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Montpellier-Ferjorgues A/D

Mission No. 50

27 May 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 55

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(Annex 1, Field Order 55, 27 May 1944)

BRIEFING OUTLINE.

1. No. of aircraft on mission ..... 38 B-24s
2. Group leader ..... Major REEDER
3. Deputy group lead ..... Lieut GOSLINE
4. Second unit leader ..... Lieut MILLER
5. Second deputy lead ..... Lieut FISHER
6. Other Groups on mission ..... 454, 459, 456 BGs
7. Fighter escort ..... One Gp P-51s of 31st FG
8. Bomb load and fuzing ..... 100 GPs clustered, .1 nose, half .01 half .025 Tail.
9. Ammunition carried ..... 5200 rounds .50 cal.
10. Gas and oil load ..... 2700 gals, full oil service
11. Time at stations ..... 0445B.
12. Take off instructions ..... Taxi to south at 0550 for takeoff to north at 0600B.

ORDER OF TAKE OFF:

1st Combat Unit	2nd Attack Unit
754	989
494	230
938	771
161	658
271	292
952	570
482	238
	500

13. Bomber rendezvous ..... 1st Combat Wing (454,459) at SAN GIOVANNI at 3000 feet at 0650B.  
2nd Combat Wing (456,455) at STORNARA at 4000 feet at 0625B.
14. Course out ..... Base to TURNPOINT at mouth of VOLIURNO RIVER (41 02N 13 56E) to TURN POINT PONZA ISLAND (40 55N 12 58E) to KEY POINT CAPE ROUX (43 27N 06 55E) to TURN POINT VOIX (43 53N 05 50E) to IP to target.  
Time at KEYPOINT 0942B at 18,000 feet.
15. Initial point ..... AIMARGUES (43 42N 04 13E)
16. Axis of attack ..... 246degrees Mag
17. Time at target ..... 1030B
18. Bombing formation ..... Nine-ship front with second attack unit stacked down.
19. Bomb information ..... Attack unit leaders sight for range and deflection; box leaders for range all others toggle on box leaders.
20. Direction of rally ..... Left.
21. Return course ..... To 43 20N 04 10E to PONZA ISLAND to Base.
22. E. T. R. ..... 1327B.

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LOADING LIST

740

167

5/27/44

Lt Smith  
Lt Miller  
Lt Draghi & Lt Annala  
Lt Clowery  
T/Sgt Wolk

T/Sgt Cassidy  
S/Sgt Nyquist  
S/Sgt Conlin  
S/Sgt Good  
S/Sgt Carringer

740

741

5/27/44

Lt Fisher  
Lt Fabian  
Lt Blacker  
Lt Lafley  
T/Sgt King A.

T/Sgt Rundle  
S/Sgt Hanides  
S/Sgt Anderson  
S/Sgt Schmaus  
S/Sgt Kucharik

740

994

5/27/44

Lt Beckner  
Lt Ensminger  
F/B Brandstetter  
T/Sgt Johnson P.A.

T/Sgt Beck  
S/Sgt Harris  
S/Sgt Sumakis  
S/Sgt Alt  
S/Sgt Symkowicz  
T/Sgt Amoruso

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740

198

5/27/44

Lt Bethune  
Lt Adkisson  
Lt Asip  
" "  
T/Sgt Riley

T/Sgt Coalum  
S/Sgt Brown  
Sgt Fisher  
S/Sgt Yaus  
S/Sgt Bischoff  
S/Sgt Franceschini

740

939

5/27/44

Lt Hansen  
Lt Ward  
Lt Popejoy  
Lt Dehn  
S/Sgt Lubeck

T/Sgt Yeandel  
S/Sgt Berg  
S/Sgt Fowler  
S/Sgt Seiter  
S/Sgt Rosenfield

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740

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A/C NUMBER

Lt Pendleton NAVIGATION

PILOT

Lt Ennis  
Lt Pramik

CO-PILOT

Lt Katz

NAVTO TO

T/Sgt Keen

BOMBARDIER

RADIO

T/Sgt Bearden  
S/Sgt Groome  
S/Sgt Counts  
S/Sgt Adams  
S/Sgt Coble

A/D NUMBER

740

351

5/27/44

NAVIGATION

BOMBARDIER

RADIO

A/C NUMBER

Lt Johnson D.

F/O Robertson

Lt Teasdale

Lt Daniels L.V.

S/Sgt Freeman

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATION

BOMBARDIER

RADIO

S/Sgt Fry  
S/Sgt Johnson R. J.  
T/Sgt Thigpen  
S/Sgt Merrill  
S/Sgt Jackson

A/C NUMBER

740

270 DESTINATION

5/27/44

NAVIGATION

BOMBARDIER

RADIO

A/C NUMBER

Lt Kelley

Lt Laffey

Lt Frantz

Lt Katz

T/Sgt Marhenke

PILOT

CO-PILOT

NAVIGATION

BOMBARDIER

RADIO

T/Sgt Austin  
S/Sgt Collins  
S/Sgt Smith  
S/Sgt King M.  
S/Sgt Hubsch

A/C NUMBER

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DESTINATION

5/27/44

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BOMBARDIER

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45TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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A/C NUMBER 401 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Rosenberg	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Karney
CO-PILOT	Lt. Nixon	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Dakin
NAVIGATOR	Lt. C. Hill	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Kinnick
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McMahon	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Anderson
RADIO	Sgt. Schultz	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Caldwell

A/C NUMBER 409 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Hammond	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Patterson
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wendt	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Pearson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Polkra	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Vanaman
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Ifurd	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Wise
RADIO	Sgt. Averill	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Squires

A/C NUMBER 476 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Gorski	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Mc Field
CO-PILOT	Lt. Disbrow	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Vincent
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Luckasevitch	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Necks
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Scott	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Magnuson
RADIO	Sgt. Pistrusawski	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Beuvvais

A/C NUMBER 166 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Wangeroni	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Straw
CO-PILOT	Lt. Wittman	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Johnson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Kline	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Andrews
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Blum	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Howell
RADIO	Sgt. Cornell	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Fry

A/C NUMBER 749 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Bowers	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Fox
CO-PILOT	Lt. Harrington	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Demesh
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Brnlak	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Glaser
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Brilen	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Moser
RADIO	Sgt. Gamble	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Pendleton

A/C NUMBER 949 DESTINATION T/O

PILOT	Lt. Adair	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Lewis
CO-PILOT	Lt. Vrasted	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Watson
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Crim	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Logue
BOMBARDIER	Lt. McCracken	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Lundquist
RADIO	Sgt. Dally	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Puslat

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40TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) A  
A.P.O. No. 520 U. S. Army

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A/C NUMBER 856 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Carl Tengen	TOP TUR GNR	gt. Barnes
CO-PILOT	Lt. Chevick	WAIST RIGHT	gt. Brown
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Tib	WAIST LEFT	gt. Bowles
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Young	BALL TUR GNR	gt. Fadgett
RADIO	Sgt. Mayfield	TAIL TUR GNR	gt. Abbott

A/C NUMBER 818 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. J. Rich	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Mitchell
CO-PILOT	Lt. ...	WAIST FIGHT	Sgt. Edwards
NAVIGATOR	Lt. ...	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Morris
BOMBARDIER	Lt. ...	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. Sherrick
RADIO	Sgt. ...	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. ...

A/C NUMBER 41 DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT	Lt. Hendricks	TOP TUR GNR	Sgt. Stover
CO-PILOT	Lt. ...	WAIST RIGHT	Sgt. Moore
NAVIGATOR	Lt. Jackson	WAIST LEFT	Sgt. Risbey
BOMBARDIER	Lt. Miller	BALL TUR GNR	Sgt. ...
RADIO	Sgt. ...	TAIL TUR GNR	Sgt. Bennett

A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DESTINATION \_\_\_\_\_ T/O \_\_\_\_\_

PILOT		TOP TUR GNR	
CO-PILOT		WAIST FIGHT	
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 LFIT	
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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27 May 1944.

## COMBAT LOADING LIST

27 May 1944.

SHIP #161 (1-2-1)		SHIP #771 (1-2-2)		SHIP #652 (1-2-3)	
P	SUBJECT: Crews Completing Mission on 27 May 1944. LT.			BRACHAM, L.L.	LT.
CP	RANNEY, T.A.	LT.	LEWIS, H.	CARLTON, W.C.	F/O
N	TO EIS: Operations Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H)			HART, C.A.	LT.
B	COTTER, J.G.	LT.	MANNING, M.L.	DURBIN, T.A.	LT.
NOSE G	SPENCER, A.	SGT.	MCNEIL, R.P.	PATRICK, J.O.	SGT.
TOP TUR	<b>SHIP NO 771</b>	<b>SHIP NO 764</b>	<b>SHIP NO 938</b>	<b>SHIP NO 230</b>	SGT.
WAIST R	ROTH		INGRAM	PLAICE, J.R.	SGT.
WAIST L	LT KAMINSKY	MAJ REEDER	WALLACE	LT NASH	SGT.
BALL TUR	LT KIESELBACH	LT GOWDEN	THOMPSON	LT BOLDT	SGT.
TAIL G	LT SPIER	LT TAYLOR	MCNEIL	LT PONELL	SGT.
	LT McCauley	LT CROTZER		LT MORRANE	LT CROSS
	SCHIAVO	LT GILDEEN		LT EPPERSON	
P	AMBROSINI	BOUCHER	SHIP NO 12 (1-3-1)	PALKEY	
CP	TITHILL, C.A.	WASHBURN	JASTREBOWSKI	BENNETT	(1-3-3)
N	RUSSELL	BAKOS	SELLARS	ROMANO	LT.
B	HILL	BODMAN	FLOHR	HOFFMASTER	LT.
NOSE G	GRIESSEL	MATHESON	GROGAN	FROCK	LT.
TOP TUR	CLAPASDALE	LT HOJER	VERSTEEG	FRANLEY	LT.
WAIST R	PEYTON	SHAW	KRUEGER	SWINK, F.P.	SGT.
WAIST L	<b>SHIP NO 658</b>	<b>SHIP NO 238</b>	SCOTT	WHITE, R.	SGT.
BALL TUR	DENT	SHAW	RABIN (Photo)	SHIP NO 482	SGT.
TAIL G	LT MONTGOMERY	LT MENDEKHALL	SHAW	CHICCO, G.L.	SGT.
	LT SABO	LT MCREE	SHAW	LT TANNER	SGT.
	LT GUIDO	LT FORD	SHIP NO 12 (1-3-2)	LT HARLEY	
P	LT SCHNEIDER	BENCH	LT ARCHIBALD	LT SANTINA	(1-3-6)
CP	MASON, COMB, R.E.	DRESSEL	LT BARNARD	LT WAGHTERDONK	LT.
N	PRITCHARD, I.P.	GOLDMAN	LT BARNARD	WARCH, E., F.J.	LT.
B	SUTTON, C.A.	PITTMAN	LT BARNARD	MIZILL	
NOSE G	KYLE	LIVINGSTON	LT BARNARD	CHASE	
TOP TUR	LEITHAUSER, J.M.	GRAHAM	LT BARNARD	ENGHAUS	SGT.
WAIST R	SMITH	SHAW	LT BARNARD	JACKSON	SGT.
WAIST L	VANCE, D.S.	SHAW	LT BARNARD	HALCHAK	SGT.
BALL TUR	SPENCER, H.A.	SHAW	LT BARNARD	HOOP, R.	SGT.
TAIL G	<b>SHIP NO 494</b>	<b>SHIP NO 492</b>	<b>SHIP NO 932</b>	SHAW	SGT.
	LT GOOLINE	LT JACKSON	SHIP NO 12 (1-3-4)	SHAW	
P	LT FLEMING	LT ABRENS	SANTIAGO	SGT.	
CP	LT STRODE	LT SMITH	LT GORECKI		
N	LT MCCASLIN	LT SOLAR	LT SWARTZ		
B	BARKEY	ROSENBURG	LT BROTHERS	TARGET	
NOSE G	WEIN	SLOPER	LT GIOVARONITTI		
TOP TUR	ANGUSON	BELL	GRAVES	COMBAT TIME	
WAIST R	STAPLETON	TRUEX	WANTUCK		
WAIST L	STEARNS	CITISO	BRIGGS		
BALL TUR	ROBINSON	CRISTANUS	GRADWILLER		
TAIL G			REISE		

HENRY C. KELLY  
 1st Lt., Air Corps  
 Ass't Ops Officer

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SHIP #161 (1-2-1)

P	ROBARDS, R.A.	CAPT.
CP	RAMEY, T.A.	LT.
N	EIS, F.G.	LT.
B	COTTER, J.G.	LT.
NOSE G	SPEWOCK, A.	SGT.
TOP TUR	SCHRADER, V.D.	SGT.
WAIST R	ROTH, F.J.	SGT.
WAIST L	ANDERSON, R.L.	SGT.
BALL TUR	KEENE, R.I.	SGT.
TAIL G	MINYARD, L.D.	SGT.

SHIP #271 (1-2-2)

	KEAHEY, G.O.	LT.
	REGAN, M.	LT.
	SPICER, C.B.	LT.
	MANNING, H.L.	LT.
	REES, R.F.	SGT.
	BALCHUNAS, A.	SGT.
	INGALLS, R.D.	SGT.
	WALLACE, F.N.	SGT.
	THIPL, J.J.	SGT.
	MCNEIL, D.R.	SGT.

SHIP #952 (1-2-3)

	BEACHAM, L.L.	LT.
	CARLTON, W.C.	F/O
	HART, C.A.	LT.
	DUDZIK, T.A.	LT.
	PATTERICK, H.O.	SGT.
	CONRAD, C.O.	SGT.
	PLACE, J.R.	SGT.
	SIMEROTH, R.B.	SGT.
	HAYS, D.F.	SGT.

SHIP #312 (1-3-1)

P	LEF, O.I.	LT.
CP	DENTON, C.A.	LT.
N	GROSS, J.	LT.
B	HORAN, B.D.	LT.
NOSE G	DEAN, M.H.	SGT.
TOP TUR	COLLINS, J.M.	SGT.
WAIST R	PENDLETON, P.C.	SGT.
WAIST L	KOHNKE, E.B.	SGT.
BALL TUR	DERRICK, C.E.	SGT.
TAIL G	LAFOLETTE, J.H.	SGT.

SHIP #283 (1-3-2)

	THOMAS, J.H.	LT.
	ROSE, R.C.	LT.
	GROSSMAN, B.M.	LT.
	VERKETIS, F.S.	LT.
	BAILS, D.R.	SGT.
	SHALLOW, J.B.	SGT.
	BURKHARDT, G.	SGT.
	HERLIHY, J.J.	SGT.
	PETERSON, D.E.	SGT.
	RAMSAY, C.P.	SGT.

SHIP #583 (1-3-3)

	BROOKS, H.C.	LT.
	COLMAN, C.C.	LT.
	GINSBURG, S.	LT.
	JOHNSON, F.H.	LT.
	TAYLOR, P.F.	SGT.
	WINN, F.P.	SGT.
	WEINE, M.G.	SGT.
	HOSAC, C.W.	SGT.
	CLUCK, C.L.	SGT.
	O'BOYLE, J.J.	SGT.

SHIP #879 (1-3-4)

P	ARNOLD, W.A.	LT.
CP	DUNSCOMB, R.E.	LT.
N	ANDERSON, I.E.	LT.
B	DRASCO, S.A.	LT.
NOSE G	KNAPP, J.M.	SGT.
TOP TUR	RUDOLPH, J.B.	SGT.
WAIST R	MANZITTO, S.	SGT.
WAIST L	VANCE, D.S.	SGT.
BALL TUR	SPENCER, M.A.	SGT.
TAIL G	MCARTHUR, C.J.	SGT.

SHIP #982 (1-3-5)

	ECKHOFF, A.E.	LT.
	MAURER, M.	F/O
	CAPLE, R.V.	LT.
	FREIHEIT, W.W.	LT.
	GULLEY, C.H.	SGT.
	FERBANIS, J.	SGT.
	CHLAN, F.P.	SGT.
	VOJTKO, J.M.	SGT.
	OLSOWSKY, E.E.	SGT.
	EVERHART, H.B.	SGT.

SHIP #232 (1-3-6)

	YOUNG, L.L.	LT.
	HENSKE, F.J.	LT.
	OVEN, A.M.	SGT.
	BORDWELL, K.F.	SGT.
	THUMA, J.A.	SGT.
	WALLER, F.N.	SGT.
	ENTROP, H.	SGT.
	WARE, C.H.	SGT.
	GREEN, W.P.	SGT.

SHIP #500 (1-3-7)

P	SCHOTT, R.H.	LT.
CP	TIGERT, H.E.	F/O
N	GERATY, D.F.	LT.
B	BOCK, P.	LT.
NOSE G	FLOYD, V.L.	SGT.
TOP TUR	KLINEK, A.J.	SGT.
WAIST R	PARKS, E.E.	SGT.
WAIST L	LEVASSEUR, W.F.	SGT.
BALL TUR	SADLER, J.P.	SGT.
TAIL G	FULLER, M.L.	SGT.

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