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Turnul-Severin

MISSION NO. 25

16 April 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 30

(Annex #1, F.O. 30, 16 Apr 44)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. Number of A/C on Mission 41 B-24s.
2. Group leader Major D. W. THAYER
3. Deputy group leader Captain D.G.BELLEMERE
4. Second Unit Leader Lieut. L. LIBERTY
5. Second deputy leader Lieut. M. L. WALTER
6. Other Groups on mission 454, 456, 459 BGs.
7. Escort 2Gps P38s, 1 P47, 1 P51.
8. Bomb load Ten 500# nose .1,tail .025.
9. Ammunition 5200 rounds.
- 10 Fuel load 2700 gals,full oil service.
- 11 Stations 06:10B hours.
- 12 Taxi and takeoff instructions Taxi to north for T/O to S.
 Take off time 07:15B hours.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Attack Unit		2nd Attack Unit	
257	294	351	476
500	278	264	216
271	982	190	290
235	347	221	640
081	283	270	771
234	665	239	241
223	120	219	456

13. Bomber rendezvous 1st C Wg (459,454)at GUILIA
 at 3000' at 08:20B.
 2nd C Wg (455,456) at San G
 at 4000' at 08:20B
14. Course..... Base to Key Point(UZICE at
 43/52N, 19/51E) to BAZIAS
 44/49N, 21/24E) to SERES
 45/57N,23/34E) to IP to Targe
15. Target Time 11:10B.
16. Return course To BAZIAS to SERES to Base.
17. Initial Point SERCAIA (45/50N, 25/09#)
18. Axis of attack 115 deg Mag.
19. Bombing 9-ship front (route formation)
 2nd attack unit stacked down.
20. Bombardier information Leader of each unit sight for
 range and deflection,box lead
 ers for range, others toggle
 on leaders. Bombing altitude
 22,000'.Int ervalometer sett-
 ing 100 ft.Target elev 2066'.
- 21.Rally Right, gradual turn to 180°
 M losing altitude.

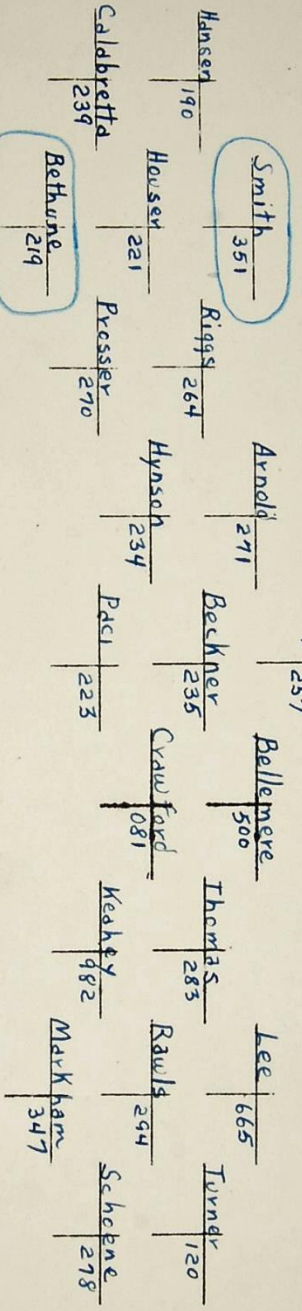
455 TH. BOMBARDMENT GROUP

A.P.O. 520

FORMATION DIAGRAM

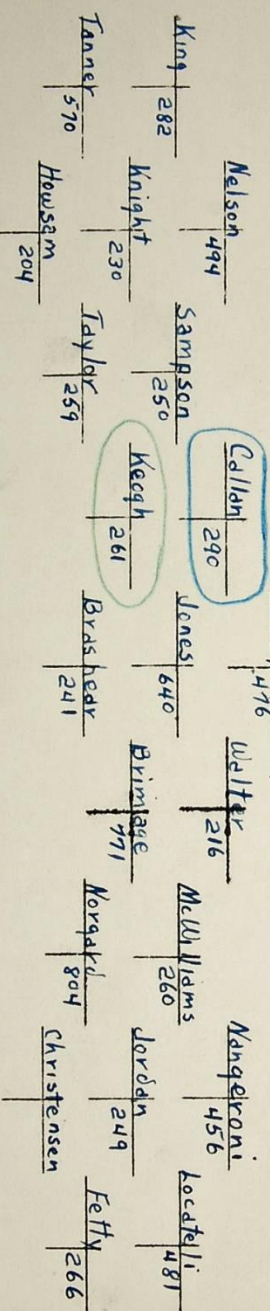
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1ST SECTION
 Thayer (Staff)



2ND SECTION

Liberty (Bowers)



○ Did not take off
 ○ Early Return
 ○ Prior Return

loading
list

740

351

4/16/44

Lt Smith
Lt Griffin
Lt Draghi
Lt Clowery
T/Sgt Wolk

T/Sgt Cassidy
S/Sgt Cahlin
S/Sgt Nyquist
S/Sgt Good
S/Sgt Carringer
S/Sgt Lubeck

740

219

4/16/44

Lt Bethune
Lt Adkisson
Lt Abramowitz
Lt Austin
T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Boone
Sgt Fender
S/Sgt Gaynor
Sgt Fowler
Sgt Fisher

740

223

4/16/44

Lt Paci
Lt Johnson D.
Lt Masdale
Lt Daniels
S/Sgt Freeman

S/Sgt Thiapen
S/Sgt Fry
S/Sgt Johnson R.
S/Sgt Merrill
Sgt Jackson

740

234

4/16/44

Lt Hynson
Lt Jones
Lt Keller
Lt Banks
T/Sgt Isfall

S/Sgt Watermond
S/Sgt Daniels E.D.
S/Sgt Strange
S/Sgt Huppeter
S/Sgt Lineberger

740

270

4/16/44

Lt Prosser
Lt Kelley
Lt Frantz
Lt Kratz
T/Sgt Marhenke

T/Sgt Austin
S/Sgt Collins
Sgt Childers
S/Sgt Alt
S/Sgt Hubsch

740	190-	4/16/44	Lt Hansen Lt Fabian Lt popejoy Lt Dehn S/Sgt Lisi	T/Sgt Yeandal S/Sgt Babcock S/Sgt Berg S/Sgt Seiter S/Sgt Rosenfield
740	295	4/16/44	BOMBARDIER NAVIGATOR Lt Beckner Lt Ensdinger Lt Campbell P/O Brandstetter S/Sgt Johnson P.	T/Sgt Beck S/Sgt Sunkis S/Sgt Bearden S/Sgt Harris S/Sgt Symkowitz
740	081	4/16/44	Lt Crawford Lt Johnson R.W. Lt Annala Lt Compton G.L. S/Sgt Imburg	S/Sgt DeSolms Sgt Faut Sgt Crysel S/Sgt Fortson Sgt Metrik
740	264	4/16/44	Lt Riggs Lt Barke Lt Whidden Lt Percik T/Sgt Strohmeier	T/Sgt McNight S/Sgt Rushmore S/Sgt Windsand S/Sgt Kolbe S/Sgt Johnston
740	239	4/16/44	Lt Calabretta Lt Wallick Lt Gustafson Lt Butler T/Sgt Logan	T/Sgt Wert S/Sgt Kruse S/Sgt Francischini S/Sgt Bischoff S/Sgt Balough

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4/16/44

Lt Houser
Lt McNamara
Lt Deppisch
Lt Hoade
T/Sgt O'Brien

T/Sgt Kempf
S/Sgt Zielinski
S/Sgt Havers
S/Sgt Robinson
S/Sgt Puzfaro

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 249 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Jordan	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. Adair	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Edwards
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Moore	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Sherrick - BALL
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangos	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Morris - WAIST
RADIO	Sgt. Friot	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Applyn

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 804 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Capt. Norgard	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Hartman
CO-PILOT	Lt. Stiner	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Bergmann
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosmer	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Brathall
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Demas	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Barron
RADIO	Sgt. Bantz	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Fisher

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 855 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Christensen	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Bialas
CO-PILOT	Lt. Heathcote	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Bowles
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Taber	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Swann
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Padgett
RADIO	Sgt. Mayfield	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Abbott

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 241 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Brashear	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Fortson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Muth	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Keen
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Regnier	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Lindsay
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Elkerton	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Kirby
RADIO	Sgt. Korzeniewski	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Andrews, Terry B.

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 290 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Callan, R. A.	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Jessett
CO-PILOT	Lt. Emmons	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Heiskell
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kuntz	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hale
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callan, M. C.	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Jefferds
RADIO	Sgt. Matthews	TAIL GUN	Sgt. James

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 476 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Liberty	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Townsend
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Evenson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Demosh
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Massey	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Moser
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Pendleton
Navigator	Lt. McWilliams		

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 216 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Walter	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Skratsky
CO-PILOT	Lt. Woodley	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Davis, H. E.
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Stroman	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hamby, L. V.
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Hart	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Bennett
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Carson
Navigator	Lt. Slocum		

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 266 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____


4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Fetty	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Baker	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Bain
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jackson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Kowley
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Davis, R. H.
RADIO	Sgt. Kelly	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Connell

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741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 456 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	 Lt. Nangeroni	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Whittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Fry
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Johnson
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Roadman	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Andrews, Norman C.

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 481 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Locatelli	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Karney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Rezin	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Kinnick
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Cahill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Dakin
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McMahon	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Anderson
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Heer

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 260 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
4/16/44 DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. McWilliams	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Miller
CO-PILOT	Lt. Mensinger	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. McDowell
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Wilkes	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Hardy
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Fogel	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Ragusky
RADIO	Sgt. Eggemeyer	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Rifinsky

RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

____ SQUADRON A/C NUMBER _____ BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
____ DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT		TOP TUR GUN	
CO-PILOT		WAIST RIGHT	
NAVIGATOR		WAIST LEFT	
BOMBARDIER		BALL TUR GUN	
RADIO		TAIL GUN	

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742ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON ~~CH~~
APO #520 U.S. ARMY

16 APRIL 1944

SUBJECT : COMBAT CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 16 APRIL 1944.
TO : OPERATIONS OFFICER; 455TH BOMB GROUP (H)

SHIP #230

LT. KNIGHT
LT. COWDEN
LT. CROTZER
LT. BROTHERS
T/SGT BALMER
S/SGT DEARING
T/SGT CLAPSADDLE
S/SGT PAKNIK
S/SGT RYAN
SGT GRAUWILLER

SHIP #771

LT. BRIMAGE
LT. BROWN, W.R.
LY. SANTINA
LT. WACHTENDONK
S/SGT COWAN
S/SGT STINSON
SGT GREEN
SGT WEBB
SGT GOLDMAN
SGT SOUTHWORTH
WHITMIRE (PHOTO)

SHIP #494

LT. NELSON
LT. MC WARD
LT. ARIFF
F/O BASTIN
T/SGT CHANCE
S/SGT LATHAM, L.W.
S/SGT SKELTON
S/SGT LATHAM, V.L.
S/SGT MC COY
SGT MILLER
GRIESEL (PHOTO)

SHIP #259

F/O TAYLOR
LT. TUCK
LT. ROTHER
LT. BOULWARE
T/SGT WILSON
S/SGT STAPLETON
T/SGT RUST
SGT DAVID
S/SGT JOHNSON
S/SGT LEVERSON

SHIP #250

LT. SAMPSON
LT. NEIL
LT. HORSTMAN
LT. ADAMS
T/SGT BENCH
S/SGT CHARLES
T/SGT HAMILTON
S/SGT WINGERT
S/SGT GARDNER
S/SGT FABRIZIO

SHIP #570

LT. TANNER
LT. HAWLEY
LT. HERMAN
LT. BROWN, C.W.
T/SGT MIZELL
S/SGT ENGHAUS
T/SGT WAUGH
S/SGT DUVAL
S/SGT CHASE
S/SGT JACKSON, J,A,

SHIP #640

LT. JONES
LT. YTRI
LT. BODWELL
LT. BOFFA
T/SGT SEMAN
S/SGT BLANCHARD
T/SGT JACKSON, R.W.
S/SGT PHILBIN
S/SGT GRIFFITH
S/SGT WOOLDRIDGE

SHIP #282

LT. KING
LT. DAESCHNER
LT. MACEDO
LT. BELL
T/SGT HARDY
T/SGT SUMNER
S/SGT HEITZMAN
S/SGT DOYLE
S/SGT LOCKARD
S/SGT KIMSEY

RICHARD A. GOSLINE
1ST LT. AIR CORPS
OPERATIONS OFFICER

743rd Bombardment Squadron (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520

COMBAT LOADING LIST

16 April 1944

	<u>SHIP #500 (1-1-2)</u>		<u>SHIP #283 (1-3-3)</u>	
P	BELLEMERE, DAVID G.	Capt.	THOMAS, JACK H.	1st Lt.
CP	SCHOTT, ROY H.	1st Lt.	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.
N	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	GROSSMAN, BERNARD M.	2nd Lt.
B	BOCK, PHILLIP	2nd Lt.	VERKETIS, FRANK S.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Klinek, Albert J.	T/Sgt.	Bails, Dale R.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Levasseur, Warren F.	T/Sgt.	Shallow, John B.	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Lloyd, Vern L.	S/Sgt.	Herlihy, John J.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Fuller, Maurice L.	S/Sgt.	Peterson, Ron E.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Sadler, Jacob R.	Sgt.	Burkhardt, George	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Parks, Everett	Sgt.	Rudolph, Jack B.	Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #294 (1-2-3)</u>		<u>SHIP #278 (1-2-5)</u>	
P	RAWLS, DON M.	1st Lt.	SCHOENE, HORST R.	1st Lt.
CP	EVANS, EARL E.	2nd Lt.	COLMAN, ORRIN C.	2nd Lt.
N	MATHE, LEWIS L.	2nd Lt.	HAYWOOD, RENOLD F.	2nd Lt.
B	ROSS, DEAN R.	2nd Lt.	DAVIS, RALPH J.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Kennedy, Issac N.	T/Sgt.	Lumpkin, Lendon F.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Lohnes, Raymond W.	S/Sgt.	Palmer, Floyd W.	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Donahue, John J.	S/Sgt.	Roth, Edward J.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Smith, Thomas F.	S/Sgt.	Cushing, Waldo	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Laptwicz, John C.	S/Sgt.	Bates, James E.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Parris, Billy S.	S/Sgt.	Berg, Harold C.	Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #347 (1-2-7)</u>		<u>SHIP #665 (1-2-1)</u>	
P	MARKHAM, THOMAS J.	2nd Lt.	LEE, OPVILLE I.	1st Lt.
CP	LOKKEN, LYNN G.	2nd Lt.	DENTON, CHARLES A.	2nd Lt.
N	POORE, WESLEY A.	2nd Lt.	GROSS, JOSEPH	2nd Lt.
B	BROYAN, CARL B.	2nd Lt.	HORAN, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Nelson, Delbert E.	S/Sgt.	Collins, Joseph M.	T/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Schwemer, Louis E.	S/Sgt.	Derrick, Charles E.	S/Sgt.
WAIST R	Muzii, Louis A.	Sgt.	Dean, Willard H.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Sasser, Gerald B.	Sgt.	Kohnke, Earl B.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Klopchin, Andrew G.	Sgt.	LaFollette, John H.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Kirby, Joseph A.	Sgt.	Pendleton, Phil C.	T/Sgt.
	<u>SHIP #204 (2-3-7)</u>		<u>SHIP #120 (1-1-2)</u>	
P	HOTSAM, EARL R.	1st Lt.	TURNER, ERNEST F.	1st Lt.
CP	STERLING, RAYMOND N.	2nd Lt.	WALWORTH, NEIL M.	2nd Lt.
N	STOPA, LEO A.	2nd Lt.	HINE, LEONARD D.	2nd Lt.
B	GUDMUNDSON, ROY E.	2nd Lt.	DAVIS, CLARENCE R.	2nd Lt.
NOSE G	Cochrane, William P.	S/Sgt.	Alcápe, Jose	S/Sgt.
TOP TUR	Dandenault, Ernest C.	S/Sgt.	Caparaso, Joseph	T/Sgt.
WAIST R	Todoro, Anthony	S/Sgt.	Oven, Andrews M.	S/Sgt.
WAIST L	Baird, Raymond M.	S/Sgt.	Wills, Robert I.	S/Sgt.
BALL TUR	Kapitzke, Lawrence	T/Sgt.	Smith, Leo W.	S/Sgt.
TAIL G	Wiesler, Robert A.	S/Sgt.	McVay, Elmer C.	S/Sgt.

Loading List of 16 Apr. 1944 cont'd.

SHIP #271 (1-1-3)
 P ARNOLD, WILLIAM A. 1st Lt.
 CP DUNSCOMB, RICHARD E. 2nd Lt.
 N ANDERSON, INGVAR E. 2nd Lt.
 B DRASCO, STEPHEN A. 2nd Lt.
 NOSE G Keith, Donald W. T/Sgt.
 TOP TUR Petrie, Donald R. S/Sgt.
 WAIST R Manzitto, Sebastino S/Sgt.
 WAIST L Herbert, Alex G. S/Sgt.
 BALL TUR McArthur, Charles A. T/Sgt.
 TAIL G Arnson, Erling L. Sgt.
 PHOTO Russo, A. L. T/Sgt.

SHIP #982 (1-2-6)
 KEAHEY, GEORGE O. 1st Lt.
 REGAN, MARK 2nd Lt.
 SPICER, CHARLES B. 2nd Lt.
 MANNING, HENRY L. 2nd Lt.
 Moore, Frank M. S/Sgt.
 Rees, Ray E. S/Sgt.
 Balchunas, Anthony S/Sgt.
 Wallace, Edwin N. S/Sgt.
 Thiel, James J. S/Sgt.
 McNeil, Donald R. S/Sgt.

SHIP #257 (1-1-1) 741st Ship
 P THAYER, DAVID S. Major
 CP GRAFF, HUGH R. Major
 N BROOKSHIRE, BEVERLEY Capt.
 N^U GRECO, JOHN 2nd Lt.
 B BROWN, LEROY V. 1st Lt.
 NOSE G Ingalls, Robert D. T/Sgt.
 TOP TUR Catt, James L. S/Sgt.
 WAIST R Murray, Victor S/Sgt.
 WAIST L Vance, Duane S. S/Sgt.
 BALL TUR Bush, Duane D. T/Sgt.
 TAIL G Owens, Benjamin G. S/Sgt.