

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 250

3 October 1944

Target: Synthetic Oil Plant at Wesseling, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,950, 25,900 & 24,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 2,900 rounds

The Cologne area was again the target. The synthetic oil refinery at Wesseling (near Cologne) was the primary target with the Cologne goods station to be combed if PFF bombing were utilized. Three aircraft returned early: #43-38563 *Jackie*, 360BS (Lt. **Juns**) - The co-pilot became sick with the bends; #44-8006 (*No Name*) 358BS (Lt. **Grisham**) - broken oil line; #42-38050 *Thunderbird*, 359BS (Lt. **Underdown**) - oxygen system failed.

Thirty-six Fortresses dropped 360 500-lb. G.P. bombs from 26,950, 25,900 and 24,800 ft. The bombing was by GEE-H equipment through solid overcast, with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 feet, and results were unobserved. Indications were that the lead Squadron hit quite a distance from the target due to equipment failure and that the low and high Squadrons hit near the target. No enemy aircraft were seen. Friendly fighter support was scattered going into the target, but was good from the target and out. Moderate and accurate flak were encountered with chaff having little beneficial effect. Thirteen aircraft sustained major and eleven, minor battle damage. Four crewmen were wounded.



B-17G The Red #44-6166 (427BS) GN-V

41st CBW-A Lead (427BS) - Pilot Capt W.H. Bergeron / CoPilot Capt J.F. McNamara

(Back L-R) Capt Willard H. Bergeron (P), Capt James F. McNamara (CP), 1Lt Warren B. Morris (B),

1Lt Jackson H. Hunt (N), 1Lt Michael L. Zarelli (N), 2Lt Earl B. Douglass (TG-O)

(Front L-R) T/Sgt Ollice Z. Rowe (R), S/Sgt Norman W. Putney (WG),

T/Sgt James M. O'Leary (E), S/Sgt William D. Foster (WG)

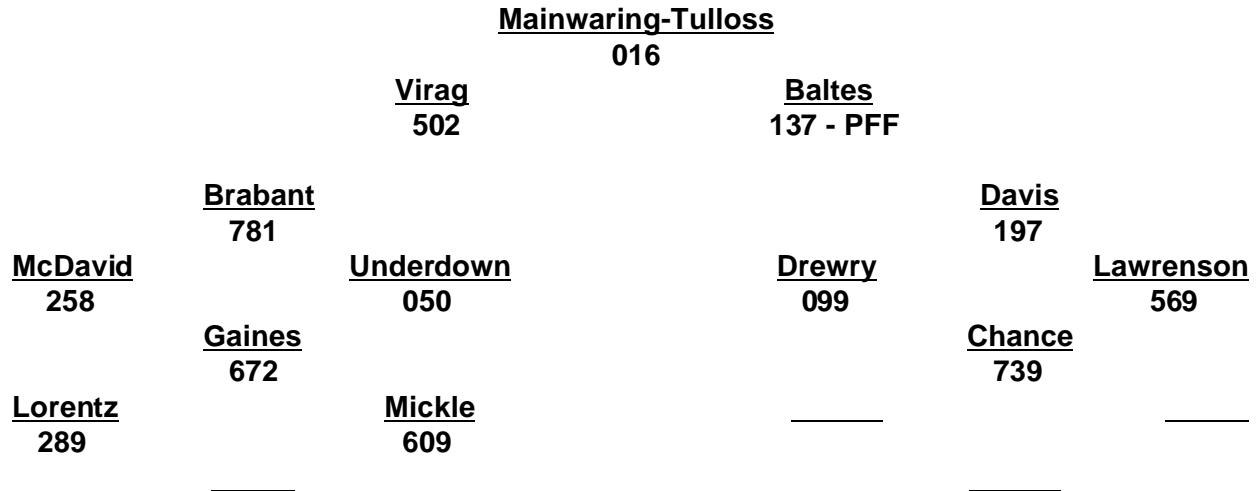
Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Bergeron-McNamara</u> 166			
		<u>Grisham</u> 006		<u>Johnson</u> 038 - PFF	
	<u>Paullin</u> 065			<u>Hamilton</u> 311	
<u>Thomas</u> 200		<u>Freeman</u> 972		<u>O'Leary</u> 666	<u>Caplinger</u> 411
	<u>Goering</u> 462			<u>White</u> 298	
<u>Holm</u> 590		<u>Twomey</u> 554			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Wilson-Slingsby</u> 544			
		<u>Juns</u> 563		<u>Nafius</u> 125 - PFF	
	<u>Baehr</u> 516			<u>Griggs</u> 248	
<u>Foley</u> 860		<u>Hallum</u> 504		<u>Cureton</u> 442	<u>Eisenwinter</u> 546
	<u>Crawford</u> 451			<u>Ackerman</u> 060	
<u>Butler</u> 523		<u>McCutchan</u> 604			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



Three (3) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Juns in 563

Lt. Grisham in 006

Lt. Underdown in 050

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><u>CREW POSITIONS</u> CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P	Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Gustafson, Orall R., S/Sgt
BT	LaPerch, William J., Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, S/Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

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 #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Paullin, James R., 1Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., T/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

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

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John N., 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

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

P	Holm, Maurice M., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
BOM	Splawn, Elzie B., T/Sgt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Copeland, George E., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Thomas, Charles E., 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	Weiss, Armin, Sgt
WG	Brown, Robert H., Sgt

B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF

P	Johnson, Hugh B., 1Lt
CP	Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
NAV	Beyeler, Earl R., 2Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
WG	Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt
TG	Reimche, George K., S/Sgt

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

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
BOM	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
ENG	Scheuermann, Edwin P., S/Sgt
BT	Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Post, Harry R., Sgt
WG	Buie, Ben M., Sgt
TG	Willis, Arnold, Sgt

(Abortive)

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

P	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
WG	Foster, William D., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt
BT	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38672 (No Name)

P	Gaines, Edmund W., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Donovan, James R., 1Lt
BOM	Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG	Fragasso, Glenn, S/Sgt
RO	Trainor, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Tisdale, Elmo O., Cpl
TG	McCullough, Luther, Sgt
WG	Heffran, James J., Cpl

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

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., Sgt
TG	Van Zile, Raymond J., Sgt
WG	Wentz, Robert D., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

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	Dittman, Robert J., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38258 Forget Me Not Olly

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Tartaglia, Raymond, S/Sgt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Allerton, Jack R., Sgt
WG	Linville, Warren M., Sgt

B-17G #44-8137 (No Name) - PFF

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
NAV	Lifshus, Lawrence, 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltenboth, Charles L., T/Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., S/Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislaw B., S/Sgt

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

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 1Lt
ENG	Hodge, Dana A., T/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., T/Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., S/Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., S/Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-6502 (No Name)

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	Durkin, James A., 2Lt
BOM	Torley, Donald W., 2Lt
ENG	Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt
BT	Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt
TG	Bowman, John H., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31739 Pugnacious Peter

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 #42-38050 Thunderbird

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	Carman, Nolan W., S/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG	Botton, Pius L., Sgt

(Abortive)

B-17G #43-38016 Lorraine (384BG)

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 1Lt
CP	Tulloss, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6504 (No Name)

P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 1Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Cole, Bethel A., T/Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-38451 (No Name)

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Jones, William E., Capt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
WG	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt

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

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	Kress, Richard H., S/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., Sgt

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 1Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
NAV	Charlson, Rufus S., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6516 My Darling

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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-6523 (No Name)

P Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG Bird, Harry G., Sgt
RO Christ, Donald R., Sgt
BT Miller, Donald E., Sgt
TG Johnson, David T., Jr., Sgt
WG Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

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
(Abortive)

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

P Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP Slingsby, Harold G., Maj
NAV Blumenthal, Robert, 1Lt
NAV Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Sanders H., 1Lt
ENG Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
BT Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
RO Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
RW Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
LW Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
PHO Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
 CP Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
 NAV Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
 ENG Olson, William E., 2Lt
 TT Shumar, Carl K., T/Sgt
 BT Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
 RO Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt
 TG Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
 WG Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38442 (No Name)

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

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

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 Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt
 WG Proper, George M., Sgt

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

P Griggs, John C., 1Lt
 CP Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
 NAV Malone, William A., 2Lt
 BOM Rohner, William L., 2Lt
 TT Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
 BT Duffel, Robert L., S/Sgt
 RO Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
 WG Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
 TG Noah, Norbert O., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38197 (No Name)

P Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
 CP Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
 NAV Martin, Walter E., F/O
 BOM Bryan, Fred W., F/O
 TT Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
 BT Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
 RO Pope, Lester L., Sgt
 TG Henry, Donivan D., Sgt
 WG Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
 CP Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
 NAV Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
 BOM Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
 TT Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
 BT Born, Robert S., Sgt
 RO Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
 TG Grossman, Howard A., Sgt
 WG Elling, Myron A., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt
BT Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO Jarvis, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG Barnes, Charlie, T/Sgt

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 Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
WG Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

B-17G #43-37666 *Full House*

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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

P Lawrenson, George C., 1Lt
CP Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
BOM Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
BT Longo, Angelo L., S/Sgt
RO Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt