

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 155

19 May 1944

Target: City Area, Berlin, Germany (PFF-H2X Bombing)

Crews Dispatched: 37

Crews Lost: Lt. Roth - 10 MIA

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: Group A - 10 x 500 lb G.P.; Group B - 42 x 65 lb  
M47A1 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 26,000 ft; Group B - 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 7,120 rounds

Eleven Combat Wings, 663 B-17s, of the 1st and 3rd Bomb Divisions were dispatched to attack Berlin while four Combat Wings, 331 B-24s, of the 2nd Bomb Division were dispatched to attack Brunswick. Escort was provided by 19 Groups of USAAF fighters. Both Berlin and Brunswick were attacked by a preponderant number of the aircraft dispatched with 5/10 to 8/10 broken cloud over both targets necessitating the use of PFF equipment in most instances. Several formations, however, bombed visually and one Combat Wing of the force dispatched against Berlin attacked the secondary target, Kiel. Bombing results were generally fair to good. Although the enemy achieved several large concentrations, including approximately 200 enemy aircraft each west of Brunswick and Berlin, effective fighter support prevented strong enemy opposition. Heaviest opposition was sustained by the B-24 force on Brunswick, while many Combat Wings attacking Berlin reported no encounters. A total of 28 bombers were lost, 16 B-17s and 12 B-24s, of which 3 B-17s and 11 B-24s were lost to enemy attacks. Two B-17s of the bombers which were lost were ditched in the Channel, the crew of one being rescued. Another B-17 crash-landed in Sweden with its entire crew uninjured.

Thirty-seven 303rd Group B-17s were dispatched to bomb military objectives in Berlin with a secondary target at Kiel, Germany. Eighteen aircraft plus two PFF aircraft from the 305BG flew as the lead 41 CBW-A Group. The remaining 17 Fortresses flew as the low 303BG-B formation.

Two aircraft returned early:

#42-37841 *Banshee*, 360BS-P (**O'Beirne**) - No. 3 engine governor.

#42-102432 (*No Name*), 427BS-U (**Shope**) - No. 2 prop governor oil line.

Thirty-five aircraft dropped 170 500-lb. M43 and 744 65-lb. M47A1 incendiary bombs from 26,000 and 25,000 feet. In the target area there was an 8/10 low cloud base and the assigned target could not be seen. The lead bombardier dropped his bombs using PFF on a northwest built-up area of Berlin. Only a few enemy aircraft were seen at a distance. There were no attacks on the Group formations. Friendly fighter support was excellent. Moderate to intense and accurate flak caused six aircraft to sustain major damage and twenty, minor damage. Fourteen of these were in the Lead or A Group and twelve were in the Low or B Group. Two men received minor injuries.



**ORIGINAL ERNEST L. ROTH CREW - 359th BS**  
**(crew assigned 359BS: 14 Apr 1944)**

1Lt Ernest L. Roth (P-KIA), 2Lt Homer E. Raker (CP),  
 2Lt George J. Beys (N-KIA), 2Lt Owen H. O'Neill, Jr (B)  
 S/Sgt Fred E. Dexter (E-POW), S/Sgt Earl W. Buckingham (R-KIA),  
 Sgt Ralph E. Streicher (BTG-KIA), Sgt John W. Kurzawski (LWG-KIA),  
 Sgt Arnout C. Martens (RWG-POW), Sgt Henry A. Gardner (TG-POW)  
 (crewmen are not in order)

One aircraft was lost: #42-31386 *Sky Duster*, 359BS-W, piloted by 1Lt. Ernest L. **Roth**. Its No. 3 engine received a direct flak hit just before "bombs away." Although the engine fell out, the B-17 was under control. It slipped to the right out of formation. Three parachutes were spotted. *Sky Duster* crashed at Berlin. Lt. **Roth**, 2Lt. George J. **Beys**, S/Sgt. Herman G. **Moening**, S/Sgt. Earl W. **Buckingham**, Sgt. Ralph E. **Streicher** and Sgt. John W. **Kurzawski** were killed. Lt. **Beys** and S/Sgt. **Moening** are buried in Ardennes American Cemetery near Liege, Belgium. 2Lt. Donald L. **Gibbons**, S/Sgt. Fred E. **Dexter**, Sgt. Arnout C. **Martens** and Sgt.

Henry A. **Gardner** were captured and became prisoners of war.

Capt. Peter L.M. **Packard** described the mission as routine. "We had fairly good weather over the target which might have helped the flak gunner," Capt. **Packard** said, "However, it didn't bother us much and I saw only one Fort go down. We didn't have any fighter opposition at all." Pilot 1Lt. Robert H. **Halpin** said, "It wasn't as bad as it might have been. We had loads of our own fighters and didn't see any Germans. The flak was rough over the city, but they only hit one Fort." S/Sgt. Edgar B. **Hart**, a ball turret gunner who had been to Berlin five times, was not impressed by the defenses of the city. "I've been there before and it doesn't seem any thicker. I've seen a lot worse in other places," S/Sgt. **Hart** said.

### ***WE DIDN'T WAIT LONG FOR BIG 'B'***

from the book entitled "25 Milk Runs" by Richard R. "Dick" Johnson

Beiser, our pilot, and I as co-pilot, were re-united for our second mission. The 427th squadron was assigned lead, and we were to fly in position #5. Berlin was the primary target, with Kiel as the secondary target in case Berlin was socked it. Each B-17 was loaded with twenty-seven hundred gallons of gas, and twelve, five hundred pound bombs. At six pounds per gallon, the weight of fuel for each plane was sixteen thousand, two hundred pounds, and bombs weighed twelve thousand pounds, for a total of over fourteen tons. The B-17G carried more than five thousand rounds of ammunition for its 13 machine guns. The weight of these 50-caliber machine guns, plus oil for the engines, and oxygen for the crew, often brought the take-off weight of these aircraft to over sixty-five thousand pounds. Empty, they weighed a little over thirty-five thousand pounds.

Our route north over the English Channel was hampered by dense and persistent vapor trails of the preceding groups. Our cloud ceiling at departure was two thousand feet, which altered our forming up a bit. However, we departed the English coast with eighteen aircraft, plus two radar ships from another group. Soon, the lead ship of the low squadron aborted due to a supercharger problem. Our route to Berlin took us up the English

Channel past Hamburg, and across the Jutland Peninsula to a southeasterly heading. This took us about mid-way between Hamburg and Kiel.

Our escorting fighters were P-38 "Lightnings" and a few of the older P-51 "Mustangs." Their fuel range would not allow them to escort us all the way to Berlin, and they dropped off just past Hamburg. Fortunately, we saw no enemy fighters close enough to identify, and so our main problem was flak.

As we approached the target the flak was unbelievable. It was as if someone had painted a thin black line across the sky, and it was exactly at our altitude of 26,000 feet. As we approached Berlin, clouds covered over half the earth below us, which made the target difficult to see. Many of our aircraft dropped "Chaff," which is bundles of tin foil cut to the exact length of the German radar signal. This only helped during cloudy weather, as the German anti-aircraft gunners preferred visual aiming. Their "Final Aimer" usually aimed for the left wing-root or number two engine of the lead plane. These 88 mm cannons were all on pivots and all the guns turned in unison. The gunners were so good that they could fire a burst every three seconds or so. While the aim was done from a control site, all the guns pointed parallel to each other and did not converge on the target. This allowed a wider pattern of bursts, which could cover an entire group of airplanes.

The big disadvantage for the flak gunners was the necessity to lead the target by two or more kilometers. That was how much they had to allow for the interval of travel by the target until the explosive shell arrived. The gunners had to assume that the target would be at a given point when the explosive shell arrived. A slow turn by the target aircraft was usually enough to cause the flak to miss.

On this day, however, one of our B-17s was hit by a direct burst and went down. This was Lt. E.L. Roth and his crew on aircraft number 42-31386, "Sky Duster," from the number three position of the high squadron. Only five parachutes were seen to emerge from the stricken aircraft. This was shortly after bombs were dropped. As co-pilot, I was able to see this loss for a short while, but our ball-turret gunner, Charles Latta and others got a first-hand view.

We had heard rumors that some of our bailed-out crew members had been murdered by civilians and this was confirmed after the war. After leaving the hell in the air, many were faced by an equal hell on the ground.

Berlin had large numbers of 88 millimeter flak guns all around the city. Also, many fixed guns of larger caliber were deployed in the area. Many of these were 105 mm and some were 128 mm. They were not as accurate as the 88s, but made a larger explosion. When the target aircraft couldn't be seen, these guns fired a burst that would explode at or above our altitude, thus forcing us to fly through a rain of shell fragments, or "Flak."

Our Group Commander, Col. Kermit D. Stevens, was leading this mission against Berlin. He was flying with Lt. Bordelon of our squadron which led the group that day.

Of the nineteen aircraft from our group who flew this day, one was shot down by flak, three received major damage, eleven suffered less severe damage and only four B-17s came back unscathed. Our aircraft had several flak holes in the leading edges and a few in the sides, but ours was listed as "major damage" due to the fact that during the bomb drop our B-17 was forced out of position by a neighboring aircraft. This put us directly behind the lead plane so that when he dropped his bombs, his "Sky Marker" bomb enveloped our plane with a white acid fog which ruined all the plexiglass in our plane. Flying home was difficult due to the milky looking windshield.

Also, due to six-tenths cloud cover over Berlin that day, our bombing results were not very good. We felt let down that our effort was largely wasted after facing such battle conditions. Total flight time was over eight hours. Over enemy territory, three hours and a half. We reported "Hot News" of a German naval convoy in the Hamburg Fjord on the way in, but couldn't see it on the way out, because of the ruined plexiglass.

## **ONE DAY IT'S LONDON — THE NEXT IT'S BERLIN**

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

One day you are roaming around London, not thinking about what is in store for you for the tomorrow. The next day you are a part of the largest armada of B-17s and B-24s ever to attack the City of Berlin. What a jolt to you "mental system" to walk into an early morning briefing, after getting back from London and see "Big B" as the target.

I started out as the lowest aircraft in the low squadron of the low group at #6 position, but when 2Lt O'Beirne had to abort, due to a faulty engine governor, I moved up into the #3 position. Tommy and my old crew were leading the high squadron. This was my 22nd mission and if they hadn't changed the rules, I would have only 3 more to go, but no, we all had to get 30 credited sorties..

Sometime between my last mission, on May 11th and today, I had been promoted to First Lieutenant but I probably didn't know it at the time. My crew today were all members of 2Lt Cecchini's crew. He was hospitalized when he had to crash land in southern England on his return from Saarbrucken on 11 May. Both he and his crew were pretty lucky to escape a crash landing that really smashed up "Sweet Melody," an aircraft that I had flown before. But it would live to fly again.

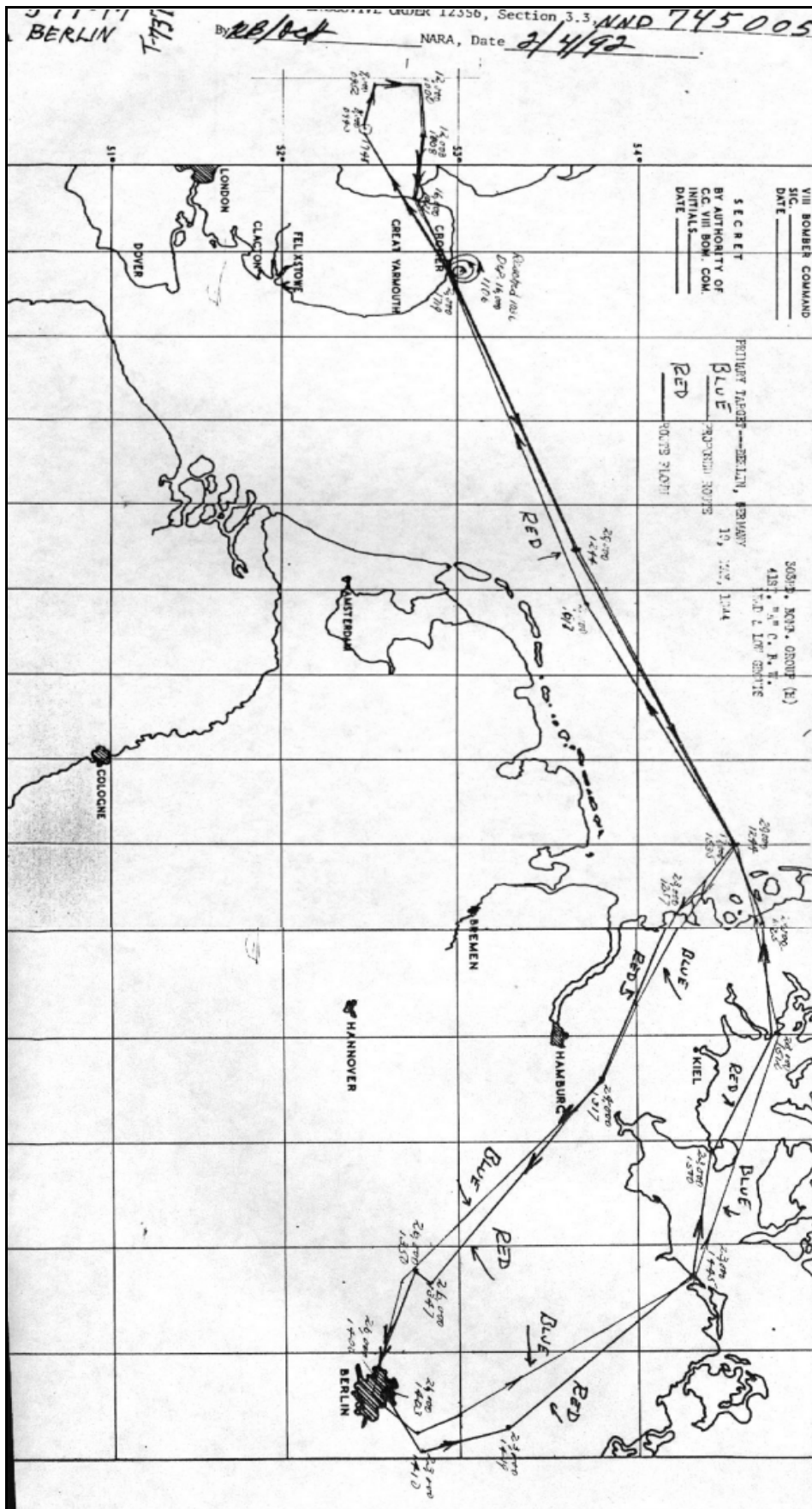
So I had a reasonably combat experienced crew with me today. One wonders after these many years, what this young crew thought about having their pilot (Cecchini) replaced by a young 24 year old, 140 pounder that had to take both arms to bring back the yoke when I landed the B-17?

But this mission turned out to be no rougher than the previous one to Berlin — we were not attacked by enemy fighters, although they really tore up a couple of B-24 Groups. But, we must not overlook the flak at Berlin — it was as rough as usual and knocked down one of our 303rd B-17s that were flying in the lead group.

This was the largest fleet of bombers that were ever placed in the air by the 8th Air Force since the start of daylight bombing. And for that reason, I suppose, it was aimed at the very heart of the Deutschland — Berlin. Of the 663 B-17s that were dispatched, 259 of them suffered battle damage from flak and 65 of them received "major damage." Eight B-17s were lost to flak and 3 to enemy aircraft.

397 P-51s and 176 P-38s provided continuous escort for the two forces attacking Berlin. A total of 230 enemy aircraft were seen, the majority of which were encountered on penetration in the Wittemberge and Postdam areas. A small concentration of enemy aircraft were also met in the Rostock area on withdrawal. Fighter claims were 44-0-11 in the air and 10-0-18 in ground attacks.

It was nice to have another Berlin mission under my belt — hopefully it will be my last.



**Route Map**  
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

<b><u>Stevens-Bordelon</u></b>				
<b>PFF - 533</b>				
	<b><u>Allen</u></b>		<b><u>Stoullil</u></b>	
	<b>200</b>		<b>PFF - 592</b>	
		<b><u>Jones</u></b>		
		<b>423</b>		
	<b><u>Mitchell</u></b>		<b><u>Beiser</u></b>	
	<b>099</b>		<b>096</b>	
	<b><u>Shope</u></b>		<b><u>Young</u></b>	
	<b>432</b>		<b>272</b>	
<b><u>Oranges</u></b>		<b><u>O'Hare</u></b>		<b><u>Assenheimer</u></b>
<b>569</b>		<b>391</b>		<b>405</b>
	<b><u>Headlee</u></b>		<b><u>Roth</u></b>	
	<b>885</b>		<b>386</b>	
<b><u>Fackler</u></b>		<b><u>Melton</u></b>		<b><u>Moser</u></b>
<b>781</b>		<b>027</b>		<b>213</b>
	<b><u>Meier</u></b>		<b><u>Thompson</u></b>	
	<b>284</b>		<b>050</b>	
				<b><u>Sirany</u></b>
				<b>206</b>
				<b><u>Halpin</u></b>
				<b>496</b>

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. O'Beirne in 841

Lt. Shope in 432

### 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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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Packard - JW Watson</u> 453			
		<u>Maxey</u> 085		<u>McNamara</u> 006	
			<u>Ames</u> 787		
		<u>Knight-Baker</u> 622		<u>Determan</u> 224	
	<u>Williams</u> 097				<u>Thomas</u> 329
<u>O'Beirne</u> 841		<u>McMillan</u> 805		<u>Erickson</u> 483	<u>Johnston</u> 997
	<u>Ellsworth</u> 048			<u>Ferguson</u> 298	
<u>Miller</u> 546		<u>Spindler</u> 590		<u>J.P Watson</u> 893	<u>Way</u> 028
				<u>Howell</u> 002	



**Princess Pat #42-102453 (358BS) VK-J**  
**41st CBW-A Lead (358BS) - Pilot Capt J.W. Watson / CoPilot Capt P.L.M. Packard**  
 Capt Jack Watson (P-back, 2nd from left), Capt Peter L.M. Packard (CP-back center),  
 T/Sgt Robert Phillips (R-front, 4th from left)  
 Other Crewmen (not in order): 1Lt L.C. Merthan (N), Lt J.N. Williams (N),  
 Lt A.J. Mack (B), T/Sgt R.W. Hoffman (E), S/Sgt T.R. Czeczotka (BT),  
 S/Sgt R.G. McArthur (WG), Sgt H.A. Daniel (WG), T/Sgt F.H. Stender (TG)

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Way, Henry G., 1Lt
CP	Raese, Warren G., 2Lt
NAV	Sigurdson, Elden A., 2Lt
BOM	Bell, Julian P., 2Lt
ENG	Lynam, Stanley A., S/Sgt
TT	Paolino, Vincent C., Sgt
RO	May, James G., S/Sgt
BT	LaFleur, Paul L., Sgt
TG	Parks, Robert E., Sgt
RWG	Manning, Robert L., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)**

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P	Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
CP	Vaughn, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Shamban, Marcus F., 2Lt
BOM	Spatt, Arnold I., 2Lt
ENG	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
LWG	Gamon, Edward J., Sgt

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

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P	Determan, Alvin G., 2Lt
CP	Pfahler, Ervin J., 2Lt
NAV	Palmer, Jackson, Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Ledbetter, Lamar E., 2Lt
ENG	Hendrickson, Milton C., S/Sgt
RWG	Livingston, Acel A., Sgt
RO	Asman, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Cope, Wayne E., Sgt
LWG	Carroccia, Albert R., Sgt
BT	Vasquez, Manuel, Sgt

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

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P	Howell, Ernest F., 2Lt
CP	Miller, Campbell, 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Grover C., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, William D., 2Lt
ENG	West, Jerome H., Sgt
RWG	Stafford, Sheldon A., Sgt
RO	Lesser, Edward R., Sgt
BT	Vodicka, Leonard R., Sgt
TG	McGarland, Kendell H., S/Sgt
LWG	Stone, Robert L., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Knight, R.A., 2Lt
CP	Baker, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 2Lt
ENG	Kishbaugh, Warren L., S/Sgt
TT	Reichman, Fred P., Sgt
RO	Judd, Fred H., S/Sgt
BT	Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
TG	Peters, Archie D., Sgt
LWG	Parker, Stanton A., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97787 (No Name)**

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P	Ames, Walter J., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Bailie, Homer P., 2Lt
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM	Schmid, Ralph D., 2Lt
ENG	Ham, William J., S/Sgt
TT	Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
RO	Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Oss, Frank E., Sgt
TG	Naylor, Richard G., Sgt
RWG	Munn, Charles F., Sgt



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

### **B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)**

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P	McNamara, James F., Capt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Krouskup, Wayne E., 2Lt
BOM	Ney, Russell L., F/O
ENG	Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
RWG	Mikola, Robert, Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, Sgt
LWG	Wagner, William H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102453 Princess Pat**

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P	Watson, Jack W., Capt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Capt
NAV	Merthan, Lawrence C., 1Lt
NAV	Williams, Jack N., 2Lt
BOM	Mack, Austin J., 1Lt
ENG	Hoffman, Robert W., T/Sgt
RWG	McArthur, Robert G., S/Sgt
RO	Phillips, Robert B., T/Sgt
BT	Czeczotka, Theodore R., S/Sgt
TG	Stender, Francis H., T/Sgt
LWG	Daniel, Herbert A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97298 The Floose**

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P	Ferguson, Wendell Z., 1Lt
CP	Markos, Costa, F/O
NAV	Brown, James F., 2Lt
BOM	Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
ENG	Matthews, David R., Sgt
LWG	Smithson, Clyde E., S/Sgt
RO	Kissling, John P., S/Sgt
RWG	Rogers, Thomas J., S/Sgt
TG	Brooks, Richard S., Sgt
BT	Rhodes, Kenneth G., Sgt

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

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P	Watson, John P., 2Lt
CP	Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt
NAV	Coe, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Borg, John E., 2Lt
ENG	Kapes, Paul J., S/Sgt
TT	Hollifield, Robert G., Sgt
RO	White, John H., S/Sgt
BT	Goldfarb, Wallace, Sgt
TG	Cummings, James E., Sgt
RWG	Byerly, William C., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Thompson, Lawrence C., Capt
CP	Johnson, Richard O., 2Lt
NAV	Young, Warren I., F/O
BOM	Champ, William J., 2Lt
ENG	Hammons, Charles G., S/Sgt
RO	Hamann, Delos, H., S/Sgt
BT	Stephan, Kenneth R., Sgt
TG	Held, Armin C., Sgt
LWG	Lemley, Jack A., Sgt
RWG	Christensen, Lars, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102496 Special Delivery**

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P	Halpin, Robert H., 1Lt
CP	Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
NAV	Riley, Milton S., 2Lt
BOM	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
ENG	Merrow, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
BT	Franceschini, James V., Sgt
TG	McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt
LWG	Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt
RWG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt

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

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P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Carpenter, Arthur G., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neill, Owen H., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne G., Sgt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., S/Sgt
RO	Swanson, Clifford E., T/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Carl B., S/Sgt
TG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
BT	Hart, Edgar B., S/Sgt
LWG	Savela, Wilho A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-107206 Old Black Magic**

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P	Sirany, George R., 2Lt
CP	Batton, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Ehrke, Warren D., 2Lt
BOM	Prussman, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Stephenson, Thomas O., S/Sgt
RO	Van Horn, Everett E., S/Sgt
BT	Bale, Gordon E., Sgt
TG	McPherson, Frank V., S/Sgt
LWG	See, Cecil J., Sgt
RWG	Umberger, Robert C., Sgt

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

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P	Roth, Ernest L., 1Lt	KIA
CP	Gibbons, Donald L., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Beys, George J., 2Lt	KIA
BOM	Moening, Herman G., 2Lt	KIA
ENG	Dexter, Fred E., S/Sgt	POW
RO	Buckingham, Earl W., Sgt	KIA
BT	Streicher, Ralph E., Sgt	KIA
TG	Gardner, Henry A., Sgt	POW
LWG	Kurzawski, John W., Sgt	KIA
RWG	Martens, Arnout C., Sgt	POW

### **B-17G #42-97781 The '8' Ball MK III**

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P	Fackler, David E., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt
TG	Pohlman, Wilbert F., S/Sgt
LWG	Brewer, Ray, S/Sgt
RWG	Tipton, Bill B., S/Sgt

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

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

P Meier, Russell W., 1Lt  
CP Reed, John W., 2Lt  
NAV Prince, Alan M., 2Lt  
TOG Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt  
ENG Danford, Emmett J., S/Sgt  
RO Connors, Joseph Q., S/Sgt  
RWG McGee, Richard, S/Sgt  
LWG Colley, Smith K., Sgt  
BT Richard, Vernon, Sgt  
TG Butler, Ashley A., Sgt

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

P Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt  
CP Gorecki, Victor T., 2Lt  
NAV Andreasen, Rolf W., 2Lt  
BOM Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt  
ENG Duffey, Willis A., Sgt  
RWG Mays, Pearl E., S/Sgt  
RO Zionkoski, John T., S/Sgt  
BT Parrish, Vernon, Sgt  
TG Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt  
LWG Raines, Donald E., Sgt

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

P Young, Elmer W., 1Lt  
CP Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt  
NAV Walsh, Myles J., 1Lt  
BOM Joyce, John D., 1Lt  
ENG Steele, John C., T/Sgt  
RO Dulick, Steve, T/Sgt  
BT Lebeck, Richard H., S/Sgt  
TG Stapleton, Bill, S/Sgt  
LWG Withrow, John W., S/Sgt  
RWG Rohaly, Andy, S/Sgt  
PAS Hewitt, Edwin, Dr., Civilian

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Johnston, Donald M., 1Lt
CP	Heussler, Robert W., 2Lt
NAV	Schultz, Milo R., 2Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 2Lt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Pesetsky, Paul W., S/Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, S/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Herbert L., S/ Sgt
LWG	Turner, Kenzie H., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-107097 Sweet Melody**

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P	Williams, John T., 1Lt
CP	Coats, Niel, 2Lt
NAV	Fazio, Joseph J., 2Lt
BOM	Grunseth, Roald J., 2Lt
ENG	Schwenke, Howard A., S/Sgt
RO	Barber, Stewart, L., S/Sgt
BT	Whitten, Cleveland W., S/Sgt
TG	Ott, John E., S/Sgt
RWG	Northam, James W., S/Sgt
LWG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

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

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P	Spindler, Benjamin L., 2Lt
CP	Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
NAV	Caffrey, James J., F/O
BOM	Proud, Rexford I., 2Lt
ENG	Pfeffer, William W., S/Sgt
RO	Uhl, Willard H., S/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., Sgt
TG	Petrie, Joe D., Sgt
RWG	Fambry, Lewis F., Sgt
LWG	Babbitt, Bruce E., Sgt

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

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P	Erickson, Roger W., 1Lt
CP	Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt
NAV	Roche, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Moul, John D., 2Lt
ENG	Manser, Charles, S/Sgt
RO	Haynie, John D., S/Sgt
BT	Smith, Victor H., S/Sgt
TG	Heitman, Alfred V., Sgt
LWG	Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt
RWG	Davis, Harry R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Miller, Edgar C., 1Lt
CP	Fisher, Stanley L., 2Lt
NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., 1Lt
BOM	McDevitt, Theodore D., 2Lt
ENG	Bachman, Clifford D., T/Sgt
RO	Henson, R.W., Sgt
BT	Kepics, George, S/Sgt
TG	Nebhut, Kenneth E., S/Sgt
LWG	O'Hearn, Robert J., S/Sgt
RWG	Cogdell, Clarence L., S/Sgt

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

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P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., 2Lt
CP	Bartholomew, Dale E., 2Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 2Lt
BOM	Finley, Robert A., 1Lt
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
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### **B-17G #42-97329 Flak Hack**

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P	Thomas, Earl N., 1Lt
CP	Evans, Ernest N., 1Lt
NAV	Walenta, Clarence V., 1Lt
BOM	Scott, Harold L., 1Lt
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 #42-97805 (No Name)**

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P	McMillan, Murdock B., 1Lt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Shaw, Marvin E., 2Lt
BOM	Prince, James R., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Debannes, Camil, S/Sgt
RO	Noller, Paul J., S/Sgt
BT	Karp, Harold, Sgt
TG	Cain, Leroy H., Sgt
RWG	Cox, James D., Sgt
LWG	Herr, Allen H., Sgt

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

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P	Ellsworth, Paul R., 1Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 2Lt
NAV	Vell, Ona L., 2Lt
BOM	Beasley, Edward E., 2Lt
ENG	Mours, John D., S/Sgt
RO	Habich, Arthur L., S/Sgt
BT	Flammia, Joseph E., Sgt
TG	Olson, Keith R., Sgt
RWG	Donohoe, Thomas D., Sgt
LWG	Abbott, Wesley C., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97533 PFF 384BG**

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P	Bordelon, Berton A., 1Lt
CP	Stevens, Kermit D., Col
NAV	Cromwell, Frederick P., 1Lt
NAV	Peacock, Lawrence A., 1Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Barker, Forrest, T/Sgt
RO	Fontana, Joseph L., T/Sgt
TG	Coons, Charles L., 1Lt
RWG	Patterson, Harry L., S/Sgt
LWG	Adams, Donald K., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97592 PFF 305BG**

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P	Stoullil, Donald W., 1Lt
NAV	Skarsten, Albert B., 2Lt
BOM	Roode, William A.T., 2Lt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99***

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P	Mitchell, Fred E., 2Lt
CP	Ferguson, Gilbert L., 2Lt
NAV	Shupe, John W., 2Lt
BOM	Isaac, Kenneth W., 2Lt
TT	Cavagnol, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT	Landa, Hyman J., Sgt
RO	Parr, Joe A., S/Sgt
RWG	Mulberry, Harold F., S/Sgt
LWG	Byers, William R., S/Sgt
TG	Carpenter, Robert R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97391 *(No Name)***

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P	O'Hare, Phil W., 1Lt
CP	Sayers, Darwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Raizman, A.I., 2Lt
BOM	Biedanski, Edmund J., 2Lt
TT	Souder, Lee F., Jr., T/Sgt
RO	DuBray, Ernest D., S/Sgt
BT	Dye, James W., S/Sgt
RWG	Doyle, Edward J., S/Sgt
TG	Sullens, Tom C., S/Sgt
LWG	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Oranges, Chester N., 2Lt
CP	Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
NAV	Whitman, John H., 2Lt
BOM	Harper, Kenneth L., 2Lt
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 #42-97096 *(No Name)***

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P	Beiser, Theodore R., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Cooper, Edward G., 2Lt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Latta, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Gorchesky, Benny J., S/Sgt
TG	Brackey, Carroll H., Sgt
LWG	Haines, James W., Sgt
RWG	Glass, David, Sgt

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

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P	Headlee, Dale C., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt
RO	Moberg, Chester H., S/Sgt
TG	Bell, Alton R., S/Sgt
LWG	Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt
RWG	Kyle, Clarence, S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

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P	Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Rafferty, Henry E., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Landry, Robert 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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### **B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

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P Melton, James H., 1Lt  
CP Belknap, Robert W., 2Lt  
NAV Frechter, Harry G., 2Lt  
BOM Clapp, Keith W., 2Lt  
TT Rusinak, John C., 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 #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

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P Jones, Wilbur H., 2Lt  
CP Wallace, Walstein W., 2Lt  
NAV Hibbard, Troy W., 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  
RWG Thompson, Frederick A., Sgt  
LWG Dimowitz, Morris, Sgt

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

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P Allen, Charles R., 1Lt  
CP Parham, James S., 2Lt  
NAV Thurmon, John A., 2Lt  
BOM Bourgeault, Louis H., 2Lt  
TT Weed, Lowrey A., T/Sgt  
BT Knedler, Lee F., Sgt  
RO Reed, John H., S/Sgt  
TG Stansbury, Edward P., Sgt  
RWG Foerster, LeRoy H.M., Sgt  
LWG Bohensiel, Robert L., Sgt