

DATE JULY 31, 1944

MISSION NUMBER 73

A FLIGHT 766TH

1. Wood (Word) 45
2. Roberts (Franklin) 52
3. Sterrett 43
4. Wren 54
5. Clark 57
6. Townsley 49

B FLIGHT 767TH

1. Luebke 67
2. Moore 65
3. Roswurm 74
4. Newton 64
5. Stockton 71
6. Millikan 61
7. Rosencrans 60

C FLIGHT 764TH

1. Weir 3
2. Herrin 1
3. Carter 4
4. Nankunst 5
5. Underwood 6
6. Spencer 9

D FLIGHT 765TH

1. Taylor 24
2. Kostka 23
3. Schweisberger 21
4. Mohan 34
5. King 32
6. Summers 33
7. Schear 56

SQUADRON CALL SIGNS:

764th-"TWISTED"

765TH-"SIDEDOOR"

766TH-"WHITECAT"

767TH-"STUMBLE"

BRIEFING TIME: 0545

START ENGINES:

FIRST ATTACK UNIT A FLIGHT 0735 B FLIGHT 0736 C FLIGHT 0737 D FLIGHT 0738

FIRST SHIP TAXI 0740 FIRST SHIP OFF 0750

ASSEMBLED OVER MELFI ALTITUDE 9,000 TIME 0849

RENDEZVOUS WITH 484TH OVER CANDELA ALTITUDE 8,000 FT. TIME

RENDEZVOUS WITH 451ST OVER CANDELA ALTITUDE 10,000 FT. TIME

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TIME 1050 OVER BAILESTI TYPE P-51S

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TIME 1100 AT TP#3 (ROSIORII DE VEDE) TYPE P-51S

LAVELLO TO CANDELA H 295° DIST 14 TIME 0855 ALT 9,000 FT.

CANDELA TO (KP) RAGUSA H 60° DIST 152 TIME 0943 ALT 17,000 FT.

RAGUSA TO K(TP#1) KRUSEVAC H 66° DIST 143 TIME 1023 ALT 20,000 FT.

KRUSEVAC TO VIDIN H 70° DIST 71 TIME 1043 ALT 23,000 FT.

VIDIN TO ROSIORII DE VEDE H 86° DIST 91 TIME 1106 ALT 23,000 FT.

ROSIORII DE VEDE TO (IP) CARTOJANI H 47° DIST 29 TIME 1114 ALT 23,000 FT.

CARTOJANI TO (TARGET) PRAHOVA OIL REFINERY H 84° DIST 24 TIME 1125 ALT 19000

PRAHOVA OIL REFINERY (RALLY LEFT) TO KRUSEVAC H 253° DIST 207 TIME 1244

KRUSEVAC TO RAGUSA H 246° DIST 143 TIME 1336 ALT 12,000 FT. ALT 17,000 FT.

RAGUSA TO BASE H 239° DIST 140 TIME 1432 ALT 4,000 FT.

LANDING: FIRST ATTACK UNIT 2700 FT., SECOND ATTACK UNIT 4000 FT.

RADIO: BOMBER COMMAND 4085 KC

"A" CHANNEL VHF BIG FENCE - FIGHTER BOMBER

"B" CHANNEL VHF 49TH WING

"C" CHANNEL VHF 15TH AF FIELDS

"D" CHANNEL VHF DITCHING

CALL SIGNS: 461ST "ROASTLAMB 22", 484TH "ROASTLAMB 21" 451ST "ROASTLAMB 23"

FIGHTER CALL SIGNS: ESCORT "SAXHORN 1", PENETRATION "SAXHORN 2",

WITHDRAWAL "SAXHORN 3"

VISUAL SIGNS: RED-YELLOW CLIMB, YELLOW-YELLOW LEVEL OFF, GREEN-YELLOW LET DOWN

RECALL SIGNS: "TEMPLE"

AIRSPEEDS: 160 CLIMB, 160 CRUISE, 170 LET DOWN

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: 30 FT.

GAS LOAD 2700, OXYGEN FULL AMMUNITION FULL

BOMBS: NO. 8 TYPE 500 RDX .1 NOSE .025 TAIL

TOWER FLARES: GREEN START ENGINES, YELLOW STAND BY PLANE, RED STAND BY SQ
OPNS

ALTERNATE FIELDS: FOGGIA MAIN

GROUP LEADER: MAJOR WORD IN SHIP NUMBER 45

DEPUTY GROUP LEADER: CAPTAIN FRANKLIN IN SHIP NUMBER 52

ORDER OF FLIGHT 484TH, 461ST, 451ST

ALTERNATE TARGETS: NONE