

BLUE FORCE

8 March 1945.

<u>CHARLIE FLIGHT</u>	<u>ABLE FLIGHT</u>	<u>BAKER FLIGHT</u>
11. Kooker 44 O	11. Dowd 201 Y	11. Kelter * 63 N
12. Davis * 31 B	12. Grose 500 X	12. Latimer 62 M
13. Wise 35 F	13. Mauldin * 56 G	13. Weaver 53 D
21. Costick 46 Q	21. Johnson * 40 K	21. Gregg 52 C
22. Kieber 38 I	22. Wiederspahn 36 G	22. Cannon 60 K
23. Bartlett 32 C	23. Allen 64 O	23. Kennedy 65 P
31. Ammons 33 D	* Camera aboard	31. Hanes * 55 F

BRIEF: 0600A

START ENGINES: 0740A

TAXI OUT : 0755A

TEST FIRE GUNS: 1000A

TAKE OFF : 0810A

TARGET: RR CARS IN HEGYESHALOM M/Y (47-55, 17-09).

ALT #2: Maribor Loco Depot (46-33, 15-38).

ALT #6: Kapfenburg Steel Works (47-27, 15-17).

ALT #11: Selzthal M/Y (47-33, 14-18).

RENDEZVOUS: None. No. 1 BG will leave Departure Point Bovino enroute to KP via Casalnuovo at 0905A. No. 2 BG will leave Departure Point at 0915A. No. 3 BG will leave Departure Point at 0925A. No. 1 BG 8,500', No. 2 BG 9,500', No. 3 BG 10,500'.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: No. 1 BG, No. 2 BG, No. 3 BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: Drvenik (43-27, 16-05), base alt: 15,500' at 1025A.

INITIAL POINT: Csorna (47-37, 17-14).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 349 deg. TC. INT. SETTING: Minimum (visual only).

TARGET TIME: 1225A. TARGET ELEVATION: 450'.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: No. 1 BG 22,000', No. 2 BG 23,000', No. 3 BG 24,000'.

RALLY: Sharp left.

ROUTE BACK: Target to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to TP #5 to Base.

BOMB LOAD: 500# GP fused .1 nose and .01 tail.

NOTE: BGs will be at bombing altitude and go into column of boxes in trail 5 minutes before IP. PFF A/C will lead for navigation only. This is a Planned VUSUAL MISSION. Because of proximity of targets to RUSSIAN fronts, bombing will be visual only, and targets will be attacked only after positive identification. No alternate targets within 100 miles of RUSSIAN front lines except those listed will be bombed. No PFF attacks will be made against primary or alternate targets within 100 miles of RUSSIAN front lines. BGs will bomb the target by individual boxes.

RADIO RANGE: Lake Lesina, callsign "LA", Frequency 263 Kcs.

EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS: Iesi: 43-32, 13-16, Tower 6440, callsign "Crispen", Falconara: 43-37, 13-22, Tower 6440, callsign "Mailstack", Biferno: 41-58, 15-02, Tower 6440, callsign "Watchbox".

COMMUNICATIONS: Tower: Channel "B"; Interplane: 5210 or Channel "B"; VHF Channel "A" for Fighters; VHF Channel "C" for Intergroup.

BOMBER CALL SIGNS: No. 1 BG "Reckless 1", No. 2 BG "Reckless 2", No. 3 BG "Reckless 3".

FIGHTER CALL SIGNS: "Cleargum".

WX RECON A/C: Route Out "Bartend 1", Route Back "Bartend 2".

RECALL IDENTIFICATION CODEWORD: "California".

SQ. CALL SIGNS: Sq. 1 "Wellfed", Sq. 2 "Thankless", Sq. 3 "Raceclub", Sq. 4 "Steadful".

VISUAL SIGNALS: See reverse side. ALDIS LAMP: Red "W".

NOTE: All A/C load 2 cartons Window. Dispensing will begin 3 minutes Before IP and continue at the rate of 3 bundles every 20 Seconds until clear of flak.

GROUP LEADER: Capt. Dowd, DEPUTY: Lt. Grose.

ETR: 1432A.

FIGHTER ESCORT: Escort will provide for penetration, target and withdrawal.