

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 224

9 August 1944

Target: Boot and Shoe Factory, Pirmasens, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 41

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb M76 & 10 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 20,200, 18,700 & 17,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 200 rounds

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s, plus two PFF aircraft, took off to attack an aircraft engine plant at Allach, near Munich, Germany. Military installations at Augsburg were the target if PFF bombing was required. The secondary target was the Lechfield airfield, with various other German locations as the last resort targets. In addition, three 303rd BG(H) aircraft flew in the high flight, high Group of the 41 CBW-B formation with its primary target the air depot and airfield at Erding, Germany.



B-17G #42-97944 Daddy's Delight 359BS (BN-1)
with unknown ground crewman

No 303rd BG(H) aircraft returned early on this deep penetration mission. In the target area there were 4/10 to 5/10 cirrus clouds with bases at 21,000 ft. and 3/10 to 4/10 cumulus clouds with 4,000 to 8,000 ft. tops. Air-to-ground visibility was limited to six to eight miles due to haze and dense, persistent contrails. These conditions made it unrealistic to consider bombing the primary target. The lead bombardier, Lt. **Bowen**, stated, "We 'bowed our neck' and went through it." Forty-one Fortresses dropped 376 500-lb. M76 incendiary bombs and 30 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs on Pirmasens with good results.

Only two enemy ME-109s were seen, but they did not attack the 303rd BG(H) formations. Moderate and accurate flak was encountered in the Aachen-Liege-Maastruck area, meager and accurate fire at Lindhoven, and scattered fire at other points. Two aircraft had major and four, minor damage. Friendly fighter support was good. There were no casualties and all B-17s returned safely to Molesworth.

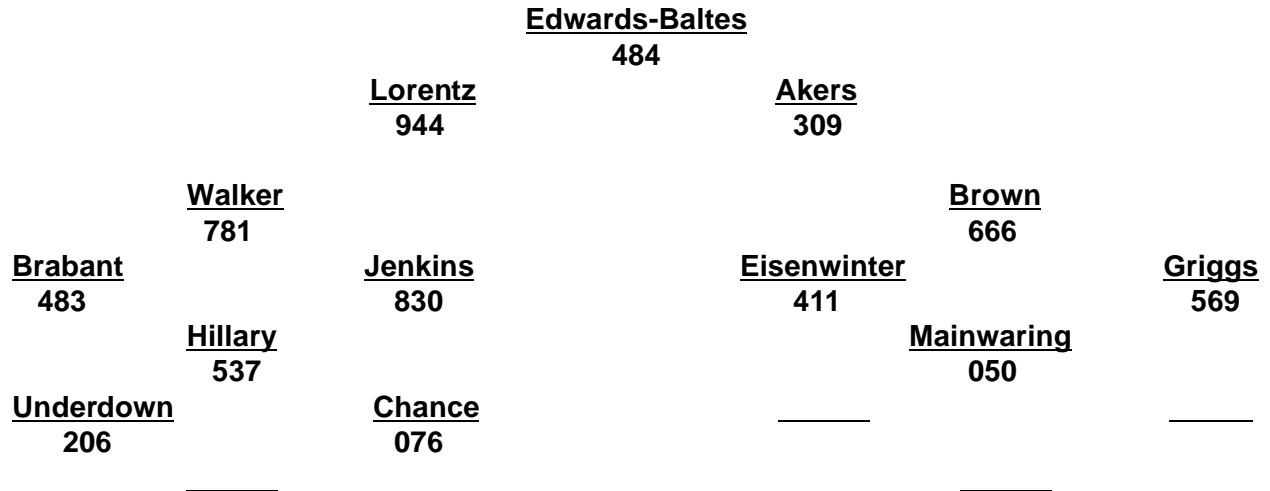
Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Stevens-Johnson</u> 994 - PFF			
		<u>White</u> 183		<u>Eldridge</u> 691 - PFF	
	<u>Vermeer</u> 065			<u>Cook</u> 597	
<u>Mayer</u> 298		<u>Smith</u> 291		<u>Bliss</u> 595	<u>Duncan</u> 7875
	<u>Paullin</u> 086			<u>Dubose</u> 060	
<u>Smithy</u> 680		<u>Stark</u> 972		<u>Gould</u> 177	<u>Charnick</u> 085
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Wilson-Fontana</u> 629			
		<u>Connelly</u> 187		<u>Hobbs</u> 841	
	<u>Nafius</u> 340			<u>Newton</u> 311	
<u>Foley</u> 930		<u>Michaelis</u> 860		<u>Healy</u> 9875	<u>Caplinger</u> 885
	<u>Baehr</u> 861			<u>Shields</u> 893	
<u>Vitale</u> 853		<u>Bennett</u> 329		_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator	TOG - Toggler	VI - Voice Interpreter	DOW - Died of wounds
	BT - Ball Turret Operator	OBS - Observer	EVD - Evaded the enemy
	TT - Top Turret Operator	PAS - Passenger	INT - Interned in neu cntry
	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
	NG - Nose Gunner	RESULTS OF MISSION	RES - Rescued
	RG - Radio Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	ESC - Escaped
	WG - Waist Gunner	WIA - Wounded in action	BO - Bailed out
	LWG - Left Waist Gunner	MIA - Missing in action	DCH - Ditched
	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	POW - Prisoner of war	CR-L - Crashed on land
	GUN - Gunner		CR-S - Crashed at sea

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P	Paullin, James R., 2Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., S/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

B-17G #42-97298 *The Floose*

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

B-17G #42-97972 (No Name)

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
TOG	Roseland, Ralph A., T/Sgt
ENG	Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
RO	Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, James C., Sgt
BT	Richkind, Max, Sgt
WG	Eggink, James H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt
ENG	Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
BT	Schley, John G., S/Sgt
RO	Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
TG	Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
RWG	Ferris, James H., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P White, Franklin F., 2Lt
CP Petersen, John N., F/O
NAV Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG Hein, Monroe C., Sgt
RO Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG Campbell, James R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97085 (*No Name*)

P Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt
CP Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt
TOG Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt
ENG Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt
WG Herod, Francis G., Sgt
RO Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt
BT Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

B-17G #42-97994 - PFF

P Stevens, Kermit D., Col
CP Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt
NAV Steely, Hobart H., Capt
NAV Clark, J., 1Lt
NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM Prussman, Henry G., 1Lt
ENG Haskell, Whitney, S/Sgt
WG Ross, Ben A., S/Sgt
RO Downs, Reginal, T/Sgt
TG Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

P Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
 CP Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
 NAV Smith, William A., 2Lt
 BOM Hewitt, LeRoy A., 2Lt
 ENG Kreager, Jon B., Sgt
 RO Ringen, Walter E., Sgt
 BT Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
 TG Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
 WG Gonser, Dwight W., Cpl

B-17G #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*

P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
 CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
 NAV Keran, William C., 2Lt
 BOM Beers, Donald B., 2Lt
 ENG See, Cecil J., T/Sgt
 RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
 BT Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
 TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
 WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*

P Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
 CP Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
 NAV Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
 ENG Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
 RO Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
 BT Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
 TG Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
 WG Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*

P Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
 CP Robertson, William III, 2Lt
 NAV Rice, John E., 2Lt
 BOM DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
 ENG Paul, George E., S/Sgt
 RO Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt
 BT Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
 TG Watson, James R., Pvt
 WG Sanson, Harry R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*

P Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
 CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
 NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
 TOG Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
 ENG Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
 RO Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
 BT Saam, Donal W., Sgt
 TG Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
 WG Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

P Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
 CP Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
 NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
 TOG Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
 ENG Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
 RO Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
 BT Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
 TG Millek, John P., Sgt
 WG Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97691 - PFF

P Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
 CP Sheehan, Daniel J., Jr., 2Lt
 NAV Prince, Alan M., 1Lt
 M Estes, Keith E., 1Lt
 BOM Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
 ENG Barnes, Frederick E., S/Sgt
 RO Rowlett, Samuel A., S/Sgt
 BT Strong, Ralph T., Cpl
 TG Panos, Andrew T., Cpl
 WG Wesley, LaFon, Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P Underdown, Sidney L., 2Lt
 CP Knolle, William C., 2Lt
 NAV Kenny, John P., 2Lt
 BOM Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
 ENG Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
 RO Posada, Frank G., S/Sgt
 BT Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
 TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
 WG Botton, Pius L., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG Menasco, Elmer W., Sgt
RO Miller, Albert, Sgt
BT Moss, Shirley L., Cpl
TG Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG Torre, Leo A., Cpl

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P Jenkins, Harry F., 2Lt
CP Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
NAV Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM Protzman, John W., 2Lt
ENG Gillespie, Norton A., S/Sgt
RO Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt
BT Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
TG Cregan, John M., Sgt
WG Allen, Charles G., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG Angeloff, James P., Sgt

B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel*

P Edwards, Kenneth C., Capt
CP Baltus, George E., 1Lt
NAV Counts, George H., 1Lt
BOM Bowen, Richard R., Capt
ENG Johnson, Kenneth V., T/Sgt
RO Hanson, Robert W., T/Sgt
BT Guzman, Abel G., S/Sgt
TG Kowalk, Francis M., S/Sgt
WG Vanlandingham, John C., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97329 *Flak Hack*

P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

B-17G #43-37930 (*No Name*)

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
TG	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Gordley, Damon, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG	Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

B-17G #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher*

P	Shields, Edward F., 2Lt
CP	Cooter, William M., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., F/O
BOM	Lee, Wilbur W., 2Lt
ENG	Nagel, Leeland J., S/Sgt
RO	Chastain, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Horwitz, Charles, Sgt
TG	Skubal, Joseph J., Sgt
WG	Sheehan, Arthur E., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda*

P	Vitale, Hector F., 1Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Duros, Constantine J., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Donald E., S/Sgt
RO	Jensen, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Barth, Harry W., Sgt
TG	Healy, Edward P., Sgt
WG	Hlavac, George A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97187 Miss Umbriago

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 Miss Liberty

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt

B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)

P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
OBS	Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-39885 Sweet Rose O'Grady

P Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG Holen, Theodore J., Sgt
WG Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

P Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG Reeves, James E., Sgt

B-17G #42-31060 Poque Ma Hone

P Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt
BT Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-102569 Miss Lace

P Griggs, John C., 2Lt
CP Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
RO Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

B-17G #43-37666 Full House

P Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM Brosius, Earl E., F/O
TT Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 Buzz Blonde

P Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
TT Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT Leal, Raymond T., T/Sgt
RO Smith, Phillip E., S/Sgt
TG Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt
WG DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush*

P Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
TT Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG Curry, Richard L., Sgt

B-17G #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt
CP Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT Warner, Vester W., Sgt
BT Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG Ross, Edward E., Sgt
WG Merrill, Thomas, Sgt

B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison*

P Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG Chalcraft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

P Cook, Harry S., 2Lt
CP Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt
NAV Page, Ralph E., 2Lt
BOM Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt
TT Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt
BT Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt
RO Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt
TG Smalley, John L., Sgt
WG Duggan, William W., Sgt