

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 260

19 October 1944

Target: Heinrich Lanz A.G. Tractor and Tank Works at Mannheim,  
Germany

Crews Dispatched: 35

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 48 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 500 lb H.E. M45 & 6 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 28,400 & 28,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,830 rounds

The primary and secondary targets for this mission were the same — Mannheim, Germany. Thirty-four aircraft dropped 193 500-lb. H.E. M45 bombs and 196 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs on the target from 28,400 and 28,100 feet. One aircraft dropped six 500-lb. M45 and six 500-lb. incendiaries on Speyer, Germany, as a target of opportunity. The bombs of the lead Squadron hit approximately 1 1/4 miles to the northwest of the target in the central city area. GEE-H equipment was not used because the rate station could be picked up, but the course station could not. Weather over the target was 10/10 clouds with tops at 29,000 feet. Dense and persistent contrails at 26,000 and high obscured visibility and made formation flying difficult.

No enemy aircraft could be seen that could be positively identified. A few crews reported up to six ME aircraft shortly after leaving the target area. Friendly fighter support by 286 P-51s and P-47s was fair en route to the target and good on the return route. Anti-aircraft fire was reported by the lead and low Squadrons as being moderate and accurate, and by the high Squadron as moderate and inaccurate. Chaff had some beneficial effect.



B-17G #44-6504 Fire Accident 360BS (PU-M)

While getting #44-6517 (No Name) 360BS, ready for the mission, a replacement gunner, Cpl. Harvey N. **Kaber** was called out late. He was hurriedly assembling the ball turret guns and ran into problems. An Assistant Gunnery Non-com arrived to assist, gave advice and departed. He then accidentally discharged his guns. Shells barely missed the

hut in which the crew was gathered. B-17G #44-6504 360BS, warming up in an adjoining dispersal area, was hit causing a fire in the right wing. The fire crews did an excellent job in controlling the fire in the bomb loaded B-17 in less than one hour.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Bergeron-Fielder</u> 038 - PFF			
		<u>Holm</u> 298		<u>Twomey</u> 166	
	<u>Goering</u> 945			<u>Griggs</u> 569	
<u>McGilvray</u> 590		<u>Heckendorf</u> 503		<u>Roberts</u> 860	<u>Caplinger</u> 197
	<u>Grisham</u> 065			_____	
<u>White</u> 258		<u>Freeman</u> 442		_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Kuykendall-Norris</u> 125 - PFF			
		<u>Hatch</u> 318		<u>Nafius</u> 544	
	<u>Baehr</u> 516			<u>Hamilton</u> 281	
<u>Stephan</u> 705		<u>Arwood</u> 517		<u>Rose</u> 597	<u>Van Antwerp</u> 248
	<u>Butler</u> 523			_____	
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# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

## Cunningham-Virag

137 - PFF

		<u>Davis</u> 309		<u>Whitlock</u> 537	
	<u>Akers</u> 781				<u>Drewry</u> 563
<u>Chance</u> 055		<u>Lutz</u> 830		<u>Gano</u> 451	<u>Dubose</u> 532
	<u>Mickle</u> 502			_____	
<u>Haynes</u> 944		<u>Frazier</u> 609		_____	_____
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### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b> 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  <b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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 #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

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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

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

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P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
TOG	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

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

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P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Nugent, Robert F., 1Lt
ENG	Gustafson, Orall R., S/Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, S/Sgt
BT	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

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

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P	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles L., 2Lt
BOM	Conder, Bill F., 2Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	McGeevy, James, Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., Sgt
BT	Garza, David, Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James E., 2Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
BT	Weaver, Robert J., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter H., Sgt
PAS	Hurlbutt, Carl R., Sgt

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Ollly***

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John N., 2Lt
NAV	Buckner, James C., 2Lt
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 #44-8038 (*No Name*) - PFF**

P	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
CP	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 1Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D, 2Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 1Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 1Lt
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
WG	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

### **B-17G #44-6503 *Lady Alta***

P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth R., 2Lt
TOG	Severson, Jack O., S/Sgt
ENG	Gallman, Hubert W., Sgt
WG	Barris, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Windle, Bill, Sgt
TG	Koerner, David M., Sgt
BT	Lary, Raymond W., Sgt



**358BS Colancecco Ground Crew**

(L-R) Sgt Warren J. Castagnola, Sgt Christ M. Christoff, Sgt Kennard,  
M/Sgt Carion J. Colancecco (Crew Chief)

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-31055 Aloha**

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P	Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
TOG	Clubine, Frederick D., Sgt
ENG	Menasco, Elmer W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, Albert, T/Sgt
BT	Moss, Shirley L., Sgt
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
WG	Torre, Leo A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31830 Marie**

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P	Lutz, John R., 2Lt
CP	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., F/O
TOG	Goudy, William F., Sgt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward N., Sgt
BT	Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG	Bailey, John R., Sgt
WG	Bates, Roger K., Sgt

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

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P	Frazier, Eugene C., 1Lt
CP	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, William A., 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

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

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

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

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P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM	Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, T/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., T/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., S/Sgt
TG	Martin, Anthony B., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Davis, Jack T., 1Lt
CP	Kohnstedt, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Hellesvig, Vernon M., 1Lt
BOM	Guiciardi, Nino L., F/O
ENG	Bloom, Dave, Sgt
RO	Lewnfield, Rex E., T/Sgt
BT	Martin, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Brown, Marvin W., Sgt
WG	Harris, Everette G., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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P Haynes, Charles D., 2Lt  
CP McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt  
NAV Malone, Roy P., F/O  
BOM Dando, Charles A., 2Lt  
ENG Sherrill, Elliotte W., Sgt  
RO Deen, Oscar A., Sgt  
BT Freese, Paul D., Sgt  
WG Hrych, Robert C., Sgt  
TG Ipsen, Allen L., Sgt

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

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P Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt  
CP Bach, Harold J., 2Lt  
NAV Poehlman, Robert F., 2Lt  
BOM Schulze, William A., 2Lt  
ENG Popovich, William G., T/Sgt  
RO Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., T/Sgt  
BT Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt  
TG Cregan, John M., S/Sgt  
WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

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P Cunningham, Robert L., 1Lt  
CP Virag, Andry R., 1Lt  
NAV Forve, Frank F., 1Lt  
NAV Garrett, Robert M., 2Lt  
MN Beyeler, Earl R., 2Lt  
BOM Scheibman, Herman, 2Lt  
ENG Mogck, Leonard, T/Sgt  
RO Ringen, Walter E., S/Sgt  
TG Ward, Duane G., 2Lt  
WG Allen, Charles G., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38705 (No Name)**

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P	Stephan, Paul C., 2Lt
CP	Clingler, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Lewis, Harold G., F/O
BOM	Tapley, Thomas W., Cpl
ENG	Phillips, Dwight A., Cpl
RO	Ladurini, Raymond R., Cpl
BT	Keyes, Stanton W., Cpl
TG	Harris, Edgar P., Jr., Cpl
WG	Sorensen, Robert J., Cpl

### **B-17G #44-6517 Old Cock**

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P	Arwood, Joe B., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Counsell, Clarence L., F/O
ENG	Power, Thomas B., Cpl
RO	Curry, Paul A., Cpl
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Cpl
TG	Sanchez, Crespín E., Cpl
WG	Linn, James B., Cpl

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

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P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	Subkowsky, Harry, 2Lt
BOM	Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., Sgt
RO	Christ, Donald R., Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., Jr., Sgt
WG	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt

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

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P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	App, Robert G., 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 #42-102544 Sack Time**

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P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 1Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6516 My Darling**

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P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 1Lt
ENG	Keipper, Carl E., S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, T/Sgt
TG	Odegaard, Duane J., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8318 (No Name)**

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P	Hatch, Logan B., 2Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred N., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM	Friedlander, Henry, F/O
ENG	Fuczka, Peter, Cpl
RO	Broughton, Averell M., Jr., Cpl
BT	Buchanan, Paul A., Cpl
TG	Larkin, Michael J., Cpl
WG	Free, Ennis B., Jr., Cpl

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

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P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt
TG	Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
WG	Alexander, John P., Sgt



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., S/Sgt

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

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P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
NAV	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., F/O
BT	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
WG	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt

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

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P	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
CP	Pursel, Stanley E., 2Lt
NAV	Cecce, Joseph A., Jr., F/O
BOM	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
TT	Kling, John E., Sgt
BT	Schoch, Phillip M., Sgt
RO	Stockman, Kenneth H., Sgt
TG	Hannah, Robert G., Sgt
WG	Fugazzi, Gildo, Sgt

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

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P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Johnson, O.D., T/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mitell, Philip P., S/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

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P	Gano, Frederick, 2Lt
CP	Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV	Maniscalco, John B., F/O
BOM	Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
TT	Anthony, George E., S/Sgt
BT	Coyle, Arthur J., S/Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., S/Sgt
TG	Nelson, Edward F., Sgt
WG	Clare, Donald T., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie***

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P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Lawrenson, George C., 1Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., S/Sgt
WG	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #43-38532 (No Name)**

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P Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt  
CP Droll, Louis P., 2Lt  
NAV Emmet, John P., 1Lt  
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

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

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P Rose, Jack W., 2Lt  
CP Cornyn, T. John, 2Lt  
NAV Russo, William D., 2Lt  
BOM Nazarian, John K., 2Lt  
TT Dyson, Flake S., Sgt  
BT Brinkley, Lynn M., Sgt  
RO Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt  
TG McCall, Lamar H., Sgt  
WG Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38563 Jackie**

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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 Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt  
WG Koch, Edwin H., Sgt