

# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 778	Aircraft Letter	Captain P 1st Lt. H. W. Austin, Jr. CP 2nd Lt. A. T. Fabiny Crew N 2nd Lt. A. H. Green B 2nd Lt. S. Finder E T/Sgt. J. W. B. Jett TopW R T/Sgt. E. L. Shaw, Jr. AE S/Sgt. D. V. Lee LWG AR S/Sgt. T. Q. Purcell RWG G S/Sgt. G. G. Hiskerson TG
Time Up 0430	Time Down 1745	Total Time 13 hr 15 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud Strat Q	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud 3,000 at target.	Map or Chart Reference Special target map.
Visibility	General Weather		

## Task or Duty

Ploesti Refineries-Blue

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off to #2 position, 3rd element, right-hand flight, Blue target. Same position over target.
1210		Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP bombs, 45-sec. delay tail fuse and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of run - 137 deg.; Aiming point - distillation plant. Bombs toggled at 50-ft. interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak.</p> <p>Fighters - 10 unidentified. No attacks.</p> <p>Observations - Man seen to bale out of B-24 at 44 deg. 00' N., 23 deg. 50' E.</p>
1745			Landed Benina.

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Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	B-24 D 172 C	Captain Crew	P Maj. W. N. Anderson CP F/O C. S. Satterlund N 1st Lt. R. S. A. en, Jr. B 1st Lt. H. W. Scott E T/Sgt. W. N. Goodson top t AE S/Sgt. G. E. Hartney lwg R T/Sgt. A. T. Hearne AR S/Sgt. O. Kerkauff rwg G S/Sgt. V. A. McMennamin tg
Time Up Time Down Total Time	0440 1746 13 hr 06 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	 Showers over mts.   Good	Map or Chart Reference  Special target map.	

Task or Duty                      Floesti refineries-Blue

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0440			Took to lead position, 3rd element, 4th flight. Went over Target as leader of 3rd element, left-hand flight over blue Target.
1214		Target	Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP, 45-sec. delay tail fuse, and 1½ boxes of incendiaries. Axis of run - 132 deg. Aiming pt - cracking plant. Bombs toggled out in minimum train.  Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire.  Fighters - 15 Me 109's, & Me 110's. E/A CLAIMS: 1 Me 110 claimed Destroyed by tail gunner, S/Sgt. V. A. McMennamin. This E/A was seen to crash by the radio operator, T/Sgt. A. T. Hearne. E/A attacked from 7 o'clock above and crashed on opposite side of this ship. 1 ME 109F claimed Destroyed by the top turret gunner, T/Sgt. W. N. Goodson. This E/A was making a partial circle of our a/c in a clockwise direction. Top turret started firing at about 7 o'clock position. Was seen to continue his circle and crash to ground at about 2 o'clock. Me 109 claimed Destroyed by bombardier, Lt. H. W. Scott. E/A came in from 1 o'clock, turned and swept the length of this a/c, crashing to the rear. This is confirmed by the RWG, S/Sgt. Oscar <del>Ferkau</del> Ferkau. Mech. failures - Interphone u/s. Damage to a/c - Considerable Category "A" Flak damage.
1746			Landed Benina.

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Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain CP F/O H. S. Gentry Crew N 2nd Lt. R. L. Fisher B 2nd Lt. R. H. Bowyer E T/Sgt. B. G. Gerhart Top T R T/Sgt. L. M. Petrie AE S/Sgt. M. J. Balazovich LWG G S/Sgt. J. A. Nosal RWG G S/Sgt. J. M. Goza TG		
Aircraft No.	225			
Aircraft Letter	<u>T</u>			
Time Up	0445			
Time Down	1800			
Total Time	13 hr 15 min.	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina		

Type of Cloud	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Reference
Base of Cloud	
Visibility	Special target maps.
General Weather	

Task or Duty      Floesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0445			Took off to #3 position, 1st element, 3rd flight.
1315		Target	Dropped 3 x 1,000 lb. GP with 1 hr. fusing. Axis of run - 137 degrees. Aiming point - Power House, SW corner of blue Target. Bombs observed in Target. Toggled out at minimum interval.  Flak - Intense machine gun and light flak; believe some heavy was fired.  Fighters - 15 single engine; 5 twin engine. No attacks on this a/c.
1800			Landed Benina.

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Type of Aircraft	B 24 D	Captain P Maj. W. H. Brandon CP Col. L. W. Johnson <u>Command.</u> Crew N 2nd Lt. C. J. Selasky B 2nd Lt. B. Swenson E Sgt. T. C. Ray Top T AE S/Sgt. F. Paliga LWG R T/Sgt. J. F. Irwin AR S/Sgt. K. L. Morrison RWG G S/Sgt. W. R. Brady TG		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Aircraft No.	817				
Aircraft Letter	L				
Time Up	0430				
Time Down	1804				
Total Time	13 hr 34 min				
Type of Cloud	Few scattered Q	Map or Chart			
Amount of Cloud	8-10,000	Reference			
Base of Cloud		Special Target Map			
Visibility	Smoke only.				
General Weather					

Task or Duty      Floesti Refineries-White V

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off to lead position. Over Target as leader of White V flight.
1213	130'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. Bombs, 1-hr fusing. Axis of bomb run - 127 degrees. Aiming point - corner of distillation Plant, White V. Dropped 2 boxes of incendiaries (60). Bombs toggled out 30-40 ft. interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak from half way between Target and I.P. past target. Some black bursts observed, evidently from time-fused flak. Flak towers, mounting 20 mm. guns observed south of Target. Number of heavy batteries seen that were not manned.</p> <p>E/A - 10-15 Me 109's, DO 217, painted green and desert pink. 4 attacks on this a/c, 2 from 9 o'clock, one head-on and one from tail. No claims.</p> <p>Minor flak damage to this a/c.</p> <p>Observations - 49 barges on the Danube River near Lom.</p> <p>2 a/c spotted formation on the way in near <del>Sofia</del> Sofia.</p> <p>5 balloons south of town and left of target about 600 yards, flying at about 500 feet.</p> <p>Target was already in flames before this Group attacked it. NW corner in particular was burning fiercely</p> <p>B-24 just after target pulled up steeply and stalled at about 1,000'. Three men jumped out; 2 chutes opened. A/C crashed immediately. Another B-24 shortly after Target was observed with #1 engine on fire. Saw another B-24 hit by flak and fall out of formation with fighters attacking it. Did not observe finish.</p> <p>This a/c leading the formation followed the 98th Group into the Target. Other Groups had bombed some time before.</p>
1804			LANDED BENINA.

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Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	P Maj J. C. Beam Captain CP 2nd Lt. W. L. Michaels Crew N 1st Lt. T. I. Hyde B 2nd Lt. P. E. Vaden E T/Sgt. R. H. Williams top t R T/Sgt. R. E. Tuttle AE S/Sgt. E. J. Cutshall rwg AR S/Sgt. L. B. Kallal lwg G S/Sgt. D. W. Maury tg		
Aircraft No.	234			
Aircraft Letter	U			
Time Up	0455			
Time Down	1745	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina		
Total Time	12 hr 50 min			
Type of Cloud	Light Scattered	Map or Chart  Reference  Special target map		
Amount of Cloud				
Base of Cloud				
Visibility	4 miles			
General Weather				

## Task or Duty

Ploesti Refineries

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0455			Took off lead ship, 4th element, 4th flight. Crossed target as right wing, left flight, 3rd element - blue target.
1211	250'	Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP bombs, 45-sec. delay fusing, and 2 boxes of incendiaries in Target Area. Axis of run - 132 degrees; Bombs toggled at about 100-ft. interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and m/g fire encountered 4-5 miles from target on run in. Guns hidden about fields on run.</p> <p>Fighters - About 20 Me 109's and Me 110's. Many painted black. 6 attacks on this ship; one claim. E/A CLAIM;</p> <p>Both tail gunner and top turret gunner cross-fired on an Me 110 coming in from 6 o'clock, which crashed. Believed destroyed by T/Sgt. R. H. Williams, top turret gunner.</p> <p>Observations - Storage tank NE corner of plant near Cooling Tower blew up under M/G fire from right waist gunner.</p> <p>B-24, believed letter "c", observed to the left of the course of this a/c about <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mile short of the target. Nose was in the ground, but a/c did not otherwise appear to be seriously damaged.</p> <p>B-24 from our own group at approximately 10 o'clock position pulled up steeply, 2 chutes opened, and a/c nosed into ground.</p> <p>B-24 fell out shortly after target with #1 engine burning; seemed to just barely clear some trees and was then lose from sight.</p> <p>B-24, "W", painted green, observed just after target to have belly-landed and crew were standing around plane.</p>
1745			Landed Benina.

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Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 235	Aircraft Letter	P Capt. W. T. Bunker Captain CP 1st Lt. R. D. Butler Crew N 1st Lt. W. P. Newbold B 1st Lt. H. R. Zwicker E T/Sgt. L. L. Neeper top t R T/Sgt. G. D. Mason AE S/Sgt. D. M. Chamberlain lwg. AR S/Sgt. W. K. Kooker rwg G S/Sgt. C. C. L. Boulanger tg
Time Up 0447	Time Down 1805	Total Time 13 hr 58 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			Special Target Map

Task or Duty Floesti Refineries-Blue

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0447			Took off as lead ship, 2nd element, 2nd flight. Same position over Blue Target.
1216	75'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1-hr. tail fusing, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of bombing run - 130 degrees; Aiming point - Distillation Plant. Bombs toggled out about 50-ft. interval, skipped into still.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and some heavy flak from IP to Target. Machine gun nests were hidden along the run and on the way out from the target.</p> <p>Fighters - 15-20 Me 109's and Me 110's, silverish gray with yellow wing tips. This a/c came in with hydraulics shot up and damage to engines, as yet undetermined.</p> <p>Observations - At 1130 GMT a twin-engine a/c was observed flying above formation.</p> <p>Flak was reported at 1135 hours, 40 deg. 35' N., 20 deg. 28' E. 10-12 bursts quite close to this ship. Battery reported to be located near 3 buildings bearing Red Cross insignias.</p> <p>B-24, painted green made belly landing prior to target. One person out.</p> <p>B-24, painted pink, at target pulled up, 2 chutes came out and ship exploded.</p> <p>After target and after turn B-24 with 2 left engines burning, pulled up, 2 chutes came out, it crashed and burned.</p> <p>One Me 110 crashed shortly after turn. Believe it was destroyed by fire from "U".</p> <p>One Me 109 was seen to crash and burn; do not know who fired on it.</p> <p>Another B-24 crashed about the same time the Me 110 crashed. Two men baled out.</p> <p>Observed a pink B-24 explode in mid-air.</p>
0825			Landed Benina.
1805			

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date <b>1 Aug 1943</b>	Squadron <b>67th</b>
Type of Aircraft <b>B-24 D</b>	Aircraft No. <b>229</b>	P Capt. W. R. Cameron Captain CP 1st Lt. W. C. Dabney, Jr. Crew N F/O T. A. Glifford B Capt. J. F. DeVinney E S/Sgt. G. G. Gibbey Top T AE S/Sgt. E. C. McCabe RWG R S/Sgt. G. A. Sparks AR S/Sgt. G. L. Grett LWG G S/Sgt. F. A. Maruszewski TG	
Aircraft Letter <b>P</b>			
Time Up <b>0433</b>			
Time Down <b>1800</b>			
Total Time <b>13 hr 17 min</b>		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	

Type of Cloud	Map or Chart
Amount of Cloud	Reference
Base of Cloud	
Visibility	Special Target Map.
General Weather	

Task or Duty **Ploesti Refineries-White V**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0433		Target	<p>Took off to lead ship, 2nd element, 1st flight. Went over target in this position.</p> <p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. bombs, 1 hr. delay fuse, and two boxes of incendiaries. Axis of attack - 127 degrees. Aiming Pt. - distillation plant, White V. The target was already burning intensely and impossible to observe results of our bombing.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire, resulting in 58 holes in this a/c, one 3 ft. x 6 inches in right vertical stabilizer.</p>
1800			<p>Landed Benina.</p> <p>*** OBSERVATION - At 43 deg. 15' N 30" N, 22 deg. 34' E., two groups of about 10 corrugated iron roof buildings, unpainted iron sides were observed. There was about 100 yards between buildings. There appeared to be no railway sidings. Would indicate that it is not a factory. Suggested that it may be Concentration Camp or P/W camp.</p>

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 024	P 1st Lt. Reginald L. Carpenter Capt 2nd Lt. Edward L. Rumsey, Jr. N 2nd Lt. J. E. Powell (415th) Crew B 2nd Lt. Martin L. Kullman top t E T/Sgt. Vincent E. Huenerberg AE S/Sgt. Rollin C. Looker lwg R T/Sgt. Joseph F. Manquen AR S/Sgt. Walter L. Brown rwg G S/Sgt. Fredrick Durand tg	
Aircraft Letter #34			
Time Up 0430			
Time Down (Ditched) - 1700			
Total Time		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart Reference	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Special target map	
General Weather			

Task or Duty

Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Last seen at 33 deg. 15' N., 19 deg. 50' E., heading 167 deg., at 1723 hours. Believed to have bombed. Bomb loading: 3 x 1000 lb. American GP, 1-hr. delay fusing.</p> <p align="center">*****</p> <p>0430 Takeoff to #3 position, lead element - White V.</p> <p>1215 120' Target Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1 hr. delay tail fuse, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Toggled bombs at 50-ft. interval. Saw bombs strike and skip into Target.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire from I.P. to Target, and for several miles afterward. Believe some of the heavy guns were trained almost horizontal and were firing.</p> <p>Fighters - 25 Me 109's, Me 110's and Ju 88's. The Me 109's were painted black with yellow noses. All a/c bore German insignias.</p> <p>E/A CLAIMS:</p> <p>1 Me 109 destroyed by the tail gunner, S/Sgt. Frederick Durand; E/A attacked from 5 o'clock, high. He continued his dive right into ground. Verified by top turret gunner.</p> <p>1 Me 109 destroyed by the tail gunner, S/Sgt. Frederick Durand.; E/A attacked under almost same circumstances as above, shortly thereafter. Also verified by top turret gunner.</p> <p>Right waist gunner, S/Sgt. Walter Brown Destroyed a Ju 88, which was attacking at about 4 o'clock. This E/A was making a shallow dive, came in at about 100 yards, lost control of a/c and dived into ground. This claim is based on testimony of top turret gunner, as were the other 2 claims, as the tail turret gunner and right waist gunner were killed when this a/c ditched.</p> <p>The crew of this ship observed our a/c #267, Lt. Mitchell, destroy one E/A. They afterwards saw our a/c with #1 engine feathered, turn west at about 43 deg. 50' N., 25 deg. 00' E.</p>

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This a/c suffered considerable Flak damage over target and several men were wounded. They were losing gasoline from a severed line, and finally three engines stopped. Engines went on again for a moment and pilot feathered all propellers and prepared to ditch. Hit the water easily first time, but plane glanced off water and landed some distance away. Tail section was torn off just aft of the wing. The 9-man crew were all in the nose section preparatory to ditching. 2 men ~~dx~~ S/Sgt. Walter Brown, right waist gunner and S/Sgt. Frederick Durand, tail gunner, were evidently pinned in the wreckage as they never came to the surface. Other men got the dinghy and one individual dinghy out.

They floated all night and at 0525 GMT, 2 August/43, they were spotted by a Wellington of Air-Sea Rescue. This plane dropped them supplies and water, circled them for about five hours. Later in the day it was relieved by a second Wellington. That night at 1930 GMT they were picked up by a motor boat of Air-Sea Rescue about 30 miles SE of the place they ditched. Position at which they ditched was approximately 35 deg. 15 minutes N., 20 deg. 28' E.

In the landing Lt. Edward Rumsey, co-pilot, broke a leg and is now in the hospital.

Observations - On the way to the target a long, slim gray surface vessel was observed. As they were watching it there was an explosion and the vessel sank in one minute. This occurred at 0700 hrs. GMT 1st August 1943, at 35 deg. 55' N., 19 deg. 00' E.

An undetermined number of balloons were observed south of Floesti at about 1,000 feet.

A B-24, believed to be from the 98th Group, in the neighborhood of Corfu on the way to the Target, was seen to salvo its bombs through its bomb bay doors. It then turned off and headed for land.

Battle Damage - Flak hit #1 and #4 engines, whole rear section badly shot up; as radio man was observing results of bombing through bomb bay doors shell exploded just below bomb bay doors, seriously wounding him. 2nd Lt. Edward Rumsey, co-pilot and T/Sgt. Joseph Manquen, radio operator are in the hospital.

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 813	Aircraft Letter V	P Capt. J. H. Diehl Captain CP Lt. Col. J. T. Posey Crew N 1st Lt. R. J. Stine B 1st Lt. H. R. Klekar E T/Sgt. T. I. Metsa Top T R T/Sgt. I. A. Flesher AE S/Sgt. T. H. Williams LWG G S/Sgt. E. F. Bowden RWG G S/Sgt. G. L. Green TG
Time Up 0430	Time Down 1800	Total Time 1330	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud Cu	Amount of Cloud 3-5/10	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart Reference Special Target map
Visibility	General Weather		

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries-Blue

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off as lead ship, <sup>3rd</sup> flight. Crossed target as lead ship of a/c attacking Cracking Plant, east side of target.
1215	170 ft.	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1-hr. delay fuse, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of run - 143 deg. Bombs toggled out at 50-ft. intervals. Bombs in cracking plant.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire, all the way from I.P. to several miles after target.</p> <p>Fighters - 35-40 Me 109's, Me 110's and several unidentified radial engine E/A. Resembled our AT-6. Colors gray and black. One attack on this a/c from 6 o'clock, above.</p> <p>Many holes in this a/c from flak and .30 caliber.</p> <p><del>1st</del> S/Sgt. T. H. Williams, LWG, was killed by .30 caliber fire over Target.</p> <p>Observations - A little heavy flak encountered at Berat. About 17 E/A on ground at an A/D near Prilep. A convoy of 35-40 trucks was seen at 41 deg. 20' N., 21 deg. 30' E.</p>
1800			Landed Benina.

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Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	B-24 D 778 F	Captain Crew	P 1st Lt. R. E. Felber CP 2nd Lt. J. K. Winchester N 2nd Lt. C. W. Titkemeyer B 2nd Lt. C. E. Markham E T/Sgt. G. H. Honeyman R T/Sgt. J. T. Altman top t AE S/Sgt. J. S. Corrigan rwg AR S/Sgt. W. F. Carroll tg G S/Sgt. J. R. Barcus lwg
Time Up Time Down Total Time	0515 1800 12 hr 45 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	Map or Chart Reference  Special target map.		

Task or Duty                      Floesti refineries

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0515			Took off as spare ship. Target - White V.
1215		Target	Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1-hr. delay fusing, and 2 boxes (60) of incendiaries. Axis of run - 137 deg; Aiming Pt. - Iso-octane plant. Bombs toggled at minimum interval.
			Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire.
			Fighters Observed - 5. No direct attacks on this ship.
			Damage to a/c - Command aerial shot away.
1800			Landed Benina.

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R.A.F. Form 441 A.

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Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	B-24 D 936 J	P Capt. J. E. Flaherty Captain CP 1st Lt. R. J. Comey Crew N 2nd Lt. L. V. Trouve B 2nd Lt. Harmonowski E T/Sgt. A. D. Franklin R S/Sgt. J. M. Crawford top t S/Sgt. J. Woodward lwg Sgt. K. C. Caroon rwg G Sgt. I. Abeyta tg	
Time Up	0430	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Down	1750		
Total Time	13 hr 20 min		
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	Heavy Cu 8/10 7,000 ft 8-10 miles Haze and overcast	Map or Chart Reference  Special Target map	

Task or Duty

Floesti refineries-White V

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off to #3 position, 3rd element, 2nd flight. Crossed target in same position.
1213	200'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1-hr. delay fusing, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of bombing run - 127 deg; Aiming point - Cracking Plant. Bombs released in train, toggled at 50-75' interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire from I.P. to 4-5 miles beyond target.</p> <p>Fighters - 16 FW 190's, Me 109's, Me 110's, painted black and light gray.</p> <p>E/A CLAIMS: S/Sgt. J. Woodward, LWG, claims an FW 190 Destroyed. Got a burst into it in passing and saw it crash into the ground. -Minor Flak damage to our a/c. Observation - Lt. Harmonowski credited with silencing a flak battery which was firing at this a/c.</p>
1750			Landed Benina.

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Type of Aircraft B 24 D	Aircraft No. 182	Aircraft Letter A	Captain P Capt. R. M. Gentry CP 1st Lt. B. M. Moss Crew N F/O M. Cholzelski B 2nd Lt. J. T. Ayers E T/Sgt. E. C. Light top t AE T/Sgt. S. Wilson lwg R T/Sgt. E. E. Goodman AR Sgt. C. T. Gridges rwg G Sgt. W. L. Leisinger tg
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			Special target map.

Task or Duty Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. Bomb loading - 6 x 500 lb. American GP with 45-sec. delay fusing.

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 777	Aircraft Letter <u>N</u>	P 1st Lt. C. E. Hughes ✓ Captain CP 1st Lt. S. S. Hunn ✓ Crew N 2nd Lt. M. E. Hause ✓ B 2nd Lt. Goodnow ✓ E S/Sgt. H. M. Lucas ✓ top t R T/Sgt. E. M. Shanley ✓ AE Sgt. S. Nalipa rwg hosp S/Sgt. R. L. Albine lwg hosp G S/Sgt. S. N. Blagg ✓
Time Up	Time Down	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Total Time			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather	Reference	
		Special target map	

Task or Duty      Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. Bomb loading: 6 x 500 lb. American GP, 1-hr. delay fusing.  <i>Landed in Turkey.</i>

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# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

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Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. <del>817</del> 779	P 1st Lt. C. P. Henderson Captain CP F/O J. E. Milliner Crew N 2nd Lt. R. S. Schminke B 2nd Lt. J. R. Huddle vE T/Sgt. H. E. Cooper Top T AE S/Sgt. E. W. Ramsey LWG R T/Sgt. J. J. Dayberry AR S/Sgt. J. M. Porter RWG G S/Sgt. C. H. Confer TG	
Aircraft Letter X G			
Time Up 0420	1300 2 Aug		
Time Down 1730 Malta	1540 2 Aug.		
Total Time		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Special target map.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Reported this a/c landed at Malta. Believed to have bombed Target.</p> <p>Carried 3 x 1,000 lb. bombs, 1 hr fusing.</p> <p>Took off to #2, 1st element 2nd flight. Bombed from 150 feet. Dropped 3 x 1,000 GP 1 hr delay, and 60 incend.</p> <p>Flak: In addition to light and heavy flak previously noted, this crew reports a number of pom-pom guns in target area</p> <p>Fighters: 40-50 FW 190 ME 109 ME 110 JU 88. Many of them painted black and all with German insignia. This a/c was attack by a considerable number of fighters. Suffered a number of hits. Following damage: 20 mm shell in nose seriously injuring Navigator and Bombardier who are now in Malta hospital. Other e/a fire cut the rudder cable and put numerous holes in tail section. Flak exploded in the tail section, seriously wounding the turreter, S/Sgt. J. M. Porter, who is now in Malta hospital. Following claims for e/a are made: Tail turret S/Sgt. C. H. Confer, destroyed a JU 88 attacking from 5 o'clock. A/C blew up in air.</p> <p>Tail gunner S/Sgt. C. H. Confer shot down second JU88 attacking from 630 above. E/A continued its dive and struck ground.</p> <p>Navigator, 2nd Lt. S. Schminke destroyed a ME 109 attacking from 1 o'clock high. E/A passed over our a/c and was seen by top turret and tail turret to crash behind our a/c.</p> <p>JU 88 was destroyed by top turret gunner, T/Sgt. Harold E. Cooper. This E/A overtook our a/c from behind and was flying slightly ahead of it, attempting to drop some type of incend. on our a/c. Pilot speeded up and our a/c overtook the e/a and top turret poured in along burst and e/a burst into flames and crashed into the ground.</p> <p>Observations: JU 88 mentioned above was dropping some sort of a disc-like object from its wings. These objects burst into an intense flame when about 20-30 feet below the e/a</p>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

Crew observed a B 24 painted grey and without any indentifying insignia which flew about 1500 yards to right of the formation from the IP into the target. It made no attempt to attack but crew is convinced that it was an enemy a/c.

Tail turret gunner of this a/c saw six a/c of 66th Sq following. These six a/c were over the storage tanks to the SW of target when there was suddenly an extremely large explosion. Only one of the a/c was noted flying thereafter.

Observed one pink B24 shortly after target go up in a steep climb and two chutes emerge and the a/c crashed to the ground.

Observed G crash into a clump of trees and explode.

This a/c picked up QDM from Malta when still over the Greek mainland. Followed it to Malta where a/c landed to refuel.

# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 67th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 232	Aircraft Letter M	Captain P 1st Lt. J. E. Hill, Jr. CP 2nd Lt. E. M. Dobson Crew N 2nd Lt. C. L. Shuler B 2nd Lt. W. J. Egan, Jr. E T/Sgt. J. Pitcoveck top t AE S/Sgt. C. G. Bailey lwg R T/Sgt. R. P. Reeves AR S/Sgt. John F. Russell rwg G S/Sgt. H. J. Womack tg
Time Up	1300 2 Aug	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Down	1540 2 Aug		
Total Time			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference	
General Weather		Special target map	

Task or Duty Ploesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
1730			<p>Landed in Malta. Believed to have bombed. Loading - 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs with 1-hr. delay fusing.</p> <p><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del></p> <p>This a/c took off to fly #3 1st element, 1st flight.</p> <p>Bombed white 5 from 130 ft. Dropped 3 x 1,000 1 hr delay and two boxes of incend. over target. Many bombs observed to strike base of cracking plant.</p> <p>Flak: Intense light flak and machine gun fire from IP to target. Crew states heavy guns were firing from close range. Heaviest flak south of refinery.</p> <p>Fighters: 30 - 40 ME 109 and Me 110. Ju88 FW 190 and 1 or 2 ME 210. Report FW 190 painted black and ME 109 were sand color. 1 e/a destroyed by top turret gunner, T/Sgt. John Pitcoveck. This a/c attack from 5 o'clock high and under fire from top turret continued dive and crashed in wood. This a/c ran through a balloon cable in area. Cable cut through de-icer boot in right about 1 foot from root. Cut back as far as spar.</p> <p>Observations: On way in a bi-plane was observed south of Danube circling over formation. Report that a grey B-24 without insignia picked up the formation about the IP. It followed the formation throughout its run off to the right. This a/c had trouble completing its run because of pink B24 cutting ahead of it. On the way out report fighters on the A/D at Durazzo. Also report seeing another B24 being fired on by flak from Valona. Landed in Malta to refuel. Took off for base. Landed Benina.</p>
1540	( 2 Aug)		

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 68th
Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	B-24 D 211	Captain Crew	P Capt. W. T. Holmes CP F/O D. E. Fribley N 2nd Lt. A. J. Piccolo B 2nd Lt. A. G. E. Bargemann E S/Sgt. E. L. Carlson Top T R S/Sgt. T. A. Laskowski AE S/Sgt. N. B. Smith LWG G S/Sgt. G. E. Ackley RWG G S/Sgt. P. H. McAtee TG
Time Up Time Down Total Time	0449 1805 13 hr 16 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	None over target. Tops of Cu to 13/14000 Hazy over mts.		Map or Chart Reference Special target maps.

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0449			Takeoff to #1 position, 2nd element, 3rd flight. Lead ship over western portion of blue Target.
1210	150'	Target	Dropped 3 x 1,000 lb. GP with 1 hr fusing. Axis of run - 125 deg; aiming pt. - Power House SW corner of target. Bombs toggled out. Bombing results unobserved. Intense light machine gun and some light flak from I.P. to Target.  Fighters - 15-20 Me 109's and Me 110's, silvery gray in color.  Observations - One E/A apparently watching the formation over Greece on way in. Radio jamming with a clicking noise. RW and Navigator strafed A.A. batteries. Observed 1 B-24 about 5 miles west of target on ground; 1 man out waving his shirt, two other men in the grass. Observed G with fire burning fiercely between #1 and #2 engines just over Target. Just over Target, 1 ship ahead to the left pulled up steeply, 2 or 3 chutes came out.
1239			Two men observed parachuting from a/c ahead. No report as to what happened to a/c referred to.
1805			Landed Benina.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 68th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 788	Captain P 1st Lt. W. D. Hughes CP 2nd Lt. W. B. Weant Crew N 1st Lt. R. C. Peterson B 1st Lt. G. E. Hulpiau E T/Sgt. W. G. Morton AE S/Sgt. W. J. Gates G 2nd Lt. R. E. Hamlyn G S/Sgt. J. Merrigan TG R S/Sgt. M. J. Cole AR Sgt. A. J. Terwey Aerodrome or L.G.	
Aircraft Letter D			
Time Up 0430			
Time Down 1735			
Total Time 13 hr 05 min.			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart	
Base of Cloud	Visibility	Reference	
General Weather	Some haze and smoke.	Special target maps.	
	Good		

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries-Blue. Dubbs Plant.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Taok off to #3, 2nd element, 3rd flight. Fourth plane to cross target - cracking plant of Blue Target.
1208	150'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1,000 lb. Gp with 1 hr fusing and 34 incend. Axis of attack - 133 deg; Aiming point - NE corner of Cracking Plant. Tail gunner saw one bomb bounce into Target, two others stopped a little short. Also observed by man looking out bombay doors. Observed a wall crumbling to the right from someone else's bombs.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light and some heavy flak from between the I.P. up to Target. One battery of light flak on buildings in Target Area.</p> <p>Fighters - Observed about 20 Me 109's, Me 110's and FW 190's, greenish in color. 4 attacks on this a/c from, 7, 9, 4, and 0430 o'clock, level to slightly above. Broke away with an upward wing-over.</p> <p>E/A CLAIMS:</p> <p>Sgt. A. J. Terwey, RWG, destroyed one ME 109, attacking from 0430 o'clock. Burst into flames and crashed into ground. Confirmed by Lt. Hulpiau who saw the crash on the opposite side of the ship. Also confirmed by T/Sgt. Morton and Lt. Peterson.</p> <p>T/Sgt. Morton, top turret gunner, destroyed an FW 190, attacking from 9 o'clock in a dive from about 1500 feet; E/A never pulled out of dive; exploded as he hit ground.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Merrigan, tail gunner, destroyed an ME 110, attacking from 7 o'clock, a little above. E/A burst into flames and struck ground. Confirmed by 2nd Lt. R. E. Hamlyn.</p> <p>Observation: Flak battery located near iso-octane plant put out of action by fire from LWG, S/Sgt. Gates.</p> <p>A B-24 made a crash landing near the I.P. Three men at the waist window waved to men in this plane.</p>

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B-24 on left seen to pull up enveloped in flames. No further observation.

B-24 in formation ahead with black smoke pouring from it pulled up steeply, 3 parachutes came out; believe it was Captain Houston.

1735 GMT Landed Benina.

# SORTIE REPORT

## (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 68th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain	P Captain R. B. Houston CP 1st Lt. L. V. Girard
Aircraft No.	995 <del>6</del> <del>000</del>	Crew	N 2nd Lt. William Scott B S/Sgt. C. G. McMackin E S/Sgt. Walter B. Schoer R T/Sgt. S. F. Sevick AR T/Sgt. J. F. Ward G S/Sgt. C. W. Carlton G S/Sgt. M. L. Spears TG
Aircraft Letter	C	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Up			
Time Down			
Total Time			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty	Ploesti Refineries-Blue
1. <u>General Information</u>	
2. <u>Assignment</u>	
3. <u>Performance</u>	
4. <u>Comments</u>	
5. <u>Signature</u>	
6. <u>Date</u>	

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. Believed shot down at Target after bombing. Carried 3 x 1,000 lb. Gp with 1 hr fusing and 60 incend.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 66th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No.	Captain P 1st Lt. S. L. Irby CP 2nd Lt. W. W. Oakley	Crew N 2nd Lt. N. A. Ross B 2nd Lt. J. Tomorkosky E T/Sgt. L. E. Thompson top t R T/Sgt. P. H. Glitzer S/Sgt. J. F. Cox rwg S/Sgt. J. A. Kirkpatrick lwg S/Sgt. W. F. Millward tg
Aircraft Letter <u>M</u>			
Time Up 0430			
Time Down 1750			
Total Time 13 hr.		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud Cu	Amount of Cloud 7/10	Base of Cloud 6,000 ft	Map or Chart Reference Special target map.
Visibility Hazy	General Weather		

Task or Duty **Ploesti refinery-White X Blue Target**

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			<p>Took off as spare ship, <del>White X</del> target Blue Target. Over target flying left wing of 3rd element, blue target.</p> <p>Did not release bombs on target due to personnel failure of Bombardier. Subsequently bombed railway bridge at 43 deg. 30' N., 23 deg. 20 E. Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP, 1-hr. delay tail fuse. Results unobserved.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and m/g fire 5 or 6 miles from target clear up to Target. Guns hidden in haystacks along bombing run.</p> <p>Fighters - 35-ME 109's and a few JU 88's, gray in color.</p> <p>Claims - Tail turret gunner claims to have Destroyed an ME 109 attacking from 6 o'clock. Saw him hit the ground. This is confirmed by a gunner on another ship, Sgt. E. N. Whitman. This E/A is claimed by S/Sgt. W. F. Millward, tail gunner.</p> <p>This a/c suffered a burst of flak in the fuselage which knocked out the remote compass and the trim tab cables. One man is seriously injured.</p>
1750			Landed Benina.

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## SORTIE REPORT

### (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 67th
Type of Aircraft		P 1st Lt. F. H. Jones Captain N 2nd Lt. E. L. Dukate, Jr. N 2nd Lt. A. J. Sweet Crew B 2nd Lt. A. F. Bernard E T/Sgt. L. G. Spann Top T AB S/Sgt. R. H. Becker LWG R T/Sgt. M. A. Paolillo AR S/Sgt. A. J. Savattiere RWG G S/Sgt. M. P. Sigle TG	
Aircraft No.	780		
Aircraft Letter	H		
Time Up			
Time Down			
Total Time		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility		Special Target Map.	
General Weather			

Task or Duty	Ploesti-Refineries-White V
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Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Crash landed in sea off Greece at 39 deg. 03' N., 20 deg. 10' E.</p> <p>Carried 3 x 1,000 lb. GP bombs with 1 hr fusing.</p>

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 68th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 071	P 1st Lt. G. R. Jansen Captain CP 2nd Lt. C. S. Whitaker N 1st Lt. E. P. Vickary Crew B T/Sgt. G. W. Guilford E S/Sgt. C. C. Huff Top T R T/Sgt. P. A. Bauman HG AE Sgt. E. L. Grimes RWG G M/Sgt. R. M. Smith LWG G S/Sgt. R. J. Reasoner TG	
Aircraft Letter C			
Time Up 0445			
Time Down 1750		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Total Time 13 hr 05 min			
Type of Cloud 1-3/10 Cu	Amount of Cloud	Map or Chart  Reference  Special target map.	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather Good.			

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0445			Took off to #3 position, 2nd element, 3rd flight. Over target same position.
1214	200 ft.	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1,000 lb. American type GP bombs, 1 hr. delay tail fuse. Axis of bombing run 137 degrees. Aiming point - boiler house, SW corner, blue target. Bombs toggled out, short, observed to skip into target. Observed bombs from other a/c in tanks and vertical pipes.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire was encountered continuously from about half way between I.P. <del>and Target</del> up to Target. Guns were manned and gunners were certainly waiting for this Group.</p> <p>Fighters - 12 - 15 Me 109's, and several unidentified twin-engine E/A. These a/c were circling the formation and attacking crippled a/c. No attacks on this ship.</p> <p>Several Flak holes in this a/c.</p> <p>On way in one fighter was observed about half way between coast and target; circled the formation once, but did not attack. On the way out 10-15 bursts of flak were encountered over coastline.</p> <p>One B-24 observed near Corfu on way in to jettison its bombs, crash land in water, and explode. Time - 0830 GMT.</p> <p>Shortly after target a B-24, Captain Houston, pilot, #995-C, was observed to go into a steep climb and stall at 1,000 ft. 3 parachutes opened; plane fell off on one wing and crashed to the ground.</p>
1750			Landed Benina.

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# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 606	Aircraft Letter <u>X</u>	Captain P 1st Lt. R. A. Larson CP 2nd Lt. W. H. Middleton Crew N 2nd Lt. J. D. Young B 2nd Lt. R. L. Fisher E T/Sgt. H. A. Klinge Top T R T/Sgt. R. E. Grow AE S/Sgt. S. F. Bugyie TG AR S/Sgt. J. C. Barnett RWG G T/Sgt. T. E. Davis LWG
Time Up 0452	Time Down 1813	Total Time 13 hrs 25 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			Special Target Map.

Task or Duty                      Ploesti Refineries-

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0452			Takeoff to #3 position, 3rd element, left-hand flight, blue target.
1214		Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP bombs, 45-sec. delay tail and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of bombing run - 130 deg.; Aiming point - cracking plant. Much flame and smoke immediately after bombing.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and m/g fire.</p> <p>Fighters - 12 Me 109's, JU 88's, and Me 110's.</p> <p>E/A CLAIMS:</p> <p>1 Me 109 Destroyed by top turret gunnr, T/Sgt. H. A. Klinge. This is confirmed by the RWG, T/Sgt. R. E. Grow. E/A came in from 7 o'clock and crashed at about 5 o'clock.</p> <p>1 Me 110 is claimed by the tail gunner, S/Sgt. S. F. Bugyie. E/A attacked from 6 o'clock; was fired on and seen to crash. This is confirmed by the right waist gunner on "C".</p>
1813			Landed Benina.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 66th
Type of Aircraft Aircraft No. Aircraft Letter	B-24 D 153 L	P 1st Lt. H. A. Lasco, Jr. Captain CP 2nd Lt. J. F. Kill Crew N 2nd Lt. H. W. Stenborn B 2nd Lt. D. R. Scriven E T/Sgt. L. L. Raspotnik top t R T/Sgt. J. B. Spivey AE S/Sgt. C. P. Decreval rwg AR S/Sgt. A. L. Shaffer lwg G Sgt. T. M. Wood tg	
Time Up Time Down Total Time	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina		
Type of Cloud Amount of Cloud Base of Cloud Visibility General Weather	Map or Chart Reference Special target map.		

Task or Duty                      Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. 6 x 500 lb. American GP, with 45-sec. delay fuse.  <i>Lt Lasco } reported hospitalized in Rumania</i> <i>Lt Kill    }</i>  <i>Lt Decreval</i>

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# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 66th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 811	Aircraft Letter K	Captain P Capt. R. E. Miller CP Maj. D. L. Hodge Crew N 1st Lt. L. E. Zaruba B 1st Lt. R. Edwards E T/Sgt. W. J. Murphy R T/Sgt. M. J. McDonnell lwg AE S/Sgt. D. W. Rowland rwg AR S/Sgt. R. G. Newmes top t G S/Sgt. C. J. Ducote tg Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Time Up 0430	1615 (Malta)		
Time Down 1715 (Malta)	1915 (Benina)		
Total Time 15 hr 45 min			
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			Special target map.

Task or Duty Polesti Refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off to #1, 3rd element, 1st flight, White V.
1208	150	Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 GP with 45 sec delay fusing. Sixty second run aiming at power house. Bombs dropped in salvo. Axis of run 127°.</p> <p>Flak: This a/c suffered considerable Category "A" flak damage. Put into Malta for repairs.</p> <p>Fighters: Observed about 20 fighters, ME 109, JU 88. Three claimed as destroyed.</p> <p>Tail gunner S/Sgt. C. J. Ducote fired 100 rounds at ME 109 which came from 5 o'clock and closed to 100 yards. E/A turned off and crashed in the woods.</p> <p>Top turret gunner, S/Sgt. R. G. Newmes, destroyed a JU88 when it attack from 1 o'clock. It pulled out of it's dive, belly toward this a/c and crashed in woods.</p> <p>Right waist gunner S/Sgt. D. W. Rowland destroyed a JU88 which attack from 5 o'clock. It seemed to be attempting to fly under this a/c and flew into the ground. Witnessed by T/Sgt. W. J. Murphy.</p> <p>T/Sgt. M. J. McDonald and S/Sgt. D. W. Rowland left in hospital in Malta. Crew requests that the 136th Air Depot Group be commended for their excellent assistance.</p> <p>Observations: This a/c and five others of it's squadron were approaching the target when a/c L was shot down. Just at the target a terrific explosion occurred and the following three planes did not come out on the other side of the flash: 182 A, 015 R, and 777 N. A/C 375 G was seen to emerge from flame but belly landed shortly afterward.</p> <p>Mechanical failure: Bomb bay fuel pump did not function.</p>

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 88th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 731	P 2nd Lt. G. P. Martin Captain CP Lt. E. V. Hawkins N 2nd Lt. E. H. Heyer Crew B 2nd Lt. J. F. King E T/Sgt. H. R. Snead R T/Sgt. J. A. Shelton G S/Sgt. E. N. Whitman G S/Sgt. E. N. Whitman G S/Sgt. J. F. Johnson G S/Sgt. W. J. Gaffney TG	
Aircraft Letter		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Up 0450	Time Down 1812		
Total Time 13 hr 22 min			
Type of Cloud Scattered Cu.	Amount of Cloud 4/10	Map or Chart Reference	
Base of Cloud 4,000	Visibility Good	Special target map.	
General Weather Good			

Task or Duty      Floesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0450			Took off to #2 position, 2nd element, 3rd flight. Crossed Target in same position.
1215	150'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb. American GP bombs, 1 hr delay fuse, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of attack - 137 degrees; aiming point - distillation plant, west side of Blue Target. Incendiaries fell short, but bombs were in Target.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire, beginning about six miles short of target and continued for several minutes after target. This crew believes that some heavy flak was fired, as large shell bursts were observed.</p> <p>Fighters - Observed approx. 15 Me 109F's, silver in color, attacking formation in pairs. No attacks on this a/c.</p> <p>Mech. failures - Guns in top turret would not fire.</p> <p>Observations - On return trip observed 2 A/D's near Berat; about 15 fighters on the ground. A few bursts of heavy flak encountered</p>
1812			Landed Benina.

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# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain	P 1st Lt. J. C. McAtee CP 1st Lt. J. H. Laudig
Aircraft No.	283	Crew	N 2nd Lt. D. E. McCash B 1st Lt. J. J. Young E T/Sgt. M. H. Bavis Top T R T/Sgt. N. C. Kiefer AE S/Sgt. A. G. Kearns RWG AR S/Sgt. M. A. Morns LWG G S/Sgt. J. R. Edwards TG
Aircraft Letter	Z		
Time Up	459		
Time Down	1754		
Total Time	12 hr 55 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty      Floesti Refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0459			Took off to #1 position, 4th element, Blue right.
1215		Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb bombs with 1 hr fusing. 60 incendiarys. Axis of run - 120 degrees; aiming pt. - Power House. Bombs toggled out at minimum interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense machine gun and light flak on run in.</p> <p>Fighters - Approx. 15 Me 109's, Me 110's and Me 210's.</p> <p><del>Observed one Me 109 down</del> E/A CLAIMS;</p> <p>1 Me 109 by tail gunner, S/Sgt. J. R. Edwards. E/A attacked from 12 o'clock, high. Tail gunner got him as he tried to turn away. Confirmed by top turret gunner.</p> <p>Observations - 1 B-24, "W", painted green, made a safe belly landing near I.P.</p> <p>A total of 6 B-24's were seen down in Target Area.</p> <p>This a/c's I.F.F. <del>was</del> blew up over target; cause unknown.</p> <p>Some Flak in the neighborhood of Verona on way out.</p>
1754			Landed Benina.

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 67th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 267	Aircraft Letter N	P 1st Lt. E. R. Mitchell Captain CP 2nd Lt. D. R. Decker Crew N F/O J. Saladiak B S/Sgt. James E. Kipple E T/Sgt. R. C. McAdams top t <del>R T/Sgt. D. R. Brumagin</del> AE S/Sgt. J. G. Castellotti lwg R T/Sgt. D. R. Brumagin AR S/Sgt. D. T. Collie rwg G S/Sgt. H. O. Flister tg Aerodrome or L.G. Benaina
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference
			Special target map.

## Task or Duty

Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. 3 x 1000 lb. American GP, 1-hr. fusing.- bomb load.
			<i>Landed in Turkey.</i>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.



# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 68th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 699	Aircraft Letter P	Captain P Capt. R. H. Phillips CP 1st Lt. T. B. Scarlett Crew N 1st Lt. C. O. Haworth B 1st Lt. H. M. Light E T/Sgt. F. E. Cross R T/Sgt. D. H. Ingram AR S/Sgt. C. E. Cleland G S/Sgt. J. O. Banta G S/Sgt. H. G. Hayes TG
Time Up 0444	Time Down 1738	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Total Time 12 Hr 54 min			
Type of Cloud 3 - 4 Strato Q above	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart Special Target
Visibility 5 - 6 miles	General Weather	Reference Map -	

Task or Duty Floesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0444			Took off to lead position, 2nd element, 3rd flight. Over target it was the 3rd a/c of those attacking the cracking plant on the east side of Blue Target.
1213	150 ft.	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1000 lb., 1-hr. delay tail fuse American GP; also 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of run 132 degrees. Bombs were toggled out in train at an interval of about 40 feet.</p> <p>Flak - Intense flak, light machine gun opened up on this a/c about half way between the I.P. at Floesti and the Target. Guns were observed mounted on towers and in pits. Some bursts were seen, evidently from time-fused shells. Crew insists that they were not self-destroying. Little flak after target.</p> <p>Fighters - 10 fighters were observed, composed of silver ME 109's, several gray ME 110's and one yellow FW <del>200</del> 190. Plexiglass in pilots compartment was shattered. Whether by fighters or flak - unknown.</p> <p>Observations - Smoke screen between the I.P. and Target was in operation, but chimneys and tall buildings protruded through. About 10 balloons were observed to the left of this run, i.e., south of the town, flying at several thousand feet. One B-24 burning on the sea about 10 miles at 10 o'clock from 38 deg. 48' N., 19 deg. 42' E., at 0822 hours GMT.</p> <p>One B-24 belly landed about 3 miles short of target. Six men believed to be crew men standing around plane. This was a green a/c with a small "W" on the tail surface.</p> <p>One B-24 two miles after Target crashed into the edge of a woods and burst into flames.</p> <p>One B-24 shortly after Target with #1 engine burning, pulled into a steep climb, stalled at about 1,000 feet, 3 men jumped out, 2 parachutes opened, and plane nosed into ground, bursting into flames.</p>

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PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

R.A.F. Form 441-A.

Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 67th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain P 1st Lt. E. H. Reinhart CP F/O C. L. Starr Crew N 2nd Lt. G. J. Totten B 2nd Lt. R. H. Pendleton E T/Sgt. F. D. Garrett top t AE S/Sgt. A. A. Mash lwg. R T/Sgt. R. B. Huntley AR S/Sgt. R. W. Wolfe rwg G S/Sgt. G. Van Son tg		
Aircraft No.	371			
Aircraft Letter	Q			
Time Up				
Time Down				
Total Time			Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud			Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud			Reference	
Base of Cloud			Special target map.	
Visibility				
General Weather				

Task or Duty      Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Unreported. Bomb loading: 6 x 500 lb. American GP bombs, 45-sec. delay fusing.</p> <p><i>Lt Garrett } reported as captured in Rumania</i>  <i>Sgt Wolfe } " " " " " "</i>  <i>A.A. Mash } " " " " " "</i>  <i>Lt Reinhart reported prisoner in Rumania</i>  <i>Lt Totten " " " " " "</i>  <i>Sgt. Huntley " " " " " "</i>  <i>Sgt Van Son " " " " " "</i>  <i>Lt Pendleton " " " " " "</i></p>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

## SORTIE REPORT

### (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 66th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain	P 1st Lt. T. E. Scrivner CP 1st Lt. E. P. Anderson
Aircraft No.	375	Crew	N 1st Lt. P. P. Phillips B 2nd Lt. R. E. Young E T/Sgt. W. F. Coll top t AE Sgt. T. F. Schappert lwg R S/Sgt. C. N. Satterfield AR Sgt. M. R. Mickey rwg G S/Sgt. J. J. Malone tg
Aircraft Letter	<u>G</u>		
Time Up		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Down			
Total Time			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Special target map.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty

Ploesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. Believed down in Target area. Bomb loading: 6 x 500 lb. American GP with 1-hr. delay fusing.

**PART B** (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date <u>1 Aug 1943</u>	Squadron <u>68th</u>
Type of Aircraft	<u>B-24 D</u>	Captain <u>P 1st Lt. E. M. Shannon</u> <u>CP 1st Lt. R. J. Lehnhausen</u> Crew <u>N 2nd Lt. G. W. Temple</u> <u>B 2nd Lt. E. E. Colling</u> <u>E T/Sgt. D. E. Slattery Top T</u> <u>AE Sgt. C. H. Rothrock RWG</u> <u>R S/Sgt. C. W. Strandberg</u> <u>G S/Sgt. C. E. Heller LWG</u> <u>G S/Sgt. R. I. Vogel TG</u>		
Aircraft No.	<u>373</u>			
Aircraft Letter	<u>Z</u>			
Time Up	<u>0440</u>			
Time Down	<u>1800</u>	Aerodrome or L.G. <u>Benina</u>		
Total Time	<u>13 Hr 20 min</u>			
Type of Cloud	<u>Q</u>	Map or Chart  Reference  Special target maps.		
Amount of Cloud	<u>6 - 7/10</u>			
Base of Cloud	<u>5,000</u>			
Visibility	<u>10 miles Good</u>			
General Weather	<u>vGood</u>			

Task or Duty Ploesti Refineries-Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0440			Took off to #2 position, 2nd element, 2nd Blue Flight. Crossed Target as #2, 1st element, west side of Blue Target.
1208	150'	Target	<p>Dropped 3 x 1,000 lb. GP 1 hr fusing. Brought back 60 incend. Axis of bombing run - 137 degrees. Aiming point - distillation plant. One bomb observed to skid into target building; Other two not observed. Bombs toggled out at 50-ft. interval.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak, so disposed as to keep a/c in crossfire during most of the run-up. Much light flak in Target Area.</p> <p>Fighters - 15 - 20 Me 109's and Me 110's, silver and black in color. No attacks on this a/c.</p> <p>Observations - About 45 barges on River Danube.</p> <p>1 B-24 crashed into wood just other side of Target and exploded.</p> <p>10 minutes after leaving Target, saw 2 parachutes at 8,000'. No plane in sight.</p> <p>On return journey in mountains of Greece saw plane burning on mountain side and what appeared to be a parachute hanging from a limb of a tree in a deep ravine, some distance from crashed plane.</p>
0822			Observed plane burning on water off island of Corfu.
1800			Landed Benina.

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Several Targets had already been bombed when this Group was still at the I.P.

Landed Benina.

# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	P 1st Lt. G. S. Stevens Captain CP 2nd Lt. R. A. Harris Crew N 2nd Lt. A. Rispoli B 2nd Lt. J. J. Huber E T/Sgt. C. C. Fry top t R T/Sgt. M. S. Paciorek AE S/Sgt. F. L. Rodriguez rwg AR Sgt. E. T. O'Gara lwg G S/Sgt. L. W. Vincent tg		
Aircraft No.	013			
Aircraft Letter				
Time Up	0430			
Time Down	1750	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina		
Total Time	13 hr 20 min			
Type of Cloud			Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud			Reference	
Base of Cloud			Special target map	
Visibility				
General Weather				

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0430			Took off to #3 position, 2nd element, 3rd flight, blue Target. Passed over target #3, 3rd element, right side of blue target.
1217	200'	Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP, 45-sec. delay fusing, and 2 boxes of incendiaries. Bombing run - 134 deg; aiming pt - Boiler House. Observed 2 bombs hit storage tanks, 2 hit the ground in front of target, but skipped into building and 2 bombs hit the building directly. Bombs toggled out at minimum interval. Observed other bombs hit tank cars and tank farm.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and m/g fire, 1,000-1500 yards east of Target, and about same distance after target. Many guns were concealed in haystacks, wood patches, growing crops, etc.</p> <p>Fighters - About 15 FW 190's and Me 109's, gray with black trim. 2 or 3 attacks on this ship from 12 o'clock. No claims.</p> <p>Observations - Heavy concentration of flak in pill boxes NW of target; "W", a green B-24, belly-landed about a mile from target.          B-24 crashed to right of flight.          B-24 pulled steeply to about 1,000 ft, 2 parachutes opened, and a/c crashed and burned.          Observed light Flak guns on water tower.</p>
1750			Landed Benina.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

R.A.F. Form 441 A.

Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	P Capt. W. H. Strong Captain CP 1st Lt. S. F. Olsen Crew N 2nd Lt. L. G. Fretwell B 2nd Lt. T. A. Flaherty E T/Sgt. E. O. Hamel RWG R T/Sgt. C. W. Nelson AE S/Sgt. L. B. Fleming Top T AR S/Sgt. L. L. Ackermann LWG G S/Sgt. O. R. Germann TG		
Aircraft No.	201			
Aircraft Letter	0			
Time Up	0452			
Time Down	1747	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina		
Total Time	12 hr 55 min			
Type of Cloud	Bad Cu	Map or Chart  Reference  Special Target maps		
Amount of Cloud	8/10			
Base of Cloud	Top of mts.			
Visibility	15 Miles at target			
General Weather	Hazy			

Task or Duty                      Floesti Refineries-Blue

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0452			Took off to lead ship, 2nd element 3rd flight. Crossed target leading 3rd element on the right half of Blue Target.
1213	200'	Target	Dropped 6 x 500 lb. American GP, 45-sec. tail. Brought back 2 boxes of incendiaries. Axis of bombing run - 137 degrees; Aiming point - small building in cracking plant, as briefed. Bombs toggled out, 30-ft. intervals. Results unobserved.
			Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire all the way from I.P. to past target. Flak guns were hidden in houses 3/4 mile before Target.
			Fighters - 12-15 Me 109's, Me 110's and MC 202's, painted black with yellow noses.
0825			Observations - At 38 deg. 40' N., 19 deg. 40' E. saw what looked like a parachute on the water and a large oil patch.
1318			Observed B-24 headed for Turkey, 43 deg. 15' N., 23 deg. 03' E.
			B-24 shortly after Target was knocked down and two chutes came out.
			In the neighborhood of target observed a railroad train. S/Sgt. Ackerman fired into and punctured locomotive.
1747			Landed Benina.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 282	Aircraft Letter <u>Y</u>	Captain P 1st Lt. F. O. Slough CP F/O R. J. Lacombe Crew N 2nd Lt. G. G. Grimes B 1st Lt. C. M. Shaw E T/Sgt. J. E. Callier LWG R T/Sgt. D. Kennon AE S/Sgt. E. W. Harbison Top T G Sgt. R. A. Griffin TG AR S/Sgt. H. J. Seigfeldt
Time Up <del>0500</del>	0500		
Time Down	1737		
Total Time	12 hr 37 min	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud	Map or Chart		
Amount of Cloud	Reference		
Base of Cloud	Special target map.		
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty      Floesti Refineries- Blue.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0500			Took off to left wing, 4th element, 4th flight. Over target, last a/c of left Blue.
1215	50'	Target	<p>Dropped 6 x 500 lb bombs with 1 hr fusing. Bombs toggled in train, 25-ft. interval. Smoke too heavy to observe results. Target on left had flames 15-20 feet high coming from it. Axis of bombing run - 137 degrees. Aiming point - Cracking plant.</p> <p>Flak - Intense light flak and machine gun fire, encountered 2 minutes before target, at target and 2 minutes after target.</p> <p>Fighters - 30-35 Me 109's and Me 110's, gray and green. Seemed to be working in pairs. <del>Damage</del></p> <p>Damage to a/c - #1 cowling shot up.</p> <p>E/A CLAIMS:</p> <p>1 Me 109 claimed Destroyed by T/Sgt. J. E. Callier, LWG. E/A seen to crash by Sgts. Harbison &amp; Siegfeldt.</p> <p>1 Me 109 claimed Destroyed by S/Sgt. E. W. Harbison, top turret gunner. Seen to catch fire and crash by 2nd Lt. G. G. Grimes and also by S/Sgt. R. A. Griffin.</p> <p>Observations - Just after passing Target green B-24 seen to crash and burn. 2 men baled out, chutes opened; 3rd man jumped - no parachute. Another B-24 was seen enveloped in flames; did not see it crash.</p> <p>B-24 of unknown color seen to crash in flames.</p> <p>About 1 hour before reaching Target a lone fighter made a half-hearted pass at this ship.</p>
1737			Landed Benina.

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# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.		Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 67th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D		P 1st Lt. W. Weaver	
Aircraft No.	761		Captain CP 2nd Lt. R. E. Snyder, Jr.	
Aircraft Letter	D		Crew N 2nd Lt. W. M. Sorenson	
Time Up Time Down Total Time			B 2nd Lt. L. W. Reese	
			E T/Sgt. W. J. Schettler top t	
			AE S/Sgt. J. A. Brittain lwg	
			R T/Sgt. J. L. Hinely	
			AR S/Sgt. P. L. Breedlove, Jr. rwg	
			G S/Sgt. F. J. Suponcic tg	
			Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Type of Cloud			Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud			Reference	
Base of Cloud			Special target map.	
Visibility				
General Weather				

Task or Duty                      Floesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Unreported. Bomb load - 3 x 1000 lb. American GP., 1 hr. delay fuse.
			<div> <div> Lt Weaver Lt Snyder Lt Sorenson Lt Reese Sgt Brittain Sgt Breedlove </div> <div>Reported hospitalized in Rumania</div> </div> <div> Sgt. Hinely reported prisoner in Rumania Sgt. Suponcic </div>

**PART B** (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

# **SORTIE REPORT** (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 66th
Type of Aircraft B-24 D	Aircraft No. 015	Aircraft Letter R	Captain P 1st Lt. G. W. Winger CP 2nd Lt. E. Barnett Crew N 1st Lt. F. H. Palmer B Sgt. J. Gradwhol E T/Sgt. H. Kretzer top t AE S/Sgt. B. G. Traudt rwg R Sgt. H. E. Gotts AR S/Sgt. M. J. Cicon lwg G Sgt. E. I. Phillips tg
Time Up	Time Down	Total Time	Aerodrome or L.G. Benina
Type of Cloud	Amount of Cloud	Base of Cloud	Map or Chart
Visibility	General Weather		Reference

## Task or Duty

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			<p>Unreported. Bomb loading: 3 x 1000 lb. American GP., 1-hour delay fusing.</p> <p><i>Sgt. Traudt reported hospitalized in Rumania</i></p> <p><i>Sgt. Cicon reported prisoner in Rumania</i></p>

**PART B** (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

## SORTIE REPORT

### (Part A)

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 Aug 1943	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft	B-24 D	Captain	P 1st Lt. C. A. Whitlock CP 2nd Lt. W. H. Phipps
Aircraft No.	370	Crew	N 2nd Lt. R. A. Ricks B 2nd Lt. H. W. Schwab E T/Sgt. C. H. Holtz R T/Sgt. P. V. Chase AE S/Sgt. H. Dunajecz AR S/Sgt. R. W. Bonham
Aircraft Letter			G S/Sgt. E. M. Stewart tg
Time Up		Aerodrome or L.G. Benina	
Time Down			
Total Time			
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference	
Base of Cloud		Special target map.	
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty

Ploesti refineries.

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
			Left formation after dropping 6 x 500 lb. American GP bombs, 45-sec. tail fuse. Now reported at Cyprus.

**PART B** (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.

# SORTIE REPORT (Part A)

R.A.F. Form 441 A.

Sheet No.	Oprep. Ref. No.	Date 1 August/43	Squadron 506th
Type of Aircraft B-24D		P 1st Lt. C. A. Whitlock Captain CP 2nd Lt. W. H. Phipps N 2nd Lt. R. A. Ricks Crew B 2nd Lt. H. W. Schwab E T/Sgt. C. H. Holtz - top turret R T/Sgt. P. V. Chase AE S/Sgt. H. Dunajecz - RW AR S/Sgt. R. W. Bonham - LW G S/Sgt. E. M. Stewart - tail gunner	
Aircraft No. 370			
Aircraft Letter <u>V</u>			
Time Up 0453			
Time Down			
Total Time		Aerodrome or L.G. BENINA MAIN	
Type of Cloud		Map or Chart	
Amount of Cloud		Reference Special Target Map	
Base of Cloud			
Visibility			
General Weather			

Task or Duty      Floesti refineries, Roumania

Time	Height	Place	Narrative
0453			<p>Took off to #2 position 4th flight - Blue right Target.</p> <p>Left formation at Craiova; #1 engine feathered (bad #1 fuel cells); over Turkey #4 engine went out and was feathered due to loss of oil. Proceeded to 42 deg. 00' N, 27 deg. 00' E.; then to 38 deg. 30' N., 28 deg. 00' E. and from this point to Nicosia, Cyprus. A/C now at Devasoir; crew returned to Benina.</p> <p><del>Missed</del> Jettisoned 6 x 500 lb. American GP, 45-sec. delay tail fuse, in Danube River. Dropped incendiaries over Bulgaria.</p>

PART B (on reverse) to be completed according to relevant pro-forma in H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Instruction 34.