

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 186

20 June 1944

Target: Oil Installations at Hamburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crews Lost: Lt. J.T. Parker

Crewmembers Lost or Wounded: 3 wounded

Length of Mission: 7 hours

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 50 rounds

Once again the 303rd BG(H) switched to strategic targets – attacking oil refineries at Hamburg, Germany. Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s took off and one aircraft in each of the two formations returned early: #42-37841 *Banshee*, 360BS (Lt. **Vitale**) - After a take-off delay, they couldn't find the formation; #42-38154 *No Name*, 359BS (Lt. **Davis**) - No. 3 engine failure.

Weather along the entire route was CAVU. It had no effect on the mission. Gunners of the 41st CBW-B high Group reported seeing 40 to 50 enemy fighters in the target area. The 41st CBW-A high Group reported none. Friendly fighter support was excellent: P-38s, P-47s and P-51s. Neither Group sustained any attacks, but intense flak damaged 35 of the aircraft.



**JOHN T. PARKER CREW - 360th BS**

(crew assigned 360BS: 08 May 1944 - photo: Savannah, GA, spring 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Norman R. Lacey (N-POW), 2Lt John G. Anderson (CP-POW), 1Lt John T. Parker (P-POW),  
2Lt Granville A. Pence (B-POW), T/Sgt Claudia W. "Pete" Wall (E-POW)

(Front L-R) T/Sgt Charles Grace, Jr. (R-POW), S/Sgt Joseph W. Szudlo (TG-POW),  
S/Sgt James A. "Pop" Hummer (WG), S/Sgt John L. Fox, Jr. (WG-POW), S/Sgt Samuel A. Rhyne, Jr. (BT-POW)

One 41st CBW-A aircraft was lost: #42-31997 (*No Name*), 360BS, piloted by 1Lt. John T. **Parker**, feathered two engines for unknown reasons before reaching the IP. It managed to stay in formation and dropped its bombs on the target. Immediately after "bombs away," it dropped down to the deck, under control. Lt. **Parker** made a deadstick landing near Nordhall, Germany. Lt. **Parker**, 2Lt. John G. **Anderson**, 2Lt. Norman R. **Lacey**, 2Lt. Granville A. **Pence**, T/Sgt. Claudia W. **Wall**, T/Sgt. Charles **Grace**, Jr., S/Sgt. Samuel A. **Rhyne**, S/Sgt. John L. **Fox**, Jr. and S/Sgt. Joseph W. **Szczudlo** were all captured and became Prisoners of War.



*Bombs falling towards Hamburg, Germany on 20 June 1944*

358BS B-17 #42-107002 *Mairzy Doats*, piloted by Lt John **Baker**, accidentally released its bombs early, but still completed the trip.

303rd BG aircraft dropped 419 500-lb B.P. M-43 bombs on the primary target. All of the bombs were excellently placed in a good pattern. Huge explosions, black smoke and flames were seen towering up to 10,000 feet. Good hits were made by both groups. Returning aircraft brought back six men wounded by flak.

Brigadier General Robert F. **Travis**, who led the 41st CBW, was very pleased with the bombing results. The successful attack required an extraordinarily long bomb run (9 1/2 minutes) and

relatively low ground speeds in clear weather. Lead ships were repeatedly hit by accurate flak, but exhibited excellent air discipline in the attack on their targets. Gen. **Travis** awarded fifteen 41st CBW lead crewmen with the Distinguished Flying Cross. Awards included 303rd BG(H) Group Commanders and Bombardiers: Capts. Earl **Thomas** and Havelock W. **Barker** (360BS/41CBW-A) and LtCol. Richard **Cole** and Capt. Richard **Bowen** (359BS/41 CBW-B).

**June 20, 1944, Target: Hamburg**  
from the book "25 Milk Runs" by Richard R. "Dick" Johnson

My diary for today reads: "Hamburg. (Yipe!) Germany. Bombed oil refinery and storage. Made good use of CAVU weather. Sure went up in flames. - Flak so thick you couldn't see through it, but we flew through it. Got plenty of holes. Put our ship out for a few days. Sure earned that cluster." (To Air Medal)

The 303rd Bomb Group put up thirty-nine B-17s for this mission to bomb the Phenania-Ossag Mineralolwerkes A.G. at Harburg, a suburb of Hamburg. We were to bomb from 25,000 ft. The Eighth Air Force put up eight hundred fifty-three B-17s and six hundred ninety-five B-24s on this day, for a total of one thousand, five hundred forty-eight heavy bombers.

Each of our aircraft was loaded with twelve, 500-pound, general purpose bombs, fused at one-tenth second at the nose and one-fortieth second at the tail. Each B-17 was loaded with 2100 gallons of gasoline for the seven hour and two minute flight.

Beiser and I were assigned to position number 4 in a composite squadron. The first three aircraft of the squadron were from the 360th squadron, with us leading our element of four aircraft of the 427th squadron to which we belonged. The 41st wing "A," high group, that we were part of, consisted of nine aircraft of the 360th and eleven of our 427th. This put us in position number 10 in the group. The lead aircraft carried a K-17 camera and two of our planes carried K-21 cameras. After the mission, these two aircraft left the formation after reaching friendly territory and landed first for photo work. The same system was carried out by the other group consisting of the 358th and 359th squadrons. In all, twelve cameras were carried by planes of the 303rd bomb group that day, but one plane, (Named Banshee), from the 360th squadron carrying a camera had to abort when he suffered an engine failure.

Another of our aircraft from the 360th squadron had a delayed take-off and was not able to find the formation, and so returned to base. One of our aircraft was lost to enemy antiaircraft fire just after bombs away.

As we approached the city of Hamburg, the flak was unbelievable. The Germans were determined to protect their oil supplies at any cost. The flak explosions were constant and unrelenting, being so close that many could be heard to explode and throw fragments against the sides of the airplane. To see the angry, red center of some of the explosions meant that they were very close. To hear flak explode, it had to be within fifty feet of our plane, otherwise the very loud engine noise would drown out the noise of an explosion farther away. Likewise, to feel a jolt from a flak explosion, it would have to be within twenty-five feet or less from the plane.

I saw plenty of red centers and heard several of them during our 41 mile (!) bomb run. Our ground speed against the wind was barely over two miles per minute, allowing the German defenders over fifteen minutes to track us in the straight and level flight from the Initial Point to the target.

Just before the IP, the B-17 flown by 1st Lt. J.T. Parker, nearly dead ahead of us, suffered a double engine failure due to flak damage. He was able to keep up for a short while and dropped his bombs with the formation. He could not keep up with the homeward formation however, and lost altitude while still under control. When we last saw him, he was down near the ground still under control, but he never made it back to base and all nine crew members became guests of the German Government for the rest of the war.

We busted the target wide open. One group ahead of us had also hit the target and smoke was visible during the entire bomb run. There were many great explosions among the oil storage tanks and on the cracking plant itself. From our vantage point at 26,500 feet, we could see clearly that the target was completely covered by bomb bursts. We hadn't bothered to carry any incendiary bombs on this trip, and it seems that they would have been redundant in any case.

It was surprising that there would be a target of this importance still in existence in the city and suburbs of Hamburg, since it had already been razed by British night bombing, causing a fire storm of tornado intensity that covered most of the city.

Only two of our 39 B-17s escaped damage on this mission. Eleven suffered major damage, three crew men were wounded by flak and one plane was lost. It is remarkable that only one plane was shot down. Our "Buzz Blonde" suffered over 263 flak holes of various sizes and yet, not a crew member was hit. And the airplane flew as if nothing had happened to it, even with several cables broken.

Our bombardier, Ed Cooper was again flying with another crew and we had a new man to replace him for the day. Ed was flying with 1st Lt. G.T. Savage, Jr. in A/C #42-107099, "Old Ninety Nine" from the tail number. Lt. C.F. Eisel was our temporary bombardier.

Ed Cooper almost lost it on this mission. Flak was so thick that it fell like rain at times from explosions above the formation. One of these pieces of shrapnel broke through the nose window and struck Ed on the breastbone and drove him six feet back into the navigator's compartment. There is no doubt that the flak suit saved his life, because when we returned to base we helped him cut the piece of flak from the suit. The flak suit is composed of small plates of tantalum or molybdenum steel that overlap each other like scales on a fish. There are always three thicknesses of these plates. The first layer had clasped the flak fragment so that it could not be removed. The second layer was bent sharply around the first, and the third layer was only slightly bent. Ed sported a large bruise on his chest for several days, but was not injured enough to take him off flying status. Not even a Purple Heart for his troubles.

Several crew members each received an extra Distinguished Flying Cross for this mission. Beiser and I were also recommended because some of our control cables were cut by flak, but the plane didn't react to this damage, and so the idea was dropped. For my part, I lived through the mission and received an Oak Leaf Cluster to my previously awarded Air Medal. The Air Medal was given to each airman upon completion of six missions, and an oak leaf cluster is given to signify another of the same. This was my third Air Medal. Our seven hour and two minute flight had us over enemy territory one hour and fifty minutes.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Thomas-Erickson</u> 544		
		<u>McMillan</u> 853		<u>Vitale</u> 841
			<u>Johnston</u> 340	
		<u>Wilson</u> 893		<u>Parker</u> 997
	<u>Bastean</u> 595			<u>O'Beirne</u> 861
<u>Lehmann</u> 060		<u>Johnson</u> 7875	<u>Duffield</u> 432	<u>Evans</u> 196
	<u>Allen</u> 200			<u>Beiser</u> 9875
<u>Ligino</u> 051		<u>Oranges</u> 569	<u>Flick</u> 391	<u>Savage</u> 099
	<u>Means</u> 885			<u>Long</u> 860

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Vitale in 841

Lt. Davis in 154

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Cole-Moser</u> 058		
		<u>Crozier</u> 944		<u>Thompson</u> 496
			<u>Cunningham</u> 076	
		<u>Morgan</u> 960		<u>Langford</u> 405
	<u>Cook</u> 298			<u>Sirany</u> 272
<u>Miller</u> 583		<u>Rosser</u> 680	<u>Moreman</u> 537	<u>Meier</u> 284
	<u>Watson</u> 590			<u>Baker</u> 002
<u>Vermeer</u> 086		<u>Davis</u> 154	<u>Morningstar</u> 037	<u>Stark</u> 006
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### 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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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Watson, John P., 1Lt  
 CP Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt  
 NAV Coe, Charles E., 2Lt  
 TOG Borg, John E., 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., S/Sgt

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

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

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

P Morningstar, Thomas H., 2Lt  
 CP Patterson, Fred M., 2Lt  
 NAV Kinder, Richard O., 2Lt  
 BOM Dooley, Bernard D., 2Lt  
 ENG Schutz, Ted J., S/Sgt  
 RO Hartman, Fred G., S/Sgt  
 TG Casillas, Bart M., Sgt  
 BT Grob, John H., Sgt  
 LWG Schuster, Robert G., Sgt

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

P Miller, Campbell, 2Lt  
 CP Lee, Gareth G., 2Lt  
 NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt  
 BOM Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt  
 ENG Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt  
 WG Olive, Martin, Sgt  
 RO Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt  
 TG Newman, Gerald D., Sgt  
 BT Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt

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

P Stark, Donald D., 2Lt  
 CP Conley, George L., 2Lt  
 NAV Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt  
 BOM Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt  
 ENG Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt  
 RO Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt  
 TG Morrow, James C., Sgt  
 BT Richkind, Max, Sgt  
 WG Nelson, Harold E., Sgt

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

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt  
 CP Hudson, Hendric S., 2Lt  
 NAV Zarelli, Michael L., 2Lt  
 BOM Bartholomy, Frank, 2Lt  
 ENG Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt  
 BT Schley, John G., S/Sgt  
 RO Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt  
 TG Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt  
 RWG Ferris, James H., Sgt

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

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

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P Cook, John H., 1Lt  
CP Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt  
NAV Brown, James F., 1Lt  
BOM Larson, Albert W., 1Lt  
ENG Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt  
WG Stafford, Sheldon A., S/Sgt  
RO Lesser, Edward R., S/Sgt  
BT Vanderhoff, Grant W., S/Sgt  
TG Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt

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

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P Davis, William C., 2Lt  
CP Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt  
NAV Connor, John P., 2Lt  
BOM Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt  
ENG Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt  
RO Sandler, David L., S/Sgt  
BT Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt  
TG Hiland, Robert L., Sgt  
WG Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt  
(Abortive)

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

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P Baker, John M., 1Lt  
CP Satre, Leland H., 2Lt  
NAV Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt  
BOM Belles, Frank G., 2Lt  
ENG Kishbaugh, Warren L., S/Sgt  
TT Reichman, Fred P., Sgt  
RO Cottrell, Thomas B., Sgt  
BT Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt  
TG Peters, Archie D., Sgt  
(Abortive Sortie)



## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Morgan, William D., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Destito, Frank S., 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

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

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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
RO	Barnts, Warren E., S/Sgt
RWG	Alexander, Ray, Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., Sgt
BT	Leonard, Joseph F., Sgt

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

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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
RWG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

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P	Meier, Russell W., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neill, Owen H., 2Lt
ENG	Danford, Emmett J., T/Sgt
TOG	Kolling, Arthur J., T/Sgt
RO	Connors, Joseph Q., T/Sgt
BT	Richard, Vernon, S/Sgt
TG	Hinson, Archie, S/Sgt
RWG	Colley, Smith, K., S/Sgt

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

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P	Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Riley, Milton S., 2Lt
BOM	Perkins, Homer F., Pvt
ENG	Morrow, Robert K., T/Sgt
RO	Kennedy, Herbert W., T/Sgt
BT	Guzman, Abel G., S/Sgt
TG	Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt
WG	Arendt, John L., S/Sgt

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

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P	Langford, Allen W., 2Lt
CP	Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV	Donovan, James R., 2Lt
BOM	Torley, Donald W., 2Lt
ENG	Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt
TT	O'Leary, Daniel R., Sgt
RO	Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT	Gray, William W., Sgt
TG	Mulstein, John E., Jr., Sgt

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

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

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P Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt  
CP Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt  
NAV Smith, Gordon F., 2Lt  
TOG Meier, Wayne E., S/Sgt  
ENG Matthews, Fred T., T/Sgt  
RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt  
BT Salmon, Earl D., S/Sgt  
TG Miller, Theodore G., S/Sgt  
WG Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97058 Scorchy II**

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P Cole, Richard H., LtCol  
P Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt  
NAV Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt  
NAV Bates, Robert L., 1Lt  
BOM Bowen, Richard R., Capt  
ENG Duffey, Willis A., S/Sgt  
RO Zionkoski, John T., T/Sgt  
BT Parrish, Vernon, S/Sgt  
TG Seelock, Joseph J., S/Sgt  
WG Mays, Pearl E., T/Sgt

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

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P Thompson, Lawrence C., Capt  
CP Johnson, Richard O., 2Lt  
NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 2Lt  
BOM Champ, William J., 2Lt  
ENG Hammons, Charles G., S/Sgt  
RO Hamann, Delos, H., S/Sgt  
BT Wernet, Charles E., Pvt  
WG Lemley, Jack A., S/Sgt  
TG Christensen, Lars, S/Sgt

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

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P Sirany, George R., 1Lt  
CP Batton, James H., 2Lt  
NAV Ehrke, Warren D., 2Lt  
BOM Joyce, John D., 1Lt  
ENG See, Cecil J., S/Sgt  
RO Van Horn, Everett E., S/Sgt  
BT Bale, Gordon E., S/Sgt  
TG McPherson, Frank V., S/Sgt  
WG Umberger, Robert C., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

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

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P	Duffield, Richard B., 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
BT	Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
TG	Harvey, Roy D., S/Sgt
WG	Teran, Arthur, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97860 *(No Name)***

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P	Long, Paul H., 2Lt
CP	Farthing, Harold C., F/O
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 #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

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P	Johnston, Donald M., 1Lt
CP	Cohl, Jules R., 2Lt
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 2Lt
BOM	Grunseth, Roald J., 1Lt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Pesetsky, Paul W., S/Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, S/Sgt
WG	Turner, Kenzie H., S/Sgt

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

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P	Wilson, William M., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Kuczewski, William J., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., S/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., Sgt

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

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P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., 1Lt
CP	Page, Frank N., F/O
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 1Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Henselman, Miles A., T/Sgt
RO	Blumberg, Marvin R., T/Sgt
WG	Cammack, Francis C., S/Sgt
TG	Studt, Allo L., S/Sgt
BT	Faraone, Sam S., S/Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-107196 *Temptress***

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

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

P	Thomas, Earl N., Capt
CP	Erickson, Roger W., 1Lt
NAV	Carroll, George M., 1Lt
BOM	Barber, Havelock W., Capt
ENG	Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO	Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
WG	Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

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

P	Parker, John T., 1Lt	POW
CP	Anderson, John G., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Lacey, Norman R., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Pence, Granville A., 2Lt	POW
ENG	Wall, Claudia W., S/Sgt	POW
RO	Grace, Charles, Jr., T/Sgt	POW
BT	Rhyne, Samuel A., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Szczudlo, Joseph W., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Fox, John L., S/Sgt	POW

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

P	Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP	Heussler, Robert W., 1Lt
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Cassidy, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hal B., Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
RWG	Tonelli, Raymond J., Sgt
LWG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt
	(Abortive)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP	Fogerson, Joseph E., 2Lt
NAV	Curley, Walter A., 2Lt
BOM	Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
BT	Forry, Harvey W., S/Sgt
RO	Abeyta, J. Charles, S/Sgt
TT	Eberly, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Brock, Charley F., Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

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

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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	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

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

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P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Gast, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
RO	Kelley, James D., S/Sgt
TG	Ruhge, Wayne L., Sgt
WG	Garlick, Darrell L., Sgt

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

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P	Savage, Gilbert T., 1Lt
CP	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Edward G., 2Lt
TOG	Johnson, Otto D., Sgt
TT	Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Paul, Samuel D., T/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., S/Sgt
WG	Layton, Wilber A., S/Sgt

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

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P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloysius R., 2Lt
BOM	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BT	Hollritt, Alfred K., Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., Sgt
TT	Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt
WG	O'Neill, Austin J., S/Sgt
TG	Gude, Richard C., Sgt

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

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P	Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV	Birnbaum, Warren G., Jr., 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

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

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P	Oranges, Chester N., 1Lt
CP	Byers, Ballard T., 2Lt
NAV	Whitman, John H., 2Lt
BOM	Harper, Kenneth L., 2Lt
TT	Eisenhauer, James A., Sgt
BT	Gentry, Richard A., S/Sgt
RO	Sorese, Leonard V., S/Sgt
TG	Franklin, Robert E., S/Sgt
RWG	Ward, Homer J., Jr., S/Sgt

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

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P	Beiser, Theodore R., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Eisel, Charles F., 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

### **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	Kelly, J.D., 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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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P	Bastean, Stephen B., 2Lt
CP	McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Korpi, Walfred J., Sgt
BT	Latta, Thomas B., S/Sgt
RO	DuBray, Ernest D., S/Sgt
TG	Miller, Norman L., S/Sgt
WG	Campbell, Kenneth H., S/Sgt