

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 199

8 July 1944

Target: Railroad Bridge at Etaples, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 2,000 lb G.P. M34 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,850, 24,500 & 23,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**R**eturning to tactical targets in support of the ground offensive, Group bombers went after a railroad bridge at Etaples, France. The 303rd BG(H) furnished three Group formations constituting the 41st CBW-B led by Lt. Col. Richard H. **Cole**.

Two aircraft returned early after failing to find the formation: #44-6124 (*No Name*), 360BS (**Crawford**) and #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 358BS (**Markos**). Fortress #42-31055 *Aloha*, 358BS (**Miller**) bombed with the 91BG on its target.

There was very little flak, meager and inaccurate, no fighter attacks and no losses. Thirty-seven B-17s dropped 742,000-lb. G.P. M34 bombs from 24,850, 24,500 and 23,500 feet. There were no clouds and bombardiers had 10 to 20 miles visibility. At least one hit was scored on the bridge. Three B-17s were slightly damaged.



**ALLEN W. LANGFORD CREW - 359th BS**

**B-17G Wallaroo Mk II #42-31405 (359BS) BN-X**

**(crew assigned 359BS: 07 June 1944)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Allen W. Langford (P), F/O Paul E. Zimmerman (CP), 2Lt James R. Donovan (N),  
2Lt Donald W. Torley - (Front L-R) Sgt John E. Mulstein, Jr. (TG), Sgt Daniel R. O'Leary (E),  
Sgt Raymond Tartaglia (LWG), Sgt William W. Gray, Jr. (BT),  
S/Sgt Chester C. Whisman (R), S/Sgt Edwin C. Munn (RWG)

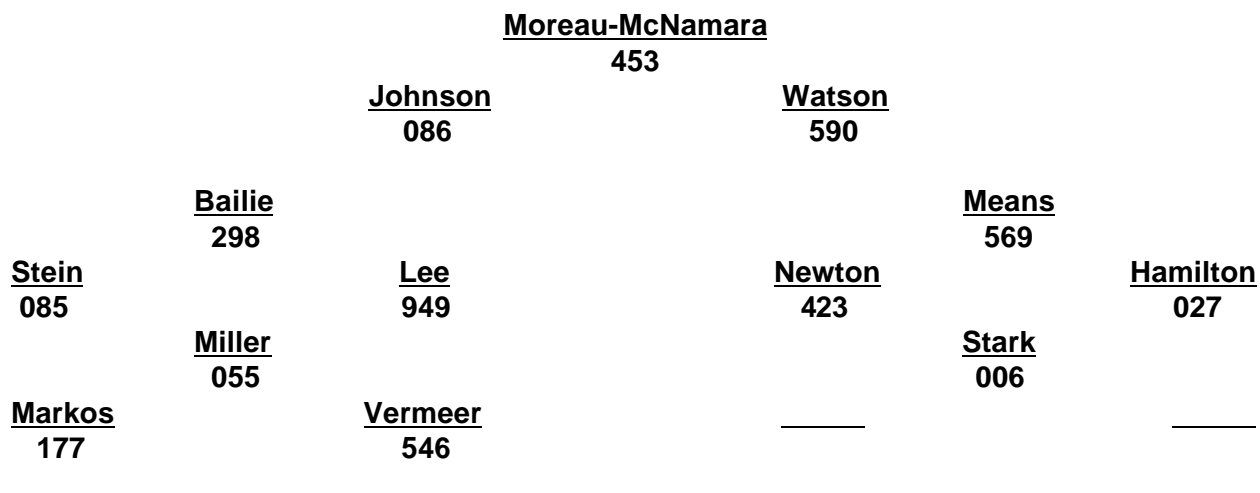
## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Moreman</u> 781			
		<u>Langford</u> 405		<u>Jenkins</u> 537	
	<u>Carpenter</u> 058			<u>Flick</u> 411	
<u>Carney</u> 483		<u>Morgan</u> 830		<u>Bliss</u> 885	<u>Schwolow</u> 060
	<u>Walker</u> 206			<u>Crozier</u> 944	
<u>Brabant</u> 183		<u>Eldridge</u> 076	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>L. Brown-Wilson</u> 805			
		<u>Hahn</u> 841		<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 340	
	<u>Bartholomew</u> 860			<u>Keating</u> 166	
<u>Vitale</u> 861		<u>Crawford</u> 124		<u>Dubose</u> 432	<u>T. Brown</u> 595
	<u>McMillan</u> 853			<u>Baehr</u> 893	
<u>Hobbs</u> 905		<u>Nafius</u> 196	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Crawford in 124

Lt. Markos in 177

### 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 #42-97949 (No Name)**

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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

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

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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 #42-97298 The Floose**

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P	Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM	Larson, Albert W., 1Lt
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 #44-6086 My Blonde Baby**

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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	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
WG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

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

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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)**

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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 #42-31055 Aloha**

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P Miller, Campbell, 2Lt  
CP Petersen, John N., F/O  
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 Casey, Lawrence, Sgt

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

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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  
(Abortive)

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

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P Stein, Lawrence J., 2Lt  
CP Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt  
NAV Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt  
BOM Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt  
ENG Card, Harry R., S/Sgt  
WG Grissom, Manley E., Sgt  
RO Meyer, Fred R., S/Sgt  
BT Truesdell, William P., Sgt  
TG Williams, Clarence J., Sgt

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

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P Moreau, Joseph A., 1Lt  
CP McNamara, James F., Capt  
NAV Krouskup, Wayne E., 1Lt  
BOM Wilson, Claud, 1Lt  
ENG Rossman, Carl H., Sgt  
RWG Tate, Royce G., Sgt  
RO Lowe, Gareth W., Sgt  
TG Fox, Howard E., Sgt  
BT Ross, Ben A., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **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  
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  
WG Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

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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 #42-97058 *Scorchy II***

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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 #42-31483 *Bonnie B***

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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 #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts***

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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

### **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  
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

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

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

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P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt  
CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt  
NAV Smith, Gordon F., 2Lt  
BOM Beers, Donald B., 2Lt  
ENG Sublett, James W., Sgt  
RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt  
BT Jennings, Melvin R., Cpl  
TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt  
WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

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

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P Cole, Richard H., LtCol  
CP Moreman, Robert, 2Lt  
NAV Ehrke, Warren D., 1Lt  
BOM Bowen, Richard R., Capt  
ENG Genovese, Elic V., S/Sgt  
RO Van Horn, Everett E., T/Sgt  
WG Alexander, Ray, Sgt  
TG Smith, Richard L., Sgt  
BT Leonard, Joseph P., Sgt

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

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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 Stemmler, Edward C., S/Sgt  
BT Lloyd, Stanley W., Sgt  
TG Caperton, James R., Sgt  
WG Gross, James J., Sgt

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

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P Eldridge, Truman K., 2Lt  
CP Sheehan, Daniel J., Jr., 2Lt  
NAV Durkin, James A., 2Lt  
BOM Campbell, Sanders H., 2Lt  
ENG Barnes, Frederick E., S/Sgt  
RO Rowlett, Samuel A., S/Sgt  
BT Strong, Ralph T., Cpl  
TG Panos, Andrew T., Cpl  
WG Wesley, LaFon, Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher***

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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 #42-97860 (No Name)**

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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 #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

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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 #42-97905 (No Name)**

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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	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Robert J., S/Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

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

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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	Pope, Carey G., Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt



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

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

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

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

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

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

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P	Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Prince, James, 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack 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

(Abortive)

### **B-17G #42-97805 (*No Name*)**

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P	Brown, Leonard M., 1Lt
CP	Wilson, William M., 2Lt
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 1Lt
BOM	Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG	Jamison, Charles A., T/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	LaFranchi, Albert S., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Francis D., S/Sgt
WG	Enget, Obert L., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

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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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady***

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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 #44-6166 *The Red***

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P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Criggs, John C., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

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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 #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

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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	Yagle, William C., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #42-102411 *Miss Lace***

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P Flick, Chester E., 2Lt  
CP Harris, John R., F/O  
NAV Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt  
BOM Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt  
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 #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone***

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P Schwolow, John C., 2Lt  
CP Flowers, Selwyn D., 2Lt  
NAV Emmet, John P., 2Lt  
BOM Olson, William E., 2Lt  
TT Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt  
BT Delcher, Merlin S., Sgt  
RO Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt  
TG Schulz, Paul H., Sgt  
WG Howell, Charles E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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P Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt  
CP Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt  
NAV Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt  
BOM Prusha, Elmer E., F/O  
TT Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt  
BT Born, Robert S., Sgt  
RO Islava, Joseph O., S/Sgt  
TG Blim, Raymond C., Sgt  
WG Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt