

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 136

18 April 1944

Target: Heinkel Aircraft Component Factory, Oranienburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 35

Crews Lost: Lt. Holdcroft - 10 POW

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: 1 crewman wounded by flak

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 42 x 65 lb Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 25,300 ft; Group B - 24,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,475 rounds

**T**hirty-five aircraft, plus two 482BG PFF B-17s, took off to bomb an aircraft factory at Oranienburg. The secondary target, if PFF bombing was required, was the Friedrichstrasse Station, Berlin, Germany. There was no last resort target.

There were two abortive aircraft: #42-31241 *Spirit of Wanette*, 427BS (**Savage**), returned after reaching 4,000 feet over Molesworth. The oxygen feeder line to the ball turret broke; #42-97284 *Ain't Misbehavin*, 359BS (**Assenheimer**), returned after one hour with a leak in the oil line that caused the No. 4 prop governor to run away.

At the target there were 2/10 to 3/10 thin cirrus clouds at 26,000 feet and 2/10 to 3/10 cumulus with tops at 5,000 feet. Visibility was restricted by haze and smoke, but it thinned out over the target, permitting a visual sighting by the bombardier. The 303BG-A formation dropped 1,286 65-lb. M47A1 incendiary bombs from 25,300 feet on the primary target. The 303BG-B formation dropped bombs from 24,000 feet. Because of the clouds, it was necessary to maneuver some on the bomb run, requiring bombardiers to make rapid adjustments in their bombsights. This affected bombing results. One aircraft dropped 50 parcels of USG 39 leaflets over the primary target. Bombs were released at 1445 hours.

Weak enemy aircraft opposition was encountered. Crews, for the most part, reported seeing only two to four. In a few isolated cases, as many as 25 were observed in the target area. There were no direct attacks on the 303rd BG(H), although attacks on other Groups were reported. Flak was meager to moderate and accurate over the target and at points on the return route. One man was wounded from flak. Twelve lead Forts sustained minor flak damage and one, major damage. In the low Group, one B-17 had minor damage.

*The Road Back* #42-97552, piloted by 1Lt. Lloyd L. **Holdcroft**, flying in the No. 4 position in the high 360BS-O of the Low Group, was missing. It was last seen just before making a turn after the target. Two engines were hit by flak and allowed to windmill. It continued on a straight course after the target and left the formation. They flew for 90 minutes before crash landing, throwing out all non-essential items. At one point an ME-109 flew alongside, recognized that the B-17 could offer little resistance, saluted, and flew away.



**LLOYD L. HOLDCROFT CREW - 360th BS**

**(crew assigned 360BS: 16 Nov 1943 - photo: 26 Nov 1943)**

(Back L-R) 1Lt Lloyd L. Holdcroft (P-POW), 1Lt Clyde W. Bradley, Jr. (CP-POW),  
T/Sgt John A. DeMarco (E-POW), 1Lt Charles M. Pace (N-POW), 1Lt Milton S. Riley (B)  
(Front L-R) S/Sgt Lloyd F. Kern (BT-POW), S/Sgt Robert A. Krumholz (TG-POW),  
S/Sgt Walter C. Slusser (WG-POW), S/Sgt Walter L. Hustus (WG-POW),  
T/Sgt Walter G. Francis, Jr. (R-POW) - 1Lt John J. O'Donnell (B-POW) was a substitute for Riley

The missing B-17 crashed near Soltau, Germany (between Hamburg and Hannover, 65 kilometers north of Hannover) in a narrow field with the wheels up. The entire crew survived the crash and became prisoners of war after an attempt to evade capture by German civilians. The crewmen were on their last mission. Taken prisoner were Lt. **Holdcroft**, 1Lt. Clyde W. **Bradley**, Jr., 1Lt. Charles M. **Pace**, 1Lt. John J. **O'Donnell**, T/Sgt. John A. **DeMarco**, T/Sgt. Walter G. **Francis**, Jr., S/Sgt. Lloyd F. **Kern**, S/Sgt. Walter L. **Hustus**, S/Sgt. Walter C. **Slusser** and S/Sgt. Robert A. **Krumholz**.

Maj. Glynn **Shumake**, Group Operations officer, who was the flight commander, said the mission was a huge success. "The target is definitely destroyed—there is no question about it," he reported. "The smoke and flames came through the patchy clouds at 10,000 feet even before we left the area. We had almost no opposition. There were four or five enemy fighters, but they made no attempt to bother us." 2Lt. James A. **Stavast**, bombardier on the Fortress *Thru Hel'en Hiwater*, said, "The bombing looked pretty good to me. They were all right in there, in spite of the flak they threw at us on the bomb run."

1Lt. Deane L. **Barnes**, pilot of the lead aircraft of the second Group turned in a good mission report: "The opposition was practically nil and I am sure we hit the target. Smoke and flames were coming up to 10,000 feet and covered the entire target," he said. The bombardier, 1Lt. Joseph F. **Fahlbusch**, said he didn't get a good look at the target because of the smoke. He said, "Someone must have hit the oil dump before we got there."

There was such a thick black cloud of smoke that we could hardly see the target. Several targets in little towns along the route were also burning." T/Sgt. James L. **Frey**, a top turret gunner, said he had little to do. "The P-38s and P-51s kept the German fighters away from us over the target. I saw a few fighters attack another Group and knock out a couple of Forts out of their formation."

### ***THEY DIDN'T WAIT LONG — BERLIN AGAIN***

**18 APRIL 1944 — MISSION #136**

**Ed Miller's Memories and Recollections**

We lead the low squadron of the Group B today, attacking the Ernest Heinkel Assembly Plant at Oranienburg/Annahof Airdrome, just on the outskirts of Berlin. For almost 9 hours we were at 24,000 feet but we were spared from any enemy fighter attacks, but the flak over Berlin and the target was intense and accurate. The Group had 13 aircraft that were damaged by flak.

We were fortunate in having only 2/10 to 3/10 thin cirrus clouds at the target, but visibility was pretty restricted due to haze and smoke. But it was clear enough for visual bombing. However, the results were only fair to good. The Sub-Assembly building and gun testing range received direct hits and were set on fire. The main concentration of high explosives fell west of the field, but incendiaries were seen falling in the target area at the end of the attack.

The 8th Air Force put up 501 B-17s and 275 B-24s, all dispatched to hit important aircraft and electrical manufacturing plants in the Berlin area. Again, we had B-24s attacking the Pas De Calais area in preparation for the upcoming landing on the Continent. 19 fighter groups from the 8th and 9th Air Forces provided excellent support.

One of our 360th Bomb Squadron crews, on their 25th and last mission, was lost over the target. 1Lt Lloyd Holdcroft's aircraft was hit by flak and he lost two engines. The aircraft kept flying and had to make a crash landing near Soltau, Germany, between Hamburg and Hannover. The crew were taken prisoners.

The brunt of the enemy opposition today was borne by the 3rd Air Division, especially the lead group of the 4A Combat Wing. A total of nearly 150 single engine enemy fighters were encountered. The Lead Group met vigorous attacks from between 60 and 100 enemy aircraft in the Barnewitz area, north of Brandenburg, which lasted for about 15 minutes. Three separate passes were made out of the sun against this group, from 12 to 2 o'clock high to level, with the enemy aircraft going through the formation. Ten B-17s were lost to these maneuver.

This was the last mission that I would fly as 1Lt Earl N. Thomas' co-pilot, over enemy territory. I knew that they were getting "Tommy" ready for bigger and better things, like becoming a "lead pilot." He in turn had been getting me ready to take over a crew of my own. We had been rotating the flying on missions to every 15 minutes, and in the last few missions, he gave me experience on flying on the bomb run. I don't recall he ever let me take off with a full bomb load, but maybe he did. He did let me land several times. But I felt ready at the time. Looking back, I contend that I knew much too little about the B-17. It was especially apparent when I went through jet training at Randolph Field in 1950. Finally, I recognized just what kind of training the Air Force was giving to its pilots. The training in the T-33 was excellent.



## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Shumake-Stoull</u> PFF #42-97514 (482BG)		
		<u>Fackler</u> 807	<u>Morrison</u> PFF #42-97543 (482BG)	
			<u>Edwards</u> 386	
		<u>Newell</u> 183	<u>Daum</u> 177	
	<u>Litman</u> 583		<u>Wilson</u> 432	
<u>Larson</u> 893		<u>Hall</u> 028	<u>O'Beirne</u> 187	<u>Cecchini</u> 997
	<u>Moreau</u> 002		<u>Holdcroft</u> 552	
<u>Ferguson</u> 739		<u>McClure</u> 785	<u>Lynch</u> 590	<u>Eisele</u> 048
			<u>McManus</u> 405	

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Barnes-Dubell</u> 875		
		<u>Oranges</u> 051	<u>Savage</u> 241	
			<u>Sullivan</u> 020	
		<u>Jones</u> 423	<u>Combs</u> 885	
	<u>Thomas</u> 841		<u>Daub</u> 272	
<u>Earhart</u> 204		<u>Johnston</u> 254	<u>Assenheimer</u> 284	<u>Marsh</u> 050
	<u>Wood</u> 200		<u>Worthley</u> 622	
<u>Melton</u> 027		<u>Shope</u> 060	<u>Snyder</u> 830	<u>Hofmann</u> 669

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission: Lt. Savage in 241, Lt. Assenheimer in 284

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Larson, Roy A., 2Lt  
 CP Duncan, Ronald E., 2Lt  
 NAV Schmid, Ralph D., 2Lt  
 NG Hickey, Thomas P., Sgt  
 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 Thayer, Duane P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-107002 *Mairzy Doats***

P Moreau, Joseph A., 2Lt  
 CP Hudson, Hendric S., 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***

P Hofmann, Raymond, 2Lt  
 CP Miller, Campbell, 2Lt  
 NAV Israelson, Elmer P., 2Lt  
 NG Gamon, Edward J., Sgt  
 ENG Blakeney, William R., Jr., S/Sgt  
 BT Crenshaw, Ollie G., Sgt  
 RO Berman, Seymour, S/Sgt  
 RWG Miller, David I., Sgt  
 LWG Bahr, John W., Sgt  
 TG Hendin, Bernard J., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-107028 *(No Name)***

P Hall, Charls M., 2Lt  
 CP Stewart, Paul C., 2Lt  
 NAV Moller, Robert C., 2Lt  
 BOM Manze, Dario J., F/O  
 ENG Coe, Thomas E., Jr., S/Sgt  
 RWG Cast, James L., Sgt  
 RO Jones, Drackart L., Sgt  
 TG Cadlolo, Raymond E., Sgt  
 BT Jasinski, Joseph T., Sgt  
 LWG Sable, Roy A., Sgt

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

P Worthley, Joe R., 1Lt  
 CP Putiri, John C., 2Lt  
 NAV Williams, Jack N., 2Lt  
 NG Czczotka, Theodore R., Sgt  
 ENG Haggerty, Jerome J., T/Sgt  
 RWG Delaney, Jessie L., S/Sgt  
 RO Rumpf, Charles W., T/Sgt  
 LWG Balzano, Christopher, S/Sgt  
 TG Hunt, John L., S/Sgt  
 BT Chaddick, Neal T., S/Sgt

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

P Ferguson, Wendell Z., 1Lt  
 CP Moody, James D., 2Lt  
 NAV Brown, James F., 2Lt  
 NG Loveland, William H., S/Sgt  
 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 G., Sgt

#### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf***

P	Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Capt
NAV	Mikulich, Louis F., 2Lt
BOM	Wilson, Claud, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., S/Sgt
TG	Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt
RO	Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt
BT	Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt
LWG	Smythe, Samuel W., Sgt
RWG	Miller, Victor R., S/Sgt

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

P	McClure, Thomas R., 1Lt
CP	Cook, John H., 2Lt
NAV	Brady, Joseph E., 2Lt
BOM	Stavast, James A., 2Lt
ENG	Swift, Herbert E., S/Sgt
LWG	Kent, Amos, Sgt
RO	Frazee, Francis L., Sgt
RWG	Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt
TG	Senheiser, George A., Sgt
BT	Duncan, George T., Sgt

### **B17G #42-31830 *Marie***

P	Snyder, Robert W., 1Lt
CP	Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
NAV	Levy, Herbert E., Jr., 2Lt
NG	Daniel, Herbert A., S/Sgt
ENG	Lawson, Tracy W., S/Sgt
LWG	Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt
RO	Hess, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Vodicka, Leonard R., Sgt
RWG	Stafford, Sheldon A., Sgt
TG	McArthur, Robert G., S/Sgt
PHO	Green, William H., T/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Edwards, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	Peterson, Edwin V., 2Lt
NAV	Sanders, Coleman, 2Lt
BOM	Joyce, John D., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Kenneth V., S/Sgt
RO	Kennedy, Herbert W., S/Sgt
BT	Guzman, Abel G., Sgt
RWG	Wike, Leonard L., S/Sgt
TG	Kowalk, Francis H., S/Sgt
LWG	Abernathy, Fay S., S/Sgt

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

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
LWG	Doezema, Albert, S/Sgt
RWG	Jewett, William B., S/Sgt
BT	Davies, John W., S/Sgt
TG	Cowles, Clifton G., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter***

P	Daub, Leroy E., 1Lt
CP	Rice, Charles M., 2Lt
NAV	Palmer, Gerald M., 1Lt
BOM	Ulbricht, Walter E., 1Lt
ENG	Carter, Edward K., S/Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., T/Sgt
RWG	McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt
LWG	Haman, Ray T., S/Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Charles E., T/Sgt
TG	Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt

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

P	Marsh, Richard K., 2Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Walsh, Myles J., 2Lt
TOG	Moening, Herman G., Sgt
ENG	Davis, Eugene B., S/Sgt
RO	Minks, George A., S/Sgt
BT	Munson, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Moessner, Raymond J., S/Sgt
RWG	Rogers, Warren G., Sgt
LWG	Dean, Raymond N., Sgt

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

P	Daum, Maurice G., 2Lt
CP	Sassone, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 2Lt
BOM	Grove, Terril M., 2Lt
ENG	Matthews, Fred T., T/Sgt
RO	McLaughlin, William C., S/Sgt
BT	Jenkins, Crawford E., S/Sgt
TG	Taylor, Burt W., S/Sgt
LWG	Sampson, Dale A., S/Sgt
RWG	Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-39807 *Nero***

P	Fackler, David E., 2Lt
CP	Paton, Wallace L., 2Lt
NAV	Hogan, Paul G., 2Lt
BOM	Nance, George H., 2Lt
ENG	Schlottman, Jerome D., S/Sgt
RO	Prendergast, Bert T., S/Sgt
BT	McIntyre, Harold W., Sgt
TG	Pohlman, Wilbert F., Sgt
LWG	Brewer, Ray, Sgt
RWG	Tipton, Bill B., Sgt



## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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P	Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt
NAV	Bates, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt
ENG	Freinwald, Earl C., T/Sgt
RWG	McGee, Richard, S/Sgt
RO	Weepie, Robert F., T/Sgt
LWG	Mendel, Myron R., S/Sgt
BT	Hart, Edgar B., S/Sgt
TG	Atkinson, William E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97514 PFF 482BG**

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P	Shumake, Glynn F., Maj
CP	Stoulil, Donald W., 1Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
ENG	Romer, Eugene A., T/Sgt
RO	Owen, James C., T/Sgt
TG	Callahan, Edward F., Lt
GUN	Turkington, Calvin G., S/Sgt
GUN	Greene, George P., Jr., S/Sgt
GUN	Brown, William F., Jr., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97284 *Ain't Misbehavin***

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P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Meier, Russell W., 2Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., F/O
BOM	Smith, Ralph, 2Lt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., S/Sgt
RO	Montgomery, Robert E., S/St
LWG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
RWG	Robichaud, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Jaehne, Charles R., S/Sgt
TG	Robb, Charles W., S/Sgt

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## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., 2Lt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 2Lt
BOM	Nebhut, Kenneth E., S/Sgt
ENG	Henselman, Miles A., S/Sgt
RO	Blumberg, Marvin R., S/Sgt
BT	Faraone, Sam S., Sgt
TG	Studt, Allo L., Sgt
RWG	Rogers, Winford E., Sgt
LWG	Cammack, Francis C., Sgt

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

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 CR-L***

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

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

P	Wilson, Fred F., 1Lt
CP	Bowen, James W., 2Lt
NAV	Przybyszewski, Henry S., 2Lt
BOM	Fahlbusch, Joseph F., 2Lt
ENG	Hubley, 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 #42-97254 *Iza Vailable Too***

P	Johnston, Donald M., 2Lt
CP	Heussler, Robert W., 2Lt
NAV	Schultz, Milo R., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., S/Sgt
BT	Logan, Frank C., S/Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, Sgt
RWG	Smith, Herbert L., Sgt
LWG	Turner, Kenzie H., Sgt

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

P	Earhart, Amon E., 1Lt
CP	Evans, Earnest N., 2Lt
NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., 2Lt
BOM	Cottrell, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Husten, William J., T/Sgt
RO	Swanson, Clifford, T/Sgt
BT	Lanier, Lee, Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Laurinitis, Anthony, S/Sgt
RWG	Rein, William E., S/Sgt
LWG	Lance, Guy A., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #42-107048 (No Name)**

P	Eisele, Roy, 1Lt
CP	Girard, Louis F., 2Lt
NAV	Schenker, Murray, 2Lt
BOM	Huddleston, D.O., Sgt
ENG	Cowley, Louis M., S/Sgt
RWG	Bell, Richard L., Sgt
RO	Millard, Ralph, S/Sgt
LWG	Friedman, Szymon A., S/Sgt
BT	Longoria, Efrain, Sgt
TG	Vallee, Edward J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31997 (No Name)**

P	Cecchini, Anthony J., 2Lt
CP	Fisher, Stanley L., 2Lt
NAV	Veigel, Edward J., 2Lt
BOM	McDevitt, Theodore D., 2Lt
ENG	Bachman, Clifford D., S/Sgt
RO	Smith, Benjamin H., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kepics, George, Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., Sgt
RWG	Cogdell, Clarence L., Sgt
LWG	O'Hearn, Robert J., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97590 *Virgin Mary***

P	Lynch, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Ellsworth, Paul R., 2Lt
NAV	Sbrolla, Emilio M., 2Lt
BOM	Merz, Dick W., 2Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., Sgt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., Sgt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., Sgt
TG	Krogh, Kenneth R., Sgt
LWG	Schoonmaker, Elwood, Jr., Sgt
RWG	Pleasanton, Kenneth H., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

P	Jones, Wilbur H., 2Lt
CP	Wallace, Walstein W., 2Lt
NAV	Skarsten, Albert B., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 2Lt
TT	Duerr, William P., S/Sgt
BT	Calnon, Frederick N., S/Sgt
RO	Kosher, Albert J., Sgt
TG	LaFrenier, James E., S/Sgt
LWG	Thompson, Frederick A., Sgt
RWG	Dimowitz, Morris, Sgt

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

P	Melton, James H., 1Lt
CP	Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
NAV	Frechter, Harry G., 2Lt
BOM	Clapp, Keith W., 2Lt
TT	Weed, Lowrey A., Jr., T/Sgt
BT	Moore, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Stoberl, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Anderson, Ralph R., Sgt
LWG	LaPlante, Willard R., Sgt
RWG	Miller, Norman L., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone***

P	Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
NAV	Meagher, Robert W., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt
TT	Relyea, Ralph R., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Leo, T/Sgt
BT	Plante, Royal F., S/Sgt
TG	Underwood, Clifford B., S/Sgt
LWG	O'Neil, Austin J., Sgt
RWG	Hadley, Owen W., S/Sgt

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

P	Sullivan, Francis X., 1Lt
CP	Brangwin, Kenneth R., 2Lt
NAV	Cronin, Ernest L., 1Lt
BOM	Bawol, Walter S., 2Lt
TTG	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
RWG	Keely, Eugene F., S/Sgt

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

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

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

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

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

P	Barnes, Deane L., 1Lt
CP	Dubell, Richard P., Capt
NAV	Randall, Everett Z., 1Lt
BOM	Roode, William A.T., 1Lt
TT	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

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

P	Oranges, Chester N., 2Lt
CP	Greenwood, Ernest G., 2Lt
NAV	Whitman, John H., 2Lt
ENG	Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
TT	Eisenhauer, James A., Sgt
BT	Gentry, Richard A., Sgt
RO	Sorese, Leonard V., S/Sgt
TG	Franklin, Robert E., Sgt
RWG	Korpi, Walfred J., S/Sgt
LWG	Ward, Homer J., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Savage, Gilbert T., 2Lt
CP	Belknap, Robert W., 2Lt
NAV	Coffey, John B., 2Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 2Lt
TT	Kelly, J.D., S/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., Sgt
TG	Paul, Samuel D., S/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., Sgt
RWG	Layton, Wilber A., Sgt
LWG	Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt

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