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HEADQUARTERS

434TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP
APO 133 U S ARMY

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2 June 1944

FO # 1. NEPTUNE - BIGOT

MAPS: TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT BRIEFING.

1. See Intelligence Annex No. 1, attached.

2. The 434th T C Gp in conjunction with other groups of the 53rd T C Wg will transport units of the 101st AB Div and Units of the 82nd AB Div on D-Day as per FO #1, 53rd T C Wg, 1 June 1944. Units transported by this group will be:

101st AB Div

Det Div Hq Co
Det Div Sig Co
Det 326th AB Mod Co
Det 326th AB Engr Bn
Batteries A & B 81st AB AA Bn
Vehicles for Proh regts.

82nd AB Div

Co A 307th AB Engr Bn
82nd AB Div Arty
82nd Recon Platoon
Hq 325th Gl Inf
Comd Vehicles 508th Pch Inf.

a. Departure Airbase: ALDERMSTON

b. Gliders available for loading: 0800 3 June 1944.

c. Equipment loading completed: 1600 3 June 1944.

d. Glider marshalling: SOP Glider Operations, 434th T C Gp
31 May 1944.

e. Times: To be announced.

f. Briefings: P. CP. N. GP. 2 May 1944 1330
1900

3 May 1944 1000

RC. CG. 2 May 1944 1600

g. Routes: To be announced at briefings and memorized by all P.N.GP.

h. Take-off, assembly, formation, release, return and signals:
SOP Glider Operations, 434th T C Gp, 31 May 1944.

i. Altitudes: To be announced at briefing and memorized by all
P. N. GP.

j. Airspeed: With glider in tow: 120 MPH IAS
Return: 150 MPH IAS

Indicated airspeeds will be constant.

Times over turning points may be variable.

k. Rope drop: Immediately upon clearing LZ area.

3. a. For aircraft commitments of Gp Hq and squadrons see Annex No. 2.

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- X. 1. Allowable loads:
 - a. Tug aircraft: No load.
 - b. Horsa glider: 6900 lbs maximum including crew, life raft, and pay load.
 - c. CG-4A glider: 3750 lbs maximum exclusive of crew, life raft and similar equipment.
 2. Fuel requirements: Full service.
 3. Loading areas will be designated for each squadron; overlays to be attached.
 4. Weather decisions 2000 hours D-1 from 53rd T C Wg.
 5. Altimeter settings: 2000 hours D-1 from 53rd T C Wg.
 6. Time synchronization: 2000 hours D-1 from 53rd T C Wg.
 7. Aircraft lighting will be announced at briefing. P. N. GP. will memorize.
 8. Glider pilots and aircraft crews landing in objective areas will come under control of nearest ground unit until evacuation is accomplished.
 9. Air crews will be briefed on emergency procedures which will be memorized by all crew members.
 10. IFF will not be turned on during this operation except in case of ditching.
 11. Radio silence will be maintained except in case of extreme emergency.
 12. Pilots of aircraft will be responsible for delivery of gliders to LZ's. Evasive action prior to drop will not be tolerated. In event the LZ is missed on initial run in, troops will be delivered in combat area. If coast line is reached and troops are undelivered, aircraft will turn right and deliver troops in DZ "D".
 13. Individual pilots, flight or serial leaders will be held responsible for continuing to combat area though they may become detached from main formation.
 14. Balloons may be excessive in area after H hour and locations will not be known. Flights must be conducted accordingly.
 15. Pilots will be briefed on procedure for signalling flying control when returning to base with wounded aboard.
4. See Administrative Order, Annex # 3, attached.
5.
 - a. See annex No. 4.
 - b. See annex No. 4.
 - c.
 1. Ground CP tent by flying control orders will be issued concerning personnel to be at CP for each serial.
 2. Air: Lead tug
Deputy # 3 tug.

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ANNEXES:

- Annex No. 1. - Intelligence
- Annex No. 2. - Aircraft Commitments
- Annex No. 3. - Administrative Order
- Annex No. 4. - Signal Annex

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 - 434th T C Gp Hq.
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 - 1 - Engineering
 - 1 - Gp Surgeon
 - 71st T C S 1 to Sq. Commander
 - 1 to Sq. S-3.
 - 72nd T C S 1 to Sq. Commander
 - 1 to Sq. S-3.
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