

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 198

7 July 1944

Target: Leipzig (Mockau), Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 8 hours

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. & 10 x 500 lb Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 24,000 ft; Group B - 23,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The Group dispatched 38 B-17s as the lead and low Groups of the 41st CBW-B led by its chief of Staff, Col. William L. **Travis**. Four aircraft returned early: #42-97949 (*No Name*), 358BS (**Lee**) and #42-31830 *Marie*, 359BS (**Nafius**) - lost the formation while climbing through the clouds; #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK III*, 359BS (**Vitale**) - A row of plugs came loose, causing the engine to vibrate excessively; #42-97298 *The Floose*, 358BS (**Baker**) - reported difficulty with the prop governor.

The Group bombers dropped 160 500-lb. G.P. M43 and 180 500-lb. M17 incendiary clusters from 24,000 and 23,000 feet with uncertain results. Fortress #44-6124 (*No Name*) 360BS (Lt. **Crawford**), flew with the 390th BG and dropped ten 500-lb. incendiaries on the 390th BG target. Fortress #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*, 427BS (Lt. **Dubose**), dropped incendiaries on Celle, Germany, a target of opportunity. Target weather was hazy with no clouds.

A few crews reported some enemy aircraft in the distance, but none attacked the 303rd BG(H) formation. Fighter support was poor and quite spotty. Intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was experienced at the target. Seven aircraft sustained major and fourteen, minor battle damage. Two crewmen had light flak injuries. There were no casualties.



DALE E. BARTHOLOMEW CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 08 May 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Dale E. Bartholomew (P), 2Lt James A. Ross (CP), 2Lt William H. Blume, III (N), 2Lt Joseph G. Andreason (B) - (Front L-R) Sgt Ralph R. Lowe (WG), S/Sgt Victor H. Smith (BT), S/Sgt Charles G. Allard (R), S/Sgt Harold D. Litwiller (E), Sgt Haywood E. Blackwell, Jr. (TG)

**From the Journal of Stanley Claster
Leipzig, Germany (Mockau Airfield)**



Woodcarving by William H. Adams

Flying aboard *Special Delivery* (A/C #42-102496), the Arnold crew barely made it back to England after receiving major battle damage during this eight-hour mission (5:28a.m.-1:30p.m.). J.J. Doyle served as co-pilot. Like the Berlin raid, the cloudless skies over Leipzig turned black from flak bursts. While over the target at 10:10a.m., one shell hit the #3 engine on the right wing. Luckily, the shell exploded just after it exited the plane, but the #3 engine was not damaged to function. After releasing their bombs at 24,000 feet, the crew dropped down to 21,000 feet probably to avoid the flak. However, they reported receiving another burst of intense flak over Merseburg at 10:15a.m. A piece of flak hit John Surrell's oxygen mask and knocked him four or five feet forward from his tail gunner position into a crawl space. Surrell was uninjured except for a chipped

tooth and a small cut under one eye. Meanwhile, the #4 generator and #2 supercharger were knocked out.

The crew then began a long and difficult trip home aboard a badly damaged plane that could no longer keep up with the rest of the formation. The mechanical problems caused the flaps and wheels to drift down. Several times the crew was forced to hand-crank them back into position. Fortunately, some US P-38 fighters kept an eye on *Special Delivery* during at least part of the two-hour trip to the north coast of Germany. Desperate to keep the plane airborne, Arnold ordered the crew to throw out any extra gear to lighten the load. The crew jettisoned the waist gun, extra ammunition and their flak suits.

By the time they were over the North Sea, all of the plane's generators were out, leaving them with no electrical system. Arnold decided to land at the closest US airbase they could find in England. As they landed at Alconbury, gasoline began spewing out from the damaged #3 tank. The pressure in the self-sealing tank dropped when the speed of the plane was reduced. The Arnold crew, expecting the fuel to ignite at any moment, jumped out of the plane when they came to a stop. They ran into a field adjacent to the runway and waited for the anticipated explosion. After nothing happened for a while, they walked back over to the plane to examine the damage. *Special Delivery* had so many holes from the flak that it looked like a sieve. Stanley Claster estimated 80-100 holes.

The base commander personally debriefed the crew. He was amazed John Surrell was unhurt despite the extensive damage to the plane's tail area. After the debriefing, the Arnold team saw *Special Delivery* lying with its belly on the runway because the landing gears had collapsed. The crew spent the night at the base and returned to Molesworth by truck the next day. Eighth Air Force records indicate that *Special Delivery* was one of seven B-17s that received major battle damage out of the 34 planes from the 303rd Bombardment Group that bombed on this mission. All the planes returned safely to England. Remarkably, *Special Delivery* was repaired and flew on missions until the end of the war.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

<u>Travis-Johnson</u> 592 - PFF				
<u>Jenkins</u> 076		<u>Kelsey</u> 574 - PFF		
<u>Carpenter</u> 206				
<u>Langford</u> 960		<u>Arnold</u> 496		
<u>Baker</u> 298		<u>Moreman</u> 058		
<u>McConnell</u> 085	<u>H. Johnson</u> 838	<u>Brabant</u> 537	<u>Crozier</u> 944	
<u>Stark</u> 006		<u>Bailie</u> 086		
<u>Markos</u> 622	<u>Lee</u> 949	<u>Watson</u> 590	<u>Miller</u> 569	
<u>Vermeer</u> 972		<u>Carney</u> 284		

Four (4) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Lee in 949	Lt. Nafius in 830
Lt. Vitale in 405	Lt. Baker in 298

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS 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 RESULTS OF MISSION 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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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Beiser-Dubell</u> 281		
	<u>Hamilton</u> 7875		<u>Dubose</u> 9875	
		<u>Means</u> 060		
	<u>Newton</u> 423		<u>Bliss</u> 885	
	<u>Bartholomew</u> 340		<u>Ligino</u> 050	
<u>Hahn</u> 841		<u>Baehr</u> 177	<u>Gallagher</u> 027	<u>Lehmann</u> 739
	<u>McMillan</u> 055		<u>Long</u> 224	
<u>Hobbs</u> 483		<u>Nafius</u> 830	<u>Crawford</u> 124	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 183
	<u>Vitale</u> 405		<u>Keating</u> 583	



B-17G #42-97281 Queenie 427BS (GN-Q)
41st CBW-B Lead - Pilot 2Lt T.R. Beiser / CoPilot Capt R.P. Dubell

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)

P	Lee, Gareth G., 2Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
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

(Abortive)

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

P	Watson, John P., 1Lt
CP	Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt
NAV	Connor, John P., 2Lt
BOM	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	Byerly, William C., Sgt

B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby

P	Baillie, Homer P., 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John N., F/O
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM	Barkin, Herbert L., 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

B-17G #43-37838 Fearless Fosdick

P	Johnson, Harlan J., 1Lt
CP	Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Hamilton, Bruce B., 2Lt
TOG	Stidham, Robert L., Sgt
ENG	Braun, Duane M., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., S/Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
WG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

B-17G #42-97972 (No Name)

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Wyner, Maxwell I., 2Lt
TOG	Splawn, Elzie B., Sgt
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

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

P	Stark, Donald D., 2Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Hamm, Willard A., 2Lt
NG	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	Eggink, James H., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Miller, Campbell, 2Lt
 CP Helms, John R., 2Lt
 NAV Ney, Russell L., F/O
 TOG Mikola, Robert, Sgt
 ENG Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
 WG Wagner, William H., Sgt
 RO Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
 BT Lappo, Teddy, Sgt
 TG Jones, John, Sgt

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

P McConnell, John, 2Lt
 CP Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
 NAV Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
 BOM Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
 ENG Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
 WG Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
 RO Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
 BT Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt
 WG Krebs, Henry R., Sgt

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

P Markos, Costa, F/O
 CP Miller, Cecil M., F/O
 NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O
 BOM Bohannon, Jackson R., 2Lt
 ENG Sheets, Earl W., S/Sgt
 WG Carlson, Karl W., Sgt
 RO Wilson, William H., S/Sgt
 TG Zweck, William A., Sgt
 BT Pierce, James M., Sgt

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

P Baker, John M., 2Lt
 CP Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
 NAV Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt
 BOM Belles, Frank G., 2Lt
 ENG Johnson, Walter K., S/Sgt
 WG Reichmann, Fred P., Sgt
 RO Cottrell, Thomas B., Sgt
 BT Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
 TG Peters, Archie D., Sgt
 (Abortive)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Crozier, Harry J., 2Lt
 CP Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
 NAV Kennedy, Clyde R., 2Lt
 TOG 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 #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*

P Brabant, Patrick H., 2Lt
 CP Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
 NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 2Lt
 TOG Wolfe, Ralph E., Sgt
 ENG Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
 RO Praplaski, Edward M., S/Sgt
 BT Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
 TG Millek, John P., Sgt
 WG Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

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

P Arnold, William J., 1Lt
 CP Doyle, Joseph J., 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

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

P Jenkins, Harry F., 2Lt
 CP Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
 NAV Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
 BOM Protzman, John W., 2Lt
 ENG Gillespie, Norton A., S/Sgt
 RO Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt
 BT Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
 TG Cregan, John M., Sgt
 WG Allen, Charles G., Sgt



HARRY F. JENKINS CREW - 359th BS

(photo taken 16 July 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Harry F. Jenkins (P), 2Lt Samuel B. Blanchard (CP),
 2Lt Gordon B. Nute (N), 2Lt John W. Protzman (B)
 (Front L-R) S/Sgt Norton A. Gillespie (E), S/Sgt John M. Cregan (TG),
 T/Sgt Wesley G. Loosemore (R), S/Sgt Charles G. Allen (BT), S/Sgt John J. Fydrychowski (WG)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Carpenter, Arthur G., 1Lt
CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV Reid, George E., 2Lt
BOM Day, Dean K., 2Lt
ENG Pordham, Jack F., S/Sgt
RO Bortolotti, Barney J., S/Sgt
BT Welch, John R., S/Sgt
TG Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
WG Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

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

P Carney, Walter J., 2Lt
CP Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
TOG Tartaglia, Raymond, Sgt
ENG Turner, Harold L., S/Sgt
RO Foster, Albert A., S/Sgt
BT Kayrallah, Emil, Sgt
TG Howe, Clarence E., Sgt
WG Encinas, William, Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-97058 *Scorchy II*

P Moreman, Robert, 2Lt
CP Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV Nielsen, Carl V., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG Genovese, Elic V., S/Sgt
RO Barnts, Warren E., S/Sgt
WG Alexander, Ray, Sgt
TG Smith, Richard L., Sgt
BT Leonard, Joseph P., Sgt

B-17G #42- 97592 PFF (305BG)

P Travis, William L., Col
CP Johnson,
NAV Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt
BOM Prussman, Henry G., 2Lt

B-17G #42-97574 PFF (305BG)

P Kelsey,

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Hahn, James T., 2Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Dunn, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Traver, Leslie F., Sgt
WG	Lusk, Robert F., Sgt

B-17G #44-6124 (*No Name*)

P	Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
ENG	Le Roux, Lyle W., S/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., S/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., Sgt

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

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 2Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG	Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

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

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

P	Bartholomew, Dale E., 1Lt
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
TG	Blackwell, Haywood E., Jr., Sgt
WG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

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

P	Long, Paul H., 1Lt
CP	Carlman, Harold L., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Pleasanton, Kenneth H., S/Sgt
ENG	Mours, John D., T/Sgt
RO	Habich, Arthur L., T/Sgt
BT	Flammia, Joseph E., S/Sgt
TG	Olson, Keith R., S/Sgt
WG	Abbott, Wesley C., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Hobbs, Willard, 2Lt
CP Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV Nurock, Leon, F/O
BOM Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
ENG Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO Champion, Lester E., S/Sgt
BT Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG Couch, Teddy, S/Sgt
WG Callahan, Fred, Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP Boyle, Leo J., F/O
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
WG Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
WG McGinley, James E., Sgt
TG Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt
BT Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt
CP Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV Roche, William J., 2Lt
TOG Howald, Hans, Sgt
ENG Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
BT Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
WG Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

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

P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Gast, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Johnson, O.D., Sgt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
wRO	Islava, Joseph O., Sgt
WG	Baker, Russell W., Sgt
TG	Garlick, Darrell L., Sgt

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

P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., F/O
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	O'Connor, William A., Sgt
WG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt

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

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
ENG	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

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

P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM	Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT	Lynn, William V., S/Sgt
BT	Kail, Nicholas F., S/Sgt
RO	Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG	Jacques, Warren, S/Sgt
WG	Joyce, Jess, S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Hamilton, Max B., 2Lt
CP Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV Scholz, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO Jervis, J.R., S/Sgt
TG Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
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 #42-97281 *Queenie*

P Beiser, Theodore R., 2Lt
CP Dubell, Richard P., Capt
NAV Coffey, John B., 1Lt
BOM Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 2Lt
CP Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM Sandhagen, Paul R., 2Lt
TT Jones, Jesse T., Jr., S/Sgt
BT Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt