

HEADQUARTERS
98TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

MISSION NO. 262

DATE 13 JULY

1944

OPERATIONS INFORMATION

BRESCIA M/Y. Italy.

SQUAD. SHIP NO.	PILOT	CO-PILOT	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	TIME LAND	REMARKS
<u>343rd</u>					
343 F	DOYLE		0631	1422	COMPLETED MISSION
343 I	SHELLY		0632	1425	" "
398 J	SHIELD		0636	1426	" "
424 S	PUNTENNEY		0635	1428	" "
443 R	OSTRANDER		0634	1425	" "
811 M	BIERWIRTH		0645	1427	" "
841 N	BAKER		0649	1424	" "
176 P	PAULSON		0633	1423	" "
<u>344th</u>					
352 A	PATTON		0639		COMP. MISSION (Landed at Tortoretto)
413 C	MIX		0630	1419	COMPLETED MISSION
174 D	WHITNEY		0646	1435	" "
198 G	HUBBARD		0653	1414	" "
356 J	DRAGNER		0637	1407	" "
260 N	ANNON		0640		COMP MISSION(Landed Foggia M.)
813 O	GUYNES		0638	1406	COMPLETED MISSION
917 P	OSTENDORF		0642	1408	" "
<u>345th</u>					
823 A	GREANY		0643	1434	COMPLETED MISSION
391 D	MATTHEWS		0648	1432	" "
365 F	SPECHT		0644	1430	" "
324 H	FARNSWORTH		0641	1430	" "
463 I	McANINCH		0647	1429	" "
429 K	REESE		0642	1433	" "
168 L	ZAZZALI		0650	1431	" "
<u>LEADING</u>					
<u>415th</u>					
434 D	ANDREWS		0626	1418	" "
186 F	BARROW		0629	1421	" "
<u>Lead Ship</u>	UMBERGER	---GRAY	0625	1416	" "
314 M	SENSEMAN		0628	1420	" "
344 S	LARK		0627	1415	" "

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APO 520, U. S. Army

14 July 1944.

SPECIAL NARRATIVE REPORT NO. 81.

MISSION: 13 July 1944 - BRESCIA M/YDS, ITALY.

I. CHRONOLOGY.

28 B-24's took off at 0625 hours to bomb BRESCIA M/YDS, ITALY. 28 A/C were on target at 1101 hours. 14 A/C dropped 35 tons of 500 lb. GP (.10 & .01) bombs from 19,500' to 20,500'. Due to almost complete overcast over primary target, 14 A/C dropped 35 tons of bombs on VERONA at 1123 hours from 17,400' to 20,000'. 28 A/C returned to base at 1410 hours. None lost, none missing, 2 landed at friendly fields. 100 packages of leaflets dropped in briefed area.

II. ROUTE AND ASSAULT.

Redesigned with 376th group at 0742 hours at 5,000' at San Pancrasio, and with escort (P-51's) at 0930 hours at 19,000' at 44:27N & 13:20E. Reached IP at 1054 hours at 20,000' and made left turn into target attacking on an axis of 244°. Rallied right off target and continued on reciprocal course to base. Escort left formation at 1205 hours at 12,000' at 40:14N & 13:40E.

III. RESULTS.

Visual observation reports some hits on Breda Ammunition Factory, just north of target. Results generally observed due to cloud cover. At VERONA some hits are reported on east end of the M/Yds. at JK-10,11. Most bombs in fields north of target. Some at L-2,3 - RR Junction (TC 4-210).

Bomb Strike Photos Show:

BRESCIA M/YDS, ITALY.

- a. The bombs of the first element are centered at Q/8, 4,000' north of the yards. Some bursts cover the northwest corner of the Caustic Soda Plant but the main concentration fell in the residential district and open fields.

VERONA M/YDS, ITALY.

- b. About ten (10) bursts are seen at the extreme east end of the target area. Some of these bursts fell at the end of the car loading platform. Some bombs fell in the Adige river at M/16. Bursts also appear at Q,P/3, Q/2 and 2/1,2. The railroad track at P/1 has received three direct hits. All other bombs fell in open fields or the residential district. yards. Some bursts cover the northwest corner of the Caustic Soda Plant but the main concentration fell in the residential district and open fields.

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IV. ENEMY RESISTANCE.

Fighters: Nil.

Flak : At target - Nil. At VERONA - intense, accurate, aimed.

V. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS.

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V. SIGNIFICANT OBSERVATIONS (Cont'd).

B. Flak Positions: Nil.

C. Smoke Screens : At 1122 hours from 18,000' smoke screen observed at VERONA thought to be covering dam or bridges. Ineffective screen at primary target.

D. Naval : At 1137 hours from 16,000' at 45:15N & 11:45E five (5) boats observed in Po river.

VI. CONCLUSIONS:

A. Total Losses: Nil.

B. Damage : 3 A/C received major damage and 2 A/C received minor damage from flak.

C. Casualties : Lieut. G.L. Forrester, bombardier on 260-N killed by flak. 4 gunners slightly wounded by flak.

D. Victories : Nil.

E. Corrections : Item No. 6 in telephone mission report corrected to read "100 packages of leaflets dropped in briefed area".

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HARRY G. BAUER,
Major, Air Corps,
Intelligence Officer.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. 1	Oprep. Ref No. 262	Date 13 JULY 1944	Sq. 343
Type of Aircraft B-24	P. LT OSTRANDER F R CP. LT KOPACZEWSKI W CM. LT FRASER F F B. LT GUNYER L W E. S/SGT BLOYD L UT R. S/SGT RICKERT LN RWG. S/SGT GARRISON H WGG. S/SGT RICKERT L H BTG. S/SGT SCOTT M C TTG. S/SGT HARRIS LEONARD G. NT S/SGT SCHULTZ C.		
Aircraft No. 443			
Aircraft Letter R			
Time Up 0635			
Time Down 1405			
Total Time 730 ✓			
Airdrome or L.G. FORMUNATO CESARE			
Type of Cloud: CU	CU	Over target CU	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud 2/10	2/10		Reference
Base of Cloud			
Visibility 10 MILES	10 MILES		
General Weather GOOD			4-104-NA

Task or Duty BRESLIA

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1101	20200	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 30 SEC. 250 DEGREES DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .10 NOSE .X0 .01 TAIL .025 TAIL. RIGHTBOMBER DOOR BROKEN LOOSE. NO HITS SEEN.
1034	20000	FERRARA	ACK ACK: MODERATE ACCURATE BLACK
1119	18000	VERONA	ACK ACK: MODERATE BARRAGE BLACK & WHITE
1142	18000	4445 1240	ACK ACK: SLIGHT INACCURATE.
1026	19500	45041200	M/Y 1/13 FULL.
1034	19500	FERRARA	SMOKE SCREEN
		VERONA	M/Y 200 CARS.
1108	19500	43481004	LARGE WAREHOUSES ON LAKE
1116	18500	45441044	6 SMALL BOATS IN LAKE
			TAKE OFF: # 4 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT.
			TARGET: SAME.
1034	19500	FERRARA	SMOKE SCREEN
		VERONA	M/Y 200 CARS.
1108	19500	43481004	LARGE WAREHOUSES ON LAKE
1116	18500	45441044	6 SMALL BOATS IN LAKE

SORTIE REPORT
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Sheet No. 1	Oprep. Ref No. 202	Date 13 JULY 1944	Sq. 343
Type of Aircraft B-24	P. LT SHELLY J E CP. LT ZEZULAK S CN. LT WILLIAMS L E B. LT BURT S W E. S/SGT LANGE R E UT R. S/SGT BEERS W C RWG. THIRSTRUP R L WGC. S/SGT CHECCE S B BTG. S/SGT PATTON TTG. S/SGT LANGE R L NT. S/SGT RILEY V E		
Aircraft No. 343			
Aircraft Letter I			
Time Up 0630			
Time Down 1420			
Total Time 750			
		Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CESARE	
Type of Cloud: Out CU	Over target CU	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud 4/10	7/10	Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility 8 MILES	5 MILES		
General Weather GOOD	4-104-NA		

Task or Duty BRESCIA M/Y

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1101	20000	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 1 MINUTE 240 DEG DEGREES DROPPING 8 IN TAIN 2 SALVO .01 .10 0.25 NO HITS OBSERVED.
1036	19000	PADUA	ACKACK: BURST INNACURATE BALCK
1120	19000X	VERONA	ACKA CK: MODERATE INNACCURATE BLACK. WAKE OFF: #2 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

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Type of Aircraft B-24	Aircraft No. 811	Aircraft Letter M	P. LT BIERWIRTH G G CP. LT BOWER J W CN. LT STREECHON GPP B. LT LEWIS T R E. S/SGT LOGAN D M UT R. S/SGT RANIERI A RWG. S/SGT CONROY (N I) LWG. S/SGT GRAY L W BT G. S/SGT CONTLIN G N TT G. S/SGT PETERSON B H NT S/SGT KEAST A K
Time Up 0641	Time Down 1425	Total Time 744 ✓	Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CESARE
Type of Cloud:	Out CU	Over target CU	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	2/10	2/10	Reference
Base of Cloud			
Visibility	10 MILES	10 MILES	
General Weather	GOOD		4-104-NA
Task or Duty	BRESCIA, ITALY		

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1103	19300	TARGET	MADE RUN OR 120 SEC. 260 DEGREES DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .10 NOSE .025 TAIL. NO BOMB HITS OBSERVED ON TARGET HITS WERE SEEN ABOUT 4 MILES WEST SOUTHEWEST OF TARGET.
1110 1038	19000 19500	VERONA PADOVA	ACK ACK: MODERATE ACCURATE BLACK ACK ACK: 1 BURST TRACERS EFFECT. TAKE OFF: #7 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.

SORTIE REPORT
(PART A)

Sheet No. <u>1</u>	Oprep. Ref No. <u>262</u>	Date <u>13 JULY 1944</u>	Sq. <u>343</u>
Type of Aircraft <u>B-24</u>	Aircraft No. <u>841</u>	Aircraft Letter <u>N</u>	P. LT BAKER R L CP. LT WAGAMAN A C CN. LT LUNDQUIST R B. LT STEFFENS R J E. XXXXXXXX S/SGT HULST G UT R. S/SGT HULST G RWG. S/SGT HOWARD CC LWG. S/SGT CHIECO R J BT G. S/SGT JACKSON F M TT G. S/SGT EPPERSON W E NT. S/SGT GLISSON M W
Time Up <u>0644</u>	Time Down <u>1419</u>	Total Time <u>735</u>	Airframe or L.G. <u>FORTUANATO CESARE</u>
Type of Cloud: <u>CU</u>	Over target <u>CU</u>	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud <u>5/10</u>	<u>5/10</u>	Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility <u>UNLIMITED</u>	<u>UNLIMITED</u>		
General Weather <u>GOOD</u>			<u>4-104-NA</u>

Task or Duty M/Y BRESCIA

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1101	200000	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 1 MINUTE 258 DEGREES DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .10 NOSE .025 TAIL BOMBS HIT ABOUT 2000 FEET SHORT AND RIGHT OF M/Y GOOD PATTERN BUT LEFT YARDS COMPLETELY UNTOUCHED. ACK ACK: MODERATE INNACLUATE TAKE OFF: #1 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME

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Type of Aircraft XXXX B-24	Aircraft No. XXXX 176	Aircraft Letter P	P. LT PAULSON W S CP. LT SCOTT V H CN. LT DITZEL W E B. LT BOBBITT W H E. S/SGT ALDRIGE P HH UT R. S/SGT MCCLOW J P RO G. S/SGT MCCLOW J P RWGG. S/SGT LOFTIS E A LWGG. S/SGT SHRANKO A J BT G. S/SGT SINGER S TT S/SGT HEINCKE M R
Time Up 0632	Time Down 1420	Total Time 748 ✓	Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CES REE
Type of Cloud: Out CU	Over target CU	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud 6/10	4/10	Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility 10 MILES	15 MILES		
General Weather GOOD		40 4-104-NA	

Task or Duty BRESCIA ITALY

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1101	19900	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 180 SEC. DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .10 NOSE .01 TAIL .10 NSOE .025 TAIL INTERVELOMETER OUT OF ORDER SMOKE SCREEN OR CLOUD OBSURCED TARGET NOX HITS. XKE TAKE OFF: #3 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.

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Type of Aircraft B-24	Aircraft No. 343	Aircraft Letter F	P. LT DOYLE T J CP. LT HINKLE D A CN. LT VOLLMAYER J C B. LT MERCURY J E. T/SGT WELLS P E UT R. S/SGT KIRLEY M T RWG. S/SGT HITT M H LWG. S/SGT WOLFE P A BT G. S/SGT POPPIN SN TT G. S/SGT LYBROOK F C NT. S/SGT BRUNNER A C
Time Up 0630	Time Down 1420	Total Time 750	Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CESARE.
Type of Cloud: Out CU	Over target CU.	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud 3/10	3/10	Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility 15 MILES	20 MILES		
General Weather GOOD		4-104-MA	

Task or Duty BRESCIA ITALY

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1102	19700	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 2 MIN. 219 DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .10 NOSE .01 TAIL 025 TAIL 2 HITS AT F 7
1052	48877770 20000	45271100	ACK ACK: LIGHT INNACUURATE TRACER FLACK SMOKE SCREENS AT VERONA FARRARA TAKE OFF: #7 IN 18T BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. ONE	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 14 JULY 1944	Sq. 344TH
Type of Aircraft B-24	Aircraft No. 352	Aircraft Letter A	P. LT. PATTON, W.J. CP. LT. MACON, J. CW. LT. COATES, R.A. B. LT. CANNON, J.H. E. T/SGT. MILLER, E.J. UT R. PVT. DIXON, J.A. G. S/SGT. GENTILE, W.P. G. S/SGT. MCLAUGHLIN, A. G. S/SGT. ROBINSON, H.E. G. S/SGT. WOOD, E.
Time Up 0636	Time Down T240 (Tortorella)	Total Time 6:04 ✓	

Airdrome or L.G. LECCE, ITALY.

Type of Cloud: Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	Out Over target Map or Chart Reference
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Task or Duty BOMB BRESCIA M/Yds Italy.

BOMBS: 10 x 500

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Number 2-1-3 Position
1122	18,000	Target	Axis of attack 150°. Length of run ----. Sighted on leader and dropped all bombs. Bombs were dropped when gas flooded bombay. Bombay door control cables shot out, running lights, radio compass receiver and three tanks, punctured, main spar possibly damaged.
		Target above Ancona.	A/A Slight, accurate and aimed. 125 holes and some shell bursts in bombay.
		Target	A/A accurate and intense.
1240			Landed at Tortorella.
		Target above Ancona.	A/A Slight, accurate and aimed. 125 holes and some shell bursts in bombay.
		Target	A/A accurate and intense.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part E)

Sheet No. 1	Opres. Ref No. 262	Date 13 JULY 1944	Sq. 343
Type of Aircraft B-24	P. LT PUNTENNEY CP. LT VERGIE F W CN. LT WILLIAMS G E B. LT WOSSILEK C. RO E. T/SGT CARROL D E UT R. S/SGT ANTHONY P D RWG. S/SGT CARROL D E LWG. CHAPETTA J E BT G. S/SGT BROWN M E TT G. S/SGT ZABAWA C NT SGT BOND R		
Aircraft No. 161			
Aircraft Letter H			
Time Up 0630			
Time Down 1424			
Total Time 754✓			
		Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CESARE.	
Type of Cloud:	Out STRAT CU.	Over target STRAT CU.	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	2/10	2/10	Reference
Base of Cloud			
Visibility	25 MILES	25 MILES	
General Weather	GOOD		4-104-NA

Task or Duty RR YARDS BRESCIA ITALY

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1103	20000	TARGET	MADE RUN 508 DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .01 NOSE .10 TAIL .025 TAIL. WOULDN'T RELEASE IN TRAIN SO WE SALVOED. NO HITS ON TARGET.
1107	19000	MANTOUVA	ACK ACK: MODERATE ACCURATE WHITE PUFFS. SMOKE SCREEN AT FERRARA. TAKE OFF: #5 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT L TARGET; SAME.

SOURCE REPORT
(PART 2)

Sheet No.	1	Oprep. Ref No.	262	Date	13 JULY 1944	Sq.	343
Type of Aircraft	B-24	P. LT SHILED C F CP. LT HERMAN J L CN. LT THOMSON C S B. LT VATH W T E. T/SGT CUNEO CL UT R. S/SGT FITZGERALD E F RWG. S/SGT DODSON J L LW G. S/SGT LOWTHER C J BT G. S/SGT BIRD D F TT G. S/SGT RAVEN F C NT S/SGT SULLIVAN B D					
Aircraft No.	398						
Aircraft Letter	J						
Time Up	0632						
Time Down	1423						
Total Time	751						
		Airdrome or L.G. FORTUNATO CESARE					
Type of Cloud:	CU	Over target	CU	Map or Chart			
Amount of Cloud	2/10		3/10	Reference			
Base of Cloud							
Visibility	15 MILES		15 MI LES				
General weather	GOOD					4-104-NA	
Task or Duty	BRESCIA						

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1102	19800	TARGET	MADE RUN FOR 180 SEC 240 DEGREES DROPPING 10 500 LB BOMBS .01 NOSE .10 O25 TAIL. SMOKE SCREEN MADE OBSERVATIONS DIFFICULT
1028	19000	44581147	ACKA CK: MODERATE BLACK
1145	16000	VERONA	ACK ACK: INTENSE WHITE.
1028	19000	34581147	TOWN THROWING SMOKESCREEN FLAK
1035	19500	45301220	PLANE BLEW UP TYPE UNKNOWN
1042	20000	45271155	SMOKESCREEN A VERONA TAKE OFF: #6 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.
			TAKE OFF: #6 IN 2ND BOX 1ST ATTACK UNIT. TARGET: SAME.

SOURCE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. 1.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7-13-44	Sq. 344TH
Type of Aircraft B-24	P. LT. DRAGNER, THOMAS J.		
Aircraft No. 356	CP. LT. TOMERLIN, WILLIAM C.		
Aircraft Letter J.	CN. LT. FOWLER, WILLIAM H.		
	B. LT. PEDERSON, ERHARDT		
	E. T/SGT. XXXXXX RALSTON, GILBERT E.		
	UT R. T/SGT. KESSLER, MORTIMER		
Time Up 0635	C. S/SGT. MAZIKOWSKI, FRANCIS, ARMORER		
Time Down	G. S/SGT. WITMER, ROBERT R.		
Total Time 1405	G. S/SGT. WYDA, FRANK		
730	G. S/SGT. TUCK, WALTER J.		

Type of Cloud: CUMULUS		Over target CUMULUS	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud 4/10		5/10	Reference
Base of Cloud 12,000			
Visibility 10 MI.		12-15 MI.	
General Weather			

Task or Duty

BRESCIA, M/Y ITALY

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			2 - 1 - 1 POSITION
1120	18500	BOMBS AWAY ON TARGET VEVONA M/Y.	AXIS OF ATTACK 150. LENGTH OF RUN 50 SEC. SALVOE 10X 500 GP. .10-.025, .10-.01. BRESCIA COVERED BY CLOUDS COULD NOT SEE M/Y. TOLD TO BOMB VEVONA M/Y COULD NOT GAIN ALT. WENT OVER AT 18,500. FLAK ROUGH AS HELL. OPTICS IN SIGHT BLACKENED. OUT 2 SEC. BEFORE BOMBS RELEASED. DUE TO FLAK HITS IN NO. ONE ENGINE. AND TAIL. BOMBS SALVOED ON TARGETS A/A ACC. AIMED BARRAGE INTENSE. ONE ENGINE ON FIRE. OXYGEN SYSTEM SHOT OUT. FOUR MEN CUT BY FLAK AND PIECES OF METAL LANDED AT LECCE, ITALY 1405 GAIN ALT. WENT OVER AT 18,500. FLAK ROUGH AS HELL. OPTICS IN SIGHT BLACKENED. OUT 2 SEC. BEFORE BOMBS RELEASED. DUE TO FLAK HITS IN NO. ONE ENGINE. AND TAIL. BOMBS SALVOED ON TARGETS

SOURCE REPORT
(PART 1)

Sheet No.	1	Operp. Ref No.		Date	7-13-44	Sq.	344TH
Type of Aircraft	B- 24	P. LT. GUYNES, JOESPH B. CP. LT. MEEHAN, PATRICK J. CN. LT. GRAY JAMES S. B. LT. HALL, RICHARD S. E. T/SGT. BOWES, MAURICE E. UT R. T/SGT. BISHOP, ALEX E. G. S/SGT. HIGGINBOTHAN, ANDREW G. S/SGT. WOMBLE, CLAUDE H. G. S/SGT. BROWN, SIDNEY E. G. S/SGT. WEBER, PETER G.					
Aircraft No.	813						
Aircraft Letter	0						
Time Up	0635						
Time Down	1420						
Total Time	745						
Air base or L.G. LECCE, ITALY							
Type of Cloud:	CUMULUS	Over target	CUMULUS	Map or Chart			
Amount of Cloud	4/10		2/10	Reference			
Base of Cloud							
Visibility	10 MI.		10 MI.				
General Weather							

Task or Duty

BOMB BRESCIA, M/Y ITALY

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			2-1-2 POSITION
1122	18000	TARGET	AXIS OF ATTACK 150. LENGTH OF RUN 160 SEC. SALVO 10 X 500 GP. .10 - .01 - .02 FLW OVER BRIEFED TARGET 1ST A U BUT DID NOT DROP BOMBS. DROPPED BOMBS OVER VERONA BOMBS LANDED K, J -10-11 SOME FELL OVER INTO BUILDINGS . SMOKE SCREEN OVER BRIDGE ON RIVER. OTHER GROUPS BOMBS FELL IN CITY CAUSEING LARGE FIRES.
1122	18000	VERONA	XXXX A/A INTENSE, ACC. AIMED. CONTROL CABLES OF BOMBADIERS CUT. SERVAL PLANES SHOT UP. LANDED AT LECCE, ITALY. SMOKE SCREEN OVER BRIDGE ON RIVER. OTHER GROUPS BOMBS FELL IN CITY CAUSEING LARGE FIRES.

BOMBING REPORT
(PART I)

Sheet No. <u>One</u>	Oprep. Ref No.	Date <u>7/13/44</u>	Sq. <u>344th</u>
Type of Aircraft <u>B 24</u>		P.Lt. Hubbard, Normand C.P.Lt. Hubbard Amphlett, Warren E. C.N.Lt. Escher, Joseph B.Lt. Brown, Elwin L. E.T/Sgt. Bellah, Frederick U.T. R.S/Sgt. Grondona, Dorian G.S/Sgt. Porter, Garth A. G.S/Sgt. Bailey, Luther G.S/Sgt. Barrett, Lloyd R. G.T/Sgt. Cornell, Philip R.	
Aircraft No. <u>198</u>			
Aircraft Letter <u>G</u>			
Time Up <u>0655</u>			
Time Down <u>1410</u>			
Total Time <u>7:15</u> ✓			
		Airframe or L.G. Lecce, Italy	
Type of Cloud: <u>Cumulus</u>	Out <u>Cumulus</u>	Over target <u>Same</u>	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud <u>4/10</u>		<u>4/10</u>	Reference
Base of Cloud <u>8,000</u>			
Visibility <u>12 Miles</u>		<u>10 miles</u>	
General Weather			

Task or Duty BOMB BRESCIA W/Yds ITALYBOMBS: 10 x 500
FUSING: .10, .01 and .025

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Number 4-1-2 position
1122	18,000	1100 E 4527 N	Axis of attack 121°. Length of bomb run 180 seconds. Dropped on leader all bombs in train at 25 ft. interval. No observations on target available.
1120 1124	18,000	1100 E 4521 N	Brescia--Slight, inaccurate and barrage. Verona: Moderate, accurate and aimed. No damage to A/C Flak holes through ship, hydraulic system shot away.
1410			Landed at Lecce.
1124		4521 N	Verona: Moderate, accurate and aimed. No damage to A/C Flak holes through ship, hydraulic system shot away.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. One	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7/13/44	Sq. 344th
Type of Aircraft B 24	Aircraft No. 260	Aircraft Letter N	P. Lt. Annan, Robert K. CP. Lt. Rawls, John CN. Lt. Diette, Ernest B. Lt. Forster, George E. Tsgt/Bressler, Lawrence J. UT R. T/Sgt. Tabackman, Manny C. S/Sgt. Whaley, Marquid G. S/Sgt. Harrington, John F. G. S/Sgt. Allred, Norman E. G. S/Sgt. Komarnitziki, Eugene
Time Up 0636	Time Down 1325	Total Time 6:39 ✓	Airfield or L.G. Lecce, Italy Type of Cloud: Out Over target Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather Map or Chart Reference

Task or Duty

BOMB BRESCIA M/Yds ITALY

BOMBS: 10 x 500

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1124	17,700	Target	Number 2-1-5 position Axis of attack 135°. Length of run 10 minutes. Dropped on leader all bombs. Results of attack unknown.
		Saletto	A/A Slight and inaccurate. Bombardier 2nd Lt. George L. Forster killed by flak. Hydraulic system shot out, also interphone system. Number 4 and #1 engine shot out and out of control.
1325		Foggia	Other observations: Flashes not ack, ack looked like mirrors. Method of determining altitude. Landed.
			Bombardier 2nd Lt. George L. Forster killed by flak. Hydraulic system shot out, also interphone system. Number 4 and #1 engine shot out and out of control.

BOMBING REPORT
(PART A)

Sheet No. One		Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7/13/44	Sq. 344th
Type of Aircraft B 24		Plt. Whitney, Charles C. CP/O Jervis, Benjamin CN. Lt. Mittuch, Emery B. Lt. Emanuel, Tony C. E. S/Sgt. Smith, David L. UT R. S/Sgt. Blaha, Bert J. G. T/Sgt. Greaber, Lee R. G. Pvt. Cobb, Dana W. G. Sgt. Cheramie, Joseph G. Sgt. Kelly, Francis W.		
Aircraft No. 174				
Aircraft Letter D				
Time Up 0620 Time Down 1430 Total Time 8:10 ✓				
		Airdrome or L.G. Lecce, Italy		
Type of Cloud:	Out Cumulus	Over target cumulus	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud	4/10	3/10	Reference	
Base of Cloud	11,000			
Visibility	10 miles	8 miles		
General weather				

Task or Duty BOMB BRESCIA W/Yds ITALY BOMBS: 10 x 500

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Number 2 -1-6 position
1125	19,000	Target	Axis of attack 150°. Length of run 180 seconds. Dropped on leader all bombs at 25 feet interval. Bombs hit just over the target on RR installations.
1125	19,000	Target Area	A/A Moderate, accurate and aimed/
1430			Landed at Lecce.

SAFETY REPORT
(PART A)

Sheet No. One	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7/13/44	Sq. 344th
Type of Aircraft B-24	Plt. Ostendorf, Ted H. CP. Lt. Barnes, Charles R. CN. Lt. Brestel, Paul R. B. Lt. Rund, Robert L. E. S/Sgt. Halverson, Curtis W. UT R. S/Sgt. Kopko, Edward J. C. Sgt. Laird, William W. G. Sgt. Siferski, Stanley W. G. Sgt. Benoit, Donald G. Sgt. Lemons, John T.		
Aircraft No. 917			
Aircraft Letter P			
Time Up 0641			
Time Down 1420			
Total Time 7:39 ✓			
		Arrive or L.G. Lecce, Italy	
Type of Cloud: Scattered cumulus	Out Over target same	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud	Reference		
Base of Cloud			
Visibility 11 miles	10 miles		
General Weather			
Task or Duty BOMB BRESCIA M/Yds ITALY		BOMBS: 10 x 500	

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Number 2-1-7 position
1125	18,000	Verona	Axis of attack 229 °. Length of run-----. Dropped on lead ship all bombs. at 25 ft interval. Hit the target at verona, no observations.
1125	18,000	Verona	A/A Intense, accurate and aimed.
1128	18,000	Verona	A/A Hydraulic system shot out, # 3 engine out, trim tabs shot out-Bombay door partially inoperative. Waist gunner and bombardier hit by flak.
1420			Landed at Lecce.
1125	18,000	Verona	A/A Intense, accurate and aimed.
1128	18,000	Verona	A/A Hydraulic system shot out, # 3 engine out, trim tabs shot out-Bombay door partially inoperative. Waist gunner and bombardier hit by flak.

SOURCE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. One	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7/13/44	Sq. 344th
Type of Aircraft B-24	PLt. Mix. Lowell CP. Lt. Van Valin, Peter J. CN. Lt. Peterson, Harold E. B. Lt. Mulhollen, Donald B. E. T/Sgt. Brothers, Mark UT R. T/Sgt. Lundberg, Elmer J. G. S/Sgt. rimes, Charles G. S/Sgt. Dykes, Coyt G. S/Sgt. Tremain, Donald J. G. S/Sgt. Winfield, Donald.		
Aircraft No. 413			
Aircraft Letter C			
Time Up 0629			
Time Down 1414			
Total Time 7:45 ✓			
		Airdrome or L.G.	
Type of Clouds	Out	Over target	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Alto cumulus	Same	Reference
Base of Cloud	4/10	4/10	
Base of Cloud	14,000		
Visibility	CAVU	Same	
General Weather			

Task or Duty BOMB BRESCIA M/Yds ITALY BOMBS: 10 x 500

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Number six position
1102	20,000	Target	Axis of attack 219°. Length of run 120 seconds. Sighted on leader all bombs in train at 25 ft interval.
			No observation available on target.
1130	18,000		Smoke screen at Verona.
1130	18,000		A/A Some ack, ack at Verona, about 30 guns.
1414			Landed at Lecce.
1130	18,000		A/A Some ack, ack at Verona, about 30 guns.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	1.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7-13-44.	Sq. 345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.	P.	Farnsworth, Kenneth M.	Major.
Aircraft No.	44-40324.	CP.	Dalbec, Clinton C.	1 Lt.
Aircraft Letter	H.	CN.	Taylor, John L.	1 Lt.
		B.	Orr, Robert	1 Lt.
		E.	Welsh, L.M.	T/Sgt.
		UT R.	Gill, Sidney W.	T/Sgt.
Time Up	06:25	G.	Amaru, Placido A.	S/Sgt.
Time Down	14:30	G.	Martin, Gordon N.	S/Sgt.
Total Time	08:05 ✓	G.	Hughes, Frank W.	S/Sgt.
		G.	Durnning, Bernard R.	S/Sgt.
		G.	Booker, Ira K.	S/Sgt.
		Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.		
Type of Cloud:	But Cu.	Over target	Map or Chart Verona.	
		Strato-cu.		
Amount of Cloud	2 to 3/10.	6/10.	Reference	4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud				
Visibility	10 to 15 mi.	15 mi.		
General Weather	Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #1 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:22	17,800	Verona--	Reached alt. target flying same position. Came in, bearing 132°, making a 2 min. run, and trained, at 25 ft. interval releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs, 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .025 tail delay, on target. Bomb strikes at I, J and H-11. One large explosion at H-11 with large columns of black smoke. Majority generally over and short of yards, to the S. A-A: Moderate, accurate, aimed. No damage to a/c. E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed point (over Brescia). Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No camera.
14:30			
14:30			NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed point (over Brescia). Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	2.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 8-13-44.	Sq. 345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.	P. Reese, Robert D. 1 Lt. CP. Nusbaum, Kenneth 1 Lt. CN. Gault, E. 2 Lt. B. Devlin, Edward 1 Lt. E. Rossi, A.A. T/Sgt. UT R. Gordon, R.W. T/Sgt. S. Tunno, David A. M/Sgt. G. Arner, M.C. M/Sgt. G. Trihub, A. S/Sgt. G. Leonard, J.P. S/Sgt. G. Williams, J.E. S/Sgt.		
Aircraft No.	42-73429.			
Aircraft Letter	K.			
Time Up	06:25			
Time Down	14:30			
Total Time	08:05 ✓			
		Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.		
Type of Cloud:	Out Strato-cu.	Over target Med. cu.	Map or Chart Verona.	
Amount of Cloud	5 to 6/10.	3/10.	Reference 4-210-NA.	
Base of Cloud	12,000 ft.			
Visibility	12 to 14 mi.	8 to 10 mi.		
General Weather	Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #2 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:23	18,500	Verona--	Reached secondary target flying same position. Came in, bearing 219, making a 2 min. run, and trained, at 25 ft. interval, releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .02 tail, on target. Hits in M/Yds and some over in river, majority gen. short. Hits at H-11. Some bomb strikes in town E of M/Yds. One string in M/Yds. A-A: Moderate, accurate, aimed. E-A: None observed. Land: Attempted smoke screen in Po Valley, ineffective.
11:20	18,000	Verona--	M/Yds with 200 cars (?). Parked. Shipping: Nothing to report.
14:30			NOTE: Leaflet dropped at briefed place (Brescia). Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. Camera - 6 pictures over target.
14:30			Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflet dropped at briefed place (Brescia). Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	3.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date	7-13-44.	Sq.	345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.		P.	Zazzali, John K.	2	Lt.
Aircraft No.	42-51168.		CP.	May, Warne S.	2	Lt.
Aircraft Letter	L.		CN.	Lindemann, Richard	2	Lt.
			B.	Schmerler, Thomas	2	Lt.
			E.	Bryan, James		T/Sgt.
Time Up	06:25		UT R.	Lobo, Michael J.		T/Sgt.
Time Down	14:25		G.	Armstrong, Preston		S/Sgt.
Total Time	08:00		G.	Urbanski, E.		Sgt.
			G.	Moorman, William		S/Sgt.
			G.	Steil, Bernard R.		S/Sgt.
			G.	Thrift, Robert		S/Sgt.

Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.

Type of Cloud:	Out Cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart	Verona.
Amount of Cloud	2 to 3/10.	2/10.	Reference	4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud		10,000 ft.		
Visibility	10 mi.	10 mi.		
General weather	Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #3 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:23	17,800	Verona--	Reached alt. target flying same position. Came in, bearing 152°, making a 120 sec. run, and trained, at 25 ft. interval, releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bomb 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .025 tail delay, on target. Hits in M/Yds (one string), others short and S of yards, in town. Some in river. Explosion at H-11. Some hits at I-J-11. A-A: Intense, and accurate. Some few white puffs. Usual black. Pilot hit over eye by flak fragment. Minor holes to a/c. E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place.
14:25			Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK, except as noted above. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No camera.
14:25			E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No. 4.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7-13-44.	Sq.345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft B-24-J.		P. Greany, J.J. 1 Lt.	
Aircraft No. 42-109823.		CP. Christy, W. 1 Lt.	
Aircraft Letter A.		CN. Dobby, Frank 1 Lt.	
		B. Jenkins, E.M. 1 Lt.	
		E. Hagerman, B. T/Sgt.	
		UT R. McCool, L.S. T/Sgt.	
Time Up 06:25		G. Hicks, W.W. S/Sgt.	
Time Down 14:35		G. Hund, E. Sgt.	
Total Time 08:10		G. Pohlmann, B. S/Sgt.	
		G. Hicks, E. S/Sgt.	
		G. Behrendt, E. Pvt.	
		Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.	
Type of Cloud: Out Med. cu.	Over target Swelling cu.	Map or Chart	Verona.
Amount of Cloud 2 to 3/10.	2 to 3/10.	Reference	4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud	12,000 ft.		
Visibility 10 mi.	4 to 5 mi.		
General Weather Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #4 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:23	18,000	Verona--	Reached alt. target flying same position. Came in, bearing 134, making a 120 sec. run, and trained, at 25 ft. int., releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs, 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .025 tail delay, on target. Bombs generally short of yards and in town E of yards. A string of bombs in yards. Explosion at I-J-10 and at L-2. Some in river. A-A: Intense, and pretty accurate. No damage to a/c. E-A: None observed.
10:25	18,000	Brescia-- 45:13N. 12:04E.	Land: Great number of RR cars. Active. Shipping: 2 boats, anchored.
14:35			NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No cameras
10:25	18,000	45:13N. 12:04E.	Shipping: 2 boats, anchored.
14:35			NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	5.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7-13-44.	Sq. 345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.	P. Specht, John R. 1 Lt.		
Aircraft No.	42-64365.	CP. Nypert, N. 2 Lt.		
Aircraft Letter	F.	CN. Roit, R.A. ^A 2 Lt.		
		B. Johnson, P.H. 2 Lt.		
		E. Harmon, C.T. S/Sgt.		
		UT R. Harmon, W.W. T/Sgt.		
Time Up	06:25	C. Durgan, F.G. Pvt.		
Time Down	14:20	G. Charles, L.N. Pvt.		
Total Time	08:55	G. Blackley, W. S/Sgt.		
		G. Mullin, A.T. S/Sgt.		
		G. Nutter, F.E. S/Sgt.		

Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.

Type of Cloud:	Out Broken cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart Verona.
Amount of Cloud	2 to 3/10.	2 to 4/10.	Reference 4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud	10,000 ft.		
Visibility	7 to 9 mi.	10 mi.	
General Weather	Good.	Good.	

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
08:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #5 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:23	17,500	Verona--	Reached alt. target flying same position. Came in, bearing 150°, making a 120 sec. run, and trained, at 25 ft. interval, releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs, 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .02 tail delay, on target.
			Majority of bombs in city. One string in yards. Hits at H-11. Pattern all over entire area.
10:35	18,000	Verona--	A-A: Moderate, accurate, aimed. High, white puffs over Verona.
10:53	18,900	Padova--	Moderate, accurate.
		45:39N.	Light flak.
		10:44E.	
11:30	15,700	Estes--	E-A: None observed.
11:43	13,000	Taglia--	Land: Large factory. Active (?). Factory and docks. Active.
			Shipping: Nothing to report.
14:20			NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No camera.
		10:44E.	
11:30	15,700	Estes--	E-A: None observed.
11:43	13,000	Taglia--	Land: Large factory. Active (?). Factory and docks. Active. Shipping: Nothing to report.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	6.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date 7-13-44.	Sq. 345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.	P. McAninch, R.L. 1 Lt. CP. Halstead, R. 1 Lt. CN. Brinkman, W. 2 Lt. B. Atkins, J.W. 2 Lt. E. Hartig, C.T. T/Sgt. UT R. Wells, P.S. T/Sgt. G. Bohlmann, W. S/Sgt. G. Grove, R.C. Pvt. G. Bond, W.W. S/Sgt. G. Bush, Frank W. S/Sgt. G. Heilbrunn, W. S/Sgt.		
Aircraft No.	42-95463.			
Aircraft Letter	I.			
Time Up	06:25			
Time Down	14:30			
Total Time	08:05			
		Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.		
Type of Cloud:	Out Cu.	Over target Med. cu.	Map or Chart	Verona.
Amount of Cloud	2/10.	2 to 4/10.	Reference	4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud	12,000 ft.	8,000 ft.		
Visibility	4 to 6 mi.	4 to 6 mi.		
General weather	Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #6 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:22	17,700	Verona--	Reached alt. target flying same position. Came in, bearing 160°, making a 120 sec. run, and trained, at 25 ft. int., releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs, 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .025 tail delay, on target. Hits observed intown. Also short in field at M/N-12. Few in river. One string in yards itself. Explosion at H-11. Also at L/K-11.
10:35	17,000	Verona-- Padova--	A-A: Intense, verky accurate, aimed. 12 Guns at N-23. Slight, accurate. E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report.
14:30			NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No camera.
14:30			E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflets dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time.

SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

Sheet No.	7.	Oprep. Ref No.	Date	7-13-44.	Sq.345th Bomb.
Type of Aircraft	B-24-J.		P. Matthews, R.B.	1 Lt.	
Aircraft No.	42-64391.		CP. Dean, Robert L.	2 Lt.	
Aircraft Letter	D.		CN. Sullivan, J.J.	1 Lt.	
			B. Henderson, C.B.	1 Lt.	
			E. Terry, G.I.	T/Sgt.	
Time Up	06:25		UT R. Wilk, J.A.	T/Sgt.	
Time Down	14:35		G. zHayes, M.E.	S/Sgt.	
Total Time	08:10		G. Siler, O.A.	S/Sgt.	
			G. Turner, H.A.	S/Sgt.	
			G. Thies, M.C.	S/Sgt.	
			G. Hudgins, J.R.	Pvt.	

			Airdrome or L.G. Fortunato/Cesare A/D.	
Type of Cloud:	Out Strab-cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart	Verona.
Amount of Cloud	2 to 3/10.	2 to 4/10.	Reference	4-210-NA.
Base of Cloud		10,000 ft.		
Visibility	5 to 8 mi.	8 mi.		
General weather	Good.	Good.		

Task or Duty Destroy M/Yds at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
06:25			Left Fortunato/Cesare A/D flying #7 in flight #2 of the 2nd attack section.
11:23	17,400	Verona--	Reached target (Alt.) flying same position. Came in, bearing 150°, making a 2 min. run, and trained, at 25 ft. interval, releasing with lead a/c, 10 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs 5 fused .10 nose and .01 tail, and 5 fused .10 nose and .025 tail, on target. Bombs hit in fields and short of yards in town. Some in river. Explosion at H-11. Smoke screen ineffective. A-A: Moderate, intense, and aimed. No damage to a/c. E-A: None observed. Land: Nothing to report. Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflet dropped at briefed place.
14:35			Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK. Radio - OK. No camera.
14:35			Shipping: Nothing to report. NOTE: Leaflet dropped at briefed place. Landed at Fortunato/Cesare A/D. All times local time. Ship - OK. Guns - OK.

Sheet No. 1 Prep. Ref No. Date 13 July 1944 Sq. 415

Type of Aircraft	B-24	Attack Unit	1	P. 1 Lt. Umberger, A. L.
		Box	1	CP. Lt. Col. Gray, M. R.
Aircraft No.	258	Position	1	CN. 1 Lt. Nuechterlein, H. F.
Aircraft Letter	"I"			B. 1 Lt. Young, K. I.
				E. T/Sgt. McMillin, W. L.
				UT R. T/Sgt. Wright, L. B.
Time Up	06:30			C. S/Sgt. Baker, G.O.
Time Down	14:20			G. S/Sgt. English, C. P.
Total Time	8:10			G. 1 Lt. Mottoal, C. P.
				G.T/Sgt. Walsh, D.I.
				2 Lt. Garrett, E. W.

Airdrome or L.G. Lecce A/D, Italy.

Type of Cloud:	Out Cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	.7	.7	Reference 4-104-NA
Base of Cloud	10,000	10,000	
Visibility	15 Miles	10 Miles	
General Weather	Good	Good	

Task or Duty To Bomb Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
11:01	19,800	Target	BOMB RUN Flying in 1,1,1 made a 90 second bomb run on an axis 244 degrees. Sighting on briefed pin point, 10x500# GP Bombs (.10 and .01 and .025) were released in train at 25' intervals. Bombs hit to right of marshalling yards--in the Breda Arms Works Screen ineffective. AA--Nil E/A--Nil No damage to plane or personnel.

Sheet No. 2	Oprep Ref No.	Date 13 July 1944	Sq. 415
Type of Aircraft B-24	Attack Unit 1	P. 1 Lt. Barrow, R. G.	
Aircraft No. 186	Position 1	CP. F/O Manogian, E.	
Aircraft Letter "F"	Box 5	CN. 2 Lt. Buck, F. S.	
		B. F/O Koss, J.J.	
		E. T/Sgt. Clow, C. H.	
		UT R. T/Sgt. Seigh, R. D.	
Time Up 06:30		C. S/Sgt. Braodland, A. S.	
Time Down 14:30		G. S/Sgt. Daniels, W. E.	
Total Time 8:00		G. S/Sgt. Short, R.L.	
		G. T/Sgt. O'Callaghan, W.	
		S/Sgt. Vowels, E. L.	

Airdrome or L.G. Lecce A/D, Italy.

Type of Cloud:	Out Cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart 4-104-NA
Amount of Cloud	.2	.2	Reference
Base of Cloud	10,000	11,000	
Visibility	15 Miles	18 Miles	
General Weather	Good	Good	

Task or Duty To Bomb Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
11:01	19,800	Target	BOMB RUN Flying in 1,1,5 made a 120 second bomb run on an axis of 244 degrees. Sighting on lead ship, 10x500# GP bombs (.10 and .01 and .025) were released in train at 25' intervals. Marshalling Yards hit at 3 o'clock position. Smoke screen ineffective. AA--Nil E/A--Nil
11:10	19,800	Verona	AA--Accurate, Moderate, and Barrage. All times local.

Sheet No.	3	Opprop. Ref No.	Date	13 July 1944	Sq.	415
Type of Aircraft	B-24	Attack Unit	I	P. 1Lt. Senseman, R.V.		
Aircraft No.	314	Box	1	CP. F/O. Blomberg, J.M.		
Aircraft Letter	M	Position	4	CN. Lt. Kelly, A.		
Time Up	0600			B. 1Lt. Bodine, J.R.		
Time Down	1400			E. S/Sgt. Burch, D.J.		
Total Time	8.0 ✓			UT R. T/Sgt. Suraci, G.T.		
				C. T/Sgt. Gallien, J.A.		
				G. S/Sgt. Buck, S.C.		
				G. T/Sgt. Goldschmidt, J.L.		
				G. S/Sgt. Bosch, E.G.		
				S/Sgt. Heisler, PL.		

Airdrome or L.G. **Lecce**

Type of Cloud:	Out	Over target	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Nil	Cu.	Reference
Base of Cloud	Nil	7600	
Visibility	15	15	
General Weather	Good	Good	4-104

Task or Duty To bomb the M/Y at Bresica, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1100	20,000	Target	<u>BOMB RUN</u> Flying I-1-4, made 75 second bomb run on axis of 222 degrees and dropped 10 x 500 (.10 and .025,.01) in train at 25' intervals on leader. Good concentration of hits around target area. Clouds prevented good observation. AA Nil E/A Nil All times local.
			All times local.

Sheet No. 4	Oper. Ref No.	Date 13 July 1944	Sq. 415
Type of Aircraft B-24	Attack Unit I	P. Lt. Lark, H.J.	
Aircraft No. 344	Box 1	CP. Lt. Ketchum, H.J.	
Aircraft Letter S	Position 3	CN. Lt. Cobb, B.A.	
		B. Lt. Cooper, J.D.	
		E. S/Sgt. Beemsterboer, L.G.	
		UT R. T/Sgt. Jackson, C.H.	
		C. T/Sgt. Moore, H.D.	
		G. S/Sgt. Wagonseller, J.M.	
		G. S/Sgt. Gray, J.F.	
		G. S/Sgt. Cramer, P.L.	
		S/Sgt. Curtiss, J.A. S/Sgt. Muse, A.	
Time Up 0605			
Time Down 1420			
Total Time 8.3			
		Airdrome or L.G. Lecce	
Type of Cloud: Nil	Out	Over target	Map or Chart
		Cu.	
Amount of Cloud Nil		.8	Reference
Base of Cloud Nil		7500	
Visibility unl		15	
General Weather Good		Good	4-104

Task or Duty To bomb the M/Y at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1102	20,000	Target	<u>BOMB RUN</u> Flying I-1-3, made 100 second bomb run on axis of 256 degrees and dropped 10 x 500 (.10 and .01,.025) in train at 25' intervals on leader. Did not observe results. <u>AA</u> Nil <u>E/A</u> Nil All times local.

Sheet No. 5	Oprop Ref N.	Date 13 July 1944	Sq. 415
Type of Aircraft B-24	Attack Unit I	P.Lt. Andrews, W.H. CP.Lt. Edgar, R.V. CN.Lt. Barnett, A.C. B.Lt. Gumm, W.E. E.Sgt. Schumann, W.J. R.Sgt. Forgione, J.N. C.Sgt. Reading, H.C. C.S/Sgt. White, L.W. G.Sgt. Just, W.E. G.S/Sgt. Lakovich, A.A. S/Sgt. Walker, J.E.	
Aircraft No. 434	Box 1		
Aircraft Letter D	Position 2		
Time Up 0605			
Time Down 1420			
Total Time 8.3 ✓			
		Airdrome or L.G. Lecce	
Type of Cloud:	Out Scattered Cu.	Over target Cu.	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	.4	.4	Reference
Base of Cloud	7,000	8500	
Visibility	12	12	
General Weather	Good	Good	4-104

Task or Duty To bomb the M/Y at Brescia, Italy.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1100	20,000	Target	<u>BOMB RUN</u> Flying I-1-2, made 180 second bomb run on axis of 219 degrees and dropped 10 x 500 (.10 and .01, in train at 25' intervals on leader. Bomb hit to right of target. <u>AA</u> Moderate, accurate, aimed at Verona. <u>E/A</u> Nil All times local.