

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 247

27 September 1944

Target: Marshalling Yards at Cologne, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,600, 24,200 & 23,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,790 rounds

The 303rd BG(H) B-17s dropped 442 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs from 24,600, 24,200 and 23,800 ft. One aircraft dropped leaflets. Aircraft #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*, 359BS (Lt. **Miller**) was hit by flak before reaching the target and the bombs wouldn't release. They were jettisoned over the English Channel on the return trip. There were 8/10 to 10/10 low clouds and no middle or high clouds in the target area. Bombing results were unobserved. Friendly fighter support by 221 P-47s and P-51s was good. No enemy aircraft were seen. Flak was moderate to intense and extremely accurate over the target. Twenty-two aircraft sustained major and thirteen, minor damage. Chaff had no effect. Three returning crewmen were slightly wounded.

2Lt. William F. **Miller**, pilot of #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*, reported on the return trip from Cologne. His co-pilot was 2Lt. John D. **Hill**, Jr.:

We were bombing Cologne and just a split-second before "bombs away," we took a lot of flak in the left wing. The No. 1 engine was knocked out, but wouldn't feather. The propeller control still worked so it didn't run away. Our 400-cycle AC was burned out and the radio receivers were dead. The rudder trim cable was shot in two and the elevator cable was held together by only one of several small cables which made up the whole bundle. I suspected the left tire was flat (it was).

I waited until the rest of the Group had landed and then made a pass. On the downwind leg, I remembered that the flap indicator wouldn't be working so I was not to pay any attention to it. I knew I didn't want to get flaps and gear down until I knew we had the runway made. On the final approach, I called for the gear and got it, along with the green light from the tower. I remembered that the flap indicator was going to show zero, but forgot that I hadn't put them down anyhow. When we were very close to the ground, I called for and got flaps. About this time, we passed over the end of the runway and I chopped the power.

I was astonished when the airplane suddenly went to full left rudder. In trying to control the thing and keep it from cartwheeling, I decided to take it around and try again. Full power on the three good engines got us started all right, but shortly thereafter I felt a throttle control kicking against the palm of my hand. Instantly I knew that the turbo blast gates were locked in the position where they had been at altitude when we got hit and we were pulling far too much manifold pressure. As fast as I could, I throttled back to 46" manifold pressure and the go-around continued uneventfully; we got back down nicely, flopping on the flat left tire and sliding on the braked right one.

We were told that a big fireball came out of No. 4 when we started the go-around and exceeded the manifold pressure. People on the ground thought we were going to pack it in. The maintenance officer called me later and told me I had pulled 62" of manifold pressure on the three engines. Nos. 2 and 3 wouldn't start; No. 4 had thrown a rod and cracked two other cylinders. I suppose it was exciting for those watching, but I was too busy to share in the fun!



*Aerial Photograph of the beautiful Cathedral in Cologne, France.
Fortunately, it was undamaged by 303rd Bombs.*

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Cunningham</u> 137 - PFF			
		<u>Frazier</u> 050		<u>Whitlock</u> 125 - PFF	
	<u>Baltes</u> 609			<u>Crawford</u> 930	
<u>Lorentz</u> 604		<u>Carney</u> 944		<u>Michaelis</u> 055	<u>Connelly</u> 329
	<u>Jenkins</u> 309			<u>Chance</u> 326	
<u>Mickle</u> 289		<u>Miller</u> 7206			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Flowers-Ashwell</u> 281			
		<u>Glasgow</u> 597		<u>Caplinger</u> 060	
	<u>Hullar</u> 311			<u>Shields</u> 805	
<u>Ackerman</u> 885		<u>Cureton</u> 248		<u>Foley</u> 893	<u>Railing</u> 861
	<u>Dubose</u> 166			<u>Newton</u> 411	
<u>Drewry</u> 099		<u>O'Leary</u> 875			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Riseden-Johnson</u> 191			
		<u>White</u> 949		<u>Lord</u> 739	
	<u>Vermeer</u> 574			<u>Baehr</u> 330	
<u>Glass</u> 006		<u>Twomey</u> 186		<u>Hallum</u> 200	<u>Juns</u> 298
	<u>Mayer</u> 176			<u>McCutcheon</u> 8206	
<u>McKinley</u> 590		<u>Freeman</u> 945			
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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 BT - Ball Turret Operator TT - Top Turret Operator TG - Tail Gunner NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner	VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war	DOW - Died of wounds EVD - Evaded the enemy INT - Interned in neu cuntry REP - Repatriated RES - Rescued ESC - Escaped BO - Bailed out DCH - Ditched CR-L - Crashed on land CR-S - Crashed at sea
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P McKinley, Ralph C., 2Lt
CP Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV Long, Donald C., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Splawn, Elzic B., S/Sgt
ENG Jones, Burlen, Sgt
WG Devaney, Thomas J., Sgt
RO Moll, Richard S., Sgt
BT Clark, Woodrow E., Sgt
TG Soule, Evan R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38206 *Silver Fox*

P McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV Starr, Ben, 2Lt
TOG Garcia, Robert L., S/Sgt
ENG Burcham, Johnnie O., S/Sgt
WG Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT Aberdeen, James E., Cpl
TG Kinsman, George R., Sgt

B-17G #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*

P Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt
CP Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
ENG Fleck, Peter J., Sgt
TG Caporusso, Frank J., Sgt
RO VanLier, Donald E., Sgt
WG Martin, Robert G., Sgt
BT Chesney, Alan D., Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)

P Glass, Leroy E., 2Lt
P Chonat, Orlyn D., 2Lt
NAV Haider, Joseph C., 2Lt
BOM Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt
ENG Eide, Richard W., S/Sgt
BT Trumbull, Vernon L., Sgt
RO Brady, James M., Sgt
WG Hodges, Grady H., Sgt
TG Davis, Mark M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38186 (No Name)

P Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP Ross, James E., 2Lt
NAV Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
BOM McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
TG Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
RO Bzik, Paul J., Sgt
BT Johnson, Morrin T., Sgt
WG Martin, Jack E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)

P White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP Bowman, William B., 2Lt
NAV Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG Hein, Monroe C., S/Sgt
RO Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG Campbell, James R., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Riseden, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Hugh B., 1Lt
NAV	Metko, Eaerl D., 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 1Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
WG	Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt
BT	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P	Lord, Truman R., 2Lt
CP	Phillips, Clifton N., 2Lt
NAV	Anderson, Arvid, 2Lt
BOM	Ruiz, Arthur F., 2Lt
ENG	Winiger, Bernard A., Sgt
TG	Ferguson, William H., Sgt
RO	Hatfield, Earl G., Sgt
BT	Stephenson, Oscar D., Jr., Sgt
WG	Martin, David S., Sgt

B-17G #43-38176 *Bouncing Betty II*

P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
TG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., S/Sgt
WG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31574 *Ole George*

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
WG	Schley, John G., S/Sgt
RO	Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
TG	Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
BT	Ferris, James H., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38604 (No Name)

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt
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 #44-8137 (No Name) - PFF

P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Cunningham, Robert L., 1Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 1Lt
NAV	Lifshus, Lawrence, 2Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 1Lt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
WG	Franceshini, James V., S/Sgt

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

P	Carney, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Donovan, James R., 1Lt
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt
ENG	Turner, Harold L., S/Sgt
RO	Foster, Albert A., S/Sgt
BT	Kayrallah, Emil, Sgt
TG	Howe, Clarence H., Sgt
WG	Encinas, William, Sgt

B-17G #43-38609 (No Name)

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, Teddy A., 1Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislaw B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

P	Jenkins, Harry F., 1Lt
CP	Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
NAV	Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Protzman, John W., 2Lt
ENG	Lainson, Colin C., Sgt
RO	Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt
BT	Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
TG	Cregan, John M., Sgt
WG	Allen, Charles G., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P	Mickle, James D., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Loren M., F/O
NAV	O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 2Lt
ENG	Humphrey, William B., Cpl
RO	Eagon, Dennis G., Cpl
BT	Garcia, Leonard A., Cpl
TG	Van Zile, Raymond J., Cpl
WG	Wentz, Robert D., Cpl

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-8125 *Sparky* - PFF

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt
CP	Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., S/Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sg
WG	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	??, D.W., F/O (427th)
WG	Hawrat, Edward D., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8326 (*No Name*)

P	Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
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., Sgt
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
WG	Torre, Leo A., Sgt

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

P	Miller, William F., 2Lt
CP	Hill, John D., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Conn, Arthur A., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG	Waldron, Leo F., Cpl
RO	Smolar, Max, Cpl
BT	Ball, Warren G., Cpl
TG	Hutson, Johnny C., Cpl
WG	Zelnio, Anthony D., Cpl

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B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Frazier, Eugene C., 2Lt
CP	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV	Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
BOM	Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG	Borges, Gilbert C., S/Sgt
RO	Trainor, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Charron, Raymond H., Sgt
TG	McCullough, Luther, Jr., Sgt
WG	Anderson, Eston R., Sgt



EUGENE C. FRAZIER CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 21 Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) Sgt William J. Zielinski (WG), 2Lt Laurie H. Campbell (CP), Sgt Luther McCullough (TG),
Sgt Donald W. Trainor (R), 2Lt Andrew T. Goettman (N), 2Lt Richard B. Barlow (B), 2Lt Eugene C. Frazier (P)
(Front L-R) Sgt Raymond H. Charron (BT), Sgt Eston R. Anderson (WG), S/Sgt Gilbert C. Borges (E)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt

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

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
WG	Baker, Thomas E., Jr., Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38200 (No Name)

P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV	Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Stewart, George E., S/Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 1Lt
CP	Sapak, Aloysius I., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 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 #42-97298 *The Floose*

P	Juns, Frank, 2Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
BOM	Thomas, Edward H., 2Lt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Wimer, Maurice H., Sgt
BT	Oberly, Eldridge C., Sgt
TG	Englis, Hiram E., Cpl
WG	Branin, James J., Cpl

B-17G #44-8330 (No Name)

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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Connelly, Ben L., 1Lt
CP House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG Cole, Bethel A., T/Sgt
RO Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG Odegaard, Duane J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97805 (*No Name*)

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

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

P Railing, Charles F., Jr., 2Lt
CP McCarl, Howard D., 2Lt
NAV Leibovitz, Meyer, 2Lt
BOM Willson, Louis H., 2Lt
ENG Mellon, James B., Jr., Sgt
RO Hanna, William M., Sgt
BT Burgeson, Lawrence L., Sgt
TG Barber, Ralph K., Sgt
WG Cole, Lorne R., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	Drewry, James A., 1Lt
CP	Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
BOM	Burke, James D., 2Lt
TT	Dorrah, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG	Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt
RO	Nash, Leslie G., S/Sgt
BT	Schulz, Paul H., S/Sgt
WG	Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Johnson, O.D., S/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., S/Sgt
TG	Barnes, Charlie, T/Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Kacere, Michael J., 2Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Kernodle, John T., Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	DeVaney, Bernard C., Sgt
TG	Carver, Harold R., Sgt
WG	DeCicco, Frank C., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
NAV	Dubois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., Sgt
TG	Wienczek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Proper, George M., Sgt

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

P	Newton, George C., 2Lt
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 2Lt
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., Sgt
TG	Karr, Leslie E., Sgt
WG	Henry, Donivan D., Sgt

B-17G #44-6166 *The Red*

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
WG	Bourlier, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
BT	Grove, John W., Sgt
TT	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

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

P	Glasgow, Charles G., 1Lt
CP	Ashford, George H., 2Lt
NAV	Cashman, John H., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Goff, Homer W., 2Lt
WG	McGlinn, John H., S/Sgt
BT	McConathy, Jethern J., Jr., Sgt
RO	Britz, Robert T., Sgt
TG	Miller, James T., Sgt
TT	Lisabeth, Hilaire A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

P	Hullar, Robert J., Capt
CP	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Sandhagen, Paull R., 2Lt
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

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., T/Sgt
BT	McCormick, Lewis J., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt