



# James A. Earon

WORLD WAR II

358th Bombardment Squadron

B-17

Missions Flown

219, 220, 221, 222, 225, 226, 228, **229 POW**



**8th Air Force  
303rd Bomb Group  
358th Bombardment Squadron**



**8th Air Force**

**Eighth Air Force Bomber Command** became the Eighth Air Force on February 1944, it oversaw bombardment of strategic targets in Europe until 1945.

The Eighth Air Force earned the unofficial nickname 'The Mighty Eighth' in the 1970s following the publication of Roger Freeman's book 'The Mighty Eighth'.

**US Air Force Combat Units of World War II Description**

Constituted as VIII Bomber Command on 19 Jan 1942, the command conducted the heavy bombardment operations. Redesignated Eighth AF on 22 Feb 1944. Afterward, engaged primarily in bombardment of strategic targets in Europe.

**Air Force**

8<sup>th</sup>, Combat, Bombardment

**Nicknames**

Hell's Angels

**Motto**

Might in Flight

**Insignia**

Triangle C after June 1943

**Aircraft used**

B-17 Flying Fortress





### 303rd Bomb Group

The **303rd Bombardment Group** (Heavy) was activated on 3-Feb-1942 at Pendleton Field, Oregon. They assembled at Gowen Field, Idaho on 11-February 1942 where it conducted flight training until 12-Jun-1942. The Group then moved to Alamogordo Field, New Mexico for advanced flight training until 7-August-1942 when it moved to Biggs Field, Texas to prepare for deployment overseas. The ground echelon moved to Fort Dix, New Jersey on 24-August-1942 and sailed for the UK aboard the Queen Mary on 5-September-1942 arriving at Greenock, UK on 10-September-1942. The air echelon flew to Kellogg Field, Michigan and then on to Dow Field, Maine to begin deployment to England. The Group finally assembled at Molesworth and flew its first combat mission on 17-Nov-1942.

From 17-Nov-1942 until 25-April-1945 the Group flew 364 missions in 10,721 sorties and dropped 24,918 tons of bombs. The Group lost 165 aircraft MIA.

The "Hell's Angels" were named after the B-17 Flying Fortress 41-24577 of the same name, which was the first B-17 in the Eighth Air Force to complete 25 missions. The Group was based solely at Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, between 12 September 1942 and 11 June 1945, flying 364 missions in 10,721 sorties (more than any other B-17 Eighth Air Force Group) and dropped 24,918 tons of bombs (2nd highest in 8AF).

## Flight Assignment:



## 358th Bombardment Squadron

303rd Bombardment Group (H)  
Molesworth, England  
1942-1945



In 1943, the squadron began flying missions to Germany, participating in the first attack by American heavy bombers on a target in Germany, a raid on the submarine yards at Wilhelmshaven on 27 January 1943. From that time, it concentrated primarily on strategic bombardment of German industry, marshalling yards, and other strategic targets, including the ball bearing plants at Schweinfurt, shipyards at Bremen and an aircraft engine factory at Hamburg.



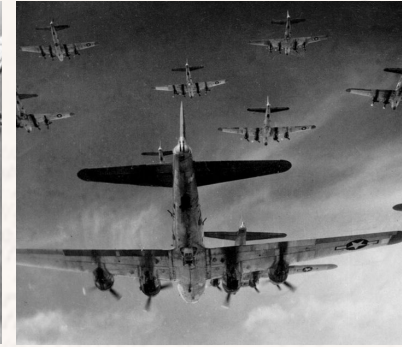
358th BS Headquarters Building (photo taken March 1945)





# The Plane

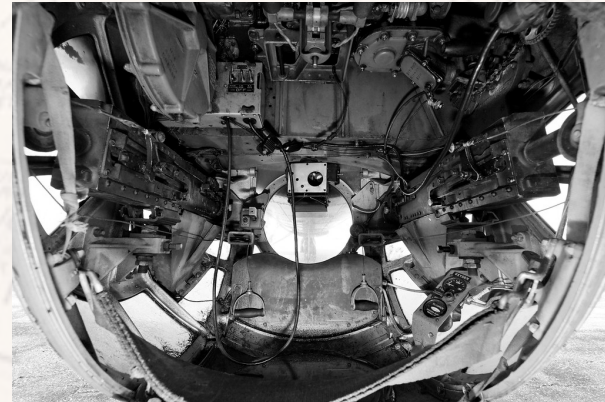
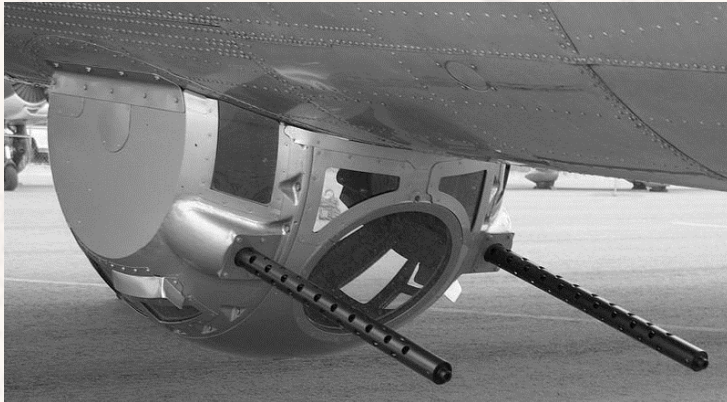
B-17 Flying Fortress





## The Job

Protect the plane from the bottom



# The Enemy

German Fighters

German Messerschmitt  
Bf-109



German Focke-Wulf  
FW-190





# The Protectors

American Fighters 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force

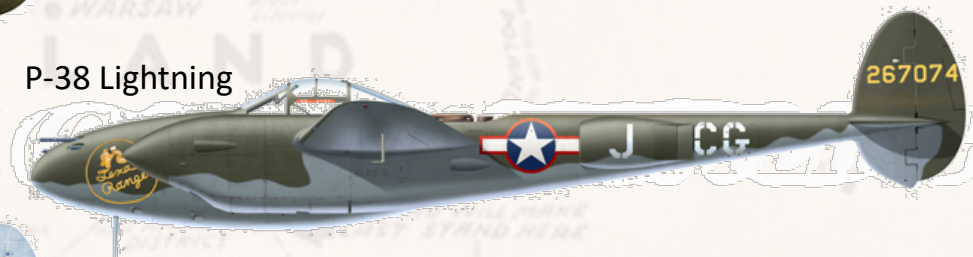
P-40 Warhawk



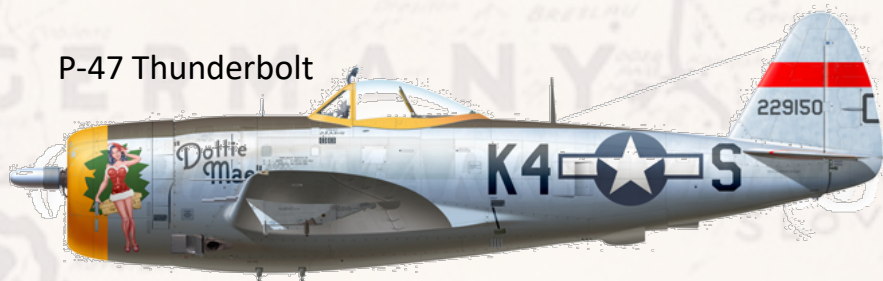
P-51 Mustang



P-38 Lightning



P-47 Thunderbolt



P-39 Aircobra



### MISSION #219

B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

### 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 219

4 August 1944

Target: Railroad bridge & canal locks at Graveline, France

Crews Dispatched: 11

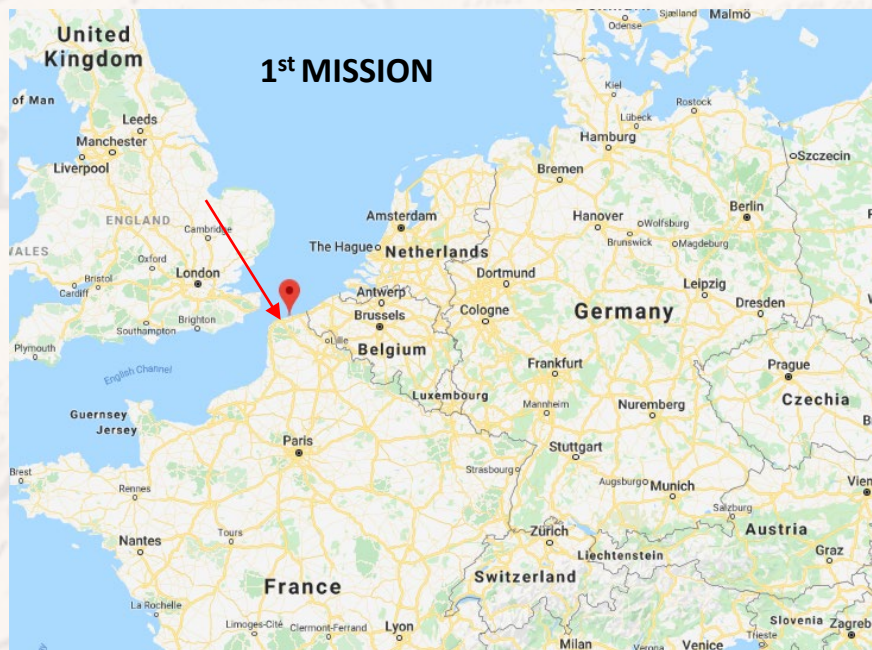
Length of Mission: 3 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb G.P. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 25,000 ft

### Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

	<u>Schuknecht-Brown</u> 629			
	<u>Baehr</u> 861	<u>Yarnall</u> 329		
<u>Lojewski</u> 065	<u>Goss</u> 291	<u>Drewry</u> 595	<u>Cook</u> 411	<u>Duncan</u> 7875
<u>Smith</u> 060	<u>Baltes</u> 177			
	<u>Chance</u> 058			





## MISSION #220

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

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 220

5 August 1944

Target: Crepieul, France - "No Ball" Targets

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 3 hours, 40 minutes

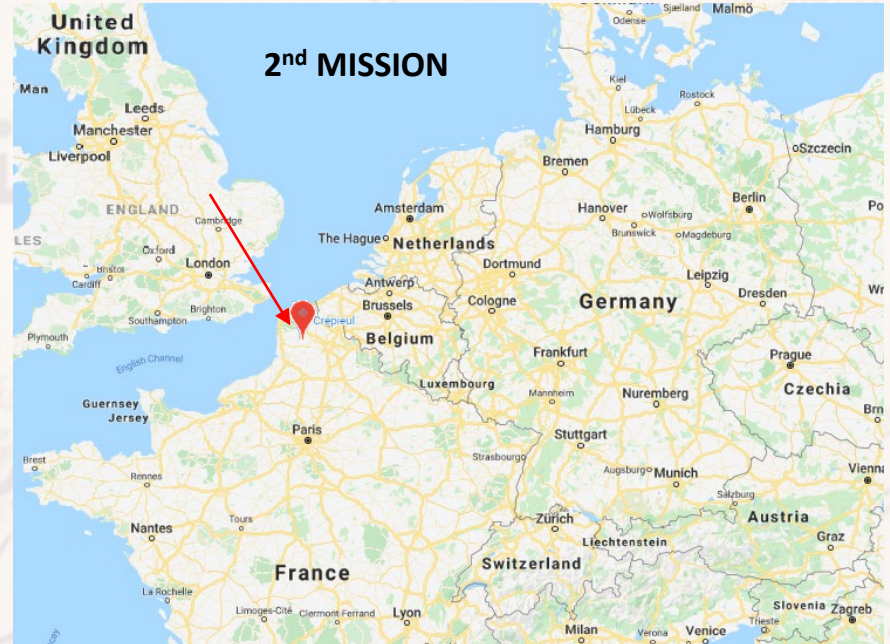
Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb G.P. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 21,000 & 25,200 ft



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Morgan-Eldridge</u> 058		<u>Lorentz</u> 183		
	<u>Chance</u> 050					
<u>McDavid</u> 177	<u>Crozler</u> 537	<u>Mainwaring</u> 830	<u>Goss</u> 9875	<u>Paullin</u> 7875	<u>Wright</u> 060	
	<u>Baltes</u> 309			<u>Hillary</u> 944		
<u>Gould</u> 206	<u>Whitlock</u> 496					





## MISSION #221

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

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 221

6 August 1944

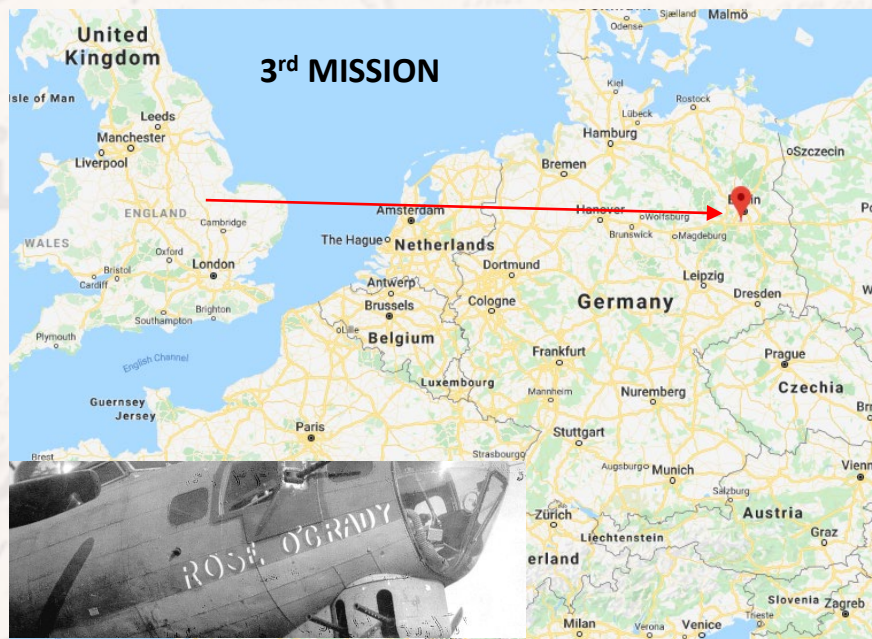
Target: Aero Engine Works, Genshagen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 & 38 x 100 lb M47A1 Incendiary

Bombing Altitude: 26,210, 26,650 & 25,100 ft



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Litman</u> 838		
	<u>Freeland</u> 085	<u>McConnell</u> 972		
<u>Lojewski</u> 484			<u>Cook</u> 595	
<u>Larson</u> 298	<u>Mayer</u> 291	<u>Caplinger</u> 432	<u>Goss</u> 885	<u>Healy</u> 597
<u>Paullin</u> 086				
<u>Smith</u> 316	<u>Cathey</u> 7875			



## MISSION #222

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

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 222

7 August 1944

Target: Airfield at Chartres, France

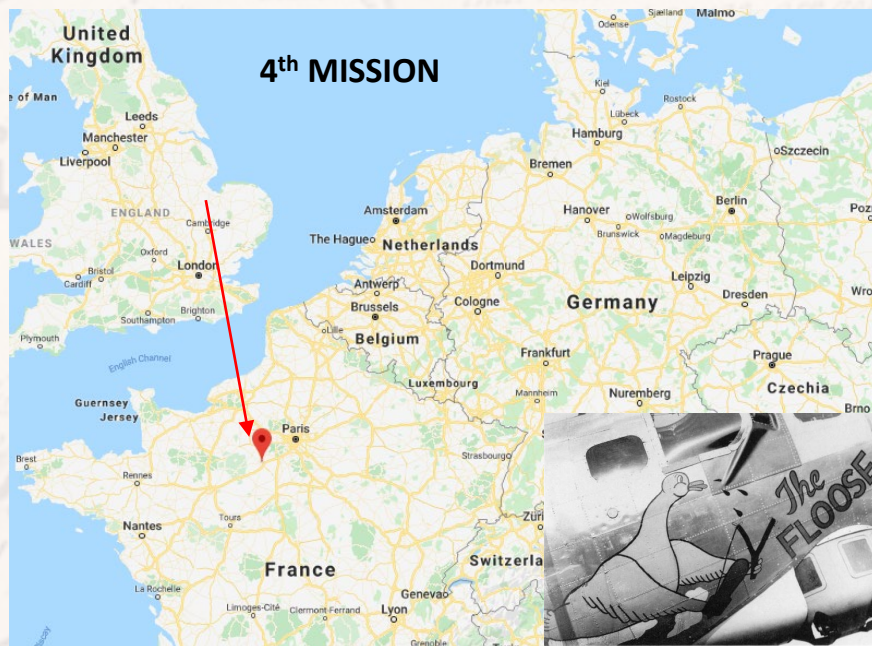
Fuel Depot at St. Ouen, France

Crews Dispatched: 37

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P., 20 x 250 lb G.P., & 38 x 100 lb G.P.

Bombing Altitudes: 26,810, 27,650 & 25,000 ft



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Benham</u> 838	
	<u>Stark</u> 9875	<u>Cathey</u> 060	
<u>Vermeer</u> 972			<u>Eldridge</u> 484
<u>Goss</u> 298	<u>Smith</u> 291	_____	<u>McDavid</u> 183
<u>Paullin</u> 316		_____	
<u>Mayer</u> 085	<u>McConnell</u> 086	_____	_____

## MISSION #222

Target: Airfield at Chartres,  
France

During Attack Photo





## MISSION #225

B-17G #44-6086 **My Blonde Baby**

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 225

11 August 1944

Target: Tactical Ground Support Mission, Brest, France

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 30 minutes

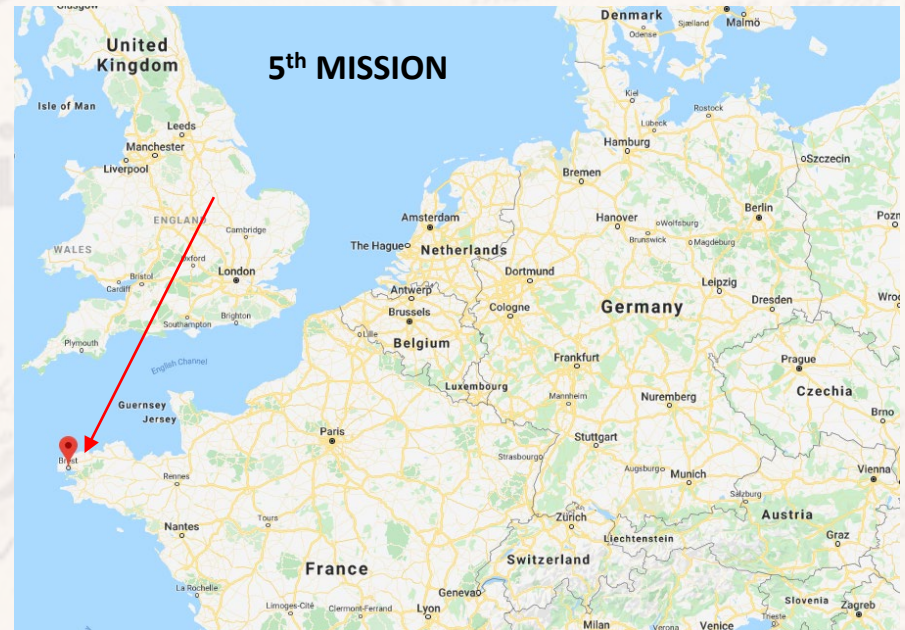
Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 or 6 x 1,000 lb G.P. M44 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 26,300 & 25,500 ft



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Rosser-McNamara</u> 007 - PFF		
	<u>Freeland</u> 177		<u>Helms</u> 680	
	<u>Lee</u> 065			<u>Yarnall</u> 340
<u>Stark</u> 972	<u>White</u> 739	<u>Connelly</u> 893		<u>Mehlhoff</u> 329
	<u>Larson</u> 085		<u>Crawford</u> 930	
<u>Goss</u> 086	<u>Smith</u> 291			



## MISSION #225

Target: Tactical Ground Support

Mission, Brest, France

During Attack Photo





## MISSION #226

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

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 226

12 August 1944

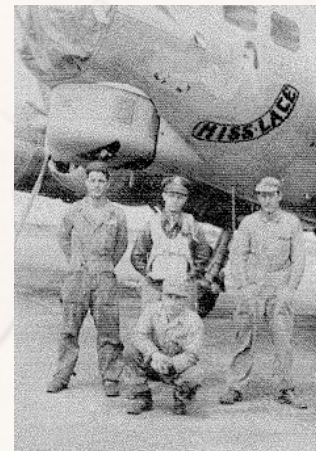
Target: Railroad Marshalling Yards, Metz, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

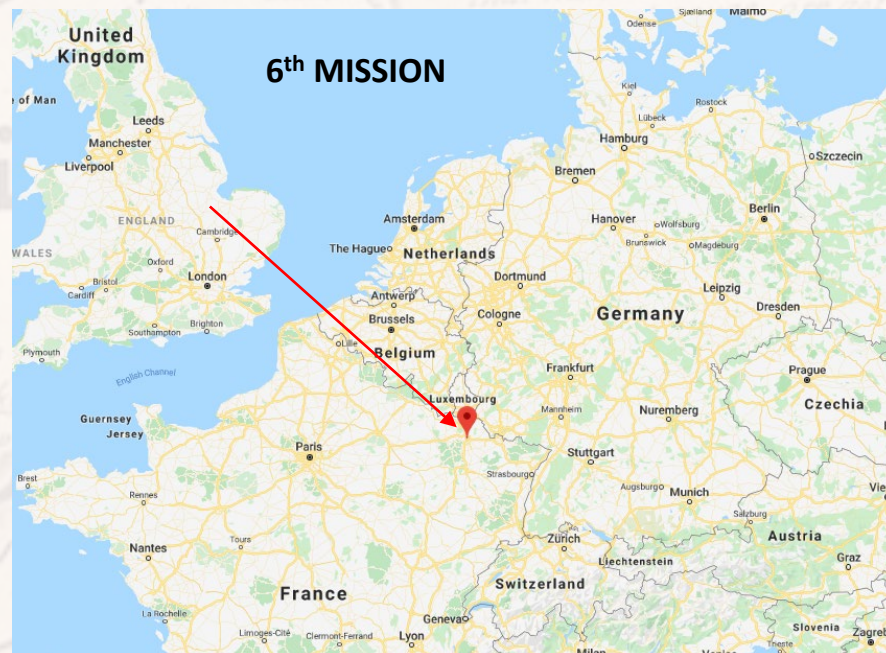
Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 21,000, 20,450 & 19,900 ft



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

	<u>Flowers-Fletcher</u> 281	
	<u>Healy</u> 060	<u>Caplinger</u> 027
<u>Brown</u> 166		<u>Larson</u> 086
<u>Davis</u> 423	<u>Newton</u> 411	<u>Mayer</u> 183
	<u>Bliss</u> 666	<u>Griggs</u> 595
<u>Duncan</u> 432	<u>Clark</u> 597	
		<u>Goss</u> 569

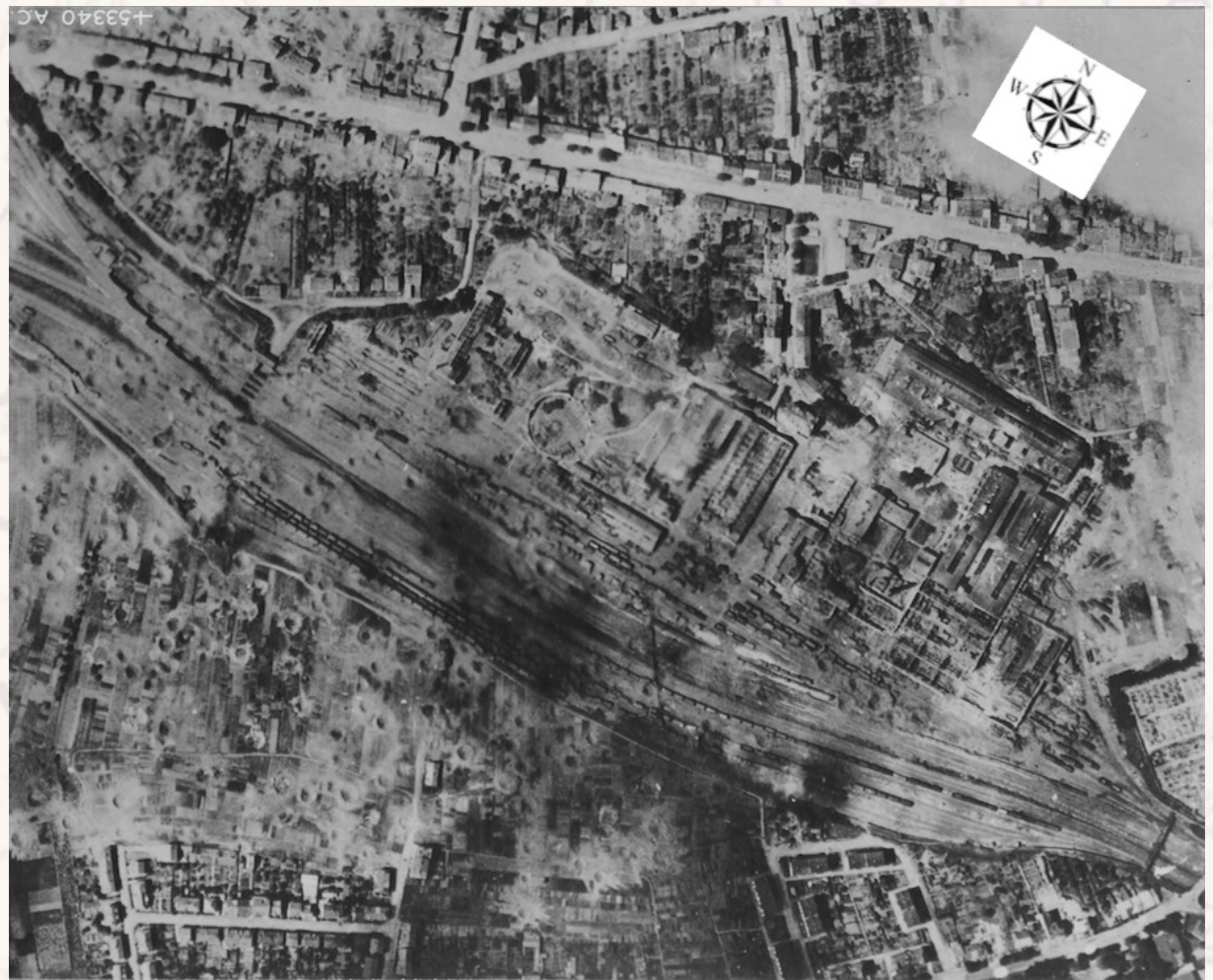




**MISSION #226**

Target: Railroad Marshalling  
Yards, Metz, France

Damage Assessment Photo



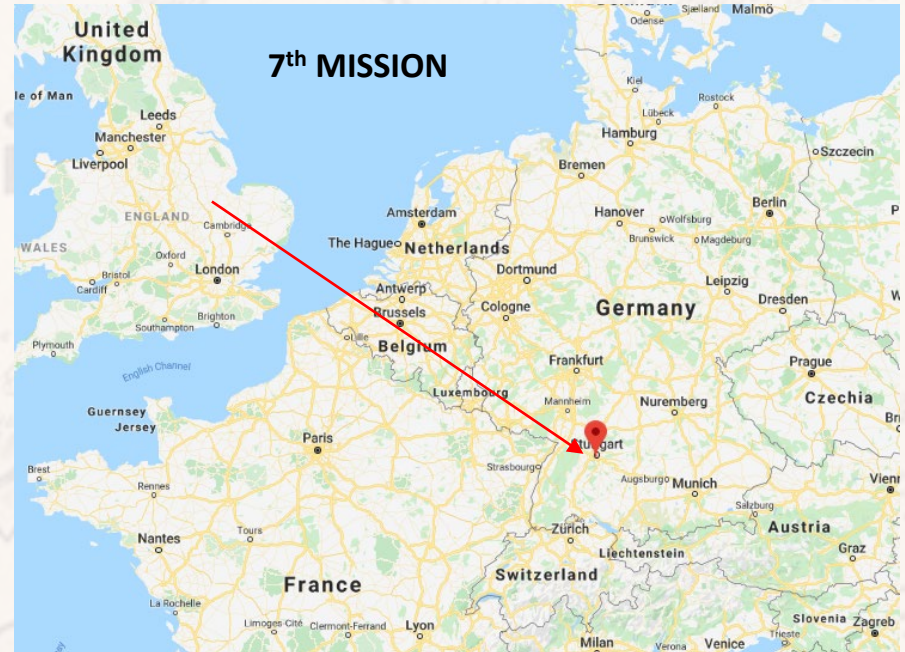


BT Earon, James A., Sgt

14 August 1944

**Bombing Altitudes: 25,600, 24,800 & 23,000 ft**

<u>Mackin - Rosser</u> 691-PFF			
<u>Whittall-McCutcheon</u> 027		<u>Freeland</u> 9875	
<u>Lee</u> 065			<u>Yarnall</u> 861
<u>Charnick</u> 085	<u>Johnson</u> 076	<u>Kuykendall</u> 853	<u>Juns</u> 893
<u>Paullin</u> 086		<u>Smithy</u> 291	
<u>White</u> 680	<u>Goss</u> 972		



## The Final Mission

On 15 August 1944, 2,000 U.S. Eighth Air Force and Royal Air Force heavy bombers, supported by hundreds of fighter escorts, lifted off to strike 11 Luftwaffe bases in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. One of those targets was Fliegerhorst Wiesbaden, which would become a U.S. Air Force base during the Cold War. Intense enemy flak damaged 11 aircraft, but 39 Hell's Angels B-17s were soon over the enemy airfield, dropping 164,000 pounds of explosive and incendiary ordnance on the runway and its facilities.

Approximately 45 miles away from Weisbaden on their return trip, shortly after the fighter escorts left, a flight of two dozen Focke-Wulf Fw-190s and Messerschmidt Bf-109s fighters flew out of the sun and pounced on the bombers. In moments, enemy pilots had shot down nine aircraft.

#42-31183, Bad Penny, 359BS, piloted by 2Lt. Arthur L. Goss, was the first 303rd BG(H) B-17 to be attacked by enemy fighters. Bad Penny exploded in mid-air. One burning wing crashed into Seinsfeld and set some farmhouses and barns on fire.

Lt. Goss, 2Lt. Harry J. Cook, Jr., 2Lt. Malcolm M. Fouts, Sgt. Floyd A. Sprague, **Sgt. James A. Earon**, Sgt. Roy M. Stevens and Sgt. Norman A. Bunney were all captured and became POWs.





## MISSION #229

B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

BT Earon, James A., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 229

15 August 1944

Target: Airfield near Wiesbaden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crews Lost: 9 A/C, 23 KIA, 48 POW, 10 EVD

Crewmembers Lost or Wounded: 1 KIA, 2 WIA

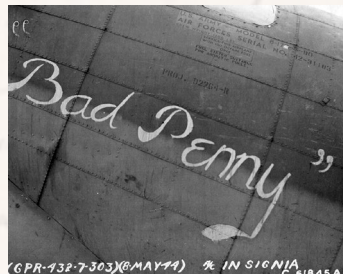
Length of Mission: 6 hours, 46 minutes

Bomb Load: 4 x 1,000 lb G.P. M43

& 4 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

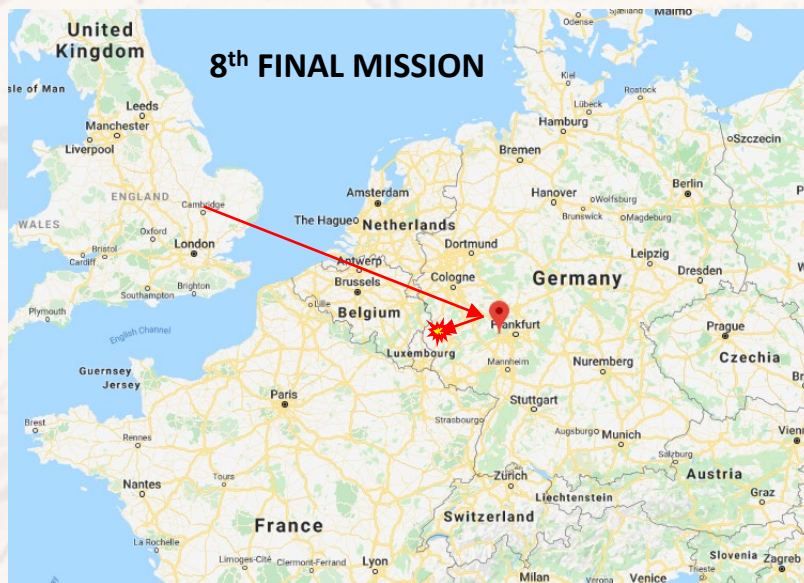
Bombing Altitudes: 25,600, 25,500 & 24,900 ft

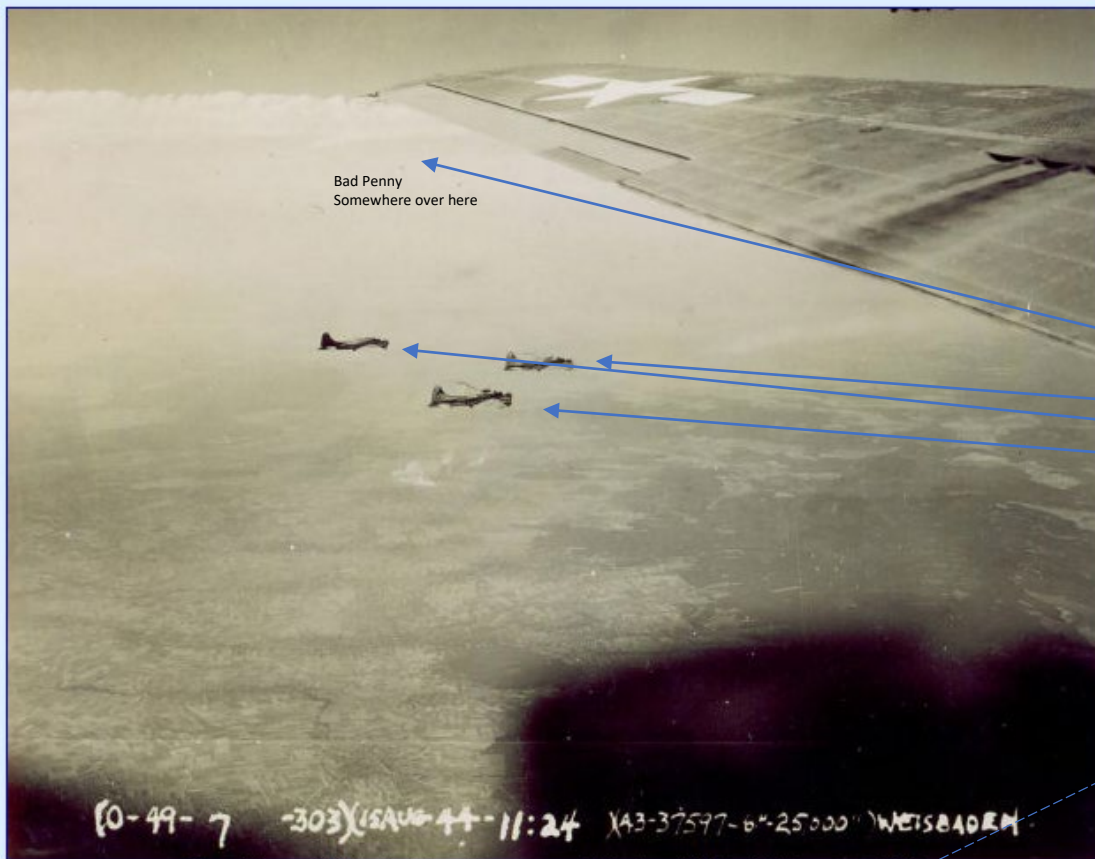
Ammo Fired: 50,050 rounds



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Litman-Stein</u> 838		<u>Charnick</u> 085	
	<u>Goss</u> 183				
<u>Vermeer</u> 065				<u>Cook</u> 432	
<u>Smithy</u> 224	<u>McCutcheon</u> 972		<u>Clark</u> 423	<u>Drewry</u> 597	
<u>Larson</u> 086			<u>Davis</u> 7875		
<u>Smith</u> 291	<u>Cathey</u> 680				





Bad Penny  
Somewhere over here

#### Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Earon's Plane	<b>Goss</b> 183	Litman-Stein 838	Charnick 085	Cook 432	<b>Drewry</b> 597
Vermeer 006	McCutcheon 972	Clark 423	Davis 7875		
Smithy 224	Larson 086	Cathey 680			
Smith 291					

**Bombing of Wiesbaden, Germany - Mission #229, 15 August 1944**

- click the image for a larger view -

Photo taken from: B-17G #43-37597 Earthquake McGoon — Altitude: 25,000 feet, Time: 11:24  
Pilot: 2Lt James A. Drewry



**MISSION #229**

Target: Airfield near  
Wiesbaden, Germany

During Attack Photo



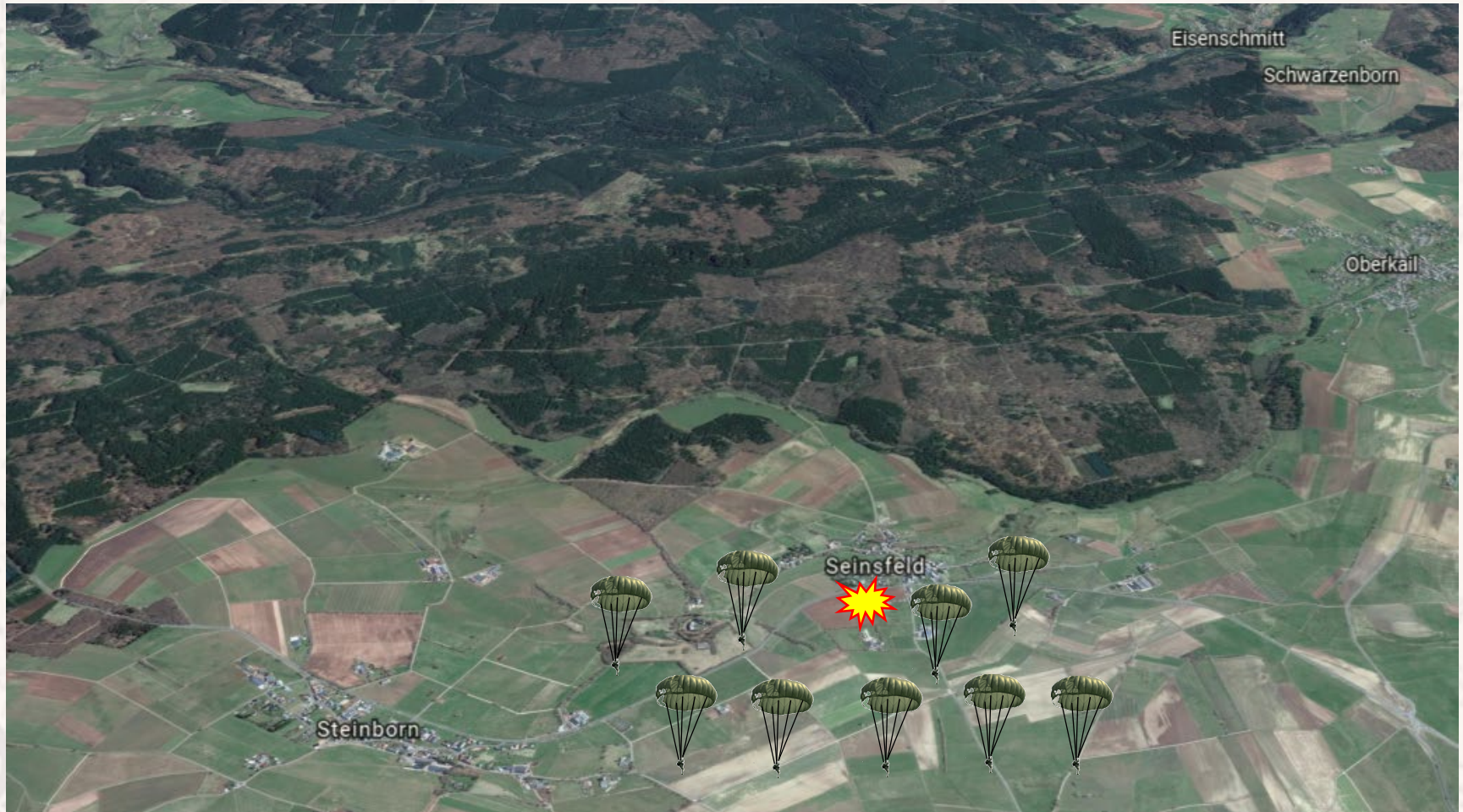
# The Test of Courage “Return Flight”

Fw190, B-17sII./JG 300 Fw190A-8/R8 "Sturmbock" duels point blank with gunners of the 303rd Bomb Group B-17s on 15 August 1944.  
Painting by Keith Ferris

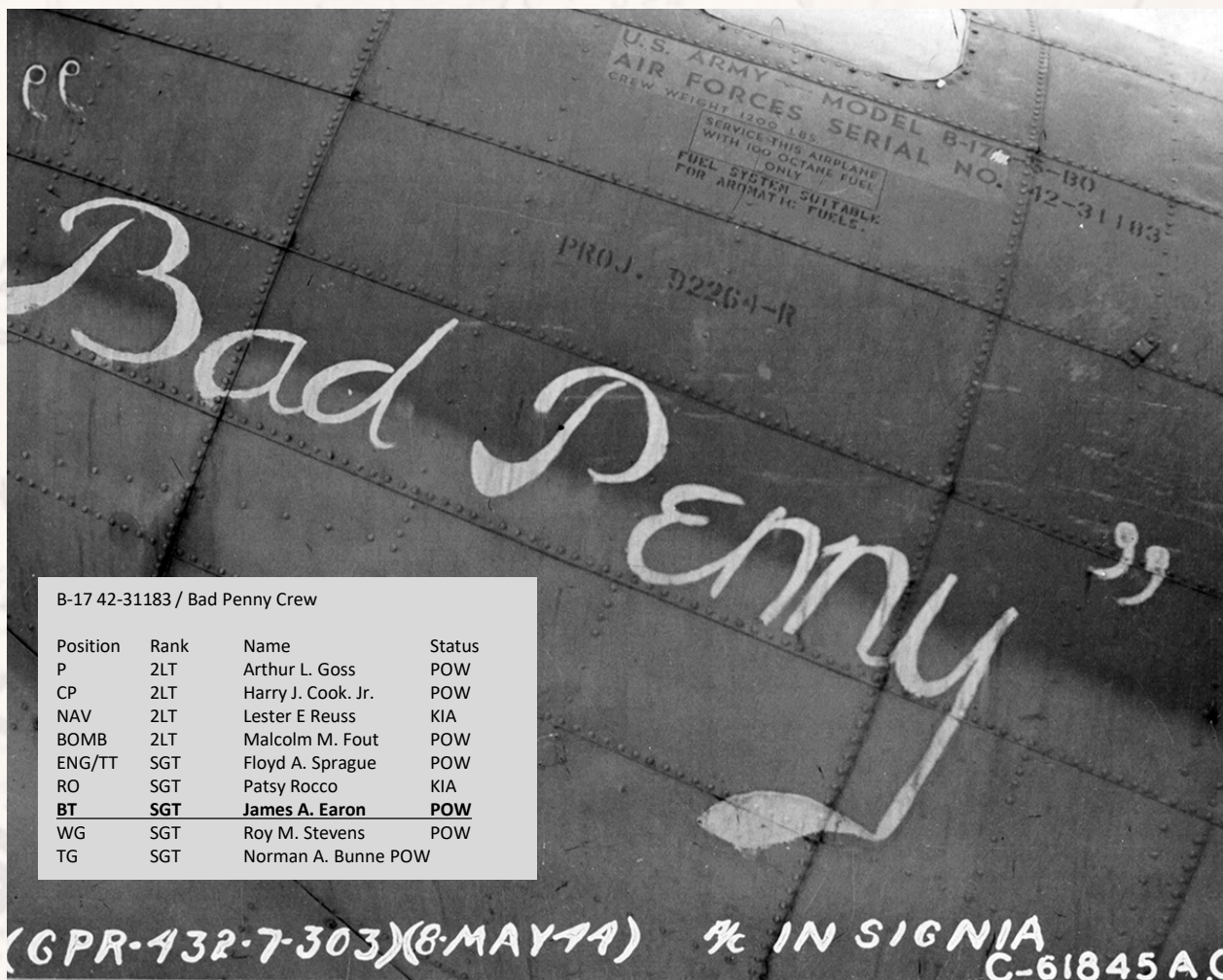




# Crash Site







B-17 42-31183 / Bad Penny Crew

Position	Rank	Name	Status
P	2LT	Arthur L. Goss	POW
CP	2LT	Harry J. Cook, Jr.	POW
NAV	2LT	Lester E Reuss	KIA
BOMB	2LT	Malcolm M. Fout	POW
ENG/TT	SGT	Floyd A. Sprague	POW
RO	SGT	Patsy Rocco	KIA
<b>BT</b>	<b>SGT</b>	<b>James A. Earon</b>	<b>POW</b>
WG	SGT	Roy M. Stevens	POW
TG	SGT	Norman A. Bunne	POW

Delivered Denver 28-Sep-43;

Grand Island 21-Oct-43;

Wilmington 28-Oct-43;

Assigned 359BS/303BG [BN-J] Molesworth  
18-Nov-43;

Transferred 358BS [VK-Y].

15-Aug-44 Missing in Action on a mission  
to bomb the airfield at Wiesbaden,  
Germany.

Shot down by enemy aircraft. Crashed at  
Wittlich, Germany near Matzen, Germany.

Was assigned to the 358BS when it went  
MIA. Navigator 2LT Lester E. Reuss and  
Radio Operator Patsy Rocco were both  
murdered by civilians and the ground.

One of 9 aircraft from the 303BG lost on  
this mission.

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BAD PENNY.

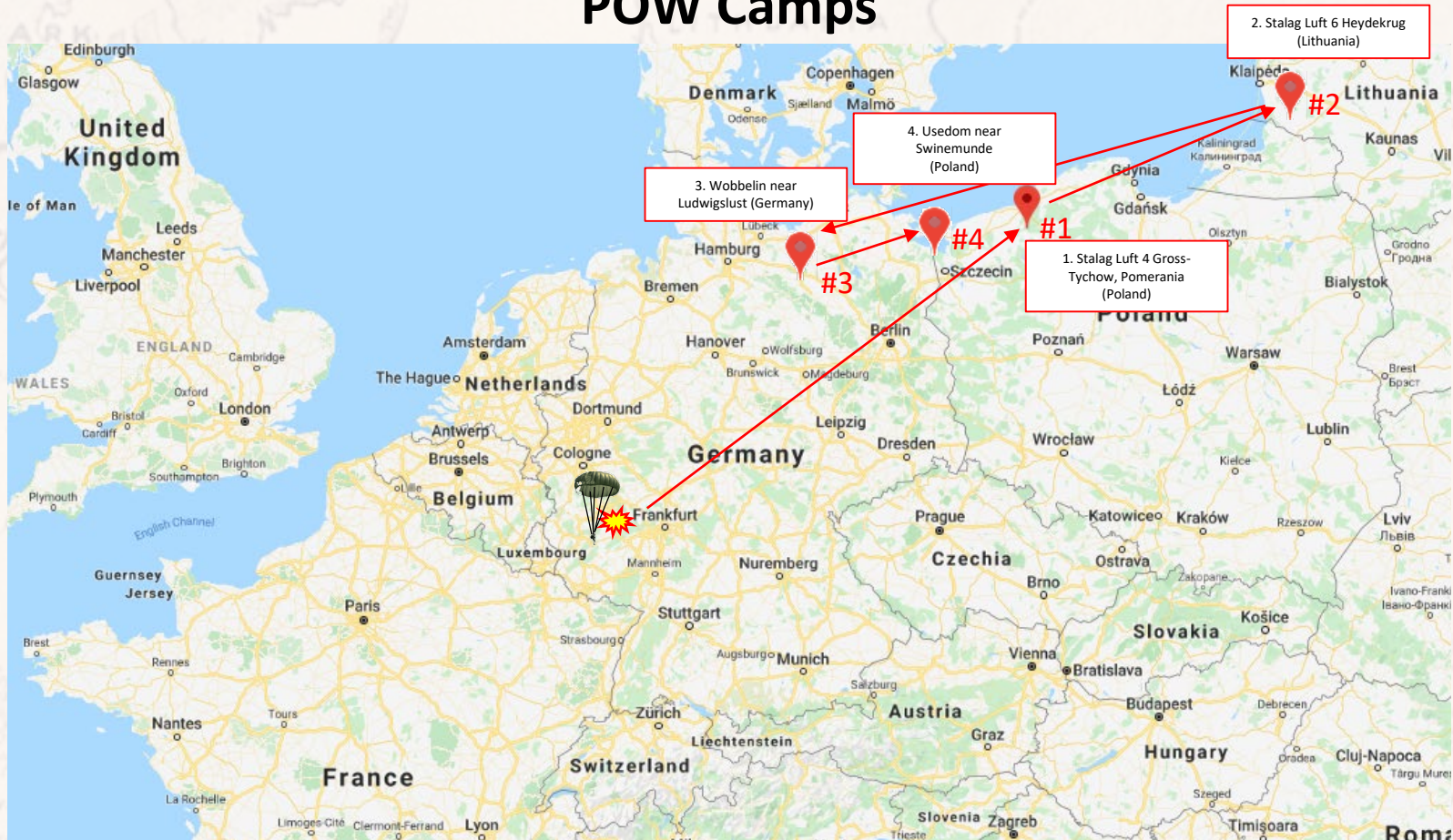








# POW Camps



# James A. Earon

Prisoner of War Medal

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS

DURING World War II

Service: Army Air Forces

Division: Prisoner of War (Germany)

## CITATION:

Sergeant James A. Earon (ASN: 42025593), United States Army Air Forces, was captured by German Forces after he was shot down on August 15, 1944 and was held as a Prisoner of War until his return to U.S. Military Control at the end of hostilities in May 1945.





## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 219

4 August 1944

Target: Railroad bridge & canal locks at Graveline, France

Crews Dispatched: 11

Length of Mission: 3 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb G.P. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

A second, afternoon mission was flown with the primary target a military installation at Fleury, France. Clouds obscured the target and 200 250-lb. G.P. M57 bombs were dropped on a railroad bridge at Graveline, France.

1Lt. Telesphor **Lojewski** took over the lead when Capt. **Schuknecht's** B-17 developed mechanical problems. Another B-17, #42-31183 *Bad Penny*, 359BS, piloted by Lt. Sidney L. **Underdown**, didn't take-off after his priming system failed. The formation saw no flak or enemy aircraft.



### KENNETH C. BAEHR CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 22 June 1944)

(Back) 1Lt Kenneth C. Baehr (P), 2Lt John E. King (CP),

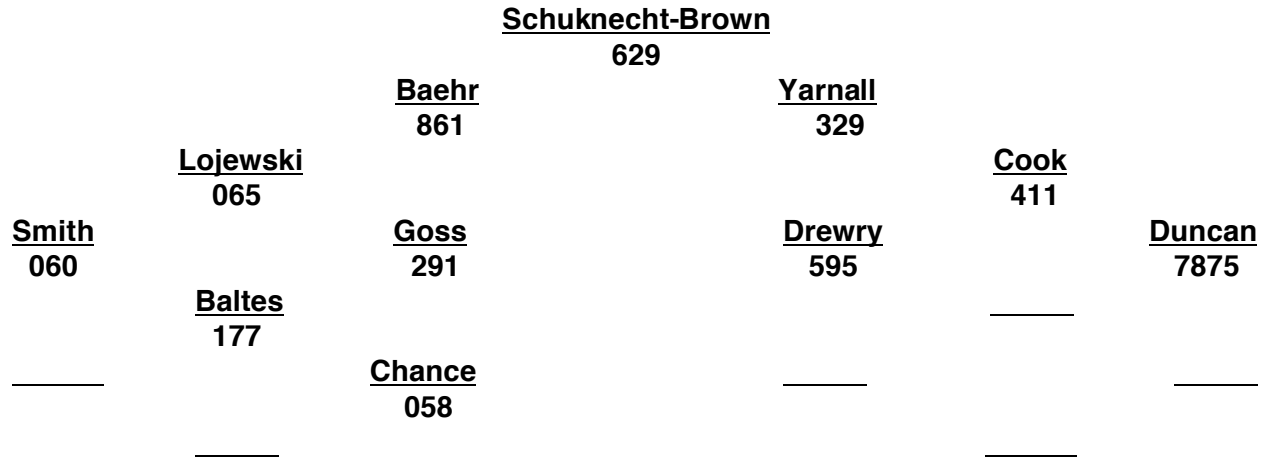
1Lt Thomas I. Peacock (N), 1Lt William H. Smith (B)

(Front) T/Sgt Clarence H. Brackett (E), T/Sgt Jesse Ploeger (R), S/Sgt Bruce O. Decker (BTG),

S/Sgt Kenton F. Baldwin (WG), Sgt Raymond E. Jacobsen (WG), S/Sgt Carl E. Keipper (TG)

(crewmen are not in order)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point



## 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 - Togglier 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 cntry 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 #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone***

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 *(No Name)***

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

P	Lojewski, Telesphor, 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John M., F/O
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 2Lt
ENG	Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, S/Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt
WG	Wagner, William H., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
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 #42-97058 *Scorchy II***

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
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., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Toore, Antone, Cpl

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37629 *(No Name)***

P	Schuknecht, Frederick R., Capt
CP	Brown, Leonard M., 1Lt
NAV	Vell, Ona L., 1Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 1Lt
ENG	Jamison, Charles A., T/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	LaFranchi, Albert S., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Francis D., S/Sgt
WG	Enget, Obert L., S/Sgt

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

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG	Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

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

P	Cook, Harry S., 2Lt
CP	Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt
NAV	Page, Ralph E., 2Lt
BOM	Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt
TT	Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt
BT	Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt
TG	Smalley, John L., Sgt
WG	Duggan, William W., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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



## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 220

5 August 1944

Target: Flers, Cousbronne, Flefs, Fleury, Crepieul, Fressin,  
and Coxyde, France - "No Ball" Targets

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 3 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb G.P. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 21,000 & 25,200 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**S**ix separate "No Ball" targets in the Pas de Calais area were attacked. One aircraft returned early, #42-32027 *Betty Jane*, 427 BS (**Healy**). An electrical short, caused by urine deposited in the camera well, set fire to both inverters. The perpetrator was disciplined by flying another required combat mission. Low 0/10 to 3/10 clouds enabled bombardiers to locate their targets with ease. The formations dropped 423 500-250 lb. G.P. M57 bombs. Thirty-four aircraft bombed their assigned targets and four bombed Coxyde airfield as a target of opportunity. Bombing results were good, except at Fressin and Fiefs, where the results were generally poor.

No enemy aircraft were seen. Moderate and accurate flak was encountered by four of the six Squadrons. Nine aircraft sustained major and ten, minor battle damage. One crewman was wounded. Friendly fighters furnished fair area support. Aircraft #44-6006 (*No Name*) 427BS (Lt. **Stark**), 358BS, landed at Ford, England, with two engines out.



**DONALD D. STARK CREW - 358th BS**

**B-17G Mary Cary #42-97405 360BS PU-H**

(crew assigned 360BS: 02 June 1944, transferred to 358BS 12 June 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt John G. Auerhamer (N), 1Lt George L. Conley (CP), 1Lt Donald D. Stark (P),  
2Lt Richard G. Nelson (B) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt James H. Eggink (LWG),

S/Sgt James C. Morrow (TG), S/Sgt Delmer G. Batten (E), S/Sgt Harold E. Nelsen (RWG),  
S/Sgt Max Richkind (BT), S/Sgt Joseph R. Steinhagen (R)

## **AUGUST 5th, 1944**

**from the book "25 Milk Runs" by Richard R. "Dick" Johnson**

The 303rd Bomb Group had been flying two missions per day for quite a while, and today each squadron planned to put up ten B-17s each.

Beiser was leading our squadron for this rush job, and only six of us made formation with their assigned group. A few of the planes were so rushed that they were not fully loaded with bombs. We were to bomb six different targets in France in support of the ground troops. We were in the "E" squadron of the 41st combat Wing, and we assembled over the Harrington Buncher at 3500 feet. Since we were late in taking off, we took a short cut to Splasher 10 and then directly to Beachy Head at 20,000 feet. As a result of this short cut, three of our planes couldn't catch up and tacked onto another squadron.

Our three plane squadron's target was Crepieul, France where we did a ten minute bomb run. We were not fired on by flak gunners as were some of the other squadrons, and none of our squadron was damaged. The "A" squadron lead ship was hit by flak, which knocked out the manual aileron controls, and tumbled the gyros that operated the auto pilot, just forty five seconds before bombs away. The bombardier recovered in time to do a fair job in his bombing attempt.

The "D" squadron was twenty minutes late to their target when they had to circle to avoid a large formation of British Lancasters in their path. At the target one plane was hit by flak which disabled two engines. That squadron flew a direct course to England so that the disabled plane could land at Ford, near the white cliffs of Dover.

We saw two of the German rocket planes, the ME-163 "Komet," but with their five to six minute fuel supply, none could reach the 303rd formations. P-51s shot down several German fighters that day. I think that this was the original intent of the mission, to lure up the German fighters so that our fighters could eliminate them.

Today was Beiser's last mission, as it was for most of our original crew. I had two more to go. I had the same co-pilot as yesterday's mission, but was flying a mixed crew of gunners who were making up missed missions.

My old favorite airplane, "*Betty Jane*," flown by another pilot, had to abort this mission when the pilot had to turn off both inverters due to an electrical short caused by a urine "spill." Many crewmen didn't like to use the relief tube that was located near the forward bulkhead of the bomb-bay, and simply relieved themselves on the bombs or in the bomb-bay. Usually nothing happened, but this time the amplifiers were shorted out and no boost could be obtained for the superchargers and as a result they couldn't get to altitude.

This practice was forbidden, but was often violated as in this case. The pilot brought the "*Betty Jane*" back to base with the wet bombs, and the culprit was disciplined by having to fly an extra mission. The official report was softened to indicate that a urine can was accidentally knocked over instead of what actually happened. Thus, the culprit might have lost rank as well as having to fly another mission if the whole truth had been known.



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Morgan-Eldridge</u> 058		
		<u>Chance</u> 050	<u>Lorentz</u> 183	
	<u>Crozier</u> 537			<u>Paullin</u> 7875
<u>McDavid</u> 177		<u>Mainwaring</u> 830	<u>Goss</u> 9875	<u>Wright</u> 060
	<u>Baltes</u> 309			<u>Hillary</u> 944
<u>Gould</u> 206		<u>Whitlock</u> 496	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Beiser-Fletcher</u> 311		
		<u>Healy</u> 027	<u>Davis</u> 666	
	<u>Means</u> 569			<u>Baker</u> 086
<u>Tyler</u> 885		<u>Hamilton</u> 411	<u>Stark</u> 006	<u>Smith</u> 291
	<u>Dubose</u> 099			<u>Cureton</u> 597
<u>Griggs</u> 423		<u>Johnson</u> 432	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u><b>Wilson</b></u> <b>544</b>				
<u><b>Nafius</b></u> <b>329</b>		<u><b>Mehlhoff</b></u> <b>893</b>		
<u><b>Hahn</b></u> <b>196</b>		<u><b>Vermeer</b></u> <b>972</b>		
<u><b>Michaelis</b></u> <b>187</b>	<u><b>McConnell</b></u> <b>680</b>	<u><b>Larson</b></u> <b>739</b>	<u><b>Mayer</b></u> <b>085</b>	
<u><b>Yarnall</b></u> <b>860</b>		<u><b>Hallum</b></u> <b>930</b>		
<u><b>Bennett</b></u> <b>853</b>	<u><b>Vitale</b></u> <b>861</b>	_____	_____	
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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 - Togglier 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 cntry 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 #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

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

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

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
TOG	Murphy, Joseph A., S/Sgt
ENG	Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
RO	Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, James C., Sgt
BT	Richkind, Max, Sgt
WG	Eggink, James H., Sgt

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

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Draves, John J., 2Lt
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

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

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
BOM	Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG	Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
BT	Schley, John G., S/Sgt
RO	Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
TG	Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
RWG	Ferris, James H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102680 *(No Name)***

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
BOM	Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
WG	Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
RO	Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 *(No Name)***

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)**

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Markos, Costa, 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby**

P	Baker, John M., 1Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt
ENG	Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt
TG	Peters, Archie D., S/Sgt
RO	Cottrell, Thomas B., Sgt
BT	Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
WG	Reichmann, Fred P., S/Sgt

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

P	Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Cathey, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt



## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

P	Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
CP	Robertson, William III, 2Lt
NAV	Rice, John E., 2Lt
BOM	DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
ENG	Paul, George E., S/Sgt
RO	Bortolotti, Barney C., T/Sgt
BT	Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
TG	Watson, James R., Pvt
WG	Sanson, Harry R., Sgt

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

P	Gould, Graham C., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

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

P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltensboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislav B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
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., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Toore, Antone, Cpl

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

P	Crozier, Harry J., 1Lt
CP	Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
NAV	Carey, William D., 1Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 1Lt
ENG	Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG	Stumpff, George W., Sgt
WG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt
WG	Dolan, William J., 2Lt

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
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 #42-97058 *Scorchy II***

P	Morgan, William D., 1Lt
P	Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Nielsen, Carl V., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
ENG	Hayes, Theron M., T/Sgt
RO	Stemmle, Edward C., T/Sgt
BT	Lloyd, Stanley W., S/Sgt
TG	Caperton, James R., S/Sgt
WG	Gross, James J., S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-107196 *Temptress***

P	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
WG	Lusk, Robert F., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37930 *(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	Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

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

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt

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

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 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

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

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P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

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

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P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time***

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P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Schuknecht, Frederick R., Capt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carll L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Means, Wilford T., 1Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

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

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt
BT	Smith, J.H., Sgt
RO	Hitchcock, Robert H., Sgt
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

P	Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Johnson, O.D., Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
TG	Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
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., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

P	Beiser, Theodore R., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, John E., 1Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloyius R., 1Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Latta, Charles W., S/Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., Sgt
TG	Brackey, Carroll H., S/Sgt
WG	Haines, James W., S/Sgt

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

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

P	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
CP	Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
NAV	Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT	Cavagnol, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., T/Sgt
RO	Islava, Joseph O., Sgt
TG	Burr, Perry H., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Leonard C., S/Sgt

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

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

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

P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
BOM	Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
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

(Abortive)



## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 221

6 August 1944

Target: Aero Engine Works, Genshagen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 & 38 x 100 lb M47A1 Incendiary

Bombing Altitude: 26,210, 26,650 & 25,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 75 rounds

**T**hirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s, including two 303BG PFF aircraft, took off to bomb Genshagen. The secondary target, in the event PFF bombing was required, was Berlin.

Thirty-six Fortresses dropped 987 100-lb. incendiary M47A1 and 118 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs. Bombing was done visually in this very successful attack. The bombs rained down, causing huge fires. Other fires could be seen from Hamburg to Berlin. Photos indicated that the lead Group hit over and the high and low Groups hit on their assigned target areas. One aircraft, #43-37666 *Full House*, 427BS (Lt. **Heil**), jettisoned its bombs before reaching the target due to mechanical problems. The aircraft completed the trip.



Ground Crew of B-17G #42-97893  
Minnie the Moocher 360BS (PU-M)

(L-R) Norman J. Tressler, Burt R. Gee,  
David C. Kurtz, Doal L. Yocum, Jr. (Crew Chief)

There were no clouds in the target area. Visibility was about 10 miles in haze. Smoke from previous bombings made it hard to pick up the assigned MPis. Weather had no effect on the mission.

Anti-aircraft fire was moderate and fairly accurate at the target, but was only observed at other places. One aircraft sustained major and five, minor damage. Lt. Col. **Lyle** and navigator Lt. **Lundy** did a good job in taking the attacking Forts around the heavily defended areas. Chaff had some beneficial effect.

Some five to fifteen enemy aircraft, including some ME-163 jets, were seen near Hamburg, just before the IP and in the target area. There were no attacks on the 303rd BG(H) as a

result of the excellent fighter support. Crews observed seven P-51s shooting down enemy aircraft.

Aircraft #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*, (Lt. **Goss**) landed at Foulsham. Others returned to Molesworth. There were no casualties.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Johnson-Lyle</u> 994 - PFF			
		<u>Chance</u> 183		<u>Reed</u> 691 - PFF	
	<u>Altman</u> 781			<u>Brown</u> 569	
<u>McDavid</u> 050		<u>Lorentz</u> 830		<u>Griggs</u> 423	<u>Heil</u> 666
	<u>Baltes</u> 206			<u>Whitlock</u> 537	
<u>Mainwaring</u> 076		<u>Akers</u> 309	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Litman</u> 838			
		<u>Freeland</u> 085		<u>McConnell</u> 972	
	<u>Lojewski</u> 484			<u>Cook</u> 595	
<u>Larson</u> 298		<u>Mayer</u> 291		<u>Caplinger</u> 432	<u>Healy</u> 597
	<u>Paullin</u> 086			<u>Goss</u> 885	
<u>Smith</u> 316		<u>Cathey</u> 7875	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Wilson</u> 544		
		<u>Hobbs</u> 060	<u>Bennett</u> 841	
	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 340		<u>Newton</u> 099	
<u>Vitale</u> 329		<u>Connelly</u> 9875	<u>Cureton</u> 027	<u>Davis</u> 411
	<u>Baehr</u> 930		<u>Michaelis</u> 177	
<u>Crawford</u> 124		<u>Hallum</u> 893		
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**WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD CREW - 360th BS**

Preparing for combat mission 6 August 1944, Mission #221 to Genshagen, Germany.  
B-17G (No name) #44-6124 (360BS) PU-B



## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby***

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

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

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
BOM	Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
WG	Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
RO	Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

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

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Draves, John J., 2Lt
BOM	Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6316 (No Name)**

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b>			
CMP - Command Pilot	TOG - Togglier	VI - Voice Interpreter	DOW - Died of wounds
P - Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	OBS - Observer	EVD - Evaded the enemy
CP - Co-Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	PAS - Passenger	INT - Interned in neu cntry
NAV - Navigator	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	NG - Nose Gunner	<b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b>	RES - Rescued
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RG - Radio Gunner		ESC - Escaped
ENG - Engineer	WG - Waist Gunner		BO - Bailed out
BOM - Bombardier	LWG - Left Waist Gunner		DCH - Ditched
RO - Radio Operator	RWG - Right Waist Gunner		CR-L - Crashed on land
	GUN - Gunner	POW - Prisoner of war	CR-S - Crashed at sea

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

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Cathey, John L., 2Lt
CP	Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt

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

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel***

P	Lojewski, Telesphor, 1Lt
CP	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt
ENG	Wagner, William H., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, S/Sgt
BT	Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt
WG	Naylor, Richard G., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97085 *(No Name)***

P	Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
CP	Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV	Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
ENG	Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG	Moran, George J., Sgt
RO	Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG	Dyszal, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 *(No Name)***

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick***

P	Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt
CP	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 1Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., T/Sgt
WG	Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt
RO	Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt
BT	Gibbs, Paul M., S/Sgt
TG	Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt
PHO	Zaphiriou, James G., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

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

P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltlenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislav B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
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., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Torre, Leo A., Cpl

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

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
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



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

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

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P Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt  
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O  
NAV Reid, George E., 1Lt  
BOM Day, Dean K., 1Lt  
ENG O'Leary, Dan R., S/Sgt  
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt  
BT Gray, William W., S/Sgt  
TG Mulstein, John E., Sgt  
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt

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

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P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt  
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt  
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt  
TOG Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt  
ENG Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt  
RO Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt  
BT Saam, Donal W., Sgt  
TG Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt  
WG Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97691 - PFF**

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P Reed, John W., 1Lt  
CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt  
NAV Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt  
NAV Garrett, Robert M., Lt  
BOM Hoover, William L., 1Lt  
ENG Colley, Smith K., T/Sgt  
RO Stemmle, Edward C., T/Sgt  
TG Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt  
WG Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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	Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 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 #42-37841 *Banshee***

P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time***

P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt

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

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

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Herbert L., T/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6124 *(No Name)***

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

P	Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 1Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO	Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
WG	Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

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

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

<b>B-17G #42-102411 <i>Miss Lace</i></b>	
P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt
BT	Price, John B., Sgt
RO	Hitchcock, Robert H., Sgt
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

<b>B-17G #42-32027 <i>Betty Jane</i></b>	
P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

<b>B-17G #42-31423 <i>Jigger Rooche</i></b>	
P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

<b>B-17G #43-37597 <i>Earthquake McGoon</i></b>	
P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
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>B-17G #42-102595 <i>Little Tush</i></b>	
P	Cook, Harry S., 2Lt
CP	Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt
NAV	Page, Ralph E., 2Lt
BOM	Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt
TT	Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt
BT	Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt
TG	Smalley, John L., Sgt
WG	Duggan, William W., Sgt

<b>B-17G #42-102569 <i>Miss Lace</i></b>	
P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG	Flitcroft, Joseph F., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
TG	Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt

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

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97994 - PFF**

P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol
NAV	Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjoh M., 1Lt
NAV	Neilsen, Carl V., 1Lt
TT	Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., S/Sgt
WG	Conlan, Thomas J., T/Sgt
TG	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 222

7 August 1944

Target: Airfield at Chartres, France

Fuel Depot at St. Ouen, France

Crews Dispatched: 37

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P., 20 x 250 lb G.P., & 38 x 100 lb G.P.

Bombing Altitudes: 26,810, 27,650 & 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 200 rounds

Only the low Group bombed the primary target in the St. Ouen area of Paris. Clouds obscured the primary target, so the lead and high Groups bombed the Chartres, France, airfield — one of the assigned secondary targets. The lead Group dropped 150 500-lb. G.P. bombs, the high Group dropped 198 250-lb. G.P. bombs, and the low Group dropped 456 100-lb. G.P. bombs. The high Group had fair results, and the lead and low Groups, poor results. Two 359BS aircraft failed to drop bombs: #42-31183, *Bad Penny* 359BS (Lt. **McDavid**) - Due to bomb rack failure, the bombs could not be released; #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*, 359BS (Lt. **Walker**) - The salvo and selector switch were turned off in error.



**Flying Bison Ground Crew**

**B-17G #42-37875 427BS (GN-A)**

(L-R) Arnold A. Wedlund, Herman F. Hooper,  
Allen W. Wheeler, Nelson J. Brown

In the general target area, there were 2/10 to 4/10 low clouds. Visibility was 10 to 12 miles in haze. The primary targets of the lead and high Groups were cloud-covered, so they couldn't be bombed. The target of the low Group was open, but closed in as the bombs were dropped. No enemy aircraft were seen and friendly support was good. Anti-aircraft fire was reported as: Lead Group - Meager and accurate at the enemy coast going in, meager and inaccurate at Paris and Chartres. Damaged aircraft: two major and five minor; Low Group - Intense and fairly accurate at Paris, moderate and fairly accurate at St. Digier, meager and inaccurate southeast of Caen. Damaged aircraft: five major and five minor; High Group: Moderate and inaccurate at Paris, moderate and accurate at Chartres. Damaged aircraft: two major and five minor.

All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth with no casualties.



## **PARIS, FRANCE**

**from the book "25 Milk Runs" by Richard R. "Dick" Johnson**

Today's mission would target a large fuel storage area in an area inside the city limits of Paris, almost on the banks of the Seine river in the St. Ouen section of the city. My diary reads: "Paris, France (St. Ouen). Flak really rough. They tracked us all the way. I was luckier than most as I only got a few holes. Target CAVU except for haze. Carried 38, 100 pound bombs. Over enemy territory two hours and five minutes.

I was flying in the number two opposition on the right wing of the lead plane. My new co-pilot for today was 2nd Lt. G.C. Lawrenson and we were flying A/C number 42-102569 which had no nose art. Thirteen airplanes were able to bomb this target while the rest went to Chartres, France to bomb the airfield there as a target of opportunity. From our bombing altitude of 25,000 feet the visibility was fair, with the target being obscured for a time with a thin layer of clouds. Another group from our wing turned in front of us at our altitude, giving us some violent prop wash. Even so, twelve of our thirteen aircraft bombed the primary target, but with only fair results. The new airplane being flown by Lt. Walker in the number four position didn't bomb, because the bombardier failed to turn on the selector and salvo switches. They brought their thirty-eight bombs back to base. Of course, there was a salvo switch at the bombardier's station as well as one in the pilot's position. The bombs could be dropped at any time from either location, armed or unarmed, but even a half second delay would cause that plane's bombs to overshoot the target by several hundred feet and possible killing a great many French civilians.

We were in a ticklish situation where we had to be extremely careful not to bomb built up areas in occupied France. We knew that we would occasionally kill non-combatants in occupied countries, but we always tried to avoid this.

The bombs that we dropped had no nose fuses and had a one-fortieth second fuse in the tail to give them instantaneous ignition. We were carrying two thousand gallons of gas for this five hour and forty-five minute mission.

There was intense flak throughout our seven minute bomb run, and just after bombs away it became very accurate until we took evasive turns. The German gunners were slow in getting our range while on the bomb run, and by the time they got us in their sights the bombs dropped and we turned away to foil their two and a half kilometer sighting lead. Of the thirteen planes in our low group, only three escaped damage. We had five planes with major damage and five, including mine, with minor damage.

Most of my new crews had a very exciting start to their combat tours. We were reminded of Winston Churchill's words from an earlier time of the Boer war: "Nothing is quite so exhilarating as being shot at and missed."

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Casello</u> 629		
		<u>Mehlhoff</u> 544	<u>Michaelis</u> 841	
	<u>Francis</u> 340		<u>Baltes</u> 537	
<u>Mosel</u> 861		<u>Hallum</u> 853	<u>Gould</u> 050	<u>Mainwaring</u> 7875
	<u>Baehr</u> 124		<u>Cureton</u> 027	
<u>Connelly</u> 930		<u>Hobbs</u> 893		



(no name) #43-37629 (360BS) PU-A  
41st CBW-C (360BS) - Pilot Maj J.J. Casello / CoPilot 1Lt B.C. Fontana

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Benham</u> 838		
		<u>Stark</u> 9875	<u>Cathey</u> 060	
	<u>Vermeer</u> 972		<u>Eldridge</u> 484	
<u>Goss</u> 298		<u>Smith</u> 291	_____	<u>McDavid</u> 183
	<u>Paullin</u> 316		_____	
<u>Mayer</u> 085		<u>McConnell</u> 086	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Flesh-Flowers</u> 311		
		<u>Healy</u> 595	<u>Johnson</u> 569	
	<u>Means</u> 281		<u>Walker</u> 309	
<u>Caplinger</u> 432		<u>Bliss</u> 666	<u>Chance</u> 206	<u>Whitlock</u> 076
	<u>Brown</u> 099		<u>Smithy</u> 944	
<u>Griggs</u> 423		<u>Drewry</u> 411	_____	_____
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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 - Togglier 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	DOW - Died of wounds EVD - Evaded the enemy INT - Interned in neu cntry REP - Repatriated RES - Rescued ESC - Escaped BO - Bailed out DCH - Ditched CR-L - Crashed on land CR-S - Crashed at sea
		<b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war	



## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-6316 (No Name)**

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

### **B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby***

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
BOM	Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
WG	Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
RO	Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)**

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)**

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

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

P	Cathey, John L., 2Lt
CP	Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt
ENG	Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
BT	Schley, John G., S/Sgt
RO	Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
TG	Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
RWG	Ferris, James H., Sgt

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

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

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

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
TOG	Mikola, Robert, Sgt
ENG	Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
RO	Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, James C., Sgt
BT	Richkind, Max, Sgt
WG	Eggink, James H., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick***

P	Benham, Phillip O., 1Lt
CP	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 1Lt
ENG	Van Drunen, Cornelius, T/Sgt
RO	Downs, Reginald, T/Sgt
TG	Dellinger, Lenoir E., S/Sgt
BT	Hill, Reginald L., S/Sgt
WG	Bonenberger, Robert E., S/Sgt
PHO	Frederick, Lee, S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Gould, Graham C., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

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

P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Gilttenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislav B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
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., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Torre, Leo A., Cpl

### **B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel***

P	Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
CP	Sheehan, Daniel J., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Durkin, James A., 2Lt
BOM	O'Neill, Owen H., 1Lt
ENG	Barnes, Frederick E., S/Sgt
RO	Rowlett, Samuel A., S/Sgt
BT	Strong, Ralph T., Cpl
TG	Panos, Andrew T., Cpl
WG	Wesley, LaFon, Sgt

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

P	Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 1Lt
BOM	Beers, Donald B., 2Lt
ENG	Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt
RO	Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT	Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
TG	Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG	Mathis, Henry C., Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

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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	Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Herbert L., T/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

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P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 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 #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

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P	Francis, John R., 1Lt
CP	Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 1Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO	Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
WG	Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6124 *(No Name)***

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P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG	Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time***

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P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Duros, Constantine J., 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

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

P	Mosel, Arnold, 2Lt
CP	Freeman, Kenneth H., 2Lt
NAV	Strangohr, Bruce C., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., S/Sgt
BT	Crawford, Frank J., Sgt
TG	Bialobrzieski, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)**

P	Casello, John J., Maj
CP	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 1Lt
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., T/Sgt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., T/Sgt
TG	Cooter, William M., 2Lt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., S/Sgt
WG	Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
OBS	Krogh, Kenneth R., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
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., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG	Holen, Theodore J., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Means, Wilford T., 1Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., F/O
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

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

P	Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt
CP	Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
T	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Hitchcock, Robert H., Sgt
TG	Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt



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

### **B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush***

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
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 #43-37666 *Full House***

P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	O'Brien, William P., 2Lt
BOM	Johnson, O.D., S/Sgt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

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

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

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

P	Flesh, William R., 1Lt
CP	Flowers, Selwyn D., 2Lt
NAV	Curley, Walter A., 1Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., S/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., T/Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., Sgt
WG	Soltero, John, S/Sgt

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 225

11 August 1944

Target: Tactical Ground Support Mission, Brest, France

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 or 6 x 1,000 lb G.P. M44 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 26,300 & 25,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**F**lying Fortresses took off with heavy bombs in an attempt to silence the enemy coastal batteries near Brest, France. The targets were:

**Lead:** Fort De Mengant and a radio station

**Low:** Installations near Fort du Petit Minou

**High:** Fort du Petit Minou and light coastal batteries

One aircraft returned early, #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 359BS (Lt. **Freeland**). The No. 4 prop ran away.

In the target area there were 1/10 scattered low clouds. Visibility was 15 to 20 miles in haze. Thirty-six aircraft bombed their assigned primary targets, dropping a total of 284 500-lb. G.P. M43 and 72 1,000-lb. G.P. M44 bombs from 26,500, 26,300, and 25,500 ft. Bomb results were:

**Lead:** The radio station and protective sea wall was broken in two places. Two hits on a heavy flak battery.

**Low:** The exact MPI was surrounded by near misses on three sides. The bulk of the pattern was in a small group of buildings.

**High:** Two hits on the fort, three hits near barracks buildings, and hits on two roads leading to the fort and one road to the beach.



B-17G #42-97893 Minnie the Moocher 360BS (PU-M)

Two aircraft failed to bomb and brought bombs back. Friendly fighter support was poor — none were seen. Flak was meager and inaccurate at the target and no enemy aircraft were seen. There were no casualties and two B-17s sustained minor damage. All aircraft returned to Base.

#### Special Instructions from M/Gen Robert B. Williams, CG 1st Bomb Division:

In the event battle damage should make a crash landing or bail-out necessary, the following general recommendations are made: If conditions permit, try to crash-land or bail-out no closer to the main sea coast towns and coastal areas than 10 to 20 miles. If near the bomb line, the same distances towards the Allied side of the line should be attempted. It is felt that if the above recommendations are followed that there is a very high probability of landing in Allied hands.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Baltes</u> 691 - PFF		
		<u>McDavid</u> 206	<u>Virag</u> 183	
	<u>Walker</u> 496			<u>Shields</u> 861
<u>Jenkins</u> 830		<u>Akers</u> 309	<u>Bennett</u> 841	<u>Vitale</u> 853
	<u>Whitlock</u> 483			<u>Gould</u> 050
<u>Lorentz</u> 944		<u>Brabant</u> 076	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Flesh-Flowers</u> 994 - PFF		
		<u>Newton</u> 432	<u>Griggs</u> 597	
	<u>Means</u> 595			<u>Mosel</u> 124
<u>Bliss</u> 666		<u>Drewry</u> 027	<u>Foley</u> 860	<u>Michaelis</u> 187
	<u>Brown</u> 569			<u>Healy</u> 7875
<u>Clark</u> 885		<u>Dubose</u> 9875	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Rosser-McNamara</u></b>					
<b>007 - PFF</b>					
		<b><u>Freeland</u></b>		<b><u>Helms</u></b>	
		<b>177</b>		<b>680</b>	
	<b><u>Lee</u></b>			<b><u>Yarnall</u></b>	
	<b>065</b>			<b>340</b>	
<b><u>Stark</u></b>		<b><u>White</u></b>		<b><u>Connelly</u></b>	<b><u>Mehlhoff</u></b>
<b>972</b>		<b>739</b>		<b>893</b>	<b>329</b>
	<b><u>Larson</u></b>			<b><u>Crawford</u></b>	
	<b>085</b>			<b>930</b>	
<b><u>Goss</u></b>		<b><u>Smith</u></b>			
<b>086</b>		<b>291</b>			
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### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)**

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

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

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
BOM	Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt
ENG	Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
RO	Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, James C., Sgt
BT	Richkind, Max, Sgt
WG	Eggink, James H., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby**

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)**

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Draves, John J., 2Lt
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8007 - PFF (384BG)**

P	Rosser, Samuel E., 1Lt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Wilson, Claud, Jr., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
WG	Foster, William D., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)**

P	Helms, John R., 2Lt
CP	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
ENG	Ham, William J., T/Sgt
WG	Munn, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
BT	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
TG	Oss, Frank E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

P	Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
CP	Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV	Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
ENG	Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG	Moran, George J., Sgt
RO	Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG	Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

(Abortive)

### **B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

P	Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV	Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM	Wolf, Lawrence M., 2Lt
ENG	Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt
WG	Olive, Martin, Sgt
RO	Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Newman, Gerald D., Sgt
BT	Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt



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## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P	Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 1Lt
BOM	McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	See, Cecil J., T/Sgt
RO	Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT	Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
TG	Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG	Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
TOG	Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

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

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

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

### **B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B***

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P	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

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P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

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P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Harrison, Hertz, 2Lt
BOM	Rhyne, John C., Jr., 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	Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97691 - PFF**

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P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt
NAV	Carey, William D., 1Lt
BOM	Nance, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Clark, J.G., 1Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph T/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	O'Neill, Owen H., 1Lt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

P	Vitale, Hector F., 1Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

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

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Tibbetts, Arthur P., T/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	Gordley, Damon, S/Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 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 #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher***

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6124 *(No Name)***

P	Mosel, Arnold, 2Lt
CP	Freeman, Kenneth H., 2Lt
NAV	Strangohr, Bruce C., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., S/Sgt
BT	Crawford, Frank J., Sgt
TG	Bialobrzieski, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., Sgt
OBS	Flemmons, James C., 1Lt

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

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

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## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

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

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

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

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
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., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

P	Means, Wilford T., 1Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

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

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

P	Clark, Henry C., 2Lt
CP	Vesy, Gilbert P., 2Lt
NAV	Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt
BOM	Brosius, Earl E., F/O
TT	Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt
BT	Sikora, Charles A., Jr., Sgt
RO	Roswal, Frederick, S/Sgt
TG	Bjorn, Edwin W., Sgt
WG	Cruttenden, Cyrus S., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

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

### **B-17G #42-97994 - PFF**

P	Flesh, William R., 1Lt
CP	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
NAV	Coffey, John B., 1Lt
MN	Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt
BOM	Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., S/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., S/Sgt
WG	Wallrobenstein, Harry, Sgt

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

P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)



## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 226

12 August 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yards, Metz, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

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

Bombing Altitude: 21,000, 20,450 & 19,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**B**rigadier General Robert F. **Travis** led the Fortresses from Molesworth to a large scale attack on the Metz marshalling yards. A combination of good weather, good visibility, and good flying led to a tight concentration of bombs on the marshalling yards — and extensive damage. One B-17 returned early: #42-97972 (*No Name*), 359BS (Lt. **Freeland**), with internal failure of the No. 4 engine.

Thirty-eight aircraft dropped 456 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs. There were no clouds in the target area and visibility was 15 miles. The Group encountered no enemy aircraft. Friendly support was good. Anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate. Returning aircraft had no battle damage.

One Group B-17 was missing — #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 359BS (Lt. **Cathey**). It was last seen circling an airfield southeast of Cherbourg, France, with its wheels down. The crew returned to Molesworth the next day



**GARETH G. LEE CREW - 358th BS**

(crew assigned 358BS: 07 Jun 1944 - photo: June 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Gareth G. Lee (P), F/O William E. Bowman (CP),

2Lt Charles D. Townsend (B), 2Lt Morris Sweig (N)

(Front L-R) Sgt Joseph D. Grundon, S/Sgt Victor H. Leimgruebler, Sgt James E. Adkinson,

Sgt Anthony Medici, Sgt Martin Olive, Sgt Gerald D. Newman

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Casello-Travis</u> 629		
		<u>Bennett</u> 329	<u>Crawford</u> 841	
	<u>Nafius</u> 805			<u>Riseden</u> 680
<u>Michaelis</u> 860		<u>Foley</u> 853	<u>Cathey</u> 177	<u>Whittall</u> 739
	<u>Yarnall</u> 861			<u>Atwell</u> 124
<u>Mehlhoff</u> 930		<u>Connelly</u> 893	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Eisenhart-Whitlock</u> 484		
		<u>Mowrey</u> 483	<u>Akers</u> 309	
	<u>Walker</u> 781			<u>Lee</u> 065
<u>Virag</u> 496		<u>Gould</u> 050	<u>Smithy</u> 291	<u>Freeland</u> 972
	<u>Brabant</u> 076			<u>Jenkins</u> 830
<u>McDavid</u> 206		<u>Chance</u> 944	_____	_____
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One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:  
Lt. Freeland in 972

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Flowers-Fletcher</u></b> 281					
<b><u>Healy</u></b> 060		<b><u>Caplinger</u></b> 027			
<b><u>Brown</u></b> 166		<b><u>Larson</u></b> 086			
<b><u>Davis</u></b> 423	<b><u>Newton</u></b> 411		<b><u>Mayer</u></b> 183		<b><u>Goss</u></b> 569
<b><u>Bliss</u></b> 666		<b><u>Griggs</u></b> 595			
<b><u>Duncan</u></b> 432	<b><u>Clark</u></b> 597		_____		_____
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 (*No Name*)**

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby***

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Draves, John J., 2Lt
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

P	Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV	Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM	Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt
ENG	Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt
WG	Olive, Martin, Sgt
RO	Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Newman, Gerald D., Sgt
BT	Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102680 (*No Name*)**

P	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, S/Sgt
WG	Munn, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
BT	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
TG	Oss, Frank E., S/Sgt



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

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

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P	Cathey, John L., 2Lt
CP	Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt

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

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P	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Hugh B., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
BT	Blinebury, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt
WG	Beck, Harold P., Sgt
TG	Reimche, George K., Sgt

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

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P	Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
CP	Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV	Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
BOM	Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
ENG	Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG	Moran, George J., Sgt
RO	Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG	Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

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## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

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

P	Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 1Lt
BOM	McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	Pordham, Jack F., T/Sgt
RO	Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT	Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
TG	Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG	Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
TOG	Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	Harrison, Hertz, 2Lt
BOM	Rhyne, John C., Jr., 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	Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

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

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

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
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., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Torre, Leo A., Cpl

### **B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B***

P	Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
CP	Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Beers, Donald B., 2Lt
ENG	Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG	Stumpff, George W., Sgt
WG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel***

P	Eisenhart, William E., Capt
CP	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
NAV	Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
ENG	Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt
RO	Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt
BT	Leonard, Joseph P., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt
WG	Vanlandingham, John C., S/Sgt
PHO	Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 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	Gordley, Damon, S/Sgt

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

P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

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

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 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 #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher***

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

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

P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

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

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6124 (No Name)**

P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
ENG	Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO	Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
WG	Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)**

P	Casello, John J., Maj
CP	Travis, Robert F., Gen
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 1Lt
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., 1Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., T/Sgt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., T/Sgt
TG	Krogh, Kenneth R., S/Sgt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., S/Sgt
WG	Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
PAS	Cohl, Jules R., 1Lt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

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

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
BOM	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
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., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

P	Clark, Henry C., 2Lt
CP	Vesy, Gilbert P., 2Lt
NAV	Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt
BOM	Brosius, Earl E., F/O
TT	Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt
BT	Sikora, Charles A., Jr., Sgt
RO	Roswal, Frederick, S/Sgt
TG	Bjorn, Edwin W., Sgt
WG	Cruttenden, Cyrus S., Sgt

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., F/O
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

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

P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Sutton, Marvin A., Sgt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

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

**B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

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P	Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG	Holen, Theodore J., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

**B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

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P	Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

**B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

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P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO	Gorman, Eugene R., Sgt
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, John E., 1Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt
BT	McCormick, Lewis J., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., Sgt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 228

14 August 1944

Target: Airfield at Stuttgart Echterdingen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43, 10 x 500 lb G.P. RDX &  
10 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,600, 24,800 & 23,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**A**n oilfield at Stuttgart was hit as the bombers continued their fight against the Luftwaffe. No aircraft returned early.

In the target area there were 5/10 low clouds with tops reaching to 6,000 ft. Air-to-ground visibility was 10 miles. Most of the bomb run, from 25,600, 24,800, and 23,000 ft., was made by PFF navigational equipment. The clouds broke over the target, however, making visual bombing possible. Group Fortresses dropped 198 500-lb. G.P. M43, 180 500-lb. M17 incendiaries, and 60 500-lb. G.P. RDX bombs with good results.

One crew reported seeing two ME-210s in the distance. There were no attacks on the 303rd BG(H). As the formation approached the target, an intense flak barrage went up, but there was no fire while the Group was over the target. As it left the target, another barrage came up. Three aircraft sustained minor damage. Friendly fighter support was good.



Nose Art on B-17G Little Tush #42-102595 427BS GN-L

All aircraft returned to Molesworth. One B-17 had an accident while taxiing after landing and two airmen were injured. 2Lt. A.O. **Caplinger**, in #42-102595 *Little Tush*, 427BS completed his landing and was taxiing to his dispersal area. He accidentally turned his manual emergency hydraulic switch to the off position, with the resultant loss of aircraft hydraulic pressure. While approaching the "S" turn in the perimeter as it passed between the control tower and hanger, the brakes failed. He narrowly missed the control tower but hit the

hanger door with the right wing. The 35 mph impact turned the aircraft 180 degrees and tore the outer panel of the wing completely off.



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Mackin - Rosser</u> 691-PFF		
	<u>Whittall-McCutcheon</u> 027		<u>Freeland</u> 9875	
	<u>Lee</u> 065		<u>Yarnall</u> 861	
<u>Charnick</u> 085		<u>Johnson</u> 076	<u>Kuykendall</u> 853	<u>Juns</u> 893
	<u>Paullin</u> 086		<u>Smithy</u> 291	
<u>White</u> 680		<u>Goss</u> 972	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Flowers-Harris</u> 281		
		<u>Duncan</u> 885	<u>Davis</u> 7875	
	<u>Brown</u> 311		<u>Baehr</u> 187	
<u>Caplinger</u> 595		<u>Drewry</u> 411	<u>Hobbs</u> 124	<u>Atwell</u> 841
	<u>Bliss</u> 666		<u>Cureton</u> 569	
<u>Eisenwinter</u> 432		<u>Newton</u> 597	_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Moreman-Eldridge</u></b> 484				
	<b><u>Virag</u></b> 183		<b><u>Hillary</u></b> 050	
	<b><u>Baltes</u></b> 781			<b><u>Shields</u></b> 340
<b><u>McDavid</u></b> 944		<b><u>Jenkins</u></b> 830		<b><u>Crawford</u></b> 860
	<b><u>Brabant</u></b> 483			<b><u>Lorentz</u></b> 206
<b><u>Mainwaring</u></b> 496		<b><u>Akers</u></b> 309	_____	_____
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### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></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 - Togglier 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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></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 cntry 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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde***

P	Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
CP	Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV	Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
ENG	Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG	Moran, George J., Sgt
RO	Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG	Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

P	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
CP	McCutcheon, George E., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Kiesel, Frederic T., 2Lt
ENG	Burcham, John O., S/Sgt
BT	Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
WG	Aberdeen, James E., Sgt
TG	Kinsman, George R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)**

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

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)**

P	Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt
TOG	Bohannon, Jackson R., 2Lt
ENG	Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt
WG	Herod, Francis G., Sgt
RO	Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt
BT	Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

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

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)**

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

P	Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV	Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 2Lt
ENG	Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt
WG	Olive, Martin, Sgt
RO	Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Newman, Gerald D., Sgt
BT	Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

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

### **B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby***

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

### **B-17G #42-97691 - PFF**

P	Mackin, George T., Maj
CP	Rosser, Samuel E., 1Lt
NAV	Steely, Hobart H., Capt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Ledbetter, Lamar E., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
WG	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

### **B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM	Rhyne, John C., Jr., 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	Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

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

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltlenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislav B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
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 #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt



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

### **B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B***

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
BOM	Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hodge, Dana A., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., S/Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., S/Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
CP	Robertson, William III, 2Lt
NAV	Rice, John E., 2Lt
BOM	DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
ENG	Paul, George E., S/Sgt
RO	Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt
BT	Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
TG	Watson, James R., Pvt
WG	Schlottmann, Jerome D., T/Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	Payne, Charles R., Sgt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel***

P	Moreman, Robert, 1Lt
CP	Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
NAV	Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
BOM	Nance, George H., 1Lt
ENG	Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt
RO	Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt
BT	Leonard, Joseph L., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt
WG	Alexander, Ray, S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Cox, James D., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6124 (No Name)**

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Dennerle, Almo W., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Northam, James B., S/Sgt
WG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

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

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

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

### **B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

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

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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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 Ross, Milt I., Sgt  
WG Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

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P Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt  
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt  
NAV Klein, Norman M., 2Lt  
BOM Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt  
ENG Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt  
BT Boone, Everett D., Sgt  
RO Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt  
TG Alexander, John P., Sgt  
WG Dubin, Martin M., Sgt

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

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

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

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

P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
T	Sutton, Marvin A., Sgt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO	Gorman, Eugene R., Sgt
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

P	Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Ross, Edward E., Sgt
WG	Merrill, Thomas, Sgt

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

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

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

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., F/O
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush***

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG	Holen, Theodore J., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

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

P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Harris, John R., F/O
NAV	Coffey, John B., 1Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., T/Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., Sgt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt



# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 229

15 August 1944

Airfield near Wiesbaden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crews Lost: 9 A/C, 23 KIA, 48 POW, 10 EVD

Crewmembers Lost or Wounded: 1 KIA, 2 WIA

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 46 minutes

Bomb Load: 4 x 1,000 lb G.P. M43

& 4 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,600, 25,500 & 24,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 50,050 rounds

**T**hirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s took off, flying as the 41st "B" CBW formation. Thirty-seven aircraft dropped a total of 147 1,000-lb. M43 and 146 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs on the primary target. Hits were made on one hangar with a near miss on another. The airfield landing ground sustained numerous hits, the entire area was blanketed by incendiary bombs. Three hits were made on a railroad line. Bombing was from 25,600, 25,500, and 24,900 ft.

Moderate to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered at the target, chiefly from Frankfurt. It was also observed from several other areas. Chaff had very little beneficial effect. Eleven aircraft returned with flak battle damage and three wounded airmen. From 25 to 40 enemy aircraft were reported. Claims were:

<b>Gunner Claims:</b>	<b>Destroyed 6, Probable 3, Damaged 0, Total 9</b>		
<b>Confirmed Claims:</b>	<b>information not available</b>		
T/Sgt Robert <b>Passenant</b> (944)	ME-109	Destroyed	Unknown
Sgt Robert <b>Kidd</b> (027)	ME-210	Destroyed	Unknown
Sgt Charles <b>Johnson</b> (875)	FW-190	Destroyed	Unknown
S/Sgt Andrew <b>Younger</b> (329)	FW-190	Destroyed	Unknown
S/Sgt Donald P. <b>Morin</b> (597)	FW-190	Destroyed	Unknown
1Lt James P. <b>Morrison</b> (065)	FW-190	Probable	Unknown
T/Sgt Willis E. <b>Varvil</b> (065)	FW-190	Destroyed	Unknown
T/Sgt Pete M. <b>Kalasky</b> (986)	FW-190	Probable	Unknown
Sgt Richard G. <b>Stevens</b> and S/Sgt John J. <b>Kuwik</b> (483)	FW-190	Probable	Unknown

At 1148 hours, about 45 miles from the target on the return journey, the formation was attacked by 20 to 25 German aircraft. Up to this time friendly fighter support had been good, but the fighters had left the bombers and were not in sight. The very intense and fast developing attack was centered on the low 358BS formation of 13 aircraft. The enemy aircraft, from high and rear of the low Group, attacked from out of the sun, giving no advance warning of their presence. Nine low Group aircraft were downed – seven from the 358BS and two from the 427BS. One of the four low Group surviving aircraft, #42-37875 *Flying Bison*, 427BS, piloted by 2Lt. Robert W. **Davis**, and in the No. 4 position in the high element of the low Group, reported:

Immediately after being warned by Tail Gunner Sgt. W.J. **Foley**, Lt. **Davis** began

violent evasive action. Two FW-190s engaged them, making one pass before disappearing. *Flying Bison* sustained numerous hits, causing Lt. **Davis** to lose altitude from 22,000 to 17,500 ft. and become separated from the rest of the formation. Fighting to get the aircraft back on an even keel, Lt. **Davis** began to take stock of his aircraft and crew. The Engineer, Sgt. R.D. **Hughes**, had been instantly killed by a 20mm cannon shell while flying in the waist gunner position. Radio Operator Sgt. E.R. **Gorman** was wounded in his right ankle and Tail Gunner Sgt. **Foley** in the leg and foot. The Navigator, Lt. G.L. **Lange**, and Bombardier, F/O F.W. **Bryan**, were sent back to the waist to administer first aid. Aircraft damage was very severe. The amplifiers and turbos were shot out, rudder controls were useless, the fuselage looked like a sieve, and the No. 4 engine was not functioning properly. The No. 4 propeller then ran away and was feathered. The engine was restarted, but began spurting oil and dropping pressure. It was again feathered for the remainder of the mission. To maintain the 17,500 ft. altitude, airspeed was dropped to 140 mph. The wounded were made as comfortable as possible. Friendly fighters were attracted by firing flares and provided escort for the return journey. Upon reaching the English Channel, Lt. **Davis**, struggling to maintain altitude, saw that they could reach England. He put the B-17 in a shallow dive that increased air speed to 185 mph while crossing the Channel at 15,500 ft. Upon reaching Molesworth, he notified the tower of his injured crewmen. The tower had Lt. **Davis** make two runway passes. With no rudders he made a long approach to a perfect landing. When the wheels touched the ground, he noticed that the left wheel tire was flat. Only with extremely keen judgment and control did he prevent further disaster. The aircraft was damaged to such an extent that no attempt was made at repairs. Parts were salvaged. Sgts. **Foley** and **Gorman** were hospitalized.



**ORIGINAL HARRY S. COOK CREW - 427th BS**

**(crew assigned 427BS: 22 June 1944)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Werner G. Warmuth (B), 2Lt Ralph E. Page (N), 2Lt Frederick H. Mason (CP),  
1Lt Harry S. Cook (P) - (Front L-R) Sgt William W. Duggan (WG), S/Sgt Forrest W. Howell (R),  
Sgt Robert F. Eaglehouse (BT), Sgt Clifford J. Fisher (WG),  
S/Sgt Joseph L. Slight (E), Sgt John L. Smalley (TG)

#42-102432 *Tiny Angel*, 427BS, piloted by 1Lt. Harry S. **Cook**, exploded and crashed near Malberg. Most of the crew parachuted. Lt. **Cook**, S/Sgt. Joseph L. **Slight**, and S/Sgt. Jess **Joyce** were killed. S/Sgt. **Slight** and S/Sgt. **Joyce** are buried in Lorraine American Cemetery near Moselle, France. 2Lt. Frederick H. **Mason**, 2Lt. Ralph E. **Page**, 2Lt. Werner G. **Warmuth**, S/Sgt. Forrest W. **Howell** were captured and became POWs. Sgt. John L. **Smalley's** leg was shot off. He was captured and then was repatriated.

S/Sgt. James D. **Cox**, togglier in #43-37930 (*No Name*), 360BS, was hospitalized for lacerations to the face and glass in his eyes. Incomplete reports by the returning crewmen made it difficult to determine the condition and circumstances of the lost aircraft. Some were reported as exploding in the air and others were seen going down in flames. Reports of parachutes were also confusing and inaccurate.



**ORIGINAL HENRY C. CLARK CREW - 427th BS**

(crew assigned 427BS: 04 July 1944 - photo: June 1944)

(Back L-R) S/Sgt Harold P. Scott (E), S/Sgt Frederick Roswal (R), Sgt Cyrus S. Cruttenden (WG),  
Sgt Charles A. Sikora, Jr. (BT), Sgt Robert L. Schlotterbeck (WG), Sgt Edwin W. Bjorn (TG)  
(Front L-R) 1Lt Henry C. Clark (P), 2Lt Gilbert P. Vesey (CP), 2Lt Ralph J. Davies (N), F/O Earl E. Brosius (B)

#42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*, 427BS, piloted by 1Lt. Henry C. **Clark**, was shot down 8 km northeast of Bitburg at Bickenforf and exploded. Lt. **Clark**, 2Lt. Gilbert P. **Vesey**, 2Lt. Ralph J. **Davies**, F/O Earl E. **Brosius**, S/Sgt. Harold P. **Scott** and S/Sgt. Frederick **Roswal** were killed. Lt. **Clark**, Lt. **Vesey**, Lt. **Davies** and F/O **Brosius** are buried in Lorraine American Cemetery near Moselle, France. Sgt. Charles A. **Sikora**, Jr., Sgt. Cyrus S. **Cruttenden** and Sgt. Edwin W. **Bjorn** were captured and taken prisoner.



**ORIGINAL LAWRENCE J. STEIN CREW - 358th BS**

**(crew assigned 358BS: 13 June 1944 - photo: crew training in Sioux City, IA)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Lawrence J. Stein (P), 2Lt Jack W. Riseden (CP), 2Lt Bernard J. Larkworthy (N),  
2Lt Earl W. Carlross (B) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Clarence J. Williams (TG),  
T/Sgt Fred R. Meyer (R), S/Sgt Arlie E. Winn (WG), T/Sgt Harry R. Card (E),  
S/Sgt William P. Truesdell (BT), S/Sgt Manley E. Grissom (WG)



*Fearless Fosdick Nose Art*

The lead aircraft, #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick*, 358BS, piloted by Capt. Arnold S. **Litman** and Lawrence J. **Stein**, was observed going down in flames. No parachutes were seen. It crash landed near Wittlich, Germany. A 20mm shell exploded in Bombardier 2Lt. Lawrence M. **Wolf's** back. He immediately lost consciousness and died within 10 minutes. 1Lt. Wayne E. **Krouskup**, navigator, tended him until he died. The Germans removed his body from the

B-17 after the landing. Lt. L.M. **Wolf** is buried in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, TX. Capt. **Litman**, 1Lt. Lawrence J. **Stein**, 1Lt. **Krouskup**, T/Sgt. Harry R. **Card**, T/Sgt. Fred R. **Meyer**, S/Sgt. Manley E. **Grissom** and S/Sgt. Clarence J. **Williams** were all managed to evade the enemy. S/Sgt. William P. **Truesdell** was captured and escaped two times. He returned to London 5 Sep 1944.

The right wing of #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*, 358BS, piloted by 2Lt. Oliver B. **Larson**, exploded and came off. The aircraft crashed at Seffern, Germany. 2Lt. John J. **Draves** was killed. Lt. **Larson**, 2Lt. George B. **Kersting**, S/Sgt. Robert E. **O'Connor**, S/Sgt. Donald F. **Mullaney**, Sgt. Charles R. **Sweeney**, Sgt. Huber D. **Holland** and Sgt.



*B-17G #42-6086 My Blonde Baby 358BS (VK-L)*

Norbert M. **Philson** were all captured and became prisoners. 2Lt. John M. **Gard** evaded the enemy and then was captured and taken prisoner.



**ORIGINAL ALFRED I. SMITH CREW - 358th BS**

**B-17G #42-102945 Sweet Pea (358BS) VK-M**

**(crew assigned 358BS: 14 July 1944)**

**(Back L-R) 2Lt Robert G. King (CP), 2Lt Stanley A. Kemp (B),**

**2Lt Alfred I. Smith (P), 2Lt Emerson Jones, Jr. (B)**

**(Front L-R) S/Sgt Richard A. Swanson (R), Sgt Jack D. Fischer (BT), S/Sgt Martin M. Harbarger (E),**

**Sgt Sam S. Bruno (TG), Sgt Harvey A. Fulp (WG), Sgt Edward Beres (WG)**

The crew bailed out of #44-6291 (*No Name*), 358BS, piloted by 2Lt. Alfred I. **Smith**. The aircraft crashed at Orsfield. 2Lt. Robert G. **King**, was captured and taken prisoner, but died on 20 August 1944. Sgt. Edward **Beres** and Sgt. Sam S. **Bruno** were killed. The three are buried in Luxembourg American Cemetery at Luxembourg City. Lt. **Smith**, 2Lt. Emerson **Jones**, Jr., 2Lt. Stanley A. **Kemp**, S/Sgt. Martin M. **Harbarger**, S/Sgt. Richard A. **Swanson** and Sgt. Jack D. **Fischer** were captured and taken prisoner.

#42-102680 (*No Name*), 358BS, piloted by 2Lt. John L. **Cathey**, exploded and some of the crew were spotted bailing out one km northwest of Rommersheim. Lt. **Cathey** reported that they were hit by an ME-109 fighter which set the No. 3 engine and gas tank on fire. Sgt. Arie **Moerman** was killed when he was hit by a 20mm shell. Lt. **Cathey**, 2Lt. Chad W. **Stephens**, 2Lt. Charles S. **Jackson**, 2Lt. Richard T. **Blomberg**, Jr., Sgt. Howard B. **Reichling** and Sgt. Nicholas R. **Raspa** were all captured and taken prisoner. Sgt. Lamar H. **Whittier** and Sgt. Bert C. **Nelson** managed to evade capture.

#42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*, 358BS, piloted by 2Lt. Samuel C. **Smithy**, was hit from the rear by FW-190s. The pilot tried to fly evasive action, gave the bailout order, and put the B-17 on automatic pilot. when fire was seen on the left wing, he bailed out. The co-pilot, Lt. Ernest P. **Boat**, flew the aircraft for another ten minutes before bailing out himself. The Fortress crashed and explode in the Koblenz, Germany, area near Adenau/Eifel. The crewmen in the rear of the aircraft, Sgt. Archie E. **Snoddy**, Sgt. Roman S. **Politylo**, Sgt.





**ORIGINAL SAMUEL C. SMITHY CREW - 358th BS**  
**B-17G Sweet Pea #42-102945 (VK-M)**

**(crew assigned 358BS: 15 July 1944 - photo: 31 July 1944)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Samuel C. Smithy (P), 2Lt E. Paul Boat (CP), 2Lt Lansing L. Joralemon (N), 2Lt Robert J. Klein (B)  
 (Front L-R) Sgt Juan A. Baso-Fontaneil (WG), Sgt Roman S. Politylo (WG), S/Sgt Raymond E. Fisher (E),  
 Sgt Leonard B. Feldman (WG), Sgt Archie E. Snoddy (R), Sgt Walter J. Bieranoski (TG)

Juan A. **Bazo-Fontaneil** and Sgt. Walter J. **Bieranoski**, were killed. Lt. **Smithy**, Lt. **Boat**, 2Lt. Lansing L. **Joralemon**, 2Lt. Robert J. **Klein**, and S/Sgt. Raymond E. **Fisher** became POWs after successful parachute jumps.

Four of the engines of #42-97085 (*No Name*), 358BS, piloted by 1Lt. Roman P. **Charnick**, were on fire and two parachutes were observed. The aircraft pulled straight up and exploded — scrap landed as far as 14 km northeast of Bitburg near Wittlich. Lt. **Charnick** and Sgt. Fred O. **Byrd** were killed. 2Lt. Leland H. **Satre**, 2Lt. Solomon **Goldfield**, S/Sgt. Paul P. **Carrissimo**, S/Sgt. Robert H. **Neidringhaus**, Sgt. Francis G. **Herod** and Sgt. Arthur W. **Schulz** were all captured and became prisoners. 2Lt. Lowell L. **Rickey** was able to evade the enemy and avoid capture.

Coming off the target, #42-31183, *Bad Penny*, 359BS, piloted by 2Lt. Arthur L. **Goss**, was the first 303rd BG(H) B-17 to be attacked by enemy fighters. *Bad Penny* exploded in mid-air. One burning wing crashed into Seinsfeld and set some farmhouses and barns on fire. 2Lt. Lester E. **Reuss** landed near Preist, Germany. He was caught in a tree by his chute and tried to unbuckle himself. Two unarmed German soldiers tried to help. A local Nazi party man arrived and shot Lt. **Reuss**. Two other civilians then beat him to death with a club and hammer. These three men were found guilty of murder at a war crimes trial and hanged on 29 June 1945. A "Landwacht" (Home Guard) man who watched the murder, was also sentenced to death, but his sentence was changed to life at hard labor. Sgt. Patsy **Rocco** bailed out safely, was captured and jailed at the Indenheim police post. The next day, while being transported to Bitburg, the escorting



**ORIGINAL ARTHUR L. GOSS CREW - 358th BS**

**(crew assigned 358BS: 25 July 1944 - photo: July 1944)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Malcolm M. Fouts (B), 2Lt Lester E. Reuss (N), 2Lt Harry J. Cook, Jr. (CP), 2Lt Arthur L. Goss (P)  
 (Front L-R) Sgt Roy M. Stevens (WG), Sgt James A. Earon (BT), Sgt Patsy Rocco (R),  
 Sgt Floyd Sprague (E), Sgt Norman A. Bunney (TG), Cpl Luther M. Mettauer (WG)

policeman shot and killed Sgt. **Rocco** for an uncertain reason. Witnesses claimed he was trying to escape. A war crimes trial in August, 1945, resulted in the policeman being sentenced to a life imprisonment, which was later reduced to two years. Lt. **Reuss** and Sgt. **Rocco** are buried in Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg City. Lt. **Goss**, 2Lt. Harry J. **Cook**, Jr., 2Lt. Malcolm M. **Fouts**, Sgt. Floyd A. **Sprague**, Sgt. James A. **Earon**, Sgt. Roy M. **Stevens** and Sgt. Norman A. **Bunney** were all captured and became POWs.

Only two of the nine 358BS aircraft in the low Group returned to Molesworth. Both were in the No. 3 low flight: #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2* (1Lt. **Vermeer**) and #42-97972 (*No Name*) (2Lt. **McCutcheon**). Two of the four 427BS aircraft in the #2 high flight escaped being destroyed in the enemy fighter attack: #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon* (1Lt. **Drewry**) and #42-37875, *Flying Bison* (2Lt. **Davis**).

**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 - Togglier 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 cntry 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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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u><b>Cole-Eldridge</b></u> 994 - PFF		
		<u><b>Mowrey</b></u> 944	<u><b>Hahn</b></u> 986	
	<u><b>Baltes</b></u> 076		<u><b>Brown</b></u> 411	
<u><b>Hillary</b></u> 050		<u><b>Virag</b></u> 206	<u><b>Cureton</b></u> 885	<u><b>Dubose</b></u> 027
	<u><b>Walker</b></u> 496		<u><b>Akers</b></u> 309	
<u><b>Mainwaring</b></u> 830		<u><b>Underdown</b></u> 483		

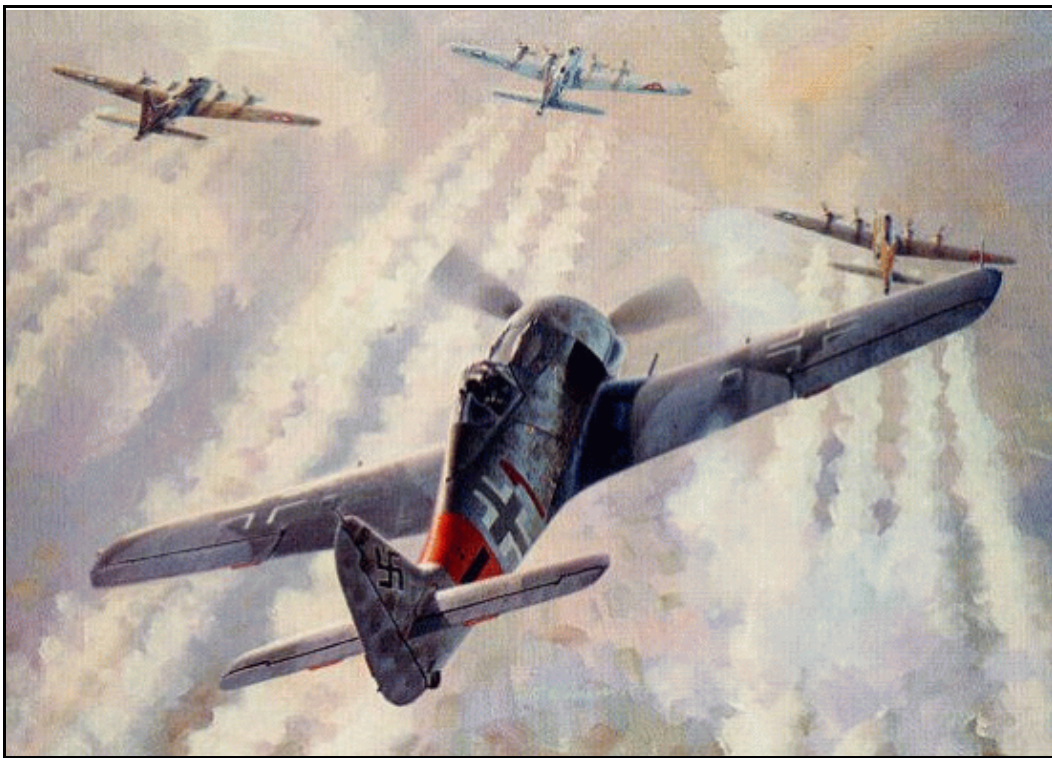


***Fortresses Under Fire by Keith Ferris (1975)***

75' x 25' oil mural at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, Washington, DC. Depicts the 70th mission of Thunderbird on 15 August 1944 to Wiesbaden, Germany. Thunderbird B-17G #42-38050 (359BS) BN-U [2Lt Jack R. Hillary Crew] Bonnie-B B-17G #42-31483 (359BS) BN-P [2Lt Sidney L. Underdown Crew] Special Delivery B-17G #42-102496 (359BS) BN-M [2Lt Lewis M. Walker Crew] Marie B-17G #42-31389 (359BS) BN-N [2Lt Charles L. Mainwaring Crew]

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Wilson-Francis</u> 629		
		<u>Juns</u> 861	<u>Kuykendall</u> 893	
	<u>Nafius</u> 340		<u>Bliss</u> 666	
<u>Hobbs</u> 841		<u>Vitale</u> 329	<u>Eisenwinter</u> 9875	<u>Duncan</u> 060
	<u>Baehr</u> 187		<u>Hallum</u> 124	
<u>Crawford</u> 930		<u>Atwell</u> 196		



***Rauhbautz, Marie, Special Delivery, Bonnie B by Keith Ferris***

Reverse view of the Mural Fortresses Under Fire on 15 August 1944 mission. FW-190 attacking the three lowest level B-17s of the 359th BS lead Squadron formation. Rauhbautz VII FW-190 [Luftwaffe Pilot Lt Klaus Bretschneider] - Marie B-17G #42-31389 (359BS) BN-N [2Lt Charles L. Mainwaring Crew] - Special Delivery B-17G #42-102496 (359BS) BN-M [1Lt Lewis M. Walker Crew] - Bonnie B B-17G #42-31483 (359BS) BN-P [2Lt Sidney L. Underdown Crew]



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Litman-Stein</u> 838		
		<u>Goss</u> 183	<u>Charnick</u> 085	
	<u>Vermeer</u> 065		<u>Cook</u> 432	
<u>Smithy</u> 224		<u>McCutcheon</u> 972	<u>Clark</u> 423	<u>Drewry</u> 597
	<u>Larson</u> 086		<u>Davis</u> 7875	
<u>Smith</u> 291		<u>Cathey</u> 680		
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***Real Trouble by Keith Ferris***

FW-190 Luftwaffe Pilots: Klaus Bretschneider, Matches Erberdt and Ernst Schroeder. Flying past the 384th BG(H) formation on their way to attack the 303rd BG(H) formation on 15 August 1944.



## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name) CR-L**

P	Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt	POW
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt	EVD
ENG	Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Herod, Francis G., Sgt	POW
RO	Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt	POW
BT	Byrd, Fred O., Sgt	KIA

### **B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby CR-L**

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt	POW
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt	EVD/POW
BOM	Draves, John J., 2Lt	KIA
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt	POW
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt	POW
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt	POW
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt	POW

### **B-17G #42-31183 Bad Penny CR-L**

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt	POW
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt	KIA
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt	POW
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt	POW
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt	POW
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt	POW/KIA
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt	POW
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt	POW

### **B-17G #43-38065 Princess Pat 2**

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt	
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt	
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt	
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt	
ENG	Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt	
BT	Schley, John G., S/Sgt	
RO	Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt	
TG	Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt	
RWG	Ferris, James H., Sgt	

### **B-17G #42-31224 Hell in the Heavens CR-L**

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt	POW
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt	POW
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt	POW
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt	KIA
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt	KIA
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt	KIA
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt	KIA

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

P	McCutcheon, George E., 2Lt	
CP	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt	
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt	
BOM	Kiesel, Frederic T., 2Lt	
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	

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

### **B-17G #42-102680 (No Name) CR-L**

P	Cathey, John L., 2Lt	POW
CP	Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt	POW
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt	POW
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt	POW
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt	EVD
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt	KIA
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt	EVD

### **B-17G #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick***

P	Litman, Arnold S., Capt	EVD
CP	Stein, Lawrence J., 1Lt	EVD
NAV	Krouskup, Wayne E., 1Lt	EVD
BOM	Wolf, Lawrence M., 2Lt	KIA
ENG	Card, Harry R, S/Sgt	EVD
WG	Grissom, Manley E., Sgt	EVD
RO	Meyer, Fred R., S/Sgt	EVD
BT	Truesdell, William P., Sgt	EVD
TG	Williams, Clarence J., Sgt	EVD

### **B-17G #44-6291 (No Name) CR-L**

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt	POW
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt	POW/KIA
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt	POW
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt	POW
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt	KIA
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt	POW
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt	KIA
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt	POW

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	Harrison, Hertzell, 2Lt
BOM	Rhyne, John C., Jr., 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	Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run***

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
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 #42-31830 *Marie***

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

P	Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
CP	Robertson, William III, 2Lt
NAV	Rice, John E., 2Lt
BOM	DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
ENG	Paul, George E., S/Sgt
RO	Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt
BT	Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
TG	Watson, James R., Pvt
WG	Pordham, Jack F., T/Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	Cappucci, Joseph R., S/Sgt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P	Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt
ENG	Sublett, James W., S/Sgt
RO	Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT	Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
TG	Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG	Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

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

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

P	Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
CP	Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 2Lt
TOG	McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG	Stumpff, George W., Sgt
WG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B***

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	Posada, Frank G., S/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG	Botton, Pius L., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97994 - PFF**

P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt
NAV	Carey, William D., 1Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 1Lt
NAV	Estes, Kith E., 1Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Rowlett, Samuel A., T/Sgt
BT	Strong, Ralph T., S/Sgt
TG	Sheehan, Daniel J., 2Lt
WG	Wesley, LaFon, S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-107196 *Temptress***

P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., F/O
BOM	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Dennerle, Almo W., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Northam, James B., S/Sgt
WG	Donohoe, Thomas D., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

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

P	Vitale, Hector F., 1Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

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

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### **B-17G #44-6124 *(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	Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

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

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

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

### **B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Cummings, James E., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #42-97986 - PFF (384BG)**

P	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Saum, Lisle G., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Parrila, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., T/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Babbitt, Bruce E., S/Sgt
WG	Lusk, Robert F., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)**

P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Francis, John R., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carll L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
OBS	Zaphiriou, James G., Sgt

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

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt	
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt	
NAV	Duros, Constantine J., 2Lt	
BOM	Cox, James D., S/Sgt	WIA
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt	
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt	
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt	
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt	
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt	



***Going home from Wiesbaden by William C. Crawford***

Lt Crawford Crew in 360th BS B-17G #42-37930 on their way home to Molesworth after bombing Wiesbaden, Germany on 15 August 1944.

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

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

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Ross, Edward E., Sgt
WG	Merrill, Thomas, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison***

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt	
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt	
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt	
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O	
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt	KIA
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt	
RO	Gorman, Eugene R., Sgt	WIA
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt	WIA
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt	

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

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

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

P	Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

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

<b>B-17G #42-39885 <i>Sweet Rose O'Grady</i></b>	
P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

<b>B-17G #42-32027 <i>Betty Jane</i></b>	
P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

<b>B-17G #42-31423 <i>Jigger Rooche</i> CR-L</b>		
P	Clark, Henry C., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Vesey, Gilbert P., 2Lt	KIA
NAV	Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt	KIA
BOM	Brosius, Earl E., F/O	KIA
TT	Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt	KIA
BT	Sikora, Charles A., Jr., Sgt	POW
RO	Roswal, Frederick, S/Sgt	KIA
TG	Bjorn, Edwin W., Sgt	POW
WG	Cruttenden, Cyrus S., Sgt	POW

<b>B-17G #42-102432 <i>Tiny Angel</i> CR-L</b>		
P	Cook, Harry S., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Page, Ralph E., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt	POW
TT	Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt	KIA
BT	Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt	POW
RO	Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Smalley, John L., Sgt	POW/REP
WG	Joyce, Jess, S/Sgt	KIA

### ***Professional Singer In 303rd Loses Voice, Memory After Bailing Out Of Stricken B-17***

from the Hell's Angels Newsletter, August 1999 - Eddie Deerfield, Editor

Frederick Hunter Mason was a professional musician and singer long before he became a co-pilot on the 427th Squadron's Harry Cook crew. Bailing out of heavily damaged *Tiny Angel* on the Wiesbaden, Germany mission of 15 August 1944, Mason developed amnesia and a wrenching stutter. Three of the crew died in the action; five others jumped with Mason and became prisoners of war.

Ralph Page was navigator on the original crew formed under pilot Harry Cook. He went through training and then 303rd Bomb Group combat missions with Mason and the others. He recalled that Fred was a talented bass fiddle player and singer, and entertained the crew and a whole nightclub audience one evening in Florida.

"We had the night off while training at MacDill Air Force Base in April of 1944," said Page, "and went into town to the Tampa Terrace Hotel. They had an all-girl band. Fred sat in with them for one set and sang several songs. After that, all of us were in the spotlight and really treated royally."

The B-17 that the crew was preparing to fly across to Molesworth needed a name. Mason proposed *Tiny Angel*, one of "Hell's Angels," and the crew was quick to agree.

Audrey Mason Gibson, Fred's youngest sister, says she can still remember a phone call the family received from Hunter Field in Georgia. "Fred told us that cockier and dingle,' his imaginary bird playmates as a child, would be flying over. To our great surprise, Tiny Angel flew over our home in Belleville, New Jersey on the way to Newfoundland and then to England.

"John Smalley, the tail gunner, was dropping paper cups with goodbye messages on them, but we never recovered them. It was a sight I'll never forget."

Ralph Page couldn't recall any time that Fred Mason sang for the men at Molesworth, "We were too busy flying missions." Page said that Tiny Angel was attacked by more than 25 FW-190's about ten minutes after the bomb run on Wiesbaden, and was being shot to pieces. He, Mason, and four other crew members managed to bail out. Pilot Cook, Engineer Slight and Waist Gunner Joyce died at their positions.

Ralph Page said he and Fred Mason came down near Malberg and were captured and taken to Stalag Luft 3.

"I didn't see Mason at the camp after that," said Page. "it was a big place. I was in the Center Compound and he was in the South Compound. We didn't meet again until we were back home after the war."

Fred's sister Audrey provided some insights to her brother's amnesia and stuttering at the POW camp and his eventual recovery. It came in the form of a tape recording of a dramatized radio program sponsored by the US Treasury Department in 1946, urging listeners to invest regularly in US Savings Bonds. Singer Johnny Desmond played the role of Fred Mason.

The program was part of "The Treasury Salutes" series, and was broadcast to more than 800 radio stations. The narration begins, "When you're 30 years old, don't know your name and can't talk, you're in a spot." There's a flashback to Fred (Johnny Desmond) in the 303rd "pilots' day room" singing "I'll Be Seeing You" when the crew is suddenly called out to bomb Wiesbaden.

According to the dramatization, Mason injured his head on the mission and became an amnesiac with a severe stammer. After the POW camp was liberated, Mason was returned to the US for treatment. Most of his memory had returned, but he was still afflicted by a debilitating stutter. The program concludes happily when he is compelled by a psychiatrist to perform in a Special Services Show and recovers his confidence and his singing voice.

Sister Audrey said that Fred, who passed away in 1983, used to kid about the radio show, quipping "Buy bonds and don't let this happen to you."