

HEADQUARTERS
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
APO 520, U.S. ARMY

20 July 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Records.

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, Attention
Historian (through channels).

1. Unit history of the Headquarters 460th Bombardment Group (H) for the period 1 June 1944 to 30 June 1944.

a. The present designation of the unit is Headquarters 460th Bombardment Group (H).

b. No change in organization.

c. Strength, Month of May.

(a)	At beginning	27	Officers,	55	EM.
(b)	Net increase	0	"	0	"
(c)	Net decrease	0	"	2	"
(d)	At end	27	"	53	"

d. Spinazzola Air Base.

e. None.

f. (1) Italian Campaign.
(2) Still in progress.

g. Bombing of enemy oil installations in Roumania, Austria, France, Hungary and Italy constituted the main strategic objective of this Group during the month of June. In addition, enemy communications, harbor installations and ordnance supply facilities were hit.

Six of our missions were into some of the enemy's most heavily defended areas. Vienna and Munich were each bombed twice and Ploesti and Bucharest were hit once each.

Bombing accuracy was consistently high, the highest mark being made on the Girgui mission when 74% of the bombs fell within 1000' of the aiming point.

<u>Missions flown in June</u>			
1. Cluj, Roumania	2 June 44	5. Leghorn, Italy	7 June 44
2. Turin, Italy	4 " "	6. Munich, Austria	9 " "
3. Faenza, Italy	5 " "	7. Trieste, Italy	10 " "
4. Ploesti, Roumania	6 " "	8. Smederevo, Roum.	11 " "

9. Munich, Austria	13 June 44	14. Sete, France	25 June 44
10. Petfundo, Hung.	14 June 44	15. Florisdorf, Aust	26 June 44
11. Vienna, Austria	16 June 44	16. Bucharest, Roum.	28 June 44
12. Castel Maggiore	22 June 44	17. Blechhammer, Ger	30 June 44
13. Giurgiu, Roum	23 June 44		

h. Colonel Bertram C. Harrison, Group Commander, led the missions listed below:

1. Ploesti, Roumania	6 June 44	3. Giurgiu, Roum.	23 June 44
2. Smederevo, Roum.	11 June 44	4. Blechhammer, Ger	30 June 44

Lt. Colonel Harold T. Babb, Deputy Group Commander, led the missions listed below:

1. Cluj, Roumania	2 June 44	3. Munich, Austria	13 June 44
2. Leghorn, Italy	7 June 44		

Lt. Colonel William B. Campbell, Group Operations Officer, led the missions listed below.

1. Faenza, Italy	5 June 44	3. Vienna, Austria	26 June 44
2. Trieste, Italy	10 June 44		

i. There was no losses in action.

j. The following headquarters personnel have distinguished themselves and been decorated:

Colonel

Bertram C. Harrison, D.F.C., GO 724, 30 May 44.

Lt. Colonel

Harold T. Babb, D.F.C., GO 1257, 23 June 44.

Lt. Colonel

William B. Campbell, D.F.C., GO 1309, 25 June 44.

Captain

James B. Crain, D.F.C., GO 761, 31 May 44.

Captain

Britt S. May, Air Medal & cluster, GO 667, 21 May 44.

Captain

Jackson D. Large, D.F.C., GO 761, 31 May 44, and Oak Leaf Cluster, GO 1418, 28 May 44.

2. Enclosed herewith are the historical records and supporting documents of the four squadrons.

For the Commanding Officer:

CLYDE C. CARPENTER, JR.
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl.

Incl 1 - 4 H/Rs (in trip).