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page 27 Operation Flying Training July August 1944

Gulfport, Mississippi, Army Air Field

Photo # 1 Ralph L. Minker with pilot earphones

Photo # 2 My Combat Crew

Front - Lt. R. L. Minker, Jr, Pilot; Lt. J. Rosiala, Jr. Bombardier; F/O W.M. Pitts, Jr., Navigator; Lt.H.D. Rohl, Co-Pilot.

Back - Cpl M.G. Shepherd, Ball Turrett Gunner; Cpl Olaf Larsen, Radio Operator; Cpl H.O. McKay, Armorer; Sgt. J.E. Shannon, Engineer and Top Turrett Gunner; Cpl D.W. Miller, Waist Gunner; Cpt J.P. Trambley, Tail Gunner.

Note added in 1999 by Minker

I had to make two crew changes: (1) Within two weeks sickness caused co-pilot change (2) in England for the Battle of the Bulge, waist gunners were transferred to the infantry in Belgium.

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