

Appendix A  
— 315th Command and Staff —

Listed are the names of commanding officers and certain staff officers of the 315th Troop Carrier Group for the period 1942-1945. Some are missing for lack of knowledge or source materials. Ranks shown are the highest rank the individual obtained while serving with the 315th and not necessarily their rank at the time they served in the indicated position.

**315th Troop Carrier Group Headquarters**

**Commanding Officers:** Major Thomas J. Schofield, Colonel Hamish McLelland, Colonel Howard B. Lyon, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gibbons

**Executive Officers:** Major E.E. Estrumse, Colonel Howard B. Lyon, Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Gibbons, Lieutenant Colonel Smylie C. Stark

**Operations Officers:** Colonel Howard B. Lyon, Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Gibbons, Lieutenant Colonel William E. Mandt

**Engineering Officers:** Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Gibbons, Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. Hamby, Major William L. Brinson, Lieutenant R.S. Barnes, Major

**Intelligence Officer:** Major Willet M. Messenger

**Supply Officers:** Major John Conquest

**Communications Officers:** Lieutenant Norman Peden, Major James Hedley

**Personnel Officers:** Major Leroy W. Parker

**Flight Surgeons:** Major Alden Oakes, Major Duncan J. Hatton

**Dentist:** Captain Joseph Schulman

**Chaplain:** Major C.P. Croaker, Captain M.H. Willard

**34th Troop Carrier Squadron**

**Squadron Commanding Officers:** Lieutenant John Lay, Lieutenant Colonel Donald G. Dekin, Lieutenant Colonel J.S. Smith

**Executive Officer:** Major Thomas Hart,

**Operations Officers:** Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. Hamby, Captain Samuel W. Suttle, Major E.S. Schwerin, Major Bernard A. Pleasant

**Engineering Officers:** Lieutenant E. Senzik, Major C.A. Mauger, Lieutenant W. McBride

**Supply Officers:** Lieutenant W.L. Miller

**Intelligence Officers:** Major John Rowland, Captain G. Dawson

**Communications:** Major James Hedley

**Flight Surgeons:** Captain Alvin Krakower, Captain R.T. Jones, Captain R.C. Worrall

**43rd Troop Carrier Squadron**

**Commanding Officers:** Colonel Howard B. Lyon, Lieutenant Colonel Otto H. Peterson, Major Sigurd M. Matson, Major Reginald C. Carnick

**Executive Officers:** Lieutenant Colonel William E. Mandt, Major Byron Means

**Operations Officers:** Captain Ernest W. Pate, Major Sigurd M. Matson, Major Reginald C. Carnick, Captain J.A. Campbell

**Engineering Officers:** 43rd Troop Carrier Squadron, Lieutenant J.M. Murray, Captain Samuel Maize

**Intelligence Officers:** Major William D. McRae, Captain Cosmo DeBonis, Lieutenant J.D. Frasca

**Communications Officers:** Captain George Roust

**Flight Surgeon:** Captain A. Saunders, Captain H.J. Freiheit

**309th Troop Carrier**

**Commanding Officers:** Lieutenant Colonel Smylie C. Stark, Major Edwin F. Titsworth

**Executive Officer:** Major George Kimbell

**Operations Officers:** Major Edwin E. Titsworth, Captain Julius H. Etersen, Captain R.J. Bemis

**Flight Surgeon:** Captain Owen A. Groves,

**310th Troop Carrier Squadron**

**Commanding Officers:** Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Hamby, Major George S. Rylance

**Executive Officer:** Major John Rowland

**Operations Officers:** Major George A. Rylance, Captain Leslie Shankey

**Flight Surgeon:** Major D.S. Hatton, Captain C.H. McKay

## Appendix B

### — Movement Orders, Air Echelon —

Headquarters - 315th TROOP CARRIER GROUP, ARMY AIR FORCES OFFICE  
OF THE OPERATIONS OFFICER  
October 13, 1942

SUBJECT: Roster of Flying Component of Air Echelon per  
Paragraph 1, Letter HITCC, Stout Field, Indianapolis,  
Ind. Date: October 9, 1942, Subject, "Movement Orders,  
Air Echelon, Shipment Numbers 4256A, 4256B and 4256C"

\*Passenger

\*\* Rated First Pilot

\*\*\* Auxiliary Pilot

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| <b>A            C53    42-20072</b>      |                   |        |      |                       |  |
| 1.                                       | Donald G. Dekin   | Cpt    | 34th | Pilot                 |  |
| 2.                                       | Samuel W. Suttle  | 2nd Lt | 34th | Co-Pilot              |  |
| 3.                                       | Donald L. Adamson | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator             |  |
| 4.                                       | Joseph G. Gusky   | T/Sgt  | 34th | Crew Chief            |  |
| 5.                                       | Douglas E. Harrod | PFC    | 34th | Radio Operator        |  |
| 6.                                       | Edward W. Minor   | Sgt    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic    |  |
| 7.                                       | Arthur R. Hoffman | Pvt    | 34th | Aviation Mechanic     |  |
| 8.                                       | John L. Rowland   | 1st Lt | 34th | Intelligence Officer  |  |
| 9.                                       | Alvin L. Krakower | 1st Lt | 34th | *Surgeon              |  |
| 10.                                      | George C. Kimball | Cpt    | 34th | *Intelligence Officer |  |
| 11.                                      | Richard L. Adams  | SISgt  | 34th | ***Pilot              |  |
| <br><b>B            C-53    42-15567</b> |                   |        |      |                       |  |
| I.                                       | Henry G. Hamby    | 1st Lt | 34th | Pilot                 |  |
| 2.                                       | James W. Alwood   | SISgt  | 34th | **Co-Pilot            |  |
| 3.                                       | Charles D. Wilson | SISgt  | 34th | ***Co-Pilot           |  |
| 4.                                       | Stan W. Woodall   | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator             |  |
| 5.                                       | Wilbur E. Lalonde | T/Sgt  | 34th | Crew Chief            |  |
| 6.                                       | Lawrence Ison     | Pvt    | 34th | Radio Operator        |  |
| 7.                                       | William R.        | 2nd Lt | 34th | *Pilot                |  |
| 8.                                       | Joseph Shulman    | 1st Lt | HQ   | *Dental Officer       |  |
| 9.                                       | Norman H. Peden   | 2nd Lt | HQ   | *Communications Off.  |  |
| 10.                                      | Harvey A Hicks    | SISgt  | 34th | "Aviation Mechanic    |  |
| II                                       | Lawrence E.       | Sgt    | 34th | *Truck Driver         |  |
| 12.                                      | Harold J. Boyland | PFC    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic    |  |
| <br><b>C            C-53    42-15885</b> |                   |        |      |                       |  |
| I.                                       | Ernest S. Henner, | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                 |  |
| 2.                                       | Robert E. Crone   | 2nd Lt | 34th | **Co-Pilot            |  |
| 3.                                       | Romeo S. Farese   | 2nd Lr | 34th | Navigator             |  |
| 4.                                       | Solomon O.        | SISgt  | 34th | Crew Chief            |  |
| 5.                                       | James E. Rogers   | Sgt    | 34th | Radio Operator        |  |
| 6.                                       | Bruce R. Borth    | T/Sgt  | 34th | *Co-Pilot             |  |
| 7.                                       | Paul Pletcher     | Cpl    | 34th | "Aviation Mechanic    |  |
| 8.                                       | Howard R. Beagle  | SISgt  | 34th | *Co-Pilot             |  |
| 9.                                       | Ernest R. Tobin   | Cpl    | 34th | *Clerk                |  |
| 10.                                      | Paul R. Hafke     | Pvt    | 34th | *Medic                |  |

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| <b>D</b> | <b>C-53 42-15565</b>   |        |      |                      |
| I.       | Karl L. Kirschner      | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | George R. Rylance      | 2nd Lt | 34th | Co-Pilot             |
| 3.       | Vernon T. Fogelsang    | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4.       | John E. McClain        | S/Sgt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5.       | Robert W. Eiden        | PFC    | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | Dante A Mancini        | PFC    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 7.       | Isaac Tapper           | PFC    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 8.       | Lloyd E. Talich        | Cpl    | 34th | *Clerk               |
| 9.       | Richard B. Kithcart    | S/Sgt  | 34th | *Co-Pilot            |
| 10.      | Orland E. McGee        | Pvt    | 34th | "Medic               |
| 11.      | Gene Pilot. Fennel     | Pvt    | 34th | *Clerk               |
| <b>E</b> | <b>C-53 41-10125</b>   |        |      |                      |
| I.       | Norman A Greene        | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | Stanley R. Snidow      | 2nd Lt | 34th | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3.       | Jesse A Mathers, Jr.   | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4.       | John E. McClain        | 2ndLt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5.       | Charles R. Cox         | 2nd Lt | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | Harry Pilot. Gill      | S/Sgt  | 34th | "Parachute Repairman |
| 7.       | Shaw D. Ray            | S/Sgt  | 34th | *Co-Pilot            |
| 8.       | David M. Robertson     | S/Sgt  | 34th | *Co-Pilot            |
| 9.       | Mike Kolorila          | Pvt    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 10.      | Raymond M. Schwartz    | Pvt    | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| II.      | Joseph T. Huggins      | Pvt    | 34th | *Clerk               |
| <b>F</b> | <b>C-53 42-15881</b>   |        |      |                      |
| I.       | Elmer F. Esrrumse      | Cpt    | HQ   | Pilot                |
| 2.       | Edward F. Connelly     | 2nd Lt | 34th | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3.       | William T. Hurst       | SISgt  | 34th | ***Co-Pilot          |
| 4.       | Frank E. Hayden        | 2ndLt  | 34th | Navigator            |
| 5.       | Andrew J. Ferko        | T/Sgt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 6.       | Dean L. Grigsby        | Pvt    | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 7.       | Clifford v: Dyer       | M/Sgt  | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 8.       | William L. Parker      | Cpt    | HQ   | "Adjutant            |
| 9.       | Stewart W. Tomlinson   | Cpl    | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 10.      | Walter A Lindsey       | Sgt    | 34th | "Aviation Mechanic   |
| 11.      | Anthony D. D'Andrea    | PFC    | 34th | *Radio Operator      |
| 12.      | Richard F. Easton      | PFC    | 34th | *Cook                |
| <b>G</b> | <b>C-53 41-20063</b>   |        |      |                      |
| 1.       | William L. Brinson     | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | William C. Conine, Jr. | S/Sgt  | 34th | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3.       | Roger E. Chapman       | 2ndLt  | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4.       | Stanley F. Phillips    | SISgt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5.       | Stewart Vandernaalr    | PFC    | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | James M. Hedley        | 2ndLt  | 34th | "Communications Off. |
| 7.       | William Ricks          | M/Sgt  | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 8.       | George M. Armstrong    | Cpl    | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| 9.       | Alvin Tietgen          | Cpl    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 10.      | Claude B. Rice         | Pvt    | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |

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| <b>H</b> |                       | <b>C-53 42-6461</b>  |      |                      |
| 1.       | Raleigh R. Steinbach  | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | CharJes G. McFarland  | 2nd Lt               | HQ   | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3.       | .James S.. Smith      | 2nd Lt               | 34th | **Co-Pilot           |
| 4.       | Lloyd G. Perry        | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Navigator            |
| 5.       | James S. Van Meter    | SISgt                | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 6.       | Howard A. Craft       | PFC                  | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 7.       | Frank Senzik          | 2nd Lt               | 34th | *Engineering Officer |
| 8.       | Robert Harper         | Pvt                  | 34th | *Messenger           |
| 9.       | George Lipman         | Pvt                  | 34th | *Administrative      |
| 10.      | Lawrence G.           | Pfc                  | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
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| <b>I</b> |                       | <b>C-53 42-15887</b> |      |                      |
| 1.       | Bernice E. Pleasant   | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | Hubert M. Bayless     | S/Sgt                | 34th | Co-Pilot             |
| 3.       | Bernard D. Martinson  | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 4.       | Jeffie W. Thomas      | S/Sgt                | 34th | Crew Chief 3.        |
| 5.       | Carl. L. Jatvorsky    | Cpl                  | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | Otto R. Berlin        | PFC                  | 34th | "Cook                |
| 7.       | Joseph H. Henderson   | PFC                  | HQ   | *Clerk               |
| 8.       | Walter E. Sprague     | Pv                   | 34th | *Telephone Operator  |
| 9.       | David J. Hersey       | Pvt                  | 34th | "Radio Mechanic      |
| 10.      | James E. White        | Pvt                  | 34th | "Medic               |
| 11.      | George]. Herman       | Pvt                  | 34th | "Cook                |
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| <b>J</b> |                       | <b>C-53 42-15878</b> |      |                      |
| 1.       | Robert J. Gibbons     | Cpt                  | HQ   | Pilot                |
| 2.       | James H. Crumbie, Jr. | 2nd Lt               | 34th | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3.       | Kenneth J. Wakely     | 2nd Lt               | 34th | ***Co-Pilot          |
| 4.       | Joe e. Hardin         | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Navigator            |
| 5.       | Morris Brown          | S/Sgt                | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 6.       | Joseph Lemberg        | Pvr                  | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 7.       | Willet M. Messenger   | Cpt                  | 34th | *Intelligence        |
| 8.       | Dominic P. Rossi      | Sgt                  | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| 9.       | Raymond Weinberg      | PFC                  | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 10.      | Russell W. Tyson      | PFC                  | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 11.      | Richard H. Teague     | PFC                  | 34th | *Clerk               |
| 12.      | Harold J. Vondrasek   | PFC                  | 34th | "Aviation Mechanic   |
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| <b>K</b> |                       | <b>C-53 41-20064</b> |      |                      |
| 1.       | Edward M. Schwerin    | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | William e. Hoff       | S/Sgt                | 34th | Co-Pilot             |
| 3.       | He. Melton, Jr.       | 2nd Lt               | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4.       | John H. Shields       | T/Sgt                | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5.       | Hillis L. Stoll       | PFC                  | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | Reid]. DeArmond       | 2nd Lt               | 34th | "Liaison Officer     |
| 7.       | Charles e. Stebbins   | Sgt                  | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 8.       | Oillie D. McClendon   | Cpl                  | 34th | *Tech. (?) S-4       |
| 9.       | Hershel L. McCoy      | Cpl                  | 34th | *Supply              |
| 10.      | Ross Welsick          | Pvt                  | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 11.      | Robert Henderson      | Pvt                  | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| 12.      | Wilbur H. Yates       | Pvt                  | 34th | "Radio Mechanic      |

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| <b>L</b> | <b>C-53 42-15893</b>   |        |      |                      |
| 1.       | Walter J. Sirarz       | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2        | Harold B. Varley       | S/Sgt  | 34th | Co-Pilot             |
| 3        | Joseph E. Krysakowski  | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4        | George E. Usoff        | SISgt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5        | Samuel O. Crowder, Jr. | PFC    | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6        | Joel J. Tyson          | Cpl    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 7        | Walter J. Halles       |        | HQ   | *Telephone Operator  |
| 8        | Charles J. Robertson,  | PFC    | HQ   | *Clerk               |
| 9        | Urban W. Determan      | PFC    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 10       | Woodrow W. Durbin      | PFC    | 34th | "Aviation Mechanic   |
| 11.      | Bernard R Rubin        | Pvt    | 34th | *Clerk               |
| 12       | Louis F. Kleinschmidt  | Pvt    | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| <b>M</b> | <b>C-53 41-20127</b>   |        |      |                      |
| 1.       | Ford S. Blaney         | 2nd Lt | 34th | Pilot                |
| 2.       | Samuel E. Peek         | SISgt  | 34th | Co-Pilot             |
| 3.       | Clarence B. Spillan,   | 2nd Lt | 34th | Navigator            |
| 4.       | Stanley E.             | SISgt  | 34th | Crew Chief           |
| 5.       | Michael R McDonald     | PFC    | 34th | Radio Operator       |
| 6.       | e.G. Hollingsworth     | PFC    | 34th | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| 7.       | Kenneth J. Ehlenbach   | Pvt    | 34th | *Radio Mechanic      |
| 8.       | Arthur S. Plough       | Pvt    | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 9.       | Harvey W. Pohlman      | Pvt    | 34th | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 10.      | Sidney N. Baruch       | Pvt    | 34th | "Clerk               |
| <b>N</b> | <b>C-47 41-18506</b>   |        |      |                      |
| 1.       | Hamish L. McLelland    | Lt Col | HQ   | Command Pilot- Grp   |
| 2        | Harold S. Klein        | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot                |
| 3        | Roger E. Matzdorff     | 2nd Lt | 43rd | **Co-Pilot           |
| 4        | Amos Shattuck          | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator            |
| 5        | Kenneth R Ganther      | SISgt  | 43rd | Crew Chief           |
| 6        | James e. Amos, Jr.     | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator       |
| 7        | Griffith S. Roberts    | Pvt    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief |
| 8        | James D. Davis         | TISgt  | HQ   | *Sergeant Major      |
| 9.       | William A. Kulik       | PFC    | 43rd | "Painter             |
| 10       | Ward J. Secor          | Pvt    | 43rd | *Welder              |
| 11       | Robert J. Fox          | Pvt    | 43rd | 'Radio Operator      |
| 12.      | James A. Mayfield      | Pvt    | 43rd | *Aviation Mechanic   |
| <b>O</b> | <b>C-47 41-18468</b>   |        |      |                      |
| 1.       | Smylie e. Stark        | Isr Lr | HQ   | Pilot                |
| 2        | George S. Smith        | 2nd Lt | 43rd | **Co-Pilot           |
| 3        | Jack E. Wilson         | SISgt  | 43rd | ***Co-Pilot          |
| 4        | Carl R Fittkau         | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator            |
| 5        | William R Rettinger    | SISgt  | 43rd | Crew Chief           |
| 6        | Duane D. Anderson      | Pvt    | 43rd | Radio Operator       |
| 7        | Donald R. Denison      | Sgt    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief |
| 8        | Joe E. King            | Pvt    | 43rd | "Parachute Rigger    |
| 9.       | Colon P. Croaker       | 1st Lt | HQ   | *Chaplain            |
| 10.      | Harry e. Sturgeon, Jr. | Cpl    | 43rd | *Medic               |
| 11.      | Leonard B. Rothstein   | PFC    | 43rd | *Clerk               |
| 12.      | Fred Manzo             | Pvt    | 43re | *Medic               |

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| <b>P</b> | <b>C-47 41-18441</b> |        |      |                          |
| 1.       | Sigurd M. Matson     | Ist Lt | 43rd | Pilot                    |
| 2.       | Julius H. Petersen   | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Co-Pilot                 |
| 3.       | Thomas L. Pugh       | S/Sgt  | 43rd | ***Co-Pilot              |
| 4.       | Woodrow W White      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator                |
| 5.       | Donald F. Anstett    | Sgt    | 43rd | Crew Chief               |
| 6.       | John H. Cipolla      | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Radio Operator           |
| 7.       | OscarW Hunt          | PFC    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief     |
| 8.       | William D. McRae     | 1st Lt | 43rd | *Intelligence Officer    |
| 9.       | Robert C. Yeckley    | S/Sgt  | HQ   | TWX Operator             |
| 10.      | William E. O'Brien   | Sgt    | HQ   | * Assistant Sergeant     |
| 11.      | Howard W Tresise     | Cpl    | 43rd | 'Clerk                   |
| 12.      | James J. McCarrell   | Cpl    | 43rd | Pilot                    |
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| <b>Q</b> | <b>C-47 41-18458</b> |        |      |                          |
| 1.       | John F. Andrews      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot                    |
| 2.       | Weston W Harper      | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot                 |
| 3.       | Bert C. Sanders      | 2nd Le | 43rd | Navigator                |
| 4.       | Oliver G. King       | T/Sgt  | 43rd | Crew Chief               |
| 5.       | Wendal D. Carrell    | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator           |
| 6.       | Winston E. Brown     | PFC    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief     |
| 7.       | Stephen L. Snowden   | Sgt    | HQ   | *Clerk                   |
| 8.       | J.T. Sharp           | Sgt    | HQ   | *Clerk                   |
| 9.       | William A. Goetz     | Cpl    | 43rd | *Clerk                   |
| 10.      | Milan Kowatch        | PFC    | 43rd | * Aviation Mechanic      |
| 11.      | Pete A. Detz         | Pvr    | 43rd | *Parachute Repairman     |
| 12.      | Blake L. Spencer     | Pvt    | 43rd | "Aviation Mechanic       |
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| <b>R</b> | <b>C-47 41-18427</b> |        |      |                          |
| 1.       | Ernest W Pate        | 1st Lt | 43rd | Pilot                    |
| 2.       | William H. Sims      | 2nd Le | 43rd | **Co-Pilot               |
| 3.       | Robert A. Pettey     | S/Sgt  | 43rd | ***Co- Pilot             |
| 4.       | Maurice A. Ryan      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator                |
| 5.       | William F. Patterson | Cpl    | 43rd | Crew Chief               |
| 6.       | Louis Arabit         | Cpl    | 43rd | Radio Operator           |
| 7.       | Clark K. Michaels    | M/Sgt  | 43rd | "Line Chief              |
| 8.       | Allen Saunders       | 1st Lt | 43rd | *Medical Officer         |
| 9.       | Robert S. Shannon    | Pvt    | 43rd | *Aviation/lnst. Mechanic |
| 10.      | Roger H. McDonough   | Pvt    | 43rd | *Clerk                   |
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| <b>S</b> | <b>C-47 41-18516</b> |        |      |                          |
| 1.       | Howard B. Lyon       | Cpt    | HQ   | Pilot/Operations Officer |
| 2.       | Carl B. Persson      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | **Co-Pilot               |
| 3.       | Leon L. Easely       | S/Sgt  | 43rd | ***Co- Pilot             |
| 4.       | Jack D. Alexander    | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator                |
| 5.       | William C. Hranicky  | Cpl    | 43rd | Crew Chief               |
| 6.       | Richard D. Brady     | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator           |
| 7.       | William N. Walsh     | Cpl    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief     |
| 8.       | Alden B. Oakes       | Cpt    | 43rd | *Ground Surgeon          |
| 9.       | George W Roust       | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Communications Officer  |
| 10.      | Charles A. Downard   | Cpl    | 43rd | *Armorer                 |
| 11.      | Norman E. Brown      | PFC    | 43rd | *Aviation Mechanic       |
| 12.      | John E. Eulgem       | Pvt    | 43rd | *Basic                   |

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| <b>T            C-47    41-18520</b>  |                         |        |      |                       |
| 1..                                   | Lawrence T. Campbell,   | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot                 |
| 2.                                    | Dale P. Kohler          | 2nd Lt | 43rd | **Co-Pilot            |
| 3.                                    | Kenneth H. Mills        | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator             |
| 4.                                    | Elwood A. Savage        | Cpl    | 43rd | Crew Chief            |
| 5.                                    | Don D. Snoke, Jr.       | Pvt    | 43rd | Radio Operator        |
| 6.                                    | Thomas C. Conroy, Jr.   | PFC    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief  |
| 7.                                    | Cosmo A. DeBonis        | 2nd Lt | 43rd | "Intelligence Officer |
| 8.                                    | Merida J. Terry         | Sgt    | HQ   | *Clerk                |
| 9.                                    | Wayne F. Solomon        | Sgt    | HQ   | *Clerk                |
| 10.                                   | Harry Berenfield        | Cpl    | 43rd | *Radio Mechanic       |
| 11.                                   | Thomas Lancuski         | Pvt    | 43rd | *Cook                 |
| 12.                                   | George R. McAbee        | Pvt    | 43rd | *Clerk                |
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| <b>U            C-47    41-18514</b>  |                         |        |      |                       |
| 1.                                    | William F. Mandt, III   | 1st Lt | 43rd | Pilot                 |
| 2.                                    | Joseph A. Storey        | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot              |
| 3.                                    | Jack B. Hamilton        | 2ndLt  | 43rd | Navigator             |
| 4.                                    | Eugene P. Blase         | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Crew Chief            |
| 5..                                   | Oren H. Kelly           | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator        |
| 6.                                    | GeorgeW McCarthy        | PFC    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief  |
| 7.                                    | John W Murray           | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Engineering Officer  |
| 8.                                    | George U. Selina, Jr.   | S/Sgt  | 43rd | *Medic                |
| 9.                                    | Forrest P. Anderson     | Cpl    | 43rd | *Cook                 |
| 10.                                   | Henry E. Billinghamurst | PFC    | 43rd | *TWX Operator         |
| 11.                                   | Hugh W Cooper           | Pvt    | 43rd | Telephone Operator    |
| <br>                                  |                         |        |      |                       |
| <b>V            :C-47    41-18589</b> |                         |        |      |                       |
| 1.                                    | Joseph A. Campbell,     | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Pilot                 |
| 2.                                    | Stephen C. Bolling      | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot              |
| 3.                                    | Bernard H. Coggins      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator             |
| 4.                                    | Manuel L. Cohen         | Sgt    | 43rd | Crew Chief            |
| 5.                                    | William L. Corley       | Pvt    | 43rd | Radio Operator        |
| 6.                                    | James B. Stark          | T/Sgt  | HQ   | *Clerk                |
| 7.                                    | Edward K. Underwood     | Cpl    | 43rd | "Clerk                |
| 8.                                    | Walter C. Scott, Jr.    | Pvt    | 43rd | *Basic                |
| 9.                                    | RayM. Ford              | Pvt    | 43rd | *Fabric & Dope Worker |
| 10.                                   | Ernest B. Morrison      | Pvt    | 43rd | *Radio Operator       |
| 11.                                   | Oscar L. Reed           | Pvt    | 43rd | *Aviation Mechanic    |
| <br>                                  |                         |        |      |                       |
| <b>W            C-47    41-18502</b>  |                         |        |      |                       |
| 1.                                    | Otto H. Peterson        | 1st Lt | 43rd | Pilot                 |
| 2.                                    | Harry D. Scott          | 2ndLt  | 43rd | **Co-Pilot            |
| 3.                                    | James K. Young          | S/Sgt  | 43rd | ***Co-Pilot           |
| 4.                                    | Philip H. Sterling,     | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator             |
| 5.                                    | Edward M. Papp          | PFC    | 43rd | Crew Chief            |
| 6.                                    | Russell E. Burchill     | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator        |
| 7.                                    | George A. White         | Pvt    | 43rd | Assistant Crew Chief  |
| 8.                                    | Clyde O. Bradon         | Cpt    | HQ   | *Liaison Officer      |
| 9.                                    | Donald Kaffenburgh      | 1st Lt | 43rd | *Liaison Officer      |
| 10.                                   | Bryon C. Means          | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Squadron Adjutant    |
| 11.                                   | Robert E. Barnes        | M/Sgt  | HQ   | *Grp Engineering      |
| 12.                                   | Kenneth L. Trotter      | Sgt    | 43rd | *Acting 1st Sergeant  |

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|-----|-------------------|--------|------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Robert M. Davis   | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot                 |
| 2.  | Gilmore Halverson | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot              |
| 3.  | Maurice F. Dean   | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator             |
| 4.  | Ary N. Bingham    | PFC    | 43rd | Crew Chief            |
| 5.  | Robert L. Bundy   | PFC    | 43rd | Radio Operator        |
| 6.  | John M. Reading   | Pvt    | 43rd | Ass't Crew Chief      |
| 7.  | Joseph L. Frasca  | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Intelligence Officer |
| 8.  | Ford D. Rucker    | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Statistical Officer  |
| 9.  | Walter L. Baird   | Sgt    | HQ   | *Radio Operator       |
| 10. | Robert B. Butner  | Cpl    | HQ   | "Cook                 |
| 11. | Robert G. Schwarz | Pvt    | 43rd | * Aviation Mechanic   |
| 12. | Arthur J Erickson | Pvt    | 43rd | *Radio Operator       |

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|-----|-------------------------|--------|------|----------------------|
| 1.  | Richard H. Beckley      | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot                |
| 2.  | William C. Thornberry   | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot             |
| 3.  | Jacob E. Mancinelli     | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator            |
| 4.  | Francis R. Hall         | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Crew Chief           |
| 5.  | Robert F. Krolik        | Pvt    | 43rd | Radio Operator       |
| 6.  | Albert K. Sapp          | PFC    | 43rd | Assistant crew Chief |
| 7.  | John S. Staskiewicz     | Sgt    | HQ   | "Clerk               |
| 8.  | John B. Stetson         | Sgt    | HQ   | *Clerk               |
| 9.  | William H. Stevens, Jr. | 2nd Lt | 43rd | *Mess Officer        |
| 10. | George A Ludwig         | Cpl    | 43rd | 'Clerk, Medic        |
| 11. | Arthur R. DeWolfe       | PFC    | 43rd | * Aviation Mechanic  |
| 12. | Dan R. Riordan          | Pvt    | 43rd | *Radio Operator      |

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|-----|---------------------|--------|------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Reginald C. Carnick | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Pilot              |
| 2.  | Rowan M. Perkins    | S/Sgt  | 43rd | Co-Pilot           |
| 3.  | William L. Herbert  | 2nd Lt | 43rd | Navigator          |
| 4.  | Carlos L. Church    | PFC    | 43rd | Crew Chief         |
| 5.  | Steven Rock         | Sgt    | 43rd | Radio Operator     |
| 6.  | Albert K. Sapp      | PFC    | 43rd | *Clerk             |
| 7.  | Jackson H. Parker   | PFC    | 43rd | *Clerk             |
| 8.  | Ulmond J. Phillips  | PFC    | 43rd | *Radio Mechanic    |
| 9.  | Charles E. Peterson | Pvt    | 43rd | *Aviation Mechanic |
| 10. | Pat H. Phillips     | Pvt    | 43rd | *Cook              |

## Appendix C

### Aircrews from other Groups assigned to the 315th Troop Carrier Group in March 1944

#### From the 60th Troop Carrier Group

|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Captain         | E.F. Titsworth | Pilot (Flight Leader)        | 2nd Lieutenant      | W.E. Braun        | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | R.M. Barker    | Co-Pilot                     | Flight Officer      | RL. Cunning       | Co-Pilot       |
| 1st Lieutenant  | R.A. Chappel   | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | S.M. Sanders      | Navigator      |
| Master Sergeant | J.V. Stroup    | Radio Operator               | Technical Sergeant  | W.L. Craves       | Engineer       |
|                 |                |                              | Corporal            | E.L. Edelstein    | Radio Operator |
|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
| 1st Lieutenant  | O.E. Clark     | Pilot (Deputy Flight Leader) | 2nd Lieutenant      | J.R. Stevens      | Pilot          |
| Flight Officer  | W.W. Ehlert    | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant      | J. Tumas          | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | A.W. Frank     | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | A.W. Gunther      | Navigator      |
| Staff Sergeant  | J.G. Blalock   | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant  | P.L. Stucker      | Engineer       |
| Staff Sergeant  | V Gasinski     | Radio Operator               | Private First Class | R.P. Graham, Jr.  | Radio Operator |
|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | BO. Newcomb    | Pilot                        | 1 st Lieutenant     | R.J. Bremercamp   | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | E. Kellstrom   | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant      | R.L. Williams     | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | J.H. Hoffman   | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | E.J. Ulmen        | Navigator      |
| Technical Sgt.  | R.W.           | Engineer                     | Staff Sergeant      | A.E. Turner       | Engineer       |
| Corporal        | W.B. Leahy     | Radio Operator               | Corporal            | H. Kaminsky       | Radio Operator |
|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | E.M. Rohde     | Pilot                        | 1st Lieutenant      | E.K. Stephenson   | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | G.M. Matoon    | Co-Pilot                     | Flight Officer      | E.H. Dick         | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | R.O. Jackson   | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | A.R. Novak        | Navigator      |
| Staff Sergeant  | A.E. Bianco    | Engineer                     | Staff Sergeant      | R. Baker          | Engineer       |
| Staff Sergeant  | J.E. Monroe    | Radio Operator               | Corporal            | W.E. Riberdy      | Radio Operator |
|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
| 1st Lieutenant  | R.J. Bemis     | Pilot                        | 2nd Lieutenant      | R.H. Tudor        | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | H.L. Knopp     | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant      | Y.J. Phelon       | Co-Pilot       |
| 1st Lieutenant  | M. Flores      | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | B.E. Tomlinson    | Navigator      |
| Technical       | HR. Barrett    | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant  | C.J. Riste        | Engineer       |
| Sergeant        | R.P. Collins   | Radio Operator               | Corporal            | A.S. Brigham, Jr. | Radio Operator |
|                 |                |                              |                     |                   |                |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | L.L. Wyman     | Pilot                        | 1st Lieutenant      | J. Onila          | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | L.L. Byrne     | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant      | R.R. Oglesbee     | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant  | LA Rasmussen   | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant      | R.E. Tynan        | Navigator      |
| Staff Sergeant  | P.W. Sawyer    | Engineer                     | Sergeant            | R.M. Edwards      | Engineer       |
| Staff Sergeant  | G. Herbst      | Radio Operator               | Sergeant            | C.J. Adkins       | Radio Operator |

### From the 62nd Troop Carrier Group

|                    |                  |                              |                    |                     |                |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1st Lieutenant     | E.H. Ennis       | Pilot (Flight Leader)        | 1st Lieutenant     | P.J. Melucas        | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | J. Timmins       | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant     | L.J. Bassett        | Co-Pilot       |
| Captain            | J.M. Harris      | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant     | M.L. Baer           | Navigator      |
| Technical Sergeant | E.J. Drysdale    | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant | M.R. Ludvikson      | Engineer       |
| Corporal           | J. Cassesse      | Radio Operator               | Corporal           | W.R. Schadt         | Radio Operator |
| 1st Lieutenant     | E.M. Worley, Jr. | Pilot                        | 1st Lt             | R.H. Sutton         | Pilot          |
| Flight Officer     | G.L. Tidings     | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant     | R.W. Baysinger, Jr. | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | L.N. CARROLL     | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant     | E.L. Nelson         | Navigator      |
| Technical Sergeant | EN. Peterson     | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant | J.A. Lineham        | Engineer       |
| Technical Sergeant | H.L. GlassRadio  | Operator                     | Staff Sergeant     | W.B. Ely, Jr.       | Radio Operator |
| 1st Lieutenant     | J.R. Rawls       | Pilot                        | 1st Lieutenant     | R.L. Klotz          | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | A.L. Ross        | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant     | L.E. Trapper        | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | E.L. Johnson     | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant     | J.E. McRoberts      | Navigator      |
| Technical Sergeant | E.D. Raskie      | Engineer                     | Sergeant           | W.T. Davidson       | Engineer       |
| Sergeant           | R.E. James       | Radio Operator               | Technical Sergeant | D.T. White          | Radio Operator |
| 1st Lieutenant     | I.E. Moss, Jr.   | Pilot                        | Flight Officer     | C.H. Dawkins        | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | J.L. Boon Jr.    | Co-Pilot                     | Flight Officer     | R.W. Shaw           | Co-Pilot       |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | E.P. Atkins, Jr. | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant     | M.E. Colwell        | Navigator      |
| Sergeant           | A. Reichmuth     | Engineer                     | Staff Sergeant     | R.C. Sessions       | Engineer       |
| Sergeant           | J.E. Jennings    | Radio Operator               | Sergeant           | J. James            | Radio Operator |
| 1st Lieutenant     | L..A. Shankey    | Pilot                        | 2nd Lieutenant     | O.J. Smith          | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | M.D. Zartman     | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant     | L.M. Smith          | Co-Pilot       |
| 1 st Lieutenant    | J.E. Bremer      | Navigator                    | 2nd Lieutenant     | D.J. Creapeau       | Navigator      |
| Staff Sergeant     | W.O. Witte, Jr.  | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant | B.D. Denton         | Engineer       |
| Staff Sergeant     | M.E. Newton      | Radio Operator               | Staff Sergeant     | O.H. McKim, Jr.     | Radio Operator |
| 1st Lieutenant     | R.E. Bohannon    | Pilot (Deputy Flight Leader) | 2nd Lieutenant     | B. Berman           | Pilot          |
| 2nd Lieutenant     | J.N. Drummey     | Co-Pilot                     | 2nd Lieutenant     | O.A. Roensch        | Co-Pilot       |
| Captain            | C.L. Adams       | Navigator                    | 1st Lieutenant     | D.W. Ramsdell       | Navigator      |
| Technic Sergeant   | L.E. Bills       | Engineer                     | Technical Sergeant | E.W. Peerman        | Engineer       |
| Sergea Technical   | W.N. Timm        | Radio Operator               | Staff Sergeant     | J. Ludwig           | Radio Operator |