

Exhibit # 1-Sept 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

In reply refer
to: 370.5

APC 140, U. S. Army
12 September 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Troops.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Combat Bomb Wing (L), APC 140, U. S. Army.
Commanding Officer, AAF Station 154, APC 140, U. S. Army.
Commanding Officer, AAF Station 165, APC 140, U. S. Army.
Commanding Officer, AAF Station 170, APC 140, U. S. Army.

1. Pursuant to verbal orders of the Commanding General, Ninth Air Force; Alert Order No. 34, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, 12 May 1944, as amended; and Alert Order No. 45, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944, as amended; the 97th Combat Bomb Wing (L) will move from its present bases in the United Kingdom to destinations on the Continent as set forth in the following paragraphs.

2. Organizations and location designations are as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hq, 97th Combat Bomb Wing (L)	A-55	MELUN (S-272142)
409th Bomb Group (L)	A-48	BRETIGNY (S-025145)
416th Bomb Group (L)	A-55	MELUN (S-272142)
410th Bomb Group (L)	A-58	COULOMBIERS (S-533527)

3. Dates of Movement:

12 September 1944 -- Hq, 97th Combat Bomb Wing (L)
Advanced Echelon, 409th Bomb Group (L)

15 September 1944 -- Advanced Echelon, 416th Bomb Group (L)

18 September 1944 -- Advanced Echelon, 410th Bomb Group (L)

24 September 1944 -- Rear Echelon, 409th Bomb Group (L)

27 September 1944 -- Rear Echelon, 416th Bomb Group (L)

30 September 1944 -- Rear Echelon, 410th Bomb Group (L)

Departure of Flight echelon will be determined upon arrival of Advanced echelons to the far shore. It is assumed that approximately nine (9) days will be required for movement by water and for preparation of newly established sites for remaining echelons. Rear echelons scheduled to move twelve (12) days after advanced echelons.

4. Breakdown for movement:

a. Advanced Echelon:

(1) Approximately 50% of ground personnel of bomb group headquarters.

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- (2) Approximately 65% of ground personnel of bomb squadrons.
- (3) Approximately 35% personnel of station complement squadron.
- (4) Entire strength of following:
 - (a) Military police detachment.
 - (b) Medical dispensary (Avn).
 - (c) Engineer Fire Fighting platoon (6 or 8 personnel should be placed on special duty with second echelon of station complement squadron.
 - (d) Detachment, 40th Mobile Communications Squadron.

b. Flight Echelon:

- (1) Combat crew personnel.
- (2) Crew chiefs.
- (3) Detachment, 21st Weather Squadron.

c. Rear Echelon:

- (1) Approximately 50% of ground personnel of bomb group headquarters.
- (2) Approximately 35% of ground personnel of bomb squadron.
- (3) Approximately 35% of personnel of station complement squadron.

d. Holding party: Approximately 55 personnel from station complement squadron to remain at present location for the purpose of returning station to proper agency. When proper clearance is given this party will proceed to new location.

5. Movement will be GNT, rail, surface vessel and military aircraft.
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6. This is a permanent change of station. All organizational equipment will be taken. It is improbable that personnel or vehicles will return to present location.

7. The provisions of Letter, Subject: "Operations, Movement Control on the European Continent", Hq, Ninth Air Force, 26 May 1944, as amended by later same subject, 13 August 1944; AR 345-900, 22 May 1943; AR 345-400, 7 May 1943; Administrative Circular 66, Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, 14 September 1943; Preparation for Overseas Movement Short Sea Voyage (FCM-SW), 10 January 1944 (corrected);

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and Administrative Order No. 1, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 7 August 1944, as amended; will be complied with.

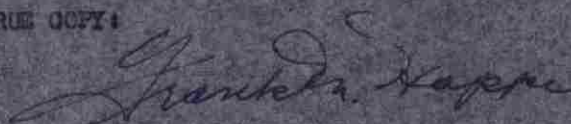
By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD O. SANDERS,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ S. L. Parmenter,
/t/ S. L. PARMENTER
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adj. General.

This is a TRUE COPY:



FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., A. G.,
Group Historical Officer.

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AAF STATION #170**SECRET**

AUTH: CC, STA 170

DATE: 15 Sept 44

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15 September 1944.

FIELD ORDER)

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Maps: Strip Maps furnished by RTO and attached to OMI.

1. a. (1) Personnel to be warned of possibility of sniper attack, mines and booby traps.
(2) Enemy air forces are capable of strafing or bombing columns of troops in intruder raids, day or night.
- b. (1) No change.
(2) Local air superiority is unquestioned but does not provide absolute protection against air attacks.
2. a. The 416th Bombardment Group (L) and allied units will move from AAF Station 170 to A-55, Far Shore.
b. Movement will take place on 15 September 1944.
3. a. The following units (convoy) will depart AAF Station 170 on date and times indicated below:

UNIT	DATE	TIME
Hq, 416th Bomb Gp (L)	15 September 1944	0800
668th Bomb Sq (L)	15 September 1944	0800
669th Bomb Sq (L)	15 September 1944	0800
670th Bomb Sq (L)	15 September 1944	0800
671st Bomb Sq (L)	15 September 1944	0800
79th Station Comp Sq	15 September 1944	0715
1297th Military Police Co	15 September 1944	0715
484th Service Sq	15 September 1944	0930
1781st Ord S & M Co	15 September 1944	0930
Det "A" 46th Mob R & R Sq	15 September 1944	0930
1179th QM Serv Co (less Det "A")	15 September 1944	0930
2250th QM Truck Co (less Det "A")	15 September 1944	0930
1112th Signal Co Supply & Maint Plat (less Det "A")	15 September 1944	0930

- b. Route of motor convoys will be in accordance with OMI, TC.
- c. The following units (March Parties) will depart AAF Station 170 per the following schedule to arrive at railhead in Castle Sible-Hedingham at prescribed time:

UNIT	DATE	DEPART 170	ARRIVE S-H
Hq, 416th Bomb Gp (L)	15 Sept 44	0655	0715
668th Bomb Sq (L)	15 Sept 44	0640	0700
669th Bomb Sq (L)	15 Sept 44	0655	0715
1297th Military Police Co	15 Sept 44	0625	0645
79th Station Comp Sq	15 Sept 44	0800	0820
484th Service Sq	15 Sept 44	0800	0820
1781st Ord S & M Co	15 Sept 44	0800	0820
1179th QM Service Co (less "A")	15 Sept 44	0800	0820
1112th Signal Co Supply & Maint Plat (less Det "A")	15 Sept 44	0800	0820

- d. The following number of trucks will be dispatched to unit areas at 0600, 15 September 1944, and will be loaded with personnel and dispatched in accordance with the schedule in the preceding sub-paragraph:

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UNIT	NUMBER OF VEHICLES
Hq, 416th Bomb Gp (L)	3
668th Bomb Sq (L)	9
669th Bomb Sq (L)	10
1297th Military Police Co	3
79th Station Comp Sq	3
484th Service Sq	
1781st Ord S & M Co	
1179th QM Service Co (less Det "A")	15
1112th Signal Co Supply & Maint Plat (less Det "A")	

- e. Trains will depart Castle Sible-Heddingham at 0745 and 0910. All units listed above (Rail Parties) will depart on 0745 train with exception of 79th Station Complement Sq which will depart on 0910 train. Trucks for last four (4) units mentioned in Par 3d will report to north entrance of Hangar #1.
4. a. "R" rations will be issued to all personnel for consumption enroute.
 - b. Traffic will be as prescribed by OMI, TC.
 - c. Transportation will be provided as prescribed by OMI, TC.
 - d. Personnel will be moved in numbers in accordance with Alert Order No. 34 or 66, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, as the case maybe.
 - e. Uniform will be Class "B" uniform with full field equipment and horseshoe pack. Battle jacket for enlisted men will be worn if available.
5. Communications will be in accordance with "Signal Communications Plan for Movement of Headquarters, IX Bomber Command and the 97th Combat Bombardment Wing", dated 5 September 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

OFFICIAL:

HAROLD A. RADETSKY,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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Exh #2-A-Sept 1944-View of the Normandy beachhead as we prepared to land.

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HEADQUARTERS
 FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEENTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 Office of the Commanding Officer

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APO #140, U. S. Army,
 25 September 1944.

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NUMBER 11)

1. Announcement is made of the closing of Headquarters, 416th Bombardment Group (L), located at Wethersfield, Essex, England, effective 2400 hours, 23 September 1944.

2. Announcement is made of the opening of Headquarters, 416th Bombardment Group (L), located at Melun, France, effective 0001 hours, 24 September 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

OFFICIAL:

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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 Captain, Air Corps,
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Exh #3-A-Sept 1944-Motor convoy being loaded onto LCT during movement.

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Exh #3-B-Sept 1944-Lt. Castle, Capt Marks,
Maj Meng, Lt Col Aylesworth, and Capt
Kinney discussing the new base from the
Group Headquarters building.

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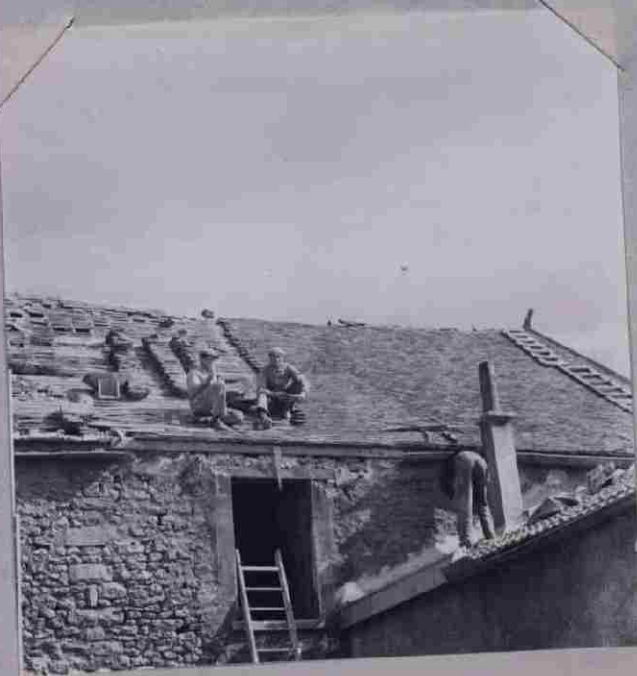
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Exh #3-C-Sept 1944-View of courtyard at Headquarters during the cleaning-up operations.

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Exh #3-D-Sept 1944-French
Civilian workmen repairing
roofs on some of the buildings
still standing.

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IX BOMBER COMMAND**

Exh #4-Sept 1944

AFM 140, U S Army
22 September 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 188)

EXTRACT**AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, and contained in Circular #56, H q, WFOUSA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted men, organizations indicated, in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

T/Sgt	NORMAN E. ANLAUF	39092075
T/Sgt	RICHARD BOS, JR	37121192
T/Sgt	RICHARD L. SALTONSTALL	35164441
T/Sgt	HAROLD W. SWITZER	35162901
Sgt	FRANK PELLEGRINO	39099661

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

/t/ RICHARD C. SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C.C. VEGA, JR.
/t/ C.C. VEGA, JR.
Lt Col, A C
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Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Public Relations
Officer

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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AFD 140, U S Army,
20 September 1944.

SECTION IV: AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

4. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sect I, Cir 32, Hq MIOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

U. ARNETH F BROWN, 35540545, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 6 September 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Defiance, Ohio.

V. CLIFFORD J HAMP, 15331635, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 6 September 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Evansville, Indiana.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD V SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ U. C. VEGA, Jr.,
/t/ U. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt. Col., A. C.,
Adjutant General.

THIS IS A TRUE EXTRACT:

Frank A. M. Hoppe
FRANK A. M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Historical Officer.

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12 September 1944

NUMBER 180)

SECTION II

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers and enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (T), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1912) as amended by Executive Order No. 9212-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1912), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ATOUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

Third Oak Leaf-Cluster

m. GO 125, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 25 Jul 44.	568th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Daniel M Brown	35514148	S/Sgt Lakewood, Ohio
n. GO 136, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 25 Jul 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
FRANK W HARRIS	0-755337	2nd LT Birmingham, Ala
JAMES P KENNY	0-691368	2nd LT New York, N.Y.
o. GO 142, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 31 Jul 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Franklin P Basford	33592032	Sgt Philadelphia, Pa
p. GO 150, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 10 Aug 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Robert W Carstens	36851748	Sgt E. Detroit, Mich
q. GO 159, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 19 Aug 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Robert S Gandy	37512651	Sgt Marceline, Mo

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

r. GO 302, Hq. Eighth Air Force, 24 Aug 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Donald E Raines	35766101	S/Sgt Ft Wayne, Ind
s. GO 124, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 11 Jul 44.	671st Bombardment Squadron (T)	
COLEMAN L ESTES	0-750359	2nd LT Orange, Calif
t. GO 136, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 25 Jul 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Leonard R Fleming	38529944	Sgt Dallas Texas
Adam A Cianciosi	33168827	Sgt Reading, Pa
Melvin E Dias	39045838	Sgt Richmond, Calif
u. GO 142, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 31 Jul 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Ernest L Schafer	37344082	S/Sgt Wray, Colorado
v. GO 131, Hq. N. African Air Force, 9 Nov 43.	668th Bombardment Squadron (T)	
Francis L Flacks	16041788	S/Sgt Detroit, Mich

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12 September 1944.

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2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers and enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (L), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, W 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bull. 19, W 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETGUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster		
af. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Atlanta, Ga
WILLIAM A HECK	O-800034 1ST LT	
	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Norristown, Pa
PAUL G ATKINSON, JR	O-25973 1ST LT	
ag. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 Jun 44.	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Dover, Pa
Eugene F Paulus	33505390 S/Sgt	
ah. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 44.	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	Wichita, Kansas
FRANCIS W DEMAND	O-806235 1ST LT	
ai. GO 140, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 18 May 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Bristol, Va
JAMES MALENFORT	O-381755 1ST LT	
aj. GO 141, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Atlanta, Ga
James C McKee	11047810 S/Sgt	
ak. GO 146, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 May 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Florissant, Mo
JACK J BURG	O-743756 2ND LT	
al. GO 156, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 4 Jun 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Kingston, N. Y.
Kenneth E Hornbeck	12040278 S/Sgt	
Glenn I Fleischmann	19060630 S/Sgt	Evanston, Ill
James E Vandyne, Jr	32562907 S/Sgt	Caldwell, N. J.

Ninth Oak Leaf Cluster		
am. GO 167, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 20 Apr 44.	663th Bombardment Squadron (L)	McIntosh, Ala
Lewis M Daugherty	14176606 S/Sgt	
an. GO 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 Apr 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Chicago, Ill
ARTHUR E OSBORNE	O-684403 CAPT	
ao. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 44.	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Wayland, N. Y.
EARL E DEMIN	O-800847 1ST LT	Raymondville, Texas
PATRICK F E MACMANUS, JR	O-671671 1ST LT	Greenville, Miss
Jeong S Wing	18158622 S/Sgt	
	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Atlantic City, N. J.
FRANK J HARROLD	O-25934 1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif
HUGH A MONROE	O-749489 1ST LT	Bartlesville, Okla
Ralph Eutsler, Jr	38463862 S/Sgt	

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GO 180, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 12 September 44, cont'd

Rauben S Troyer	671st Bombardment Squadron (L) 15059634	S/Sgt	Kokomo, Ind
ap. GO 122, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 5 May 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-635923	1ST LT	Detroit, Mich
ELDON B KREH	669th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-67090	1ST LT	Langley Field, Va
WILLIAM J GIFTIN	30390755	S/Sgt	Lawton, Okla
William F Colbert	670th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-717840	1ST LT	Laurel, Miss
LEONARD R MOBRIDE	671st Bombardment Squadron (L) 15391633	S/Sgt	Evansville, Ind
Clifford J Karp	670th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-25111	1ST LT	Nashua, N. H.
DANIEL F SPEL	0-666478	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif
ROBERT H JOOST	669th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-684357	1ST LT	Rodessa, La
ar. GO 141, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 16 May 44.	670th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-747830	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill
WILLARD H LAND			
THOMAS J LEONARD			
Eleventh oak leaf cluster			
as. GO 107, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 20 Apr 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L) 11365608	S/Sgt	High Point, N. C.
Harold R Hedrick	670th Bombardment Squadron (L) 20450718	S/Sgt	Pula ski, Tenn
Robert E Lee, Jr	at. GO 114, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 25 Apr 44.		
Carl F Iove	668th Bombardment Squadron (L) 34443283	S/Sgt	Opelika, Ala
Fred L Adair	37498495	S/Sgt	Rushville, Mo
au. GO 117, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 44.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L) 0-747884	1ST LT	Oak Park, Ill.
LORING G FEEDE	13110544	S/Sgt	Meadville, Pa
Elpidio A Iamico	13039715	S/Sgt	Irwin, Pa
John A Fejes, Jr	32382787	S/Sgt	Buffalo, N. Y.
Bennett C Sieg	13034047	S/Sgt	Union City, Tenn
Edward S Dickenson	669th Bombardment Squadron (L) 33181528	S/Sgt	Scranton, Pa.
Russell J Colosimo	13116554	S/Sgt	Luzern e, Pa
John L Rogers, Jr	12164906	S/Sgt	Newark, N. J.
Morton Rosenstein	670th Bombardment Squadron (L) 30341351	S/Sgt	Avoca, Texas
Paul B Driskill	32451250	S/Sgt	Jersey City, N. J.
Edward L Griffin	16038462	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill
John W Mbran	671st Bombardment Squadron (L) 33292132	S/Sgt	Cheswick, Pa
Harry T Best			

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ S. L. Parmenter
S. L. PARMENTER
Capt. A. C.,
Asst Adjutant General.

A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

J. T. S. MORRIS,
Captain, Air Corps.

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Exh #9-Sept 1944-Strike photos of bombing
of strongpoint in Brest.

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Exh #10-Sept 1944-Strike photo of bombing of strongpoint in Nancy-requested by ground forces.

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Exh #11-Sept 1944-Strike photo of bombing of communications headquarters at Metz.

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Exh #12-Sept 1944-Strike photo of bombing of German artillery positions in the Forêt De Haye at Chaligny. Smoke billowing up from the bombing casts a cloud-like shadow over the target area.

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