 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and four (4) spare B-24 a/c took off at 0652B hours to bomb Osterreichische Saurerwerke, Austria.

The thirty two (32) a/c formed into two (2) attack units, the first attack being led by Major William H. Reddell, Commanding Officer of the 776th Bombardment Squadron (H) and the second by Captain Robert L. Wingfield, Flight Leader of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

One (1) spare a/c made a normal return leaving the formation at  $43^{\circ}08'N-15^{\circ}37'E$  and landed at this base at 0945B hours, returning two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of bombs to base.

Four (4) of the original twenty eight (28) a/c scheduled to fly this mission returned before reaching the target as follows:

(a) A/C No 42-95332 left the formation at  $45^{\circ}15'N-14^{\circ}58'E$  at 0938B hours and returned to base and landed at 1115B hours because of the loss of oil pressure in #1 engine, requiring the feathering of this engine. This a/c returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of bombs to base.

(b) A/C No 42-51856 left the formation in the assembly area and landed at this base at 0900B hours because of the following difficulties, voltage regulator cut, oxygen leaks, left landing gear when retracted would not remain locked. This a/c returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of bombs to base.

(c) A/C No 41-29441 left the formation at  $42^{\circ}43'N-15^{\circ}49'E$  and returned to base and landed at 0930B hours because of the loss of #3 engine. This a/c jettisoned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of bombs at  $42^{\circ}34'N-16^{\circ}02'E$  because of the loss of #3 engine with a full gas load.

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(d) A/C No 42-95603 left the formation at 41°42'N-16°12'E and returned to base and landed at 0828B hours because of the loss of #3 engine. This a/c jettisoned two and one half (2½) tons of bombs at 41°42'N-16°12'E because of the loss of #3 engine with a full gas load.

2. Group form up, line and wing rendezvous was executed as planned.

3. Twenty seven (27) a/c were over the target at 1043B hours (briefed target time 1040B hours) and dropped sixty seven and one half (67½) tons of 500 lb RDX, fused .1 nose and .01 tail from 22,000 feet.

Two (2) a/c returned five (5) tons of bombs to base turning back at the locations and for the reasons stated in paragraph 1 (a), (b).

Two (2) a/c jettisoned five (5) tons of bombs at the locations and for the reasons stated in paragraph 1 (c), (d).

One (1) spare a/c returned two and one half (2½) tons of bombs to base.

Recapitulation of Bombs

	# a/c	tons
Dropped on target	27	67½
Jettisoned	2	5
Returned to Base	3	7½
Total	32	80

4. Bomb strike photos show numerous hits of this group in a wooded area midway between the Donau Canal and the Danube River. This area is approximately 7000 feet due north of the primary target. Bombs away photos from both attack units would indicate that the main point of impact for this group was in the above described area. There were no hits either on or in the immediate vicinity of the primary target.

5. The Group Leader used the C-1 automatic pilot on the bomb run, in conjunction with PFF. The leader of the second attack unit did not use automatic pilot because they were to toggle on A box which was using PFF.

6. I A H flak lasting for 10-12 minutes was encountered at the target. Black, red and white bursts were observed.

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The red and white bursts were reported to be above the formation. Some of the white bursts were exceptionally large bursts.

7. Rendezvous was made with fighter escort at 43°37'N-15°37'E when twenty five (25) P-38 a/c of the 14th fighter group were observed. At 43°40'N-15°15'E, ten to fifteen (10/15) P-51 a/c of the 325th fighter group were also observed.

Good fighter cover was given on penetration, over target and withdrawal, escort of P-38 a/c were last observed at 1238B hours at the Yugoslavian Coast, and the P-51 a/c were last observed at 44°00'N-16°48'E at 1215B hours.

8. Clear at take-off and generally clear over Adriatic. Few strato cumulus over Dinaric Alps which merged into a 10/10 altocumulus layer, tops 14,000 feet on far side of mountains.

Near Graz, 6/10 to 8/10 cirro stratus appeared and continued to near target. Base of these clouds was about 20,000 feet.

At target, altocumulus layer broke to 5/10 coverage. Visibility was 25 miles.

On return, alto cumulus layer had broken up somewhat, becoming 4/10 to 6/10 all the way to Dinarics and few scattered over Dinarics.

Clear over Adriatic and at base on return. Visibility was 20/25 miles or better entire route.

9. One (1) of our a/c received a direct hit by flak in bomb bay. A/C took fire and exploded. Two (2) chutes seen to open. This incident occurred at 48°10'N-16°30'E.

Fourteen (14) a/c were damaged by flak, two (2) of which will be non operational for more than twenty four (24) hours.

1st Lt Thomas F. McGovern, Bombardier was killed by flak over the target, when he suffered a hit in the head after removing his flak suit, apparently thinking formation was clear of flak.

Four men were wounded as a result of flak, two (2) of which were given emergency treatment and returned to duty. Two of which were hospitalized.

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10. Twenty six (26) a/c landed at this base between 1325 B hours and 1410B hours.

11. The route was flown as briefed to Hieflak to  $48^{\circ}14'N-15^{\circ}58'E$  then over target on  $122^{\circ}$ . Axis of attack then as briefed back to  $44^{\circ}25'N-16^{\circ}40'E$  to  $44^{\circ}20'N-16^{\circ}20'E$  to  $44^{\circ}00'N-16^{\circ}08'E$  to  $43^{\circ}40'N-16^{\circ}40'E$  to  $43^{\circ}25'N-16^{\circ}34'E$  to base.

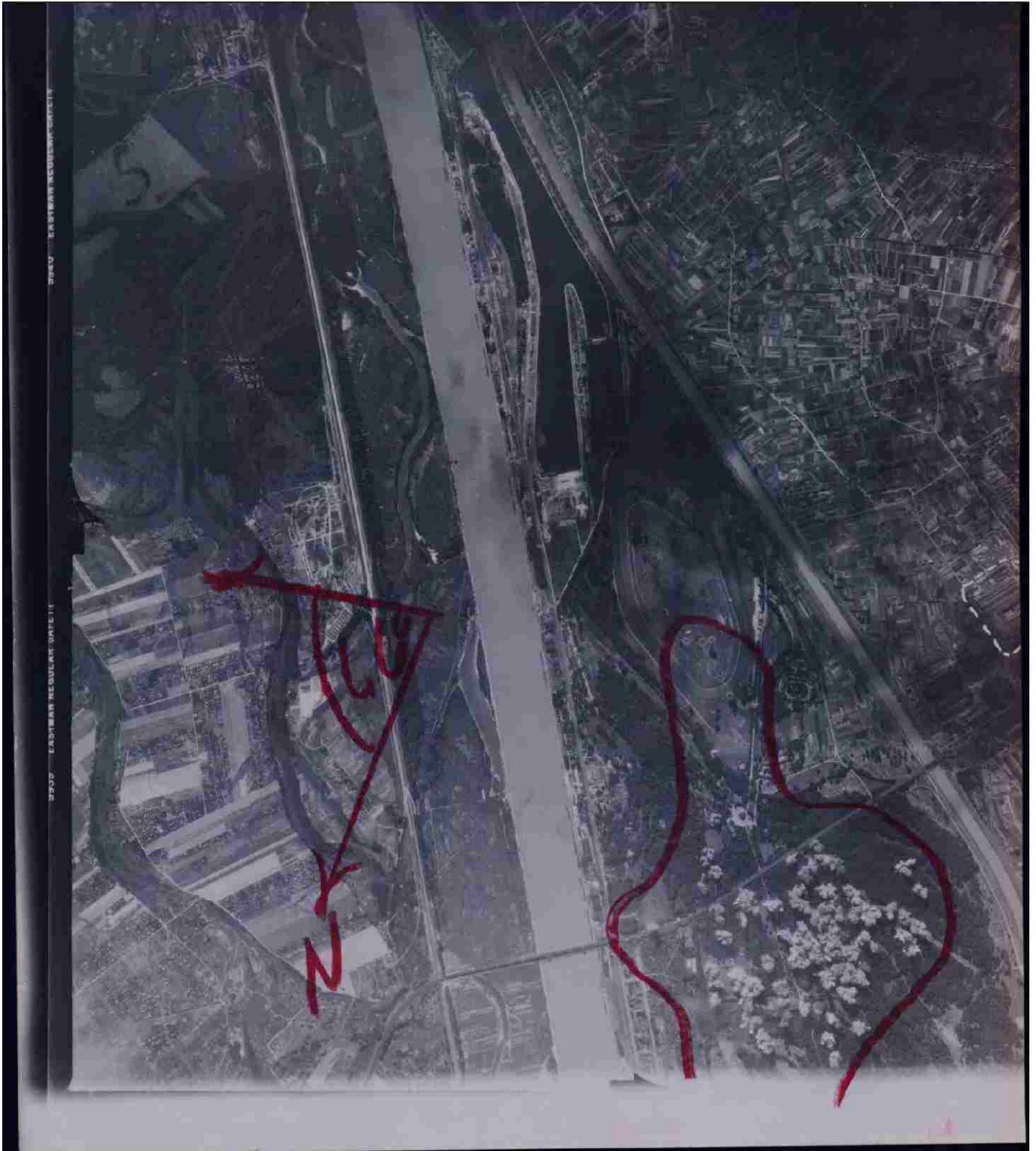
Track chart showing route as briefed and as flown inclosed.

12. Four a/c attempted photographs. Selected print attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Photograph





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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 520 U.S. Army

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319.1

13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 13 September at 0620B hours, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 type a/c and three (3) spare B-24 type a/c took off to bomb the Oswiecim Synthetic Oil and Rubber Plant, (primary target) Oswiecim, Poland. The thirty one (31) a/c formed two (2) attack units, the first unit being led by Lt. Colonel Clarence G. Poff, Commanding Officer, 778th Bombardment Squadron (H), and the second unit by 1st Lieutenant Charles F. Fowler, Flight Leader, 778th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. Group assembly, rendezvous with the 465th Bombardment Group and Wing rendezvous were as planned and without incident. The 460th Bombardment Group (H) was reported as using a portion of the area assigned to this group for assembly but no interference with either groups assembly resulted.

3. Four a/c returned early for the following reasons:

(a) A/C No. 42-52522 returned from the assembly area after three (3) generators became inoperative.

(b) A/C No. 41-29458 returned from (42°45'N - 16°50'E) because gas leak in selector panel of transfer system made it impossible to transfer fuel.

(c) A/C No. 42-59340 returned from (45°26'N - 17°11'E) after loss of oil pressure compelled feathering of No. 1 engine.

(d) A/C No. 42-51856 returned from (43°09'N - 16°48'E) after collector ring on No. 3 engine blew out causing induction system to burn out, resulting loss of power preventing climb to altitude.

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4. Twenty seven (27) a/c were over the target at 1120B hours (briefed target time 1101B hours) and twenty four (24) a/c dropped 58.75 tons of 500 pound R.D.X. bombs (.1 nose - .025 tail fusing) from 23,200 feet. Five a/c jettisoned 10.25 tons of bombs.

(a) A/C No. 42-95340 returning early jettisoned 2.50 tons at (43°14'N - 16°50'E) as a/c was losing altitude and it was necessary to reduce weight.

(b) A/C No. 42-78431 jettisoned 2.50 tons at 1140B hours at (48°50'N - 19°10'E). Bomb bay door malfunction prevented release on target and it was necessary to keep formation position.

(c) A/C No. 42-78415 jettisoned 2.50 tons at 1121B hours at (50°03'N - 19°21'E). Bomb bay door malfunction prevented release on target and it was necessary to keep formation position.

(d) A/C No. 42-52563 jettisoned 2.50 tons at 1135B hours at (49°38'N - 19°26'E). Rack malfunction prevented release on target and loss of power in one engine and oil leak in another made it necessary to jettison to conserve gasoline.

(e) A/D No. 44-41043 jettisoned .25 tons at 1131B hours at (49°38'N - 19°30'E). Rack malfunction prevented release on target.

(f) Five (5) a/c returned 8.50 tons of bombs to base. Three (3) a/c returning early returned 7.50 tons. A/C No. 42-95364 returned .25 tons and a/c no. 42-52526 returned .75 tons both due to rack malfunctions preventing release.

#### Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage

Dropped on target	58.75
Jettisoned	10.25
Returned to base	8.50
Total tonnage	<u>77.50</u>

Target visibility was only fair due to cloud coverage, haze and a partially effective smoke screen. Bomb strike photographs indicate largest concentration of bomb strikes are in the center of the refinery area. Direct hit causing explosion on possible Styrene Plant. Direct hit on western side of gas

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storage tank north of Reactor House. Several strikes on unidentified buildings west of transformer station. Twelve (12) strikes on probable Contractors Offices. Numerous strikes two hundred (200) feet west of Butylene Glycol Compressor House and Butylene Glycol Stalls. Several strikes on Distillation Units. Five strikes on long rectangular buildings east of Distillation Units. Five strikes adjacent to Gas Plant. Fifty three (53) strikes eight thousand (8000) feet west of Labour Camp.

5. Bombing was visual and C-1 Automatic Pilot was used by 1st attack unit leader, second attack unit leader used PDI as C-1 was acting erratically.

6. I A H flak was encountered at the target for approximately five (5) minutes the greatest intensity being immediately after bombs away. Some bursts were exceptionally large and black, red and white bursts were observed. S A H was encountered at approximately (47°36'N - 18°23'E) just north of Banhida. Flak described as Scant Heavy was observed at Komaron (47°46'N - 18°08'E).

7. Three (3) ME-109 a/c were observed. One (1) at 1023B hours (48°10'N - 18°10'E) being engaged by escorting P-38 a/c and two at 1143B hours (49°37'N - 19°41'E). No markings or tactics reported.

8. Thirty P-38 a/c were first observed at 0931B (45°45'N - 17°20'E) and remained in the vicinity of the formation until 1304B hours (45°08'N - 17°34'E) the markings reported would indicate that a/c of the 1st, 14th and 81st Fighter Groups were observed. Twenty five to thirty 25/30 P-51 a/c were first observed at 0945B hours (46°20'N - 17°30'E) and last observed at 1346B hours (43°09'N - 16°48'E) these a/c belonging to the 325th Fighter Group.

9. 3/10 stratocumulus, tops 5000 feet at base at take-off decreasing to 1/10 to 2/10 over Adriatic.

Over Dinaric Alps 10/10 stratocumulus, tops 1000 feet which broke up over the plains, 7/10 in Prijedor Area and 2/10 to 3/10 at Drava River.

North of Drava River, 1/10 to 2/10, small cumulus which increased over Carpathians to 4/10 to 5/10.

At target, 3/10 to 4/10 small puffs of cumulus. Vis-

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ibility was 20 miles.

Little change on return, except clouds had decreased in amount. 5/10 cumulus over Dinaric, tops 12,000 feet.

Clear over Adriatic and 2/10 at base on return.

Visibility entire route 15/20 miles.


10. Seven a/c received flak damage, one of which will be inoperational for twenty four (24) hours.

11. The following observations were reported:

TIME	PLACE	ALT	OBSERVATION
1121B	Osuiecim (50°03'N - 19°13'E)	22,600	M/Y over 500 wagons
1127B	Wadowice (49°54'N - 19°30'E)	22,600	M/Y over 500 wagons
1210B	(47°46'N - 18°23'E)	17,000	Two (2) factories and steel plant.
1211B	Tato (47°40'N - 18°30'E)	16,500	M/Y over 500 wagons
?	Marovska-Ostrova (49°50'N - 18°18'E)	?	Effective smoke screen
1200B	(47°40'N - 18°30'E)		B-17 tried to join formation acted very strangely pulled out to side and maintained altitude and speed. One gunner reports 3 chutes came out of this ship but they could have been dummy men as the ship never lost altitude or speed. After this occurrence at (47°40'N - 18°30'E) B-17 a/c stayed with group about one (1) hour.

12. Twenty six a/c returned to this base between 1429B and 1458B hours. A/C No. 42-50500 landed at 1800B hours after first landing at the Isle of Vis to refuel at 1410B hours.

13. Route to target was generally as briefed. The 464th rallied left off the target and then right again and caught the 465th which did not appear to have dropped bombs or to have rallied. The Radio Operator picked up message on Liason which he believed was from 465th which said they were proceeding to the second alternate target. The 464th was unable to contact the 465th on VHF Channel "B". The 464th attempted to follow the 465th but some difficulty was experienced due to slow airspeed and indefinite course. In the area of the IP for the second alternate the 464th took lead of the Wing and the 465th dropped behind and to the left. The 464th



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was now at (48°10'N - 18°55'E) at 1203B, 18,000 feet. The 464th continued from (48°10'N - 18°55'E) to Varoslo (47°09'N - 17°39'E), 1225B at 18,000 feet where they turned to the route out and continued on course to the coast 1337B, 17,500 feet. At the Yugoslav coast the Wing Formation loosened up and the Groups flew back to their bases in very loose formation.

Addendum to this report is self explanatory. Conference of lead pilots of 464th and 465th together with their navigators produced the following information relative to the route home from the target. When Colonel Clark's ship was hit and also the deputy's, both ships started to leave the formation and Able Box, not aware of the leader's difficulties, attempted to follow them and were dispersed. Second attack leader rallied the rest of the group to his box and took the lead. Captain Shea, leading this box, while rallying the group, called 464th leader to take over lead of the wing. Due to faulty communications this was not received by 464th though several channels were attempted. When Captain Shea pulled off to 1st 464th take lead, 464th followed, thinking 465th was heading for their alternate target, Szob. Thus there was no wing leader until near Szob. The 464th saw 465th was not going to bomb and being in the lead at the time, kept the lead to base.

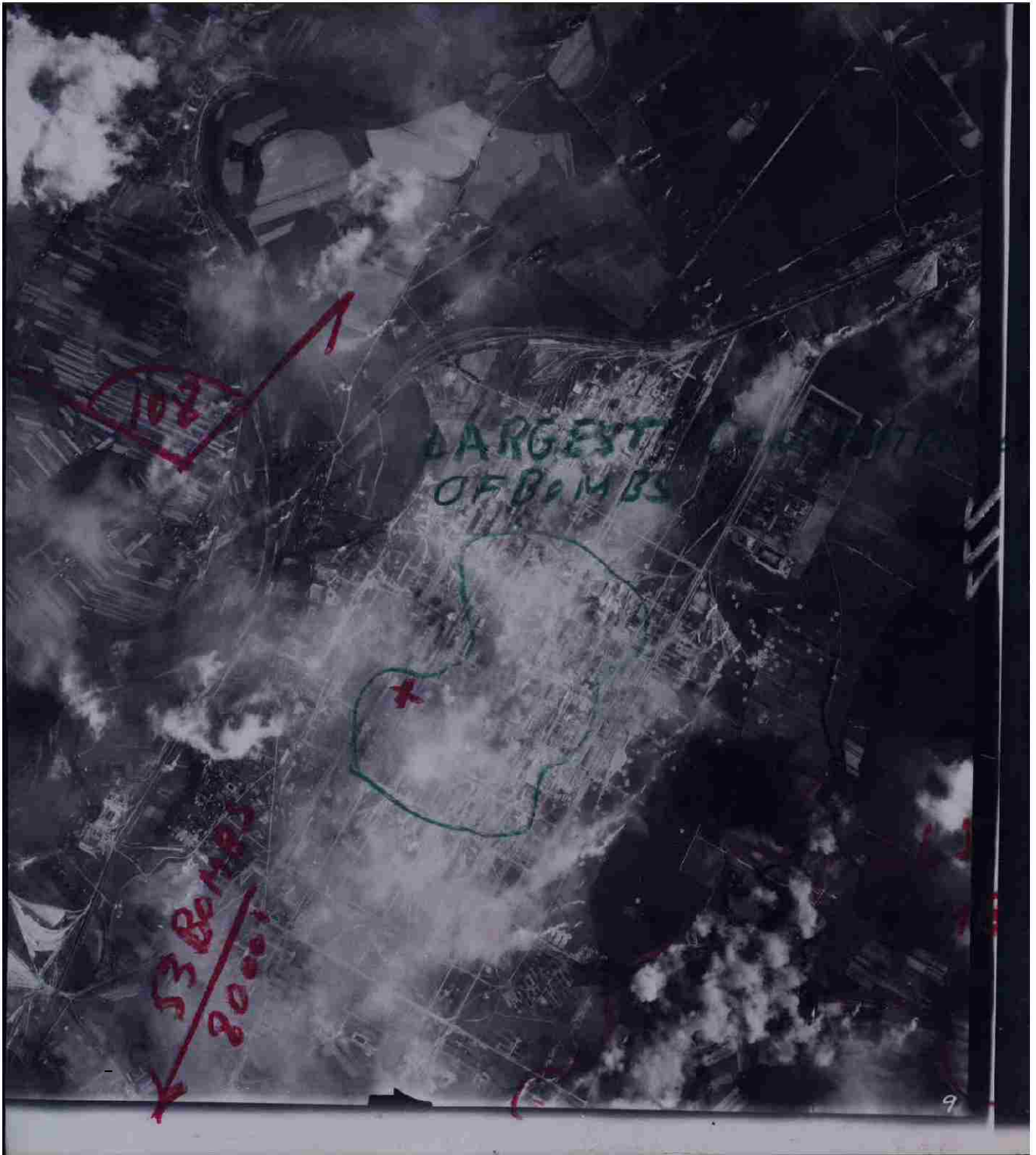
14. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph attached.

15. Location of smoke generators in target area can best be obtained from strike photographs as excellent coverage was obtained. Late starting of generators and improper winds made this screen ineffective although sufficient generators are located around target to effectively screen it under favorable conditions.

For the Commanding Officer

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Photograph





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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U S Army

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17 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 17 September 1944 at 0759A hours, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 type a/c and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off to bomb the Shell Oil Refinery, Budapest, Hungary. The thirty one (31) a/c formed two (2) attack units, the first unit being led by Lieutenant Colonel Elvin E. Goodyear, Deputy Group Commander, and the second unit led by 1st Lieutenant Sharon E. Waggoner, Assistant Operations Officer, 776th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. Group assembly, Group and Wing Rendezvous were executed as ordered and without incident.

3. Two (2) a/c returned early as follows:

a. A/C No. 42-78524 turned back at 0931A hours at (42°48'N-16°28'E) because of oxygen leak, reduced pressure seventy five pounds in first hour without use. No. 3 engine leaking oil through prop governor and booster motor on tail turret inoperative.

b. A/C No. 42-78430 turned back at 1140A hours at (47°10'N-19°10'E) because No. 4 engine and No. 2 turbo governor became inoperative.

4. Twenty nine (29) a/c were over the target at 1152A hours (briefed target time 1200A hours) and twenty eight a/c dropped sixty nine and one half (69½) tons of five hundred (500) pound RDX bombs (.1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail fusing) from 23,800 feet.

a. Three a/c jettisoned five and one half (5½) tons as follows:

A/C No. 42-78430 (early return) jettisoned two and one half (2½) tons at (47°10'N-19°10'E) at 1140A hours.

A/C No. 42-95337 jettisoned two and one half (2½) tons at (47°20'N-19°10'E) after malfunction of bomb release mechanism prevented release over target.



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A/C No. 42-51625 jettisoned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton at ( $42^{\circ} 50'N-16^{\circ}15'E$ ), A-2 release would not operate over target.

b. A/C No. 42-78524 (early return ) returned two and one half tons to base.

Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage

Dropped on target	69.5
Jettisoned	5.5
Returned to base	<u>2.5</u>
Total	77.5

c. A variation in the axis of attack was made to avoid smoke from previous bombing. The turn into the bomb run was made short of the I.P. and the axis of attack was  $250^{\circ}$ . As a result of this action target visibility was excellent.

Bomb strike photographs show close and heavy concentration of bomb strikes cover target area. A large explosion derived from strikes on the storage tanks for intermediate or finished products. Smoke from explosion obscures crude oil storage tanks, probable lubricating oil plant, distillation unit, boiler house, probable stabilization and purification installations, storage tanks for intermediate or finished products, and distillation unit. Three bomb strikes on despatch building. Three strikes on storage tanks and despatch buildings. Two strikes directly on two oil freighters. Fourteen strikes in residential area. Five strikes fell 2200 feet east of briefed aiming point, running along highway. Four strikes fell on opposite side of river 3500 feet west of crude oil storage tanks. Fifteen bomb strikes fell in river 2700 feet south west of target area.

5. Automatic Pilot was used by both attack unit leaders.

6. IAH flak was encountered at the target for a period of four (4) to five (5) minutes. The greatest concentration was immediately after the bomb release line.

7. Fighter escort consisting of forty (40) P-38 a/c was first observed at 1047A hours at ( $45^{\circ}48'N-17^{\circ}30'E$ ) and remained in the vicinity of the group until 1315A hours at the Yugoslavian Coast. A total of twenty five (25) P-51 a/c were observed beginning at 1029A hours ( $44^{\circ}58'N-16^{\circ}57'E$ ) and being observed at intervals until 1331A hours over the Adriatic.

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8. Base itself clear with stratocumulus on horizon. 8/10 stratocumulus from Base to coast which became 8/10 altocumulus over Adriatic, tops 12-14,000 feet.

Over Dinarics, 6/10 stratocumulus, tops 8,000 feet. Beyond Dinarics, cloud cover broke to scattered and continued scattered to target.

Clear at target, visibility twenty (20) miles.

On return, same except 4/10 cumulus over Dinarics, tops 12,000 feet.

Clear over Adriatic except for patches of stratocumulus.

5/10 cumulus at Base on return, tops 6-8,000 feet. Visibility, entire route, 15-20 miles.

9. Three a/c were damaged by flak, two (2) will be inoperative for over twenty four (24) hours.

Three (3) crew members received minor flak wounds and four (4) were slightly frost bitten.

Definite instructions having been given all crew members concerning the necessity of protection against frost bite a thorough investigation was made to ascertain the reason for the cases reported today. The results of the investigation follow:

776th Bombardment Squadron (H)

2nd Lt Walter J. Moriarty, Bombardier. Slight frost bite of fingers of both hands. Nose wheel door was opened over target and injury incurred despite gauntlet type wool gloves being worn.

Sgt William H. Folz, tail gunner. Slight frost bite, one toe. Heavy winter flying boots were worn.

778th Bombardment Squadron (H)

Cpl John J. Hoyda and Cpl Robert T. Higgins both received slight frost bite of the hands while alternating as ball turret and waist gunners after connection in ball turret for electrically heated suite has become inoperative.

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Ltr Narrative Mission Report, contd

10. The only observation of importance was at 1320A hours, Split Harbour, 15,000 feet. Two (2) submarines and two (2) merchant vessels.

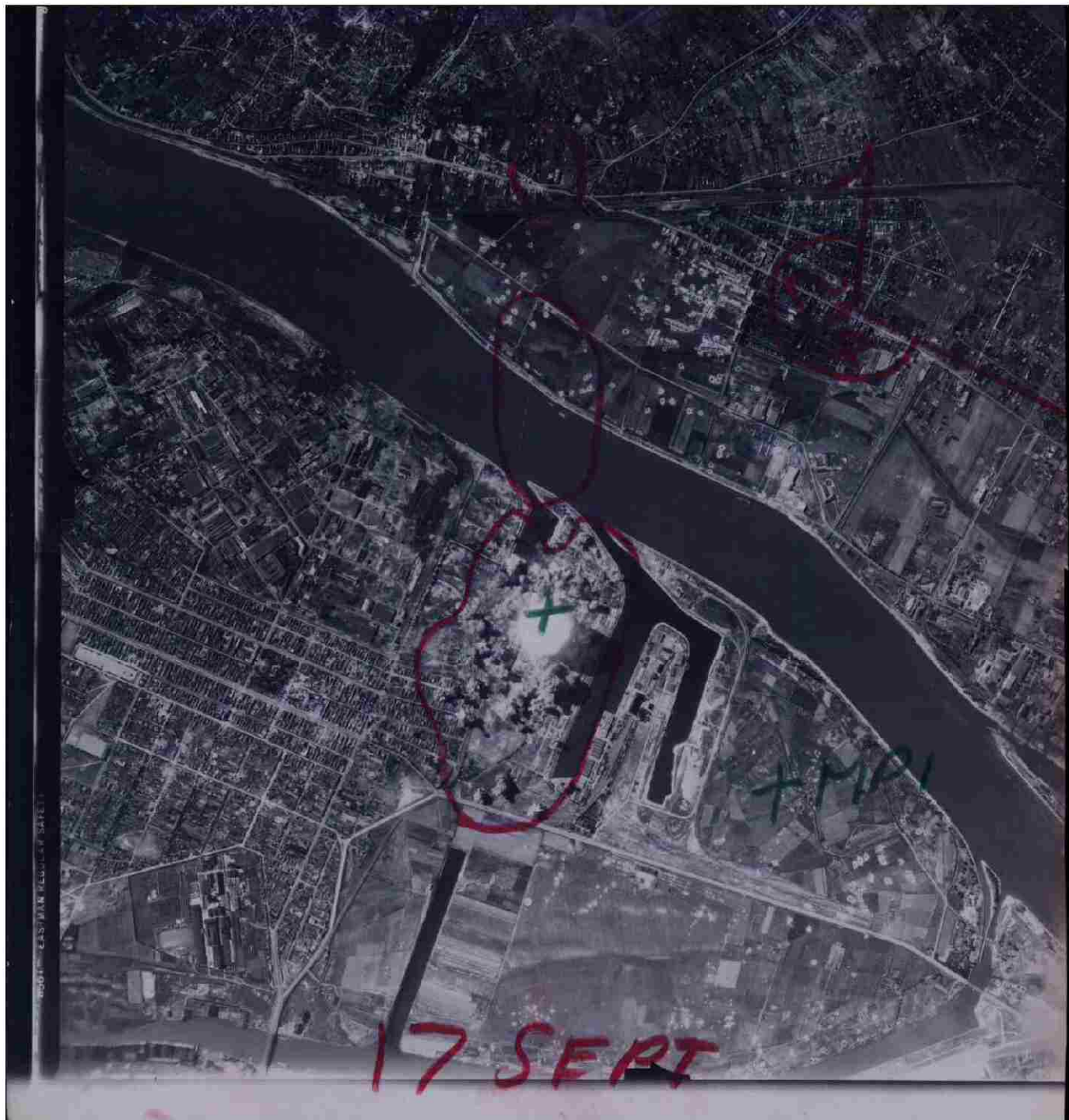
11. Thirty (30) a/c landed between 1410A hours and 1500 A hours.

12. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart of route attached.

13. Seven (7) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer





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APO 520 U S Army

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18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding Officer, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 18 September 1944 at 0630A hours, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 type a/c and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off to bomb the Szob Railroad Bridge in Hungary. The thirty one (31) a/c formed in two (2) attack units, the first unit being led by Colonel A.L. Schroeder, Group Commander, and the second unit being led by Captain Robert H. Fowler, Assistant Operations Officer of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. The Group form up was hampered by low clouds in the form up area. The Group Leader circled the field three (3) times at 2500 feet, then proceeded to a point three (3) miles South of Spinazzola, then climbed to 4000 feet between Spinazzola and a point five (5) miles Southeast of Andria. A turn was executed and the Group formation crossed Spinazzola at 4000 feet at the rendezvous time. The two (2) Group rendezvous was not accomplished as prescribed. The 464th Bombardment Group (H) assumed the Wing lead at 45°09'N-17°01'E.

3. Thirty one (31) a/c were over the target at 1116A hours (briefed target time 1055A hours) and twenty nine (29) a/c dropped sixty three (63) tons of 1000 pound bombs and 2000 pound RDX bombs (.1 nose and non-delay tail fusing) from 18,000 feet. Of the twenty nine (29) a/c dropping on the target, sixteen (16) a/c dropped thirty seven (37) tons of 1000 pound bombs and thirteen (13) a/c dropped twenty six (26) tons of 2000 pound bombs. Three (3) of the a/c carrying 1000 pound bombs returned a part of their bomb load as follows:

a. One (1) a/c returned one (1) ton of bombs to base when the left front racks failed to release.

b. One (1) a/c returned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton of bombs to the base when the bomb failed to release. This bomb came free and fell, together with the bomb bay door on the runway as this a/c landed.

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c. One a/c returned one and one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of bombs which failed to release because the intervalometer stuck.

d. Two (2) a/c carrying 2000 pound bombs returned four (4) tons of bombs as follows: One a/c did not release for the reason that the select bar was not in all the way. One a/c failed to release due to a rack malfunction.

Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage	
1000 Pound Bombs	
Dropped on target	37 tons
Returned to Base	3
2000 Pound Bombs	
Dropped on target	26 tons
Returned to Base	<u>4</u>
Total	70 Tons

Bomb strike photographs show two direct hits and several near misses on the Szob Railway Bridge. The hits were on the Eastern and on the Western spans of the bridge. There were two hits on the tracks approaching the bridge from the West and seven hits on the tracks East of the bridge. Two other hits were on the highway 900 feet Northeast of the bridge and a few strikes were among installations of the surface nine adjacent to the East end of the bridge.

4. The C-1 automatic pilot was used by the first attack unit leader. The second attack unit leader used PDI as the turn control of the C-1 automatic pilot was erratic.

5. No flak was encountered either at the target or enroute. Flak from the Budapest area was observed at a distance.

6. Fighter escort consisting of fifty (50) P-38 a/c and twenty (20) P-51 a/c was first observed at 0834A hours at (43°14'N 16°10'E) at which time the P-51 a/c passed the formation. P-38 a/c sighted at (43°24'N-16°19'E) at 0834A hours. The P-38 escort was from the 14th Fighter Group and the P-51 escort was from the 325th Fighter Group. The escort was last reported at (46°45'N-18°55'E) at 1157A hours.

7. Weather at take off, 7/10 multilayer stratus and stratocumulus clouds with tops at 9000 feet and scattered showers from base to coast. Over the Adriatic 6/10 to 8/10 stratocumulus 12,000 feet.

Over the Dinaric Alps 3/10 stratocumulus, tops 18,000 feet and generally clear from Alps to the target.

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There was 1/10 to 2/10 altocumulus at the target with tops at 16,000 feet and with visibility eighteen (18) miles.

On the return similar conditions were encountered except that the clouds over the Adriatic had diminished to 3/10 to 4/10, tops at 8000 feet; 7/10 stratocumulus and cumulus over the Spur with tops up to 6000 feet.

At the base, 3/10 to 4/10 cumulus. Visibility generally 15 to 20 miles in haze occasionally reaching 25 miles.

8. The following observations were reported:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Alt</u>	<u>Observations</u>
0925A hours	45°19'N-16°59'E	17,000	M/Y with 400 to 500 units
1025A hours	46°55'N-19°41'E (Keeskemet)	18,000	A/D 6 to 8 a/c dispersed
1036A hours	47°47'N-19°56'E	18,000	M/Y with 500 units
1126A hours	47°40'N-19°41'E	18,000	M/Y with 400 to 500 units

9. Thirty one (31) a/c landed between 1404A hours and 1430A hours.

10. The route was not flown as briefed because of weather in the local area, as described in paragraph number 2. From Spinazzola to Island of Lagosta, to Vis, to K.P., to (43°55'N-16°25'E) to (44°48'N-16°56'E) to (45°19'N-17°06'E) thence as briefed but generally about three (3) miles right of course.

11. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer





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APO 520 U S Army

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20 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 20 September 1944, at 0725A hours, twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and three spare B-24 a/c took off to bomb the Marshalling Yard at Hatvan, Hungary (primary target). The thirty one (31) a/c formed two (2) attack units the first unit led by Major William H. Reddell, Squadron Commander, 776th Bombardment Squadron (H) and the second unit by Captain Albert E. Stoll Jr., Operations Officer, 777th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. Group assembly and Wing rendezvous were accomplished as ordered and without incident.

3. Two (2) a/c returned early.

A/C No. 42-52537 returned from (42°25'N-16°00'E) after developing a gas leak in manifold to heater line.

A/C No. 42-52504 returned from (46°45'N-18°55'E) with an oil leak and cracked cylinder in No. 4 engine.

4. Twenty nine (29) a/c were over the target at 1148A hours (briefed target time 1200A hours) and twenty seven (27) a/c dropped sixty six and three quarters (66.75) tons of bombs. Fifteen (15) a/c dropped thirty seven (37) tons of five hundred (500) pound RDX bombs (.1 nose .01 tail fusing) and twelve a/c dropped twenty nine and three quarters (29.75) tons of M-17 Incendiaries. Bombing was visual from 13,000 feet and target visibility was excellent.

Five (5) a/c returned ten and one quarters (10.25) tons of M-17 incendiaries to the base. Two (2) a/c returning early returned two and one half (2.50) tons each and two (2) a/c which were over the target returned two and one half (2.50) tons due to rack malfunction preventing the Dog Box leader from dropping and leader of the second element in Dog Box did not drop because the leader did not. One (1) a/c returned one quarter (.25) ton due to rack malfunction. Two (2) a/c jettisoned a total of one half (.50) ton of five hundred (500) pound RDX bombs due to rack

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malfunctions. One (1) bomb at (42°40'N-17°40'E) and one (1) bomb at (41°30'N-16°10'E).

Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage

Dropped on target	(RDX)	37.00 tons
Dropped on target	(M-17)	29.75
Returned to base	(RDX)	00.00
Returned to base	(M-17)	10.25
Jettisoned	(RDX)	.50
Jettisoned	(M-17)	00.00
Total		77.50 tons

Bomb strike photographs show a heavy concentration of incendiary bomb strikes running down the marshalling yard from the northeast choke point, in the yard 2000 feet southwest of the briefed MPI. These strikes are best shown on an oblique photo taken after the formation passed over the target. Incendiary bombs were dispersed over fifteen solid columns of freight cars in the yard. Numerous 500 pound bomb strikes were among railroad tracks in the marshalling yard located 3000 feet north of the briefed MPI.

5. C-1 Automatic Pilot was used by the leader of the first attack unit. The second attack unit leader used PDI on the bombing run as the C-1 Automatic Pilot was erratic.

6. Fighter escort was first observed at 1141A hours at (47°48'N-19°45'E) and remained in the vicinity of the formation until reaching the Yugoslavian Coast on return at 1341A hours. A few P-38 a/c were sighted first and gradually increased in numbers until a total of thirty (30) to forty (40) were in the area. Markings reported indicate a/c were from the 1st and 14th Fighter Groups. P-51 a/c totaling eight (8) were from the 52nd Fighter Group.

7. 8/10 altostratus and altocumulus at take off, base 13-14000 feet and 5/10 cirrus base 20000 feet, cloud cover continuing over route to Dinarics.

Over Dinarics 8/10 cirrostratus, base 18-20000 feet with stratus in valleys.

Generally clear from Dinarics to target.

Clear at target, visibility 30 miles.

On return, 2/10 cumulus over Dinarics and 6/10 cirrostratus, little change over Adriatic, at base 8/10 altostratus, base 13000 feet with 3/10 to 4/10 stratocumulus at 6000 feet. Visibility 20 miles to unlimited for route.

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8. The following observations of importance were reported.

TIME	PLACE	ALT.	OBSERVATIONS
1009A	Frijedor	14,600	M/Y 400/500 wagons
1056A	(46°37'N-18°52'E)	14,000	Five (5) float type planes. Description indicates FW-189 converted. Seven (7) tankers in Danube.
1110A	(46°55'N-19°10'E)	13,000	A/D runway being lengthened.
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1120A	(47°50'N-20°25'E)	13,000	Fifty (50) barrack type buildings.
1136A	(47°52'N-20°13'E)	13,400	M/Y 600 wagons
	Virpelet		

Considerable traffic in Hungary on east-west railroads. No activity on north-south lines. In Yugoslavia a concentration of approximately five hundred (500) wagons was reported on the tracks between Novska (45°16'N-17°00'E), Rujic (45°18'N-17°07'E) and Okwoani (45°16'N-17°13'E). The M/Y at Novska completely filled.

9. Twenty nine (29) a/c landed at this base on return between 1439A and 1505A hours.

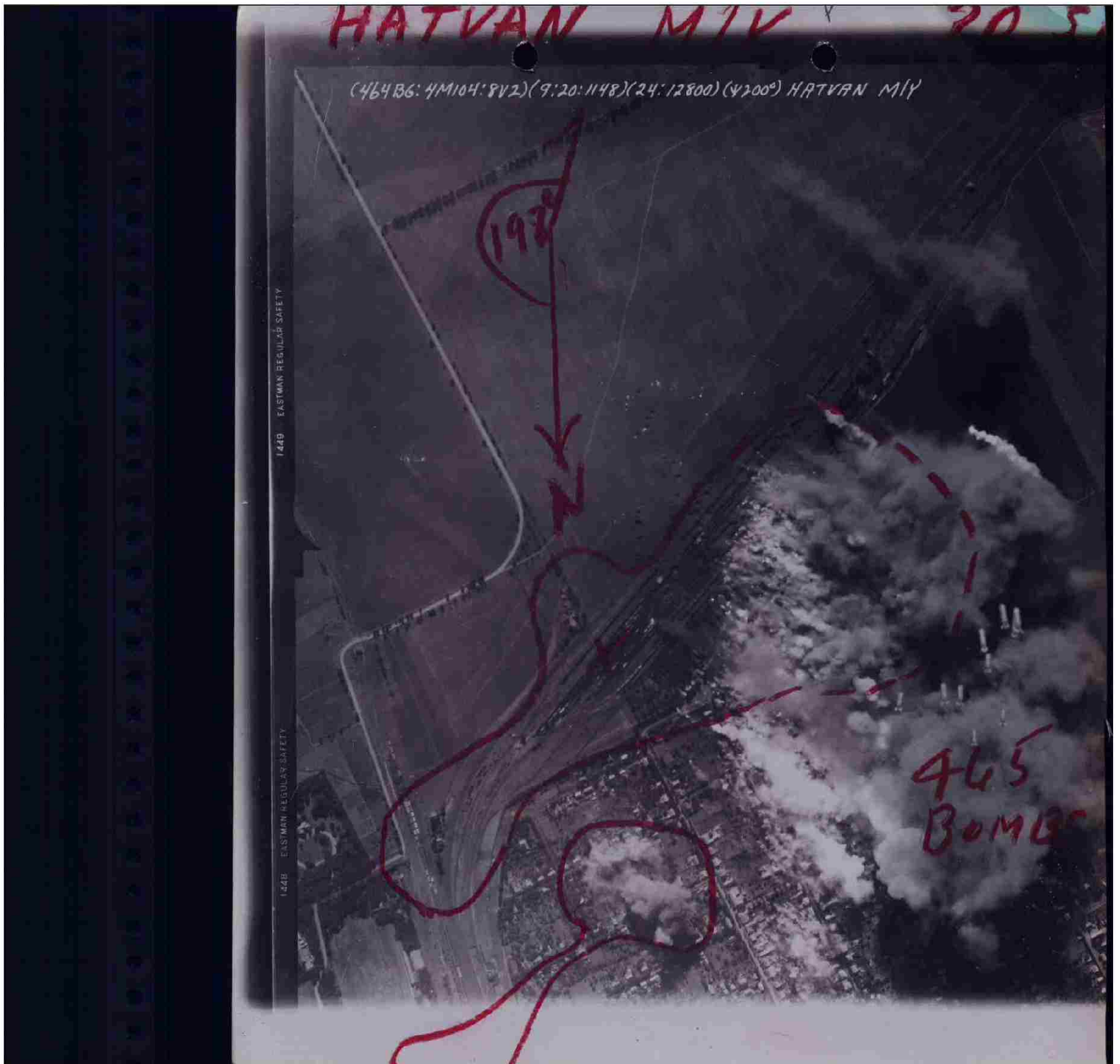
10. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart of route as flown attached.

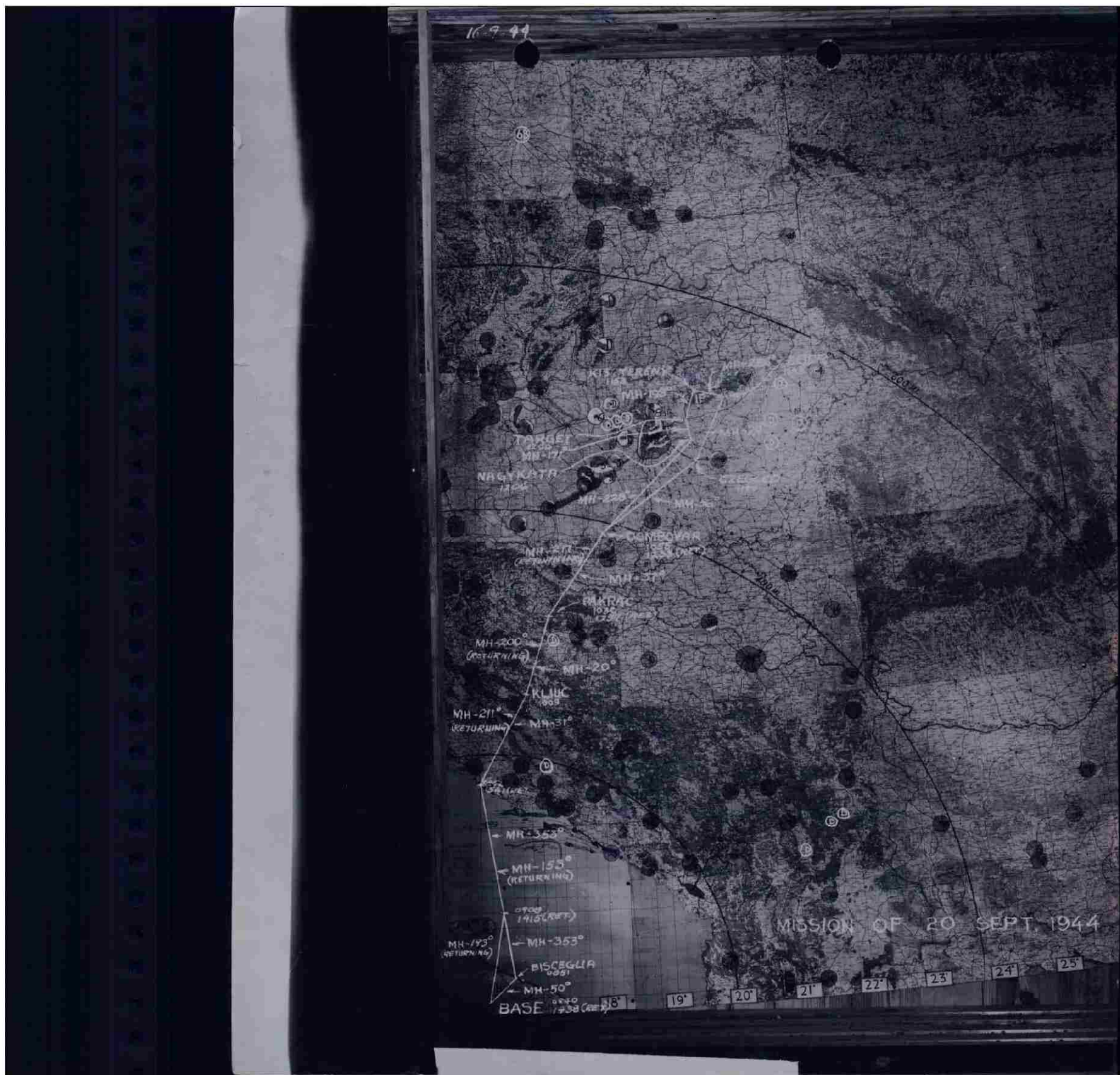
11. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Strike Photograph







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22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 55th Bombardment Wing (H),  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 22 September 1944, twenty-eight (28) B-24 a/c plus three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off at 0755A hours to bomb Oberweisenfeld BMW Buildings at Munich, Germany.

The thirty-one (31) a/c formed into two (2) attack units, the first attack unit being led by Lt. Colonel Elvin E. Goodyear, Deputy Group Commander, and the second by 1st Lt. Charles F. Fowler, Flight Leader of the 778th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. Group form up and wing rendezvous were made as briefed without incident.

3. One (1) spare and three (3) other a/c returned early:

- (a) A/C No. 42-50962 a spare a/c turned back at 41°40'N-16°20'E at 0942A hours due to loss of #1 engine-jettisoned bombs at 41°30'N-16°20'E.
- (b) A/C No. 42-95364 turned back at 45°30'N-12°40'E at 1105A hours due to oil pressure on #4 engine dropping to thirty-five (35) pounds and prop ran up to 2700. Could not hold altitude without using excessive power. Jettisoned bombs at 1120A hours at 44°48'N-13°18'E.
- (c) A/C No. 42-74618 turned back at 41°55'N-16°20'E at 0943A hours because intervalometer burned out after takeoff could not toggle or release, was told to return by Group Leader.
- (d) A/C No. 42-52522 turned back at 1050A hours at 44°10'N-14°00'E due to losing #3 engine. This engine developed an oil leak and oil pressure went down to seventy-five (75) pounds and was smoking heavily necessitating feathering the prop.

4. Twenty-seven (27) a/c were over the target at 1245A



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hours (briefed target time 1222A hours) and twenty-five (25) a/c dropped sixty-two and one half ( $62\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons of 500 pound RDX bombs (.1 nose and .01 tail fusing) from 23,400 feet.

Two (2) a/c (early returns) jettisoned five (5) tons of bombs for reasons outlined in paragraph No. 3 (a) and (b).

Four a/c returned ten (10) tons of bombs to base; two (2) early returns brought back five (5) tons for reasons outlined in paragraph No. 3 (c) and (d), one (1) a/c returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons because bomb bay doors would not open, and one (1) a/c returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons due to intervalometer malfunction.

#### Recapitulation of Bombs

25 a/c dropped on target	62 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons
2 a/c jettisoned	5 tons
4 a/c returned to Base	10 tons
31 a/c accounted for	77 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons

Bombing was by P.F.F. due to haze, smoke screen and 8/10 cloud cover over the target.

Bomb strike photos show no visible hits on the primary target, which is almost completely cloud obscured. Very numerous hits are on the Munich/Oberwiesenfeld Airdrome one half mile west of the briefed MPI. A majority of the bombs dropped blanket the landing area from the northeast to the southwest corner. There were near misses on the hangars at the northeast, west, and southwest edges of the field. Cloud cover prevents assessment of possible additional hits on the power plant located off the southwest corner of the airdrome.

5. The Group Leader used C-1 automatic pilot. The leader of the second attack unit did not use the C-1 as it was inoperative.

6. Flak at the target was reported from M to IAH. Some crews reporting M to IAH depending on their position in the formation. Black, red and white bursts were observed. Time in flak was from four (4) to five (5) minutes.

Flak was observed at the following locations

45°40'N-12°15'E	SH
Berchtesgaden	SH
	Also smoke screen
Traunstein	SH
	Also smoke screen

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23 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 23 September 1944, twenty eight (28) scheduled and three (3) spare B-24 a/c took off, beginning at 0725A hours to bomb the Pinzano South R.R. Bridge, Italy. The thirty one (31) a/c formed two (2) attack units. Leader of the first unit was Lt. Colonel Clarence G. Poff, Commanding Officer, 778th Bombardment Squadron (H).

2. Group form-up was accomplished in a highly satisfactory manner under adverse weather conditions, and Group and Wing rendezvous was as ordered by Operations Order No. 186, with the exception that this Group was on course over Spinzola one (1) minute late. Wing formation was described as loose but satisfactory, weather considered.

3. One (1) early return a/c No. 4250843 turned back at 0916A hours ( $42^{\circ}00'N - 16^{\circ}20'E$ ) because of carburetor trouble with number two (2) engine. All spare a/c continued with formation and completed mission.

4. Thirty (30) a/c were over the Primary Target at 1118A hours (lead ship time). Fourteen (14) a/c dropped a total of thirty five (35) tons of bombs at 1117A hours (mean time) from 14,000 feet. The Group Leader finding a solid overcast completely obscuring the Primary target, signaled indicating that the first Alternate target, Piave/Ponte Di Piave R.R. Bridge would be attacked and the formation set course for Secile, I.P. for the alternate. Thirty (30) a/c were over the first Alternate target at 1140A hours and fifteen (15) a/c dropped thirty seven (37) tons of bombs from 14,000 feet. Axis of attack  $192^{\circ}$  (briefed axis  $190^{\circ}$ ). All bombs were one thousand (1000) pound G.P. with (.1 nose and non delay tail fusing). A total of five

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and one half ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons were returned to the base. A/C No. 42-52495 returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons and a/c No. 42-51736 returned one half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) ton, both due to rack malfunctions and thea/c returning early returned two and one half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) tons.

#### Recapitulation of Bomb Tonnage

Dropped on Primary Target	35.0 tons
Dropped on 1st Alt. Target	37.0 tons
Returned to Base	5.5 tons
Total (3la/c)	<u>77.5 tons</u>

Bomb strike photos show approximately 24 strikes in open country an undetermined distance from Pinzano South railroad bridge. No photos show this primary target, due to solid overcast. At the first alternate, Piave Ponte Di Piave railroad bridge, two direct hits were on the railroad bridge, and at least one on the adjacent highway bridge. There were also several close near misses on both bridges. Other strikes were at the north and south approaches to the bridges.

5. Bombing was visual. Cloud coverage at the IP was 7-8/10ths and the target was obscured until the formation reached Oderzo ( $45^{\circ}47'N - 12^{\circ}29'E$ ) at which time the overcast broke up sufficiently to make target visibility good. Both attack unit leaders bombed the 1st alternate target on Automatic Pilot. First Attack Unit Leader using C-1 and the Second Attack Unit Leader A-5.

6. No enemy opposition was encountered.

7. 4/10 stratus, Base 1500 feet, tops 3000 feet and 5/10 to 7/10 stratocumulus, Base 3500 feet, tops 9000 feet from Base to Coast.

3/10 to 5/10 stratocumulus, tops 10,000 feet over Adriatic. Scattered cirrostratus in North Adriatic.

Over target, 8/10 stratocumulus, tops 10,000 feet with scattered cirrostratus at 21,000 feet. Visibility was 15 miles.

On return, general decrease of all cloudiness. 3/10 cumulus from Coast to Base and clear over Base. Visibility entire route was 15-20 miles.

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8. The following observations were reported.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Observation</u>
1003A	(43°17'N - 14°53'E)	12,000	Possible submarine pursuing zig zag course. General heading 360°.
1107A	(45°47'N - 12°36'E)	14,000	A/D - 4 SE a/c. Numerous hangers and crates.

9. Thirty (30) a/c returned to this base between 1348A and 1414A hours.

10. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route flown attached.

11. Eight (8) a/c attempted photographs. Selected strike photograph attached.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, AC  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track chart  
Incl 2 - Selected photograph



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24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Narrative Mission Report

TO : Commanding General, 55th Bombardment Wing (H)  
APO 520, U S Army

1. On 24 September 1944, twenty six (26) of twenty eight (28) scheduled B-24 a/c and three (3) spares took off at 0935A hours to bomb Submarine based in Scaramanga Harbor and Scaramanga Harbor Installations in Greece. The twenty nine a/c formed in two attack units. The first attack unit was led by Colonel A. L. Schroeder, Commanding Officer of the 464th Bombardment Group (H), and the second attack unit was led by Major James H. Gilson, Commanding Officer of the 779th Bombardment Squadron (H).

Two (2) scheduled a/c failed to take off for the following reasons: B-24 a/c No 42-52537 would not pull more than 2500 RPM's and 44 inches on No 4 engine. B-24 a/c No 42052514 had a complete electrical system failure.

2. The Group form up and line rendezvous were executed in a satisfactory manner. The 464th Bombardment Group (H) passed over Spinazzola three (3) minutes early, at 1042A hours, in order to avoid clouds.

3. B-24 a/c No 42-78514 feathered a run away prop and being unable to keep formation position returned from (39°27'N - 21°02'E) landing at 1400A hours.

4. Twenty eight (28) a/c were over the target at 1303A hours and twenty three (23) a/c dropped fifty seven and one half (57 ½) tons of 500 pound RDX bombs (.1 nose and .01 tail fusing) from 23,000 feet.

Five (5) a/c failed to release on the target. Dog Box leader had a rack malfunction and bombs would not release by sight or toggle switch. Three (3) other a/c in Dog Box did not release for the reason that the box leader did not drop. One (1) a/c did not release when the intervalometer failed to function. These five (5) a/c returned twelve and one half (12½) tons of bombs to base.

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Recapitulation of Bombs

23 a/c dropped on target	57½ tons
6 a/c returned to base	15 tons
2 a/c no take off	5 tons
Total	<u>77½ tons</u>

Bomb strike photographs show direct hits on the main jetty, seaplane hangars, workshop, slipways and on the large unidentified building adjacent to the east side of the hangars. In the harbor there were probable direct hits on a 210 foot submarine adjacent to the jetty, and on three merchant vessels measuring 380, 200, and 170 feet. There were also two near misses on the derelict merchant vessel and one near miss on a 280 feet MV. At least six additional small boats were destroyed. Two hits were in the work camp area. Numerous hits blanketed the south edges of the hangars. Several strikes covered the shoreline installations as far as 600 feet on either side of the main jetty. One near miss was adjacent to the probable power house. Approximately 36 bombs fell short of the target, at distances ranging from 4000 feet to one and one quarter miles.

5. The Group Leader used C-1 automatic pilot. The second attack unit leader started on the bomb run using the C-1 automatic pilot but finished on PDI because of the amount of correction necessary.

6. Flak at the target was reported SIH to MIH. At (39°38'N - 20°50'E) SIH flak was observed.

7. Two (2) FW 190 a/c were observed at (38°12'N - 23°30'E) at 1300A hours flying at 9000 feet and in the opposite direction from that of the formation which was at 23,000 feet. Six (6) ME-109 a/c were observed first at (39°10'N - 21°10'E) at 1400A hours flying parallel to the formation and at the formations altitude of 15,000 feet. The e/a left the formation at (39°40'N - 20°02'E) at 1425A hours having made no effort to attack.

8. No friendly escort was observed.

9. There was 2/10 cirrus and 2/10 to 3/10 cumulus with tops at 8000 feet from the base to the coast.

2/10 over the Adriatic and Strait of Otranto. Over the Grecian Mountains 3/10 to 4/10 cumulus with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

1/10 cumulus in the target area with visibility unlimited.

On return, little change except increase in cumulus over Southern Italy to 5/10.



Ltr Narr Miss Rpt, cont'd

At the base on return 4/10 cumulus, bases at 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet with scattered altocumulus at 10,000 feet.

Visibility over the entire route 20 to 30 miles.

10. The following observations were reported:

TIME	PLACE	ALT.	OBSERVATIONS
1255	(38°07'N - 23°47'E)	22,000	Smoke screen over A/D.
1303	Scaramanga Harbor	22,400	One (1) large and six (6) to eight (8) medium and fifteen (15) small M/Vs anchored.
1306	(38°04'N - 23°33'E)	22,000	Six (6) 4 engine a/c on A/D.
1333	(38°20'N - 21°47'E)	16,700	Two (2) large boats on 45° heading.

11. Twenty eight (28) a/c landed at this base between 1540A hours and 1602A hours.

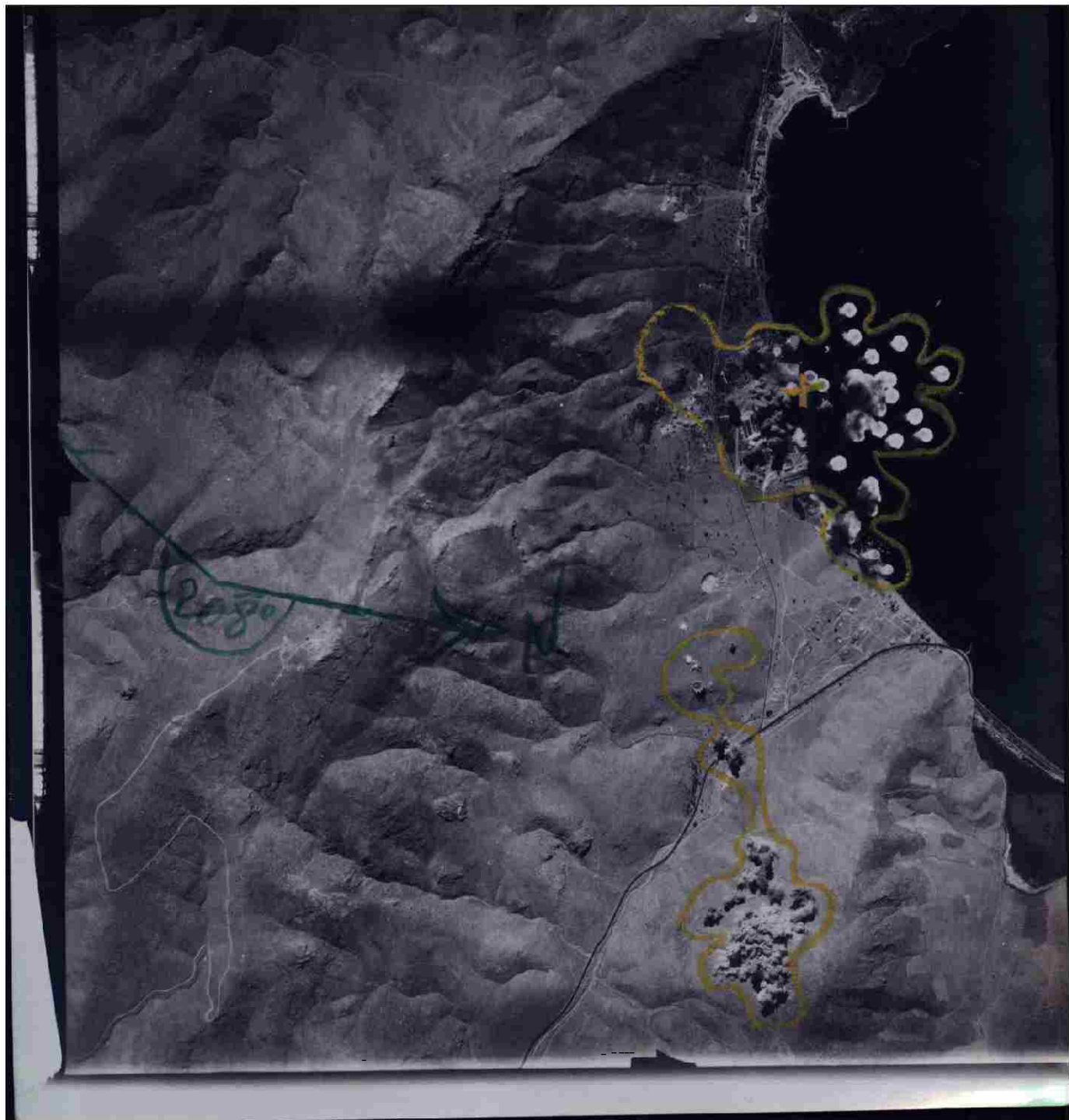
12. Route was flown as briefed. Track chart showing route flown enclosed.

13. Six (6) a/c attempted photographs. Selected print enclosed.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANCIS F. ELDER  
Major, Air Corps  
Intelligence Officer

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Track Chart  
Incl 2 - Selected Print



WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location APO 520, U S Army Command or AF 15th Air Force  
Group 464th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 776 Bomb Sq (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantarella, Italy Course NE  
Target Moravská Ostrava, Czechoslovakia Type of Mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Widely scattered middle and high clouds. Visibility 20 miles.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 August 1944 Time 1230 Location 46°35'N-18°45'E  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether:  Last Sighted  Last Contacted by Radio  
 Forced Down  Seen to Crash; or  
 Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF. (Check only one)  
 Enemy Aircraft  Enemy Anti-Aircraft  Other circumstances as follows: Mechanical failure.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-C AAF Serial NO 42-78248

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial NO (a) BP-428857  
(b) BB-425574 (c) BP-423389 (d) BP-428494

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
(a) Browning MG-M2 Cal .50 97776 (b) Browning MG-M2 Cal .50 97765  
(c) " " " " 977919 (d) " " " " 977642  
(e) " " " " 977985 (f) " " " " 978974  
(g) " " " " 977945 (h) " " " " 977981  
" " " " 391656 " " " " 977746

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS:  Battle Casualty  Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	Kollias, John F.	1st Lt	0867041	Mrs Wilma Rose Kollias, (Wife) 2115 Park Ave, St Louis, Missouri.
2. CoPilot	O'Keefe, Robert G.	F/O	T-62256	Mr James J. O'Keefe, (Father) 1 Main St, North Hanover, Mass.
3. Navigator	Price, Lewis F.	1st Lt	0695448	Mrs Erma P. Price, Wife, 1903 8th St, Lubock, Texas.
4. Bombardier	Jacobson, Albert E.	1st Lt	0694775	Mrs L. Jacobson, Mother, 5918 Castor Ave, Philadelphia, Pa.
5. Eng-Gun	Ollikeinen, Toivo J.	S/Sgt	31267216	Mrs Helmi Ollikienon, (mother) RFD#2, Milford, New Hampshire.
6. Rad-Op-G	Cook, William B.	T/Sgt	3644542	Mrs Matilda Cook, Mother, Chandlerville, Ill.
7. Ball Gunner	Probat, Fred L.	S/Sgt	37615201	Mrs Frances B Probat, Mother, RR#3, West Plaines, Mo.
8. Tail Gunr	Rochetta, Francis C.	S/Sgt	31118372	Mrs Margaret Lynch, Mother, RFD, Hazardville, Engfield, Conn.



- 9. Waist Gun-Ouellette, Dewey H. Sgt 31318365, Mr Damase Ouellette, Father, St Francis, Maine.
- 10. Nose Gunner-Michaud, Emile J. Sgt 3186227, Mrs Mary A Michaud, Mother, 12 Halton St, Providence R. I.

11. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
 contacted last saw  
NAME IN FULL                      RANK   SERIAL NO   by radio   sighted   crash   forced landing

- 1. Gorder, Robert A. 1st Lt 0668441                      X
- 2. Doverspike, George C. 2d Lt 0824610                      X
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 ( ) Parachutes were used ( ) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 ( ) Any other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) \_\_\_\_\_

date of this report: 31 August 1944

signature of officer \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 incls:
- Incl 1-Sketch of approximate position ship was last sighted.
- Incl 2-Eye witness report of 1st Lt Gorder
- Incl 3-Eye witness report of 2nd Lt Doverspike.

WILLIAM H. REDDELL,  
 Major, AC  
 Commanding



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1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pantanello, AIR BASE Command or AF 15th AF  
Group 464th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 779th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pantanello Air Base Course Vienna, Austria  
Target Vienna Type of Mission Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Altostratus layer broke to 5/10 coverage. Visibility 25 miles

4. GIVE: (a) Date 10 September 44 Time 1042 Location Vienna, Austria  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether:  Last Sighted  Last Contacted by Radio  
 Forced Down  Seen to Crash; or  
 Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF. (Check only one)  
 Enemy Aircraft  Enemy Anti-Aircraft  Other circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24J AAF Serial NO 44-41053

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R 1830-65A AAF Serial NO (a) BP-443049  
(b) BP-440269 (c) BP-440310 (d) BP-443447

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)  
(a) Browning 50 Cal M2 1540227 (b) 1203740 1203325  
(c) 1203662 (d) 1538978 1203350  
(e) 1203750 (f) 1253490  
(g) 1540242 (h) 1253313

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS:  Battle Casualty  Non-Battle Cas.

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	Overholt, Norman O.	2d Lt	0820043	Mother Mrs Emma B. Johnson, Fortuna, North Dakota
2. Co-Pilot	Brown, George W.	2d Lt	0825770	Wife Mrs Frances G Brown, Atlanta Road, Box 114, Marietta, Ga
3. Bombardier	Robinson, William B	2d Lt	0673901	Wife Mrs Pauline A. Robinson, 3205 Poppleton Apt. #4, Omaha, Neb
4. Navigator	Beasley, Gren S.	2d Lt	0723561	Wife Mrs Naomi S. Beasley, Box 414, Liberty, Texas
5. Engineer	Tober, Lawrence H.	W/Sgt	6913369	Mother Mrs Emilie Tober, 208 S. Sherman St, Bay City, Michigan
6. Engineer	Godbold, Arthur E.	S/Sgt	34409717	Father Mr Joseph E. Godbold, 301 W. Quincy St, Lakeland, Fla
7. Engineer	Ennis, William T.	W/Sgt	6917387	Mother Mrs Annie Belle Ennis, Route #2, Dry Beach, Georgia
8. Armorer Cpr	Sprague, Derrant D.	Cpl	16051068	Father Mr Burligh P. Sprague, 5203 W. Court St, Flint, Mich

(See Reverse Side)

Incl #1

9. Aerial Gnr Zeman, Michael V. 29 Wife Mrs Olga.  
Zeman, 74 W. Main St, Little Falls, New York
10. Aerial Gnr Gebhardt, Frederick C. Col 32779545 Mother Mrs  
Rose Gebhardt, 29-F Wrawlac Manor, Elizabeth, N.J.
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted		
			by Radio	Last	saw
			Sighted	crash	forced landing

1. Joseph A. Shymanski	1st Lt	0737487			X
2. Angelo Kyrnas	T/Sgt	13031254			X
3. Fred Gonroff	S/Sgt	12093976			X
4. _____					
5. _____					
6. _____					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Parachutes were used.  Persons seen walking away from scene of crash  
 Any other reason (specify) four men were seen leaving the aircraft  
but only two parachutes were seen to open.
13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search was made as aircraft went down over enemy territory.

date of this report: 12 September 1944

4 Incls: \_\_\_\_\_ signature of officer ALDERSON TIMMONS,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant

Incl 1 - Statement of 1st Lt Joseph A. Shymanski (Septup)

Incl 2 - Statement of T/Sgt Angelo Kyrnas (Septup)

Incl 3 - Statement of S/ Sgt Fred Gonroff (Septup)

Incl 4 - Map of Area where plane was last seen (Septup)

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT OF  
776th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
164TH BOMBARDMENT GP (H)

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(See reverse)

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(See reverse)

7 Sept 1944  
(Date)

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NAME			GRADE	ASN	*TYPE OF CAS	DATE OF CASUALTY	*FLY-ING OR SERV	ARM OR SERV	DUTY CODE	REMARKS (Place of casualty)
(LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)								
KOLLIAS,	JOHN F.		1st Lt	0687041	RTD	6 Sep 44	A	AC	1092	MIA 29 Aug to RTD
O'KEEFE,	ROBERT G.		F/O	T-62256	RTD	6 Sep 44	A	AC	1092	MIA 29 Aug to RTD
PRICE,	LEWIS F.		1st Lt	0695448	RTD	6 Sep 44	A	AC	1034	MIA 29 Aug to RTD
JACOBSON,	ALBERT E.		1st Lt	0694775	RTD	6 Sep 44	C	AC	1035	MIA 29 Aug to RTD
COOK,	WILLIAM B.		T/Sgt	36445542	LIA	29 Aug 44	G	AC	757	MIA 29 Aug to LIA
OLLIKAINEN,	TOIVO J.		S/Sgt	31267216	RTD	6 Sep 44	H	AC	748	MIA 29 Aug to RTD
PEREST,	FRED L.		S/Sgt	37615201	RTD	6 Sep 44	K	AC	611	MIA to LIA 29 Aug
ROCHETTE,	FRANCIS C.		S/Sgt	31118372	RTD	6 Sep 44	K	AC	611	MIA to LIA 29 Aug
MICHAUD,	EMILE J.		Sgt	31386227	RTD	6 Sep 44	K	AC	611	MIA 29 Aug to RTD

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Major, AC  
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INCLOSURES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Letter Orders, Par 2, Hq. 15th Air Force, 3 September 1944
2. S O 180, Par 5 and 6, Hq. 464th Bomb Group, 5 September 1944
3. Copy of Medical History 30 June 1944
4. 464th Bomb Blast, issues of 2,9,16 September 1944

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
APO 520 US ARMY

G/EHR/emf-2

3 September 1944

SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Par 2, Ltr Orders, this Hq, G/EHR/emf-4, dated 1 Sep 1944, placing LT COL CHARLES F. McKENNA, III, 0369281 AC, 464th Bomb Gp (H), on DS in the US for a period of thirty (30) days for rest and rehabilitation, is hereby revoked.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Sec V, Paragraphs 1 and 4, WD Cir 127, dated 29 May 1943, LT COL CHARLES F. McKENNA, III, 0369281 AC, 464th Bomb Gp (H), is placed on DS with AAF Redistribution Sta No. 1, Atlantic City, New Jersey, for a period of thirty (30) days, WP via mil acft, govt mtr T and/or rail to 7th Repl Depot for immediate trans-shipment by first available water transportation to the US, where upon arrival he will rpt to the CO, AAF Redistribution Sta No. 1, Atlantic City, New Jersey for issuance of further orders. Upon completion of DS Off will ret via most expeditious available water transportation to perm sta, 19th Repl Bn (Sep) at DUKO. The following forms will be carried on his person: Form 77 (Officer's Pay Data Card) and Form 81 (Immunization Register). Necessary rations in kind will be furnished. Clothing and baggage to accompany Officer to the US will not exceed 100 pounds and 75 pounds returning overseas. TCNT. TDN. 91-66 P 432-02 A 0425-24.

By command of Major General TWINING:

s/ Elmore H Read, Jr.  
ELMORE H READ, JR.,  
1st Lt, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant General

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- 1 - A-1
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- 1 - 30th MRU
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A TRUE COPY:

*Daryl D. Johns*  
DARYL D. JOHNS  
Major, Air Corps

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HEADQUARTERS  
464TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

5 September 1944.

SPECIAL ORDERS )

NUMBER....:180 )

1. EXTRACTED (Rest Camp Rome)
2. Following EM, having been asgd this comd VOCO 55th Bomb Wing (H) effective 4 August 44, are further asgd orgns indicated:

776TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Cpl (531) Charles M. Barnes	35120392	Pfc (521) Gilbert Mishkin	36656186
Pvt (590) Alva F. Adkins	35656303	Pvt (521) Robert P. Skinner	19148445
Pfc (677) Perry G. Blanchard	37264681		

777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Cpl (667) Carlisle Turner	37395834	Pfc (521) Eldon C. Beagle	19178148
Pvt (590) Calvin L. Bain	39693098	Pvt (521) David L. Gold	32813858
Pvt (521) Dayton D. Hartley	33221409	Pvt (590) Gritt A. Taylor	14056908
Pvt (521) Ernest M. Saunders	39921307		

778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Cpl (345) Truman E. Fulbright	37137699	Pvt (590) William E. Aldrich	32867348
Pvt (590) Harvey L. Burnhan	18190523	Pvt (050) Edward D. Horn Jr.	33492981
Pvt (521) Reeves C. Mc Mahan	34804142	Pvt (745) William L. Welsh	36897906
Pvt (521) Albert G. Salmon Jr.	12219385		

779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

Cpl (458) Warren J. Garrett	34248369	Pvt (590) Anthony C. Bovo	32424690
Pvt (590) Warren A. Alexander	38508721	Pvt (521) Joseph S. Roedel	42091966
Pvt (677) Swimmer D. Rabbit	38189015		

3. Under the prov of par 6c AR 615-5 and upon recommendation of the orgn comdr the fol EM of 776th Bomb Sq (H), are hereby promoted to grade as indicated below eff this date. Copy of SO will serve in lieu of Warrant.

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMP)

S/Sgt (748) Eugene H. Ballard	39904078	S/Sgt (748) Franklin H. Snyder	
S/Sgt (748) Byron A. Lockrem	39118356		32077462

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMP)

Sgt (748) James E. Allinder	38467062	Sgt (748) Warren G. Clement	6945689
Sgt (612) William A. Danaher	35095972	Sgt (612) Ronald E. Hall	39858914
Sgt (612) Dexter E. Kimzey	19079570	Sgt (612) Paul L. Sanders	36645120
Sgt (611) Robert H. Thurmond	14136617	Sgt (612) John R. Ward	17063310

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMP)

Pvt (748) Ellis W. Busbee 34765813

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(SO 180 Hq 464 BG dtd 5 Sept 44 cont'd)

4. Following O and EM, having been asgd this comd VOCO 55th Bomb Wing (H), effective this date, are further asgd orgns indicated:

776TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

			<u>Date of Rank</u>
1ST LT (1092)	LLOYD S. JACKSON	0671551	21 Sept 44
2ND LT (1092)	PHILIP H. SPENCE	0820850	7 Jan 44
2ND LT (1034)	HEINO A. FORSSTROM	0223340	22 Apr 44
2ND LT (1035)	DONALD F. BRIELMAIER	02057736	20 May 44
S/Sgt (748)	George E. Methe	11056954	
Sgt (611)	Rene G. Lemay	11096454	
Cpl (611)	Thomas M. Henson	37706566	
Cpl (611)	Joseph Rossi	31292386	
Cpl (757)	Douglas A. Wrage	37477392	
Pvt (612)	John Jervines	11093671	

777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

			<u>Date of Rank</u>
2ND LT (1092)	CHARLES E. STANLEY	0824007	8 Feb 44
2ND LT (1092)	ROBERT S. PLAISANCE	0709628	8 Feb 44
2ND LT (1034)	LEO F. CONE	02058419	20 May 44
2ND LT (1035)	EDWARD C. SEAVER	0776587	29 Apr 44
Cpl (748)	Forrest L. Smalley	15340522	
S/Sgt (757)	Darrell G. Kiger	20759460	
Sgt (612)	Albert R. Buchholz	36509715	
Cpl (748)	Claude T. Tweedale Jr.	19141196	
Pvt (611)	Peter Homol	33293462	
Cpl (611)	Samuel J. Spomer	37706748	

779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

			<u>Date of Rank</u>
2ND LT (1092)	ELVER R. LEISTIKOW	0822494	8 Feb 44
2ND LT (1092)	WILLIAM W. PARKER	0712251	8 Feb 44
2ND LT (1034)	MORRIS S. STEINWAY	0723528	22 Apr 44
2ND LT (1035)	JOHN B. GRAHAM	0723919	20 May 44
Cpl (611)	Frank K. Fenley	38417171	
Cpl (757)	Harold A. Johnson	37556817	
Cpl (748)	Lindley C. Pope	34776055	
Cpl (612)	Glen T. Swartz	37573818	
Cpl (612)	Robert A. Williams	38530956	
Pvt (748)	Nicholas Cellamare	32974286	

5. LT COL (1092) ELVIN E. GOODYEAR, O-401217, Hq Det, is hereby aptd Actg Deputy Group Commander.

6. Under the provisions of AR 600-20, MAJOR (1092) JAMES H. GILSON, O412958, is hereby aptd Commanding Officer of the 779th Bomb Sq (H).

By order of Colonel SCHROEDER:

DARYL D. JOHNS  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

*Daryl D. Johns*  
DARYL D. JOHNS,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



MEDICAL HISTORY  
464th Bombardment Group (H)  
APO 520 US ARMY

30 June 1944

The following history of the Medical Section, 464th Bombardment Group (H) for the period 1 September 1943 to 30 June 1944 is submitted in compliance with AAFEC/MFO Memorandum 25-13 dated 12 July 1944. Due to the fact that records of this organization were not brought overseas on departure from the Zone of the Interior, detailed information and statistical data are not available prior to arrival in this theater.

PREVIOUS HISTORY  
(Prior to 1 January 1944)

1. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. Activation. The Medical Section of the 464th Bombardment Group (H) was activated as a component part of the Group on 1 July 1943 at Wendover Field, Utah, by authority of General Order No. 78, paragraph 1, Section 1, Second Air Force, dated 29 May 1943. The Group was composed of a Headquarters Section and the 776, 777, 778 and 779 Bombardment Squadrons (H). The original Table of Organization and Equipment was as follows.

(1) Headquarters Medical Section (T/O & E 1-112)

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>RATING</u>
	3162	Flight Surgeon	Major
	3170	Dental Officer	Captain
	673	Medical NCO	T/Sgt
	861	Surgical Technician	Cpl
	855	Dental Technician	Cpl
	403	Clerk Typist	Cpl
	345	Light truck driver	Pvt

Equipment-Individual

Brassard Geneva Convents	8
Kit Dental Officer	1
Kit Dental Privates	1
Kit Medical Officer	1
Kit Medical NCO	5
Packet, First Aid, Parachute	7

Equipment-Organizational

Chest MB No. 60	1
Kit, First Aid, Motor Vehicle	2
Physical Examination Set, FS	2

MEDICAL HISTORY  
 1st Bombardment Group (H)  
 APO 520 US Army

(2) Squadron Medical Section (T/O & E 1-117)

Personnel	NO.	TITLE	RATING
	3162	Flight Surgeon	Captain
	673	Medical NCO	S/Sgt
	673	Medical NCO	Sgt
	861	Surgical Technician	Cpl
	861	Surgical Technician	Pfc
	409	Medical Technician	Cpl
	409	Medical Technician	Pvt
	409	Clerk Typist	Pvt
	345	Light truck driver	Pvt

Equipment-Individual

Bandage Geneva Convents	9
Kit Medical Officer	1
Kit Medical NCO	4
Kit Medical Privates	4
Packet, First Aid, Parachute	119

Equipment-Organizational

Squadron Aid Equipment	1
Blanket, OD	16
Kit, First Aid, Aeronautic	48
Kit, First Aid, Motor Vehicle	10
Litters	8

b. Personnel Matters. The Group and Squadron Surgeons were the first medical department personnel to join the organization, proceeding to AAFSAT, Orlando, Florida on 1 September 1943 for a month's training in applied tactics and the activities of the Medical Section in a Bombardment Group. The original Medical Officers assigned at this time, and their preceding stations, were as follows.

ASSIGNMENT	NAME	RANK	ASN	PREVIOUS STATION
1st Surgeon	Dabney von K. Moon	Captain	0422667	331 Bb Gp, Casper, Wyo.
776 2nd Surgeon	Layton S. Rogers	1st Lt.	01793278	382 Bb Gp,ocatello, Ida.
777 3rd Surgeon	John L. O'Hare	1st Lt.	0504045	29 Bb Gp, Boise, Idaho
778 4th Surgeon	Max P. Goodfried	1st Lt.	0436831	479 Bb Gp, Mt Home, Idaho
779 5th Surgeon	George S. Williams	1st Lt.	01701064	331 Bb Gp, Casper, Wyo.



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673	Sgt	John H. Towler	31118809	Medical NCO
673	Col	Roger E. Bell	37412574	Medical NCO
435	Sgt	William E. Penderast	16093756	Clerk Typist
861	Pfc	Dominick Paul Pullella	32819023	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	Howard A. Pratt	36616110	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	John Paul Drake	32603410	Medical Surgical
409	Pvt	James J. McManis	37555129	Medical Technician
345	Pvt	Elmer T. Spence	33553283	Light truck driver

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673	Sgt	Frank J. Carno	3227971	Medical NCO
673	Pfc	Howard E. Walker	36582987	Medical NCO
435	Pvt	Donald L. Bell	37264989	Clerk Typist
861	Pfc	Heracio A. Gould	38238903	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	John C. Fisher	34526700	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	John W. Raleigh	36609547	Medical Technician
609	Pvt	Eugene G. Smith	36478965	Medical Technician
345	Pvt	Tony J. Tuminello	36633690	Light truck driver

OFFICER  
 HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

3162	Captain	Debney von K. Moon	O-42667	Group Surgeon
3170	Captain	Carl E. Russell	O-50488	Group Dental Officer

776TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	1st Lt.	Layton S. Rogers	O-1703279	Squadron Surgeon
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777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	1st Lt.	John L. O'Hara	O-504045	Squadron Surgeon
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778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	1st Lt.	Max V. Goodfried	O-436831	Squadron Surgeon
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779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	1st Lt.	Georges E. Williams	O-1701064	Squadron Surgeon
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Due to a list's number of assigned personnel being at or one grade below Table of Organization, and so the policy of the organization that promotion would not ordinarily be made above one grade below Table of Organization no promotions were made during this period.

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c. Stations. Stations of the organization during the period prior to 1 January 1944 were as indicated above; namely, AAFSAT, Orlando, Florida, 1 September to 1 October 1943 and Army Air Base, Pocatello, Idaho after 1 October 1943.

d. Functional activities and Affairs. Facilities for the accomplishment of the several functions were limited during the early weeks in Pocatello, Idaho. Available space at this time consisted of one-quarter of the standard size one story barracks building, with an empty latrine building being used for conduction of physical examinations. On approximately 15 December 1943 a standard type of Bombardment Group Dispensary building became available upon departure of another organization from the base at Pocatello. This gave full and adequate space for the accomplishment of the Medical Department duties. The Medical Department duties and functions were divided into three (3) principal categories: first, the preparation of the organization for overseas movement; second, the training of Medical Department Enlisted personnel and to less extent of combat crew and ground personnel of the organization in medical matters of importance in overseas service; and third, the routine medical functions such as care of sick and wounded, sanitation, physical inspection of troops, and submission of records and reports.

The preparation for overseas movement consisted of the following activities:

- (1) Physical examination of all personnel of the organization to determine qualification for overseas duty, according to MF 1-9 and existing MD directives. Elimination of the unfit was accomplished by the Station Hospital Medical Reclassification Board.
- (2) Physical examination for flying of all flying personnel and elimination of those disqualified.
- (3) Completion of all prescribed immunizations (typhoid, tetanus, smallpox, typhus, cholera and yellow fever).
- (4) Dental survey of all personnel and the completion of Dental Identification Records on all flying personnel. Dental work was accomplished where indicated to place men in Class IV.
- (5) Refraction for spectacles and acquisition of spectacles and gas mask spectacles where needed.
- (6) Completion of records of all the above activities.

Routine Medical Activities. Due to the general activities of the organization being handled as a unit rather than broken down into squadrons the Medical Section likewise functioned as a unit. Daily sick call was held and medical care was made available at all times, with evacuation of patients to the Station Hospital. In addition, flying personnel were examined

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prior to each mission. Frequent inspections were conducted by the Wing Surgeon's Staff of the 15th BOMG on the status of preparation for overseas movement and training of the organization; in addition a Second Air Force team made an inspection the latter part of December to likewise determine the status of preparation and training.

a. Training. The training program was carried out in three (3) categories:

(1) Medical Department Enlisted Men received two-hundred and sixty-one (261) hours of instruction in subjects pertaining to Medical Department duties and functions, as: anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, treatment and evacuation of sick and wounded, first aid, chemical warfare and the treatment of gas casualties, physical examination, sanitation, malaria, use of equipment, medical supply, and reports and records. This augmented the previous basic training which all Medical Department Enlisted Men had already received. Training aids in addition to lectures, consisted of demonstration of Medical Department equipment and supplies; use of Field Manuals on sanitation, first aid, and hygiene; charts, posters and films. The films shown were on first aid, physiology of flying, sanitation, personal hygiene, malaria control, and chemical warfare and treatment of gas casualties.

(2) Ground personnel were given eighteen (18) hours of instruction, including four (4) hours malaria training, with the remainder devoted to field sanitation; first aid, personal hygiene; arctic, desert and tropic medicine; and chemical warfare and the treatment of gas casualties. Films as listed above were utilized in this training.

(3) Combat crew personnel received instruction by means of lectures, practical work (application) and films in malaria, sanitation, first aid, high altitude flying, use of oxygen, and chemical warfare and the treatment of gas casualties.

## 2. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

During the period 1 September to 31 December 1943 the organization occupied established air bases where sanitary problems were at a minimum, the storage and preparation of food and the prevention of epidemics being the ones of chief importance, and handled without any difficulties. There was no necessity for malaria control during this period.

## 3. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

As outlined in paragraph 1 above the medical operational activities consisted of preparation for overseas movement, training, and routine medical care of personnel. No unusual medical problems were encountered as all activities were conducted in established bases in the Zone of the Interior.

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Aviation Medicine aspects of medical activities concerned chiefly the elimination of personnel physically disqualified and the indoctrination of crews to high altitude flying. No statistics are available as to the number disqualified but these were at a minimum as most personnel had been previously examined several times. Approximately seven (7) Enlisted Men were disqualified from flying due to unsatisfactory ANNA, with no officers being disqualified. There were approximately eight (8) aircraft accidents which varied in severity from total loss of crew personnel to minor injuries. A few mild cases of frostbite, non-disabling, were encountered as a result of the extreme cold of high altitude flying during the winter season, and the lack of electrically heated flying clothing.

Dental activities entailed besides routine care and treatment, the survey of the two thousand (2000) men of the organization and dental work to place these men in Class IV. Approximately five thousand seven hundred (5700) fillings, three hundred (300) extractions, seventy-five (75) partial and fifty (50) full dentures were completed to accomplish this. Nine hundred (900) Dental Identification Records were made on flying personnel.

There were no Veterinary activities during this period.

4. STATISTICAL HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

No records are available for this period.

5. EVACUATION

Evacuation was accomplished by ambulance to the Station Hospital, Army Air Base, Peacettle, Idaho, no other method being used. No problems were encountered as hospital facilities were readily available.

6. SUPPLY

Adequate equipment and supplies were obtained from the Medical Supply Officer of the Station Hospital, non-expendible equipment being acquired on memorandum receipts, and returned prior to departure. T/O & E equipment was not issued until time of departure for overseas.

7. SPECIAL.

No unusual events or matters of interest occurred during the period other than the routine activities of a Zone of the Interior Army Air Base.

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CURRENT HISTORY  
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1. PREVIOUS HISTORY.

Discussed above.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY.

a. Activation. Date of activation, destination, authority and T/O & B have been discussed in previous history.

b. Personnel Matters. Personnel of the organization remained intact during the period 1 January to 30 June 1944 except for one change, when Pfc Howard E. Walker (673), AEN 36582087 was reclassified on 22 May 1944 to MOS 405, Chaplain Assistant, upon his request and that of the Group Chaplain. Within the unit occasional shifts in personnel from squadron to squadron were made to attain the maximum efficiency as shown in quarterly rosters below. Promotions also were effected during this period to reach in most cases full T/O ratings, as follows.

MEDICAL OFFICERS

Captain	Dabney von K. MOON	promoted to	Major	11 February 1944
1st Lt.	Layton S. Rogers	promoted to	Capt.	7 February 1944
1st Lt.	John L. O'Hara	promoted to	Capt.	7 February 1944
1st Lt.	M. Paul Goodfried	promoted to	Capt.	17 February 1944
1st Lt.	George S. Williams	promoted to	Capt.	7 March 1944

ENLISTED MEN

Pfc	Raymond J. Ackerman	promoted to C-1.	1 January 1944
Pfc	Horacio A. Gould	promoted to C-1.	1 January 1944
Sgt	John H. Towler	Promoted to S/Sgt	31 January 1944
Sgt	Romer B. Hayes	promoted to S/Sgt	1 May 1944
Cpl	Jesse E. Jinks	promoted to Sgt	1 May 1944
Pfc	John Paul Marozzi	promoted to Cpl	13 May 1944
Pfc	Thomas G. Wills	promoted to Cpl	13 May 1944
Pvt	William H. Henson	promoted to Pfc	1 June 1944
Pvt	Lawrence M. Patty	promoted to Pfc	1 January 1944
Sgt	Lloyd W. Milne	promoted to S/Sgt	22 May 1944
Cpl	Robert E. Weil	promoted to Sgt	22 April 1944
Pvt	John A. Rizzo	promoted to Pfc	17 April 1944
Pfc	Dominick Paul Pulliello	promoted to Cpl.	22 April 1944
Sgt	Frank J. Carnese	promoted to S/Sgt	1 May 1944
Pvt	Tony J. Tumminello	promoted to Pfc	1 January 1944
S/Sgt	John H. Towler	promoted to T/Sgt	6 June 1944



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Pvt William E. Hahn promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas  
 Pvt Henry L. Turnage promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas  
 Pvt Anthony F. Binhofer promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas  
 Pvt Donald L. Heddes promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas  
 Pvt John P. Balci promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas  
 Pvt Eugene S. Smith promoted to Pfc prior to departure overseas

The following named Medical Officers received Flight Surgeons ratings on the following dates:

Major Dabney von K. Moon Group Surgeon 22 February 1944  
 Captain Layton S. Rogers 776 Squadron Surgeon 17 May 1944  
 Captain John L. O'Hara 777 Squadron Surgeon 8 April 1944  
 Captain George S. Williams 779 Squadron Surgeon 17 May 1944

On 20 April 1944 the European Theater Ribbon with campaign star for the Italian Campaign was awarded to personnel of the Group by authority of WD Circular 62, 1944 and National Letter 200.6/345 dated 20 April 1944. Good Conduct Medals were awarded to the following Enlisted Men, other personnel having received them before joining organization.

Col Raymond J. Ackerman before departure overseas  
 Pfc William E. Hahn 26 June 1944  
 Pvt John Hmi Drake 26 June 1944  
 T/Sgt John H. Towler 26 June 1944

Quarterly rosters were as follows:

31 March 1944

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

3162	Major	Dabney von K. Moon	0-422687	Group Surgeon
3170	Captain	Carl F. Russell	0-504580	Group Dental Officer
673	Sgt	Lloyd W. Milne	36222565	Medical NCO
861	Cpl	Henry W. Zablocki	32841907	Surgical Technician
855	Cpl	Otto E. Darrough	38362865	Dental Technician
405	Cpl	Raymond J. Ackerman	36250758	Clerk Typist
345	Pvt	Jesse E. Cole	34209635	Light truck driver

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3162	Captain	Layton S. Rogers	0-1703278	Squadron Surgeon
673	Sgt	Homer D. Hayes	39169895	Medical NCO
673	Cpl	Jesse E. Jinks	36313202	Medical NCO
405	Pfc	John Hmi Maronzi	36676500	Clerk Typist
861	Pfc	Thomas G. Willis	37414697	Surgical Technician

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861	Pfc	James J. Haesser	36581792	Surgical Technician
409	Pfc	William E. Helm	32606042	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	John W. Glover	34723803	Medical Technician
345	Pfc	Henry L. Furnace	35521101	Light truck driver

**777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)**

316	Captain	John L. O'Hara	O-504045	Squadron Surgeon
673	S/Sgt	Michael A. Merrick	37115181	Medical NCO
673	Sgt	Leon L. Kuder	6075881	Medical NCO
405	Pvt	William H. Benson	32749711	Clerk Typist
861	Pfc	Lawrence M. Petty	34802190	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	Anthony F. Rinshofer	37392835	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	Sheldon Earl Schamber	12084539	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	George W. Bassett	34579807	Medical Technician
345	Pvt	John A. Rizzo	32793018	Light truck driver

**778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)**

3162	Captain	Max P. Goodfried	O-436831	Squadron Surgeon
673	S/Sgt	John H. Towler	31118899	Medical NCO
673	Cpl	Roger R. Weil	37412574	Medical NCO
405	Sgt	William F. Fender ast	16093766	Clerk typist
861	Pfc	Dominick Earl Pullella	32819043	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	Howard A. Prett	36656110	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	John Earl Drake	32693440	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	James J. McNamee	37555129	Medical Technician
345	Pvt	Elmer T. Spence	33553283	Light truck driver

**779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)**

3162	Captain	George S. Williams	O-1701064	Squadron Surgeon
673	Sgt	Frank J. Carnagio	32227571	Medical NCO
673	Pfc	Howard A. Walker	36582087	Medical NCO
405	Pfc	Donald L. Hedges	37264089	Clerk Typist
861	Cpl	Horacio A. Gould	38438903	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	John C. Fisher	34526700	Surgical Technician
409	Pfc	John P. McLeigh	36809547	Medical Technician
409	Pfc	Suzene C. Smith	36478965	Medical Technician
345	Pfc	Tony J. Tumminello	36633689	Light truck driver

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

3162	Major	Dabney van K. Moon	0-422667	Group Surgeon
3170	Captain	Carl F. Russell	0-504580	Group Dental Officer
673	T/Sgt	John H. Towler	3111890	Medical NCO
405	Sgt	William E. Pendrabet	16093766	Clerk Typist
861	Cpl	Henry W. Lablock	32644907	Surgical Technician
855	Cpl	Otis E. Derrough	38362865	Dental Technician
345	Pvt	Jesse E. Cole	34209635	Light truck driver

776TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	Captain	Layton S. Rogers	0-1703278	Squadron Surgeon
673	S/Sgt	Homer D. Hayes	59169895	Medical NCO
673	Sgt	Jesse E. Finks	36317202	Medical NCO
405	Cpl	John Earl Marozzi	32876503	Clerk Typist
861	Cpl	Thomas W. Hills	37412697	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	James J. Macoski	36581792	Surgical Technician
409	Pfc	William E. Hahn	32606042	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	John E. Clover	34723803	Medical Technician
345	Pfc	Henry L. Turnage	35221101	Light truck driver

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3162	Captain	John L. O'Hara	0-504045	Squadron Surgeon
673	S/Sgt	Michael A. Benrick	37115181	Medical NCO
673	Sgt	Leon L. Kuder	6075881	Medical NCO
405	Pfc	William H. Benson	32749711	Clerk Typist
861	Pfc	Laurence M. Patty	31802190	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	Anthony F. Binhofer	37392835	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	Sheldon Earl Schausberg	12084539	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	George W. Bassett	34579807	Medical Technician
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778TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

3162	Captain	Max P. Goodfried	0-436831	Squadron Surgeon
673	S/Sgt	Lloyd W. Milne	36222565	Medical NCO
673	Sgt	Roger H. Weil	37412574	Medical NCO
405	Cpl	Raymond J. Aokerman	36250758	Clerk Typist
861	Cpl	Dominick Earl Farkello	32819643	Surgical Technician
861	Pfc	Howard A. Pratt	36556113	Surgical Technician
409	Pvt	John Earl Drake	32603440	Medical Technician
409	Pvt	James J. McNamara	37555129	Medical Technician
345	Pvt	Elmore T. Spence	33557283	Light truck driver

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777th Bomb Squadron personnel remaining at Pantanella.

d. Functional Activities. Activities at Pocatello between 1 January and 14 February were a continuation of those discussed in Previous History. Administration activities and maintenance of records presented one of the chief problems and was hampered by the lack of an MAG Officer.

Upon arrival overseas separate Squadron dispensaries were established in addition to the Group Dispensary. Tentege alone was used initially, but it was deemed advisable to have more substantial quarters to care for quarters cases, so plans were made for improvement. Pictures of the 777th and 778th Bomb Squadron Dispensaries are presented in the appendix. Separate dispensaries necessitated the maintenance of separate records and reports throughout, which were consolidated by the Group Dispensary before forwarding. This breakdown proved very satisfactory for field activities as each Squadron Surgeon thus became better acquainted with his flying personnel.

Inspections were held at frequent intervals, usually weekly, by the Wing Surgeon's Staff, with an additional administration inspection by Captain George (nmi) Bodo of the 55th Bombardment Wing on 19-22 June 1944.

During this period two (2) Medical Memoranda for the Group were issued--464th Bombardment Group Memo's 25-1 and 25-2--which are attached hereto in the appendix.

e. Training. Refresher courses in sanitation, malaria, venereal disease, and high altitude flying were conducted from time to time by means of lectures, discussions, and training films. In addition a special lecture to combat crews was given during May by Major Richard Young, MC, assistant to the Air Surgeon, 15th Air Force, on the prevention of frostbite.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY.

Environmental problems new to the group resulted from its arrival in Italy. Previously located in established American bases, the organization had had few sanitary problems; however with the sudden change into field conditions, difficulties arose. Few of the personnel had lived in the field, and so the importance of construction and proper use of field appliances was not fully appreciated. Open straddle latrines were used for several weeks and kitchen sanitation, especially as regards mess kit cleaning, was quite unsatisfactory in spite of recommendations. Fortunately the weather continued quite cold with no flies so that no outbreak of enteric disease occurred. Upon removal to Gioia, the same

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condition remained, although recommendations were frequently made for improved mess hall sanitation and construction of fly-proof pit latrines. Here again cold weather and absence of flies prevented an outbreak of diarrheas. Finally after repeated recommendations both from within the Group and by the Wing staff, improvement was made in these conditions.


After return of the organization to Pantanella on 1 June 1944, permanent construction of mess facilities and pit type latrines was started and gradual improvement resulted. Construction of stone mess buildings was started but not completed before 30 June 1944. Barrel type latrines to equal eight percent (8%) of the command strength were constructed, as well as wooden pit urinals by each tent. Sanitation in general was still poor but improving, and plans were made for screening and enclosing of mess halls and latrines for the approaching summer fly season. Water was obtained at a water point operated by Corps of Engineers with adequate chlorination for consumption.

On 15 April 1944 a Malaria Control Program was initiated. Survey of the Pantanella base indicated no free water to be present in or within one (1) mile of the camp area, except a well which was boarded up. The same conditions were found in the area at Gioia; the only free water there being within the area of an adjoining organization and filled weekly. No larvae or adult mosquitoes were found at either Pantanella or Gioia. In addition to this survey, a refresher course in malaria with emphasis on personal protection and use of atabrine was given to all troops, and this program for personal protection was instituted 1 May 1944. Difficulty was encountered in having mosquito bar supports constructed in sufficient number, but this was accomplished after approximately two (2) weeks. Here again as in general sanitation, recommendations had to be repeated before proper measures were put into effect.

Located on the slope of a hill the camp area at Pantanella proved in general quite satisfactory from a sanitary standpoint. There was adequate drainage with no collections of water, and the area was free from any biting mosquitoes.

#### A. OPERATIONAL HISTORY.

a. Description Narrative. In addition to routine medical care, sanitation, and reports, medical operational activities were adapted to those of a heavy bombardment group, as follows. Medical personnel with ambulance were placed on duty on the "line" at all times during flying hours. On operational missions, a Medical Officer was available at briefing and on take-off; and on return all available Medical Officers and ambulances were in

  
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attendance on the "line" to treat returning casualties. This standard procedure was followed throughout the entire period. In addition all flying personnel reporting for medical care were evaluated as to their physical condition for flying, and those unfit were reported by letter and on daily status reports to the Squadron and Group Commanders. Corresponding reports were made when grounded personnel were returned to flying duty.

b. Professional Narrative. There were no important material events not elsewhere discussed.

c. Narrative of Medical Problems. In addition to sanitation discussed above, Venereal Disease and non-battle casualties were the principal problems which developed. Evacuation of patients presented no problem--those at Gioia were transported by ambulance twenty-six (26) miles to the 26th General Hospital, while those at Pantanella were transported by ambulance twenty-five (25) miles to the 34th Field Hospital until the middle of May when the 4th Field Hospital was established one-half (1/2) mile from the camp area and became available.

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In addition to educational programs the Venereal Disease Control Program was directed toward the prevention of troops from visiting off limit towns and entering houses of prostitution, and the apprehension of roadside prostitutes who frequented the areas adjacent to the camp. Both these sources caused high rates of infection, and the above corrective measures decreased the rate. All personnel going on pass were offered prophylactic kits and medically "briefed" on venereal disease.

Non-battle casualty rate was high during May and June resulting chiefly from the careless use of weapons, reckless driving of vehicles, and gasoline fires. No deaths occurred, but a high rate time lost was experienced. (See Statistical table) A safety campaign by lectures and posters was carried to reduce these non-battle casualties.

Among flying personnel, the use of flak suits prevented several cases of serious injury. Statistics are not available as crew members seldom reported these instances; but photographs of specific cases are presented in the appendix, showing the value of this equipment.

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d. Aviation Medicine. Two (2) important problems were encountered in aviation medicine upon start of operational flying: frostbite and development of anxiety state. The problem of frostbite first occurred on one of the early operational flights in May; on this mission the crew members were caught in a rain storm immediately before take-off and then went to altitude above 20,000 for several hours; one severe case of frostbite of both feet, and five (5) minor cases of frostbite of the extremities resulted. An immediate intensive educational program of lecture and demonstration of equipment reduced the rate thereafter to only occasional cases, all mild, among the turret gunners.

In May 1944 one (1) case (1 Officer, 0 NM) of Anxiety Neurosis developed necessitating permanent grounding, and in June 1944 six (6) cases (4 Officers, 2 NM) developed. These resulted from excessive losses of crews on combat missions and generally poor morale of the organization. One (1) Enlisted Man, crew member, was recommended for discharge by Section VIII, AR 615-360, action pending.

Rest camps became available the latter part of May for crew personnel and individuals with early evidence of anxiety were sent for periods of one (1) week to ward off serious cases of anxiety. Results were very satisfactory.

A program for indoctrination of new crews was established for instruction in high altitude flying, first aid, prevention of frostbite, proper use of oxygen equipment, and use of personal equipment; this also gave the Squadron Surgeon and combat crew personnel opportunity to become mutually acquainted.

Combat crew lunches were furnished in the form of "K" rations which were only partially satisfactory; a suitable and adequate combat lunch was attempted in special container but due to the limit of rations precluding preparation of balanced and appetizing meals these were not satisfactory, and K rations were continued even though not entirely suitable.

During May additional first aid equipment in the form of a battle dressing set and three (3) blankets were provided for each plane going on a combat mission.

e. Dental Activities. On arrival in this theater dental condition of troops was satisfactory all personnel having been placed in Class IV before departure from the United States. Activity therefore consisted of maintenance of troops in Class IV, monthly inspections, and the prevention and treatment of Vincent's infection. Of the latter





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of by base activities and the fact that personnel were in America and able to go home on leave and furlough. After arrival overseas many of these facilities were missing, however morale remained good. Breaking down activities into squadrons proved to be of definite benefit, as each individual became a more important cog in the Medical Section activities of his Squadron. No unusual events of significance or importance have occurred.

Attached herewith as appendix are the Statistical charts, 464th Bombardment Group Memo's 25-1 and 25-2, photographs of flak suits damaged by flak, photographs of the bivouac area from the air, and photographs of the 777th and 778th Bombardment Squadron dispensaries as of 30 June 1944.

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APPENDIX

STATISTICAL TABLES

a. Sick and Wounded Reports.

1. Admission rates per 1000 per annum.

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
All causes	130.64	691.13	893.88
All diseases	102.24	577.06	495.90
Injuries	28.40	103.65	140.9
Battle Casualties	0	13.42	167.04
Intestinal diseases	27.70	221.43	41.76
Venereal disease	28.40	46.97	83.49
Neuro-psychiatric	0	6.71	5.22
Common respiratory	28.40	80.52	102.40
Malaria	0	0	10.40
Jaundice	0	0	0

2. Non-effective rate per 1000 per annum.  
 (Time lost in quarter only)

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Disease	142.00	845.46	313.20
Injury	22.72	0	229.60
Battle Casualty	0	0	0
Total	164.72	845.46	542.80

3. Patients Treated

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Total Number of Out-patients	29	176	101
Patient days	274	250	584
Number of Out-patient treatments	513	595	1491

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## 4. Physical Examinations

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
63's	0	1	9
6's	0	6	50
Mass Personnel	30	92	90

## 5. Immunizations

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Smallpox	0	112	139
Typhoid	0	119	99
Typhus	0	647	544
Tetanus	0	6	2

## 6. Number of Admissions

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Quarters:			
Disease	11	42	22
Battle Casualties	0	0	0
Injuries	2	0	7
Hospital:			
Disease	7	44	73
Battle Casualties	0	2	32
Injuries	3	15	20

## 7. Venereal Disease

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Total days lost	10	64	49
Average number of days lost per patient	2	9	3
Prophylactics administered	5	3	13
Number of new cases--			
Gonorrhoea	4	6	15
Syphilis	1	0	1
Chancroid	0	1	0
Total new VD cases	5	7	16

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g. Patient Beds

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
No. of beds available	20	20	20
Average number occupied	1	4	3

b. Dental Statistics.

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Total number of admissions	67	89	214
Total number of sittings	130	160	411
Total number of treatments	168	136	231
Total number of restorations	41	65	103
Total number of gum treatments	80	13	27
Total number of pro hyalaxia	18	18	23
Total number of calculus removed	18	20	23
Total number of extractions	10	10	36
Total number of prosthetic procedures	0	1	0
Total number of post-operative treatments	1	9	0
	0	0	19

c. Laboratory Examinations (number referred to hospital)

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Kelms	13	69	66
Urinalysis	0	2	14
G.C. slides	9	11	33

d. X-ray Examinations (number referred to hospital)

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
	0	11	29

e. Veterinary.

No activities.

f. Miscellaneous Statistics (not hospital)

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Number of deaths:			
Disease	9	0	0
Battle Casualty	0	11	0
Injuries	0	0	0

  
**MEDICAL HISTORY**  
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	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Cases of Aerotitis	0	2	11
Cases of Aerosinusitis	0	3	6

**Number of Aircraft Accidents**

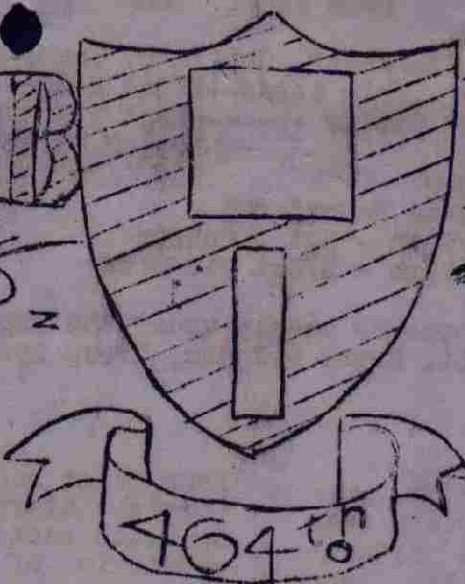
	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Non-operational	0	1	0
Operational	0	3	2

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Number of ditching procedures	0	0	1
Number uninjured	0	0	2
Number injured	0	0	4
Number killed	0	0	4

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## HISTORY REPEATS

### PROPAGANDA WAR

The war of Propaganda between the Allies and Germany claims a tiny place in the news of Europe, but in the final reckoning it may be of prime importance. German propaganda has been roaring at us over the last few months, in vast amounts since the invasion, to a degree, the German hot air artistry is contrived, but a careful analysis of content reveals a consistent policy. It shows that the Nazi "Baiderbash", so firmly fixed in Goebble's mentality that it is now assumed that it can fool Americans too.

The German story is that we are fighting a "Red War" to make a Europe. Stalin pulls the strings, we are told, and Roosevelt and Churchill dance. Excessive Britishism is stressed to prejudice American listeners. Tito's people are "Communist Bandits". After attacking Communists, the German propaganda steals the Communist line for its own purposes. This is a capitalist war inspired by the capitalists of America, the short version. Between musical interludes, horrible stories of invasion losses and German torments designed to excite all listeners.

Our propaganda is designed to put a wedge between the Nazi army and the German people. By telling the Germans history repeats by what consummate

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Once more France has become a battlefield. The fields of town and cities and scenes of battle have a familiar ring to old timers. Once again American forces are battling the Germans on historic fields.

This week found the hard hitting Yanks driving ever nearer to the German border with advance elements fifty miles away from the Siegfried Line. Roaring through Paris, American tanks and infantry rolled through the American Cemetery at Chateau Thierry and to Rheims. Soissons that took weeks of hard fighting 26 years ago fell in a matter of hours. Out in front, advance patrol entered the Argonne Forest, where in the summer of 1918 the first division smashed the Prussian Guard in bitter hand to hand fighting.

Not to be outdone, the British broke loose and once more headed for Dunkirk, this time driving the Germans before them. Amiens fell in less than 24 hours after a 27 mile push and the British started to fan out. One force to trap and encircle the German army holding the coast from Le Havre to Dieppe; another to Abbeville, Calaise and Dunkirk to strangle the rocket coast, and the last towards Camori....the first tank battle of World War I....and the Belgian border.

At Sedan, following the fall of Rumania, Russian forces struck swiftly and Ploesti was in the

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## CHAPLAIN'S FLIMSY

It is the follow-through that counts. If you are to return a tennis ball successfully, knock a runner, throw the javelin, build a chapel or win a war you must have that athletic directors call follow-through.

It is easy enough to begin with enthusiasm, to mount up on wings of short ambition, but it takes a man to follow a project through to the finish, to walk steadily forward through long days of endless toil with an unfainting heart until the job is done. It's how we finish that counts. The Germans began this war by getting all the touchdowns but it's going to be the final score that will determine the course of history.

This is also true of us spiritually. It is the final score that decides our destiny. A perfect record in Sunday school when we were children will help, but the important thing is what we are now and will be later on.

If you would succeed at a task you must follow it through to the finish; if you would win a war you must keep a strong heart to the very end; if you would enter the Kingdom of Heaven you must keep the Faith until your life is done. Jesus said, "He that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Chaplain Eastwood

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## THE HOLLYWOOD PARADE:

Laird Cregar, menace to California tourist trade. The Local Chamber of Commerce has been advised to caution Cregar about his habit of doing handsprings immediately after his fifth highball, thereby starting earthquake rumors.

"LAY THAT LUGER DOWN LUDWIG..."

New York, July 6 (UP)--  
 Canadians in the Caen sector of France have picked up the American juke box song, "Pistol Packin' Mama" and written a parody on it, GI correspondent Charles Shaw reported today from London. It ends with the lines:

Lay that Luger down, kid  
 You haven't got a chance.  
 Luger-luggin' Ludwig,  
 You're all washed up in  
 France.

S/Sgt Hoover is pinch editing this week as the Ambidexterous Cpl. Feldman is vacationing in Southern Italy at the fashionable San Spirito rest camp. He is, no doubt, indulging in good clean sport such as snoozin', boozin', cruisin', and-----well you know what we mean!

## BOOK REVIEW

Ernie Pyle's News Columns from Tunisia became such important reading for Americans that before the end of the campaign they were running on the front page of countless subscribing newspapers. Ernie's stuff had a human warmth and unsterotyped approach to the war which made it seem like "letters to the folks back home." In a very short time he was America's most popular war correspondent, and when his columns on the entire African campaign were collected in this book, it became an immediate best seller.

Hal Borland's review in the Saturday Review of Literature said: "It warms the heart and makes the eyes glow with pride that those are our boys he is writing about. I have a hunch that those boys will want to read this book when they get back, and so will their children, maybe their grandchildren."



# NEWS from HERE and THERE

FROM HOME

Brooklyn (CNS)-----Toey Raia, 13, took his dad's car from his dad's car into one belonging to a friend. Then he struck a match. Resulting fire: Both cars, a garage and a nearby house.

Detroit (CNS) - Meanest men week are Charlie Willoughby and Jasper Hunter, sentenced to jail for selling two whiskey bottles to a local resident. The bottles were full of cold tea.

Hollywood (CNS) ---Lillian Archlugosi, wife of Bela Lugosi, movie horror specialist, has sued her husband for divorce. "He's inhuman" she claims.

Indianapolis (CNS) ----The villain in a thrilling movie serial so incensed one 11-year-old patron of a local theater that he peppered the screen with BB shot, necessitating the installation of a new screen.

Newark, N.J. (CNS) ----- Police have nabbed "Chesty Charlie" a man, who, they claim, is Newark's notorious "pants pocket burglar," sought in a series of thefts for more than two years. "Chesty Charlie," say police, always dressed as a woman always filched his way into bedrooms at night and never stole anything but what he found in pants' pockets.

Rutney, Vt. (CNS)----While Leon Wood was milking a cow, the cow kicked Leon's pocket and swallowed his wallet. Wood then killed the cow, recovered his wallet and also a spinning needle, two fish hooks, his driver's license and his A-gasoline ration book, all of which the cow had swallowed previously.

Tulsa, Okla. (CNS)--A truthful real estate dealer advertised a house for sale. "It has ratty decorations," he admitted, "the roof leaks and so does the basement."

Philadelphia (CNS) ----- Obey that impulse" is the motto of 94-year-old Rudy Wesber. He painted his house baby blue.

FAMOUS NAMES

Farragut, Idaho, (AP). Five big names got together in the outgoing unit barracks at Farragut Naval Training Center recently. They were Eisenhower, MacArthur, Churchill, Dewey, and Fuehrer. They're all seamen second class.

DOG HEROES

Chicago, (CNS) Several dogs were responsible for the safety of tenants of the Woodlawn apt. Hot as fire spread over the building the dogs went from room to room barking and howling waking up the occupants so they could get out.

WHAT HARD LEAVES!

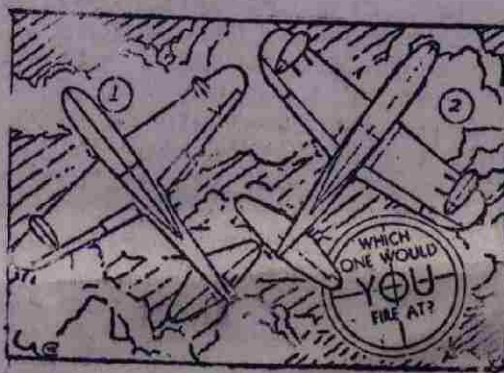
Ft. Benning, Ga. (CNS) --- Sgt William Eller made a parachute landing in a clump of trees, then discovered to his pain that the clump was camouflage for a concrete highway. He will live.

SUCKER!

Italy (CNS) - an Italian carpenter presented a bill to the American Red Cross. At the bottom he penned this note: "Plus 20 per cent because you are American"

UNARMED CHAPLAIN CAPTURES TWO GERMANS

France (CNS) --- Major Jordan Brown of New York, a chaplain, stepped on two sleeping Germans while strolling in what he thought was an abandoned garden. They awoke and started to run, but Chaplain Brown shouted and pointed his hand at them with his finger cocked. So they changed their minds and surrendered.



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DR. WOODSON WALK

by

L/Sgt John F. [unclear]

Commander [unclear] and all through sweating out their men, now the service club can relax.

Staff sergeant Vance L. [unclear] finished his 50th mission in 65 days. 1st Lt. Franklin made his in 33 sorties.

Distinctions Flying Crosses have been awarded to Major Redell, Capt Focht, Capt Garlock, Capt Rose, and 1st Lt. R. Johnson, 1st Lt. Todd.

Men sweating out their D.F.O's are T/Sgts Peterson and Culliton, also S/Sgts Ramsey, Passmore, and McCann. Maybe they'll get the good Conduct Medal or European Ribbon instead.

Half Hundred Crews: Latest entries, S/Sgt. Lockman, T/Sgt. Montgomery, S/Sgt Taylor, S/Sgt Gregory, T/Sgt Meyer, S/Sgt Myers, S/Sgt. Lambert, 1st Lt. Franklin, 1st Lt. Todd, 1st Lt. Brocena, 1st Lt. Hick, T/Sgt Bond, and T/Sgt Culliton.

Party at the officer's club the 30th. Drinking was intense, accurate, and heavy. There were no early returns. Capt. Rose navigated his way to tent by pathfinder.

Move in Bloom: Lt. Hick back from detached service with a nurse at the 465th.

64.00 DOLLAR QUESTION: Where did Lts. Hick and Stallings acquire those two cases of beer.

TRAGEDY: Through long weeks of self denial, Cpl. Mecks accumulated a gratifying store of beer to celebrate the war's end, and then vandals broke in and consumed it all but one can.

Little Gismo's Crew in tent 42 have taken in an orphan. S/Sgt. Wolfe, lone when the rest of his gang was shot down, has now found

Home in the New: The old combat crews wish to extend a welcome to the new men and wish them the best of luck.

PVT. FRED VAN TAORNE is irked. Seems as though the Italians are stealing his firewood, and there's a long cold winter coming on.

Home in the Army: Haven't peeked into Major Morris' house, but M/Sgt Van Wienen and the communications boys seem to have about the best home on the base. Showers, radio, closet, electric lights, and porch and still they want to go home.

Public Relations Blunt: Stop swiping our pictures, youse guys. Course we know you'd like to have them, but there isn't enough to go around. Give everybody a chance to see them.

Rabbit's Foot: Why do so many of the boys want to fly their last mission with Lt. Mumaw? Understand he's pulled 16 of them over the line already, and the applications still pour in.

Discipline is noted here and there concerning the numerous breaks in the squadron. Many of the boys have the unreasonable opinion that they shouldn't lose his stripes unless the cause is good and sufficient.

Enlisted Men's Showers: All eyes are following the snail like progress being made on the enlisted men's shower project. If good weather holds out it should be ready for a nice cold shower in November. Some of the men don't mind doing without a shower bath since April's war going on, isn't there.

Shower are also heard from the boys that work in the officer's mess. They claim the Italian K.P.'s can use the officer's shower, but it's off limits to them.

Parade with Worn, Sgt. Pillow proprietor has a new assistant. S/Sgt. [unclear] is now employed as hose holder.

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# What's Cooking

## \*\*MOVIES\*\*

Sat & Sun 2 & 3 September

### LADIES COURAGEOUS

.....with.....

Loretta Young Diana Barrymore  
Phillip Terry  
Geraldine Fitzgerald

Mon & Tues 4 & 5 September

### THE ADVENTURES OF MIRA TRAIN

.....with.....

Frederic March Alexis Smith

Wed & Thurs 6 & 7 September

### G. I. MOVIES

Fri & Sat 8 & 9 September

### REVERENDS WITH BEVERLY

.....with.....

Tom Miller & Four Names Bands.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant---1100 and 2000 Sunday

Catholic--1830 Sunday; 1800 Tues.  
Confessions 1800 Sunday

## ATHLETICS

Softball games are played nightly at the recreation area behind the 779th Officer's Club. Those desiring not to play will find an evenings enjoyment watching the boys slug it out and we dont mean with bats!!!!!!

## OVERDUE BOOKS

Due to limited amount of books in the Special Service Library we request all of you men who have books overdue to return them.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Morale Services Section, Mg. 809, Natouza has announced a Essay Contest with War Bond prizes totalling \$1200. This contest is open to all APO personnel serving in the APO with the exception of officers and EM assigned to Oriental activities.

The topic for the contest is "What Victory Means To Me".

Rules for the contest are as follows:

1. Entries will be limited to 300 words or less. These should be typewritten and double-spaced if possible. If the entry is submitted in longhand it should be written legibly.

2. All entries should carry the entrant's name, grade, serial number, unit, APO and home address.

3. 25 prizes in War Bonds will be awarded. Grand Prize is \$500 bond; Second, \$100 bond; third, \$100.00 bond; fourth, \$50 bonds; eighth to tenth, \$25.00 bonds; sixteen to twenty-fifth, \$10 bonds.

4. Contest closes on September 30. Entries will be addressed to "Contest Officer, a p o 750 U S Army" and must be postmarked on or before September 30, 1944.

5. Entries will be judged by a representative group of officers and become the property of the U Government and will not be returned.

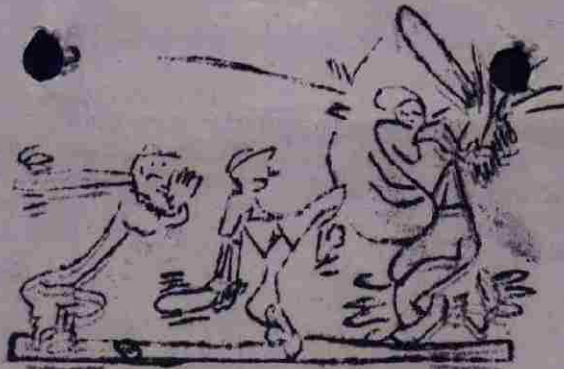
## SPECIAL SERVICE LIBRARY

The Special Service Department is happy to announce that a new supply of long awaited books has finally arrived. If you're an Agatha Christie fan or even a Thomas Smith fan the Library can satisfy your wants.





**WTS**  
and



**PROBS**

565th Service Squadron Baseball was in the limelight the past week with the playing of a tournament to decide who was tops at pantancliamB Teams represented were: 565 service Squadron, 387 Service Squadron, Guard Squadron, 464 Bomb Gp. The tournament got off to a fast start with the 464th downing the 565th behind the stellar pitching of Linneman of the 777th Bomb Sq. The 464th lost the second game to the Guard Squadron 8 to 7 and in the third game the 565th sought revenge over their previous defeat and trounced the 464th, automatically putting them out of the tournament. In the final game the 565th defeated the Guard Squadron 7 to 6 and walked off with top honors.

**BOXING ENTHUSIASTS**

Have you seen the new "shaded" gymnastic area that S/Sgt. Hoover erected for the benefit of men who feel the need for some work out? It is comprised of a boxing bag, a heavy bag and a chin up bar (to be added). If you want to lose some surplus weight or gain some muscle drop over to the gymnastic area next to the Special Service Tent. Now that S/Sgt. Hoover has the area shaded he's seriously thinking of adding a soda fountain and bar to attract more participants.

**TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

With the playing of the Chicago Bears and all stars marks the opening of the football season again. All ready footballs are seen floating around the various messes. Though Special Service can't promise a trip to the Rose or Sugar bowl because of lack of transportation and Purlough forms, a call is out for entrants in the 464th Touch Football League submit names of teams to S/Sgt Hoover at the Special Service Tent.

**ONE-ARMED BATTER**

Pete Gray, 28-year-old regular centerfielder for the Memphis Chicks, stood at the plate having the bat around in his left hand. His right arm was stub in an empty sleeve.

Gray let the first two go by. They were wide. The third pitch came over knee-high and outside, just the kind of a pitch he'd dream about. Gray slammed the bat over the right side fence 330 feet away. It was his first home run of the year.

"It sure felt good" said Gray, "Pete Gray's right arm is cut off close to the shoulder. He lost it in a childhood accident. Despite this handicap, he is hitting around .330 for the Chicks and is leading the league in stolen bases. Doc Poturo, his manager, says he's ready for the major's right now.

Out in centerfield, Gray plays with slight-of-hand artistry. In fielding a fly, he catches it first then tosses it into the air with the glove under the nub of his right arm, grabs the ball with his free left hand and turns it back to the infield, all in one motion.

Lefty O'Doul, the ace in the alley in San Francisco is second place in the Pacific Coast League standings, despite the fact that his pitching staff has been torn to shreds by war and war plants.

The other Sunday Lefty's best pitcher, 22-year-old ex-GI Dick Tom Soto, finished his lobster shirt at a Golden Gate snappers at 6 a.m. drove to Sacramento and pitched both ends of a doubleheader for the Seals against the Sacramento club. The kid won them both, too, with a double shutout.

"Take the rest of the day off Tom," cracks Lefty after the second game.

PROPAGANDA NEWS  
cont. from P.

...sics the Nazis have told them. First, Hitler said there would be no two front war. Now, there are two. You count them. Then Hitler boasted that no enemy was within 600 miles from Germany; now, our armies are slightly more than 60 miles from Germany in France, Tito is at the border of Austria, and the Russian line itself belies Hitler's boast. A powerful German army was still fighting on this side of the frontier in 1918, when the famous Guard at the Brandenburger gate was disarmed by two unarmed sailors. Unarmed women tore off the insignia from staff officers in uniform. Germany fell apart inside. It may be beaten that way again, for it is not a nation of "Hivelungs".

WAR NEWS -- Cont. from page 1.

lands of the United Nation, while Bucharest was occupied by Soviet troops. This increased the pressure on wavering Bulgaria, seeking to get the best of a bad bargain. Czechoslovakia joined in the fray when her underground army came out in the open and claimed to have taken possession of most of Slovakia, thirty miles away from battling Red forces. The Polish patriots still struggled inside Warsaw, waiting for the Red to cover those last few miles. The forces sat back and waited for the German's to retreat through the Balkans, so they could launch an attack at the exposed flank. The Pacific end remained comparatively quiet, probably awaiting an opportunity to strike again. However constant air attacks kept the ops off balance. d.m.c.m.c.r.c.r

Airplane Recognition -- Answer

TYPE AT NO. 1! It's the Jap's latest scout fighter-reconnaissance plane, "Rufe." Except for a large central pontoon and wingtip floats its characteristics are similar to those of their fighter, "Zeko," with a radial engine, wings nearly equally tapered to rounded tips, tapering leading edge of the tailplane swept back, and the trailing edge tapered to rounded tips. TYPE AT NO. 2! It's the U.S. Navy's "fisher," a single engine, low mid-wing, scout and observation plane equipped with a large center pontoon and prominent wingtip floats. The wing has a straight leading edge, slightly tapered trailing edge and broad curved tips, both edges of the tailplane tapered to rounded tips. It has a large fin and rudder.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Purchase order blanks and price lists are now available from your Squadron Post Exchange, Officers and at Group Special Service. This gift service is made available to you through the Army Exchange Service, Atlantic Depot.

Gifts available are flowers, jewelry, compacts, perfume, cosmetic sets, stics, shaving kits, wallet mufflers, gloves, luggage, books, toys, fruit, and candy.

If you wish to send Christmas gifts to your families and friends in the states place your order before 23rd September 1944.

Don't know exactly how many German generals have been taken prisoners of war so far but 20 are confined in the same camp as Rudolf Hess. None of these generals speak to Herr Hess. The Prussian generals not only refuse to converse with Hess but will not talk to the Bavarian generals who are fellow prisoners. When any general passes Hess he frowns fiercely. When a Prussian general passes a Bavarian general, they frown fiercely at each other. That must be quite an unusual collection of scorpusses.

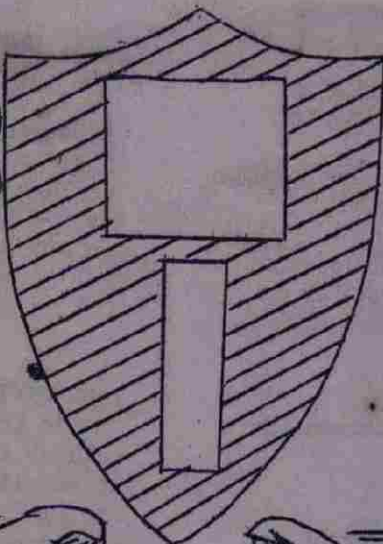
FROM HUNGER--

Emanuel Kalytka, 27, Nazi war prisoner, escaped from Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island N. Y., where he and other German war prisoners had been assigned as labor detail. For 2 1/2 days included soldiers, G-men, police, Boy Scouts, and bloodhounds. Then he was discovered in the mid-day chow line at the hospital. Kalytka said he got away after roaming the woods "just to see the good old U. S." When found he was drinking mushroom soup.

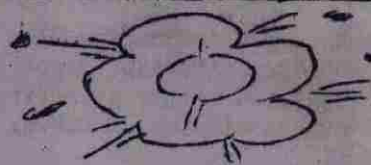


Capt. Keeling

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ALLIES  
GEARED FOR  
FINAL PUSH

PLAN FOR  
ONE-TWO PUNCH  
IN THE PACIFIC!

The fast moving Allied drive lost a little momentum this week due to lengthening supply lines, regrouping and to increased German resistance. With the advance elements reported five days ahead of schedule, the overall picture was decidedly in favor of Eisenhower's forces.

Events seem to indicate that the Germans intend to make a stand just west of the Siegfried fortifications, on a line running roughly from the Albert Canal, east of Louvain and Namur to the Nancy-Metz area. It is in the latter terrain, along a fifty mile front of the Moselle River that Patton's armored legions are battling with crack German troops in what looks like the biggest battle of the invasion to date.

Against heavy fortifications, built after the Franco-Prussian war and newly constructed block houses, the Third Army has cut five bridgeheads across the river. Infantry secured the first footholds and held it while tanks were ferried across to their aid. The First Army entered the fortress city of Liege and pushed beyond it to within 20 miles of the German border.

The British are efficiently cutting the Germans to bits on the channel coast with the final bit of justice being enacted at Dunkirk, where they have the Nazis in the same position that the British were in four long years ago. The drive into Belgium and Holland is hitting at the Albert  
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Here is Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' long range plan for non stop war on Japan and eventual conquest of the Pacific:

1. The great fighting fleets of Admiral Raymond A. Spruance and Admiral William F. Halsey will alternate bone-crushing one-two punches on Japanese holdings throughout the Pacific.

2. The Marianas will be the strategic springboard for these operations. While one fleet is striking, the other will be planning new blows. Already the seizure of Saipan, Tinian and Guam has furnished the bases from which the fleets may move.

"One of the developments of this war," said Adm. Nimitz, is the setting up of duplicate command teams. Adm. Spruance commands the Fifth Fleet, Vice Adm. Richard Kelly Turner is commander of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force. Lt. Gen. Holland Smith commands the Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific. We now have a number of these amphibious forces and feel that we can go forward as rapidly as we can transport."

Resuming his outline of the new Pacific Command set-up, Adm. Nimitz continued:

"Now, we'll say, for example, that the commander of the Fifth Fleet and his staff and the commander of the Fifth Amphibious Force and his men and the various units assigned to their support will plan an operation and execute it. While they are executing it Admiral Halsey, the commander of the Third Fleet, and his amphibious corps will be  
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IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED THE LOCAL LANGUAGE !!

Do you know that Special Services has a quantity of pamphlets which could be of great assistance to anyone desiring to learn Italian? Do you know that these pamphlets are yours for the asking?

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PET PEEVES:

The truck-jockeys who double-clutch while going through a town with throttle wide open, feeling like a conquering hero and contemptuous of the rabbit-like reactions of the civilians.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Gravel By Hunger" The Story of the Donner Party.

by.....George R. Stewart, Jr.

In 1846, before the gold rush had beaten out the Western trail, some 87 people -- men, women and children -- with their wagons, set out for California. They started late in the year; misled by Hastings' directions they took an untried route; they struggled across the desert, losing most of their cattle, and themselves nearly dying of thirst. Dissensions arose; under the strain the members of that varied company began to show the underlying traits of their characters. Finally snow trapped them in the Sierras. There were desperate efforts to cross the pass; efforts to survive there by Truckee Lake; from the other side of the pass there were frantic attempts at rescue. Forty-six people got through alive.

Going back to original sources, consulting the diaries of the survivors and the other contemporary documents, retracing on foot much of the way the Donner Party followed, Mr. Stewart has written the definitive account of a story that runs the compass of man's nature: almost incredible greed; cowardice and heroism; petty squabbles rising to a hate that could persist in the face of a common death stupidity, arrogance, courage, even a certain grim humor; above all dogged endurance, the will to live driving across obstacles of pain, of want, of freezing and burning, the eating of human flesh, and, by sheer power of the human spirit, winning through to life.

The book may be had for the asking at the library in the Special Service tent.

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The GI who stands up while the projectionist is frantically trying to repair the movie film with sweat rolling into his eyes and shouts "Why the hell don't you tinker with that machine in the afternoon instead of now!"

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QUEER HABITS !!

The news looks better day by day. It begins to look as though the Germans are fighting through force of habit. Reminds me of my Uncle Ike who was mortally afraid of dying. Figured someone might try to poison him some day so he started to immunize himself by taking a little cyanide daily and increasing the doses as he progressed. Finally reached the stage where he could drink a whole tumblerfull of cyanide without ill effects. When the war came, however, cyanide became scarce and uncle Ike had a tough time of it. Couldn't satisfy his craving for cyanide. Died couple of months ago. Drug stores were plumb out.

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Bob Hope maintains that at the last conference between Roosevelt and Churchill, they discussed when and where to attack the enemy and how to keep Eleanor out of the cross-fire.

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NEWS from NEWS and THERE

MANHATTAN BEACH (CNS) --- Harry White received this telegram from his son-in-law: "Ruth in hospital. Baby boy born last night." Harry White answered: "Mom in hospital too. Baby boy born last night too."

NEW YORK (CNS)---Fred Allon, the comic, has written to the manufacturer of built-up shoes to place an order for built-down shoes. "I am four inches taller than Mrs. Allon," he complained, "and would like to buy a pair of shoes that lowers a man four inches."

SEATTLE (CNS)---Two buses halted at an intersection. The driver of one, a man, climbed out and kissed the driver of the other one, a woman, smack on the mouth. "She's my wife," he explained to his astonished passengers. "We work different shifts and the only time I see her is at this intersection."

DON'T GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT DEPARTMENT.....

(Sign outside the First Universalist Church, Rochester)

"There is No Failure Like Consing To Try."

SERVICES DISCONTINUED UNTILL FALL.

AM I LUCKY I'M IN THE ARMY!!!!!!

Some of the legal stuff they're going through in the States:

Subject to the provisions of notes 1, 2, 3, and 4 below, to any point of destination to which a commodity rate on a given article from a given point of

ATLANTA (CNS)---A local resident has sued his aunt for borrowing his best suit of clothes-- in which she buried Uncle George.

CHICAGO (CNS)---Big Paul Derringer, Chicago Cubs pitcher, won a divorce from his wife after he complained that she pegged cocktail glasses and plates at him.

CLEVELAND (CNS)---Big Oscar, pet turtle at the Rocky River Museum, had just laid an egg. "Guess we'll have to rename him," said the curator.

GREAT FALLS (CNS)---At 3 P. M. Ruby Olson was granted a divorce from Walter Olson. At 4 P.M. Ruby Olson and Joe Anderson were married. The best man was Walter Olson.

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TRIALS & TRIBS

Dear Mrs. Northcross Your column in the Times-Herald is very interesting. I read it every day. Please tell me at what age should a girl be

told some of the things about life. My daughter is 11 and I don't think she knows just what to expect. Should a mother tell her young daughter everything? Also please send me the name of the product to clean waffle irons. (Tell your little girl life is a dirty waffle iron, all bumps and crevices)

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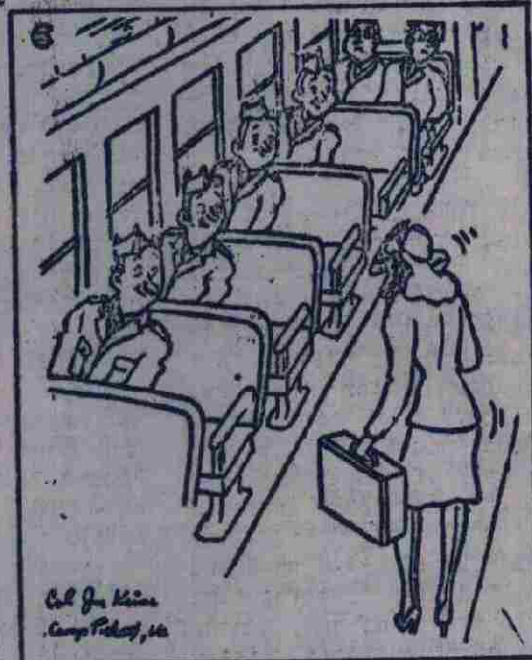
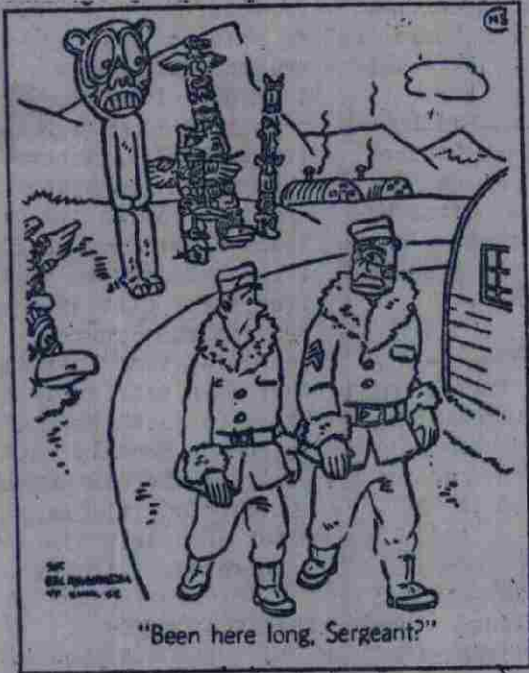
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MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff MUST HAVE COME FROM UNDER THE ROCK OF AGES



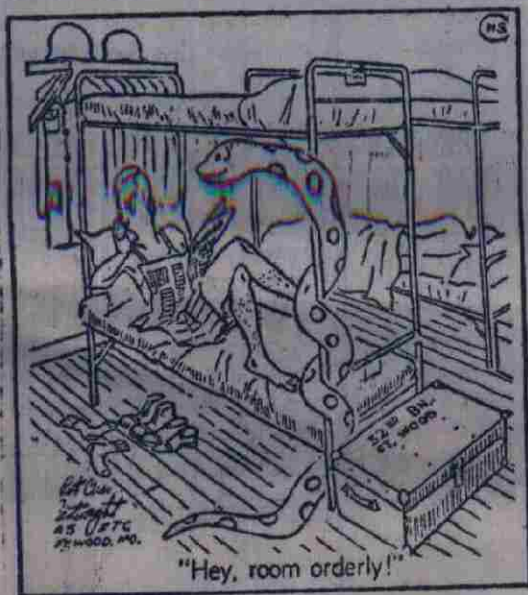
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## MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

## EVERYTHING WENT PINK



# SCOOPS and POOP from SERVAIDS

## 77TH UNDERGROUND REPORT

by.....VIC RICE

The noon meal last Thursday was brightened considerably by the appearance of two charming Red Cross girls in the serv-line, what a surprise it was to look up and see them instead of the usual non-committal Italian K.P. It was wonderful to see the shy smiles of all those tough, combat hardened mechanics, and notice the unconscious looks at dirty hands and clothes. Very encouraging to see that the gentlemen in us still lives..... A big cheer for the magnificent work being done in the Service Club by McCormick and Geiger..... The patience and tolerance that they are gifted with can be appreciated only by those who have actually worked behind a bar. It's no easy job to keep smiling in the face of endless childish antics by a lot of self imposed imbeciles. It would be well to remember that those two men are still fellow GIs who have volunteered to be of service to the rest of the Squadron. To take the attitude that they are there as personal servants is the worst kind of hallucination. An appeal is made to cooperate as much as possible to keep the Service Club at the high point of success that it has enjoyed to date.....The EM of the 77th dreams wistfully of the days gone by when they had bright electric lights in their tents; and they cherish the fond hope that something will be done in the near future to bring back that high standard of living..... What can be more depressing than a dark, gloomy tent? The anemic glimmer that drips out of the bulbs now could hardly be called a light by any stretch of the imagination.....Lt. Blau, Lt. Pichotte and Sgt Droschkey are the latest to be included among that happy group of men, the veterans of fifty missions.....to the new crews: "It really can be done."

PET PEEVE: The lye-tecs, who upon viewing a spectacular "buzz-job" hopefully inquire "Does it alien -- yes-a-a-s?"

## RIFENORTERS FROM HEADQUARTERS-

by.....H.C. Hoover

Wonder whether Peterson got any hot war news while in Rome. Heard in S-4: "We've got it --- but can't spare it."..... Probably be a pilgrimage to the medics --- now that colosthenics is compulsory..... Will someone in Hq do something about those showers..... "Being sick is all in the imagination -- urp -- blurp" says Marantz. Joe Martin left this week to lose his pilos --- and we don't mean money!..... Some of the officers are hoping that ping pong will be included in colosthenics..... they'll be sorry..... "Now that the club is paid for it will probably fall over" says a disgruntled EM..... With Robertson the chronic --- "Let's see, what can I bitch about this week --- Oh! --- no panels."..... Lucchina went to the medics to donate a pint of blood and found out he needed a pint..... Conway --- "If we make our bar smaller the drinks will look bigger."..... Does everyone know what "priority" means? You wouldn't think so in the local barber shop..... Snafu --- "Just think, after Germany falls we won't have to do anything, we can just lay around." (ED: brother, you've been practicing a long time for V-Day) Heard in the Mess Hall: Hey Warren, what are you doing on the ball?..... Moseley says see Lyons or Hermes; Lyons and Hermes say see Dadisman; Dadisman says see for yourself.... Capt "Swagger Stick" Coccato, so nice over the telephone --- wonder what he needs. Nothing now on Coitis Lamb this settemande. Judge a man by the company, etc... The CO, the Deputy CO and Lt. Both.

## THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

NEW YORK (ONS) --- "In the year of 1940 Germany had better weapons," the Berlin radio announcer said in a broadcast picked up by NBC. "But now," the announcer continued, "we have better B-B-B nerves!"

# What's Cookin

COMING  
attractions

MAIBEE THEATRE



SUNDAY & MONDAY  
10 & 11 September

"THIS IS THE LIFE"

.....with.....  
Donald O'Connor  
Susanna Foster  
Rog Ryan.....

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
12 & 13 September

"ADVENTURES IN IRAQ"

THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
14 & 15 September

"BUFFALO BILL"

.....with.....  
Joel McCrea &  
Maureen O'Hara.....

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
16 & 17 September

G I SHORTS

KEEP IT CLEAN!!!

Now that we are reaching a climax the time has come for contemplation of post-war plans. As a preliminary we should like to suggest a general check-up and over-hauling of our vocabulary. Stop where you are and listen to the conversation around you. Notice how every word is interspersed with some soul-searing, vituperative expression. Above all notice how casually it is uttered and accepted. As though there were nothing unusual in it.

DAUNTLESS YOUTH

Gene's ambition was to sing and accompany himself on a saxophone.

HOW'D SHE COME OUT?

The telephone rang, and Eudora slowly hastened to answer it. From "Let the Skeletons Rattle," by Frederick C. Davis.

THEY'S JUST MISCALCULATIN' FOOLS !!!

A German military spokesman admits that the high command made grave miscalculations on the eastern front. Perhaps the greatest mistake of all was having the front in the first place.

TRADITION

Governor Dewey has manfully performed the duty required of all Presidential candidates, in accordance with the American way of life. He has spent several hours before the newsreel cameras, acting out his home life.

Then imagine yourself in the company of some sweet specimen of American pulchritude. What

THE WOLF

by Sansone

(In Hawaii)



would your conversation be like? You'd find yourself chewing your speech in order to clean it up. What a bore you'd be! There you are in the presence of the essence of loveliness—and you tongue-tied! Not, mind you, for lack of anything to say—but because.... you've lost the facility for fluid speech.

We solemnly vow right now not to utter any word more horrid than "Oh fudge!"

**MTB**  
and



**ERRORS**

**SPORTS PAGE**

**CHATTER ON THESSA AND DATA.**

Brass hats in the U. S. Army have become as sports conscious as Brooklyn Dodger fans....and from now on you're going to see a lot of sports activity in the army....both within the U.S. and abroad...according to the War Department, the Army is planning to spend about 20 million dollars on sporting goods for the GIs during the coming year. This outlay is almost threetimes the amount laid aside for sports equipment last year. The Army has also set up a special command to carryout it's new sports program in order to place more emphasis on sports in the training of soldiers...Here's the way the WD explains its new plan: "Hitherto, exigencies of combat training have necessitated emphasis with competitive games limited to leisure time. As the tactical situation improves Army planning can be expected to encourage the natural desire of the soldier for competitive athletics.

**ATHLETICS**

How many of you men know of the facilities on this base for athletics? to date there are 8 volley ball courts; a large area in the rear of the 779th Officers Club, complete with a softball diamond; there is a gymnastic area near the Special Service tent, with a light and heavy bag and a chin-up bar.

The equipment we have on hand is for your use. We have equipment for badminton ping pong, baseball, football, soft ball volleyball, soccer, boxing, and horse shoes---it's yours for the asking at the Special Service tent.

**BOXING TOURNAMENT TO BE ARRANGED!!!!**

If we can arouse a sufficient number of men to submit their names to the Special Service tent who are willing to box, we shall arrange for a boxing tournament between the 464th and 465th.

Any time spent in training or actual participation in the ring will be credited toward your three hours per week compulsory PT or haven't you heard?

**PHYSICAL TRAINING COMPULSORY!!!!**

Beginning Monday, 11 Sept, physical training will be compulsory for every man in the Group. The requirements aren't rigid. They are set at a minimum of three (3) hours a week, and will be so arranged that you all can get some badly needed exercise.

Each squadron has appointed a physical training officer who will attempt to set up a program that will meet all individual needs.

The program is mainly recreational. Sports'll be the predominant activity. However, should you desire it, calisthenics will be given to those who prefer it to sports.

**HQ OFFICERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM LOSSES**

Hq Officers' Volleyball team, unbeaten all summer long was given a bad jolt last Thursday night by the once-beaten team, 779th EM. At the sad conclusion of the game the score stood at EM-3 Officers-1.

This virtually gives the volleyball championship to the 779th EM. Since there is no time limit, however, any squadron can arrange to play them by calling Special Services.

**DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?**

With everyone challenging everyone else, Capt. Borsly and Lt Stephens of Hq wish to extend another type of challenge. They will play any two officers at BRIDGE.

Penny a point is the usual stakes. The time and place may be arranged by calling #10 on the field phone. Who knows, you may beat them?

**ARE BALL PLAYERS PEOPLE ?**

While touring the North African front last winter, Lefty Gomez, the nimble Castilian, spotted a native boy carrying one huge packing case on his back and another of equal dimensions on his head. "He looks," quipped Lefty, "like Phil Rizzuto with Ruth on his back and balancing Gehrig on the top of his head."

**GIs CAN'T CONSUME NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**

Rome (CNS) -- GIs here have been ordered to stop drinking non-alcoholic beverages. The reason is that typhoid and dysentery may easily be spread in drinks which do not contain in some form that well known disinfectant--alcohol.

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### ALLIES PLAN TO PUSH

(Cont. from pg. 1)

Canal, the northern anchor of the first German line of resistance.

General Patch's seventh army pushing up from the south are heading for Belfort Gap and when they reach it, the mightiest array of men, armor, and artillery ever assembled will be facing the German borders for the final act of the drama.

Along the 500 mile front the advantage will be with the Allies as the German have no way of knowing just where the final smash or smashes will come. Without air reconnaissance, without reserves, fighting on three fronts with Allied bombers smashing roads, bridges, and supply dumps, the Germans can only wait. Rommel and Von Rundstedt are among the missing and with General Model in command, the chances of the third Reich are slim.

The Balkan countries continued to resemble jumping beans as Bulgaria followed Rumania's example and joined the Allies. Russian forces struck hard and heavily at German garrisons. Backed by the Balkan Air Force, and Adriatic Land Forces which raided the coast, the Yugoslavs joined with the Red Army in effectively sealing the German Army in Greece. Approximately 200,000 Germans must fight their way out or wind up in prison camps.

The 8th Army trying desperately to break the Gothic line missed the boat when bad weather held back their armor and allowed the Germans to reinforce and strengthen their positions. Heavy fighting is taking place for possession of the dominating ridge running in from the Adriatic.

The Far East returned to active status when American task force bombed and shelled Palau, 600 miles west of Davoe. Planes on the ground were wrecked and stores houses, fuel dumps were set ablaze and 17 small ships were left burning. Once more the B-29s stole the show by bombing the steel works in Manchuria. Mountain Chinese forces have re-opened the Burma Road when they cleared the Japs from the Salween River area.

International disension was noted in both Germany and Japan as the Governments and press pleaded, cojled and demanded support. Particularly in Germany where Goebbels pleaded for defense of the Fatherland, "where the individual means nothing when the Reich is at stake."

### Plan For One Punch in The Pacific.

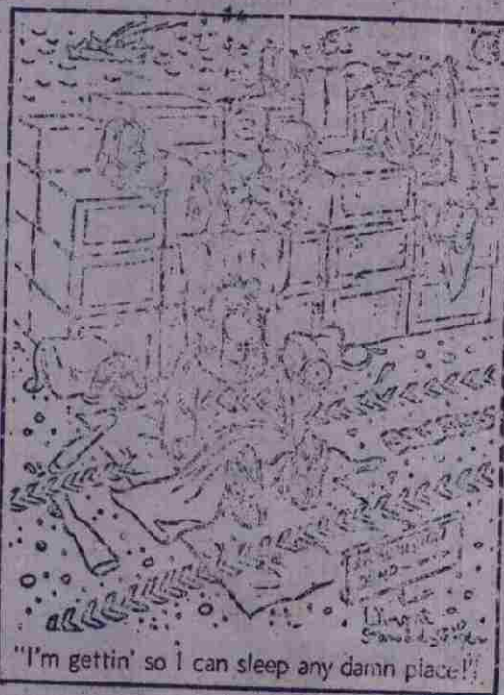
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planning another operation which they will execute while Nimitz and his crowd sit on the beach and plan still another.

"You can't expect an Admiral to plan an operation and execute one at the same time. If we didn't have two teams there would be long pauses between operations."

Adm. Nimitz said that now that the war in Europe has reached "A favorable turn" he expects reinforcements in the Pacific, especially in air power. "But we cannot sit and wait," he stressed. "We never have, we have used what we have had all the way through."

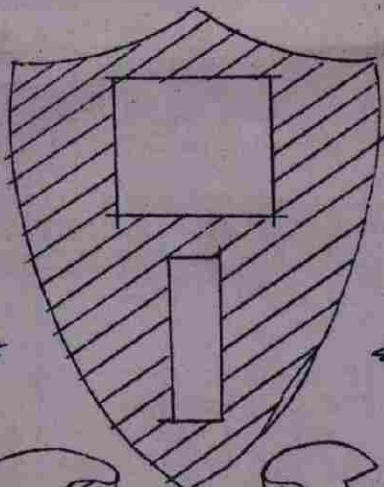
"As long as the Jap fleet remains at present size, our policy is not to divide our own fleet," the Admiral added. "We believe in powerhouse tactics. We carry along all we have. We want what we undertake to go through. We haven't reached the stage where we can hold anything back."



FOLKS BACK HOME ARE  
DOING A WONDERFUL JOB !!

German prisoners brought to New York were amazed that the city had been rebuilt so quickly after being completely ruined by the Luftwaffe. The secret, of course, lies in hard work and clean living.

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## NAZI'S LAST STAND

Battle raged along the western front as the Allied forces moved into position for the final drive at Hitler's homeland. For the first time since the invasion of Europe started American and British forces have hit strongly organized resistance from Nazi's forces.

After a week of hard fighting, American forces had punched a wedge over the German border and had completely encircled Aachen. Patton's forces took complete control of the city of Nancy, while his southern flank made contact with the seventh army and one full fighting front was merged. On the extreme south the FFI was hitting at stubborn resistance in Belfort Gap.

On the channel, Canadian and British troops continued to beat at German garrison in the coastal ports while their comrades threw bridgeheads across the canals and rivers of the lowlands. A British spearhead was carving pieces out of the first fortifications of the Siegfried Line.

On the Eastern side of Hitler's last stand Warsaw, bloody, batt-

cred, but unbowed, Warsaw was about to change hands as Russian forces smashed closer block by block to join with the patriots that have been fighting from house to house for over a month. In the Balkan combined Russian and Rumanian troops hinged with Tito to completely seal the Nazi in Greece.

The Pacific came into being again as landings were made on Palau and Hermonera. The latter, 300 miles from the Phillipines was considered important enough for McArthur to give his personal attention as he strides ever closer to Manila. From the beachhead he announced that he was on his way. Palau was being defended bitterly but Army and Marine assault troops have seized the most important air fields and engineers were readying it for American planes.

In America, the Churchill - Roosevelt meeting ended in full agreement as to the Pacific war with all the resources of the two mighty nations.

## 779TH DISCUSSION GROUP HAS FIRST MEETING.

One of the most interesting discussions which it has been our pleasure to attend in a long time was held by the 779th Squadron Discussion Group.

Led by Cpl BLAIR, the subject was "What is next in the war." As may well be imagined by the title, the subject was meaty enough to provide a good variety of opinion.

The zeal with which the members of the group entered into the discussion proved to our satisfaction that an excellent outlet for personal opinion was provided with a total obviation of formality.

In conclusion we would say that we could not think of a better way of spending an interesting evening than to attend a meeting of the Discussion Group.

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## 778TH UNVEILS DISCUSSION GROUP IN FIRST MEETING

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to attend the first meeting of the 778th Discussion Group. However from the reports received we are assured of the fact that the discussion was fraught with lively debate.

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BOOK REVIEW

"DOCTORS ON HORSEBACK"

Pioneers of American Medicine  
....by James Thomas Flexner.

Doctors on Horseback has the double appeal of popular science and pioneer adventure. The men whose careers Flexner recreates pushed back the frontiers of medicine at the same time that they played their parts in building a new nation out of the wilderness. These early doctors had no laboratories, no proper instruments. They worked under the most primitive conditions, and not infrequently at the risk of their lives. But they possessed such imagination, daring, and scientific genius that with their aid the age of modern science was born.

Flexner's book went through seven printings in its original edition, and was then sold widely in a reprint edition. It was also used in part by Reader's Digest, and was published very successfully in England.

"Has both the concreteness and vigor of fiction and the ring of authenticity."---New York Herald Tribune.

"Mr. Flexner writes with wit, pungency, and dramatic effectiveness."--New York Times.

"Certainly a more lively, dynamic group has not often been brought together within the covers of one book."--Saturday Review of Literature.

Doctors on Horseback may be obtained at the library in the Special Service Tent.

CHAPLAIN'S FLIMSY

It is not enough to believe in God. In the book of James it is written, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble." Even the devil believes in God yet no one calls him good.

The Christian believes in a living God of power who has made Himself known, entered into history and established a kingdom. He not only lives but loves and longs for men to return this love. It is when men give their hearts in love to God that they receive what religious people have always called "Salvation."

The devil believes in God but he refuses to return God's love and here lies the difference between heaven and hell. Chap. Eastwood

Washington, July 5-  
The Colgate - Palmolive - Peet Company of Jersey City and its subsidiary Kirkman & Son, Inc., of New York, have persuaded the Federal Trade Commission to cease representing that Palmolive soap contains special protective qualities, is composed of edible olive oil, that the "soft smooth" complexions of the Dionne quintuplets are directly the result of Palmolive

soap and that its use will keep the skin young.

They will also cease advertising that so-called authorities have based their testimonials or endorsements of Palmolive soap on their own professional experience or controlled laboratory tests, that Cashmere Bouquet soap will remove "every bit" of dirt and cosmetics from every pore; that Concentrated Super Suds

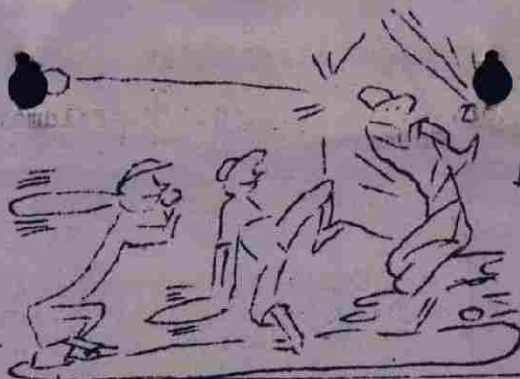
destroys all germs in the family wash and that dishes washed with it require no wiping; that Colgate Rapid-shave cream will obviate the necessity of shaving twice daily; that Colgate's dental cream will correct bad breath and that Kirkman soap flakes will give textiles washed therein a brand new appearance which will last almost forever.

Leaves them with practically nothing but a bar of soap.....



**WINS**

and



**ERRORS**

**PING PONG PADDLERS!!**

A challenge from the 485th Bomb Gp (H) and the 565th Service Sq to play any ping pong team of five men on this base was made at the Special Service office. Any men who feel they would like to pin the ears back of these presumptuous outfits, please submit your names to the Special Service Office and the games will be arranged.

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**PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING HOLD**

Many aching muscles are being cared for upon completion of the first week of physical training. A good percentage of the men in the Squadrons turned out and the coming week is expected to be one in which 100% of the men will indulge. Squadron commanders are giving their whole-hearted cooperation to the program and all men are expected to meet the minimum requirement of 3 hours per week.

The 778th Squadron really gave out last week and look all the better for it. Most men are getting a kick out of it---it's so novel. Feels good to feel good again!! You're the greatest gainer thereby---so come out and give out!!

**WARMIN' THE BENCH**

Harry Ruby, the songwriter who is known from coast to coast as America's number one baseball fan, ran into a friend in the right field bleacher seats at Wrigley Field the other day.

"Hey," said Harry, "how come you ain't in the Army?"

"Well," the other replied. "I'm working with the railroad now. I'm essential."

"Listen," said Harry. If they can draft DiMaggio, NOBODY'S essential."

The Army is breaking up those powerhouse baseball and football teams at domestic posts and sending the big-time GI sport stars overseas to pep up the morale in combat units. From now on, there will be bigger names at Bougainville than at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The big brain behind this shift is Lt. Col Larry McPhail, peacetime bell cow of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose idea for rotating athletes has received the approval of Gen. Marshall.

Tommy Jordan, a catcher purchased from the Waterloo, Iowa, team after he led the Three-Eye League in home runs in 1942, has reported to the White Sox at last. "I got lost," he explained to Manager Jimmy Dykes.

A bathing beauty is one who has a lovely profile all the way down....

Texas church notice for a chicken dinner: "Come in for a wing and a prayer."

**TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE TO BE FORMED!!!!!!**

The football season is in full swing back in the States. We would like nothing better than to start a regular football league on this base. Unfortunately, however, since we lack the necessary equipment, we shall find it necessary to confine ourselves to playing touch football.

Organize your teams! Submit the names of teams to the Special Service Office and the league will be formed! We should like to have a minimum of 6 teams in the league, so get busy!!

**PIT PEEVES:**

The jerk on the line who allegedly can make an engine change HIMSELF in a few hours yet takes half a day to change a spark plug.

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# News from here and there

## RAISED EYEBROWS DEPARTMENT

(From an adv. in the Herald Tribune).

Outside stateroom, upper and lower berths, hot and cold running water, \$1.75 others to \$4.50. Stateroom SAME PRICE for one or more purposes. Ship-to-shore telephone.

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Captain: "Your reports should be written in such a manner even the most ignorant may understand them."

Sergeant: "What part is it you don't understand, sir?"

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Pvt: Hey, look at the haircut I just got. Does it look bad?

Sgt: Well, you better have your head stamped 'This end up.'

"A rude and vulgar man is one who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it."

A bachelor is a guy who didn't have a car when he was young.

## DENVER, COL. (GNS)---

When a nude woman wandered into their apartment and asked if she might take a bath, the owners of the apartment said yes and then phoned the police. Cops arrived, wrapped the intruder in a sheet and took her to the station house where she explained that she had had a "drink of two ---and then everything went blank."

ROCHESTER, NY-- The will of Frank Coler bequeaths to his friend Howard Ely \$100 or "all my neckties."

Don't you believe that story you've been hearing about how Babe Ruth is coming back to baseball as a pinch-hitter. There is nothing to this particular latrine-o-gram, nothing to it at all.

Actually the world's greatest fat man is going to confine his future athletic activities to golf, poker and an occasional round of kelly pool unless someone offers him the big league managerial berth he has always wanted all his life. And there isn't much likelihood of that.

When he was in his prime, Ruth was America's greatest sports personality. Maybe he still is. Now he's past 50 and the half forgotten hero of a semi-legendary past. He still has the instinct, the flair and the dramatics which placed him upon a pinnacle none of his rivals could ever achieve.

During his stay at a hospital recently, the Babe was sitting up and talking to his friend and pal Al Schacht and to Joe Williams, the sports writer, when someone knocked at his door. It was a nurse and she had a slip of paper in her hand.

"One of the patients downstairs, a little boy, is leaving the hospital today," the nurse said. "He had been here six months and he would like your autograph."

The Babe's face opened up into a watermelon grin. He grabbed a pen and the paper and signed his name with a dramatic flourish. Then, when the nurse had gone, he leaned back in his bed and smiled.

"See," he said. "The kids ain't forgotten me yet."

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## 300,000 GIs SAW 'THIS IS THE ARMY'

NEW YORK (GNS)--Three hundred thousand GIs overseas saw the Army show "This is the Army" during its tour of England and Italy, according to Irving Berlin, who recently returned to New York from a four-months' tour with the show.

Berlin composed a new song, "There Are No Wings On a Foxhole," during his tour abroad.

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## TURKEY PROMISED FOR THANKSGIVING

WASHINGTON (GNS)---- Every GI in the army is going to have turkey on Thanksgiving, if the Quartermaster Corps has anything to say about it.

As early as last June, plans were drawn up for the procurement and distribution of supplies for the holiday feast, according to the War Department, and more than a million pounds of turkey have been obtained.

# 3300 and POOD from SQUADS

**FED UP:** S/Sgt Clepton tired of office work would like to try something else for a change. Any offers?

**A STC IS IN:**  
**CUR DOGS AROUND:** 75th men noticed kicking one of the Italian kids, by combat crew members. They didn't think it quite sporting.

**TAINT SO:** U.Allen is still a T/Sgt. That special promoting him to master was a phony.

**IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE:** Sure that chocolate was burned but the cook making it had an attack of the G. I.'s. It was slightly overdone when he got back. He did go to the latrine though, even if the stuff tasted suspicious.

**ATROCITY:** How can S/Sgt Cibelli explain it to the folks at home? He was hit by a piece of German flak in an unmentionable place.

**BOOGIE:** Two cases of malaria from 76th in hospital. Seems as though all cases reported so far have been combat men. Maybe they brought it from Africa.

**PROMOTION:** Private Zarovsky announces his promotion from the office to the kitchen.

**CLUB GOSSIP:** More lights to be installed. Perhaps we will be able to use the club at night, instead of hanging out at the 77th pavilion. The beer is also to be sold ice cold over the bar instead of being issued with the other PX rations. New furniture is on the way.

**SQUADRON DANCE:** To be held soon at Trani. Arrangements are now being made. Italian band playing American music, and we hope plenty of nice looking gals.

Due to club improvement, Grochowski has lost some of his favorite pin up girls.

**TOPS:** Is the way Major Redell fits with the combat men in his outfit.

**STILL WAITING:** For their shower are the enlisted men, but not too anxiously now. The weather is getting cold.

**DROUGHT:** Is still felt near the bottom of the hill. The boys that do the fighting have a long walk to go for water when their vino gives out.

**CAUTION:** Says Sgt Carberry. "Don't buy those Italian fountain pens. I bought one for 400 Lira and it don't hold ink. I got stuck 390 Lira."

Gone are those disconsolate, disillusioned, downcast, forlorn, dejected, morose looks--now that every one is taking PT.... Such effervescence! Such exuberance! Such joie de vivre!! Only a week and already men have taken on a glow which could only come from clean living.... Most conscientious-- S/Sgt. Weaver and T/Sgt Kennard---saw them.. mauling each other with gloves and then do some strenuous roadwork--and we mean strenuous... Thought Weaver would float away in his own perspiration.....

**CAN'T PLEASE 'EM....**  
 "First no eggs---now eggs allatime."

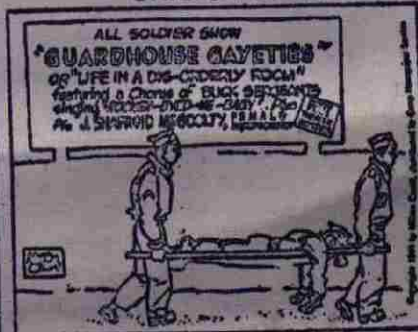
(Heard in the mess hall)..... Congrats to Gross and Marantz --they made it! The drinks flowed freely for two nights in celebration..... Nice to see how well some men hold their liquor--others could well emulate them... Carnations to Randolph--tended bar for two days in succession--A hearty welcome to the new EM who arrived this week--expressed the opinion that we have a nice set-up in Hq. Some of us ought to go on DS to some squadron and come back.

## MALE CALL

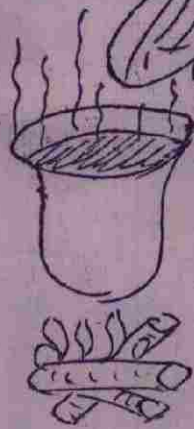
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## BRIEFS FOR MISSION



# What's Cooking?



## COMING ATTRACTIONS at THE MAIBTE THEATRE

Mon & Tues 18 & 19 Sept  
 "SHOW BUSINESS"  
 .....with.....  
 Eddie Cantor  
 Joan Davis  
 George Murphy  
 Constance Moore

Wed & Thurs 20 & 21 Sept  
 "CENTERVILLE GHOST"  
 .....with.....  
 Robert Young &  
 Margaret O'Brien

Fri & Sat 24 & 25 Sept  
 "WHAT'S BUZZIN' COUSIN"  
 .....with.....  
 Guess who??

Sun & Mon 24 & 25 Sept  
 "SWING OUT THE BLUES"  
 .....with.....  
 Guess who??

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LAST SHOWING of the "BARRITTS OF WIMPOLE STREET" in Bari at the ENSA THEATRE will take place on Friday the 22nd at 2000 hours.

Transportation will be provided and tickets are available from your Commanding Officer. Tickets are limited.

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## ARMY AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY

The Army Air Forces Aid Society was organized and chartered early in 1942 because the Army Relief Society, due to the provisions of its Constitution, would not be able to meet the demand of all our Air Force personnel, particularly in the post war period.

As the American Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief are at present taking care of all Army dependents in distress, the Army Air Forces Aid Society is inactive as a relief organization, but is accepting unsolicited bequests, legacies, etc., for use AFTER THE WAR.

### AIMS AND PURPOSES:

The relief program of the Army Air Forces Aid Society will include:

1. Assistance in obtaining government benefits for those lawfully entitled to them.
2. Assistance in securing education, vocational training and employment.
3. Financial assistance in worthy cases.

### MEMBERSHIP

Any individual may make application for membership. In addition to honorary members who may be elected by the Board of Trustees, the by-laws provide for four types of members

who are required to pay dues and are entitled to vote in person at any meeting of members.

Dues for patron membership are \$100 and for Life Membership are \$50.00, in either case payable in one sum rather than annually.

Dues for a benefactor member are \$5.00 per year. Dues for a member at large are \$1.00 per year.

Upon completion of application forms all personnel will be given the opportunity to avail themselves of the membership in the Army Air Forces Aid Society.

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## PET PEEVES:

The guy who has been taking all bets on the date of the end of the war with a knowing look in his eye-----as though he had spoken to the horse.

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



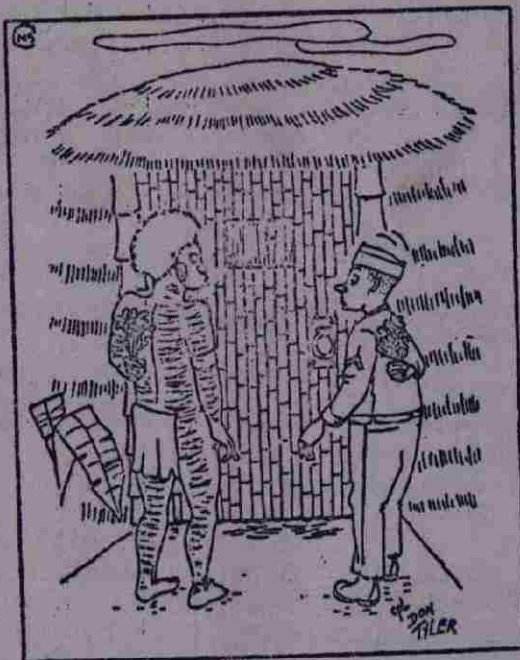
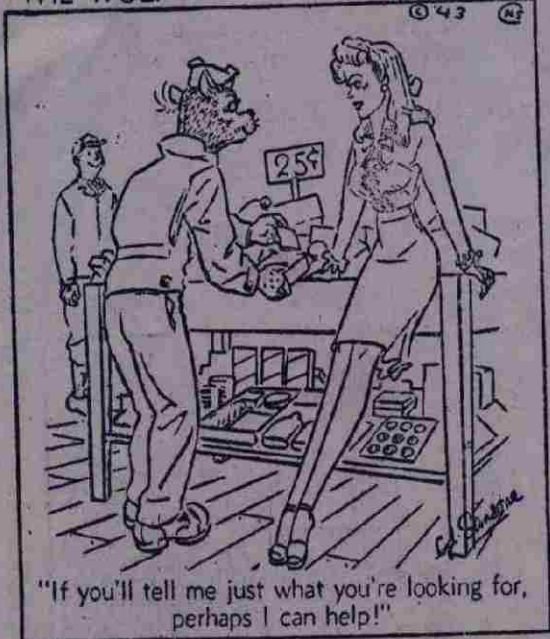
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"You play a pretty fast game!"

# COMIC PAGE

## THE WOLF

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## WALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

### WHY SAILORS GO TO SEA

OH, I KNOW JUST HOW IT IS!  
—I SAW DICKIE DUNGER IN  
"JOLLY TARS AT SEA" ...  
ISN'T IT NICE THAT HE'S IN  
4-F SO HE CAN PLAY IN THOSE  
WONDERFUL MOVIES?

DID THEY NAME THE  
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS  
AFTER THAT FELLAH  
IN DICK TRACY?

MAJOR JACKSON WILL  
NOW TELL US HOW HE  
KILLED ALL THOSE NASTY  
OLD JAPS WITH HIS  
DARLING LITTLE PX BOAT

HOW COULD A  
KID LIKE THAT GET  
ALL THEM RIBBONS  
JUST BEIN' IN A  
BOAT?

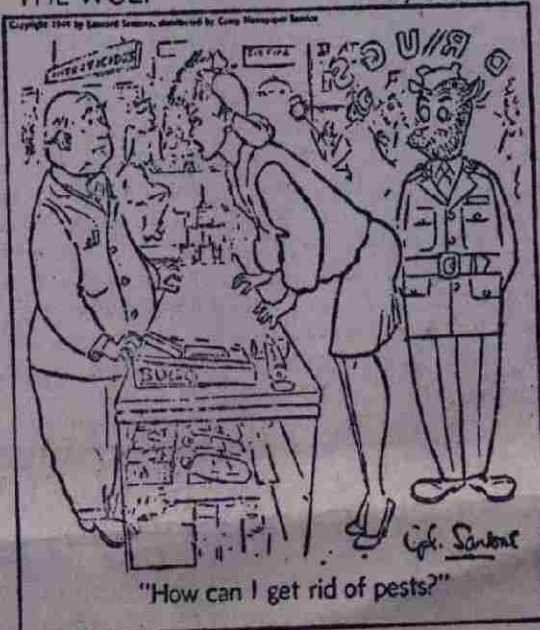
DON'T TELL ME NOW  
'BOUT IT WAS IN THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC ... I  
SEEN THOSE DOROTHY  
LAMOUR PICTURES!

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## BETWIXT WIND AND WATER

## THE WOLF

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# The MASTER RACE !!

This is like saying guys named Smith are better than guys named Jones!

THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS IN ANTHROPOLOGY OR PSYCHIATRY WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE CONTENTION THAT "RACE" DETERMINES SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. To put it plainly----- there is no such thing as a master race!

BUT---

In Germany, the National Socialists cooked up the idea that the German (Aryan) was a pure-blooded race, and their leaders declared that it must be kept pure. Then they insisted that those of pure blood were a superior race. It wasn't long before they ballyhooed the idea that the Germans were a master race to which all others should be subjects or slaves.

In Japan, the Japanese had their own version-----"the Asiatics are a superior race," destined to be "the center of world civilization" wrote an eminent geographer (Sun-kichi Komaki) recently. Then he added: "The Asiatic races originated from the Japanese race. The Japanese race is the essence of all these races."

In the United States 167 years ago, the founders of our Republic stated our case: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life,

liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed." "Think about that phrase----- "all men are created equal"-----nothing about a "master race" in that!

The all-powerful state with complete control over the lives of its subjects is not a new idea. The Nazis dusted it off and used it. They found it would keep them in power.

Their state became personified in a Fuehrer. His henchmen insisted that the will of the people could be expressed only through HIS will.

One can see what happened to the will of the people when the Nazis took the next step and announced that "the Fuehrer is always right!"

The Germans were told that they existed only to serve the state. They were regimented--- their thoughts beaten into a pattern, their liberties suppressed.

The state, being all-powerful, was justified in using terror in an unlimited amount to achieve its ends. It had no standards of right or wrong; it permitted no religion which did not subscribe to its dictates; it permitted nothing to be said or printed unless it approved; it administered justice as it saw fit

The Japanese employed similar tactics, united in their belief in the divinity of the Emperor, and the rightness of their war leaders. Such systems sought to undermine the basic principles of our Government and our manner of living.

Our Constitution states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

These freedoms would never be permitted us under the German-Japanese ideas of the all-powerful state.

WE MUST CRUSH ANY FORCE WHICH SEEKS TO DESTROY OUR GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE!

President Roosevelt has summed the whole situation up---

"WE ARE FIGHTING TODAY FOR SECURITY, FOR PROGRESS AND FOR PEACE NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR ALL MEN, NOT ONLY FOR ONE GENERATION BUT FOR ALL GENERATIONS."

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So if we are inclined to become a little impatient when the end is in sight let us bear in mind the above truths to sustain us while our governmental heads proceed to make the world a safer place for our children.

## SOCIETY NEWS

The fall season opened quite ostentatiously with a house-warming given by Mr. Lamb of the Red Cross. Obviously a total success, the attendance was overwhelming. Unfortunately, space at a premium and refreshments were served from the balcony and drawing room window. The refreshments, incidentally, consisted of an unusual delicacy known as doughnuts, and was washed down with draughts of coffee brewed by the delicate fingers of the pulchritudinous Red Cross ladies.

With the war at it's height, the guests showed good taste in fashions by attending as informally as possible.