

SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 August, 1943	Squadron 564th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 773	P Fowble, E.L. 1st Lt. Captain CP Ardery, P.P. Capt. Crew N Solomon, H. 2nd Lt. B Phifer, F.H. 2nd Lt. E. LeJeune, E.G. T/Sgt. R. Wells, G.W. T/Sgt. LWG. Schermerhorn, W.H. S/Sgt. RWG. Savage, R.S. S/Sgt. BO Bird, R.K. 2nd Lt. TG Stachow, B.S. S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Berca #4	
Aircraft Letter I			
Time Up 0431 GOT			
Time Down 1750			
Total Time 13:19			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference	
General Weather Good over target		Target Chart # Red.	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaus Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Power & Boiler Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1205	250 Ft.		<p>In # 1 position, 2nd element, 1st section at take off.</p> <p>On route out observed what was possibly a B-24 on fire at 0819 hours, crash with black smoke. 38o47'N - 19o44'E.</p> <p>Time and Altitude over target. In same position over target as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, 30 minute delay. Axis of run was 143o. XXXXXX Dropped first two in boiler house and other two just over. Salvaged the last one. Lead ship hit the same thing.</p> <p>A/A: Direct light fire and accurate. No damage to our A/O.</p> <p>Fighters: 2 Me 109Fs. No attacks made. No damage to A/O.</p> <p>500 combat rounds of ammunition expended.</p> <p>Mechanical failures: Pilot clock.</p> <p>Between 25 and 30 photos taken.</p> <p>at</p> <p>Observed convoy/Pesokotra at 0920 hours NE to SW. Carried trucks and half tracks. Lt Hughes 753 J went down xxxx at target. Holes in tank, big explosion and caught on fire. Made bomb run and hit target, the cracking plant. Group missed target and made 2nd run on it.</p>

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Type of Aircraft	B-24D	Captain P J. T. Blackie, 1st Lt. OP W. H. Ware, 2nd Lt. Crew N A. H. Johnson, 2nd Lt. B M. Nelson, 2nd Lt. E J. A. Landry, T/Sgt. R D. L. Rosenthal, T/Sgt. LW E. E. Skowronski, S/Sgt. HW E. A. George, S/Sgt. BO R. J. Dramer, S/Sgt. TG T. C. Booth, S/Sgt.	Aerodrome of L. C. Booth, S/Sgt. Berlin 4	
Aircraft No.	772			
Aircraft Letter	C			
Time Up	0426			
Time Down	1752			
Total Time	13-26			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart		
Amount of Cloud	2/10	Reference		T/O RED
Base of Cloud				
Visibility	good; target clear			
General Weather	good; fair on route back			

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1210	3000		<p>Position: #3, 2nd element, 1st section; same over target.</p> <p>Route out: Black smoke and orange flame on sea at 0550 hours at 38-27N 19-41E. Over target and dropped 4 x 1000 GP bombs with one hour delay fuse on a run of 40 seconds, from a heading of 150°. Indicated air speed was 200 mph. Bombs were salvoed and two hits were scored on base of target for sure.</p> <p>Results of other bombs: Saw at least 6 bombs in our target and 6 columns of black smoke on some target near by. Smoke was 350 feet high.</p> <p>A/A: Medium, poor accuracy. Saw machine gun fire from woods and houses past target. No damage to our A/C.</p> <p>E/A: Saw 4 ME 109's of dark green color; seemed eager, and made one attack, singly. Damage to our A/C: none.</p> <p>One E/A destroyed by T/Sgt. D. L. Rosenthal, witnessed by T/Sgt. J. A. Landry and S/Sgt. E. A. George.</p> <p>Fired 100 rounds for test, and 500 for combat.</p> <p>Route Back: Stormy. Saw 2 men bail out of B-24, but plane kept on flying. No more men were seen to bail out.</p> <p>Saw B-24 hit ground after target, immediately after dropping bombs. Five minutes after target saw fighter dive on B-24 on our left. B-24 hit ground in flame. After leaving target #2 engine of B-24 letter B was smoking. He kept in formation for 30 minutes then turned East.</p> <p>Our left bomb bay door would not open because gasoline tank in bay slid down binding it. Salvoed bombs pushing bay door out and leaving it dangling.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Lt. Sheard.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 776	P 1st Lt. R.L. Wright Captain 2nd Lt. F.E. Sayre Crew H " " J.H. McLaughlin B " " G.J. Makin Jr. E S/Sgt C. Altschuler R S/Sgt J.F. Tucholski Wing S/Sgt F.O. Jacobs RWG S/Sgt R.F. Witter TT H.A. Gamelin, S/Sgt TG S/Sgt J. A. Ritchie Aerodrome or L.G. Barca 4	
Aircraft Letter H	Time Up 0425 GCT		
Time Down 1810	Total Time 13:45		
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference	
General Weather Good attarget.		T.O. Red	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Left Rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1213	250ft.		<p>In 3 position, 3rd element, 1st, section at take off. Time and altitude over target. In same position over target as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs and dropped all on target. Actual aiming point was the left rear distillation plant. Bombs hit in target and also hit 2 extra smoke stacks. Bombs were toggle released at 20 ft. intervals.</p> <p>A/A¹ Fired on approach but not over and after target. About 15 guns, tracers like 50 or 20 calibre. No damage to our A/C.</p> <p>Fighters: Observed 5 E/A identification uncertain. No damage to our A/C.</p> <p>Fired 300 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>Saw J go down over target on fire from front bomb bay on back.</p> <p>No camera carried.</p> <p>McLaughlin's #1 engine out 45 miles out of target landed at other field left 180 miles from coast on way in.</p> <p>Observed fire on water at 0822, smoke to 3,000 ft.</p>

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1945 Squadron 564
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 746	Aircraft Letter B
Time Up 0430 GOT	Time Down 1818	Total Time 13:48 hrs.
Captain P 1st Lt. F.D. Molaughlin CP 2nd " L.D. Slesson Crew N " " J.P. Sullivan B " " L.D. Travis E T/Sgt F.L. Kelly R T/Sgt C.G. Wickham WG S/Sgt D.G. Pierce Rwg C.U. Simmons, S/Sgt TT C.W. Moore, S/Sgt Aerodrome or L.O. L.A. Lisiansky, S/Sgt		Baroa 4
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference
General Weather	Good at target.	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Right Rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1214	300ft.		<p>In # 1 position, 4th element, 1st section at take off.</p> <p>On route out observed B-24 down 39°10'N - 19°50' E exploded and landed on water and burned.</p> <p>Time and altitude over target. In same position over target as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, 1 hour delay. Axis of run was 145°. XXXXXXXXXXXX Dropped all on target. Actual aiming point was right rear Distillation Plant. Bombs released in toggle at 15 ft. intervals.</p> <p>A/A: Slight and aimed. Hole in # 1 engine.</p> <p>Fighters: 3 Me 109s and JU 88s. No attacks.</p> <p>400 combat rounds of ammunition expended. Oil derrick shot up and on fire.</p> <p>No mechanical failures.</p> <p>Camera carried and photos taken.</p> <p>One ship on fire in river bed. Just after target saw 2 chutes, ship climbed. 10 minutes after target 2 engine E/A shot down by another group.</p> <p>This A/C landed at Benina.</p>

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 564
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 803	Captain P 1st Lt. R.B. Smith OP 2nd " G.H. Kuhlmann Crew N " " A.J. Lemke B " " R.C. Coleman E T/Sgt C.R. Ahola R T/Sgt C.W. Callahan LWG S/Sgt G. Miller RWG S/Sgt H.J. Lesko BS S/Sgt W.E. Cosby TG T/Sgt J.P. Korfoed Aerodrome or L.G. Barca 4	
Aircraft Letter F			
Time Up	0428		
Time Down	1755		
Total Time	13-28		

Type of Cloud	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Reference
Base of Cloud	
Visibility	
General Weather	T.C. Red

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215			<p>Position: #2, 4th element, 1st section; same over target. Over target and dropped 4 x 1000 long delay bombs, GP, on a run from a heading of 150°. Bombs were seen to hit in target area. Bombs were salvoed at 700 feet above target. Results of other bombing: Boiler house was seen afire. Targets #3 and #1 were hit. Explosive shell on target, 2 holes in ship's tail and bomb bay. Saw three E/A, one of which was shot down by one of our planes. Route back: Four A/A batteries at Valona. No camera carried. Miscellaneous: Plane went down in flame just after target. Not attacked by fighters, but bomb bay on fire. Down in river bed. Eight to 10 minutes from target, plane of our group went up to 1,000 feet and 2 chutes came out. Big hole was seen in Left wing; headed toward Yugoslavia gaining altitude. At 1720 hours two 803 calls heard, EN MY.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 755	Aircraft Letter J	P 2nd Lt. L.H. Hughes Captain CP " " R.L. Halder Crew N " " S.A. Peck B " " J.A. McLoughlin E T/Sgt J.E. Mix R T/Sgt L.H. Kane Wing S/Sgt M.C. Dalton RWG S/Sgt E.H. Smith EG S/Sgt A.K. Wilson TG S/Sgt T.A. Hoff Aerodrome or L.G. Barca 4
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			T.O. Red

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>MISSING IN ACTION</p> <p>Reported down in target area.</p> <p><i>Sgt Smith reported hospitalized in Romania</i> <i>Sgt Hoff reported prisoner in Romania</i></p>

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Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date <u>August 1, 1943</u>	Squadron <u>565</u>
Type of Aircraft <u>B-24 D</u>	Aircraft No. <u>782</u>	Captain <u>1st Lt. R.J. EE O'Reilly II</u> OP <u>2nd Lt. E.L. Poulson</u> Crew <u>N " R.W. Britt</u> <u>B " A.A. Romano</u> <u>E T/Sgt F.D. Kees</u> <u>R T/Sgt C.B. Riffle</u> <u>Wing S/Sgt J.R. Bowker</u> <u>Wing S/Sgt P.A. Rurak</u> <u>EG T.O. McGarry, S/Sgt</u> <u>Aerodrome Sgt L.G.C. Medeiros</u>		
Aircraft Letter <u>X-</u>				
Time Up				
Time Down				
Total Time				
Type of Cloud		Barca 4		
Amount of Cloud		Map or Chart		
Base of Cloud		Reference		
Visibility				
General Weather		T.O. Red		

Task or Duty Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Cracking plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			MISSING IN ACTION
			Lt. O'Reilly reported prisoner in Rumana Lt. Poulson " " " " Lt. Romano " " " " Sgt. Riffle " " " " Sgt. Bowker " " " " Sgt. Rurak " " " " Sgt. Medeiros " " " "

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Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 933	Captain P Podolak, S.J. - 1st Lt. CP Butler, O.W. - 2nd Lt. Crew N Siegal, G. - 2nd Lt. B Brackendorff, M.O. - 2nd Lt. E. Jacot, P.F. - T/Sgt. R. Cantrelle, P.A. - T/Sgt. LWG Crippen, R.M. - S/Sgt. RWG Dickenson, F.A. - S/Sgt. BQ McGreer, R.E. - Pvt. TG Townsend, H.E. - S/Sgt. Aerodrome of L.O.	
Aircraft Letter Z			
Time Up			
Time Down			
Total Time		Berca #4	
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Target Chart - Red.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Left rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Reported by Bomber Command Operations that this A/C is down in Cyprus.

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Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	August 1, 1943	539th Group 565
Aircraft No.	744	Captain	P 1st Lt. H.L. James
Aircraft Letter	S	OP	" " R.W. Schwellinger
Time Up		Crew	N 2nd " W.R. Gilliat
Time Down		B	S/Sgt G.A. Edmiston
Total Time		E	T/Sgt H.M. Thompson
Type of Cloud		R	T/Sgt E. Zimmerman
Amount of Cloud		LW	S/Sgt H.R. McLaren
Base of Cloud		RWD	S/Sgt J.P. Morris
Visibility		TL	S/Sgt H.C. Carey
General Weather		Aerodrome	Dr L.O. Sgt R.L. Hamilton
		Baroa	4
		Map or Chart	
		Reference	
			T.O. Red

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Cracking Plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			MISSING IN ACTION
			<i>Interned in Turkey</i>

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Type of Aircraft	B-24D	Captain P S. J. Podolak, 1st Lt. O. W. Butler, 2nd Lt.	
Aircraft No.	933	Crew N G. Siegal, 2nd Lt. B Brackendorff, M. C., 2nd Lt. E P. F. Jacot, T/Sgt. R P. A. Cantrell, T/Sgt. LW R. M. Crippen, S/Sgt. RW P. A. Dickenson, S/Sgt.	
Aircraft Letter	Z	BG R. E. McGreer, Pvt. TG H. E. Townsend, S/Sgt.	
Time Up	0445	Aerodrome or L.C. Berka #4	
Time Down	1720 at Cyprus		
Total Time	14-05 See below		
Type of Cloud	Left Cyprus at 0820 on August 3 arriving at Lydda. Left Lydda at 0830 on August 4, arrived at Berka #4 at 1430.		Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud			Reference
Base of Cloud			T/O Red
Visibility			
General Weather	SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT SUBMITTED EARLIER		

Task or Duty Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina, left rear, distillation plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1218	250		<p>Position: #3, 1st element, last section.</p> <p>Route out: Saw "pink" B-24 turn off jettisoning bombs at 38-25N, 19-47E. At 0815 saw "green" B-24 turn off to 210° at 38-55N, 19-45E. At 0820 saw ping B-24 hit water SE of Corfu on course. At 1050 hours two E/A biplanes circled but did not attack.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs with 45 second tail fuse. Run was made on a heading of 151°, lasting 30 seconds. All bombs hit target, but details were obscured by smoke from boiler house which was in flames. Method of release was quick toggle, with 20 second intervals.</p> <p>Results of other bombs: Boiler house afire. Stratford plant near building afire. Big column of black smoke from oil storage on left.</p> <p>A/A: Intense heavy machine gun fire; accurate. Heaviest from river bed. Saw one plane, believed to be Lt. Hughes, burning. No encounters with E/A.</p> <p>Rate back: Returned via Bulgaria, Turkey, and crossed the Danube SE of Bucharest. Were fired upon by A/A at Trnovo, and from there to island of Marmara. Two B-24's landed at Smyrna. On return, accompanied Captain Mooney, 544 R-, to Smyrna at his request.</p> <p>450 rounds of am. fired</p> <p>Camera carried and 10 photos taken.</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Saw one B-24 down at Valeni on course home. It was seen 10 minutes after leaving target and was believed to be from another group. Saw one B-24 burning on river bed near bridge. In Jugo Slavia, and Roumania, populace waved and signalled "V" with flashlights.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Major Ashley.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24D		Captain P J. B. McCormick, 1st Lt.		389th Group OP G. A. Griton, 2nd Lt. Crew N H. R. Mendelsohn, 2nd Lt. B M. Mosco, 2nd Lt. E D. O. Shattles, S/Sgt. R M. R. Van Buren, S/Sgt. LW A. P. Rossi, T/Sgt. EW G. T. Lurph, S/Sgt. EG W. J. Budai, S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Miller, S/Sgt. Borka 4	
Aircraft No. 787		Crew			
Aircraft Letter V					
Time Up					
Time Down					
Total Time					
Type of Cloud				Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud				Reference T/C RED	
Base of Cloud					
Visibility					
General Weather					

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Reported by Bomber Command Operations that this A/C is down in Cyprus.</p>

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Aircraft No.	787		
Aircraft Letter	V		
Time Up	0500		
Time Down	1720		
Total Time	12-20	Aerodrome or L.O. Berka 4	
Type of Cloud	Strato cumulus	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud	5/10	Reference T/O Red	
Base of Cloud	4500		
Visibility	10 miles, hazy		
General Weather	SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT SUBMITTED EARLIER		

Task or Duty Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina, Power and Boiler House.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1214	230		<p>Position: #1, 2nd element, 3rd section.</p> <p>Route out: Sighted oil fire on water at 0823 from 4,000 feet, at 38-47N, 19-44E. At 1050 S of Danube saw A/C on airdrome. Saw craiova at 1128 hours with 6 A/C on airdrome; no activity. Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP Demo. bombs and 6 x 100 clusters of incendiaries. A 25 second run was made and from a 220° heading. Our bombs hit #4 target, distillation plant. Three smoke stacks on the target were falling, and the target was enveloped in smoke.</p> <p>A/A: light but accurate; heavy MG's were used. One 20 mm. shell hit rear camera hatch damaging oxygen regulators, control cables and power to electric camera. Damage was alsodone to Aldus lamp.</p> <p>One man, S/Sgt. Van Buren, was seriously wounded.</p> <p>Route back: After leaving target we escorted Lt. Mooney. Flew 60 miles W of Istambul where other ships flew toward Smyrna and we flew directly to Cyprus at arrived there at 1730. Other ships in formation were Lts. James, Nading and Podolak.</p> <p>No camera was carried.</p> <p>British Air-Sea Rescue at Cyprus reports that they picked up 4 or 5 men of a crew on beach of South Turkey and carried them back to Cyprus.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Major Exnicios.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 795	Captain P Tolleson, J.F. - 1st Lt. GP Wood, R.A. - 2nd Lt. Crew N Klinghoffer, L. - 2nd Lt. B Munroe, S.W. - 2nd Lt. E. Easterling, S.W. - 1st Sgt. (TG) R. Dzadyd, J. - 1st Sgt. L.W. Elmore, S.R. - 1st Sgt. R.W. Shepherd, L.S. - 1st Sgt.	
Aircraft Letter X		BT Houlo, R. J. - 1st Sgt. TT Galinus, J.J. - 1st Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Berea #4	
Time Up 0415			
Time Down 1755			
Total Time 1340			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference	
General Weather		Target Chart-Red.	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1213	247		<p>Position: #2, 1st element, 1st section, same over target.</p> <p>Route out: Saw B-24 at 0820, 38-52N, 19-48E burning in water. Black smoke and flame, could not identify.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 4 x 1000 long delay GP bombs on a run of 30 seconds, from a heading of 140°, indicated air speed of 200 mph. All bombs were dropped on #4 target. (Dubbs Plant)</p> <p>Bombs hit 50 to 100 feet short and ricochet into target. Bombs crashed into installations and started 3 fires. Bombs were toggled. We hit our target exactly. MG South of target; saw tracers.</p> <p>Rounds fired: 200 for test; 400 in combat (ground strafing)</p> <p>Route back: Uneventful.</p> <p>Camera carried, K-20, Trigger out of order. Saw two parked A/C at 1130 on course near Craiova.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Major Ashley.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24D	P. Rodenberg, E.E. - 1st Lt. Captain Hicks, Doyle - Capt. N. Polisky, H.L. - 2nd Lt. Crew B Hammond, G.E. - 1st Lt. E. Holroyd, G.K. - T/Sgt. R. Martin, L.W. - T/Sgt. W.G. Morgan, J.E. - S/Sgt. R.W. Clark, R.L. - S/Sgt. B.G. Oberste, M.L. - S/Sgt. T.G. Eggleston, W.C. - S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Berca #4		
Aircraft No. 716			
Aircraft Letter R			
Time Up 0415 GGT			
Time Down 1800			
Total Time 1345 hrs.			
Type of Cloud Cum.			Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud			Reference
Base of Cloud 2,000 to 2,500 ft.			Target Chart - Red.
Visibility 5 miles			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Power & Boiler House.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215	275ft.		<p>In # 1 position, 2nd element, 1st section at take off. On route out observed 1 B-24 at 0820 hrs. diving into water, burst into flame and sank. 39000N - 19020'E. No bail-outs. Not believed to be in this Group.</p> <p>Time and altitude over target. In same position over target as at take off. Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, 1 hour delay, demo. M 44 type. Axis of bomb run was 1500 and time of run was 30". Actual aiming point was base of boilerhouse. Air speed was 200 mph. Dropped 3 bombs on plant. Toggle release. Jettisoned one 4 miles past target. Target burst into flame near smoke stack and exploded as plane left target. Fire burning on left target target.</p> <p>A/A: Light machine gun fire from nests just past target. Not accurate. No damage to our A/O.</p> <p>Fighters: 6 E/A, 2 engine JU 88 grey, and 5 ME 109s which were black. Eager but no attacks made. Fired 125 test and 75 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>On route back observed the following: 1. Just after leaving target a JU 88 shot a B-24 that looked as though it was landing. A/O hit ground and exploded, was on our left rear. 2. Saw what appeared to be a JU 88 in flames.</p> <p>Mechanical failures: No 1 generator out.</p> <p>People waved as plane passed over them.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator. Lt. Sheard.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT
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389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 August, 1943	Squadron 565th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 749	Captain P Braly, R.E. 1st Lt. GP Gebhard, H.N. 2nd Lt. N McJahsee, T.H. 2nd Lt. Crew B Verberg, M.H. 2nd Lt. E. Hoffman, V.L. T/Sgt. R. Mathews, E.J. T/Sgt. LWD Scott, G.W. S/Sgt. RWD Goodall, G.W. S/Sgt. BG Toth, A.C. S/Sgt. TG Fieger, J. S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Berca #4	
Aircraft Letter P	Time Up 0415 GOT		
Time Down 1750	Total Time 13:35		
Type of Cloud Cumulus	Amount of Cloud 8/10	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud 6,000 - 8,000	Visibility bad but at target about 10 miles.	Reference	
General Weather		Target Chart - Red.	

Task or Duty Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Left rear
Distillation Plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215	250ft.		<p>In # 2 position, 1st element, 1st section at take off. On route out observed A/O B-24 down, burning, at 0818 hrs GOT, about 30 minutes from coast.</p> <p>Time and altitude over target. In # 3 position, 1st element, 1st section over target. Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, 20 minute delay GP type. All on target. Axis of run was 1430 and bomb run was 60". Air speed 200 mph. Actual aiming point was Left rear Distillation plant. Hit building just short of stack on Plant - a new building. Bombs released in train at 20' intervals. Hit building and seemed to bounce in area of distillery.</p> <p>A/A: Light machine gun fire. No damage to our A/O.</p> <p>Fighters: 2 ME 109s, silver, and uneager.</p> <p>Fired 150 test and 425 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>On route back observed one B-24 go down just about 2 miles beyond and to right of target - one little over target down, crash landing.</p> <p>No mechanical failures.</p> <p>6 photos taken, including ship on fire.</p> <p>At 1325 hrs ship in section, 20 miles past Bashrobita, turn 90° to left - not in any apparent trouble.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Interrogator Capt Black</p>

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 565
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 775	Aircraft Letter Y	Captain P 1st Lt. K.H. Watson OP 2nd " A.H. Green Crew N " J.B. Engelhardt B " R.A. Franklin E T/Sgt L.C. Vick R T/Sgt H.J. "achos LWG S/Sgt W.R. Strasmeier NRG S/Sgt W.H. Crowley DU T/Sgt H.R. Driver T3 S/Sgt J.B. Edwards Aerodrome or L.G. Baron 4
Time Up 0421 GGT	Time Down 1742	Total Time 13:21	
Type of Cloud Scattered cloud over target	Amount of Cloud 8/10	Base of Cloud 6,000 ft.	Map or Chart Reference T.O. Red
Visibility Clear - under 10 miles	General Weather		

Task or Duty **Bomb Steamer "Omaha" Oil Refinery, Campina; Left Rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1213	300 Ft.		<p>In # 3 position, 2nd element, 1st section at take off.</p> <p>On route out at 0820 hrs GGT observed fire on water - undetermined as to cause.</p> <p>Time and altitude over target. In same position as at take off. Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, 1 hour delay, GP type. All dropped on target. Axis of run was 1520; 60" bomb run. Actual aiming point was # 2 target (Left Rear Distillation Plant.) Air speed of 205 mph. One hit tall chimney on # 1 target (Power and Boiler House) and rest on target buildings # 2. Bombs released in train. Put hole in tallest chimney. Observed fires on target #1, apparently started by lead ship.</p> <p>AA: Light machine gun and rifle fire. No damage to A/O.</p> <p>Fighters: 3 ME 109s, were uneager and did not attack.</p> <p>Fired 50 test and 250 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>On route out strafed machine gun nests and oil derricks - saw one oil well on fire. One machine gun between #1 and # 2 and another blaze beyond # 2.</p> <p>Mechanical failures: Pilots jack box out.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator Capt. Black.</p>

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389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 565
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 629	Com. P J. W. Wood, Colonel Captain P E. M. Caldwell, Capt. Crew CP O. T. Hamilton, 2nd Lt. N Meador, S., 2nd Lt. B J. A. Fino, 1st Lt. LWG & E A. D. Greenhalgh, T/Sgt. R B. P. Greeley, T/Sgt. RW W. E. Nessler, S/Sgt. TG L. Smith, S/Sgt. G H. Gibson, S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Berlin 4	
Aircraft Letter N			
Time Up 0417			
Time Down 1745			
Total Time 1328			
Type of Cloud Hazy Medium		Map or Chart Reference T/C RED	
Amount of Cloud			
Base of Cloud			
Visibility Over target good			
General Weather			

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1217	325		<p>Position: #1, 1st element, 1st section.</p> <p>Route out: Just S of Corfu saw A/D go into water and burn.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 4 x 1000 GP bombs with one hour delay on a run from a 140° heading. Indicated air speed was 200 mph. Bombs were toggled at 10/20 foot intervals, and all were seen to strike in the target.</p> <p>Machine gun on roof of #1 target fired once.</p> <p>E/A: Saw five uneager ships. No attacks.</p> <p>Rounds fired: 250 for test; 550 in combat.</p> <p>Route back: Saw 1 B-24 in flame after going through flame over target. This A/C exploded on ground. Saw JU 88 down after leaving Corfu.</p> <p>Equipment failures: Solenoid on R gun out of order; replaced.</p> <p>Bulb in exciter of tail turret burned out.</p> <p>Camera carried and 120 photos taken.</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Saw A/D with 4 hangars and 6 A/C at Craiova.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Carlile Crutcher,</p>

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589th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 566
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. A- 115	Aircraft Letter A-	Captain P M. E. Neef, 1st Lt. OP C. H. Larsons, 2nd Lt. Crew N O. V. Ferguson, Capt. B C. N. Wallace, 1st Lt. E F. D. Randall, T/Sgt. R J. J. Sedlack, T/Sgt. LW A. C. Kensit, S/Sgt. RW E. R. Wescott, S/Sgt. TT H. T. Godwin, S/Sgt. TG A. A. Bailey, S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.O. Con. P W. H. Yeager, Maj. Berlin 4
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	

Type of Cloud	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Reference T/O RED
Base of Cloud	
Visibility	
General Weather	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<u>Missing in Action</u>
			<p><i>Capt Ferguson } reported Sgt Sedlack } hospitalized in Rumania</i></p> <p><i>It Neef reported prisoner in Rumania</i></p> <p><i>Capt. Ferguson " " "</i></p> <p><i>1st Wallace " " "</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Randall " " "</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Kensit " " "</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Wescott " " "</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Godwin " " "</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Bailey " " "</i></p> <p><i>Maj. Yeager " " "</i></p> <p><i>1st Larsons " " "</i></p>

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Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	387th Group Squadron 566
Type of Aircraft	B-24D	Captain P R. W. Horton, 1st Lt. GP O. T. Hull, 2nd Lt. Crew N R. H. Krug, 2nd Lt. B E. R. Emerson, 2nd Lt. AE Z. J. Steen, S/Sgt. R J. E. Smith, Sgt. LW F. A. Herlevick, T/Sgt. HW J. V. Lambert, S/Sgt. EG R. P. Kaufman, Sgt. TG L. G. Smith, S/Sgt.	Aerodrome or Berka 4	
Aircraft No.	735			
Aircraft Letter	O-			
Time Up				
Time Down				
Total Time				
Type of Cloud			Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud			Reference T/C RED	
Base of Cloud				
Visibility				
General Weather				

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Cracking plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p align="center">MISSING IN ACTION Reported down at target.</p> <p align="center"><i>Sgt Z. J. Steen reported prisoner in Rumania</i></p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1945	Squadron 566
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 623	Aircraft Letter I-	Captain P D. G. Westerboke, 1st Lt. OP J. O. Martin, 1st Lt. Crew N J. F. Nolan, 2nd Lt. B R. T. Gallagher, 1st Lt. E E. O. Welch, T/Sgt. R G. B. Farrell, T/Sgt. LW W. T. Bour, S/Sgt. RW (Engineer) DO R. J. Watson, S/Sgt. TO I. T. Ward, S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.O. X W. L. Kingman, 2nd Lt.
Time Up	0441		
Time Down	1800		
Total Time	1319		

Type of Cloud	Cumulus	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Scattered, 8/10	Reference T/C RED
Base of Cloud	6,000	
Visibility	Bad, 10 miles	
General Weather		

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215	300		<p>Position: #3, 2nd element, 2nd section, same over target. Route out: Saw B-24 blow up at 0823 hours. Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs and 6x100 incendiary clusters on a 45 second bomb run, from an axis of 151°. The 500's hit building. Incendiaries hit short of building and on MG nest, exploding. Indicated air speed was 200 mph. General results: Target was all aflame before bombing. Damage to A/C from AA fire: #3 engine hit, feathered. E/A: Two, ME 109 and ME 110 seen, uneager. One attack, singly. E/A, ME 110, came in within 400 yards just after target. He came in from 10 o'clock on another ship in our element. Saw plane go down, belly up. Route back: uneventful.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Capt. Black.</p>

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Sheet No.		Opref. Ref. No.	Date 1 August, 1943	Squadron 566th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 722	Aircraft Letter B-	Captain P Dieterle, J.W. 1st Lt. CP Baum, T.G. F/O. Crew N Campbell, T.C. 2nd Lt. B Hyde, R.H. 2nd Lt. E. Decamp, M.A. T/Sgt. R. Marsh, A.J. T/Sgt. LWG Boisclair, L.D. S/Sgt. RWG BG Hayes, R.D. S/Sgt. TG Cox, E.C. S/Sgt. Aerodrome of L.G. Berea #4	
Time Up 0441	Time Down 1741	Total Time 13:00		
Type of Cloud Heavy Cum. in Mountains over Albania and Yugoslavia. Scattered cloud over target. Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud 5,000 - 6,000' Visibility 10 to 15 miles over target. General Weather Usual Cum and thunder showers in Mts.			Map or Chart Reference Target Chart - Red.	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Left rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1214	300'		<p>In 3rd position, 3rd element, 2nd section & take off.</p> <p>On route out observed at 0825 B-24 of another group jettison bombs and turn back - on XXXXX course.</p> <p>Time and altitude over target. In same position over target as take off.</p> <p>Carried 6 x 500 pound bombs, long delay, GP type and 6 x 100 incendiaries. Axis of run was 150°. Actual aiming point was 100' short of Stratford (SE) Stills. Air speed was 200mph.</p> <p>5 bombs on target and 4 clusters of incendiaries, toggle released and 1 bomb and 2 clusters salvoe released just beyond target. Saw flame by high stacks. Observed incendiaries sparking exactly on target and in doorway of building.</p> <p>Could see effect of earlier incendiaries all over target. xxx Oil fire seen at rear edge of Still.</p> <p>A/A: Ran thru machine gun fire at target - could see tracers. Hole in cowling of # 1 engine.</p> <p>100 test rounds of amm. fired.</p> <p>On route back observed A/U just beyond target in river bed, O- went down in flames. No survivors. Believed 2nd burning B-24 near O- in river bed xxxx between bridge and 1st burning plane. Possible a 3rd burning B-24 seen on ground after target was passed. xxx E/A seen 3 minutes after leaving target - unidentified.</p> <p>Twin engine fighters seen to crash. 2 ME 109s seen attacking a B-24 about 4 minutes after target. Saw 2 B-24's probably of another group turn back SE 15 minutes after leaving target. At 1241 saw 2 chutes leave a distant B-24.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator Major Ashley</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Bomb Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1945	Squadron 566
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 738	Aircraft Letter J-	Captain P Capt. T.C. Conroy OP 2nd Lt. H.S. Mason Crew N " " H. Roodman S 1st " A.C. Ormesbee E T/Sgt R.O. Anchando R T/Sgt R.W. McNair LWG T/Sgt W.E. Taylor RWG S/Sgt V.E. Scollin BG S/Sgt D.L. Kirkland Aerodrome or Base of Operations S/Sgt C.F. White
Time Up 0435 GGT	Time Down 1805 Malta	Total Time 13:30	Barca 4
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart Reference T.O. Red
Visibility Fair	General Weather		

Task or Duty

Campina Oil Refinery.		Right Rear Distillation Plant	
Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Bomb load: 6 x 500 long delay fuse. Four 100 pound clusters of incendiary bombs.</p> <p>#1 position, 2nd element, 2nd section at take off.</p> <p>On route out observed oil and smoke on water at 0823 hrs.</p> <p>Over target at 1215 hrs at altitude of 250 ft. In same position over target as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 6 x 500 pound bombs, long delay and six clusters of incendiaries. Axis of bomb run was 1400 and time of run was 50". Air speed was 205 mph. All bombs dropped on target. Actual aiming point was Right Rear Distillation Plant, but hit Power and Boiler House also. Bombs released in toggle at 20 ft. intervals.</p> <p>Observed fires all over target area and beyond.</p> <p>A/A; Light, but good bit of it and inaccurate. No damage to our A/C.</p> <p>Enemy Aircraft: Observed 2 ME 109s and 110s. One attack. One E/A claimed. Me 110 attacked at 1225, west of Pluesti and 10 ft. above ground. E/A made three attacks at 11, 9, o'clock with the last coming from 6 and going out at 8 o'clock. E/A feathered motor in last pass; seen to crash on ground. Walter E. Taylor T/Sgt was victorious gunner. 50 good shots into E/A which came over, peeled off and hit ground. The following verify Sgt Taylors claim: T/Sgt R.O. Anchando, LWG, S/Sgt C.F. White Tail gunner, S/Sgt D.L. Kirkland, and V.E. Scollin RWG.</p> <p>Fired 100 test and 500 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>On route back Me 110 hit I-'s # 3 motor. This A/C convoyed I- back. I- took way North of course which was the reason, plus the lack of fuel, for this A/C J- landing in Malta.</p> <p>Mechanical failures: Flight indicator went out.</p> <p>Camera carried and photos taken, including Valona a/d.</p> <p>Whole group made 3600 turn before target. Observation plane (over)</p>

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followed Group before reaching Danube on way in. Flak set 1 at Valona.
2 Chutes seen bailing out of ship. Ship continued on course. At Berkowta around
Mountain Range 2 B-24's (pink) could not make pass. One made an 180° turn back
on course and probably headed towards Turnil Severin Area. Other headed at 1500
down Mountain Range. One SOS from B-24 which was down at 54°10'N - 20°12'E at
1730 hours.

Interrogator.
Captain Benton.

SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1945	Squadron 566
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 706	Aircraft Letter F-	Captain P C. J. Whitener, 1st Lt. C. H. Howard, 2nd Lt. Crew N J. L. Wyatt, 2nd Lt. B D. Dadano, 2nd Lt. E C. A. Burke, T/Sgt. R F. F. Seaden, T/Sgt. LW W. Marley, S/Sgt. RW J. W. Miller, S/Sgt. G H. A. Lawson, S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.O. G. P. C. Shirey, S/Sgt. Berlin 4
Time Up	0435		
Time Down	1810		
Total Time	1335		
Type of Cloud	Cumulus	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference T/O RED	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1218	250		<p>Position in formation: #2, 2nd element, 2nd section; same over target.</p> <p>Route out: Saw B-24 of unidentified group salvo bombs at 389th, 20-01 E at 1122 hours. A second B-24 followed him down. No parachutes were observed.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs with one hour delay tail, and 6 x 100 lb incendiary clusters on a run of 145°. Duration of run was 72 seconds. Indicated air speed 210 mph. All bombs were dropped on target #3, Dubbs plant. Bombs were released in quick toggle and salvo at 15 foot intervals. Due to delayed fusing, no results were observed, although all bombs were seen to strike in target. Target #3 was ablaze when bombed. Storage tanks between targets #3 and #1 ablaze. MG fire seen from roofs of refinery bldg; aimed, inaccurate. E/A: 1 ME 110, 2 ME 109's, grayish in color, one was eager. E/A made six attacks from 10 o'clock, singly. No damage to our A/C.</p> <p>One ME 110 shot down by S/Sgt. H. C. Lawson, top turret, seen to crash by S/Sgts. J. W. Miller, W. Marley and E/C. Shirey. Fired 50 rounds fir practice and 580 in combat.</p> <p>Route back: Two parachutes seen to hit ground at about 1243 hours at 44-13 N, 24-45 E. S/Sgt. W. Marley shot up MG nest which was firing on Capt. Conroy's plane (J-). Saw crew scatter, and fire cease. This was about 20 mi. SW of Campina at 1223 hrs. Observed one B-24 of 389 Group crash in river bed to W of Campina. Smashed into trees and exploded. Nobody seen to leave ship. A second B-24 had crashed just S of first one about 3/4 mile S of town in river bed. Wreckage scattered over 1/2 mile and smoking. Unidentified man standing near wreckage waving. Saw about 15 twin engine E/A in field near Craiova on way in. Saw about 24 E fighters at Valona Albania field, some single engine.</p> <p>Note: The above account of E/A shot down by S/Sgt. Lawson occurred at 1233 hours at 44-33 N, 25-25 E.</p>

Interrogator, Major Mahar.

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

329th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 567
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 544	Captain P R. O. Moore, Capt. OP J. E. Gerrits, 2nd Lt. Crew N J. D. Wilson, 1st Lt. B R. Triantafellu, 1st Lt. E O. E. Garrett, T/Sgt. R A. Lubin, T/Sgt. LW E. P. Spencer, S/Sgt. RW A. P. Leibowitz, S/Sgt.	
Aircraft Letter R-		BG E. G. Ayers, S/Sgt. TG E. H. Henderson, S/Sgt.	
Time Up		Aerodrome or L.C. Berlin 4	
Time Down			
Total Time			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference T/O RED	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power and Boiler House.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			MISSING IN ACTION
			<i>Landed at Iznik - Capt Mooney killed.</i>

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SORTIE REPORT
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389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, '43	Squadron 567
Type of Aircraft B-24D		P Nading, W. D. 1st Lt. Captain CP Christensen, H. H., 2nd Lt. N C. W. Weinberg, 2nd Lt. Crew B Newman, H. J., 2nd Lt. E Nix, A. L., T/Sgt. R Brayovich, S., S/Sgt. LW Calkins, L., S/Sgt. RW Leyva, V., S/Sgt. BG Peterleus, A. W., S/Sgt. TG Fussi, J., S/Sgt.	
Aircraft No. 793		Aerodrome or L.G. Berka 4	
Aircraft Letter H-			
Time Up 0445 (GMT)			
Time Down 1800 (GMT)			
Total Time	Note: Landed at Cyprus--flew two hours from Cyprus to Lydda, Palestine, believe this combat time making total combat time 15-15 hours.		
Type of Cloud	Map or Chart		
Amount of Cloud Cumulous	Reference		T/C RED
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather	Supplement to report submitted earlier.		

Task or Duty Bomb Steaus Romana Oil Refinery, Campina, Roumania, Cracking plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1218	300		<p>Position in formation at take off: #2, 1st element, 3rd section. Route out: Observed 7 twin-engine bombers believed German JU 88's on ground at landing field in Piatra, Roumania. (44-20N, 24-20E) Also four large hangars. At 0810 hours GCT observed B-24 salvo his bombs and head for Malta (38-50N, 19-50E). Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs and 6 x 100 incendiary clusters on a 20 second bombing run from a heading of 151°. Indicated air speed was 200 mph.</p> <p>All bombs and at least 50% of the incendiaries were seen to hit on the target. Due to the smoke and flame it was impossible to observe which buildings were struck. Bombs were dropped by quick toggle method about 20 foot interval.</p> <p>Results of other bombing: Entire target area afire; very large fire, in target No. 1, boiler house.</p> <p>Enemy A/A opposition was of small calibre and machine guns. It was inaccurate and aimed. There was no damage to A/C from A/A fire.</p> <p>There was no E/A opposition.</p> <p>About five minutes before reaching target, a B-24 was observed to salvo his bombs and turn back. He appeared to be under control. The A/C could not be identified.</p> <p>Route back: After leaving target a tower to the east and south of target was observed to burst into flames.</p> <p>About 15 miles SW of target, this element led by 544 R- swung off the return route and headed for Turkey, followed by 933 Z, 787 V, 744 S and this A/C (793 H-). At this time a B-24 believed to be 506 A- piloted by Lt. Neef, was observed flying eastward and possibly heading for Turkey. This "pink" ship was beneath the element, and it is believed the pilot was unaware of our presence. He made no effort to join the element.</p> <p>While passing over Bulgaria, at 43-19N, 25-35E, a few rounds of anti aircraft fire were observed. It was inaccurate and aimed.</p> <p>About 12 miles south of the target a single parachute was observed landing in the river bed. The A/C from which the parachutist dropped was not observed.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

339th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 August, 1943	Squadron 567th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 793	Captain P Nading, W.D. 1st Lt. W Christensen, H.H. 2nd Lt. Crew H Weinberg, C.W. 2nd Lt. B. E. Nix, A.L. 1/Sgt. R. Brayovich, A. 1/Sgt. LMJ Calkins, L. 1/Sgt. RMJ Leyva, V. 2/Sgt. 23 Peterious, A.W. 3/Sgt. 73 Fuenf, J. 4/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.G. Soroca #4	
Aircraft Letter II-			
Time Up			
Time Down			
Total Time			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Target Chart - Red.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Cospina. Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>This A/C is report to be in Cyprus by Bomber Command Operations.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT
(Part A)

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date	Squadron
Type of Aircraft	Aircraft No.	Aircraft Letter	Captain Crew
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	Aerodrome or L.G.
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart Reference
Visibility	General Weather		

Task or Duty

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Page 2, A/C # 793 H-, Lt. Nading, August 1, 1943.</p> <p>The element continued flying south eastward in formation until over Smyrna, Turkey, when R- and S turned off to land at the Smyrna field. Both made good landings. The other A/C in the element continued on to the island of Cyprus, landing at Nicosia A/D. This A/C landed at 1800 hours, GCT. Lt. Nading, pilot, reported to Squadron Leader Buchanan, RAF, in charge of the field. A/C departed for Lydda, Palestine, at 1143 GCT, August 2, arriving there at 1330 hours GCT. It departed for Cairo at 1430 hours and landed at Heliopolis A/D at 1615 hours reporting upon arrival to the U.S. Air Transport Command. At Nicosia, Cyprus, eight other B-24's were noted. One of these believed to be from the 376th Squadron, bearing the letter K, made a crash landing due to damaged landing gear. None was injured.</p> <p>During the flight the following mechanical failures were noted: The tail turret failed immediately after crossing over the target, and it was found that the landing lights would not operate when required.</p> <p>Camera carried, K-20, and one photo was taken.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Major Mahar.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1945	Squadron 567
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 751	Captain P W. J. Denton, 1st Lt. CP W. L. Daily, 2nd Lt. Crew N T. Katz, 2nd Lt. B D. Norton, 2nd Lt. E P. C. Lewis, T/Sgt. R L. W. Rackley, T/Sgt. LW J. Petty, S/Sgt. RW L. N. Bresnahan, S/Sgt.	
Aircraft Letter Y-		EG P. L. Ohlmeier, S/Sgt. TG R. J. Levine, S/Sgt.	
Time Up 0430	GOT	Aerodrome or L.G. Berka 4	
Time Down 1815			
Total Time 1345			

Type of Cloud
Amount of Cloud
Base of Cloud
Visibility
General Weather

Map or Chart
Reference **T/O RED**

Task or Duty **Bomb Steana Romana Refinery, Campina ; Cracking plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215	300 Ft.		<p>In # 2 position, 2nd element, 2nd section at take off. On route out observed ship on fire at 0820, 39o15'N - 19o45'E.</p> <p>Time and Altitude over target, In same same position over target as at take off. Carried 6 x 500 pound bombs 20 minute delay and 6 clusters of incendiaries. Air speed was 200 mph. All bombs hit target. Aiming point was the Cracking Plant. Target was on fire before run was made. Bombs released in taggle at 20 ft. intervals. Observed fire in Boiler house.</p> <p>A/A: Some fire as we cam in but did not damage A/O.</p> <p>Fighters: 2 seen 5 miles after target. No attacks and no damage to A/O.</p> <p>Fired 900 round of ammunition.</p> <p>19 Photos taken.</p> <p>Observed observation plane 1 to 1 1/2 hours before target above formation and then landed. 2 miles after target shot up tank on fire. Tail gunner shot gunner off target wall. As we left Corfu coming out at 1340 hours, 9000 ft 20 planes on A/d. Pictures taken. Oil field at 39o23'N - 20o20'E. Black bursts over field. 15 to 20 minutes after target 2 chutes seen to come out of ship. We kept on going. It kept on course towards Yugoslavia.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

339th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 August 1943	Squadron 567th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 517 619	Comd. Brooks, J.A. Major. Captain P Ward, E.M. Capt. Crew CP Emphie, C.W. 2nd Lt. N Woodinger, H.E. 2nd Lt. B DeCoito, A.R. 2nd Lt. E. Jennings, B. T/Sgt. R. Cemeniw, J.M. T/Sgt. ENG Lemmons, E.E. S/Sgt. RWG Lannin, E. H. Sgt. BB Healy, B.C. S/Sgt. Aerodrome or E.C. TG Fulton, J.A. S/Sgt.	
Aircraft Letter N-			
Time Up 0430 GOT			
Time Down 1740			
Total Time 13:10			
Type of Cloud Cumulus from Greece into target.	Amount of Cloud .5 to .7	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud 8,000 ft.	Visibility 10 miles at 6,000; clear over target.	Reference	
General Weather		Target Chart - Red.	

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Power & Boiler Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1210	250 ft.		<p>In lead position, 3rd element, 2nd section at take off. On route out observed A/C identified as B-24 crash in sea at 39°N - 19°30'E - Twin rudders visible as A/C hit sea and exploded. Observed from 5,000 ft. No parachutes observed and no E/A seen.</p> <p>Time and altitude over the target. In same position as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 4 x 1000 pound bombs, long delay, GP type. All dropped on target. Axis of run 160° and time of run was 1'20". Actual aiming point was the Power and Boiler Plant. Air speed 200 mph. Fourth bomb observed to penetrate roof of target; others struck in front and skipped into target. Bombs released in quick toggle at 20 ft. intervals. Results of bombing not observed due to long delayed fusing.</p> <p>Blaze and black smoke in Boiler house (target # 1). Bomb of wing repeat, wing ship observed to land in Dubbs Plant; small scattered fires in target area.</p> <p>Machine gun fire only, was inaccurate and aimed.</p> <p>Fighters: 2 ME 109s, Greyish - yellow, were uneager. One attack from 1 o'clock and single. No damage to A/C from E/A. Fired 100 test and 900 combat rounds of ammunition.</p> <p>On route back equipment was jettisoned just after passing over Greek coast at 1500 hrs GOT; 2 waist guns, 3500 rds of amm., radio and armorer's tool sets, hydraulic fluid, radio tuning equipment and 1 fire extinguisher. This was due to the lack of fuel.</p> <p>Mechanical failures: Automatic camera failed to work, was operated manually.</p> <p>Estimated all photos taken.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

389th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August, 1943	Squadron 567th
Type of Aircraft B-24D	Aircraft No. 807	P Spurrier, C.E. - 1st Lt. GP Kurtz, C.H. - 2nd Lt. Crew N McMullen, W.K. - 2nd Lt. B Gregg, H.W. - 2nd Lt. E. Holland, J.E. - T/Sgt. R. Ward, A.D. - T/Sgt. LWG Duffy, E.A. - S/Sgt. RWG Ballard, C.E. - S/Sgt. BG Rogers, F.M. - Sgt. TG Freeman, B.L. - S/Sgt. Aerodrome or L.O.	
Aircraft Letter U-			
Time Up 0429 GDT			
Time Down 1740			
Total Time 13:11		Berco #4	
Type of Cloud Cumulus		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Target Chart - Red.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery at Campina. Cracking Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1220	220'		<p>In # 2 position, 1st element, 3rd section at take off.</p> <p>Observed unidentified A/C crash in sea and explode near Greek coast at 0821 hrs. 38°40'N - 19°40'E.</p> <p>Time and altitude over the target. In same position over target as at take off.</p> <p>Carried 4x 1000 pound bombs, 1 hour delay, GP type. All bombs on target. Axis of run was 165°. 1'20" bomb run. Actual aiming point was target # 3, Cracking plant. Air speed was 205 mph. All bombs landed in Dubbs Plant. Bombs released in quick toggle at 10ft. intervals. Observed a great deal of smoke over target. Boiler house ablaze; tank a few feet north of boiler house aflame.</p> <p>Fighters: 4 Me109s, one black, others too far away. They were uneager and did not attack.</p> <p>50 test and 250 combat rounds fired.</p> <p>On route back observed plane believed to be enemy fighter ablaze on ground about 15 miles SW of Campina.</p> <p>Observed about 15 twin engine aircraft on field one mile SE of Craiova; no apparent effort to leave ground. Seen at 6000 ft enroute to target.</p> <p>Leading edge of right wing, about 4 ft. from tip, damaged when flight of birds was encountered.</p>
		Interrogation Major Mahar.	

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or direct hits on target # 4 (Boiler House). Set ablaze two storage tanks just south of target. Three M.G. A/A posts, 1 on bridge W of target, 2 on hill NE of target beside flying field. Natives waved at crews as A/S left target area on way home. Observed as far south as Danube Area.

Interrogation
Major Mahar

SORTIE REPORT (Part A) **389th Group**

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D		P 2nd Lt. W.M. Selvidge Captain " " B.B. Bilby Crew " " L.B. Stilwell B " " H.E. Moore E T/Sgt R.D. Woofter R T/Sgt P.V. Rice LWG S/Sgt E.C. Wright RWG S/Sgt V.E. Mayer	
Aircraft No. 747		TT S/Sgt W.W. Willhight TG S/Sgt A.R. Norman Aerodrome or L.G. Barca 4	
Aircraft Letter B-			
Time Up	0430		
Time Down	1800		
Total Time	13-30		
Type of Cloud	Cumulus out and back.	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud	8/10	Reference	
Base of Cloud	7,000		
Visibility	15 mi. over target		
General Weather		T.O. Red	

Task or Duty **Bomb St. Anna Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Leftrear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1215	300		<p>Position: #3, 2nd element, 2nd section; same over target.</p> <p>Route out: Saw B-24 from another group spin into water at 0730 hours. Saw 2 B-24's apparently turn toward Malta on way out with engines feathered.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs and 6 x 100 incendiary clusters on an 18 second run, from a heading of 1430, at indicated air speed of 220 mph.</p> <p>Target was already burning from earlier incendiaries and could not observe effects of our bombing. Bombs were toggled.</p> <p>Other results: Flames around smoke stacks; tanks afire. Tank in SE corner exploded as we were on turn. MG fire throughout target area.</p> <p>No E/A encountered.</p> <p>Fired 300 rounds for test, and 50 at storage tanks.</p> <p>Route back: Saw oil storage tanks burning to 15 miles from target.</p> <p>Equipment failures: Top turret solenoid bad; some ammunition loose in clips.</p> <p>Camera carried and 12 photos taken.</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Saw 3 Ju 88's on ground at Batloj on course at 1100 hours. Two unidentified E/A and one single E/A attacked group 5 minutes after target. One of the twin-engine E/A and the single-engine were seen to go down. Pilots bailed out.</p> <p>Right after target saw one B-24 burning in river bed. Could not identify; no chutes came out. One possible B-24 afire 10 minutes after target to left of course.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Major Ashley.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT 389th Group
(Part A)

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 567
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 743	F 1st Lt. W.J. Sisson CP 2nd " G.W. Binder W 1st Lt. R.J. Naths Crew B " " J.D. Mattingly E T/Sgt J. Clarkston R. T/Sgt W.S. Gunknecht LMG S/Sgt W.H. Sivley RWG O.T. Browning, P/Sgt TT S/Sgt P.O. Murphy TG S/Sgt R.T. Dickman	
Aircraft Letter 34 O-		Aerodrome or L.G. Barca 4	
Time Up	0420		
Time Down	1740		
Total Time	13-20		
Type of Cloud	Not as good as briefed, more clouds.	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud	Winds at 40 mph.	Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility		T.O. Red	
General Weather			

Task or Duty **Bomb Steaua Romana Oil Refinery, Campina; Left Rear Distillation Plant.**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1235	300		<p>Position: #3, 2nd section, 1st element.</p> <p>Route out: Saw explosion at 39-04 N, 19 45 E.</p> <p>Over target and dropped 3 x 1000 GP bombs on a run from 170°.</p> <p>Indicated air speed was 200 mph. One bomb stuck in racks and was salvoed in open field. Bombs were toggled.</p> <p>AA: Machine gun on way in.</p> <p>E/A: Saw 1 FW 187, black; also saw one ME 109F. Seemed eager.</p> <p>Rounds fired: 100 for test, 500 for combat.</p> <p>Equipment failures: Compass stuck on 100° heading.</p> <p>Population waved and seemed very friendly. Eight A/C seen on an A/D near Craiova NE of town. Also saw 4 hangars.</p> <p>The camouflage of our target was very poor---just a poor paint job.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Carlile Crutcher.</p>

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SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

589th Group

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date August 1, 1943	Squadron 567
Type of Aircraft B24 D	Aircraft No. 733	Aircraft Letter V-	Captain P Capt. C.W. Gerrick CP 2nd Lt. G.T. Martin Crew N 1st " G.H. Wilson B " " S. Westlund E T/Sgt C.A. Craddock R T/Sgt R.L. Wells LWG S/Sgt A.F. Trumbley RWG S/Sgt L.J. Paulin TG S/Sgt R.L. Koch Aerodrome of Lt. A.D. Cross, Sqdn C.O.
Time Up 0415	Time Down 1757	Total Time 13-42	Barca 4
Type of Cloud	Clouds over hills.	Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		T.O. Red	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty

Bomb Steaua Romana Refinery, Campina; Power House and Boiler House.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1210	300		<p>Position: #1, 2nd element, 2nd section; same over target. Route out: Saw gas burning on water 0820 hours at 39-17-19-20E. Over target and dropped 6 x 500 GP bombs and 6 x 100 clusters of incendiaries. A 20 second run was made from a heading of 180°; indicated air speed was 205 mph. Bombs were toggled at 30 to 50 foot intervals. Saw one bomb from another A/C fall on #1 target. A/A: Light and inaccurate. E/A: One ME 109 cut in front and level, had yellow cross. Saw two with fixed landing gear. Saw ME110 shot down 5 minutes after target at 1235. Fired 60 rounds of ammunition in combat. Route back: Peasants were seen standing in street waving. No camera carried. Miscellaneous: G- went down beyond target. Heard A/C letter V send SOS about 30 minutes from coast on return.</p> <p align="right">Interrogator, Carlile Crutcher, Capt., AG.</p>

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