303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 139

22 April 1944

Target: Marshalling Yards, Hamm, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 30

Crews Lost: Lt. Seddon & Lt. Larson

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: 1 crewman injured

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb M-64 G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A 22,000 ft; Group B 23,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 550 rounds

he marshalling yards at Hamm, important German rail junction, received a terrific pounding today as bombers from this group joined other Eighth Air Force Fortresses in an effort that left the place in ruins. As the bombers left, large fires were seen raging in the city and in the neighborhood adjacent to the marshalling yards, while the yards proper were covered with a pall of smoke and dust that already reached up to 10,000 feet.

Anti-aircraft fire furnished the only opposition to the Fortresses today and, while it was not particularly intense, two lucky bursts accounted for two of the bombers from this base. Parachutes were seen coming out as the ships went down. Ten aircraft sustained flak battle damage, one major and nine minor.

There were no clouds at the target and visibility was unlimited. Enemy fighters were nowhere to be found today as P-47s, P-51s and P-38s buzzed around the formations in a close escort all the way to and from the target. Even on the airfields over which the bombers passed, no enemy aircraft were seen. The mission was led by Col. Kermit D. **Stevens** of Eugene and Portland, Oregon, Group Commander. All planes took off between 1625-1635 hours. Only one returned early, #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 359BS-L (**Meier**), with No. 1 engine failure.

The 303BG-A lead Group dropped 216 500-lb. AN-M64 bombs from 22,000 feet. The 303BG-B high Group dropped 128 500-lb. AN-M64 bombs from 23,500 feet. Both Groups bombed the primary target. One high Group B-17 jettisoned its bombs. One aircraft in each Group was lost after being hit by flak.

2Lt. John R. **Seddon** and his 358BS crew in #42-39807 *Nero*, were flying a 359BS B-17 in a composition Squadron formation led by a 360BS crew. *Nero* was having trouble with the No. 3 engine just after "bombs away." The engine almost quit and then would start up again with power surging on and off intermittently. Lt. **Seddon** appeared to be unable to feather the prop, could not hold formation, and dropped back. When last seen, the Fortress appeared to be under control and holding altitude. Sgt. **Mummery** reported that the B-17 was hit by ME-109s after leaving the formation. The German pilot, after further disabling the aircraft, lowered and raised his landing gear as a signal for the Fortress to land. The crew elected to bail out. At this time the B-17 was in a flat spin that made exits difficult. S/Sgt. Edward R. **Rogers**, Sgt. Donald F. **Maloney** and Sgt. William T. **Mummery**

landed near Wevelghen and were captured. They could see *Nero* crash and the engine broke off and plunged through a farmhouse. The Germans told them that several civilians were killed as a result of the crash. Lt. **Seddon** managed to evade capture and returned to Molesworth on 6 October 1944. 2Lt. Walter A. **Meldrich** also evaded capture. 2Lt. Charles D. **Burks**, 2Lt. George M. **Fitzpatrick**, S/Sgt. John C. **Hess**, Sgt. John **Nemchick**, and Sgt. I.E. **Holcomb**, were all captured by the enemy and taken prisoner.



ROY A. LARSON CREW - 358th BS
(crew assigned 358BS: 19 Feb 1944 - photo: Alexandria AAB, LA - Nov 1943)
(Back L-R) Sgt Everett E. Culp (R-POW), Sgt Thomas J. Campbell (E-KIA),
Sgt Edward J. Gamon (RWG), Sgt Lee Ray Brim (BT-POW),
Sgt Herman L. Hodge (TG-POW/KIA), Sgt Arthur W. Schinker (LWG-POW)
(Front L-R) 2Lt Louis F. Mikulich (N), 2Lt Claude Wilson, Jr. (B),
2Lt Roy A. Larson (P-KIA), 2Lt Ronald E. Duncan (CP-POW)
(2Lt Herbert E. Levy (N-POW) and 2Lt Milton Feinman (B-KIA)
were substitute Crewman for Mikulich and Wilson)

Thru Hel'en Hiwater, #42-39785, piloted by 2Lt. Roy A. Larson, was flying in the No. 5 position. In the vicinity of Werl, Germany, it received a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire. The No. 1 engine caught on fire and it went into a spiral until it hit the ground. One gunner reported seeing six parachutes, another gunner reported seeing nine. S/Sgt. Everett E. Culp later disclosed that a Thru Hel'en Hiwater engine and gas tank had been hit by flak "causing an inferno." He was thrown into the tail section near the tail wheel just before the tail separated from the fuselage. After disentangling himself from the severed control cables wrapped around him, he was thrown from the separated tail section and made a successful parachute jump, landing on the edge of a gulch with rocks below. The tail gunner, Sgt. Herman L. Hodge, also landed on the edge of a gulch and was dragged over the edge into the rocks by his partially inflated parachute. He was captured, but died the next day from a fractured skull and other injuries. Lt. Larson, 2Lt. Milton Feinman and S/Sgt. Thomas J. Campbell were killed. 2Lt. Ronald E. Duncan, 2Lt. Herbert E. Levy, Jr., S/Sgt. Everett E. Culp, Sgt. Lee R. Brim, Sgt. Arthur W. Schinker and Sgt. Duane P. Thayer were all captured and became POWs.

The returning aircraft landed in the dark between 2200 and 2311 hours. Col. **Stevens**, Group commander said, "It was pretty uneventful for us today. Nothing bothered us and we dropped our bombs in a cloud of smoke and dust in the marshalling yards. The whole place seemed to be on fire by the time we got there." 1Lt. Fred T. **Clark**, Lead bombardier from Chicago, Illinois, said the results should have been good. "The whole city was in flames when we left. I had my aiming point in my bombsight before the Group ahead smothered it with their bombs, so I just let mine go in the middle of the smoke they raised."

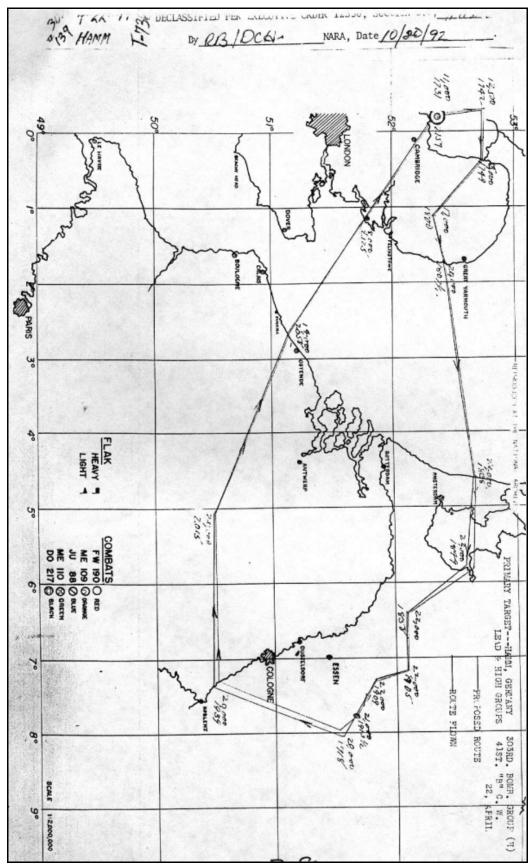


444th Sub Depot Engine Shop Crew

(Back L-R) unknown, unknown, S/Sgt Jack Rake, unknown, T/Sgt Sam Masington (Shop Chief) S/Sgt Doal L. Yocum, Jr., Sgt William E. "Ox" Hanna (Front L-R) T/Sgt George J. Frickel (Shop Chief), unknown, Sgt Raymond A. Espinoza, Sgt Miglerina S/Sgt Thomas Hogan

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

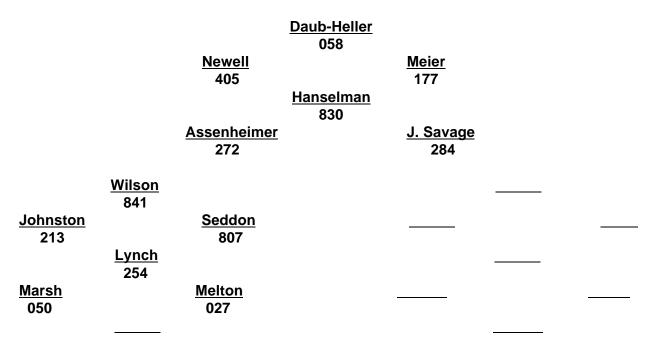


Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A



Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B



One (1) aircraft aborted this mission: Lt. Meier in 177

B-17G #42-39785 Thru Hel'en Hiwater B-17G #42-107028 (No Name)

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Р	Larson, Roy A., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Duncan, Ronald E., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Levy, Herbert E., Jr., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Feinman, Milton, 2Lt	KIA
ENG	Campbell, Thomas J., Sgt	KIA
BT	Brim, Lee R., Sgt	POW
RO	Culp, Everett E., Sgt	POW
LWG	Schinker, Arthur W., Sgt	POW
TG	Hodge, Herman L., Sgt F	POW/DOW
RWG	Thayer, Duane P., Sgt	POW

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter* B-17G #42-31669 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

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Р	McClure, Thomas R., 1Lt
CP	Miller, Campbell, 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
TG	Allred, Parlan R., Sgt
RWG	Senheiser, George A., Sgt
BT	Duncan, George T., Sgt

B-17G #42-39807 Nero

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Р	Seddon, John R., 2Lt	EVD
CP	Burks, Charles D., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Fitzpatrick, George M., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Meldrich, Walter A., 2Lt	EVD
ENG	Rogers, Edward E., S/Sgt	POW
LWG	Nemchick, John, Sgt	POW
RO	Hess, John C., S/Sgt	POW
RWG	Holcomb, I.L., Sgt	POW
TG	Mummery, William T., Sgt	POW
BT	Maloney, Donald F., Sgt	POW

B-17G #42-97622 Paper Dollie

Р	Hofmann, Raymond, 2Lt
CP	Howell, Ernest F., 2Lt
NAV	Minkowitz, Samuel, 1Lt
BOM	Israelson, Elmer P., 2Lt
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	Hickey, David I., Sgt

P	Stewart, Paul C., 2Lt
CP	Heape, Rudolph H., 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

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Р	Taylor, James B., 1Lt
CP	Moreau, Joseph A., 2Lt
NAV	Binder, Carroll, Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Larson, Albert W., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Douglas L., S/Sgt
TG	Cox, James B., S/Sgt
RO	Dulin, Woodroe G., S/Sgt
BT	Czeczotka, Theodore R., Sgt
RWG	Schweinebraten, Leslie H., Sgt
LWG	Loveland, William H., S/Sgt

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

Р	Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
CP	Knight, R.A., 2Lt
NAV	Shamban, Marcus 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

	D-110 #42-30030 Thunderbild
P	Marsh, Richard K., 2Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 2Lt
BOM	Corbin, Frederick A., F/O
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 #42-31830 Marie

Р	Hanselman, Charles F., 1Lt
CP	Halpin, Robert N., 1Lt
NAV	Carey, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Joyce, John D., 2Lt
ENG	Fouss, Howard E., T/Sgt
LWG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
RWG	Armstrong, Keith N., S/Sgt
BT	Williams, Walter S., S/Sgt
TG	Tybuszewski, Mitchel J., S/Sgt

	5-110 #42-31403 Wallaloo Will II
P	Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt
NAV	Rawlings, Loren F., 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 #42-97272 Duchess' Daughter

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Р	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Sassone, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Bates, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne G., Sgt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., S/Sgt
RO	Mouser, Lloyd C., T/Sgt
LWG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
RWG	Robichaud, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Jaehne, Charles R., S/Sgt
TG	Robb, Charles W., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird B-17G #42-97284 Ain't Misbehavin

Р	Savage, John N., 1Lt
CP	Rice, Charles H., 2Lt
NAV	Livermore, William C., 1Lt
TOG	Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt
TT	Merrow, Robert K., Sgt
RO	Montgomery, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Gilcrease, Roland L., S/Sgt
TG	Barmak, Paul J., S/Sgt
RWG	Savela, Wilho A., Sgt
LWG	Thorne, Arver E., S/Sgt
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B-17G #42-97058 Scorchy II

P	Heller, William C., Capt
CP	Daub, Leroy E., 1Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjof M., 1Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 1Lt
ENG	Carter, Edward K., S/Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., T/Sgt
TG	Gorecki, Victor T., 2Lt
RWG	Haman, Ray T., S/Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Charles E., T/Sgt
LWG	Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 Wallaroo MK II B-17G #42-31177 Lonesome Polecat

Р	Meier, Russell W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., F/O
BOM	Smith, Ralph, 2Lt
ENG	Danford, Emmett J., S/Sgt
RO	Connors, Joseph Q., S/Sgt
LWG	Henson, Archie H., Sgt
RWG	Colley, Smith K., Sgt
BT	Richard, Vernon, Sgt
TG	Butler, Ashley A., Sgt
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В	3-17G #42-97187 Miss Umbriago		B-17G #42-107048 (No Name)
P O'Beirne, Nelson B., 2Lt		Р	Williams, John T., 2Lt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 2Lt	CP	Coats, Niel, 2Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 2Lt	NAV	Fazio, Joseph J., 2Lt
BOM	Nebhut, Kenneth E., S/Sgt	BOM	Grunseth, Roald J., 2Lt
ENG	Henselman, Miles A., S/Sgt	ENG	Schwenke, Howard A., S/Sgt
RO	Blumberg, Marvin R., S/Sgt	RO	Barber, Stewart, L., S/Sgt
BT	Faraone, Sam S., Sgt	BT	Whitten, Cleveland W., Sgt
TG	Studt, Allo L., Sgt	TG	Ott, John E., Sgt
RWG	Rogers, Winford E., Sgt	RWG	Northam, James W., Sgt
LWG	Cammack, Francis C., Sgt	LWG	Mitchell, John B., Sgt
	B-17G #42-38204 (No Name)		B-17G #42-31432 Old Glory
P	Cecchini, Anthony J., 2Lt	P	Earhart, Amon E., 1Lt
CP	Fisher, Stanley L., 2Lt	CP	Evans, Earnest N., 2Lt
NAV	Veigel, Edward J., 2Lt	NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., 2Lt
BOM	McDevitt, Theodore D., 2Lt	BOM	Cottrell, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Bachman, Clifford D., S/Sgt	ENG	Huston, William J., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Benjamin H., Jr., S/Sgt	RO	Villasenor, Oscar, S/Sgt
BT	Kepics, George, Sgt	BT	Lanier, Lee, Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., Sgt	TG	Laurinitis, Anthony, S/Sgt
RWG	, ,	RWG	Huddleston, D.O., Sgt
LWG	O'Hearn, Robert J., Sgt	LWG	Logan, Frank C., S/Sgt
B-17G #42-97254 Iza Vailable Too B-17G #42-97260 Bow-Ur-Neck Stevens			
P	Lynch, Robert J., 2Lt	P	Brinkley, Pharis C., Capt
CP	Francis, John R., 2Lt	CP	Stevens, Kermit D., Col
NAV	Sbrolla, Emilio M., 2Lt	NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
BOM	Merz, Dick W., 2Lt	NAV	Pepe, Nicholas A., 1Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., Sgt	BOM	Clark, Fred T., 1Lt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., Sgt	ENG	Worthington, Arthur J., T/Sgt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., Sgt	RO	Snyder, Richard N., S/Sgt
TG	Krogh, Kenneth R., Sgt	BT	Reid, Harold C., S/Sgt
LWG	Schoonmaker, Elwood, Jr., Sgt	TG	Rein, William E., S/Sgt
RWG	Pleasanton, Kenneth H., Sgt	RWG	Ferguson, Charles R., T/Sgt
		LWG	Lance, Guy A., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-31213 Pistol Packin' Mama B-17G #42-37841 Banshee

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	Pesetsky, Paul W., Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, Sgt
RWG	Smith, Herbert L., Sgt
LWG	Turner, Kenzie H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 Idaliza

Р	Stevens, Joseph E., 1Lt
CP	Ellsworth, Paul R., 2Lt
NAV	Fleming, Samuel P., 1Lt
BOM	Finley, Robert A., 1Lt
ENG	Brewster, John L., T/Sgt
RO	Deerfield, Eddie, T/Sgt
BT	Michael, David O., S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt
RWG	Fitko, Marion F., S/Sgt
LWG	Cole, Edgar C., S/Sgt

Р	Wilson, Fred F., 1Lt
CP	Bowen, James W., 2Lt
NAV	Przybyszewski, Henry S., Lt
BOM	Fahlbusch, Joseph F., 2L
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
OBS	Smith, Carlton M., 1Lt

B-17G #42-31060 Poque Ma Hone B-17G #42-32027 Betty Jane

Р	Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bohle, Howard J., 2Lt
NAV	Kauffman, Harold F., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 2Lt
TT	Relyea, Ralph R., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Leo, T/Sgt
BT	Teno, James R., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt
LWG	O'Neil, Austin J., Sgt
RWG	Hadley, Owen W., S/Sgt

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P	Wood, Vere A., 1Lt
CP	Greenwood, Ernest G., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, Thomas G., 1Lt
BOM	Kurnik, Walter F., 1Lt
TT	Tevis, John E., S/Sgt
BT	Grant, Thomas V., S/Sgt
RO	Jensen, Henry J., S/Sgt
RWG	Heathershaw, Charles L., S/Sgt
TG	Underwood, Clifford B., S/Sgt
RWG	Musashe, Michael, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-37875 Empress of D Street B-17G #42-38020 V-Packet

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P	Savage, Gilbert T., 2Lt
CP	Schwolow, John C., 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

B-17G #42-31423 Jigger Rooche

P	Jenkins, Elton L., 2Lt
CP	Sayers, Darwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, John K., 2Lt
BOM	Nevills, Joseph J., 2Lt
TT	Eisenhauer, James A., Sg
BT	Gentry, Richard A., S/Sgt
RO	Sorese, Leonard V., S/Sgt
TG	Franklin, Robert E., Sgt
RWG	Korpi, Walfred J., S/Sgt
LWG	Ward, Homer J., Jr., Sgt

Р	Melton, James H., 1Lt
CP	Belknap, Robert W., 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 #42-97096 (No Name) B-17G #42-38051 My Yorkshire Dream

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Р	Estes, Shirley W., Lt
CP	Fisher, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Shemwell, John T., 2Lt
BOM	Minter, Thomas W., 2Lt
TT	Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT	Wiley, Nathan H., S/Sgt
RO	Duncan, Donald K., S/Sgt
TG	Ross, Samuel C., S/Sgt
RWG	Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG	Ford, Thomas P., Sgt
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Р	O'Hare, Phil W., 2Lt
CP	McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV	Cronin, Ernest L., 1Lt
BOM	Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
TT	Souder, Lee F., Jr., Sgt
RO	DuBray, Ernest D., Sgt
BT	McMahan, Bonnar P., S/Sgt
TG	McLaughlin, Jesse W., S/Sgt
LWG	Doyle, Edward J., Sgt
RWG	Rider, Wilbert, Sgt