

HISTORY

of the

484TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (HEAVY)

1 July 1944 to 31 July 1944

During the month of July, twenty one missions were flown by the 484th Bombardment Group striking virtually into every country within our range. Oil storage, marshalling yards, airdromes, factories, and communications in Germany, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Rumania, Austria, and Italy underwent attacks by this group.

For exemplary achievements under battle conditions Distinguished Flying Crosses were awarded to the following:

Capt. WILLIAM M. RIDDLE of Walterboro, S.C.

1st Lt. THADDAUS M. PHILLIPS of Jep Hill, Ky.

T/Sgt Stanley J. Hood of Chicago, Ill.

S/Sgt Kenneth R. Randall of Portland, Me.

Seventeen Purple Hearts and one Oak Leaf Cluster were awarded together with forty Air Medals and two hundred and eighty two Clusters

The month of July is particularly noteworthy for the fact that all operations were successfully carried on without the loss of a single plane through enemy action or from mechanical failures. This is credited to the long hours of training which our crews have accumulated, and the ability of our men "on the line" to keep 'em flying.

In the month of July which marked the third operational month of this group in this theater, the Engineering Sections furnished for combat duty a total of 792 aircraft of which 762 were used for operational missions. Twenty-one missions were flown, with 690 aircraft going over the target. Broken down into single missions, an average of 36.2 airplanes were airborne of which 32.2 arrived over the target area. The number of abortives per mission was four aircraft which was the lowest for the Wing for the month. The maintenance work of the Group when compared with the other Groups of the Air Force is among the best.

During the month ninety-seven engine changes were accomplished, with three days as the average length of time consumed by this work. Twenty fuel cells and several wings and empennages were removed and replaced. In every instance the airplanes were returned to operation in the minimum length of time. Routine maintenance occupied the greatest portion of the work for the month. This included the periodic inspections and daily correction of defects noted by Pilots while in flight.

It is well to note here that during the month of July no aircraft were lost or suffered major damage through combat flying or mechanical failure. All damage sustained was repaired promptly and efficiently with the aircraft being out of commission the minimum length of time.

## MISSIONS FOR JULY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>
2	Budapest, Hungary	Rakos Roundhouse
3	Bucharest, Roumania	Roumania-Mogasia Oil Storage
5	Beziers, France	Marshalling Yards
6	Aviano, Italy	Oil and Gasoline Storage
7	Blechhammer, Germany	Synthetic Oil Refinery
8	Korneuburg, Germany	Oil Refinery
11	Toulon, France	Submarine Bases
12	Nimes, France	Marshalling Yards
14	Petfurdo, Hungary	Oil Refinery
15	Ploesti, Roumania	Creditul Minier Oil Refinery
16	Weiner Neusdorf, Aus.	A/C Engine Factory
17	Tarascon, France	Railroad Bridge
18	Friedrichshafen, Ger.	Manzell Dornier A/C Factory
19	Munich, Germany	Schleissheim A/D
21	Brux, Czechoslovakia	Oil Refinery
22	Ploesti, Roumania	Romana Americana Oil Refinery
25	Linz, Austria	Marshalling Yards
27	Budapest, Hungary	Manfred Weiss Armament Works
28	Ploesti, Roumania	Romana Americana Oil Refinery
30	Budapest, Hungary	Duna A/C Factory
31	Bucharest, Roumania	Prahova Refinery

HEADQUARTERS  
484TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (P)  
APO 520 US ARMY

2 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 39 Target: Budapest Rakes Roundhouse

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters: 30 FW 190's and ME 109's seen - no encounters.
- B. Flak: MIR to IAH - Red balls of fire seem to fall from black puffs.

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. 1112 Oaijek 19000 feet - 200 to 300 wagons in M/Y's  
Vinkova M/Ys full.  
Vekaver M/Ys full

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None.
- B. Damage: None.
- C. Victories: None.
- D. Corrections: None.

4. REMARKS:

None

3 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 40

TARGET: BUCHAREST MOGASIA OIL STORAGE

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters: None
- B. Flak: SIH at target

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications
  - 1. KRALJEVO at 1050 at 16,500 over 500 cars in m/ys.
  - 2. VIDIN at 1525 at 18,000 feet M/Ys filled with tank cars.
  - 3. KRUSEVIC at 1350 at 17,000 ft over 500 cars in m/ys.
- B. Enemy Installations and Activity
  - 1. BUCHAREST at 1208 at 24,000 landing strip thirty s/e and 50 t/e fighters.
  - 2. VUCKOVICA at 1425 at 15,000 ft (43° 57' N-20° 48' E) a/d with big white swastika on hillside
- C. Flak Positions
  - 1. BOR at 111 at 20,000 ft. N at other groups - H
- D. Naval
  - 1. VIDINE at 1313 at 16,000 ft. 15 barges anchored in river.
- E. Oil
  - 1. ARGORISTI at 1215 at 23,000 ft - ten oil tanks
  - 2. CRAIOVA at 1305 - SW of city two oil tanks and small buildings.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses - Nil
- B. Damage - Nil
- C. Victories - Nil
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report

4. REMARKS - Nil

5 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 41

TARGET: BEZAIRE

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters - Three FW 190s IP to target, three passes from below repeated passes at six o'clock level.  
Ten to fifteen Me 109s.
- B. Flak - SIH

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications - None
- B. Flak Positions - None
- C. Naval - Six large m/ys S end of LAKE BERRE, FRANCE at 1240 at 21,000  
- Ten m/v's in harbor at MARSEILLE at 1230 at 20,000.
- D. Ground - Smoke screens over TOULON harbor

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses
  - 1. From Flak - 0
  - 2. From Fighters - 0
  - 3. Other Reasons - 1
- B. Damage
  - 1. From Flak - 0
  - 2. From Fighters - 1
  - 3. Other Reasons - 0
- C. Victories
  - One probable, one damaged, and one destroyed
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - Nil

4. REMARKS - Nil

6 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 42

TARGET: AVIANO, Italy

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

- A. Fighters - Nil
- B. Flak - Nil

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications - Nil
- B. Flak Positions - Nil
- C. Naval - One DD and one corvette seen dropping depth charges at 0959 at (45° 38' N-13° 30' E)
- D. Ground - Sixteen to nineteen e/a on AVIANO A/D.

. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses - Nil
- B. Damage - Nil
- C. Victories - Nil
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - Nil

4. REMARKS

First attack unit was crowded off target by another group from another Wing, causing poor results. Second attack unit had better results, obtaining hits on hangers and storage tanks which did not seem to contain much oil.



7 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 43

TARGET: BLECHHAMMER NORTH

### SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

A. Fighters -

1. Two Me 109s came separate attacks from six o'clock high. One each claimed destroyed by top turret and tail gunner on same ship. This ship was a strangler.
2. One FW 190 came in at two o'clock high out of seven low, flew through the entire formation.

B. Flak -

1. I I H at target

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. Communications -

1. TRANBY at 1143 at 10,000 - M/Ys full (photo taken)
2. (48 22 N-17 54 E)
3. NOV??ESTO at 1245 at 17,000 600 cars in M/Ys.

B. Enemy Air Installations

1. (47 44 N-17 38 E) at 1159 at 17,000 five t/e and thirty e/a planes on camouflaged A/D.
2. TRENCHIN at 1240 at 15,000 A/D large concrete ramp 18 s/e and 2 four engine a/c.

C. Oil Dumps and Storage.

1. VEGESKILY at 1147 at 15,000 oil tanks
2. GYOR at 1003 at 24,300 possible tank farm near M/y.

D. Smoke screens, camouflage, balloons, etc.

1. Smoke screen over target - very dense.

C. Naval -

1. Five freighters in SPLIT harbor.

CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total losses - Nil B. Damaged - one crash landed 49th Wg C. Victories 2 destroyed and one damaged. D. Correction - Nil

4. REMARKS - Nil

8 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 44

TARGET: KORNEUBURG OIL REFINERY

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

A. Fighters: 50 to 60 s/e fighters seen in the target area.  
No encounters.

B. Flak: I I H

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. Communications - Six to eight oil storage tanks near junction of  
D.T.R.R. at DEDINSKA-NOVA-VES

B. Flak - None

C. Naval - Submarine seen to crash dive off Vis at 1240

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses - None

B. Damage from flak - Six a/c, 1 serious

C. Victories - None

D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - None

4. REMARKS - None

11 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 45

TARGET: TOULON, FRANCE

### SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

#### 1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters - None, seen or encountered
- B. Flak - Intense, very accurate, heavy. Black, red and white bursts.  
Tracking pointed.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications - Nil
- B. Flak Positions - Nil
- C. Naval - Nil
- D. Ground - Nil

#### 3. CONCLUSIONS

- A. Total Losses - Nil
- B. Damage from flak - two from flak
- C. Victories - Nil
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - Nil

#### 4. REMARKS

Malfunctions of bombsight and A-5 in lead ship may have caused bomb pattern.

12 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 46

TARGET: MIMES M/Y

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Two ME 109s flew through last attack unit coming in at 12 o'clock and out at 3 o'clock
- B. Flak: No flak at target but met scant to moderate from IP for 2/3 of the bomb run. A few very large bursts.

2. OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Smoke Screens - Toulon well covered by smoke screens
- B. Naval - xxxxx xx xxxx (Marseilles) 7 ships

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None
- B. Damage: 14 damaged by flak. One can not fly tomorrow.
- C. Victories: None
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - None

4. REMARKS

None

## SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 47

TARGET: PETFURDO OIL REFINERY

14 July 1944

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters - None

B. Flak - Scant, Inaccurate, Heavy (6 to 10 bursts)

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

A. Enemy Air Installations: 12 to 15 a/c at BANJLUKA at 1105  
(1 large a/c)

B. Flak Positions other than at Target: 3 boats in harbor at SPLIT, for far out of range but all firing. Too far away to judge whether it was medium or heavy.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses: None

B. Damage from flak: None

C. Victories: None

D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS

A, None

15 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 48

TARGET: CREDITUL MINIER OIL REFINERY, PLOESTI

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: Nil

B. Flak: No Moderate-Intense-Inaccurate-Heavy

2. OBSERVATIONS:

A. Communications: Nil

B. Flak positions other than at target: BOR S I H

C. Smoke Screens: Smoke screens at PT

D. Naval:

1. GULF OF KOLOE at 1317 from 14,500 - Three large vessels

2. TIVAT at 0900 from 13,500 - Three large m/v.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses: None

B. Damage: None

C. Victories: None

D. Correction of Telephone Report

1. Line 5 60.65 to 57.65

2. Line 6 .62 to .60

3. Line 7 8.33 to 11.35

4. REMARKS

Nil

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APO 520 US ARMY

16 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 49

Target: Weiner-Neudorf A/C  
Engine Factory

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: Nil
- B. Flak: ?-I-H which was less then briefed

2. OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications: Nil
- B. Flak positions: Nil
- C.. Naval: Nil
- D. Ground: Nil

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: Nil
- B. Damage: Nil
- C. Victories: Nil
- D. Correction of Telephone Report: Nil

4. REMARKS

- A. Bombed by Pathfinder due to heavy undercast
- B. A suspicious acting silver B-24 flew from formation to formation then turned back to Austria.
- C. Excellent cover by escort.

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17 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 50 Target: Tarascon RR Bridge

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: None
- B. Flak: None at Target

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Enemy Air Installations:  
Hyerès at 1400 at 20000' many A/C at A/D  
Toulon at 1340 at 20000' many A/C at A/D
- B. Flak positions other than at Target:  
Avignon M-A-H  
Orange M-A-H  
Carpentres S-I-H
- C.. Smoke:  
Smoke at Toulon started at 1140 and was solid 1 hour later
- D. Naval:  
Lake Seere at 1337 at 21000': 5 large W/Vs and 3 small ships.
- E. Miscellaneous:

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None
- B. Damage: 15 planes by flak slightly
- C. Victories: None
- D. Correction of Telephone Report: None

4. REMARKS:

- A. Very excellent fighter cover.



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APO 520 US ARMY

18 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 51

Target: Manzell Dormier A/C  
Factory, Friedrichshafen

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: 9 e/a seen - no encounters
- B. Flak: I-A-H at target

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Communications: None.
- B. Flak positions: None
- D. Naval: Venice - 1230 - 18000 - 6 ships in harbor.
- E. Ground: xxxxxx at - 1135 - 24000 - new installations  
Sxxracks of factories

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None.
- B. Damage: Flak: 19 slightly
- C. Victories: 0
- D. Correction of Telephoned Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS:

- A. Excellent pattern - bombs into entire building area - stray bombs to PFF  
knocked out A/A battery.

19 July 1944

MISSION NO: 52

TARGET : Schleishein A/D

### SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters - None
- B. Flak - I A H. 26 a/c holed.

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS

- A. Communications - M/T convoy 4-5 miles long going west at  
43° 00'-13° 05' at 1255 at 17,000 ft.
- B. Flak Positions - None
- C. Naval - None
- D. Ground - None

3. Conclusions

- A. Total Losses - None
- B. Damage - 4 a/c can not fly tomorrow.
- C. Victories - None
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - Nil

4. Remarks - None

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APO 520 US ARMY

21 July 1944

MISSION NO : 53

TARGET: : BRUX

1. Enemy Resistance:

- A. Fighters - None
- B. Flak - I. A. H.

2. Significant Observations

- A. Communications - Doggendorf oil refinery 20 large tanks  
Comxxnder, 500 plus cars in M/Y also  
4 large, 8 medium sized storage tanks
- B. Flak - None
- C.. Naval - None
- D. Ground - Cerhovice 30 s/e A/C on A/D  
Berdun 12 a/c on L/G  
Slany 12 a/c on L/G

3. Conclusions

- A. Total Losses:
  - 1. From Flak - None
  - 2. From Fighters - None
  - 3. Other Reasons - Two

- B. Damage:
  - 1. From Flak - 5
  - 2. From Fighters - 0
  - 3. Other Reasons - 0

C. Victories - None

D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - None

4. Remarks - None

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APO 520 US ARMY

22 July 1944

MISSION NO : 54

TARGET: : PLOESTI

1. Enemy Resistance:

- A. Fighters - None
- B. Flak - M. A. H.

2. Significant Observations -

- A. Communications -

- B. Flak
  - IRON GATES 1255 S A H
  - KRALJEVO 1320 M A H
  - BOR 1215 M A H
  - PITESTI 1145 M I H
  - NIS 1245 M I H

C. Naval - (44° 12' - 22° 45') at 1240 at 17,000 1 barges - 1 tug

D. Ground - KRALJEVO at 1322 at 13,000 ft A/D 4 hangers 1 s/e and 1 t/e fighter. Smoke screen at BREAZA (45° 12' - 25° 40')

3. Conclusions - None

- A. Total Losses - None
- B. Damage: - None
- C. Victories - None
- D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report

4. Remarks - None

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APO 520 US ARMY

25 July 1944

MISSION NO : 55

TARGET: : VILLACH M/Y

SPECIAL NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Enemy Resistance:
  - A. Fighters - Six Me 109s
  - B. Flak - I A H at Nims  
I A H at Villach
2. Significant Observations -
  - A. Enemy Air Installations - Six single engine fighters and five twin engine A/C
  - B. Smoke Screens - xxxx and xxxx god smoke screens
  - C.. Naval - Unreadable
3. Conclusions - None
  - A. Total Losses - None
  - B. Damage: - Six B-24s hit, will not fly tomorrow
  - C. Victories - None
  - D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - None
4. Remarks  
None

HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 520 US ARMY

27 July 1944

MISSION: Number : 56

Target: Manfred Weiss Armament  
Works

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: 10 ME-109s, FW-190s, JU-88s, ME-210s.  
2 T/E A/C attacked from 12 o'clock with rockets. Unaggressive.

B. Flak: M-A-H

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

A. Communications:

Mohacn at 1030 at 16000 - Number of barges in Danube.

Manja - at 1015 at 12000 - 75 barges along Bank of Danube.

Majk - at 0856 at 19,800 500 to 600 cars in M/Ys.

Strizovana at 1337 at 15500 - 500 cars in M/Ys.

B.. Smoke Screens:

Budapest at 0952 at 24000' - smoke generated west of fiver'

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses: Nil

B. Damage: 1 b-24 from flak. Rudder and engine damaged.

C. Victories: None

D. Correction of Telephone Report: None

4. REMARKS:

A. Nil

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APO 520 US ARMY

28 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 57

Target: Romana Americana Oil  
Refinery. Ploesti

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

- A. Fighters: 6 e/a seen - no encounters
- B. Flak: I-A-H at Ploesti

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

- A. Podgorie at 1210 at 15000 feet: 6 large oil tanks on south side of town
- B. Smoke Screen: N and NE of target area and about 75 pots xx of target.

Cover not fully developed at 1021

- D. Naval: 41° 40' N, 16° 38'E at 1303 from 4500 feet. Using evasive action heading generally north.

3. CONCLUSIONS:

- A. Total Losses: None.
- B. Damage: None
- C. Victories: None
- D. Correction of Telephoned Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS: None

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APO 520 US ARMY

30 July 1944

MISSION NO : 59

TARGET: : Duna Aircraft Factory

SPECIAL NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Enemy Resistance:
  - A. Fighters - Approximately 50 Me 109s and FW 190s, but kept off by close escort cover.
  - B. Flak - M - I - A - At target. Several ships were holed. Minor damage.
  
2. Significant Observations -
  - A. Communications - Nil
  - B. Flak Positions - xxx, near (43° 07' N-17° 40' S)
  - C.. Naval - Nil
  - D. Ground - 12 E/A on ground at Pecs.
  
3. Conclusions - None
  - A. Total Losses - Nil
  - B. Damage: - one crack-up on landing
  - C. Victories - Nil
  - D. Correction of Telephone Mission Report - 30 A/C over target
  
4. Remarks  
The lead Bombardier in Able 11 reported that moisture in his bombsight fogged the optics preventing clear vision of target causing him to drop short. Able 12 had a (unreadable) malfunction. (Second paragraph unreadable)



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31 July 1944

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT

MISSION: Number : 59

Target: Prahova Ref. Bucharest

1. ENEMY RESISTANCE

A. Fighters: None

B. Flak: I-A-H

2. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS:

UNREADABLE

3. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses: None.

B. Damage: 10 from flak, slight

C. Victories: None

D. Correction of Telephoned Mission Report: None

4. REMARKS: Lead Bombardier's sight gave reverse correction which threw bombs to the North of target area.