

Grenoble M/Y

Mission No. 49

26 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 54

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HEADQUARTERS
455th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF,
APO 520, U.S. Army,

26 May 1944.

FIELD ORDER)
NUMBER 54)

Maps: 1/500,000 of NAPOLI, ROMA, AJACCIO, LYON, and NICE.

1. a. ENEMY DEFENSE:

- (1) Target is the GRENOBLE M/Y in Southern FRANCE. Secondary target is ANTHEOR Viaduct. There are four A/A guns in the target area.
- (2) There are 125-150 enemy fighters between the coast of FRANCE and the Target.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

- (1) None.
 - (2) One Group P-38s will rendezvous with bombers of this Wing at KEYPOINT at 0958B at 19,000 feet, and provide close escort on penetration, over target, and on withdrawal.
2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24s of this Group will take off at 0615B; rendezvous with the 456th Bomb Group at STORNARA at 0715B at 4000 feet; attack GRENOBLE M/Y at 1039B, using 500# GP bombs with .1 second nose and half .01 second and half .025 second tail fuzes; landing at Base at 1351B.
3. This Group will attack in two units of 18 plus spares each with a nine-ship front, second attack unit stacked down. Unit leaders will sight for range and deflection; box leaders for range; all others toggle on leaders. Bombing altitude will be 19,000 feet; intervalometer setting 25 feet; target elevation 715 feet. Rally right, turning so as to be generally with the 1st Combat Wing (459th, 454th BGs) on route out. Route **back** will be reverse of route out. Avoid MODANE (45 12N 06 41E)

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No bombing will be done by Pathfinder. Target will not be bombed unless it is positively identified. Bombs will not be jettisoned on FRANCE except in dire emergency. Each ship of first attack unit will load three cartons of window, dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak. Care must be taken to conserve fuel to enable maximum number of ships to reach Base without landing for refueling. Crews landing away from home will send message immediately upon landing.

4. No change.

5. a. Command 6440 Kcs
A. G. L. 4585 Kcs
Interplane VHF Channel "A"
Collective call sign Senile Four Three
Squadron call signs: 740th Shortcut
741st Gruesome
742nd Today
743rs Stumble
Fighter call sign: 1st FG Radcliff Five
Recall signal Fuel

b.

b. None.

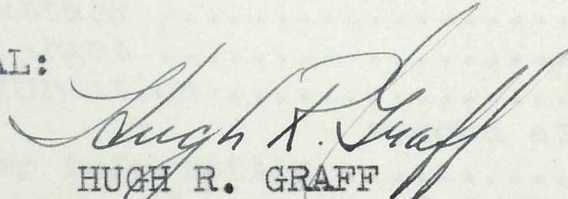
c. (1) None

(2) Group leader Major HARP
Deputy group leader Major WELCH

By order of Colonel COOL:

HUGH R. GRAFF
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer.

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ANNEXES:

1. Briefing Outline
2. Mission Statistics
3. 304th Wg Opns Order 137, Plan Able.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 ea Sq Opns
- 1 Gp S-2
- 1 Gp S-3

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

- 1. No of aircraft on mission 36 B-24s
- 2. Group leader Major Harp
- 3. Deputy Group leader Major WELCH
- 4. Second unit leader Major THAYER
- 5. Second deputy lead Lieut ARNOLD
- 6. Other Groups on Mission 459,454,456 BGs.
- 7. Fighter escort 1 Gp P-38s
- 8. Bomb load and fuzing 10/500# GP with .1 sec N half .01 and half .025 T.
- 9. Ammunition carried 5200 rounds .50 cal
- 10. Gas and oil load 2700 gals, full oil service
- 11. Time at stations 0500B.
- 12. Take off instructions Taxi to south at 0600B for for take off to north at 0615.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF

1st Attack Unit			2nd Attack Unit		
790	749	230	312	161	952
216	249	494	879	232	167
166	241	482	283	184	264
292	855	238	198	271	994
989	476	771	492	583	741
200	949	938	351	982	270

- 13. Bomber rendezvous 1st Combat Wing (459,454) at GIULIA at 3000 ft at 0710B.
2nd Combat Wing (455,456) at STORNARA at 4000 ft at 0715B.
- 14. Course out Base TO PONZA ISLAND (40 55N 12 12E) to Turn Point REVELLATA Point (42 34N 08 42E) to KEYPOINT 43 47N 07 33E to IPs to target. Time at KEYPOINT is 0958B at 19,000 feet.
- 15. INITIAL POINT 44 55 N 05 40E.
- 16. Axis of attack 09 degrees M.
- 17. Time at target 1039B.
- 18. Bombing formation Nine-ship front for all Groups second attack units stacked down.
- 19. Bombardier information Attack unit leaders for range and deflection; box leaders sight for range; all others toggle on box leaders. Bombing altitude 19000 feet; intervalometer setting 25 feet; target elevation 715 feet.
- 20. Direction of rally Right. On rally the 2nd C Wg should turn so as to be generally with 1st C Wg on route out.
- 21. Return course Reverse route out. Avoid MONDANE (45 12N 06 41E).
- 22. E. T. R. 1351B.

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Forecast from Norge Weather for 26 May 1944

Wing bases for rendezvous: Clear. Visibility 15 to 20 miles.
Surface wind northwest 10 mph.

Route out:

From base to west coast: 3 to 4/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 17 thsd. Visibility 20 miles.

From west coast to French coast: 3/10 cumulus at 3 thsd top at 6 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 17 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles in haze.

From coast to target: 4 to 5/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 3 to 4/10 cirrus at 25 thsd tops at 26 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles.

Target: 3/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 8 thsd. 2 to 3/10 altocumulus at 12 thsd tops at 17 thsd. 3 to 5/10 cirrus at 25 thsd tops at 26 thsd. Visibility 15 to 20 miles. Surface wind north northwest 8 to 10 mph.

Surface temperature 13 deg C
Surface pressure 30.33 inches
Temperature at 22500 feet minus 20 deg C

<u>Winds aloft:</u>	target	5000 feet	330 deg	10 knots
	Returned:	10000 feet	340 deg	15 knots
	Early return	15000 feet	310 deg	20 knots.
	Prior return	20000 feet	360 deg	20 knots
		25000 feet	360 deg	20 knots

Route back:

From target to west coast of Italy: Same as route out.
Across mountains: 5 to 6/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 10 thsd. Visibility 20 to 25 miles.

From mountains to base: 4/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 10 thsd. Visibility 20 miles.

Bases on return: 4/10 cumulus at 3 thsd tops at 10 thsd. Visibility 20 to 25 miles. Surface wind northwest 10 mph.

Freezing level: 10000 feet

10 A/C off
10 Over target
10 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return

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Combat time 7:50.

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MISSION STATISTICS

37 A/C Scheduled
36 Off: Hansen #939 740th Sq. did not take-off - magneto inoperative.

740th Bomb Sq:

8 A/C Off
7- Over target
8 Returned
1 Early return: Beckner #994 at 0710 - hydraulic system inop. couldn't retract nose wheel of flaps
0 Prior return

741st Bomb Sq:

9 A/C Off
9 Over target
8 Returned; Casteel #249 landed at Pomigliano.
0 Early return
0 Prior return

742nd BombSq:

9 A/C Off
9 Over target
9 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return

743rd Bomb Sq:

10 A/C Off
10 Over target
10 Returned
0 Early return
0 Prior return

Combat time 7:50.

EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS

CORSICA

1. Borgo 42-34N 09-27E 120x4500 ft.
2. Ghisonaccia 42-03N 09-23E 200x5800 ft.
3. St. Catherine 42-31N 08-47E 400 x5000 ft.

SARDINIA

1. Decimomannu 39-21N 08-57E 500x6000 ft.
2. Elmas 39-15N 09-03E 197x4521 ft
3. Monserrato 39-14N 09-08E 200x4500 ft
4. Venafiorita 40-52N 09-30E 4900 ft.
5. Villacidro 39-25N 08-49E 500x6000 ft.

WEST ITALY

1. Capodichino 40-53N 14-17E 1300x3600 ft.
2. Castel Volturno 41-00N 13-58E 100x3500 ft.
3. Pomigliano 40-55N 14-23E 200x3550 ft.
4. Pompeii 40-47N 14-30E 150x5000 ft.
5. Vesuvius 40-52N 14-30E 150x 5000 ft.

SICILY

1. Borizzo 37-53N 12-32E 230x6000 ft.
2. Comiso 36-59N 14-36E 150x 5750 ft.

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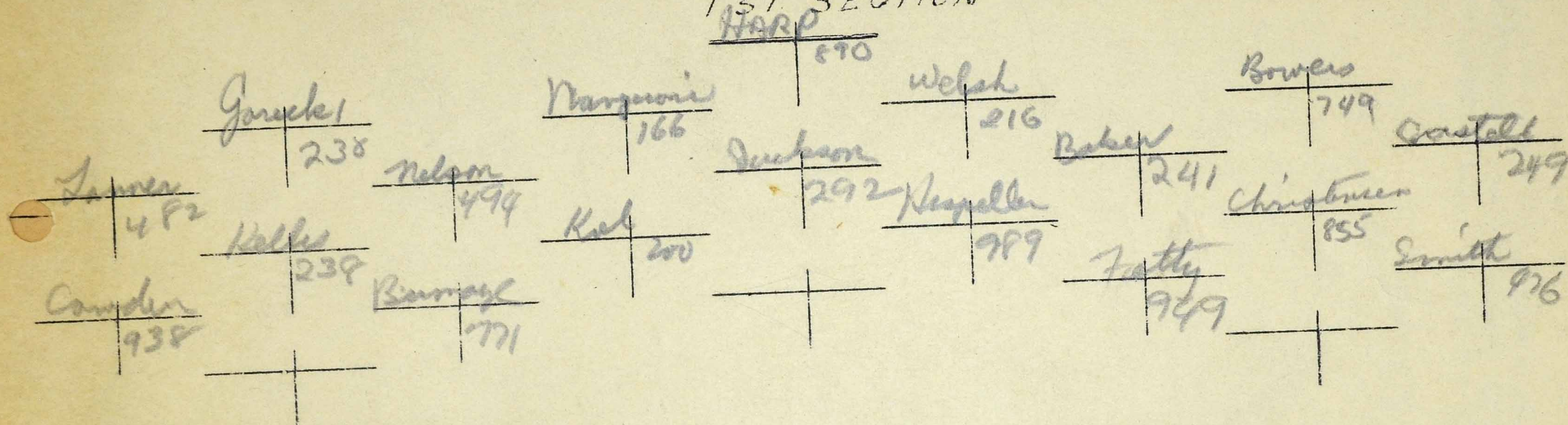
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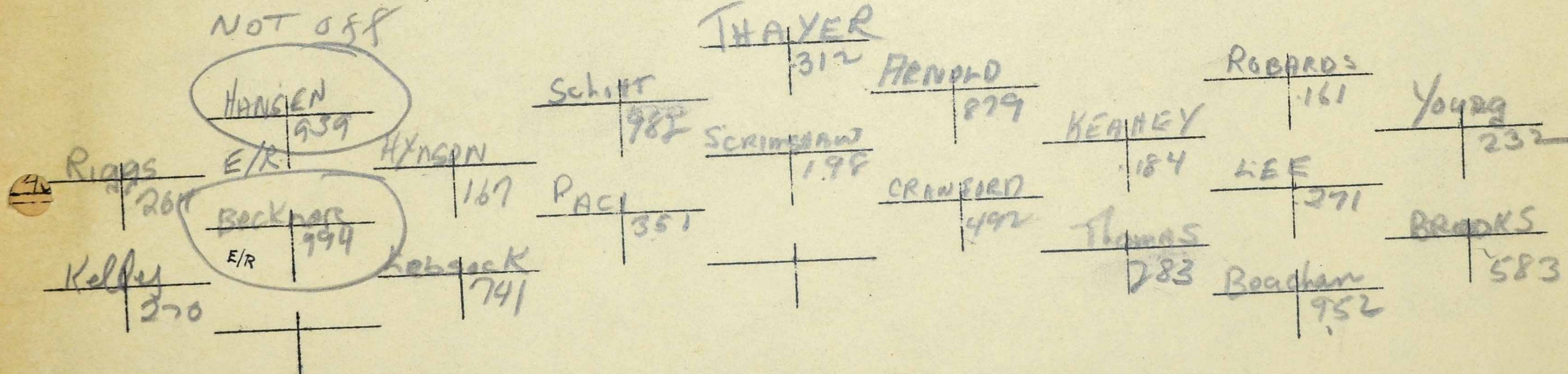
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2 ND. SECTION

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Castell #249 Landed Pomigliano.

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UNITS PARTICIPATING	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	LAST RESORT
459, 454, 455, 456th	GRENOBLE M/Y	FANTHEOR VIADUCT	

UNIT	A/C OFF GROUND	A/C OVER TARGET				ABORTIVES			CLAIMS			DISPOSITION OF BOMBS				A/C LOST	AMM. EXP.	CASUALTIES					
		FRI-MARY	SECON-DARY	LAST RESORT	TOP PAR-ABOR.	MECH-FAIL-URE	ARM-FAIL-URE	OTHER	DES-TROYED	PROB-ABLE	DAM-AGED	EFFECTIVE NO.	TYPE	JETTISONED NO.	TYPE			BROUGHT BACK NO.	TYPE	TOTAL	M. I. A.	KILLED	IN JURED
740	8	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	500#	0	500#	10	500#	0	700	0	0	0	0
741	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	1094	0	0	0	0
742	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	500#	0	500#	0	500#	0	265	0	0	0	0
743	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	500#	0	500#	1	500#	0	1800	0	0	0	0
GROUP	36	35	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	341	500#	0	500#	11	500#	0		0	0	0	0

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CONFIRMING MISSION REPORT

1. HQ. 455TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF MISSION NUMBER 49 DATE 26 May 1944

2. STATISTICAL SUMMARY				TOTAL TO DATE
A. Sorties	<u>35</u>			<u>1708</u>
B. Early Returns	<u>1</u>			<u>114</u>
C. A/C Bombing	<u>35</u>			<u>1517</u>
D. Tonnage Dropped	<u>85.25</u>			<u>3566.30</u>
E. Our Losses, Flak	<u>0</u>			<u>4</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>			<u>11</u>
Other	<u>0</u>			<u>9</u>
Missing	<u>0</u>			<u>0</u>
Damaged Flak	<u>0</u>	Severe	<u>0</u> Slight	<u>21 - 180</u>
E/A	<u>0</u>	"	<u>0</u> "	<u>4 - 8</u>
Other	<u>0</u>	"	<u>1</u> "	<u>2 - 19</u>
F. Victories Dest in Air	<u>0</u>			<u>60</u>
Probable	<u>0</u>			<u>27</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>10</u>
Dest on Gnd	<u>0</u>			<u>27</u>
Damaged	<u>0</u>			<u>8</u>
G. Casualties Miss in A	<u>0</u>			<u>206</u>
Killed	<u>0</u>			<u>13</u>
Wounded-serious	<u>0</u>			<u>7</u>

3. At 0615 hours 36 B-24's took off to bomb GRENOBLE M/Y, France

4. Escorted by P-38's

5. a. 1 ret'd early because nose wheel would not retract.

b. 0 ret'd prior

6. a. 35 A/C dropped 341 x 500 lb. (85.25 tons) G.P. .1 sec nose 1/2 .61 sec tail
 (No) (type) (fusing)
 bombs on primary target at 1042 hrs. from 19,000 to 20,500 ft.

b. of above x lb. (tons) place reasons

c. dropped x lb. (tons) bombs on other target, where, why

d. returned x lb. bombs to base give disposition of any bombs not dropped
 give reasons

e. jettisoned x lb. bombs at place, reasons.

7. a. 34 A/C returned at 1400 hours. 1 A/C are at POMIGLIONE A/D place

b. A/C lost at , place circumstances

c. A/C missing and last seen at , place
 time circumstances

8. Personnel casualties were , degree of injury
 position

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9. RESULTS: Single string of bombs hit in the river. Good concentration of bombs on M/Y at briefed MPI. Pattern carried across siding beyond M/Y and into mountains. Lead Bombardier estimates 20 percent of bombs in marshalling yard.

10. ENEMY RESISTANCE:

a. Fighters: None encountered, none seen.

b. Flak:

None encountered.

11. OBSERVATIONS:

a. Communications: At SOSPIL (4353N/0728E) at 1005 hours from 18,000 feet, one train with 4 cars were seen in the M/Y. 200 cars were observed in the M/Y at VENTIMIGLIA (4347N/0737E) at 1127 hours from 19,000 feet. At NENTON M/Y (4347N/0730E) 8 track railroad with 50 oil cars were noted at 1001 hours from 18,000 feet.

b. Enemy Air Installations and Activity in addition to encounters:

At VILLARD (4515N/0554E) at 1046 hours from 20,200 feet, observed 4 large hangers and no A/C. At GRENoble (4512N/0543E) at 1041 hours from 19,000 feet, 20 A/C were observed on the A/D. The A/D had apparently been bombed. At 4433N/0624E at 1031 hours from 19,000 feet, and oil refinery was noted. At 4413N/0651 E at 1028 hours from 19,000 feet, a factory was seen with 15 large buildings. At NICE (4343N/0717E) at 1128 hours from 18,000 feet, large clouds of smoke and flame were seen rising from the city.

c. Flak Positions:d. Smoke Screens, Camouflage, Balloons etc:

e. Naval: 30 to 40 small boats were observed in MONACO harbor (4344N/0725E) at 1005 hours from 18,000 feet. At 4130N/1130E, 3 destroyers and 1 Heavy cruiser were seen at 0825 hours from 10,500 ft, heading of 300 degrees.

12. WEATHER: The sky was clear from the base to the west coast. Over the water there was 3 to 5/10 stratocumulus with tops at 5000 feet, from Corsica to the target there was 4 to 5/10 cirrus at 25,000 feet. Visibility was 10 to 15 miles in haze. In the target area the only clouds were 4 to 5/10 cirrus at 24000 feet. The visibility was 10 miles in haze. The return route was the same as the route out. The wind at 20000 feet in the target area was from 340 degrees at 20 knots.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN: 6 cameras obtained full coverage of target area and bomb strikes.

14. COURSE: ROUTE OUT: Base to 4056N/1258E to 4234N/0842E to 4347N/0733E to 4504N/0550E to target. Time 1042 Heading 320 degrees. ROUTE BACK: Target to 4347N/0732E to 4238N/0856E to 4057N/1258E to base.

Time Received _____

Time Forwarded _____

Initials/Signature _____

Initials/Signature _____

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH WING (US)

455th
APO 520
25 May 1944
2230B

Operations Order)
Number 137)

1. a. (1) See latest Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) Omitted.

(2) Operations for 26 May, 1944. Plan Able. B-17's of five groups will destroy ST. ETIENNE M/Y. Time at Keypoint is 09:28B. One group of B-17's, 5th Wing will attack City of BIHAC at 10:00B. Four groups of B-24's of 47th Wing will attack targets in NICE Area. Time at Keypoint is 10:08B. Three groups of B-24's of 49th Wing will destroy LYON VAISE M/Y. Time at Keypoint is 09:38B. Four groups of B-24's of 55th Wing will destroy LYON LA MOUCHE M/Y. Time at Keypoint is 09:43B. 306th Wing: Fighters will provide close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal for bombers as follows: one group P-51's with five groups of 5th wing and two squadrons P-38's with one group of 5th wing. one group of P-51's with 49th wing. one group of P-38's with 55th wing, and 2 squadrons P-38's with 47th wing.

2. Thirty-six plus spares B-24's of all groups this wing will attack M/Y's in Southern FRANCE as follows: 1st C. wing (459th and 454th BG's) - CHAMBERY M/Y. 2nd C. wing (455th and 456th BG's) - GRENOBLE M/Y.

TARGET: see attached target charts.

SECONDARY TARGET: 1st C. wing (459th and 454th BG's) - VAR River Bridge. 2nd C. wing (455th and 456th BG's) - ANTHEOR viaduct. Minimum intervalometer settings. Attack generally from North to South if on return route. Each combat wing will operate as a unit attacking respective alternate targets.

FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS: One group P-38's will rendezvous with bombers of this wing at KEYPOINT at 09:58B at 19,000 ft., and provide close escort on penetration, over target and on withdrawal.

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 1st C. wing (459th and 454th BG's) at GIULIA at 3,000 ft at 07:10B. 2nd C. wing (455th and 456th BG's) at STORNARA at 4,000 ft at 07:15B.

LEADER LEAD: 459th BG with 454th, 455th, and 456th BG's in order.

ROUTE OUT: Base to PONZA ISLAND (40°55'N, 12°52'E) to Turnpoint REVELLATA POINT (42°34'N, 08°42'E) to KEYPOINT (43°47'N, 07°33'E) to IP's to Target. Time at KEYPOINT is 09:58B. at 19,000 ft.

INITIAL POINT: 1st C. wing (459th, 454th) - ST. LAURENT (45°23'N, 05°43'E). 2nd C. wing (455th, 456th) - (44°55'N, 05°40'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 1st C. wing (459th and 454th) - 44 degrees M.
2nd C. wing (455th and 456th) - 09 degrees M.

TARGET TIME: 1st C. wing (459th, 454th) - 10:45B.
2nd C. wing (455th, 456th) - 10:39B.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: 459th BG - 19,000 ft; 454th BG - 20,000 ft.;
455th BG - 19,000 ft; 456th BG - 20,000 ft.

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BOMBING FORMATION: 9-Ship front for all groups, second attack units stacked down.

TARGET ELEVATION: CHAMBERY - 850 ft.
GRENOBLE - 715 ft.

RALLY: Right. On rally the Second Combat wing should turn so as to be generally with 1st Combat wing on route out.

ROUTE BACK: Reverse route out. Avoid MODANE (45°12'N, 06°41'E).

3. x. All Groups load 500's GP with .1 sec nose and half .01 sec and half .025 sec tail fuzes. Intervalometer setting for all groups 25 ft.

4. Omitted.

5. Command on 6440 KC for bomber to bomber and VHF Channel "A" for bombers and fighters. Collective call signs for bombers (459th BG - SENILE FOUR ONE)(454th BG - SENILE FOUR TWO)(455th BG - SENILE FOUR THREE)(456th BG - SENILE FOUR FOUR). Call sign for fighters (1st FG - RADCLIFF FIVE).

Recall signal: FUEL.

Air Force formation will be column of wings with 5th wing leading, 49th second, 55th third, 304th fourth, and 47th wing fifth.

NO bombing will be done by Pathfinder. Target will not be bombed unless it is positively identified.

Bombs will not be jettisoned on FRANCE except in dire emergency.

Window will be used in accordance to SOP. Each aircraft of lead attack units of each group will load three cartons of window, dispensing to begin three minutes before IP and continue until clear of flak.

Refueling service will be available at CORSICA on return route. As it is essential that as many airfields as possible be utilized in order to distribute work involved between units already operating at maximum effort, Bomber aircraft requiring refueling only will land at SOLENZARA (41°51'N, 09°23'E), GHISONACCIA, and BORGO. Bomber aircraft requiring crash landings will land at BORGO or GHISONACCIA. Aircraft crash landing at BORGO should land parallel with but not on PSP. At GHISONACCIA aircraft crash landing should land on dirt strip. All this must be stressed in briefing and all crews informed that servicing will be slow. CAPODICHINO will be used for aircraft that can reach ITALY but not home bases. In extreme emergency any field may be used. All groups will use care to conserve fuel at all times to enable maximum number of ships to reach ~~maximum~~ base without landing for refueling. Crews landing away from home base will send message immediately upon landing.

All ships will have gas tanks topped-off before take-off.

Adherence to target times and keypoint time is most important to obtain maximum cover from fighter escort at this range.

By order of Colonel UPTEGROVE:

Lt. Colonel

2/2nd Lt. Colonel

2/2nd Lt. Colonel

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William R. Large, Jr.

WILLIAM R. LARGE, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,
Ass't. A-3.

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Loading List

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Lt Paci
Lt Riley
Lt Ames
Lt Conner
S/Sgt Dunn

S/Sgt Lewis
S/Sgt Earle
Sgt Harper
Sgt Martin
Sgt Macormie

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Lt Scrimshaw
F/O Robertson
Lt Blanco
Lt Stelle
S/Sgt Angelides

T/Sgt Doherty
S/Sgt Thomas
S/Sgt Queer
S/Sgt Somers
S/Sgt Hodgson

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

Lt Austin
S/Sgt Collins
S/Sgt Sievers
S/Sgt King M
S/Sgt Hubsch

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Lt Lebsock
Lt Grisson
Lt Gallian
Lt Stewardson
S/Sgt Childers

S/Sgt Louthan
Sgt Pierce
S/Sgt Carney
S/Sgt Williams
S/Sgt Manning

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Lt Riggs
Lt Burke
Lt Whidden
T/Sgt Strohmeier

T/Sgt McKnight
S/Sgt Carlson
S/Sgt Rushmore
S/Sgt Kolbe
S/Sgt Windsand
S/Sgt Goble

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A/C NUMBER 166		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt Hynson	TOP TUR GNR	T/sgt Bearden		
CO-PILOT	Lt Millar	WAIST RIGHT	S/sgt Strange		
NAVIGATOR	Lt Keller	WAIST LEFT	S/sgt Daniels E.D.		
BOMBARDIER	Lt Bankd	BALL TUR GNR	S/sgt Harpster		
RADIO	T/sgt McFall	TAIL TUR GNR	S/sgt Lineberger		
	Lt. Higgins		Sgt. Davis, R. H.		
	Sgt. Baker		Sgt. Shepk		

A/C NUMBER 166		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt. Ferreroni	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Straw		
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Weeks		
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crowley	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Andrews, M. C.		
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum 492	5/26/44 GNR	Sgt. Nowell		
RADIO	Sgt. Readman	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fry		

A/C NUMBER 743		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt Johnson R.W.	TOP TUR GNR	T/sgt De Selms		
CO-PILOT	Lt Annala	WAIST RIGHT	S/sgt Crysel		
NAVIGATOR	T/sgt Imburg	WAIST LEFT	S/sgt Faut		
BOMBARDIER	Lt. [unclear]	BALL TUR GNR	S/sgt Fortson		
RADIO	Sgt. Daly	TAIL TUR GNR	S/sgt Metrik		
			S/sgt Kaplanek		
			Sgt. Delaney		
			Sgt. Anderson, H. H.		

A/C NUMBER 743		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox		
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. DeBosh		
NAVIGATOR	Lt. [unclear]	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Kiser		
BOMBARDIER	Lt. [unclear]	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Finks		
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pendleton		

A/C NUMBER 176		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt. Smith	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Beeler		
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Elliott		
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crinn	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Fisher		
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bakauskas	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fowlkes		
RADIO	Sgt. Miss	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hamilton		

A/C NUMBER 855		DESTINATION		T/O	
PILOT	Lt. Christensen	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Bialas		
CO-PILOT	Lt. Chadwick	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Swann		
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Faber	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Bowles		
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Padgett		
RADIO	Sgt. Myfield	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Abbott		

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A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Fe tty	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Kowley
CO-PILOT	Lt. Ogan	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Bain
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Lukashevich	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Tarpy
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Higgins	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Davis, R. H.
RADIO	Sgt. Baker	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Shenk

A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Nangeroni	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Weeks
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crowley	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Andrews, N. C.
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Roadman	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fry

A/C NUMBER 216 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Maj. Welsh	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Steinhauer
CO-PILOT	Lt. Keogh	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Earl
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hosmer	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Schindler
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Loercher	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Delaney
RADIO	Sgt. Daly	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Anderson, H. R.

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. DeMosh
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Brinak	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Moser
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bailen	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Finks
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pendleton

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Smith	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Beeler
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Elliott
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crimm	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Fisher
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Bakanauskas	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bowlkes
RADIO	Sgt. Muse	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Hamilton

A/C NUMBER 855 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

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A/C NUMBER 249 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Casteel	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Otte
CO-PILOT	Lt. Couget	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Gardner
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Hale	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Singer
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Haessly	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Porter
RADIO	Sgt. Vicinski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moriarity

A/C NUMBER 241 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Lt. Baker	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Swinney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wigley	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Allen
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Winkelhorst	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Aabye
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Matrangos	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bopp
RADIO	Sgt. Kelley	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Applin

A/C NUMBER 257 DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

PILOT	Maj. Harp	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Hudson
CO-PILOT	Maj. Lanford	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Libby
NAVIGATOR	Lts. Kline, Cahill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Boasi
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Callan	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moran
RADIO	Sgt. Swales	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Kennington

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

A/C NUMBER _____ DESTINATION _____ T/O _____

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

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SUBJECT: CREWS COMPLETING MISSION ON 26 MAY 1944

TO #593: (2) OPERATIONS OFFICER, 455TH BOMB GROUP

P
CP
N
B
NOSE G
TOP TUR
WAIST R
WAIST L
BALL TUR
TAIL G

SHIP 938
BROOKS, H.C.
LT COWDEN
LT FLEMING
LT TAYLOR
BAKOS
BOUCHER
WASHBURN
O'NEILL
BODMAN
MATHESON

SHIP 238
ROBARDS, R.A.
LT KELLY
LT DAESCHNER
LT NELSON
SHOLLENBERGER
HARDY
SUMNER
GRAUWILLER
LOCKARD
AMES

SHIP 494
CAPT. THOMAS, J.H.
LT NELSON
LT MONTGOMERY
LT BASTIN
SKELTON
CHANCE
LATHAM
MILLER
MCCOY
LATHAM

SHIP #283 (2-2-7)
230 SHIP
LT GORECKI
LT SWARTZ
LT TOLAR
GRAVES
LT GROTZER
WANTUCK
LECOMTE
TALKINGTON
REESE
BRIGGS (2-1-3)

LT.
LT.
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LT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.

P
CP
N
B
NOSE G
TOP TUR
WAIST R
WAIST L
BALL TUR
TAIL G

SHIP #252 (2-2-8)
BEACHAM, L.L.
SHIP 482
LT TANNER
LT HAWLEY
LT SANTINA
LT WACHTENDONK
WAUGH
MIZELL
ENGHUS
CHASE
JACKSON
SANTIAGO

SHIP #312 (2-1-1)
THAYER, R.S.
SHIP 200
LT KEIL
LT CRUM
LT PICKERILL
LT LEACH
AGNEW
DOTE
MEDEL
NOVAK
OLEYASH
ULSH

SHIP 939
LT HESPELER
LT BUNT
LT HIATT
LT PLATT
WILSON
HEMPHILL
SPOTTS
LACEY
RHODES
VIKEN

SHIP 292
LT JACKSON
LT AHRENS
LT SMITH
SLOPER
BEITZ
ROSENBERG
TRUEX
CITTINO
CRISTANUS

LT.
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CPL.

P
CP
N
B
NOSE G
TOP TUR
WAIST R
WAIST L
BALL TUR
TAIL G

SHIP 771
LT BRIMAGE
LT WATT
LT SCHNEIDER
COWAN
BLANCO
STINSON
GREEN
PALUMBO
EGINTON

SHIP #332 (2-2-4)
YOUNG, L.L.
CAPT. HENSKF, F.J.
LT. HAYWOOD, R.F.
LT. OWEN, A.M.
SGT. BOARDWELL, C.F.
THUM
WALLER
ENTRICK
GREEN, W.P.
WARE, G.H.

LT.
LT.
LT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.
SGT.

SHIP #271 (2-2-4)
LEE, O.I.
DENTON, C.A.
GROSS, J.
HORAN, B.D.
DEAN, W.H.
COLLIER, F.M.
PENDLETON, F.C.
DEBBY, C.F.
KOHNEK, F.B.
LAPOLLETTE, J.H.

LT.
LT.
LT.
LT.
SGT.
SGT.
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SGT.
SGT.
SGT.

COMBAT TIME: _____

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

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NOSE G
TOP TUR
WAIST R
WAIST L
BALL TUR
TAIL G

SHIP #154 (2-3-2)
KEANEY, G.O.
BELLEMERE, D.G.
SPICER, C.S.
MANNING, H.L.
BALCHURAS, A.
REES, R.E.
VOJTEK, J.M.
WALLACE, E.N.
TRUEL, J.J.
MCNEIL, D.B.

LT.
CAPT.
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SGT.
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SHIP #583 (2-2-5)
P BROOKS, H.C. LT.
CP DUNSCOMB, R.E. LT.
N GINSBURG, S. LT.
B JOHNSON, E.H. LT.
NOSE G TAYLOR, P.E. SGT.
TOP TUR WINN, F.P. SGT.
WAIST R HOSAC, C.W. SGT.
WAIST L WEINE, M.G. SGT.
BALL TUR CLUCK, O.L. SGT.
TAIL G O'BOYLE, J.J. SGT.

SHIP #161 (2-2-6)
ROBARDS, R.A. CAPT.
RAMEY, T.A. LT.
EIS, F.G. LT.
COTTER, J.G. LT.
SPEWOCK, A. SGT.
SCHRADER, V.D. SGT.
ANDERSON, R.L. SGT.
KEENE, R.I. SGT.
MINYARD, L.D. SGT.

SHIP #283 (2-2-7)
THOMAS, J.H. LT.
ROSE, P.C. LT.
GROSSMAN, B.M. LT.
VERKETIS, F.S. LT.
SHALLOW, F.B. SGT.
BAILS, D.R. SGT.
BURKHARDT, G. SGT.
HERLIHY, J.J. SGT.
PETERSON, D.E. SGT.
RAMSAY, C.P. SGT.

SHIP #952 (2-2-8)
P BEACHAM, L.L. LT.
CP CARLTON, W.C. F/O
N HART, C.A. LT.
B DUDZIK, T.A. LT.
NOSE G HAYS, D.F. SGT.
TOP TUR PATERICK, H.O. SGT.
WAIST R CONRAD, C.O. SGT.
WAIST L SIMEROTH, R.B. SGT.
BALL TUR PLACE, J.R. SGT.
TAIL G

SHIP #312 (2-1-1)
THAYER, D.S. MAJ.
SCHOENE, H.R. LT.
BROOKSHIRE, B.H. CAPT.
BROWN, L.V. LT.
MURRAY, V. SGT.
INGALLS, R.D. SGT.
VANCE, D.S. SGT.
BUSH, D.D. SGT.
CATT, J.L. SGT.
OWEN, B.G. SGT.

SHIP #982 (2-1-3)
SCHOTT, R.H. LT.
TIGERT, H.E. F/O
GERATY, D.F. LT.
BOCK, P. LT.
FLOYD, V.L. SGT.
PARKS, F.E. SGT.
KLINEK, A.J. SGT.
SADLER, J.P. SGT.
FULLER, M.L. SGT.
LEVASSEUR, W.F. SGT.
LANNOCYE, R.J. CPL.

SHIP #879 (2-2-1)
P ARNOLD, W.A. LT.
CP BECHTOLD, W.C. CAPT.
N ANDERSON, I.E. LT.
B DRASCO, S.A. LT.
NOSE G RUDOLPH, J.B. SGT.
TOP TUR KNAPP, J.M. SGT.
WAIST R MANZITTO, S. SGT.
WAIST L SPENCER, M.A. SGT.
BALL TUR MCARTHUR, C.J. SGT.
TAIL G

SHIP #232 (2-2-2)
YOUNG, L.L. LT.
HENSKE, E.J. LT.
HAYWOOD, R.F. LT.
OVEN, A.M. SGT.
BOARDWELL, C.F. SGT.
THUMA, J.A. SGT.
WALLER, R.N. SGT.
ENTROP, H. SGT.
GREEN, W.P. SGT.
WARE, C.H. SGT.

SHIP #271 (2-2-4)
LEE, O.I. LT.
DENTON, C.A. LT.
GROSS, J. LT.
HORAN, B.D. LT.
DEAN, M.H. SGT.
COLLINS, J.M. SGT.
PENDLETON, P.C. SGT.
DERRICK, C.E. SGT.
KOHNEKE, E.B. SGT.
LAFOLLETTE, J.H. SGT.

SHIP #184 (2-3-2)
P KEAHEY, G.O. LT.
CP BELLEMERE, D.G. CAPT.
N SPICER, C.B. LT.
B MANNING, H.L. LT.
NOSE G BALCHUNAS, A. SGT.
TOP TUR REES, R.E. SGT.
WAIST R VOJTKO, J.M. SGT.
WAIST L WALLACE, E.N. SGT.
BALL TUR THIEL, J.J. SGT.
TAIL G MCNEIL, D.R. SGT.