



Robert E. Kincaid (1925 – 1944)

Robert E. Kincaid lists his Home of Record as California. He was born in May 1925 in Malvern Hills, Iowa and graduated from Sweetwater Union High School in June, 1943, and married to Miss Beatrice Kean on August 8, 1943. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett C. Kincaid lived at 469 National Avenue (now Broadway) in Chula Vista. He is also survived by a brother, Fred, and a sister, Edna Kincaid who live with their parents.

Robert Kincaid was a Sergeant in the United States Army Air Force (E5). His service number was 19151909. He was assigned to the 571st Bomber Squadron, 390th Bomber Group, 8th Air Force flying the B-17 Bomber aircraft from Parham, England.

From the Chronological History of the USAAF (8th Air Force) for 21 -22 June 1944:

21 June: 456 of 496 B-17s attack Berlin; 12 other hit targets of opportunity; they claim 16-20-19 Luftwaffe aircraft; 16 B-17s are lost and 216 damaged; 1 airman is KIA, 10 WIA and 148 MIA; escort is provided by 99 P-38s, 95 P-47s and 73 P-51s; they claim 4-0-3 Luftwaffe aircraft; 1 fighter is lost.

22 June: Mission 431: In a morning mission 85 of 108 B-17s and 132 of 194 B-24s attack 12 CROSSBOW (V-weapon) installations in the Pas de Calais area; 1 B-17s is lost; 64 B-17s and 59 B-24s are damaged; 10 airmen are MIA. Escort is provided by 165 P-47s and 97 P-51s; some of the support fighters strafe coastal defenses; 1 P-51 is lost and 2 P-47s are damaged beyond repair; 1 pilot is KIA and 1 MIA.

Mission 432: During the afternoon 797 bombers are dispatched to attack 22 targets in France and Belgium; 9 bombers are lost:

1. Of 319 B-17s dispatched, 76 hit Lille/Fimes marshalling yard, 69 hit Ghent/Maritime marshalling yard, 35 hit Rouen oil depot, 13 hit La Vaubaliers, 13 hit Furnes Airfield, 13 hit Tingry, 12 hit Abbeville, 12 hit a tank area N of Rouen, 12 hit Douai railroad, 11 hit Mazingarbe, 10 hit Pont a Vendin, 1 hits Douai railroad; 3 B-17s are lost, 1 damaged beyond repair and 81 damaged; 2 airmen are KIA, 5 WIA and 29 MIA. Escort is provided by 108 P-47s; they claim 1-0-0 Luftwaffe aircraft.

Sgt Kincaid was killed in action on June 22, 1944. He is buried at Plot F, Row 1, Grave #18 at the Cambridge American Cemetery located at Cambridge, England.

He was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. The Montecito Ridge subdivision of Otay Ranch development honors his name with a street named in his honor.



Air Medal

Purple Heart



B-17 on a mission over Germany