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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 634

8-4-44

31 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: "Carpetbagger" Operations.

TO : Commanding General, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, APO 633.

Reports of "Carpetbagger" Operations for the night of 28/29 May 1944 are submitted herewith. Twenty-three aircraft were dispatched, eighteen of these completed their missions and one is missing in action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

23 Encls:

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- Incl 3 - Rpt No. 471
- Incl 4 - Rpt No. 472
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MAHONING COUNTY (Cont'd)

SPAIN LAWRENCE A	35608170	SGT	KIA
STANKOVICH MICHAEL	35586540	SG	DNB
STRATFORD EDWARD D	35381773	PVT	M
STRICKO MICHAEL NMI	35610421	PVT	KIA
STROUNY NICHAN J	35235585	PFC	KIA
STRUICH A E JR	16133581	CPL	DOI
STUHLERHREH WILLIAM	35509836	PFC	DNB
STUPHAR STEPHEN	35317053	T SG	KIA
STURGEON JOHN E JR	35845631	PFC	KIA
SUSZCZYNSKI PHILIP E	35234371	PFC	KIA
SHANEY NORBERT A	15360001	PVT	KIA
SHANSON WILLIAM S	0-793026	1 LT	KIA
SHEENEY EDWARD A	35242635	PVT	KIA
SHEENEY OWEN B JR	15328425	SGT	KIA
SHEENEY THOMAS H	35024426	CPL	FOD
TAYLOR JOHN R	0-435809	1 LT	KIA
TAYLOR ROGER W	35537066	PFC	KIA
TAYLOR ROGER M	35049145	PFC	KIA
TAYLOR WILLIAM F JR	35234530	PFC	KIA
TENPLETON THOMAS E	0-662842	4 LT	DNB
TERIHAY MARTIN	35504591	CPL	KIA
TEXER EDWARD J	35231854	PVT	DNB
THOMAS JOSEPH	35394590	TEC4	KIA
THOMAS THOMAS W	15331918	SGT	DNB
THOMPSON DENVER O	15071436	CPL	KIA
THOMPSON JOHN S	01313144	1 LT	KIA
THORNTON JOHN R	35302938	PFC	DNB
TICE CHARLES A JR	35586283	PFC	KIA
TISONE CARL E	0-729674	2 LT	FOD
TKALEC ANTHONY J	35295825	PFC	KIA
TODD CONRAD C	35610577	S SG	KIA
TOFEL JOHN J	35526132	PFC	DNB
TOKOLY ROBERT F	35149446	1 LT	KIA
TOMAK MICHAEL C JR	35025900	PFC	KIA
TOMASKOVIC M H JR	35309971	S SG	KIA
TOMORY ALBERT D	15323887	PVT	KIA
TONDO FRANK	35233728	PFC	DNB
TOTH JOSEPH C	35399593	PVT	DNB
TOUPIN WILLIAM A	15071867	S SG	DNB
TRANER JAMES R	37666196	PVT	DNB
TRUMAN PAUL	35850249	PVT	KIA
TURNER CHARLES M JR	35069705	TECS	DNB
TYHOSKY MICHAEL	35025890	TECS	DNB
UGRAN VASILE	35391123	PT	KIA
VANATSKY JOSEPH	35023546	CPL	KIA
VETRECHIN MICHAEL G	15320307	T SG	KIA
VITTO WILLIAM H	35244243	PFC	DNB
VOLPE JOHN	35317047	SGT	FOD
VOSSEVELL WALTER	15013356	TEC4	DNB
VRABEC THOMAS S	35278219	CPL	DNB
VUKOVICH THOMAS P	35289147	PFC	DNB
WALKER EDWIN C	35235374	PVT	KIA
WALLER ELNER T	35514221	PFC	KIA
WALSH THOMAS E	0-790707	1 LT	FOD
WARD RAY E	0-677921	2 LT	DNB
WARREN JAMES A	35235775	CPL	KIA
WASKO EUGENE A	35392588	CPL	KIA
WATKINS HAROLD E	01314698	1 LT	KIA
WATT JAMES R	0-363717	LT C	KIA
WEBER ROBERT F	35580896	PVT	KIA
WEBER SAUL	15076748	PVT	DNB
WELSH THOMAS E JR	35605880	PFC	KIA
WERTZ HENRY C	35317047	PFC	DNB
WHEELER GEORGE F	35289165	PVT	KIA
WHEELER ROBERT A	35041276	PFC	KIA
WHITLEY ROBERT E	35273840	PFC	KIA
WILES EDGAR JR	35392649	SGT	DNB
WILLIAMS CHARLES H J	35324874	SGT	DNB
WILLIAMS EDWARD A	1239164	M SG	KIA
WILLIAMS LEON H	35608251	SGT	M

Richard G. Hawkins
Tailgunner - Wolcott Crew, 406th BS, 801st BG
DOW - 29 May 1944
Marion County, Marion, Ohio

WILLIAMSON JOHN H	15323312	TEC4	KIA
WILSON BILL H	35237856	AV C	DNB
WILSON FRANK S	35237856	CPL	DNB
WILSON TYRUS R	35273483	CPL	DNB
WOJCICKI FRANK L	35382324	PVT	DNB
WOOLF WALTER L	35050727	SGT	KIA
WUEN JOHN D	35045607	S SG	KIA
YANE JOE H	35025797	PFC	KIA
YANKIEWICZ JOHN	35273598	PVT	KIA
TAUS DAVID	0-679440	1 LT	KIA
YAVORSKY JOSEPH J	15324298	S SG	FOD
YAZBEK JOSEPH A	35301529	PVT	KIA
YOKO ANDY H	35009308	PFC	KIA
YOUNG CLARENCE C	35235559	CPL	KIA
YOUSKO ALFRED J	35610585	PFC	KIA
YUENGERT GEORGE R	35918440	PFC	KIA
YUG STEVEN	35210146	PFC	DNB
YURCHAK ANDRE N	35382129	PFC	DNB
ZARLENGO JOHN R	35231050	PVT	KIA
ZIFCHAK ANDREW R	35926306	PVT	KIA
ZIMPELMAN JOHN G	35316999	T SG	KIA
ZOFIE ANDY J JR	35300451	TECS	DNB
ZVARA ANDY	35925712	SGT	DNB
ZYSKOWSKI EDWARD C	35302730	PVT	DNB

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ALEXANDER WILBERT J	35036686	PFC	FOD
ARMSTRONG WILLIAM O	35870057	PVT	KIA
ASHMORTH GLEN W	35036682	PFC	KIA
BAKER ROBERT L	35285726	PFC	FOD
BAUGHN HAROLD R	35633635	SGT	KIA
BIRNBAUM WILTON	35271865	TECS	DNB
BORROR CURTIS JR	15340759	S SG	FOD
BOWERS CHARLES H	35627637	TECS	KIA
BRISTLEY JOHN H	6668230	PFC	KIA
BUCKLEY DONALD F	35418140	1 SG	KIA
CAFAGNO FRANK	35677919	PVT	DNB
CALVERT WILLIAM J	35215799	PFC	KIA
CARLYLE RAYMOND E	35618367	CPL	KIA
CARTER OSEL W	35057743	PVT	KIA
CHAPMAN HARMON	35406709	SGT	KIA
CHONTOS ANTHONY J	19065924	TEC4	KIA
CLEMENT JAMES A	0-743412	2 LT	KIA
COFFEY RALPH E	35010860	CPL	DNB
CONGILL EDWIN	35223185	SGT	M
CRANER FREDERICK L	35239882	PFC	KIA
CRAWFORD JAMES JR	35010833	1 LT	DNB
DESTROU JAMES O	35082242	PVT	M
DEWILDER FLOYD	35422300	TEC4	KIA
DILLON HOMER H	38472156	PFC	KIA
DUNN CYRIL H	35891027	PFC	DNB
DUTT HOMER R	35001094	PFC	KIA
EBERT PAUL J	35291001	S SG	KIA
EIBLING WAYNE F	35113520	PFC	KIA
ETRE GEORGE R	35033312	PFC	KIA
FERGUSON GROVER	35340400	PVT	DNB
FOGLE RICHARD E	01296013	CAPT	KIA
FOGLIETTA JOHN C	33105440	PFC	KIA
FOX AUDLEY	35084488	CPL	DNB
FRAZIER CARLOS S	35000989	CPL	DNB
GALATI JOSEPH P	35633794	PFC	DNB
GARRISON ELMER H	35036690	PFC	KIA
GREER ELVIS L	15110709	S SG	DNB
GRIFFITH RICHARD A	35271947	PVT	DNB
HARRIS CARL L	35092843	PVT	KIA

HART ALFRED	35036665	PVT	KIA
HAWKINS RICHARD G	35418379	S SG	DNB
HOLT JACK E	35224141	SGT	KIA
HOLYCROSS MARION L	35087116	PVT	FOD
HOUGHTON JOHN S	0-866563	2 LT	DOI
HOWARD ERNEST P	35617929	PFC	KIA
HUBER IRL	35812373	PVT	KIA
KUDA WILLIS	35031189	PFC	KIA
KYLE EUGENE F	37050724	PVT	KIA
LEFFLER LOWELL E F	0-742488	1 LT	KIA
LESSIG HAROLD R	35036658	PVT	DNB
LINVILLE ERNEST E	02092414	2 LT	DNB
LONG CLIFFORD E	35072572	PVT	KIA
MANIACI WILLIAM J	35409727	SGT	KIA
MANN FRANK R	15126734	SGT	DNB
MARINE GERALD R	35632851	S SG	KIA
MC COMBS BERNARD L	35622900	CPL	KIA
MC DANIEL CHARLES J	35000958	PVT	DNB
MC ELDOONEY W J	35402874	S SG	KIA
MC GINNIS MARION E	15070226	S SG	KIA
MERCHANT ROBERT G	35413824	PFC	KIA
MESSENGER ARNEST C	35239801	PVT	KIA
NETZ CARL E	35291093	S SG	KIA
HIDDAUGH FRANK E	35622888	TECS	KIA
HIDDLEMISS THOMAS H	35229989	PVT	DNB
HILEY MAURICE J	01313435	2 LT	KIA
HITCHELL JAMES H	15376004	S SG	FOD
HOLLER RAYMOND	35002987	PVT	KIA
HOLL RAYMOND C	35422092	CPL	KIA
MURPHY ROBERT E	37676390	PVT	DNB
MUSGRAVE RONALD D	35072403	PFC	KIA
NEAL STANLEY R	0-675864	1 LT	KIA
NISHIMOTO JOE M	35229927	PFC	KIA
NORTON WILLIAM E	35000900	PFC	KIA
OTTO CLARENCE C	35633573	PFC	KIA
PATTEN DRY S	35618335	PFC	FOD
PINNEY RAY M JR	35004189	S SG	DNB
PORTER BECKER E	15075558	PFC	DNB
QUIGLEY JESS A	0-701158	2 LT	FOD
RIDENOUR VERN A	18814	M SG	DNB
RILEY PAUL E	6675549	S SG	KIA
ROBY WILLIAM H	35503330	PFC	KIA
RODMAN EARL K	35711707	PFC	KIA
ROSEBERRY CLARENCE A	35003192	SGT	KIA
ROSZHAN JOHN P	35423234	SGT	KIA
RUTH DONALD V	35036673	PVT	KIA
RUZZO WALTER L	0-744867	1 LT	KIA
SMITH LESTER E	35867032	PFC	KIA
SMITH ROBERT L	35930458	PFC	KIA
SNYDER JOHN G	35618336	TECS	KIA
SNYDER ROBERT L	35401210	S SG	FOD
STONEMAN CHARLES M	0-782054	2 LT	DNB
SWEENEY CHARLES E	35617922	PFC	KIA
SWEENEY BUSBY H	35227882	PVT	KIA
SWEENEY BUSBY H	0-728519	1 LT	KIA
SWEENEY KENNETH J	15126186	PVT	DNB
SWITZER LESTER D	35407797	PFC	KIA
TILLMAN JAMES G	35035189	PFC	DNB
TRON PAUL J	01312364	1 LT	KIA
TRUITT JOHN A	35034941	TECS	KIA
VOUSDEN JOHN L	35413295	SGT	FOD
WEBB WILLIAM R	35003187	PVT	DNB
WELSH LEE	35003187	PVT	DNB
WELSH JOSEPH W	02058830	2 LT	KIA
WILSON WILLIAM JR	15017101	PFC	KIA
WOLFE PERRY H	0-558031	2 LT	KIA
WRIGHT STANLEY A	15077647	S SG	FOD
ZIEG WILLIAM H	35413755	PFC	DNB
ZWOLLE CHARLES H	19019446	PVT	KIA