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Missions by Aaron Scharf Crew 827 Sq

- 1) 8-20-44 Target: Zolnok, Hungary, No fighters, Flak scant, Frags Loss: 1 B-24 to Frags (not ours) Damage: 1 hole in plane.
- 2) 8-27-44 Target: Bridge, Borovnica, Yugoslavia, No flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs .
- 3) 9-1-44 Target: Ferra Bridge and viaduct, Italy, Moderate Flak, No fighters 1000 lb. bombs.
- 4) 9-3-44 Target: Smederevo Ferry Docks in Yugoslavia, No flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs.
- 5) 9-6-44 Target: Bridge at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, no fighters, Intense flak 1000 lb. bombs, Damage: 6 holes in fuselage.
- 6) 9-11-44 Target: Lyons, France, Transported bombs, ammunition, oil and empty 55 gallon barrels.
- 7) 9-13-44 Target: Lyons, France, Same as above.
- 8) 10-4-44 Target: Bridge Casarsa, Italy No flak. No fighters. 1000 lb. bombs.,
- 9) 10-10-44 Target: Castel Franco, Italy, Scant flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs.,
- 10) 10-12-44 Target: Bologna, Italy, Scant flak, No fighters, 100 lb. bombs.
- 11) 10-13-44 Target: Vienna, Austria, Intense flak No fighters 1000 lb. bombs, Loss: 1 B-24 Lost.
- 12) 10-10-44 Target: Linz, Austria, Moderate flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs, Damage: 5 holes in plane
- 13) 11-11-44 Target: Linz, Austria, No flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs.
- 14) 11-17-44 Target: Blechammer, Germany, Scant flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs.
- 15) 11-19-44 Target: Vienna, Austria, Intense flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs, Damage: 11 Flak holes.
- 16) 11-22-44 Target: Munich, Germany, Moderate flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs.
- 17) 12-6-44 Target: Maribor, Moderate flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs.
- 18) 12-19-44 Target: Blechammer, Germany, Intense flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs.
- 19) 1-5-45 Target: Zagreb, Yugoslavia, No flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs.
- 20) 2-21-45 Target: Vienna, Austria, Intense flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs, Loss: 2 B-24s of Group, Damage: 2 holes
- 21) 2-22-45 Target: Donawerth, Tour of South Germany, Light flak, No fighters 500 lb. bombs, Damage: 6 Flak homes
- 22) 2-27-45 Target: Augsburg, Germany, Heavy flak, No fighters, 1000 lb. bombs, Damage: 1 Flak hole
- 23) 3-4-45 Target: Graz, Austria, Light flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs, Loss: 1 B-24.
- 24) 3-12-45 Target: Vienna, Austria, Light flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs.
- 25) 3-19-45 Target: Muhlsdorf, Germany, No flak, No fighters, 100 lb. bombs.
- 26) 3-22-45 Target: Vienna, Austria, Intense flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs, Damage: 4 holes.
- 27) 3-23-45 Target: Vienna, Austria, Intense flak, No fighters, 500 lb. bombs, Damage: 10 holes Forced to land at Kecskemet. Hungary
- 28) 4-21-45 Target: Attangpuciem, Italy. No Flak. No fighters. 500 lb. bombs. Last Mission.

Photo of Aaron Scharf Crew



Top Row Left to right: Clarence C. Young-B, Donald S. Rogers-C/P, Aaron Scharf-P, Leslie H. Summer-N Bottom Row: Oran Patillo-NG, John J. Jennings-G, John H Nicolai-R/O, William A. Rau-E, R.E. Gilley-T/G Not pictured: B/G Robert Reinhold

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Morris, MN  
Dear Bud

I would like to correct some information that appeared in Torretta Flyer No 11, page 31. The practice mission was over the Adriatic Sea and not the Aegean Sea. The target was the small island Piombino not far from the mainland. When I bailed out I could see land when I was on top of a high wave. I swallowed a lot of sea water and became very sick. I used to practice getting out of the nose turret on the ground. I never wore flying boots, only GI shoes on combat missions as the flying boots were too bulky to slide out from under the charging levers. ( Charging levers were used to chamber a new round into the guns) I was asked later by the AAF Office of Flying Safety to report on how I was able to survive a parachute drop into the sea.

The picture on upper right page 31 Torretta Flyer No 11 of ship #22 is the plane our crew flew to Italy from Harvard, Nebraska. It crashed on final approach August 2, 1944. I was told that three engines quit from lack of fuel when we were enroute home from Naples to Newport News on a Victory ship.

I also want to correct Forest Parkins letter on page 24 of Torretta Flyer No 12. Ship #22 crashed on land as shown above and did not ditch in the Adriatic. In this shot the painting of the girl shows up on the right side. It was painted by by our engineer John Hahn.

In Torretta Flyer No 24 page 19, ship #22 is shown crashed on the ground and in formation in the bottom picture on the same page. She was a fine ship.

Sincerely yours  
Bernard Schneider.