

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 119

8 March 1944

Target: V.K.F. Ball Bearing Works, Berlin (Erkner) Germany

Crews Dispatched: 22

Crews Lost: Lt. L.B. McGrath, 10 POWs

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 8 x 500 lb Incendiaries (M17) / 12 x 100 G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 26,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,895 rounds

## **Eighth Air Force Narrative of Operations**

**T**en combat wings of heavy bombers of the Eighth Air Force, escorted by seventeen groups of USAAF fighters, made a highly successful attack on the Luftwaffe, both in the air and on the ground, penetrating to the Berlin area to hit the VKF Ball Bearing plant, and driving off enemy fighter formations attempting to defend this vital target. The VKF plant, at Erkner, was responsible for one half of the minimum annual requirements of the German Air Force, and preliminary reports indicate that it was severely damaged by over 900 tons dropped by 470 attacking bombers.

Although most bomber formations reported weak fighter opposition, the leading combat wing reported severe attacks in the area between Hannover and Berlin on the route to the target, and our fighters had their heaviest engagements at this stage of the operation. However, the enemy defensive effort was largely checked by the escorting P-47s, P-38s and P-51s, which claimed 86 enemy aircraft destroyed for a loss of 17 fighters. Operations totals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bomb Divisions were: 702 aircraft, 620 aircraft actually dispatched, 470 aircraft attacked the primary target and 69 aircraft attacked targets of opportunity. Operations totals for tonnage were: 291.5 tons of General Purpose bombs and 649 tons of Incendiary bombs dropped on the primary target, 46 tons of General Purpose bombs and 113 tons of Incendiary bombs dropped on targets of opportunity. Twenty-eight B-17s and nine B-24s were missing and bomber crews claimed 42 enemy aircraft destroyed, 14 possibly destroyed and 9 damaged, making a total score for this operation of 128-26-41.

Three hundred twenty B-17s, including five PFF, dropped 7,224 x 100 lb, 3,333 x 100 GP, 92 x 500 lb and 20 x 500 GP, a total of 554 tons, and 150 B-24s, including three PFF, dropped 5,313 x 100 lb, 2,391 x 100 GP and 4 X 500 GP, a total of 386 tons, on the VKF plant at Erkner between 1429 and 1502 hours from 21,000 to 27,000 feet. The attack was made visually in clear weather, but heavy clouds of smoke rising from the target soon after the first planes attacked made assessment of damage difficult. It is known, however, that the first combat wing attacking had incendiary strikes on all major components of the plant, and formations of all three divisions are believed to have laid good patterns across the target area. A reconnaissance aircraft over the target two hours after the attack reported smoke still obscuring the plant almost completely. In addition to the plant itself, the nearby town and marshalling yards, and a large gas-holder, were reported hit.

Twenty-nine B-24s, arriving over the primary target when it was completely obscured by smoke, went on to bomb the center of Berlin, on which they dropped 993 x 100 lb and 439 x 100 GP, with good results. Twenty-nine B-17s dropped 719 x 100 lb, 310 x 100 GP and 40 x 500 lb on a large locomotive factory at Wildau. Strike photos show that one third of this plant was covered by bursts. In addition, seven B-17s and four B-24s dropped 276 x 100 lb, 12 x 500 lb and 149 x 100 GP on scattered opportunity targets with unobserved results.

While the 1st and 2nd Divisions reported only 50-75 enemy aircraft encountered in the area between Brunswick and the target, and a very few engagements, the 3rd Division reported a total of 100-150, mostly single-engined types. On the route to Berlin, enemy aircraft were first encountered by this division near Nienberg, and remained with the formations to the target area. Attacks were directed chiefly against the lead combat wing, the 45th, which lost 17 aircraft. On the route back, the second combat wing was attacked at about 1525 hours in the area north of Hannover. These scattered attacks lasted about twenty-five minutes until broken off between Dummer Lake and Lingen. No unusual tactics were reported.

Fifty-five B-17s and 27 B-24s failed to bomb - 27 B-17s and 22 B-24s due to mechanical or equipment failure, 25 B-17s and 2 B-24s as a result of enemy action, 3 B-17s and 3 B-24s due to other reasons.

Three crew members were killed, nine were wounded and 392 were missing. Twenty-eight B-17s and nine B-24s were lost. Two B-24s were lost to AA fire, 21 B-17s were lost to enemy aircraft, one B-24 was lost to AA and enemy aircraft, two B-24s were lost due to accident and seven B-17s and four B-24s were lost to reasons unknown. Estimated battle damage report shows 127 B-17s and 89 B-24s category "A" or "AC," 11 B-17s and one B-24 category "B" and one B-24 category "E."

Intense accurate gunfire of barrage type was encountered at Berlin and Erkner. Moderate to intense and fairly accurate flak was encountered at Hesepe, Achmer, Rheine, Hannover and Dummer Lake. Meager to moderate and inaccurate AA was encountered at Lingen, Quackenbruck, Diepholz and Wunsdorf. Ground rockets were reported in the target area and red parachute flares over Magdeburg.

Smoke screens were seen over Brunswick, Steinhuder Lake, Magdeburg, Brandenburg, Hannover and Osnabruck. Observations were made of 455 aircraft on the ground.

Seventeen Groups of USAAF fighters, thirteen of the Eighth Air Force and four of the Ninth Air Force aided by two Squadrons of RAF Mustangs, provided continuous escort for the bombers on this operation. Four groups flew double missions and three groups of P-51s again provided excellent long-range support in the target area, sustaining the loss of only two aircraft. Enemy air opposition was decidedly smaller than that of the last Berlin attack with very few twin engine and no night fighters seen. However, powerful and very aggressive concentrations were met by one group in the Hannover area and by another group over Berlin. In both instances, the enemy forces, although outnumbering our groups

locally, were out-fought and sustained heavy losses. Ten P-47s, four P-51s and three P-38s failed to return while fighter pilots claimed 86 enemy aircraft destroyed, 12 enemy aircraft possibly damaged and 32 enemy aircraft damaged. There were no claims or losses for the RAF Mustangs.

### 303rd BG (H) Report

Colonel William L. **Travis**, C/S 41 CBW, brother of B/Gen. Robert F. **Travis**, CG 41 CBW, flew as co-pilot with Lt. **Barnes**, leading the low 427BS formation, in #42-31241 *Spirit of Wanette*, 427BS-W. This aircraft aborted with high oil temperature and the No. 3 propeller uncontrollable under 2300 RPM. Two spare B-17s took off. One, *Bonnie B* #42-31483, 359BS-P (Lt. **Newell**), returned early. The other, *Bad Penny* #42-31183, 359BS-Y (Lt. **Dahleen**), joined the 384BG and bombed the primary target with that Group.

Nineteen aircraft dropped 152 M17 500-lb incendiary clusters and 252 M30 100-lb G.P. bombs on the primary target from 27,000 feet. Crews reported excellent bombing results.

Flak was meager to moderate and inaccurate. Enemy air opposition was weak— from eight to ten were seen and only two crews reported attacks. For the most part, enemy aircraft concentrated on the stragglers. There were no enemy aircraft claims by the 303rd BG(H). Fighter support was reported to be excellent, effective and complete support was given the entire time that the Group was over enemy territory. Several crews reported rockets fired from the ground. There was only a trace of clouds at the target and visibility was unlimited.



B-17G #42-31471 Doolittle's Destroyer 360BS (PU-E)

Aircraft #42-31471 *Doolittle's Destroyer*, piloted by 1Lt. Leo B. **McGrath**, was lost in the vicinity of Brandenburg, Germany. The aircraft was last seen descending very rapidly under control to about 10,000 feet. Flak had damaged the No. 4 engine and the aircraft lagged behind the Group formation. S/Sgt. C.J. **Bonn** later reported that they had trouble feathering the No. 4 engine and it caught on fire. After being hit by three ME-109s, the bail-out order was given. The aircraft crashed 20 kilometers southwest of Magdeburg. Sgt. **Bonn** landed with a badly injured leg in a farm area and was placed in an improvised and inadequate

hospital staffed with both German and French doctors. A French doctor saved his leg. He reported that the German doctor was brutal and was suspected of having performed some unnecessary amputations on some of the other wounded prisoners. He is thankful that the more humane French doctor treated him. He was sent to Stalag 17 after recuperation. Lt. **McGrath**, 2Lt. John M. **Chapman**, Jr., 2Lt. Anthony D. **Volk**, S/Sgt. Joseph S. **Klasnick**, S/Sgt. Jack E. **Green**, S/Sgt. James E. **Mayfield**, S/Sgt. Wallace L. **Tharp**, S/Sgt. Harry V. **Hosso** and S/Sgt. Gilbert N. **Laible** were all captured and taken prisoner.

Eight B-17s were damaged by flak, one by fighters and one by friendly action. Aircrews were surprised at the lack of opposition. After the recent -60E weather, gunners were comparatively warm at -40E. Conditions were perfect for enemy interception, but the Luftwaffe did not seem anxious to attack the thick cover of P-38s, P-47s and P-51s. Bombers passing over spotted some enemy fighters parked on airfields, but they showed no inclination to take off in pursuit. Maj. **Mitchell** remarked, "I know it's hard to believe, but we had absolutely no opposition at all. We saw 20 to 25 enemy fighters, but our P-38s and P-51s took care of them. The flak wasn't worth mentioning. When we got to the target, it was completely covered with smoke and fire, so we dropped our bombs right in the middle of it. I doubt if there is even an outhouse left there."

Capt. **Steely**, lead ship navigator said, "When we got there, the target was already a mass of flame and smoke with a lot of little fires around the edges. We just couldn't miss." S/Sgt. L.J. **Witherwax**, a ball turret gunner who had been on some of the Group's toughest missions, said he was amazed at the lack of enemy fighters. "The only time I saw fighters was in dogfights," he reported. "One FW-190 came in out of the sun on a P-38 and shot out his left engine. About that time two P-38s jumped the FW-190 and blew him to pieces. The other P-38 feathered his prop and flew home with us as far as the Dutch coast."



**Ole George #42-31574 (358BS) VK-G**

**41st CBW High (358BS) - Pilot Maj K.R. Mitchell / CoPilot 1Lt A.S. Litman**

(Back L-R) Capt H.H. Steely (N), Maj. K.R. Mitchell (P),  
1Lt A.S. Litman (CP), 1Lt C.C. Armstrong (B)

(Front - not in order) T/Sgt G.A. Smith (E), S/Sgt B.L. Castillo (WG),  
T/Sgt F.R. Ebbighausen (R), S/Sgt L.J. Witherwax (BT),  
S/Sgt V.H. Miller (WG), T/Sgt F.H. Stender (TG)

## **HAPPY 24th BIRTHDAY TO ME – BERLIN AGAIN**

**8 March 1944 — Mission #119**

**Ed Miller's Memories and Recollections**

What a Birthday present — as though I wanted this same present for the fourth time. But we were targeted for the V.K.F. Ball Bearing Works in Erkner, in the outskirts of Berlin. Major Kirk R. Mitchell of the 358th Bomb Squadron was our leader today, with 1Lt Arnold S. Litman flying as his co-pilot. The 303rd Bomb Group dispatched 21 aircraft.

On this mission, the bombs were placed on the target – over 900 tons were dropped by 470 attacking bombers. This ball bearing plant, now producing one half of the requirements for the German Air Force, was the highest priority target in Germany.

The 384th Bomb Group lead the 41st Combat Wing today, with the 379th Bomb Group flying the low group position, and the 303rd Bomb Group flying the high group position. Colonel Dale Smith of the 384th was the Combat Wing Commander.

Compared to the enemy aircraft action of two days earlier (6 March 1944), today we had weaker fighter opposition. Probably as the result of being badly beat up two days earlier. Our bomb load was mixed, with some B-17s carrying 12 100 lb General Purpose bombs and some carrying 8 500 lb bundles of M17 Incendiaries. The bombing altitude was at 26,800 feet, and that helped us in relation to AA fire. And it was warmer than the previous mission to Berlin at minus 40 degrees. On the 6th of March we had minus 60 degrees to contend with.

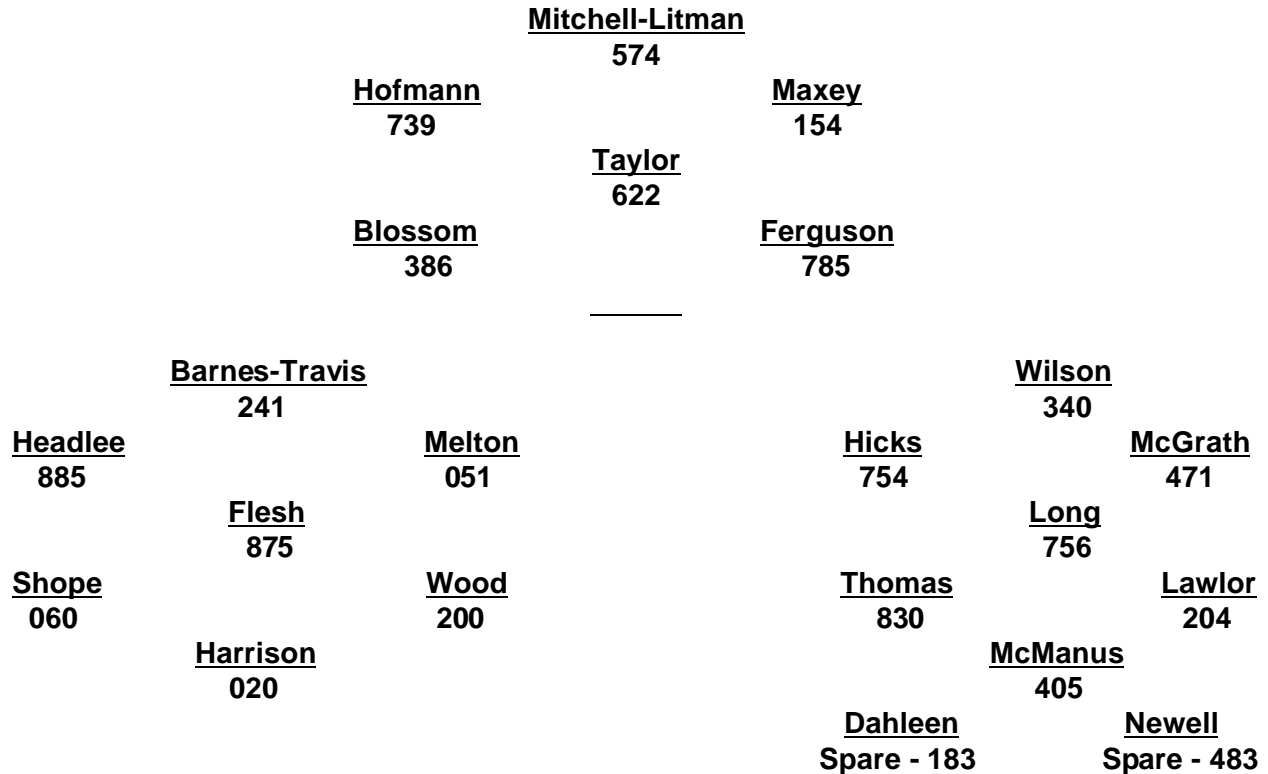
The V.K.F. Ball Bearing Works was sighted visually and photos showed that all three of the 8th Air Force Divisions, all bombing the same target, laid good bombing patterns across the target area. A reconnaissance aircraft, over the target two hours after the attack, reported smoke still obscuring the plant almost completely. In addition to the plant itself, the nearby town and marshalling yards and a large gas-holder were reported to be hit. A large group of B-24s, arriving over the primary target when it was completely obscured by smoke, went on to bomb the center of Berlin.

The leading Combat Wing, the 45th CBW, was the target of most of the enemy aircraft opposition, and it lost 17 B-17s. On the route back to England, the second combat wing was the target for enemy fighters between Dummer Lake and Lingen.

Again, the personnel losses were heavy, with the 392 crew members missing, 3 men were killed and 9 were wounded. We lost 1Lt Leo B. McGrath and his crew from our 360th Bomb Squadron. All of his crew became Prisoners of War.

So Berlin turned out to be a pretty good “Birthday Present” after all, but not for the other 404 combat flyers of the 8th Air Force.

# 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 - Toggler 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 cuntry 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 #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter***

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P Hofmann, Raymond, 2Lt  
CP Putiri, John G., 2Lt  
NAV Binder, Carroll, 2Lt  
BOM Israelson, Elmo P., 2Lt  
ENG Blakeney, William R., Jr., S/Sgt  
BT Crenshaw, Ollie G., Sgt  
RO Berman, Seymour, S/Sgt  
LWG Galloway, John B., Sgt  
TG Jensen, Bob, Sgt  
RWG Williams, James O., Sgt.

### **B-17G #42-39785 *Thru Hel'en Hiwater***

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P Ferguson, Wendell Z., 2Lt  
CP Moody, James D., 2Lt  
NAV Williams, Grover C., 2Lt  
BOM Schmid, Ralph D., 2Lt  
ENG Matthews, David R., Sgt  
LWG Smithson, Clyde E., Sgt  
RO Phillips, Robert B., S/Sgt  
RWG Rogers, Thomas J., Sgt  
TG Brooks, Richard S., Sgt  
BT Rhodes, Kenneth C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38154 *(No Name)***

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P Maxey, Frank, 2Lt  
CP Knight, R.A., 2Lt  
NAV Mikulich, Louis F., 2Lt  
BOM Spatt, Arnold I., 2Lt  
ENG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt  
LWG Johnston, Wendell B., Sgt  
RO Rabun, Clifford G., Sgt  
BT Swain, Norman F., Pvt  
TG Angelo, George L., S/Sgt  
RWG Hodgins, Robert A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97622 *Paper Dollie***

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P Taylor, James B., 1Lt  
CP Hall, Charles M., 2Lt  
NAV Levy, Herbert E., 2Lt  
BOM Feinman, Milton, 2Lt  
ENG Jones, Douglas J., S/Sgt  
BT Czczotka, Theodore R., Sgt  
RO Dulin, Woodroe G., S/Sgt  
RWG Schweinebraten, Leslie H., Sgt  
TG Cox, James B., S/Sgt  
LWG Loveland, William H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31574 *Ole George***

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P Mitchell, Kirk R., Maj  
CP Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt  
NAV Steely, Hobart H., Capt  
BOM Armstrong, Charles C., 1Lt  
ENG Smith, George A., S/Sgt  
LWG Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt  
RO Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt  
BT Witherwax, Leon J., Sgt  
TG Stender, Francis H., T/Sgt  
RWG Miller, Victor R., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Newell, Noel N., 1Lt  
CP Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt  
NAV Carey, William D., 2Lt  
BOM Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt  
ENG Freinwald, Earl C., T/Sgt  
LWG Savela, Wilho A., Cpl  
RO Weepie, Robert F., T/Sgt  
TG Atkinson, William E., S/Sgt  
BT Montgomery, Robert K., S/Sgt  
RWG Mendel, Myron R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II***

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P McManus, Henry, 2Lt  
CP Gorecki, Victor T., 2Lt  
NAV Carroll, Charles P., 2Lt  
BOM Cecot, Chester R., 2Lt  
ENG Row, Robert A., T/Sgt  
RO Colburn, Robert P., T/Sgt  
RWG Doezema, Albert, S/Sgt  
LWG Jewett, William B., S/Sgt  
BT Davies, John W., S/Sgt  
TG Cowles, Clifton G., S/Sgt  
PHO Green, William H., T/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31386 *Sky Duster***

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P Blossom, George N., 1Lst  
CP Sassone, Joseph C., 2Lt  
NAV Walsh, Myles J., 2Lt  
BOM Kelly, James H., 2Lt  
ENG Davis, Eugene B., S/Sgt  
RO Minks, George B., S/Sgt  
BT Munson, James E., S/Sgt  
TG Moessner, Raymond J., S/Sgt  
RWG Rogers, Warren G., Sgt  
LWG McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt

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

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P Dahleen, Howard D., 1Lt  
CP Cunningham, Billy A., 2Lt  
NAV Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt  
BOM Gauthier, Raymond W., 2Lt  
ENG Merrow, Robert K., Sgt  
RO Swanson, Charles E., T/Sgt  
RWG Smith, Harding W., S/Sgt  
LWG Kolanda, Frank M., Sgt  
BT Hirn, Edward M., S/Sgt  
TG Covington, Charles G., S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Thomas, Earl N., 1Lt
CP	Miller, Edgar C., 2Lt
NAV	Walenta, Clarence V., 2Lt
BOM	Scott, Harold L., 2Lt
ENG	Mason, John W., T/Sgt
RWG	Flenniken, William, S/Sgt
RO	Crowder, Gayther B., T/Sgt
TG	Bacon, Charles N., Sgt
BT	Johnston, Harold A., Sgt
LWG	Books, Carl O., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31471 *Doolittle's Destroyer***

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P	McGrath, Leo B., 2Lt	POW
CP	Chapman, John M., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Volk, Anthony D., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Klasnick, Joseph S., S/Sgt	POW
ENG	Green, Jack E., S/Sgt	POW
RO	Bonn, Charles J., Sgt	POW
BT	Mayfield, James E., Sgt	POW
RWG	Hosso, Harry V., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Laible, Gilbert N., S/Sgt	POW
LWG	Tharp, Wallace L., S/Sgt	WIA/POW

### **B-17G #42-31756 (No Name)**

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P	Long, John A., 1Lt
CP	Huguenin, Wesley V., 1Lt
NAV	Noland, James B., 1Lt
BOM	Merz, Dick W., 2Lt
ENG	Wilson, Clarence G., T/Sgt
LWG	Ledley, Albert J., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Ralph T., T/Sgt
RWG	Henson, Mace, S/Sgt
TG	Orlando, Anthony T., S/Sgt
BT	Logan, Frank C., S/Sgt
PHO	Lovett, William F., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31754 (No Name)**

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P	Hicks, David F., 2Lt
CP	Stevens, Joseph E., 2Lt
NAV	Fleming, Samuel P., 2Lt
BOM	Finley, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG	Brewster, John L., T/Sgt
RO	Geisman, Gaylord W., T/Sgt
BT	Deffinger, John P., S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt
RWG	Fitko, Marion F., S/Sgt
LWG	Cole, Edgar C., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38204 (No Name)**

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P	Lawlor, John C., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Eisele, Roy, 2Lt
NAV	Schenker, Murray, 2Lt
BOM	Gladstone, Melvin, 2Lt
ENG	Tower, Jack W., T/Sgt
RWG	Baker, Nelson, S/Sgt
RO	Esposito, Frank B., T/Sgt
LWG	Krenek, Joe W., S/Sgt
BT	Kuntashian, Warren V., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Wilson, Fred F., 1Lt
CP	Bowen, James W., 2Lt
NAV	Przybyszewski, Henry S., Lt
BOM	Fahlbusch, Joseph F., 2Lt
ENG	Hubleby, Warren G., S/Sgt
RO	Mirkin, Herman H., T/Sgt
LWG	Petree, Wendell R., S/Sgt
BT	Webbink, Elvin F., S/Sgt
TG	Roads, Dwight W., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG	Goland, Harry, T/Sgt
OBS	Taber, Robert N., Capt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-38051 *My Yorkshire Dream***

P Melton, James H., 2Lt  
 CP Belknap, Robert W., 2Lt  
 NAV Frechter, Harry G., 2Lt  
 BOM Clapp, Keith W., 2Lt  
 ENG Rusinak, John C., S/Sgt  
 BT Moore, John J., Jr., Sgt  
 RO Stoberl, Donald L., S/Sgt  
 TG Anderson, Ralph R., Sgt  
 LWG LaPlante, Willard R., Sgt  
 RWG Fontaine, Clifford F., S/Sgt

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

P Headlee, Dale C., 2Lt  
 CP Fogerson, Joseph E., F/O  
 NAV Schweitzer, Jerome D., 2Lt  
 BOM Handley, Donald J., 2Lt  
 ENG Klunk, James A., S/Sgt  
 BT Almanzor, Berton F., Sgt  
 RO Moberg, Chester H., S/Sgt  
 TG Bell, Alton R., Sgt  
 LWG Wilson, Robert J., Sgt  
 RWG Kyle, Clarence, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38020 *V-Packet***

P Harrison, Emmittes S., Jr., 1Lt  
 CP Bastean, Stephen B., 2Lt  
 NAV Kurnik, Walter F., 2Lt  
 BOM Biedanski, Edmund J., 2Lt  
 ENG Rombach, Joseph H., T/Sgt  
 BT Dye, James W., S/Sgt  
 RO Volmer, Lawrence O., T/Sgt  
 TG Vateckas, Coster R., S/Sgt  
 LWG Campbell, Kenneth H., S/Sgt  
 RWG Hawk, Kenneth L., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37875 *Empress of D Street***

P Flesh, William R., 1Lt  
 CP Combs, Americus V., III, 2Lt  
 NAV Eccleston, Edward F., Lt  
 BOM Landry, Robert J., 2Lt  
 ENG Albright, Glenn N., T/Sgt  
 RO Murphy, John J., T/Sgt  
 BT Price, Richard M., S/Sgt  
 TG Williams, John P., Jr., S/Sgt  
 LWG Kossin, Jack, S/Sgt  
 RWG Strough, Kenneth C., S/Sgt  
 PHO Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt

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

P Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt  
 CP Jenkins, Elton L., 2Lt  
 NAV Peacock, Lawrence A., 2Lt  
 BOM Meagher, Robert W., 2Lt  
 ENG Walsh, Charles E., T/Sgt  
 RO Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt  
 BT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt  
 TG Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt  
 LWG McGrew, Robert H., S/Sgt  
 RWG Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31200 *Old Crow***

P Wood, Vere A., 1Lt  
 CP Knutson, Wilmer A., 2Lt  
 NAV Pinnette, William S., Lt  
 BOM Brown, Thomas G., 2Lt  
 ENG Kersch, Conrad J., T/Sgt  
 BT Knight, Frederick B., S/Sgt  
 RO Brooks, Winnie R., S/Sgt  
 RWG Heathershaw, Charles L., S/Sgt  
 TG Helton, Edward, S/Sgt  
 LWG Tevis, John E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31241 *Spirit of Wanette***

P Barnes, Deane L., Lt  
 CP Travis, William L., Col  
 NAV Randall, Everett Z., Lt  
 BOM Roode, William A.T., Lt  
 ENG Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt  
 BT Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt  
 RO Benevento, Andrew G., S/Sgt  
 TG Underwood, Clifford B., S/Sgt  
 LWG Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt  
 RWG Price, John B., S/Sgt  
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