

ON 5 APRIL, MISSION 25, SORTIE 16, THE TARGET ASSIGNED TO THE GROUP WAS THE NOBALL INSTALLATION AT SIRACOURT (ST POL) FRANCE. THIS TARGET HAD BEEN HIT BEFORE BUT THE DAMAGE SUFFERED WAS NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE IT OFF THE PRIORITY LIST. TWENTY FIVE PLANES, LED BY MAJOR LA ROCHE AND CAPT. FREEMAN, WERE DISPATCHED TO COMPLETE THE WORK ALREADY STARTED ON THIS TARGET. DUE TO A COMPLETE 10/10TH UNDERCAST OVER THE CONTINENT AND TARGET NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED INASMUCH AS THE TARGET WAS LOCATED NEAR A FRENCH VILLAGE. NO SECONDARY WAS ATTACKED DUE TO THE FAILURE OF GH EQUIPMENT IN LEAD PLANE. NO E/A WERE SEEN AND ALL A/C RETURNED TO THE BASE WITH NO BATTLE DAMAGE SUFFERED.

FORMATION PLAN
MISSION JF 5 APRIL 1944

GH-LaRoche

Harris
353 K-21

Woodward-Hickley
366 K-21

Schulze
335 K-21

Slaton
K-20407

Bruce
059 K-21

Goldsmith
38

Levis
682

Vogel
132

Wells
441

Stroup
423

Olney
399

Kingsley
305 K-20

Stillson
404

Watson
295 K-20

Wilton
276

GH-Henrier

C
Zimmerman
457 K-21

Weber-Freeman
365 K-21

Mangerich
667 K-20

Schuman
671 K-21

Alvestad
700 K-21

Wickleton
709

Nedrow
455

Sievern
392

Spoven
733

Wellefe
301

Gilles
273

McCullough
302 K-20

Shaw
721

Robson
705 K-20

Green
302

458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

DATE	TARGET	PILOT	458th Msn #	Pilot Msn#	Cmd Pilot	LD	Serial	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn #	A/C Name	MIA	Notes
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	ALVESTAD	16	8			41-28706	F	J4	4	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	BRUDOS	16	9			42-110059	E	J3	1	PAPPY YOKUM		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	CRAGUN	16	7			41-29352		7V	8	WOLVE'S LAIR		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	DAVIS	16	7			41-28682	I	Z5	12	UNKNOWN 003		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	DeNEFFE	16	8			41-29300	M	J4	14	LORELEI		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	GAINES	16	7			41-29273	Q	J4	12	FLAK MAGNET		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	GOLDSMITH	16	6			--		--	--			SERIAL NUMBER ILLEGIBLE
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	HARRIS, T	16	4			42-52353	J	Z5	13	McNAMARA'S BAND		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	KINGSLEY	16	5			41-29305	N	Z5	5	I'LL BE BACK/HYPOCHONDRIAC		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	MANGERICH	16	10			41-28667	F	7V	6	JAYHAWKER		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	McCULLOUGH	16	7			41-29302	P	7V	8	NOKKISH		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	MELTON	16	10			41-29276	T	J4	3	ROTTEN SOCK or SACK/URGIN VIRGIN		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	MIDDLETON	16	1			41-28709	I	7V	8	LUCKY STRIKE		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	NEDROW	16	1			42-52455	O	7V	10	PLUTOCRAT		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	OLNEY	16	1			41-29359	J	J3	9	TAIL WIND		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	ROBESON	16	10			41-28705	H	J4	14	YE OLDE HELLGATE		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SCHULZE	16	11			42-52335	R	Z5	14	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SCHUMAN	16	7			41-28671	K	J4	11	UNKNOWN 001		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SHAW, C	16	6			41-28721	L	J4	9	DOWNWIND LEG		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SIEVERS	16	8			42-52392	O	J4	11	WABBIT TWACKS		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SLATON	16	3			42-100407	A	J3	6	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	SPAVEN	16	7			41-28733	P	J4	9	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	STILSON	16	5			42-52404	Q	Z5	4	BELLE OF BOSTON		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	STROUP	16	6			42-52423	R	J3	7	UNKNOWN 031		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	VOGEL	16	8			42-52432	P	J3	14	BACHELOR'S PARADISE		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	WATSON	16	8			41-29295	K	Z5	8	BOMB TOTIN' MAMA		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	WEBER	16	7	FREEMAN	D2	42-100365	B	7V	8	WOLFGANG (maybe)		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	WELLS	16	7			42-52441	I	J3	12	LAST CARD LOUIE		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	WOODWARD	16	5	HINCKLEY	D1	42-100366	B	Z5	5	MIZPAH		
5-Apr-1944	ST. POL-SIRACOURT	ZIMMERMAN	16	2			42-52457	Q	7V	8	FINAL APPROACH		