# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 83

26 November 1943

Target: City area of Bremen, Germany
Crews Dispatched: 2 Groups, 17 & 18 crews

Crews Lost: Capt. A.A. Cote, 10 KIA; 2Lt. H.J. Rocketto, T/Sgt. R.K. Roberts and 2Lt. L.S. Johnson all KIA

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 10 minutes

Bomb Load: 8 x 500 lb G.P. & 20 x M47A1 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500 ft & 27,000 ft
Ammo Fired: 47,000 rounds
Enemy Aircraft Claims: 2 Destroyed

he lead PFF B-17 carried a crowded 14 crewmen. The four passengers were B/Gen. Robert F. **Travis** (Air Commander), Col. **Gray** (Observer), Lt. L.E. **Effinger** (2nd Navigator) and Sgt. J.J. **Montagnesse** (Photographer).

The 303rd BG(H) lead Group had 17 aircraft plus two PFF B-17s and the 303rd BG(H) high Group had 18 aircraft. One aircraft aborted, #42-29524 *Meat Hound* 359BS (**Campbell**). The mission was the largest 8th Air Force effort to date with 633 aircraft dispatched. Fighter support was furnished by six Groups of P-47s and one Group of P-38s.

Enemy attacks were moderate, the number seen estimated at about 50. These were mostly FW-190s, ME-109s and ME-110s with a few JU-87s also reported. Two claims were made for aircraft destroyed. Sgt. Royal F. **Plante** in *Flak Wolf* claimed an FW-190 destroyed and Sgt. Martin G. **Stachowiak** in *Dark Horse* claimed an ME-110 as destroyed. Flak was reported as meager to moderate. Heavy cloud cover prevented observation of the bombing results.

General **Travis** made several comments about conduct on the mission. He reported that VHF radio discipline was the worst he had experienced. Some crew members apparently thought they were on interphone while on VHF. The lead ship's VHF was blocked by aircraft in the formation at times when it was badly required. He also was critical of the formation breaking up far too early for safety (the low temperature [-68E] was one of the reasons). The break-up was at the Frisian Island, soon after P-47s came into view.



2Lt Rocketto

Aircraft #42-3064 Star Dust 358BS, was seriously damaged when three German fighters attacked as she began her bomb run. Their 20mm cannons blasted out all of the plexiglass in the Fortress' nose, destroyed one-half of her oxygen system, knocked out one engine, partially wrecked her communication equipment and left a gaping hole in one wing. The navigator, 2Lt. Harold J. **Rocketto** on his first mission, was killed instantly when the aircraft nose was hit. Other crewmen were on their eighth mission.



Lt Charles W. Spencer

The bombardier, 2Lt. Charles W. **Spencer**, was cut on the face by broken glass, his helmet and oxygen mask were torn away, and he lay gasping for breath as frigid winds in the -67E atmosphere whipped about his unprotected face and head. The top turret gunner and engineer, S/Sgt. Grover C. **Mullins**, attempted to salvo the bombs to no avail. He entered the nose to check the damage and found Lt. **Spencer** bleeding and frozen. He dragged him into the passage beneath the pilot's compartment and tried to give him oxygen. "His

face was so swollen, I could hardly see his nose," said Sgt. **Mullins**. Sgt. **Mullins** then assisted the co-pilot, 2Lt. McDonald L. **Riddick**, whose oxygen mask had been shot away by giving him a walk-around bottle. He also assisted the pilot, 2Lt. William C. **Fort**, with his oxygen mask and attempted to thaw out his frozen hands. In the meantime, Lt. **Spencer**, barely conscious, realized that the enemy fighters were still attacking and struggled to get back to his nose guns. He exposed himself to the extreme cold blast through the nose and faced the possibility of being thrown out by evasive action. He remained at his guns until the attacks ceased. After landing, he was unconscious beneath his guns. Arriving back in England, Lt. **Fort**, his frostbitten hands so stiff he could barely manipulate the throttles, made an emergency landing at Docking-Fort. As he landed, another engine ran out of gas and went dead.

The waist gunner, S/Sgt. James H. **Pleasant**, was slightly injured and was hospitalized. S/Sgt. J.G. **Viszneki**, left waist gunner, and Sgt. H.H. **Zeitner**, ball turret gunner, were treated for frostbite and exposure at the local base hospital. For his gallantry in action, Lt. **Spencer** was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He spent months in hospitals receiving plastic surgery for facial repairs and a new nose and ears. His frozen hands required the amputation of his fingers. One eye was enucleated and the other impaired. After the war, he entered the ministry, serving as chaplain of the Kansas State Soldiers Home in Ft. Dodge. He was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor and many remain disappointed with his award of the DSM. Sgt. **Mullins** was awarded the Silver Star medal and was later injured when he bailed out on the Oschersleben mission. *Star Dust* was repaired and returned to the 303rd BG(H).

Another aircraft was lost. *Mr. Five by Five*, #42-29955, 427BS, piloted by Capt. Addell A. **Cote**, was last seen ten kilometers west of Texel Island over the North Sea when it dropped out of formation with its wheels down. It apparently was under control at 10,000 feet. No parachutes were observed. The aircraft crashed at Den Helder, Netherlands. Lt. **Cote**, 2Lt. Clarence C. **Bixler**, 1Lt. Wilbur R. **Barnhill**, 1Lt. John W. **Hull**, T/Sgt. John R. **Arter**, T/Sgt. Vaughan **Reaves**, S/Sgt. Cecil M. **May**, S/Sgt. Theodore **Gomes**, S/Sgt. John M. **Micek**, and S/Sgt. Paul **Gunsauls** were all killed in the crash. Lt. **Hull's** body washed up on Terschelling Island, Holland on 13 February, 1944, and is buried in Netherlands American Cemetery, Martgratten, Netherlands.

Aircraft #42-5177 Fast Worker MK II 359BS, piloted by 2Lt. H.S. **Bolsover**, had a harrowing experience. ME-109 cannon fire knocked out two engines and riddled and badly damaged the aircraft. S/Sgt. J.L. **Perryman**, tail gunner, was shot through his shoulder and S/Sgt. J.E. **Robichaud**, left waist gunner, was shot through his neck and shoulder.

- T/Sgt. Raymond K. **Roberts**, radio operator on his 24th mission, was shot and killed. He is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery, England. Lt. **Bolsover** and a badly shaken crew made an emergency landing at Attlebridge and asked to be excused from interrogation. The aircraft was salvaged and returned to the 303rd BG(H).
- 2Lt. Lloyd S. **Johnson**, PFF navigator on PFF #42-3484, was mortally wounded and died on 2 December 1943. He is buried at Cambridge, England. Six other aircraft had nine gunners who required hospitalization with severe frostbite. Eight were waist gunners.
- Gen. **Travis** was enthusiastic about the mission. "I thought it was a damn good mission," he said. "Of course, we were over the clouds and couldn't see where we were supposed to be. The flak was about the roughest I have ever seen. They were right on our level and there was plenty of it. My ship was pretty well peppered with it." One fighter attempted to ram Gen. **Travis**' B-17, but the quick work of Pilot Capt. Jacob C. **James** averted a collision.
- 1Lt. Fred W. **Tucker**, pilot of the Fortress *Flak Wolf*, finished his 25th mission and thought that the trip was rough. "They didn't waste any time today," he said. "They just climbed up, peeled off, and came in. A 20mm shell hit our prop, but it kept running, even if it was a bit rough. It was the roughest one for me because I passed out once when my oxygen froze and got my hands frostbitten, too."
- T/Sgt. George **Keesling**, engineer on *Knockout Dropper* said, "It was the coldest I've ever seen it. The flak was thick and quite a few fighters got through to worry us for a while." Sgt. Edward **Ruppel**, ball turret gunner on *Hell's Angels*, reported new tactics by enemy fighters. "They tried to hide in the vapor trails left by the Forts and sneak up without being seen," he said. "I saw three or four of them try this, but it didn't seem to work too well. The gunners drove them off as soon as they came out into the open."
- 1Lt. Steve **Gibson**, who finished his 25th mission as bombardier on *Dark Horse*, gladly welcomed the fighter escort. "I saw the P-47s shoot down two ME-109s today," he said. "They were doing a swell job of cover and our gunners were able to take care of the fighters that got by them."
- 1Lt. Warren C. **Kotz**, navigator of *Flak Wolf*, summed up the mission as "... tough. There were lots of fighters over the target and masses of flak. Our ship came back with the nose full of flak holes, but everybody was lucky and didn't get hurt." Lt. Charles J. **McClain**, 358BS bombardier, was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

Sixteen aircraft sustained battle damage, five major and eleven minor, fifteen by flak, three by fighter and two by friendly aircraft.

## **Post-Mission Crew Comments**

## Goolsby Crew:

No hot water at Site 7 EM's showers since the day of the Norway Mission.

## Long Crew:

Sq. Leader took formation through lead squadrons prop wash. Sq. Leader permitted the Squadron to fall behind the rest of the planes. This A/C was in high squadron and fell behind and lost altitude while well over enemy territory. The lead navigator did a good job.

## Quinn Crew:

Leader of high squadron, high group, needs practice - also the leader of the 2nd element. All new planes should be checked at 28,000 feet or higher. Suggest not to use trailing antenna in formation.

#### **Hullar Crew:**

A tighter formation should be flown. Have better firing pin put in guns. Nose guns on 823 were in very poor condition prior to flight.

## Manning Crew:

Chow in E/M mess is generally poor. When returning from missions a bit late, the food is cold and generally poor.

#### Daub Crew:

Landing procedures is not satisfactory with so many A/C around. Food good before and after mission but poor otherwise.

## McClellan Crew:

Modify VHF on new planes to correspond with old B-17s. Check heating systems on guns for proper grounding. Heat control unit needed in upper turret.

## **Hungerford Crew:**

Wing formation poor. Gunners do not know when to test guns.

## Johnston Crew:

Fur lined gauntlets needed for the Ball, Tail and Waist gunners. Pilot needs soft rubber ear phones.

## **Heller Crew:**

High group went too fast and didn't hold their position correctly altering course when necessary. Left the target too fast for ships in trouble.

## Hanselman Crew:

Put G ships in lead if you are going to use them. Gs are hard to fly formation unless in lead. Tokyo tanks keeps maneuverability down.

## **Brinkley Crew:**

Can't understand why escort wasn't on time; Contrails were very bad.

## Fyler Crew:

New crews are reported as to having put turpentine in oil-huffer unit of guns. Several guns were out of commission because of this.

#### Lake Crew:

Navigator thinks he should have a compass. Should not climb at 135 MPH.

## Wise Crew:

Pilot wished to commend left waist gunner, Sgt. **Sweed**, for manning his guns despite badly frost bitten hands and face which caused severe pain.

## **Barker Crew:**

Get heated equipment. P-38s and P-47s too high. Suggest fighters meet us before coast going in.

## Woddrop Crew:

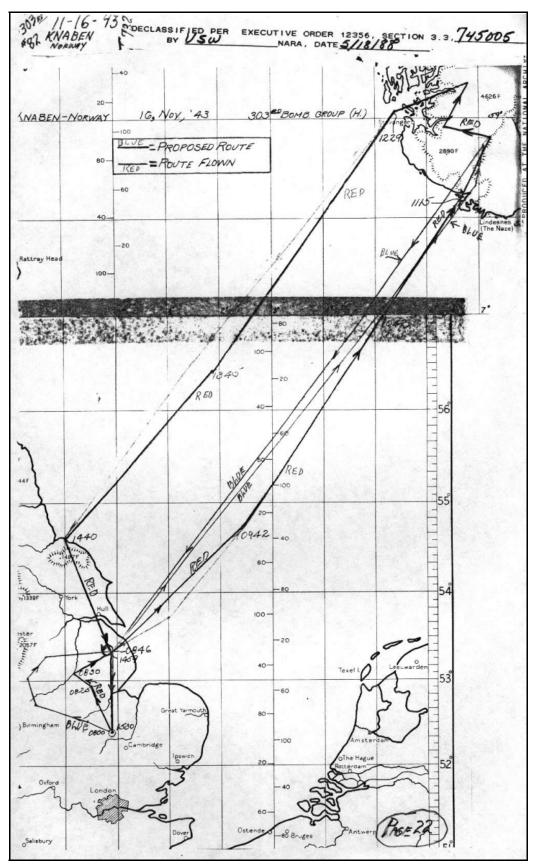
Fighter support late and too high.

## **Eckhart Crew:**

Wants spam instead of jelly sandwiches. More sandwiches and extra sandwiches and candy for cameraman.

## **Humphreys Crew:**

Oil on guns not good. All guns were frozen except nose guns and top turret.



**Route Map** 

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Travis-James</u>		
		484 (PFF)		
	<u>Osborn</u>	<u>Crockett</u>		
	795	357 (PFF)		
		<u>Brinkley</u>		
		052		
	<u>Lawlor</u>	<u>Fyler</u>		
	055	498		
<u>Cote</u>			<b>Gamble</b>	
955			562	
<u>Leve</u>	<b>Barker</b>	<u>Fort</u>		<b>DeCamp</b>
060	795	064		264
<u>Woddrop</u>			<u>Wise</u>	
131			664	
<u>Humphreys</u>	<b>Eckhart</b>	Emerson-DaShiell		<u>Lake</u>
052	619	794		810

<u>Luke</u> 781



ORIGINAL ADDELL A. COTE CREW - 427th BS (crew assigned 427BS: 13 Apr 1943 - photo: 18 July 1943)

Capt Addell A. Cote (P-KIA), 1Lt Alan Eckhart (CP), 1Lt Wilbur R. Bamhill (N-KIA), 1Lt John W. Hall (B-KIA) T/Sgt John R. Arter (E-KIA), T/Sgt Vaughan Reaves (R-KIA), S/Sgt Cecil M. May (BT-KIA), S/Sgt John M. Micek (RWG-KIA), S/Sgt Delvyn Smith (LWG), S/Sgt Paul Gunsauls (TG-KIA)

Eckhart and Smith were replaced by 2Lt Clarence C. Bixler (CP-KIA) and S/Sgt Theodore Gomes (LWG-KIA) (crewmen are not in order)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

	C.W. Campbell	
	635	
<u>Goolsby</u>		<u>Daub</u>
257		1177
	<u>Manning</u>	
	605	
<u>Bolsover</u>		<u>Eich</u>
5177		448

<u>Johnston</u> 785				<u>Hullar</u> 823		
<b>Hungerford</b>		P.W. Campbell	<u>Long</u>		<u>McClellan</u>	
577		524	764		241	
	<b>Bergeron</b>			Reeder		
	854			561		
<u>Heller</u>		<u>Brumbeloe</u>	<u>Quinn</u>		<u>Hanselman</u>	
314		757	807		213	

One (1) aircraft aborted this mission: Lt. P.W. Campbell in 524

## **KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS**

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

В-	17F #42-29664 Jersey Bounce, Jr.		B-17F #41-24562 Sky Wolf
Р	Wise, Calder L., 2Lt	Р	Gamble, Donald, 1Lt
CP	Troppman, Walter W., 2Lt	CP	Kyse, Walter R., 2Lt
NAV	Minkowitz, Samuel, 2Lt	NAV	McSween, William D., 2Lt
NG	Armstrong, Charles C., 2Lt	BOM	Coburn, Ralph F., 2Lt
ENG	Wilson, David L., S/Sgt	ENG	Wagner, Clyde E., T/Sgt
LWG	Sweed, Nathan, Sgt	RWG	Vaughn, Norville, S/Sgt
RO	Gilmore, Daniel F., S/Sgt	RO	Bland, Hugh N., T/Sgt
BT	Mirenda, Frank J., Sgt	BT	Scharch, Richard G., S/Sgt
TG	Swank, Verden D., Sgt	TG	Gilbert, Bill A., S/Sgt
RWG	Garcia, Mario D., Sgt	LWG	Schmeltzer, Charles S., S/Sgt
B-1	7F #42-5264 Yankee Doodle Dandy		B-17F #42-3064 Star Dust
P	DeCamp, Donald F., 1Lt	Р	Fort, William C., 2Lt
CP	Ames, Walter J., 2Lt	CP	Riddick, McDonald L., 2Lt
NAV	Haddock, Ralph M., 2Lt	NAV	Rocketto, Harold J., 2Lt KIA
BOM	Galbraith, Robert E., 2Lt	BOM	Spencer, Charles W., 2Lt WIA
ENG	Hembree, William T., T/Sgt	ENG	Mullins, Grover C., S/Sgt
RO	King, Robert E., Sgt	RWG	Pleasant, James H., S/Sgt
LWG	Hitt, William T., S/Sgt	RO	Supple, James C., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Richard C., Sgt	BT	Zeitner, Howard H., Sgt
TG	Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt	TG	Sutton, Bernard J., Sgt
RWG	McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt	LWG	Viszneki, John G., S/Sgt
	7G #42-39785 Thru Hel'en Hiwater		B-17F #42-29524 Meat Hound
Р	Johnston, John R., 1Lt	Р	Campbell, Paul W., 1Lt
CP	Gorman, Quentin J., 2Lt	CP	Doty, John C., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Nothstein, John P.D., 2Lt	NAV	Halliburton, J.B. Lewis, 2Lt
BOM	Milner, William J., 2Lt	NG	Fee, George H., Sgt
ENG	Lopez, Rudolph S., T/Sgt	ENG	Backiel, Stanley J., T/Sgt
RWG	Mills, James E., S/Sgt	RWG	Wisniewski, Alexander, S/Sgt
RO	Matthews, James O., T/Sgt	RO	McGuire, Robert J., S/Sgt
BT	Griffin, Edward W., S/Sgt	BT	Brooks, John W., Sgt
TG	Moody, John P., S/Sgt	TG	Cassidy, Edward J., S/Sgt
LWG	Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt	LWG	Hoy, James F., Sgt
		(Abort	ive)

## B-17F #41-24577 Hell's Angels

	Bill "41 24011 Hell & Aligeis
P	Hungerford, Merle R., Capt
CP	Henderson, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Wiggins, Warren S., 2Lt
BOM	Monkres, Woodrow W., 2Lt
ENG	Simpkins, William H., S/Sgt
LWG	Burkart, Ralph F., S/Sgt
RO	Vosler, Forrest L., S/Sgt
BT	Ruppel, Edward, Sgt
RWG	Moody, Stanley N., Sgt
TG	Buske, George W., Sgt

# B-17G #42-39810 Big A Bird

P	Lake, Lester A., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Litman, Arnold S., 2Lt
NAV	Merthan, Lawrence C., 2Lt
BOM	Leverton, John G., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., S/Sgt
RWG	Escobedo, Charles G., Sgt
RO	Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt
BT	Donovan, Eugene C., Sgt
TG	Castillo, Buenaventura L., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Victor R., Sgt

# B-17G #42-39794 (No Name)

Emerson, Aubrey L., 2Lt
DaShiell, William C., 2Lt
Sutherland, Thomas A., 2Lt
DeLaura, Don J., 2Lt
Stevenson, Robert L., S/Sgt
Robinson, Authur H., Sgt
Radebaugh, Bernard J., S/Sgt
Owen, Robert J., Sgt
Morrison, George J., Sgt
McKinney, Clifford M., Sgt

# B-17F #41-24605 Knockout Dropper

	THE #41 24000 KHOCKOUL DIOPPER
Р	Manning, John P., 1Lt
CP	Blossom, George H., 2Lt
NAV	Antman, Jack, 2Lt
BOM	Robinson, John M., 1Lt
ENG	Keesling, George R., T/Sgt
TG	Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt
RO	Fitzsimmons, Kenneth P., T/Sgt
RWG	Santella, Albert C., S/Sgt
BT	Mace, LeRoy L., S/Sgt
LWG	McKenna, Robert I., Sgt

# B-17F #41-24561 The Duchess

Р	Reeder, D.M., 1Lt
CP	McLean, Ralph C., 2Lt
NAV	Salk, Harvey M., 2Lt
BOM	Vermillion, Earl E., 2Lt
ENG	Herod, Henry W., T/Sgt
LWG	Hayes, John J., S/Sgt
RO	Mowery, Ellis D., T/Sgt
RWG	Hull, Kenneth W., S/Sgt
BT	Wright, Samuel S., S/Sgt
TG	Swan, Henry, S/Sgt
PHO	Green, William H., Jr., T/Sgt

# B-17G #42-39807 Nero

Р		Quinn, Thomas J., 2Lt
CF	)	Shoup, Noel E., 2Lt
N/	٧٧	Howlett, Oscar D., 2Lt
BC	MC	Van Zandt, Roland, 2Lt
E١	١G	Holper, Ralph M., T/Sgt
R۱	ΝG	Kalafut, Joe J., S/Sgt
RO	)	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
ВТ	_	Bergman, Harvey F., S/Sgt
L۷	۷G	Reynolds, James B., S/Sgt
TC	3	Pelkey, Elwood R., S/Sgt

# B-17F #42-5177 Fast Worker MK II

D-	B-III #42-3111 Tast Worker WIK II				
P	Bolsover, Harold S., 2Lt				
CP	Rice, Charles M., 2Lt				
NAV	Clark, Byron F., 2Lt				
BOM	McClain, Charles J., 2Lt				
ENG	Powell, Marvin F., S/Sgt				
TT	Robb, Charles W., Sgt				
RO	Roberts, Raymond K., T/Sgt	KIA			
BT	Joubert, Francis M., S/Sgt				
TG	Perryman, Jack L., Sgt	WIA			
LWG	Robichaud, Joseph E., S/Sgt	WIA			

# B-17G #42-31213 Pistol Packin' Mama

Р	Hanselman, Charles F., 2Lt
CP	Calwell, Lucien B., 2Lt
NAV	Ramsey, Elijah W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Livermore, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Fouss, Howard E., T/Sgt
TT	Laubert, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
RWG	Williams, Walter S., S/Sgt
BT	Armstrong, Keith N., S/Sgt
TG	Tybuszewski, Mitchel J., S/Sgt

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

Goolsby, Billy M., 2Lt
Savage, John N., 2Lt
Towberman, P.E., 2Lt
Bowen, Richard R., 2Lt
Bumgarner, Donald, T/Sgt
Rothrock, Harry J., Sgt
Greenhalgh, Chester W., S/Sgt
Montgomery, R.E., S/Sgt
Strobel, William A., Sgt
Cueto, Frank Z., Sgt
Hunter, Robert G., Sgt

# B-17G #42-31177 Lonesome Polecat B-17F #42-3448 (No Name)

P	Daub, Leroy E., 2Lt
CP	Assenheimer, Edwin H.P., 2Lt
NAV	Palmer, Gerald M., 2Lt
BOM	Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt
ENG	Barrett, John J., S/Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., S/Sgt
RWG	Haman, Ray T., Sgt
LWG	Carter, Edward K., Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt

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

Р	Campbell, Claude W., 1Lt
CP	Cole, Richard H., Maj
NAV	Jacobsen, Norman N., 1Lt
BOM	Saiz, Reinaldo J., Capt
ENG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt
RO	Mouser, Lloyd G., Sgt
RWG	Newman, John F., S/Sgt
TG	Halpin, Robert H., T/Sgt
BT	McCauley, Patrick N., Sgt
LWG	Quick, George D., S/Sgt
PHO	Mahaffey, William D., Sgt

Р	Eich, Henry J., Jr. 2Lt
CP	Woodside, William E., 2Lt
NAV	Carroll, James E., 2Lt
BOM	Stein, William G., 2Lt
ENG	Lenson, H., Sgt
BT	Celoni, J.P., Sgt
RO	Harvey, D.S., S/Sgt
RWG	Erdmann, D.C., Sgt
LWG	Maggia, Edmond A., S/Sgt
TG	Gilstrap, R.M., Sgt

	B-17G #42-31314 Scorchy	B-17G #42-37757 (No Name)		
Р	Heller, William C., Lt	Р	Brumbeloe, Finis A., Lt	
CP	Coppom, John F., Lt	CP	Marsh, Donnell H., Lt	
NAV	Zwayer, James P., Lt	NAV	Groves, James R., Lt	
BOM	DeSousa, John, Jr., Lt	BOM	Garneau, C.D., Lt	
ENG	Huston, William J., T/Sgt	ENG	Kiebish, Peter J., S/Sgt	
RWG	Payne, George S., S/Sgt	RWG	Payton, Howard S., Sgt	
RO	Spoerri, Felix, T/Sgt	RO	Johnson, Irwan A., S/Sgt	
LWG	Lanier, Leo, Jr., S/Sgt	BT	Steele, William C., Sgt	
BT	Schultz, Melvin E., S/Sgt	LWG	Hosso, Harry V., Sgt	
TG	Laurinitis, Anthony, S/Sgt	TG	Perryman, William R., Sgt	
PHO	Egge, Nellins P.S., Sgt			
	B-17G #42-31052 (No Name)		B-17G #42-39764 Santa Ana	
Р	Brinkley, Pharis C., 1Lt	Р	Long, John A., Lt	
CP	Parrott, John H., 2Lt	CP	Earhart, Amon E., Lt	
NAV	Becker, Sylvester J., 2Lt	NAV	Carroll, George M., Lt	
BOM	Petrolino, James S., 2Lt	BOM	Cascio, Guiseppe, Lt	
ENG	Worthington, Arthur J., T/Sgt	ENG	Wilson, Clarence G., T/Sgt	
LWG	Lance, Guy A., S/Sgt	LWG	Ledley, Albert J., S/Sgt	
RO	Snyder, Richard N., T/Sgt	RO	Jennings, Ralph T., T/Sgt	
RWG	Ferguson, Charles R., S/Sgt	RWG	Henson, Mace, S/Sgt	
BT	Reid, Harold C., S/Sgt	TG	Orlando, Anthony T., S/Sgt	
TG	Rein, William E., S/Sgt	ВТ	Logan, Frank C., Sgt	
	B-17F #42-5854 Alley Oop		B-17G #42-39781 (No Name)	
P	Bergeron, Willard H., Lt	Р	Luke, George W., Jr., Lt	
CP	DeWall, Hershel R., Lt	CP	Mitchell, Frank, Lt	
NAV	Noland, James B., Lt	NAV	Ballagh, Gordon A., Lt	
BOM	DeFeis, Robert N., Lt	BOM	Dahnke, Leonard L., Lt	
ENG	Serwa, Alphonse B., T/Sgt	ENG	Boren, Millard A., S/Sgt	
RWG	Oxendine, Simeon, S/Sgt	RWG	Yeakel, Elwood D., Sgt	
RO	Cline, Leroy, T/Sgt	RO	Day, Ben T., S/Sgt	
BT	Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt	LWG	Wright, Sherman G., Sgt	
LWG	Wilson, George W., S/Sgt	BT	Washburn, Robert H., Sgt	
TG	Appleton, Vernon R., S/Sgt	TG	Walter, Ira J., Sgt	

## B-17G #42-310<u>55 Aloha</u> B-17F #42-29498 *Dark Horse*

P	Fyler, Carl J., 1Lt	P	Lawlor, John C., Jr., Lt
CP	Ward, Robert C., Lt	CP	Hicks, David F., Lt
NAV	Molnar, George, Lt	NAV	Munroe, Linton S., Jr., Lt
BOM	Gibson, Steve M., Lt	BOM	Barker, Havelock W., Lt
ENG	Addison, Bill J., T/Sgt	ENG	Tower, Jack W., S/Sgt
RWG	Fisher, George C., S/Sgt	RWG	Baker, Nelson, Sgt
RO	O'Connell, Raymond B., Sgt	RO	Esposito, Frank B., S/Sgt
BT	Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt	LWG	Krenek, Joe W., Sgt
TG	Sawicki, Joseph R., S/Sgt	BT	Kuntashian, Warren V., Sgt
RWG	Stachowiak, Martin G., Sgt	TG	Butler, Raymond K., Sgt

## B-17G #42-39795 Ladies Home Companion

D-17 G	#42-33133 Laules Hollie Companie
Р	Osborn, William C., Lt
CP	Jernigan, Jack, Jr., Lt
NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., Lt
BOM	Campbell, Nelson, Lt
ENG	Wolff, William E., S/Sgt
LWG	Wolfe, Earl D., Sgt
RO	Daniel, George L., S/Sgt
RWG	Reese, Vincent J., Sgt
BT	Fitzgerald, Lyle W., Sgt
TG	Evans, Lawrence B., Sgt

	#42-3484 PFF (482BG
P	James, Jacob C., Capt
CP	Ashwell, Silas B., Lt
NAV	Harrell, Lt
NAV	Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM	Blatnica, Lt
ENG	Barnett, Sgt
RO	Williss, Sgt
BT	Garrett, Sgt
TG	Skloss, Sgt
LWG	Wetow, Sgt
RWG	Harmes, Sgt
A/CM[	D Travis, Robert F., BGen
OBS	Gray, E.D., Col
PHO	Montagnesse, J.J., Sgt

P Humphreys, Fred C., Lt CP Clemons, James H., Lt NAV Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt ENG Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt PHO Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt	B-17F #42-5052 <i>Mizpah</i>		B-17F #41-24619 S for Sugar	
NAV Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt  BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt  ENG Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt  LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt  RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt  BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt  RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt  TMAV Peacock, Lawrence A., Lt  BOM Meagher, Robert W., Lt  TT Neuner, Francis X., Sgt  BT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt  RO Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt  TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt  LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt  TG Sparks, William C., Sgt  RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	Р	Humphreys, Fred C., Lt	Р	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt ENG Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt  BOM Meagher, Robert W., Lt TT Neuner, Francis X., Sgt RT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt RO Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	CP	Clemons, James H., Lt	CP	Jenkins, Elton L., Lt
BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt ENG Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt  BOM Meagher, Robert W., Lt TT Neuner, Francis X., Sgt RT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt RO Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	NAV	Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt	NAV	Peacock, Lawrence A., Lt
LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt  RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt  BT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt  RO Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt  BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt  TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt  LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt  TG Sparks, William C., Sgt  RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt	BOM	Meagher, Robert W., Lt
RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt RO Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	ENG	Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt	TT	Neuner, Francis X., Sgt
BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	LWG	Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt	BT	Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt
RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt LWG Madak, Edward P., S/Sgt TG Sparks, William C., Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	RO	Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt	RO	Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt
TG Sparks, William C., Sgt RWG Musashe, Michael, Sgt	BT	Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt	TG	Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt
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PHO Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt PHO Jervis, J.R., Sgt	TG	Sparks, William C., Sgt	RWG	Musashe, Michael, Sgt
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RWG Hoff, Henry, Sgt RWG Keefer, Oliver L., Sgt	RWG	Horr, Henry, Sgt	RWG	Keeler, Oliver L., Sgt
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P Hullar, Robert J., Lt P McClellan, George S., Jr., Lt	Р	Hullar, Robert J., Lt	Р	McClellan, George S., Jr., Lt
CP Culbertson, A.T., LtCol CP Greenwood, Ernest G., Lt	CP	Culbertson, A.T., LtCol	CP	Greenwood, Ernest G., Lt
NAV Brown, Elmer L., Lt NAV Kaliher, John C., Lt	NAV	Brown, Elmer L., Lt	NAV	Kaliher, John C., Lt
BOM Matthews, E.P., Lt BOM Cornish, Merlin L., Lt	BOM	Matthews, E.P., Lt	BOM	Cornish, Merlin L., Lt
ENG Rice, Dale W., S/Sgt ENG Tempesta, David, T/Sgt	ENG	Rice, Dale W., S/Sgt	ENG	Tempesta, David, T/Sgt
RWG Ferguson, Jack D., S/Sgt RWG Chiles, Alfred B., Jr., S/Sgt	RWG	Ferguson, Jack D., S/Sgt	RWG	Chiles, Alfred B., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt RO Callihan, George A., T/Sgt	RO	Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt	RO	Callihan, George A., T/Sgt
BT Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt BT Yarian, Robert G., S/Sgt	BT	Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt	BT	Yarian, Robert G., S/Sgt
TG Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt TG Dugan, Charles E., S/Sgt	TG	Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt	TG	Dugan, Charles E., S/Sgt
LWG Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt LWG Heaton, Barnell S., Sgt	LWG	Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt	LWG	Heaton, Barnell S., Sgt

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Р	Cote, Addell A., Lt	KIA
CP	Bixler, Clarence C., Lt	KIA
NAV	Barnhill, Wilbur R., Lt	KIA
BOM	Hull, John W., Lt	KIA
ENG	Arter, John R., T/Sgt	KIA
BT	May, Cecil M., S/Sgt	KIA
RO	Reaves, Vaughan, T/Sgt	KIA
TG	Gunsauls, Paul, S/Sgt	KIA
LWG	Micek, John M., S/Sgt	KIA
RWG	Gomes, Theodore, S/Sgt	KIA

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Р	Crockett, T.A., 1Lt
CP	Burkey, R.B., F/O
NAV	Josey, H.A., 1Lt
BOM	Burgess, R.F., Capt
ENG	Wood, E.N., T/Sgt
LWG	Prince, H.E., S/Sgt
RO	Morritz, L., T/Sgt
BT	Rivers, P., Sgt
RWG	Friday, P.R., S/Sgt
TG	Bores, H.S., Sat

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Р	Barker, John C., Lt
CP	Hoeg, Kenneth A., F/O
NAV	Olsen, Kenneth L., Lt
BOM	Cronin, Ernest L., Lt
ENG	Walsh, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Knight, Frederick B., S/Sgt
RO	Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt
TG	Vateckas, Coster R., S/Sgt
LWG	McGrew, Robert H., S/Sgt
RWG	Keaton, Joe J., S/Sgt