

help of Gee and the Pathfinder sets. "Mickey" (PFF) assumed the burden of navigating during periods of undercast. The PFF operator supplied the DR navigator with fixes all along the route, thus helping to keep the formation away from flak areas. The primary target was overcast and could not be bombed because all three PFF operators could not identify Neuburg on all three scopes.

Rosenheim however stood out clearly on the scopes and also was seen visually. Bombing was by visual methods. Navigating and bombing by PFF is best employed when the targets are near large bodies of water. Lakes and rivers stood out more clearly on the primitive radar scopes of those years.

A B-24G 42-78224 flying Charlie 31 (Tail end Charlie) of the first attack unit piloted by George H Mason was reported missing at 14:24, and was shot down at 14:30 February 16, 1945 from the anti aircraft guns based at Osoppo. With one engine shot out over Austria it fell at Maseris, near Osoppo. At 14.30 eight parachutes were observed leaving the aircraft, of these three prisoners were taken, the rest fell in the area of the resistance movement as reported by Mr D'Arconco from his letter.

The 484th Bombardment Group bombed the first alternate Rosenheim Marshalling Yards by visual methods. Lt. Cummings of the 825th Bombardment Squadron was lead navigator. Rendezvous was good though over an overcast and was accomplished by means of Gee and PFF. Route out was as briefed. Key point was reached at 1045 at 16,000 feet. Weather enroute was good, only occasionally patches of clouds were encountered and visual navigation was possible the entire route.

42-52658	825	35	Stud Horse	
42-52690	825	32		
42-95755	825	33		
44-31139	825	30		
44-48988	825	46		
42-50528	825	300		
44-49858	825	302		
42-51675	826	58		
42-52705	826	52 C	Toggle Anne	
44-10484	826	63 M		
44-41143	826	55 F		
44-49738	826	62 M		
44-49773	826	60 K		
42-51967	826	61	Strange Cargo	
42-78224	826	56 G	Missing in Action	44-
48828	826	501 Y	Bells Of St. Joe	
42-51173	827	88 S		
42-51804	827	86 Q		
42-52648	827	76 G		
42-94751	827	85P		
42-95282	827	77 H		
42-95360	827	87	War Weary	
44-49936	827	76 J/ 79		

***Shot Down by Flak  
42-78224 826 56 G***

Duty	Rank	F Name	L Name
C/P	F/O	Kenneth W	Anderson
B/G	Cpl	John L	Biersteker
B	2/Lt	William H	Gardner
N	2/Lt	Ward L	Johnson Jr
T/G	Cpl	Frederick D	Kuhn
P	2/Lt	George H	Mason
U/G	Cpl	George R	McSween
R/O	Cpl	Mauro A	Montoya
E	Cpl	James V	Nelson
N/T	Cpl	Richard R	West

***Aircraft Assigned 2/16/45 Mission***

Serial Name	Sqd	Nose	Ship
00-00699	824	27	
00-00724	824	20	
00-00941	824	22	
42-29519	824	64	
42-52641	824	25	
42-52708	824	10	(sawteeth)
42-52041	824	17	
42-50642	825	39	
42-51851	825	40	



*One of the three prisoners who were captured, the picture is of Anderson, or Mason, or McSween. Print from Michele D'Arconco.*