

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission: No. 38

19 May 1943

Target: Deutsch Werft, Kiel A.G. Shipbuilding Yards,
Kiel, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 27

Crew Members Wounded: 3 crewmen wounded, one serious

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 17 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs/+Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 23,700 ft & 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 80,527 rounds

Enemy Aircraft Claims: 10 destroyed, 7 probable, 11 damaged

The target at Kiel was one of Germany's largest shipbuilding establishments. At one time it specialized in the building of battleships, but during the mission period had devoted all of its time to the production of Germany's deadly U-boats.

Three 359BS(H) B-17s aborted, all due to mechanical problems:

#41-24605, *Knockout Dropper*, (**Roller**)

#41-24635, *The '8' Ball MK II*, (**Cline**)

#42-5430, *Pappy/Good Snuf*, (**Haines**)

A 427BS(H) aircraft, #42-5788, A.O.G. *Not in Stock*, had two generators out and could not catch the formation after taking off late.

The take-off of the Group B-17s was observed by Assistant Secretary of War for Air Robert S. **Lovett** and BGen. Newton **Longfellow**, Commanding General VIII Bomber Command. Gen. **Longfellow** and Mr. **Lovett** flew in during the morning to make a Base inspection and to see the tactical side of the VIII Air Force operations against Germany. They left soon after take-off to visit other Bases.

Moderate but accurate flak was experienced from the German coast and on into the target. Evasive action was necessary to avoid the bursts. Some battle damage was suffered by Group aircraft.

From 40 to 50 enemy aircraft were seen by 303rd BG(H) crews. The FW-190s, ME-109s, and ME-110s began their attacks before reaching the German coast. There were approximately eight to ten concentrated attacks, but they stayed with the formation for over two hours. Gunners claimed 10 destroyed, 7 probable, and 11 damaged. One of the Group's ace gunners who completed his 25th mission put in a claim for a destroyed ME-110. S/Sgt. James **Bruskotter** described the battle by saying, "The ME attacked from two o'clock. Two guys bailed out at four o'clock and the plane went down at seven o'clock. The target was pretty well smoked up, but the bombing looked pretty good."

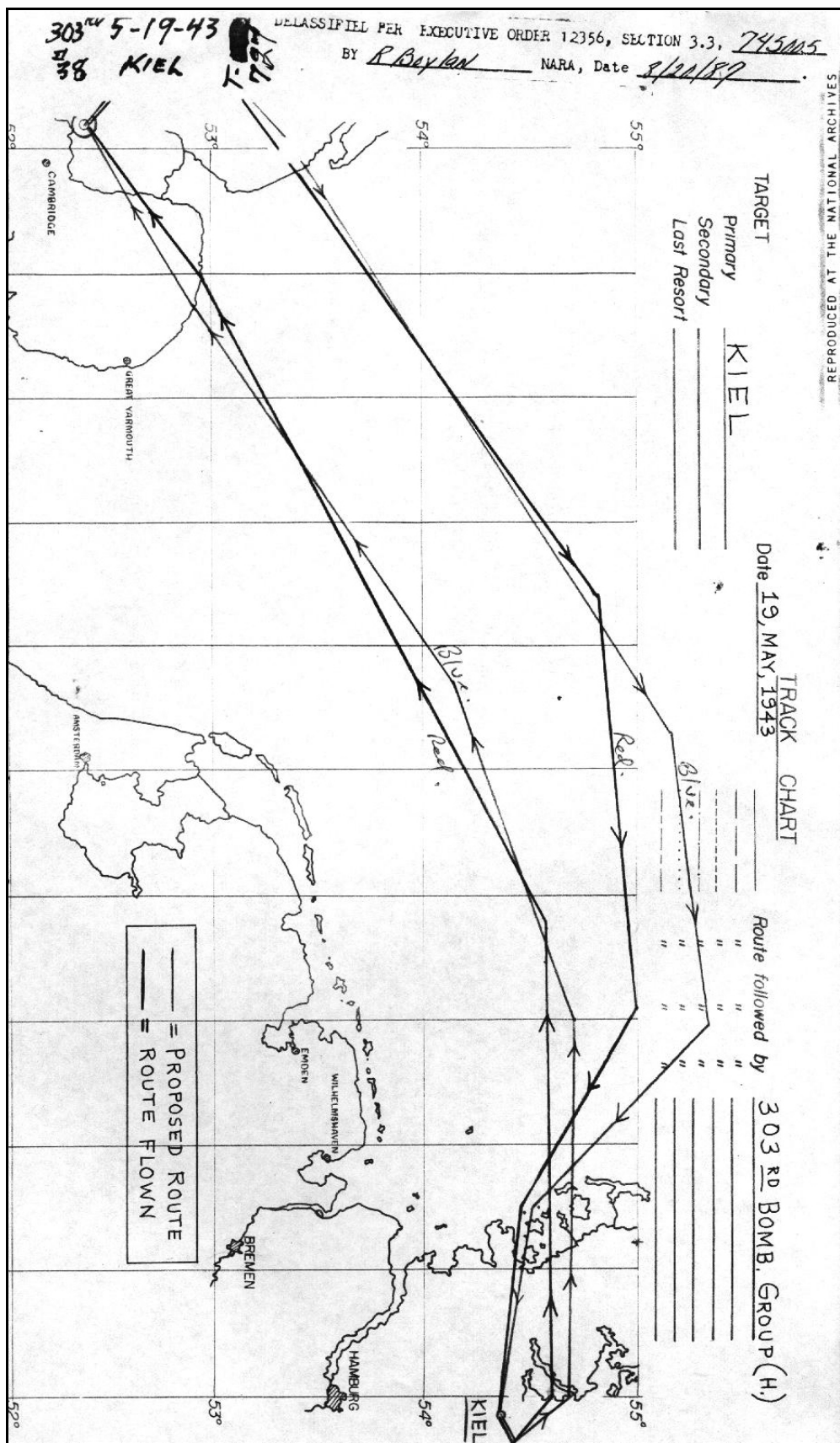
Other commentaries included World War II's Sgt. **York**, who was T/Sgt. Robert **York**, radio operator on *The Duchess*, who said, after completing his 16th mission, "It was better than one Germany raid I was on when they dug 28 pieces of flak out of me. It wasn't bad, but there is no such thing as an easy raid." The pilot of *The Terrible Ten*, 1Lt. Jack **Timken**, said, "The bombing looked OK. The target was well covered. Funny, I didn't see an enemy fighter, but my gunners in the rear of the ship saw plenty." 1Lt. Lawrence **Grant**, navigator on his 25th mission, remarked, "It was OK, I guess, but I was really sweating it out. The bombs got into the target all right and they left plenty of smoke." The bombardier on *Snap! Crackle! Pop!*, 1Lt. Jack **Stewart**, said, "The fighters were not as tough as they have been on previous raids that I've been on." His co-pilot, Lt. Art **Way**, said, "I thought that the fighters were as thick as hell, but it wasn't too tough."

All of the aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.

Sgt. Woodrow B. Thomas, a member of the 427th BS Ground Personnel, was Killed in Service this date. It is not known how or where he was killed.

Crew Report of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed or Damaged

Sgt. J.E. Hill (562)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. C.N. Giassullo (656)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. R. Nakaniski (9635)	ME-109	Destroyed
S/Sgt. J. Zioance (192)	FW-190	Damaged
S/Sgt. R.W. Sterling (102)	FW-190	Possible
T/Sgt. J.R. Welch (9635)	FW-190	Possible
S/Sgt. E.L. Aubrey (9635)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. D.R. Wilson (9635)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. A.V. Carroll (562)	ME-109	Destroyed
S/Sgt. J.E. Bruskotter (192)	ME-110	Possible
S/Sgt. F.J. Ryan (482)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. G.D. Quick (002)	FW-190	Damaged
S/Sgt. R.A. Rettenhouse (640)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. D.C. McEachern (640)	ME-110	Destroyed
T/Sgt. A. Hlebasko (468)	FW-190	Damaged
Lt. C.M. Kieffer (260)	ME-110	Possible
S/Sgt. E.E. Duffey (260)	ME-110	Damaged
Sgt. J.S. Klasnick (393)	FW-190	Damaged
S/Sgt. E.L. Morton (468)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. B.F. Spring (468)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. B.F. Spring (468)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. B.M. Owen (260)	ME-109	Destroyed
S/Sgt. V.E. Koch (619)	FW-190	Damaged
S/Sgt. G.W. Henderson (221)	ME-110	Possible
S/Sgt. B. Jurosek (257)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. H. Choice (257)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. D.L. Hinds (587)	ME-110	Probable
Sgt. D.G. Barron (587)	ME-110	Damaged



Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Nolan</u> 664		
		<u>Lemmon</u> 571	<u>Jess</u> 432	
			<u>Morales</u> 562	
		<u>Thompson</u> 9635	<u>O'Connor</u> 264	
			<u>McDonald</u> 192	
	<u>Roller</u> 605			<u>Fredericks</u> 570
<u>Haines</u> 430		<u>Mattison</u> 640	<u>Mack</u> 973	<u>Casello</u> 483
	<u>Smith</u> 561			<u>Clifton</u> 606
<u>Campbell</u> 002		<u>Cline</u> 4635	<u>Stallings</u> 393	<u>Palmer</u> 260
	<u>McClung</u> 482			<u>Van Wie</u> 468

Four (4) aircraft aborted this mission:

Capt. Roller in 605	Lt. Cline in 4635
Lt. Haines in 430	Lt. Burch in 788

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator	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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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

303rd Aircraft Which Flew in Composite Group
with 101st Combat Wing

Hagenbuch

619

Broussard

257

Lipe

587

Southworth

221

Burch

788

Timken

656



Jersey Bounce #41-24539 (358BS) VK-K

102nd PBCW #3 (358BS) - Pilot Capt R.J. Nolan / CoPilot Capt K.R. Mitchell

Capt R.J. Nolan (P), Capt K.R. Mitchell (CP), 1Lt W.J. Anderson (N).
Capt P.G. Moore (N), 1Lt R.R. Hopper (B)

T/Sgt R.J. Hively (E), S/Sgt A.F. Meddaugh (WG), T/Sgt M. Hamill (R),
S/Sgt F.M. Matthews (BT), S/Sgt E.V. Bitter (TG), S/Sgt J.P. Goff (WG)

crewmembers are not in order

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29635 *Augerhead*

P	Thompson, Frank H., 2Lt
CP	Joy, Ripley W., 2Lt
NAV	McConnen, James R., 2Lt
BOM	McCord, Lawrence E., 2Lt
ENG	Welch, James R., S/Sgt
TT	Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt
RO	McGuire, Robert J., T/Sgt
BT	Nakaniski, Ralph, S/Sgt
TG	Aubrey, Eldred L., S/Sgt
RWG	Wilson, Donald R., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29664 *Jersey Bounce, Jr.*

P	Nolan, Robert J., Capt
CP	Mitchell, Kirk R., Capt
NAV	Anderson, William J., 2Lt
NAV	Moore, Paul G., Capt
BOM	Hopper, Richard R., 1Lt
ENG	Hively, Roy J., T/Sgt
RWG	Meddaugh, Allerton F., S/Sgt
RO	Hamill, Milton, T/Sgt
TG	Bitter, Emile V., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt
LWG	Goff, James P., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5432 *The Hunting Club*

P	Jess, Ray W., 2Lt
CP	Gunn, Harold W., 2Lt
NAV	Davidson, Robert P., 2Lt
NG	Godwin, Harold E., S/Sgt
ENG	Smith, Harold E., T/Sgt
RWG	Hardacre, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO	Godzinski, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Byron W., S/Sgt
LWG	Hall, Sidney V., Sgt
TG	White, Frank M., Sgt

B-17F #42-29571 *Charley Horse*

P	Lemmon, John V., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Elmo E., F/O
NAV	Gust, Darell D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Elbert E., 2Lt
ENG	Berzansky, Andrew, T/Sgt
RWG	Beavers, Albert T., S/Sgt
RO	Zeller, Caryl C., T/Sgt
BT	Bagwell, Clayton R., S/Sgt
TG	Brown, Virgil E., S/Sgt
LWG	Briggs, Wayne E., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5264 *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

P	O'Connor, Robert S., 2Lt
CP	Hurlburt, Donald W., 2Lt
NAV	Grant, Donald L., 2Lt
BOM	Steele, Earl A., 2Lt
ENG	Ziemer, Frederick B., T/Sgt
BT	Maxwell, Samuel P., S/Sgt
RO	Dasher, Everett A., T/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
LWG	Heaps, Theodore C., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29656 *The Terrible Ten*

P	Timken, Jack C., 1Lt
CP	Wright, George E., 2Lt
NAV	Chamberlain, William V., 2Lt
NG	Warren, Russell M., T/Sgt
ENG	Knuth, Leland N., S/Sgt
RWG	Paiva, Joseph B., Sgt
RO	Baxter, Jack, T/Sgt
BT	Dioquardo, Fred J., Sgt
TG	Giassullo, Criscienzo N., S/Sgt
LWG	Redhead, George R., Sgt
PAS	Grobe, David E., Jr., 1Lt

B-17F #42-3192 *(No Name)*

P	McDonald, James M., 1Lt
CP	Sumarlidason, Arni L., 2Lt
NAV	Clement, Richard W., 1Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., 2Lt
ENG	Fanning, David D., T/Sgt
RWG	Zioance, John, S/Sgt
RO	Carpenter, Glenn S., T/Sgt
BT	Bruskotter, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Sterling, Robert W., S/Sgt
LWG	Martin, James C., S/Sgt

B-17F #41-24562 *Sky Wolf*

P	Morales, Carl H., Capt
CP	Swaffer, Calvin A., 2Lt
NAV	McElwain, Richard E., 2Lt
BOM	Zasadil, Frank E., 1Lt
ENG	Hinds, Francis G., T/Sgt
BT	Carroll, Albert V., S/Sgt
RO	Burns, Francis J., T/Sgt
LWG	Hill, John E., S/Sgt
TG	Blake, Robert C., S/Sgt
RWG	Westfall, Max M., S/Sgt
PHO	Weiskopf, Dennis, S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5430 *Pappy/Good Snuf*

P Haines, Rolland M., 1Lt
 CP Kramer, Mayer, 2Lt
 NAV Delorenzo, D.D., 2Lt
 BOM Morse, Anthony E., 2Lt
 ENG Garcia, Robert A., S/Sgt
 RO Kalk, Kenneth T.M., T/Sgt
 TG Davis, Charles E., S/Sgt
 RWG Martin, Raymond W., S/Sgt
 BT Foster, Allen G., S/Sgt
 LWG Morgan, Robert L., Sgt
 (Abortive)

B-17F #42-5482 *Cat-O-Nine Tails*

P McClung, Guy H., 1Lt
 CP Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt
 NAV Stettler, Donald G., 2Lt
 BOM Rothman, Theodore I., 2Lt
 ENG Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt
 RWG Traban, James J., S/Sgt
 RO McCoy, Gordon K., Sgt
 TG Horvath, Robert A., S/Sgt
 BT Bruns, William H., Jr., Sgt
 LWG Ryan, Francis J., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29640 *Old Ironsides*

P Mattison, Robert L., 1Lt
 CP Case, Spencer F., 2Lt
 NAV Rich, David A., 1Lt
 BOM Shafer, John H., 1Lt
 ENG Green, Frederick J., T/Sgt
 RO Nordyke, Lloyd E., T/Sgt
 TG McEachern, David C., S/Sgt
 BT Schneider, James E., S/Sgt
 RWG Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
 LWG Vogel, George W., Sgt

B-17F #42-24605 *Knockout Dropper*

P Roller, Jack, Capt
 CP Konsmo, George E., Capt
 NAV Henson, Walter C., 1Lt
 BOM Shoup, John R., Jr., 2Lt
 ENG Marcelonis, Joseph G., S/Sgt
 RO Williams, Lemuel T., T/Sgt
 TT Ketron, Frank M., S/Sgt
 BT Gerow, Warren H., T/Sgt
 TG Stephen, Willard W., S/Sgt
 LWG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
 (Abortive)

B-17F #41-24561 *The Duchess*

P Smith, Sanford T., Capt
 CP Farrell, Lawrence C., 2Lt
 NAV Summers, Thomas E., 1Lt
 BOM Dwyer, Robert P., 1Lt
 ENG Hardaway, Sidney T., T/Sgt
 RO York, Robert F., T/Sgt
 LWG Perryman, Jack L., Sgt
 BT Tibbles, Russell F., S/Sgt
 TG Knudsen, Elmer, Sgt
 RWG Adams, Ralph B., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-3002 *The Old Squaw*

P Campbell, Claude W., 1Lt
 CP Miller, Arthur W., 2Lt
 NAV Ririe, George M., 2Lt
 BOM Boutelle, Winston E., 2Lt
 ENG Hernan, Howard E., T/Sgt
 RO Kraft, Harold A., T/Sgt
 RWG Bachert, Kurt W., S/Sgt
 BT Catozza, Peter P., S/Sgt
 TG Quick, George D., S/Sgt
 LWG Wilson, Benton, Sgt

B-17F #41-24635 *The 8 Ball MK II*

P Cline, William J., 1Lt
 CP Kruse, Richard L., 2Lt
 NAV Jacobsen, Norman N., 2Lt
 BOM Philpit, Russell O., 2Lt
 ENG Zaorski, Roman R., T/Sgt
 RO Roberts, Raymond K., T/Sgt
 TG Terry, Charles R., T/Sgt
 RWG Howard, George Z., S/Sgt
 BT Mulgrew, William C., S/Sgt
 LWG Fortunak, Richard C., S/Sgt
 PHO Kagey, Martin I., Jr., Sgt
 (Abortive)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5468 Quinine-Bitter Dose

P Van Wie, John A., Lt
CP Walsh, James D., Lt
NAV Blank, Paul, Lt
BOM Rice, Bernard, Lt
ENG Hlebasko, Albert, T/Sgt
BT Morton, Eugene L., S/Sgt
RO Noll, Robert W., T/Sgt
RWG Spring, Benjamin F., S/Sgt
LWG Swanson, Theodore G., S/Sgt
TG Bridges, Robert C., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-2973 Iza Vailable

P Mack, David W., Lt
CP Barhaug, Ragnar, Lt
NAV Smith, Roland M., Lt
BOM Cox, Charles J., Lt
ENG Deitch, Daniel T., T/Sgt
LWG Stewart, Carl C., S/Sgt
RO Cicinelli, Salvatore J., S/Sgt
TG Biernacki, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT Peterson, Andrew C., S/Sgt
RWG Spitzfaden, Robert E., Sgt

B-17F #42-29606 Butch

P Clifton, David S., Lt
CP Garvey, John L., Lt
NAV Wright, Howard R., Lt
BOM Currie, Herman C., Lt
ENG Doss, Carroll P., T/Sgt
LWG Compo, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO Morrison, Eugene D., T/Sgt
BT Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt
TG Villarreal, Rodolfo A., S/Sgt
RWG Jameson, Jimmie E., Sgt

B-17F #42-5393 Thumper Again

P Stallings, George V., Jr., Lt
CP Bradbury, Joseph E., Lt
NAV Kelley, James F., Lt
BOM Kulesa, Frank E., Lt
ENG Watson, James A., T/Sgt
LWG Yattaw, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO Jones, Dick W., S/Sgt
BT Stevens, A.S., T/Sgt
TG Stickler, John J., S/Sgt
RWG Klasnick, Joseph S., Sgt

B-17F #42-5260 Yardbird II

P Palmer, Joseph F., Lt
CP Vaughn, Thomas S., Lt
NAV Rosenblum, Nathan J., Lt
BOM Kieffer, Claude M., Lt
ENG Duffey, Elmer E., S/Sgt
RO Gullage, Edmund, T/Sgt
LWG Hornbacher, Norman E., Sgt
BT Owen, Burl M., S/Sgt
TG Hodges, Alva E., S/Sgt
RWG Holder, Samuel A., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5483 Red Ass

P Casello, John J., Lt
CP Huguenin, Wesley V., Lt
NAV Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM Fawcett, Jack B., Lt
ENG Carnathan, Hugh S., T/Sgt
RWG Gray, Johnnie E., S/Sgt
RO Calco, Anthony, T/Sgt
BT Ponder, Truly S., S/Sgt
LWG Frost, Carlyle A., S/Sgt
TG Stout, Otis T., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29570 (No Name)

P Fredericks, Jacob W., Capt
CP Way, Arthur C., Lt
NAV Hoyt, Otis A., Lt
BOM Fonorow, Milton S., Lt
ENG Hlastala, Michael S., T/Sgt
LWG Schneiderman, Henry G., S/Sgt
RO Smith, Richard J., T/Sgt
BT Nardine, Howard H., S/Sgt
TG Semonick, Martin A., S/Sgt
RWG Murray, Gilbert A., Jr., Sgt
PAS Stewart, Jack W., Lt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24619 *S for Sugar*

P Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Maj
CP Dubell, Richard P., Lt
NAV Grant, Lawrence H., Lt
BOM Shirley, Lloyd A., Lt
ENG Smith, Roy Q., T/Sgt
BT Jenkins, Robert R., S/Sgt
RO Amos, Lee H., T/Sgt
LWG Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
TG Koch, Vernon E., S/Sgt
RWG Coomes, Clarence S., S/Sgt

B-17F #41-24587 *Bad Check*

P Lipe, Fort W., Lt
CP Rolfson, Jack G., Lt
NAV Illgen, Frederick J., Lt
BOM Smith, Abbott M., Jr., Lt
ENG Good, James K., T/Sgt
BT Sink, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO Brandfas, Dale F., T/Sgt
TG Bednarchuk, Antonio, S/Sgt
LWG Hinds, Durward L., S/Sgt
RWG Barron, Dante G., Sgt

B-17F #42-5257 *Miss Bea Haven*

P Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Capt
CP LeFevre, William G., Lt
NAV Boner, Allen M., Lt
BOM Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO Karanson, William A., Jr., T/Sgt
BT Choice, Hudson, S/Sgt
LWG Hairr, Elwood F., S/Sgt
RWG Storer, Charles R., S/Sgt
TG Jurosek, Bernard, Sgt

B-17F #42-5221 *Son*

P Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP Snyder, Edgar E., Capt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Capt
BOM Dieffenbach, Albert W., Capt
ENG Zipfel, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT Belk, Jack, S/Sgt
RO Doughty, Edward J., T/Sgt
TG Henderson, George W., S/Sgt
RWG Harmon, Edward Z., S/Sgt
LWG Brandt, Waldo B., S/Sgt

B-17 #42-5788 *A.O.G. Not in Stock*

P Burch, Armand F., Lt
CP Mackin, George T., Lt
NAV Noblin, John D., Lt
BOM Butt, Byron K., Lt
ENG Means, Lucian W., Jr., T/Sgt
BT Bourdon, Louis F., S/Sgt
RO Ashworth, George W., S/Sgt
RWG Arnold, Robert W., S/Sgt
TG Brown, Howard T., S/Sgt
LWG Cooney, Robert M., Sgt
(Abortive)