

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 42

13 June 1943

Target: Submarine Slips, Bremen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 27

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,000 ft & 27,700 ft

Ammo Fired: 16,595 rounds

**M**ajor Glenn E. **Hagenbuch**, 427BS Commanding Officer, flew as the lead pilot in *Bad Check*, #41-24587. Twenty-seven Fortresses left Molesworth to attack Bremen in northern Germany.

Four aircraft returned early because of mechanical or equipment problems:

#41-24539, *Jersey Bounce*, 358BS (**O'Connor**)

#41-24565, *Idaho Potato Peeler*, 359BS (**Smith**)

#42-5177, *Fast Worker MK II*, 359BS (**Mattison**)

#42-3131, *Flak Wolf*, 427BS (**Burch**)



Maj. Glenn E. Hagenbuch

The main Group formation of 20 B-17s of the 358th, 359th, and 427th Squadrons was led by 359th BS(H) CO Maj. William **Calhoun**, pilot, and Lt. Col. Eugene **Romig**, Operations Officer, co-pilot, in *The '8' Ball MkII*. Maj. Lewis **Lyle**, CO, 360th BS, led seven of the 360th's B-17s as part of a composite Squadron with the 379th BG(H). The 303rd BG(H) dropped 57 1/2 tons of 500-lb. bombs from 26,000 feet on the target area. Flak was reported as moderate, but accurate.

Both Maj. **Calhoun** and Lt. Col. **Romig** reported their bombing as ineffective. Maj. **Lyle**, pilot, and Capt. **Fredericks**, co-pilot, of *Snap! Crackle! Pop!*, had completed their combat tours. They flew a separate bomb run and also reported that their bombs fell in the target area. Capt. **Fredericks** stated, "The target was obscured in a rather heavy smoke screen, but the sighting was good and our bombs went right into the spot they should have." 1Lt. George T. **Mackin**, flying as an official observer on the same B-17, added, "I went along to watch the formations of one of our newer Groups. Both their bombing and ours looked pretty good."

All crews expressed amazement at the lack of fighter opposition. Not more than four to six enemy fighters were observed and none were claimed as destroyed. Most of the gunners did little more than "test fire" their guns. They felt it was more of a sightseeing trip than a bombing raid over Germany.

As 358BS 1Lt. James **McDonald**, pilot of #42-3192 (*No Name*), came flying over the field, he came in low and dropped a very large towel. When questioned as to the meaning of this gesture, he stated, "I finished my combat stretch today, so I threw in the towel. It was like a Sunday outing. I was really sweating out those fighters. Never did see but one and only for a second. Can't figure out what happened to them."

Others who concluded their operational tours were 1Lt. Richard W. **Clement**, navigator; S/Sgt. Francis **Burns**, radio operator; Sgt. Max **Westfall**, gunner; Capt. Walter M. **Soha**, navigator; 1Lt. Earl A. **Steele**; and all of the **McDonald** crew. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.



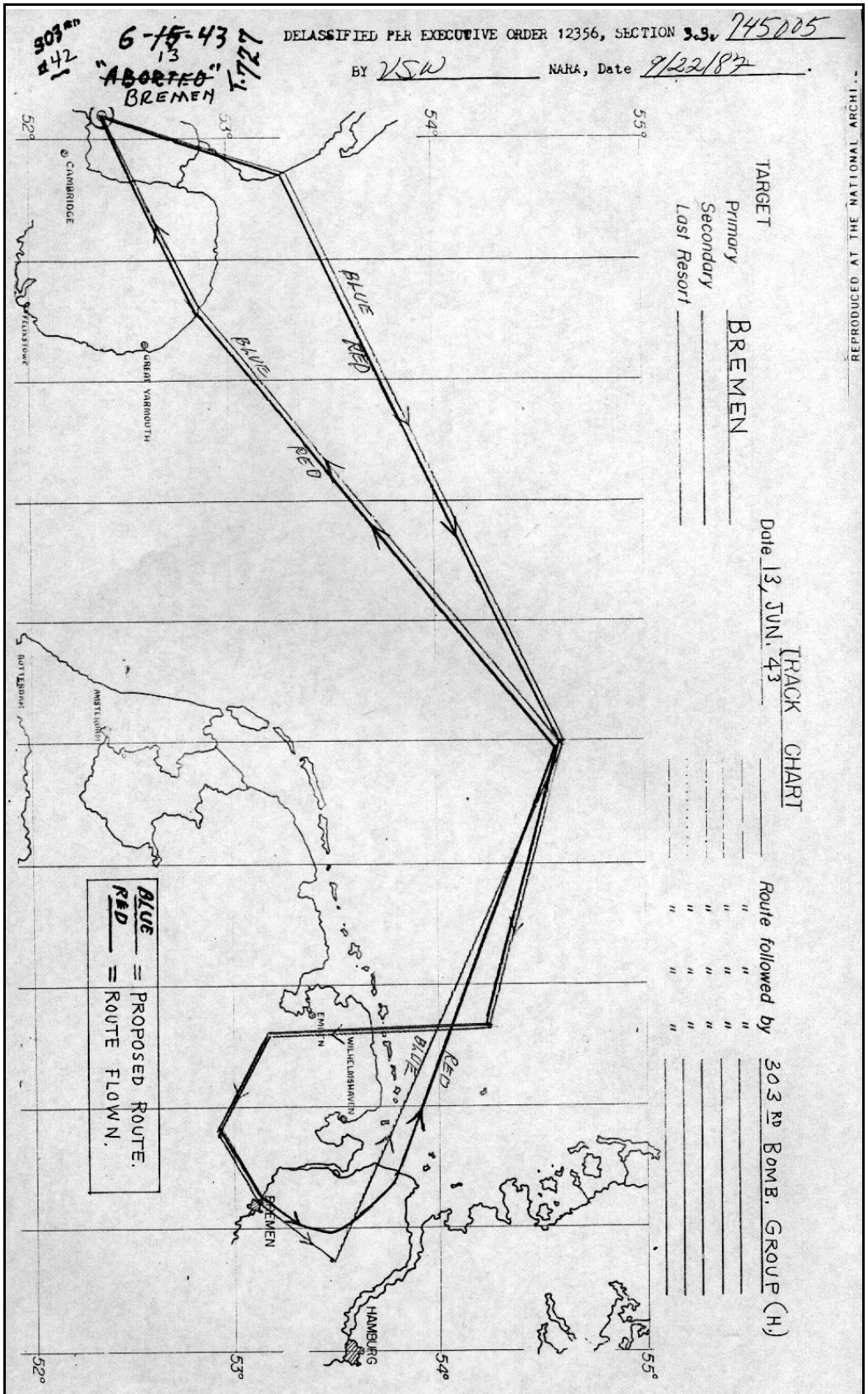
**The '8' Ball MkII #41-24635 (359BS) BN-O**

**103rd PBCW #2 Low (359BS) - Pilot Maj W.R. Calhoun / CoPilot LtCol E.A. Romig**

Maj W.R. Calhoun (P), LtCol E.A. Romig (CP), Capt J.M. Strickland (N),  
1Lt M. Vegua, Jr. (N), Capt R.J. Yonkman (B), 1Lt L.M. Schulstad (TG-O)

T/Sgt R.R. Zaorski (E), S/Sgt R.C. Fortunak (WG),  
T/Sgt C.R. Terry (R), S/Sgt W.C. Mulgrew (BT), S/Sgt M.A. Murphy (WG)

crewmembers are not in order



Route Map

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

	<u>Calhoun-Romig</u> 4635			
	<u>Smith</u> 565		<u>Cline</u> 257	
		<u>Roller</u> 561		
	<u>McClung</u> 482		<u>Pentz</u> 029	
		<u>Campbell</u> 002		
	<u>Hagenbuch</u> 587		<u>McDonald</u> 192	
<u>Strickland</u> 392		<u>Pratt</u> 124	<u>Jess</u> 432	<u>O'Connor</u> 539
	<u>Southworth</u> 944			<u>Timken</u> 562
<u>Broussard</u> 158		<u>Burch</u> 131	<u>Thompson</u> 9635	<u>Lemmon</u> 571
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Four (4) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. O'Connor in 539	Capt. Smith in 565
Lt. Mattison in 177	Lt. Burch in 131

## 303rd Aircraft Which Flew in Composite Group with 379th BG(H)

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	<b><u>Mack</u></b> 606	<b><u>Lyle</u></b> 260
_____	_____	<b><u>Palmer</u></b> 390	<b><u>Casello</u></b> 382
_____	_____	<b><u>Clifton</u></b> 792	<b><u>Griffin</u></b> 434
_____	_____		<b><u>Stallings</u></b> 468

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

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P	Jess, Ray W., 2Lt
CP	Gunn, Harold W., 2Lt
NAV	Davidson, Robert P., 2Lt
BOM	Coburn, Ralph F., 2Lt
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***

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P	Lemmon, John V., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Elmo E., F/O
NAV	Gust, Darrell 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 #41-24562 *Sky Wolf***

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P	Timken, Jack C., 1Lt
CP	Wright, George E., 2Lt
NAV	Chamberlain, William V., 2Lt
BOM	Solverson, Robert K., 2Lt
ENG	Knuth, Leland M., T/Sgt
RWG	Paiva, Joseph B., S/Sgt
RO	Isham, Lawrence W., S/Sgt
BT	Toy, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Giassullo, Criscienzo N., S/Sgt
LWG	Redhead, George R., Sgt
PAS	Mattes, F.G., 2Lt

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

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P	McDonald, James M., 1Lt
CP	Shumake, Glynn F., Capt
NAV	Clement, Richard W., 1Lt
BOM	Montgomery, James H., Jr., 1Lt
ENG	Bitter, Emile V., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt
RO	Burns, Francis J., T/Sgt
RWG	Goff, James P., S/Sgt
TG	Westfall, Max M., S/Sgt
LWG	Bangert, John C., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29635 *Augerhead***

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P	Thompson, Frank H., 2Lt
CP	Sumarlidason, Arni L., 2Lt
NAV	McConnen, James R., 2Lt
BOM	Sweet, William T., 2Lt
ENG	Welch, James R., S/Sgt
TT	Fulanovich, Charles J., S/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 #41-24539 *Jersey Bounce***

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P	O'Connor, Robert S., 2Lt
CP	Hurlburt, Donald W., 2Lt
NAV	McElwain, Richard E., 2Lt
BOM	Steele, Earl A., 2Lt
ENG	Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt
BT	Bland, Hugh N., T/Sgt
RO	Hogue, Earl, T/Sgt
RWG	Carroll, Albert V., S/Sgt
TG	Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
LWG	Heaps, Theodore C., S/Sgt
	(Abortive Sortie)

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Cline, William J., 1Lt  
 CP Mulligan, Thomas E., 2Lt  
 NAV Street, Benjamin B., 1Lt  
 BOM Gordon, LeRoy V., 1Lt  
 ENG Doran, Arnold S., T/Sgt  
 RO McGee, Paul C., T/Sgt  
 TG Stephen, Willard W., S/Sgt  
 RWG Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt  
 BT Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt  
 LWG Kerr, Joseph, Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3029 *Wallaroo***

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P Pentz, Arthur H., 1Lt  
 CP Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt  
 NAV Jacobsen, Norman N., 2Lt  
 BOM Philpitt, Russell O., 1Lt  
 ENG Dougherty, John A., T/Sgt  
 BT Edwards, Hurd L., Sgt.  
 RO Murray, Robert L., T/Sgt  
 RWG Horvath, Robert A., S/Sgt  
 TG Knudsen, Elmer T., Sgt  
 LWG Howard, George Z., S/Sgt

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

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P Roller, Jack, Capt  
 CP Kalhoefer, Herbert 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 Beringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt  
 TG Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt  
 LWG Tripp, Jesse E., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #41-24565 *Idaho Potato Peeler***

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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 Adams, Ralph B., S/Sgt  
 BT Tibbles, Russell F., S/Sgt  
 TG Howard, Earl R., Sgt  
 RWG Powell, Marvin F., Sgt  
 (Abortive)

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

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P McClung, Guy H., 1Lt  
 CP Nix, James S., 1Lt  
 NAV Stettler, Donald G., 2Lt  
 BOM Bolsover, Harold S., F/O  
 ENG Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt  
 RWG Traban, James J., S/Sgt  
 RO Roberts, Raymond K., T/Sgt  
 TG Piatek, Casimir P., S/Sgt  
 BT Wood, James A., T/Sgt  
 LWG Ryan, Francis J., S/Sgt

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

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P Calhoun, William R., Jr., Capt  
 CP Romig, Eugene A., Col  
 NAV Strickland, Joseph M., Capt  
 BOM Vogue, Martin, Jr., 1Lt  
 ENG Zaorski, Roman R., T/Sgt  
 RO Terry, Charles R., T/Sgt  
 LWG Fortunak, Richard C., S/Sgt  
 BT Mulgrew, William C., S/Sgt  
 TG Schulstad, Louis M., 1Lt  
 RWG Murphy, Murel A., S/Sgt

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

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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 #42-5177 *Fast Worker MK II***

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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  
 LWG Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt  
 TT Vogel, George W., Sgt  
 (Abortive Sortie)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17F #42-5792 *The Mugger***

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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 Noll, Robert W., T/Sgt  
BT Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt  
TG Kelly, Thomas F., T/Sgt  
RWG Jameson, Jimmie E., Sgt

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

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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., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5382 *The Witches Tit***

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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  
LWG Frost, Carlyle A., S/Sgt  
BT Ponder, Truly S., S/Sgt  
TG Stout, Otis T., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5260 *Yardbird II***

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P Lyle, Lewis E., Maj  
CP Fredericks, Jacob W., Capt  
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 Dioquardo, Fred J., Sgt  
TG Davey, Kenneth W., Lt  
RWG Collins, Harvie L., S/Sgt  
OBS Mackin, George T., Lt

### **B-17F #42-29606 *Butch***

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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 #42-5390 *The Avenger***

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P Palmer, Joseph F., Lt  
CP Sheldon, Robert M., Lt  
BOM Kieffer, Claude M., Lt  
ENG Duffey, Elmer E., S/Sgt  
LNG Applequist, Leonard C., 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 #42-5434 *Lady Luck***

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P Griffin, Loyd D., Capt  
CP Swanson, Walter C., Lt  
NAV Preston, William M., Lt  
BOM Taylor, Robert L., Lt  
ENG Eason, William M., T/Sgt  
LWG Edwards, Samuel L., S/Sgt  
RO Schwartz, Vernon E., T/Sgt  
TG Wiegand, Lynwood D., S/Sgt  
BT Plummer, Robert, S/Sgt  
RWG Henderson, Paul E., S/Sgt  
PHO Kagey, Martin I., Jr., Sgt



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17F #42-3158 *Max***

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P	Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Capt
CP	LeFevre, William G., Lt
NAV	Rohrlich, Robert E., Lt
BOM	Herman, Charles L., Lt
ENG	Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO	Karanson, William A., Jr., T/Sgt
BT	Choice, Hudson, S/Sgt
LWG	Jurosek, Bernard, S/Sgt
RWG	Koch, Vernon E., S/Sgt
TG	Storer, Charles R., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29944 *Winning Run***

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P	Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP	Dubell, Richard P., Lt
NAV	Illgen, Frederick J., Lt
BOM	Peterson, Richard W., 2Lt
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
OBS	Gilmore, W.S., Capt

### **B-17 #42-3131 *Flak Wolf***

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P	Burch, Armand F., Lt
CP	Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
NAV	Noblin, John D., Lt
BOM	Butt, Byron K., Lt
ENG	Barlow, Benjamin, 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)	

### **B-17F #42-5392 *Stric Nine***

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P	Strickland, Alexander C., Lt
CP	Olsen, Curtis M., Lt
NAV	Hokans, Carl A., Lt
BOM	Lamme, Edwin G., Lt
ENG	Baart, James C., T/Sgt
BT	Peck, Raymond R., S/Sgt
RO	Martel, Albert E., Jr., T/Sgt
RWG	Strohsack, R.R., S/Sgt
TG	Sherg, Anthony W., S/Sgt
LWG	Fleming, William W., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3124 (*No Name*)**

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P	Pratt, James H., Lt
CP	Bowling, William A., Lt
NAV	Boner, Allen M., Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG	Humphreys, Robert R., S/Sgt
RO	Royar, Frederick J., S/Sgt
BT	Kesky, Leonard A., S/Sgt
TG	Johnston, Walter J., S/Sgt
LWG	Smith, Delvyn, S/Sgt
RWG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt

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

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P	Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Maj
CP	Snyder, Edgar E., Jr., Capt
NAV	Soha, Walter M., Capt
BOM	Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG	Good, James K., T/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Otto D., Sgt
RO	Jessee, Jesse J., T/Sgt
LWG	Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
TG	Bednarchuk, Antonio, S/Sgt
RWG	Hairr, Elwood F., S/Sgt
OBS	Nuttall, A.C., Capt