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Mission No. 17

30 March 1944

FIELD ORDER NO 22

ANNEX #1, Field Order #22, Mission #17, 30 Mar 44.

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. Number of A/C..... 37 B-24s.
 2. Group Leader Major W. E. KEEFER.
 3. Deputy group leader Captain ALFRED ASCH.
 4. Second Unit leader Lt. R. A. GOSLINE.
 5. Second Deputy leader Lt. J. W. NASH.
 6. Other Groups on mission 454, 456, 459 BGs.
 7. ESCORT One Group P-38s.
 8. Bomb load 40/100# M-47 incendiary clusters.
 9. Ammunition 5200 rounds.
 10. Fuel load 2700 gals, full oil service.
 11. Stations 06:15 A.
 12. Taxi and take off instructions Taxi to the North end of runway
for take off to south.
Take off time 07:30A.
13. Order of Take Off.
- | <u>1st Section.</u> | | <u>2nd Section.</u> | |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|-----|
| 264 | 9282 | 250 | 238 |
| 270 | 198 | 2282 | 407 |
| 235 | 190 | 658 | 224 |
| 290 | 749 | 665 | 500 |
| 081 | 241 | 204 | 278 |
| 247 | 2271 | 879 | 184 |
| 748 | 280 | 482 | 267 |
| 351 | 266 | 771 | 347 |
| 223 | 456 | 640 | |
| 221 | | 261 | |
13. Bomber Rendezvous 1st C Wg (456,459) at GIULIA
at 4000 feet at 08:20A.
2nd C Wg (454,455) at SAN GIOVANNI
at 3000 feet at 08:20A.
 14. Course 41°34'N, 19°30'E; Key Point at 0932
(PRIZREN 42°13'N, 20°45'E) IP, Target.
 15. Target Time 10:10A.
 16. Return Key Point to 41°34'N, 19°30'E;
to Base.
 17. Initial Point SLIVNITSA.
 18. Axis of Attack 123 degrees M.
 19. Bombing Formation 9 ship front for each attack Unit.
Units stacked down within Groups.
 20. Bombardier Information Lead ship of each unit will sight
for range and deflection, each box
leader for range, others toggle on
leaders. Intervalometer setting will
be 160 ft. IAS will be 160 mph. Bomb
altitude 22,500 ft. Target elev. 1800.

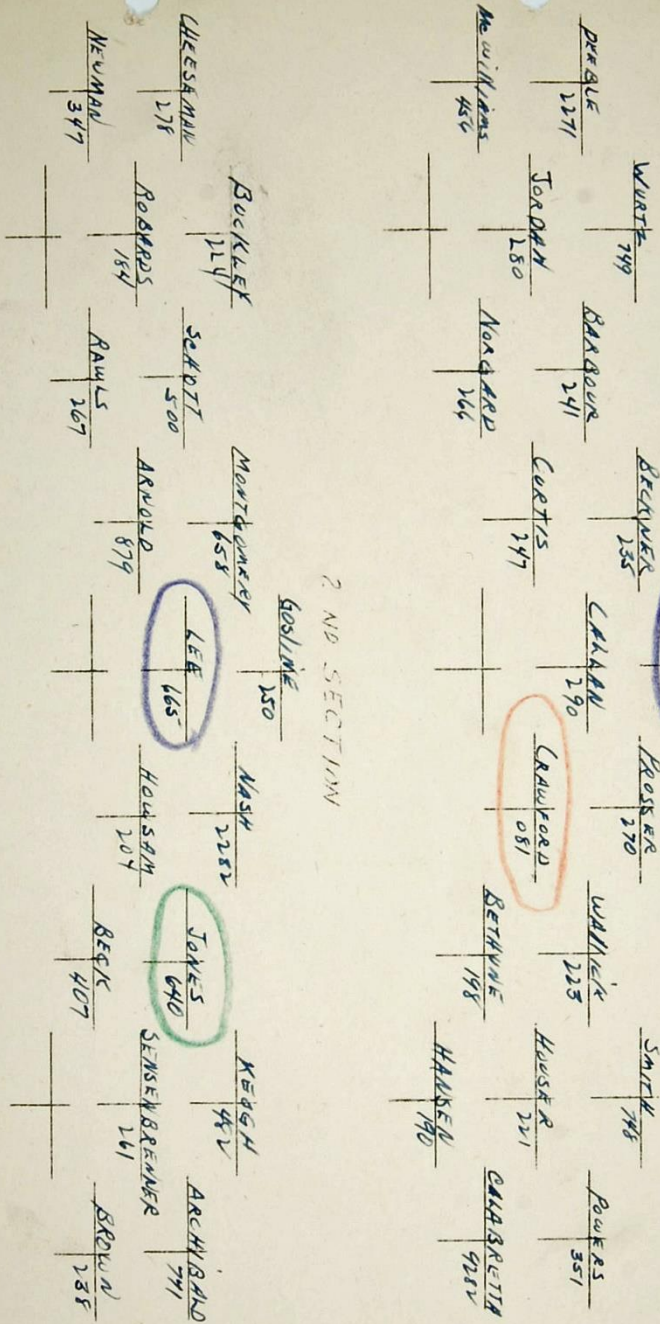
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

APR 520

MISSION NO 12

FORMATION DIAGRAM

DATE 3-30-44



○ Did not take off
○ Early Return
○ Prior Return

Note ship # 250 did not take off. Gosline took ship # 640. Jones did not take

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 MISSION RECORD

740th to GP 5-3

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Crawford	Ship No. 8081 Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	Lt Johnson R W	
N.	Lt Annala	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Compton D L	
E.	Sgt Crysel	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Fortson	
R.	Sgt Imburg	
A.R.	Sgt Deslems	
G.	Sgt Faut	
G.	Sgt Metrik	
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Pass.		

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Smith	Ship No. 9748 Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	Lt Griffin	
N.	Lt Draghi	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Clowery	
E.	T/Sgt Cassidy	Mission Completed.
A.E.	S/Sgt Conlin	
R.	T/Sgt Wolk	
A.R.	S/Sgt Good	
G.	S/Sgt Carringer	
G.	S/Sgt Nyquist	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Powers	Ship No. 4351 Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	E Robinson	
N.	Lt Frew	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Mc Neill	
E.	S/Sgt Hooper	Mission Completed.
A.E.	Sgt Dunlap	
R.	S/Sgt Simmons	
A.R.	Sgt Leonard	
G.	Sgt Crook	
G.	Thurston	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Aallick	Ship No. <u>2223</u> Hrs. <u>11/9</u> 0800
C.P.	Lt McInturff	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Constantino	
B.	Lt Hager	
E.	T/Sgt Collum	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Abbink	
R.	S/Sgt Moore	
A.R.	S/Sgt Lisi	
G.	Sgt Lubeck	
G.	S/Sgt Gaynor	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Calabretta-	Ship No. <u>9282</u> - Hrs. <u>11/0</u> 0800
C.P.	XXXXXXXX Lt Johnson D.	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Gustafson	
B.	Lt Butler	
E.	T/Sgt Wert	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Kruse	
R.	T/Sgt Logan	
A.R.	S/Sgt Bischoff	
G.	S/Sgt Francheschini	
G.	S/Sgt Balough	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Bethune	Ship No. <u>2198</u> Hrs. <u>11/0</u> 0800
C.P.	Lt Adkisson	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
N.	Lt Abramowitz	
B.	Lt Austin	
E.	T/Sgt Boone	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Churchill	
R.	S/Sgt Riley	
A.R.	S/Sgt Bodley	
G.	S/Sgt Vick	
G.	S/Sgt Brown	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Capt Keefer	Ship No. <u>9264</u> Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	Lt Scrimshaw	
N.	Lt Gross	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Ohlmeyer	
E.	T/Sgt Doherty	Mission Completed,
A.E.	S/Sgt Thomas	
R.	S/Sgt Angelides	
A.R.	Sgt Fender	
G.	S/Sgt Somers	
G.	S/Sgt Hodgson	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Capt Asch	Ship No. <u>2270</u> Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	Lt Prosser	
N.	Lt Frantz	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Kratz	
E.	T/Sgt Austin	Mission Completed,
A.E.	S/Sgt King	
R.	T/Sgt Marhenke	
A.R.	S/Sgt Collins	
G.	S/Sgt Alt	
G.	S/Sgt Hubsch	
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N.	Lt Compton	
Pass.		

POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Beckner	Ship No. <u>2235</u> Hrs. <u>T/O 0800</u>
C.P.	Lt Ensminger	
N.	Lt Brandstetter	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Campbell	
E.	T/Sgt Beck	Mission Completed,
A.E.	S/Sgt Harris	
R.	S/Sgt Johnson	
A.R.	S/Sgt Symkowicz	
G.	S/Sgt Sumakis	
G.	S/Sgt Hayes	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Hansen	Ship No. 2190 Hrs. Flown 0800
C.P.	Lt Fabian	
N.	Lt Popejoy	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Dehn	
E.	T/Sgt Yeandel	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Babcock	
R.	T/Sgt Mohr	
A.R.	S/Sgt Berg	
G.	S/Sgt Rosenfield	
C.	S/Sgt Seiter	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.	Lt Houser	Ship No. 2221 Hrs. Flown 0800
C.P.	Lt Menamara	
N.	Lt Deppisch	Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
B.	Lt Hoade	
E.	T/Sgt Kempf	Mission Completed;
A.E.	S/Sgt Zielinski	
R.	S/Sgt O'Brien	
A.R.	S/Sgt Havera	
G.	S/Sgt Furfaro	
C.	S/Sgt Robinson	
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POS.	NAME AND RANK	REMARKS
P.		Ship No. _____ Hrs. Flown _____
C.P.		
N.		Bombs Dropped _____ Rds. Fired _____
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E.		Mission Completed;
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RETURN TO GROUP S-2 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE-OFF

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 280 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

30 Mar 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. Morris
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Loercher	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. Friot	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Loud

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

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

30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Capt. Norgard	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Hartman
CO-PILOT	Lt. Stiner	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Jenkins
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Slusser	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bergmann
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Demas	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Myrick
RADIO	Sgt. Bantz	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Cratch

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 749 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Wurtz	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Draper
CO-PILOT	Lt. Sutera	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Newman
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Slocum	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Klein
BOMBARDIER	F/O Laws	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Ashley
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Kampa

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 271 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____

30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____

PILOT	Lt. Deeble	TOP TUR GUN	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Hammond	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Pearson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Pokora	WAIST LEFT	(Sgt. Averill)
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Eford	BALL TUR GUN	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	(Sgt. Averill)	TAIL GUN	Sgt. Squires
		Nose Tur	Sgt. Vanaman

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 456 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT Lt. McWilliams TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Whitmire
 CO-PILOT Lt. Mensinger WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Hardy
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Wilkes WAIST LEFT Sgt. McDowell
 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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 247 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT Lt. Curtis TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Rickey
 CO-PILOT Lt. Petty WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Kowley
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Picken WAIST LEFT Sgt. Bain
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Higgins BALL TUR GUN Sgt. Davis, R. H.
 RADIO Sgt. Coriddi TAIL GUN Sgt. Connell

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

741 SQUADRON A/C NUMBER 290 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT Lt. Callan, R. A. TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Jesset
 CO-PILOT Lt. Emmons WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Hale
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Kuntz WAIST LEFT Sgt. Heiskell
 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 241 BOMB LOAD _____ TIME OF T/O _____
30 Mar DATE POSITION IN FORMATION _____ TARGET _____
 PILOT Lt. Barbour TOP TUR GUN Sgt. Stover
 CO-PILOT Lt. Dodrill WAIST RIGHT Sgt. Moore
 NAVIGATOR Lt. Jackson WAIST LEFT Sgt. Rishko
 BOMBARDIER Lt. Hamilton BALL TUR GUN Sgt. Kerr
 RADIO Sgt. Shotwell TAIL GUN Sgt. Bennett

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742nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO #520 U.S. ARMY

30 March 1944

SUBJECT : Combat Crews Completing Mission on 30 March 1944

TO : Operations Officer; 455th BOMB GROUP (H)

Ship #640

1st Lt. GOSLINE
2nd Lt. Mc WARD
2nd Lt. Mc GLASSON
1st Lt. GIDDEN
T/Sgt WEDIN
Sgt GRIESSEL
T/Sgt HARKEY
S/Sgt WEBB
T/Sgt ANTONSON
S/Sgt ROBINSON
2nd Lt. HORSTMAN

Ship #407

1st Lt. BECK
2nd Lt. BUNATA
2nd Lt. GAENZLE
2nd Lt. BELL
S/Sgt CRUMMEY
T/Sgt CARSWELL
T/Sgt SEFCIK
S/Sgt SHELTON
S/Sgt KRAUS
S/Sgt MALCHOW

Ship #238

1st Lt. BROWN
2nd Lt. KAMINSKY
F/O LEVY
2nd Lt. FORD
T/Sgt BENCH
Sgt GOLDMAN
S/Sgt HEITZMAN
S/Sgt PITTMAN
S/Sgt LIVINGSTON
S/Sgt GRAHAM

Ship #658

1st Lt. MONTGOMERY
2nd Lt. SABO
2nd Lt. SCHNEIDER
2nd Lt. GUIDO
Sgt MASON
S/Sgt SUTTON
T/Sgt PRITCHARD
S/Sgt SMITH
S/Sgt KYLE
S/Sgt LEITHAUSER

Ship #261

1st Lt. SENSENBRENNER
2nd Lt. JACKSON
2nd Lt. POWELL
2nd Lt. Mc GRANE
T/Sgt NERREN
S/Sgt SELLARS
T/Sgt JASTRZEMBOWSKI
S/Sgt PLOWMAN
S/Sgt RENNER
S/Sgt SCOTT

Ship #282

1st Lt. NASH
2nd Lt. BOLDT
2nd Lt. GROSS
2nd Lt. CROTZER
2nd Lt. BARNARD
T/Sgt PELKEY
S/Sgt BENNETT
T/Sgt ROMANO
S/Sgt HOFFMEISTER
S/Sgt BROCK
S/Sgt FRAWLEY

Ship #482

1st Lt. KEOGH
1st Lt. TANNER
2nd Lt. HERMAN
2nd Lt. BROWN, C.W.
T/Sgt MIZELL
S/Sgt ENGHAUS
T/Sgt WAUGH
S/Sgt CHASE
S/Sgt DUVAL
S/Sgt JACKSON, J.A.
Sgt SANTIAGO

Ship #771

1st Lt. ARCHIBALD
2nd Lt. WATSON
2nd Lt. EZELL
2nd Lt. KNOX
T/Sgt MADZIK
S/Sgt HACHEY
T/Sgt SEILER
S/Sgt ABBONDONDELLO
S/Sgt TEISINGER
S/Sgt TODD

RICHARD A. GOSLINE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Operations Officer

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COMBAT LOADING LIST

<u>SHIP #224</u>			<u>Ship #500</u>			
P	BUCLEY, JOHN N.	1st Lt.	0-792000	SCHOTT, ROY H.	1st Lt.	0-681209
CP	ROSE, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.	0-691409	COLMAN, ORRIN C.	2nd Lt.	0-691039
N	GRECO, JOHN	2nd Lt.	0-743587	GERATY, DONALD F.	2nd Lt.	0-691928
B	BROYAN, CARL B.	2nd Lt.	0-688304	BOCK, PHILLIP	2nd Lt.	0-688300
NOSE	Roth, Edward J.	S/Sgt.	19124105	Levasseur, Warren	T/Sgt.	17063265
TOP TUR	Knapp, Jack N.	T/Sgt.	18161439	Klinek, Albert J.	T/Sgt.	15324235
WAIST R	Lafollette, John H.	S/Sgt.	35724961	Markell, John H.	S/Sgt.	36562770
WAIST L	Entrop, Henry	S/Sgt.	38370083	Floyd, Vern L.	S/Sgt.	18231366
BALL TUR	McVay, Elmer G.	T/Sgt.	17021478	Sadler, Jacob R.	Sgt.	36424277
TAIL G	Ramsay, Carlyle P.	S/Sgt.	38458089	Fuller, Maurice L.	S/Sgt.	17161221
<u>Ship #278</u>			<u>Ship #184</u>			
P	CHEESMAN, ROY R.	1st Lt.	0-742135	ROBARDS, ROBERT A.	1st Lt.	0-678326
CP	TAVERNIT, ANTHONY S.	F/O	T-122636	ECKHOFF, ALBERT E.	2nd Lt.	0-750357
N	GENDRON, HAROLD E.	2nd Lt.	0-690699	EIS, FREDERICK G.	2nd Lt.	0-753105
B	CELOVSKY, ANDREW F.	2nd Lt.	0-688663	COTTER, JOHN G.	2nd Lt.	0-688411
NOSE	Corley, Perry L.	T/Sgt.	18019495	ANDERSON, Rayburn L.	T/Sgt.	34495132
TOP TUR	Pastner, Harold J.	T/Sgt.	13111919	Schrader, Vernon D.	T/Sgt.	14056917
WAIST R	Wills, Robert I.	S/Sgt.	39281023	Crocker, Albert C.	S/Sgt.	14124951
WAIST L	Franzelas, Paul J.	S/Sgt.	32713395	Spewock, Andrew	S/Sgt.	33279588
BALL G.	Trinko, Wesley P.	S/Sgt.	16024326	Keene, Richard I.	S/Sgt.	37493729
TAIL G.	Pine, Edgar R.	S/Sgt.	18117916	Minyard, Luther D.	S/Sgt.	16143102
<u>Ship #347</u>			<u>Ship #665</u>			
P	NEUMAN, DANIEL J.	1st Lt.	0-745158	LEE, ORVILLE I.	1st Lt.	0-745707
CP	CAYEA, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	0-687741	DENTON, CHARLES A.	2nd Lt.	0-751991
N	SMITH, WYLIE A.	2nd Lt.	0-752972	HAGGERTY, JAMES J.	2nd Lt.	0-752993
B	HARDMAN, THOMAS F.	2nd Lt.	0-671353	HORAN, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.	0-688354
NOSE	Kloos, George W.	T/Sgt.	12188423	Derrick, Charles E.	S/Sgt.	18186727
TOP TUR	Ledbetter, Emmett	T/Sgt.	14160177	Collins, Joseph M.	T/Sgt.	14141950
WAIST R	Kennedy, Clyde J.	S/Sgt.	18209661	Peeters, David	Sgt.	32812940
WAIST L	Phillips, Ernest A.	S/Sgt.	34684046	Kohnke, Earl B.	S/Sgt.	36313336
BALL G	Peck, Reid B.	S/Sgt.	35576360	Dean, Millard H.	S/Sgt.	13122554
TAIL G	HILGENDORF, MARSHALL W.	S/Sgt.	13110064	Pendleton, Phil C.	T/Sgt.	14044629
<u>Ship #267</u>			<u>Ship #789</u>			
P	RAWLS, DON M.	1st Lt.	0-802459	ARNOLD, WILLIAM A.	1st Lt.	0-681293
CP	EVANS, EARL E.	2nd Lt.	0-690068	DUNSCOMB, Richard E.	2nd Lt.	0-687471
N	MATHE, Lewis, L.	2nd Lt.	0-811698	ANDERSON, INGVAR E.	2nd Lt.	0-752973
B	ROSS, DEAN R.	2nd Lt.	0-747676	DRASCO, STEPHEN A.	2nd Lt.	0-731477
NOSE	LOHNES, Raymond W.	S/Sgt.	11114158	Manzitto, Sebastino	S/Sgt.	39266229
TOP TUR	Kennedy, Isaac N.	T/Sgt.	14085951	Keith, Ronald R.	T/Sgt.	17127734
WAIST R	Donahue, John J.	S/Sgt.	33340184	Petrie, Donald R.	S/Sgt.	39266229
WAIST L	Winn, Francis P.	T/Sgt.	7022350	Spencer, Matthew A.	S/Sgt.	11088151
BALL G	Laptewicz, John C.	S/Sgt.	11057520	Herbert, Alex G.	S/Sgt.	13127881
TAIL G	Parris, Billy S.	S/Sgt.	34644766	McArthur, Charles A.	T/Sgt.	33489237
				Photo Paige, Frank A.	T/Sgt.	19038782
<u>Ship #204</u>						34591279
P	HOWSAM, EARL R.	1st Lt.	0-745688	T.T.G. Cochrane, William P.	S/Sgt	
CP	STERLING, RAYMOND N.	2nd Lt.	0-687788	W.R. Baird, Raymond M.	Sgt.	37507245
N	STOPA, LEO A.	2nd Lt.	0-753036	Wiesler, Robert A.	S/Sgt.	15374208
B	GUDMUNDSON, ROY E.	2nd Lt.	0-688750	B.G. Kapitzke, Lawrence	T/Sgt.	36289798
NOSE	Todoro, Anthony	S/Sgt.	12180701	T.G. Dandenault Ernest	S/Sgt.	11107403