

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 180

14 June 1944

Target: Airdromes at Creil & Coulommiers, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 100 lb G.P. & 100 lb Fragmentation bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 23,000 ft & 24,300 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Creil, France was the target for today. Thirty-six aircraft took off to bomb the airdrome. B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*, 359BS-Y (Lt. **Cunningham**), turned back at the English coast because the tail gunner was sick.

Thirty-five B-17s bombed the Creil airdrome with varying results. The lead Group, spread across the middle of the field, cut the NW/SE runway in the middle from 24,300 feet. The low Group bombed from 23,000 feet with Lt. Col. **Lyle** at the bombsight for the third time. Three hits were seen on a fueling area. Five camouflaged revetments were hit plus an unidentified building in the area. The high Group results were not determined, but some were seen hitting in the woods.

In addition, three 303BG(H) B-17s were assigned to fly with the 41 CBW-D formation, and had as their target the Coulommiers Airdrome, France. Two of these aircraft brought their bombs back because the combat wing did not bomb due to inability to see the target through the undercast. The third aircraft flew with the 41 CBW-A and dropped their bombs on Creil Airdrome.

In the Creil target area there were 3/10 high clouds, which required bombing 3,000 feet above the assigned altitude. Solid overcast covered the rest of the route.



*B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time Nose Art
by Master Woodcarver William F. Adams*

Gunners spotted 12 to 15 enemy aircraft, but there were no attacks. Moderate and accurate flak fired from Creil caused major damage to two B-17s with ten sustaining minor damage. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned to Molesworth.

This mission ended Lt.Col. **Lyle's** famous career as a combat crew bombardier. He flew with Capt. Earl N. **Thomas** in B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*. Later in his career he received the Bronze Star Medal from the Commanding General of the 1st Air Division for developing a manual on bombing procedures. He also was sent to Italy for about a month with lead crews from all 1st Air Division Bomb Groups to teach bombing to 15th Air Force crews. Col. **Lyle** stated that the weather on his 15th Air

Force missions was always good and so was Rome.

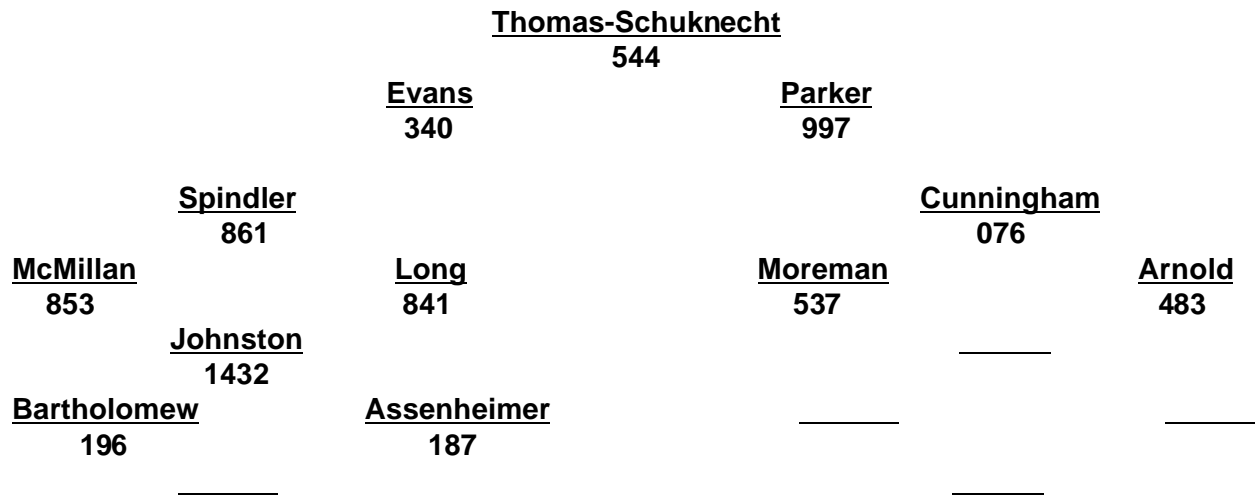
Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Sheets-Travis</u> 311			
		<u>C. Johnson</u> 7875		<u>Means</u> 9875	
	<u>Mitchell</u> 2432			<u>Moser</u> 272	
<u>Flick</u> 391		<u>Gallagher</u> 027		<u>Carpenter</u> 206	<u>Daum</u> 830
	<u>Allen</u> 200			_____	
<u>Savage</u> 099		<u>Ligino</u> 423		_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

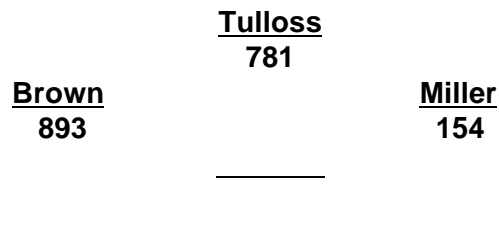
		<u>Mackin-Benham</u> 453			
		<u>Latshaw</u> 086		<u>Way</u> 037	
	<u>Cook</u> 298			<u>Thompson</u> 496	
<u>Bailie</u> 739		<u>H. Johnson</u> 002		<u>Morgan</u> 960	<u>Crozier</u> 944
	<u>Watson</u> 590			_____	
<u>Rosser</u> 680		<u>Vaughn</u> 085		_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



One (1) aircraft aborted this mission: Lt. Cunningham in 076

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group D



KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P	Latshaw, William E., 2Lt
CP	Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
NAV	Ivy, Wallis S., 2Lt
BOM	Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt
ENG	Pickens, Donald E., S/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt
TG	Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt
BT	Ginn, William E., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Horace J., Sgt

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

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	Wright Gene D., S/Sgt
RO	May, James G., S/Sgt
RWG	Meredith, Garland T., S/Sgt
TG	Parks, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Paolino, Vincent C., Sgt

B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P	Watson, John P., 2Lt
CP	Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt
NAV	Hamm, Williard H., 2Lt
BOM	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
ENG	Kapes, Paul J., S/Sgt
RO	White, John H., S/Sgt
TT	Hollifield, Robert G., Sgt
BT	Goldfarb, Wallace, Sgt
TG	Cummings, James E., Sgt
LWG	Byerly, William C., Sgt

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

P	Johnson, Harlan J., 2Lt
CP	Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Hamilton, Bruce B., 2Lt
BOM	Oyler, William B., F/O
ENG	Braun, Duane M., S/Sgt
RWG	Stidham, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., S/Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
LWG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)

P	Rosser, Samuel E., 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Wyner, Maxwell I., 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 2Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., S/Sgt
LWG	Foster, William D., Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., S/Sgt
RWG	Putney, Norman W., Sgt
BT	Severson, Jack O., Jr., Sgt
TG	Pressentin, Robert H., Sgt

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

P	Vaughn, Clifford F., 2Lt
CP	Moody, James D., 2Lt
NAV	Connor, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Ney, Russell L., F/O
ENG	Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
LWG	Wagner, William H., Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
RWG	Mikola, Robert, Sgt
TG	Loveland, William H., S/Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Bailie, Homer P., 2Lt
CP Markos, Costa, F/O
NAV Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt
LWG Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT Oss, Frank E., Sgt
TG Naylor, Richard G., Sgt
RWG Munn, Charles F., Sgt

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

P Mackin, George T., Maj
CP Benham, Philip O., 2Lt
NAV Krouskup, Wayne E., 2Lt
BOM Wilson, Claud, 1Lt
ENG Van Drunen, Cornelius, S/Sgt
TG Stender, Francis H., T/Sgt
RO Downs, Reginald, S/Sgt
BT Hill, Reginald L., Sgt
LWG Dellinger, Lenoir E., Sgt
RWG Bonenberger, Robert E., Sgt

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

P Cook, John H., 1Lt
CP Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV Contos, Spiros P., 2Lt
BOM Larson, Albert W., 1Lt
ENG Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt
RWG Stafford, Sheldon A., S/Sgt
RO Lesser, Edward R., S/Sgt
BT Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
TG Gamon, Edward J., Sgt
LWG Stone, Robert L., Jr., S/Sgt

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

P Miller, Campbell, 2Lt
CP Morningstar, Thomas H., 2Lt
NAV Kinder, Richard O., 2Lt
BOM Dooley, Bernard D., 2Lt
ENG Schutz, Ted J., S/Sgt
LWG Schuster, Robert G., Sgt
RO Hartman, Fred G., S/Sgt
TG Casillas, Bart M., Sgt
BT Grob, John H., Sgt
RWG Bruno, Philip, Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
CP	Reed, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Gordon F., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne E., S/Sgt
ENG	Matthews, Fred T., S/Sgt
RO	Montgomery, Robert E., T/Sgt
BT	Salmon, Earl D., S/Sgt
TG	Strobel, William A., S/Sgt
LWG	Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt
RWG	Johnston, Jesse W., Pvt

B-17G #42-102960 *(No Name)*

P	Morgan, William D., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Destito, Frank S., 2Lt
BOM	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
ENG	Hayes, Theron M., S/Sgt
RO	Stemmle, Edward C, S/Sgt
BT	Lloyd, Stanley W., Sgt
TG	Caperton, James R., Sgt
RWG	Gross, James J., Sgt
LWG	Wolfe, Ralph E., Sgt

B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*

P	Moreman, Robert, 2Lt
CP	Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt
NAV	Nielsen, Carl V., 2Lt
BOM	Coty, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Genovese, Elic V., S/Sgt
RWG	Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
RO	Barnts, Warren E., S/Sgt
LWG	Alexander, Ray, Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., Sgt
BT	Leonard, Joseph F., Sgt

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

P	Crozier, Harry J., 2Lt
CP	Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 2Lt
BOM	McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG	Stumpff, George W., Sgt
LWG	Payne, Charles R., Sgt
RWG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

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., S/Sgt
TG	Held, Armin C., S/Sgt
TT	Lemley, Jack A., S/Sgt
WG	Christensen, Lars, S/Sgt

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

P	Arnold, William J., 2Lt
CP	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
NAV	Claster, Stanley M., 2Lt
BOM	Callahan, Ellsworth D., 2Lt
ENG	Williams, Robert M., S/Sgt
RO	Moreira, Joseph A., S/Sgt
BT	McClure, James D., Sgt
TG	Surrell, John M., Sgt
WG	Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt
CP Langford, Allen W., 2Lt
NAV Ehrke, Warren D., 2Lt
BOM Joyce, John D., 1Lt
ENG Duffey, Willis A., Sgt
RO Zionkoski, John T., S/Sgt
BT Parrish, Vernon, Sgt
TG Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt
WG Mays, Pearl E., T/Sgt

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

P Tulloss, John W., 1Lt
CP London, Walter H., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Hollingsworth, William, 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG Robinson, Charles R., T/Sgt
RO Hanson, Robert W., S/Sgt
BT Wernet, Charles E., Pvt
TG O'Connor, Julian J., Sgt
LWG Richard, John, Sgt.
RWG Kolenda, Frank M., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Carpenter, Arthur G., 2Lt
CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV Reid, George E., F/O
BOM Day, Dean K., 2Lt
ENG Pordham, Jack F., S/Sgt
RO Bortolotti, Barney J., S/Sgt
BT Hirn, Edward M., Cpl
TG Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
WG Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt
CP Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV Riley, Milton S., 2Lt
TOG Huddleston, D.O., Pvt
ENG Merrow, Robert K., T/Sgt
RO Rose, William A., Cpl
BT Manchester, Robert E., T/Sgt
TG Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt
WG Arendt, John L., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher*

P Brown, Leonard M., 2Lt
CP Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV Edwards, Frank A., 2Lt
BOM Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Jamison, Charles A., S/Sgt
RO Libert, Irving, S/Sgt
BT LaFranchi, Alfred D., Sgt
TG Johnson, Francis D., Sgt
WG Enget, Obert L., Sgt

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

P Parker, John T., 2Lt
CP Anderson, John G., 2Lt
NAV Lacey, Norman R., 2Lt
BOM Pence, Granville A., 2Lt
ENG Wall, Claudia W., S/Sgt
RO Grace, Charles, Jr., S/Sgt
BT Rhyne, Samuel A., Sgt
TG Szczudlo, Joseph W., Sgt
WG Fox, John L., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Long, Paul H., 2Lt
CP Johns, Carlos H., Jr., 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., S/Sgt
TG Olson, Keith R., Sgt
WG Abbott, Wesley C., Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

P Spindler, Benjamin L., 1Lt
CP Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
NAV Caffrey, James J., F/O
BOM Proud, Rexford I., 2Lt
WG Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt
WG Pfeffer, William W., S/Sgt
RO Uhl, Willard H., S/Sgt
BT McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda*

P McMillan, Murdock B., 1Lt
CP Polezoes, Stanley, 2Lt
NAV Shaw, Marvin E., 2Lt
BOM Heitman, Alfred V., S/Sgt
ENG Herr, Allen H., Sgt
RO Balcombe, Clayton S., T/Sgt
BT Karp, Harold, Sgt
TG Cain, Leroy H., Sgt
WG Cox, James D., Sgt

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

P Evans, Ernest N., 1Lt
CP Fisher, Stanley L., 2Lt
NAV McDevitt, Theodore D., 2Lt
BOM Lovett, William E., S/Sgt
ENG Bachman, Clifford D., T/Sgt
RO Smith, Benjamin H., T/Sgt
BT Kepics, George, S/Sgt
LWG O'Hearn, Robert J., S/Sgt
RWG Cogdell, Clarence L., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Carlman, Harold L., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Dunn, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
ENG	Goggin, Joseph F., S/Sgt
RO	Dennerle, Almo W., S/Sgt
LWG	Lagerman, Kenneth G., Sgt
TG	Goff, Robert A., Sgt
BT	Emmerth, Joseph F., Sgt
RWG	Teran, Arthur, Sgt

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

P	Johnston, Donald M., 1Lt
CP	Heussler, Robert W., 2Lt
NAV	Felton, Carl H., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Gaskin, Carthel O., 2Lt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Pesetsky, Paul W., S/Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, S/Sgt
LWG	Turner, Kenzie H., S/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Herbert L., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107196 *Tempress*

P	Bartholomew, Dale E., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Blume, William H., III, 2Lt
BOM	Andreason, Joseph G., 2Lt
ENG	Litwiller, Harold D., S/Sgt
RO	Allard, Charles G., S/Sgt
BT	Smith, Victor H., S/Sgt
LWG	Blackwell, Haywood E., Jr., Sgt
RWG	Harvey, Roy D., S/Sgt
TG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P	Thomas, Earl N., Capt
CP	Schuknecht, Frederick R., Capt
NAV	Ross, Lawrence D., 1Lt
BOM	Lyle, Lewis E., Lt Col
ENG	Kuczewski, William J., S/Sgt
RO	Tibbetts, Arthur P., T/Sgt
TG	Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
BT	Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
LWG	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison*

P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
NAV	Rafferty, H.E., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BT	Hollrith, Alfred K., Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., Sgt
TT	Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt
WG	Wallrobinstein, Harry, Sgt
TG	Gude, Richard C., Sgt

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

P	Allen, Charles R., 1Lt
CP	McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV	Thurmon, John A., 2Lt
BOM	Bourgeault, Louis H., 2Lt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., S/Sgt
BT	Knedler, Lee F., S/Sgt
RO	Reed, John H., S/Sgt
TG	Stansbury, Edward P., S/Sgt
WG	Bohenstiel, Robert L., Sgt

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

P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 2Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Burr, Perry H., Sgt

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

P	Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT	Rau, Harvey L., S/Sgt
BT	Howard, George R., Sgt
RO	Dahms, Edward R., S/Sgt
TG	Dudley, Howard E., Sgt
WG	Gainer, Philip B., Sgt

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

P	Savage, Gilbert T., 1Lt
CP	Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
NAV	Whitman, John H., 2Lt
BOM	Fontaine, Clifford F., Sgt
TT	Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Kosher, Albert J., S/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Layton, Wilber A., Sgt

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

P	Mitchell, Fred E., 1Lt
CP	Ferguson, Gilbert L., 2Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloyius R., 2Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 2Lt
TT	Cavagnol, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT	Landa, Hyman J., Sgt
RO	Parr, Joe A., S/Sgt
WG	Byers, William R., S/Sgt
TG	Carpenter, Robert R., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Gallagher, John W., Jr., 2Lt
CP Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT Lynn, William V., Sgt
BT Kail, Nicholas F., Sgt
RO Gervais, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG Jacques, Warren, Sgt
WG Soltero, John, Sgt

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

P Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP Byers, Ballard T., 2Lt
NAV Curley, Walter A., 2Lt
BOM Harper, Kenneth L., 2Lt
BT Forry, Harvey W., S/Sgt
RO Abeyta, J. Charles, S/Sgt
TT Eberly, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG Brock, Charley F., Sgt
RWG Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

P Sheets, Robert W., Capt
CP Travis, William L., Col
NAV Olsen, Kenneth L., 1Lt
NAV Coffey, John B., 2Lt
BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Capt
TT Neuner, Francis X., T/Sgt
BT King, Earl J., S/Sgt
RO Paul, Samuel D., S/Sgt
TG Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
WG Donnelly, James F., S/Sgt