

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 121

16 March 1944

Target: City Area, Augsburg, Germany (PFF)

Crews Dispatched: 29

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: 4 crewmen:

3 from enemy fire, 1 from frostbite

Length of Mission: 9 hours

Bomb Load: 65 lb M47A1/120 lb Frag

Bombing Altitude: 18,900 feet

Ammo Fired: 13,870 rounds

## Operational Narrative

**T**wo boxes of 50 packages each of U.S.G. No. 31 leaflets were carried on the mission to Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany. Due to inability to sight for visual bombing, the secondary target at Augsburg was attacked and leaflets were dropped over this target at 1230 hours, from 18,500 feet on a heading of 256 degrees magnetic.

Twenty-five aircraft attacked targets in Germany. Twenty-two aircraft bombed the secondary target at Augsburg by bombing through the overcast technique with no results observed. Three aircraft bombed on a small town about five miles northwest of the primary target. These aircraft were flying in the low squadron of the low group. Aircraft #42-31483, piloted by Lt. **Young** was leading this squadron and due to No. 1 engine failure was forced to release his bombs to keep with the formation. His bombardier dropped on this small town and two other aircraft in this squadron released on this aircraft. Results were unobserved due to weather conditions of 8-10/10 cloud in the target area.

Twelve to seventy-five enemy aircraft were reported by this group, with the average number at thirty-five. One aircraft, #42-39785, piloted by Lt. **Ferguson** flew in formation with the 3rd Division and reported approximately one hundred enemy aircraft. The principal place where these enemy aircraft were encountered was in the vicinity of Troyes, at the IP and between Augsburg and Strasbourg on the return route. The enemy aircraft were not persistent in their attacks and seemed to stay out of range and then make a pass from the tail position. The attacks were generally from high with some few from a low position. Some of the enemy aircraft fired rockets. There were several instances of attacks in pairs. The enemy aircraft tried to take advantage of cloud cover before pressing to the attack.

Anti-aircraft gun fire was reported as meager to moderate and inaccurate in the Strasbourg area. This fire was directed at other groups in this area. In the target area, moderate and inaccurate fire was encountered with numerous reports of rockets being fired. These rockets burst at approximately our altitude. Weather over the base was not as briefed and difficulty in assembly was encountered because of a second layer of 8/10 cloud at 9,500-11,000 feet. At the target area there was 8-10/10 cloud with tops at 10-12,000 feet making a visual run impossible. Visibility was unlimited above the clouds.

Aircraft #42-31483, piloted by Lt. **Young**, reported seeing several airfields and his crew remarked that there was little indication of activity at these fields. Aircraft #42-39875, piloted by Maj. **Snyder**, reported biplanes at Joul Airdrome in France. Aircraft #42-31340, piloted by Lt. **Wilson**, reported 13-14 enemy aircraft dispersed on the Airdrome at Metz. The runways were covered with snow and there was no evidence of activity. The same aircraft reported four surfaced submarines at 50E 04 Min. N 01E 00 Min. E on a 240E - 250E heading with a white B-17 dropping depth charges at 1510 hours. Aircraft #42-38204, piloted by Lt. **Hicks**, reported twelve very small ships at Le Treport. Aircraft #42-97552, piloted by Lt. **Glass**, reported some masonry construction at the edge of a wooded area at 48E 25 Min. N 06E 40 Min. E. This may have been an underground installation.

Chaff was discharged by this group as ordered, but our group was late so the place position was not quite as briefed. It was discharged on the run over the primary and none was used over the secondary target. This group was benefitted by the discharge of chaff by groups ahead of us.

Fighter support was generally good on the route to the target with few lapses. Over the target area and shortly thereafter there was a considerable lapse in fighter support probably due to the fact that our formation was not on schedule. Crews were loud in their praise of P-51s and P-47s, but felt that the P-38s were not too certain in their identification of enemy aircraft. There was one report of an enemy aircraft firing on one of our parachutes although there were B-17s in the vicinity and enemy aircraft may have been firing on the B-17s. This one parachute caught on fire.

Aircraft #42-31432, piloted by Lt. **Eisele** reported a B-17 on fire at 1040 hours. Seven men bailed out. The fire was put out and the B-17 disappeared from view. Aircraft #42-38204, piloted by Lt. **Hicks**, reported a B-17 ditching at 50E 10 Min. N 01E 00 Min. E at 1510 hours. The B-17 was heading for the enemy coast. This aircraft reported a B-17 going down at 1300 hours at 48E 20 Min. N 07E 50 Min. E. No smoke or fire was seen. Aircraft #42-31754, piloted by Lt. **Thomas**, reported a B-17 going down under control at 1041 hours at 48E 45 Min. N 05E 05 Min. E at 15,000 feet. Two chutes were seen. Aircraft #42-31929, piloted by Lt. **Mars**, reported two B-17s at 1045 hours 20 miles east of Bar-le-duc. These aircraft were on fire and dropping out of formation. Five chutes were seen. Aircraft #42-37893, piloted by Lt. **Viets**, reported a B-17 with No. 1 engine on fire at 1020 hours northeast of Paris. One chute was seen. The B-17 turned back at this point.

Aircraft #42-38020, piloted by Lt. **Sullivan**, reported seeing one chute at 1410 hours at 50E 00 Min. N 01E 40 Min. E. Aircraft #42-31483, piloted by Lt. **Young**, reported two B-17s shot down by enemy aircraft at 1135 hours at 48E 48 Min. N 04E 18 Min. E. No chutes were reported. Aircraft #42-31405, piloted by Lt. **Assenheimer**, reported a B-17 exploding at 1044 hours at 48E 50 Min. N 04E 47 Min. E. Aircraft #42-31830, piloted by Lt. **Newell**, reported a B-17 heading for Switzerland at 1130 hours and flying at low altitude.

## 303rd BG (H) Report

Twenty-nine aircraft took off, 27 were dispatched and 25 attacked the primary target. Three aircraft aborted:

#42-32037 (*No Name*) 358BS (**Hofmann**) - oxygen leak--pilot/navigator.

#42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*, 358BS (**Snyder**) - No. 1 engine failure.

#42-38050 *Thunderbird*, 359BS (**Stoullil**) - No. 2 engine manifold pressure.

Meager to moderate anti-aircraft fire was observed from the Strasbourg area. It was moderate and inaccurate in the target area. Numerous reports were made of rockets from the target area. Chaff dropped by the 303rd BG(H) B-17s was beneficial.

The primary target, an airfield and factory assembly and repair works at Oberpfaffenhofen, could not be attacked because of the 8/10 to 10/10 cloud cover. Bombs were dropped on the secondary target, Augsburg, Germany, at an altitude of 18,900 feet. Twenty-two B-17s attacked the secondary and three bombed a target of opportunity believed to be a small town five miles northwest of the primary. The lead aircraft of the low Squadron, piloted by Lt. **Young**, lost an engine, had difficulty keeping up with the formation and selected this target. Two other aircraft in this Squadron dropped on the lead ship's bombs.

Enemy air opposition was reported as sporadic and consisted of approximately 35 FW-190s and ME-109s. None of the aircraft pressed home attacks. Fighter support was as briefed except for a lapse in and after the target area. Gunners were loud in their praise for the P-51s and P-47s.

There were four minor casualties – one from frostbite and three from enemy action. Seven aircraft received battle damage – two major and five minor. Three were due to flak and four due to enemy aircraft. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.

Most of the airmen described the mission as "average," stating that there were few fighter attacks and little flak. The length and duration of the mission (nine hours) bothered them more than anything else. Temperatures at bombing altitude were -30E to -40E, but experienced combat men said they were not uncomfortable. Maj. Edgar E. **Snyder**, Group Leader, summed up the mission: "I didn't see too many fighters and the flak was meager, but it was a long, rough trip and we are all tired. I think the bombing was fairly successful. We dropped our bombs right in the middle of the flak and on the signal."

Sgt. Thomas P. **Hickey**, waist gunner, didn't think too much of the quality of the German fighter pilots. "They were eager today, but they weren't doing much damage," he said. "One came within 50 yards of us and we bounced a lot of slugs off him, but he didn't go down. One or two even made their passes without firing a shot." S/Sgt. Robert **McArthur**, tail gunner, remarked that the German fighters "must have a bunch of hopped-up kids flying them now. Most of them made only one pass and couldn't seem to hit a thing. We hit one with a long burst, but the bullets seemed to be bouncing off."

## **AUGSBURG, GERMANY – ANOTHER DEEP PENETRATION**

**16 March 1944 – Mission # 121**

### **Ed Miller's Memories and Recollections**

After standing down for a week, the 8th Air Force could not stand it any longer. They had to put their bombers in the air, even though the weather over the continent was forecast to be bad. This time they were to strike an Experimental Fighter Base at Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, which was right outside of Augsburg.

At this Experimental Base, the most important function was doing experimental work on a new type of Me-410. It was also working on Heinkels 177s and Folke-Wulf 200s. As recently as the first of March, photo reconnaissance aircraft had recorded visually, 39 Me-410s, 31 He-177s, 43 DO-217s and 5 He-111s. Recent photos had convinced Intelligence that they had moved the production and repair facilities to this Oberpfaffenhofen location.

This base was determined to be of such high priority that all three 8th Air Force Divisions were to strike targets on this airfield, but old man "weather" has something else to say about it. The 303rd Bomb Group, flew the low group position in the 41st Combat Wing. It was lead by the 379th Bomb Group, with Colonel William Travis to be the 8th Air Force Air Commander. Our Squadron, the 360th flew with the Composite Group which was the high group in the 41st CBW. We flew the high squadron.

For nine hours, the longest mission that we have flown yet, we struggled through flak batteries and off and on enemy fighter attacks, only to have to drop our bombs via PFF (Pathfinder radar). Of course, with 10/10 cloud cover, we did not know what we hit. Luckily we had only one fighter attack and I didn't get to see it as it came in about 8 o'clock level. Sgt Carl O. Books, our left waist gunner, and Sgt Harold A. Johnston, got good shots off but didn't hit anything. This was the only enemy attack that we had, although at the mission debriefing, crew members said they had seen many fighters.

Even though our bombing altitude was only 19,000 feet, it was a cold and bitter day with temperatures running in the -40 degrees. We had one 303rd Bomb Group crew member that was wounded from severe frostbite and three crew members received wounds from enemy aircraft.

#### **Crew Reports of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed or Damaged**

**Gunner Claims:** Destroyed 2, Probable 1, Damaged 5, Total 8  
**Confirmed Claims:** Destroyed 2, Probable 1, Damaged 4, Total 7, No Claim 1

		<u>Claim</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Sgt. Ambrose J. Holland (893)	ME-109	Damaged	Damaged
S/Sgt. Nathan Wiley (051)	FW-190	Destroyed	Probable
Sgt. David R. Matthews (785)	ME-110	Destroyed	Destroyed
Sgt. Richard S. Brooks (785)	FW-190	Probable	Damaged
Sgt. Kenneth C. Rhodes (785)	ME-110	Damaged	Damaged
S/Sgt. J.J. Moore (027)	ME-109	Damaged	No Claim
S/Sgt. Marvin R. Edwards (204)	FW-190	Damaged	Damaged
T/Sgt. John L. Brewster (204)	FW-190	Damaged	Destroyed

#### **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 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

		<u>Snyder-Barnes</u> 9875		
		<u>Estes</u> 051		<u>Jones</u> 7875
			<u>Harrison</u> 616	
		<u>Sullivan</u> 020		<u>Mars</u> 929
	<u>Young</u> 483			<u>Watson</u> 669
<u>Eisenhart</u> 177		<u>Assenheimer</u> 405	<u>Snyder</u> 224	<u>Gorman</u> 739
	<u>Stoullil</u> 050			<u>Worthley</u> 154
<u>Savage</u> 386		<u>Newell</u> 830	<u>Viets</u> 893	<u>Hofmann</u> 037
	<u>Dahleen</u> 183			<u>Ferguson</u> 785
				<u>Headlee</u> Spare - 885
				<u>Melton</u> Spare - 027



B-17G #42-39875 Buzz Blonde 427BS (GN-S)  
41st CBW-A Lead - Pilot LtCol E.E. Snyder, Jr. / CoPilot Capt D.L. Barnes

# Composite Group with 379th & 384th Groups

_____	_____	_____	<u>Wilson</u> 340	
_____	_____	_____	<u>Thomas</u> 754	<u>Eisele</u> 432
_____	_____	_____	<u>Lawlor</u> 841	
_____	_____	_____	<u>Holdcroft</u> 546	<u>Hicks</u> 204
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**B-17G #42-31432 Old Glory 360BS (PU-N)**  
*Unidentified Ground Crewmen*

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-32037 (No Name)**

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P Hofmann, Raymond, 2Lt  
 CP Brothers, Calvin S., 2Lt  
 NAV Binder, Carroll, 2Lt  
 BOM Murphy, Robert L., 1Lt  
 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.  
 (Abortive)

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

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P Snyder, Robert W., 2Lt  
 CP Hudson, Hendric S., 2Lt  
 NAV Williams, Jack N., 2Lt  
 BOM Morrison, James P., 2Lt  
 ENG Haggerty, Jerome J., S/Sgt  
 LWG Delaney, Jessie L., Sgt  
 RO Rumpf, Charles W., S/Sgt  
 RWG Balzano, Christopher, Sgt  
 TG Hunt, John L., Sgt  
 BT Chadick, Neal T., Sgt  
 (Abortive)

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

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P Ferguson, Wendell Z., 2Lt  
 CP Moody, James D., 2Lt  
 NAV Brown, James F., 2Lt  
 BOM Schmid, Ralph D., 2Lt  
 ENG Matthews, David R., Sgt  
 LWG Hendin, Bernard J., 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 Worthley, Joe R., 1Lt  
 CP Moreau, Joseph A., 2Lt  
 NAV Kelly, William T., 2Lt  
 BOM Larson, Albert W., 2Lt  
 ENG Rossman, Carl H., Sgt  
 RWG Tate, Royce G., Sgt  
 RO Lowe, Gareth W., Sgt  
 LWG Tomasini, Michael, Sgt  
 TG Fox, Howard E., Sgt  
 BT Ross, Ben A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31669 Shoo Shoo Baby**

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P Watson, Jack W., 1Lt  
 CP Putiri, John G., 2Lt  
 NAV Minkowitz, Samuel, 1Lt  
 BOM Israelson, Elnor P., 2Lt  
 ENG Hoffman, Robert W., S/Sgt  
 RWG Daniels, Herbert A., Sgt  
 RO Kistulentz, Paul, Sgt  
 BT Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt  
 TG McArthur, Robert G., Sgt  
 RWG Hickey, Thomas P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-37893 Bam Bam**

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P Viets, John B., 2Lt  
 CP Ames, Walter J., 2Lt  
 NAV Heibert, David C., F/O  
 BOM Rodgers, Burton, 2Lt  
 ENG Robinson, Frank E., S/Sgt  
 LWG Madarchik, Michael, Sgt  
 RO York, Franklin F., S/Sgt  
 RWG Rademacher, Don J., Sgt  
 TG Ferrell, William R., Sgt  
 BT Holland, Ambrose J., Sgt

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

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P Gorman, Quentin J., 2Lt  
 CP Larson, Roy A., 2Lt  
 NAV Mikulich, Louis F., 2Lt  
 BOM Wilson, Claud, Jr., 2Lt  
 ENG Campbell, Thomas J., Sgt  
 BT Brim, Lee R., Sgt  
 RO Culp, Everett E., Sgt  
 LWG Schinker, Arthur W., Sgt  
 TG Hodge, Herman L., Sgt  
 RWG Kennard, Royal G., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt
NAV	Ramsey, Elijah W., 1Lt
BOM	Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt
ENG	Freinwald, Earl C., T/Sgt
RWG	McGee, Richard, S/Sgt
RO	Weepie, Robert F., T/Sgt
LWG	Thorne, Arver E., S/Sgt
BT	Bergman, Harvey F., S/Sgt
TG	Mendel, Myron R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Young, Elmer W., 1Lt
CP	Harrison, Weldon O., 2Lt
NAV	Schoner, George R., 2Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 2Lt
ENG	Steele, John C., T/Sgt
RO	Dulick, Steve, T/Sgt
BT	Lebeck, Richard H., S/Sgt
RWG	Pelkey, Elwood R., S/Sgt
LWG	Withrow, John W., S/Sgt
TG	Stapleton, Bill, S/Sgt

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

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P	Dahleen, Howard D., 1Lt
CP	Cunningham, Billy A., 2Lt
NAV	Towberman, Paul E., 2Lt
BOM	Gauthier, Raymond W., 2Lt
ENG	Holper, Ralph M., T/Sgt
RO	Swanson, Charles E., T/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Harding W., S/Sgt
LWG	Jones, Derrell S., S/Sgt
BT	Hirn, Edward M., S/Sgt
TG	Covington, Charles G., S/Sgt

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

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P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 2Lt
P	McManus, Henry, 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

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

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P	Eisenhart, William E., 1Lt
CP	Calwell, Lucien B., 2Lt
NAV	Sanders, Coleman, 2Lt
BOM	Livermore, William D., 1Lt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mouser, Lloyd C., T/Sgt
BT	Franceschini, James V., Sgt
TG	Robb, Charles W., S/Sgt
RWG	Robichaud, Joseph E., S/Sgt
LWG	Hermann, Kurt J., II, T/Sgt

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

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P	Savage, John N., 1Lt
CP	Marsh, Richard K., 2Lt
NAV	Walsh, Myles J., 2Lt
BOM	Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt
ENG	Davis, Eugene B., S/Sgt
RO	Minks, George A., S/Sgt
BT	Munson, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Moessner, Raymond J., S/Sgt
LWG	Rogers, Warren G., Sgt
RWG	Quinn, Charles A., Sgt

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

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P	Stoullil, Donald W., 1Lt
CP	Callahan, Edward F., 2Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Trawicki, George J., 2Lt
ENG	Romer, Eugene A., S/Sgt
LWG	Brown, William F., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Owen, James C., S/Sgt
BT	Holder, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
RWG	Greene, George P., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Turkington, Calvin G., S/Sgt
PHO	Green, William H., T/Sgt

(Abortive)



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-38204 (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	Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt
RWG	Fitko, Marion F., S/Sgt
LWG	Cole, Edgar C., S/Sgt

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

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P	Lawlor, John C., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Ellsworth, Paul R., 2Lt
NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., 2Lt
BOM	Peterson, Elmer L., S/Sgt
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	Butler, Raymond, S/Sgt

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

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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	DeWitte, Victor W., S/Sgt
TG	Harvey, Roy D., S/Sgt
BT	Johnston, Harold A., Sgt
LWG	Books, Carl O., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97552 The Road Back**

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P	Glass, Henry F., 1Lt
CP	McMahan, Eugene A. 2Lt
NAV	Pepe, Nicholas A., 2Lt
BOM	Robrock, Paul A., 2Lt
ENG	Carbillano, Dominick J., Sgt
LWG	Stellato, Francis A., S/Sgt
RO	Miller, Gordon R., T/Sgt
RWG	Patrone, Frank, S/Sgt
BT	Michael, David O., S/Sgt
TG	Roberts, James E., 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., 2L
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

### **B-17G #42-97546 Idaliza**

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P	Holdcroft, Lloyd L., 1Lt
CP	Bradley, Clyde W., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Pace, Charles M., 2Lt
BOM	O'Donnell, John J., 2Lt
ENG	DeMarco, John A., S/Sgt
RWG	Hustus, Walter L., Sgt
RO	Francis, Walter G., S/Sgt
LWG	Slusser, Walter C., Sgt
BT	Kern, Lloyd F., Sgt
TG	Krumholz, Robert A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31432 Old Glory**

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P	Eisele, Roy, 2Lt
CP	Girard, Louis F., 2Lt
NAV	Schenker, Murray, 2Lt
BOM	Gladstone, Melvin, 2Lt
ENG	Cowley, Louis M., S/Sgt
RWG	Czerwonka, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Millard, Ralph, S/Sgt
LWG	Bell, Richard L., Sgt
BT	Longoria, Efrain, Sgt
TG	Vallee, Edward J., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Sullivan, Francis X., 1Lt
CP	Brangwin, Kenneth R., 2Lt
NAV	Eccleston, Edward F., 2Lt
BOM	Bawol, Walter S., 2Lt
ENG	Frey, James L., S/Sgt
BT	Latta, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Sullivan, James J., T /Sgt
TG	Stone, Vernon W., S/Sgt
RWG	Swanson, Charles A., S/Sgt
LWG	Keely, Eugene F., S/Sgt

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

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 #42-31616 *Spirit of Flak Wolf***

P	Harrison, Emmittes S., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Basteau, 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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady***

P	Headlee, Dale C., 2Lt
CP	Sayers, Darwin D., 2Lt
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
(Spare)	

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

P	Estes, Shirley W., Lt
CP	Byers, Ballard T., Lt
NAV	Shemwell, John T., 2Lt
BOM	Minter, Thomas W., Lt
ENG	Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT	Wiley, Nathan H., Sgt
RO	Wagner, Wayne, S/Sgt
TG	Ross, S.C., S/Sgt
RWG	Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG	Ford, Thomas P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31929 *Tennessee Hillbilly***

P	Mars, Charles W., Lt
CP	Dallas, William J., Lt
NAV	Clark, James G., Lt
BOM	Webster, Charles M., Lt
ENG	Foster, Raymond L., Sgt
BT	Dunlap, Charles W., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	McGinnis, Eddie, Sgt
TG	Serpa, Joseph E., S/Sgt
RWG	Senechal, Albert J., Sgt
LWG	Nivens, Delbert S., Sgt

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

P	Jones, Wilbur H., 2Lt
CP	O'Hare, Phil W., 2Lt
NAV	Skarsten, Albert B., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 2Lt
ENG	Calnon, Frederick N., Sgt
BT	Duerr, William P., Sgt
RO	Kosher, Albert J., Sgt
TG	Kenney, Horace S., Jr., Sgt
LWG	Thompson, Frederick A., Sgt
RWG	Dimowitz, Morris, Sgt

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

P	Snyder, Edgar E., Jr., Maj
CP	Barnes, Deane L., 1Lt
NAV	Culpin, John J., Jr., 1Lt
NAV	Olsen, Kenneth L., 2Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., 1Lt
ENG	Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt
BT	Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt
RO	Benevento, Andrew G., S/Sgt
TG	Kendall, Dallas E., 2Lt
LWG	Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt
RWG	Price, John B., S/Sgt