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up and they were 1st Sgt Cecil L. Schick ball turret oper., and gunner, 1st Sgt Raymond P. Quentin Ass't radio oper. and waist gunner and 1st Sgt Van L. Walker Ass't Engr. and waist gunner.

While in Prison camp I was told by Schick that he went out through the rear hatch and Quentin followed him. 1st Sgt Walker told me that he was thrown out the waist window when the plane rolled. 1st Sgt Troy E. Payne told me in prison camp that he was last to bail out from the waist so he cleared that part of the ship.

At Dulag Luft in Frankfurt, Germany we met the pilot, Lt Schick and the bombardier 1st Lt Myron H. Schaffer. Lt Schick told me that he bailed out through the forward bomb bay and he cleared the flight deck. He was lucky to get out alive because he stayed with the ship, struggling with the controls to give everyone a chance to get out and he himself was later pinned in the seat by the control column and wheel. He bailed out when only a few hundred feet above the ground and I want to say now that each and every one of us on the crew with the government would take some step towards recognizing this man's devotion to his job and willingness to help others even at the risk of his own life. When the ship started rolling and pitching out of control, the crew members in the waist were tossed about and so were unable to stay on interphone connections. The pilot purposely delayed bailing out so that he could be sure beyond any possibility of doubt that they were given enough time to bail out and nearly lost his own life in doing so.

Flight Officer Myron H. Schaffer went out through the nose wheels door and followed the radio operator Gaspare V. Desiderio. While at Dulag Luft we were told that Lt Woodland the navigator was still being held in the interrogation section of Dulag Luft so I didn't see him soon the morning we took off for that last mission. I did see him in May 1945 after nearly 15 months in both camps. I saw him at Le Harv France at Camp Lucky Strike where I had the chance to talk to him at length concerning the mission.