

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 200

9 July 1944

Target: Airdrome at Chateaudun, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours

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

Bombing Altitudes: 26,000, 25,000 & 24,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The 303rd BG(H) became the first 8th Air Force Bombardment Group to complete 200 combat missions when 37 aircraft took off with their primary target the LaRiche, France, railroad bridge. Lt. Col. Edgar E. **Snyder**, Jr. led the 41st CBW-A in B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*. It consisted of three 303BG Group formations flying a mission for the fifth day in a row. Arriving over the primary target, the bombardiers found a solid overcast and decided to bomb the Chateaudun airdrome as a target of opportunity.



**Ground Crew of B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie* 427BS (GN-Q)**  
(L-R) Sgt Bernard Parisi, S/Sgt Theodore N. Peters (Crew Chief),  
Sgt Lester J. Voth, Sgt Earl W. Young

The three 303rd BG(H) mission Group bombed from 26,000, 25,000 and 24,500 feet with 68 2,000-lb. G.P. M34 bombs. The low Group had good results — the lead and high Group results were only fair. Aircraft #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*, 359BS (**Lojewski**), failed to bomb when their bomb bay doors wouldn't open when using the main switches. The crew then failed to use their emergency facilities to open the bomb bay doors and release their bombs.

There were no enemy aircraft encountered and friendly fighter support was good. The anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate. All Group aircraft returned to Molesworth safely with no casualties.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Snyder-Beiser</u> 281			
		<u>Dubose</u> 423		<u>Keating</u> 597	
	<u>Ligino</u> 595				<u>Means</u> 569
<u>Lehmann</u> 060		<u>Brown</u> 7875		<u>Cook</u> 027	<u>Schwolow</u> 099
	<u>Flick</u> 411				
<u>Eldridge</u> 076		<u>Hamilton</u> 166			



**CARL L. DuBOSE JR. CREW - 427th BS**  
**B-17G #43-38248 Jigger Rooche II 427BG (GN-M)**  
**(crew assigned 427BS: 27 June 1944 - photo: 29 Oct 1944)**  
 (Back L-R) 2Lt Carl L. DuBose, Jr. (P), 2Lt Paul R. Sandhagen (B), 2Lt Leo E. Laverty (N),  
 2Lt Louis P. Droll (CP) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Jesse T. Jones (E), S/Sgt Donald L. Kollmar (R),  
 Sgt Robert E. Kidd (BT), Sgt Daniel Balint, Jr. (WG), Sft Byron W. Watson (TG), (the dog is "Etoe")

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<b><u>Spindler-Doughty</u></b>				
<b>805</b>				
	<b><u>Fontana</u></b>		<b><u>Hallum</u></b>	
	<b>546</b>		<b>841</b>	
	<b><u>Bartholomew</u></b>		<b><u>Walker</u></b>	
	<b>860</b>		<b>206</b>	
<b><u>Vitale</u></b>		<b><u>Crawford</u></b>		<b><u>Jenkins</u></b>
<b>905</b>		<b>893</b>		<b>483</b>
	<b><u>Tellinghuisen</u></b>			<b><u>Nafius</u></b>
	<b>340</b>			<b>853</b>
<b><u>Hobbs</u></b>		<b><u>Hahn</u></b>	_____	_____
<b>196</b>		<b>124</b>		

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Benham-McNamara</u></b>				
<b>453</b>				
	<b><u>Davis</u></b>		<b><u>Watson</u></b>	
	<b>085</b>		<b>590</b>	
	<b><u>Baker</u></b>		<b><u>Bailie</u></b>	
	<b>298</b>		<b>086</b>	
<b><u>Johnson</u></b>		<b><u>Lee</u></b>		<b><u>Vermeer</u></b>
<b>838</b>		<b>949</b>		<b>537</b>
	<b><u>Lojewski</u></b>			<b><u>Markos</u></b>
	<b>405</b>			<b>177</b>
<b><u>McConnell</u></b>		<b><u>Stein</u></b>	_____	_____
<b>224</b>		<b>583</b>		

### 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 - Togglier 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 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 #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	Ney, Russell L., F/O
TT	Mikola, Robert S/Sgt
ENG	Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt
WG	Wagner, William M., S/Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, Sgt

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

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P	Baillie, Homer P., 1Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM	Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
ENG	Ham, William J., S/Sgt
BT	Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
RO	Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
WG	Oss, Frank E., Sgt
TG	Naylor, Richard G., Sgt

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

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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	Tinsley, James E., Sgt
RO	Meyer, Fred R., S/Sgt
BT	Truesdell, William P., Sgt
TG	Williams, Clarence J., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37838 Fearless Fosdick**

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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 #43-37537 Queen of Hearts**

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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 #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

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

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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
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt

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

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

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P	Baker, John M., 2Lt
CP	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV	Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt
BOM	Larson, Albert W., 1Lt
ENG	Manning, Robert L., Sgt
WG	Reichmann, Fred P., Sgt
RO	Cottrell, Thomas B., Sgt
BT	Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
TG	Peters, Archie D., Sgt

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

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P	Benham, Philip O., 1Lt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt
BOM	Ledbetter, Lamar E., 1Lt
ENG	Van Drunen, Cornelius, S/Sgt
RO	Downs, Reginald, S/Sgt
BT	Hill, Reginald, S/Sgt
TG	Dellinger, Lenoir E., S/Sgt
WG	Bonenberger, Robert E., Sgt

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

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P	Davis, William C., 1Lt
CP	Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt
TT	Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt
ENG	Johnson, Walter K., T/Sgt
RO	Sandler, David L., Sgt
BT	Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
TG	Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
WG	Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

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

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P	Lojewski, Telesphor, 2Lt
CP	Boyce, Marvin S., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, Melvin A., 2Lt
BOM	Wolf, Lawrence M., 2Lt
ENG	Byrne, Hobart L., S/Sgt
RO	Jones, James L., S/Sgt
TG	Chambers, Sidney N., Sgt
BT	Baker, Robert L., Sgt
WG	Shokal, William V., Sgt

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## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #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

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

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P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt  
CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt  
NAV O'Neill, Owen H., 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 #42-102960 (*No Name*)**

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P Gould, Graham C., 2Lt  
CP Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt  
NAV Leigh, Thomas W., 2Lt  
BOM Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt  
ENG Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt  
RO Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt  
BT Thompson, Val E., Sgt  
TG Gloria, Tony N., Sgt  
WG Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-97860 (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 #42-107196 *Temptress***

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P	Hobbs, Willard, 2Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
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 #42-97905 (No Name)**

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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

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

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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	Bachman, Clifford D., T/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt

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

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P	Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Shaw, Marvin E., 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

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

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

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P	Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
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 #42-97805 (*No Name*)**

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P	Spindler, Benjamin L., 1Lt
CP	Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 1Lt
BOM	Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG	Pfeffer, William W., T/Sgt
RO	Uhl, Willard H., T/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG	Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt
WG	Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt

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

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P	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 1Lt
NAV	Nurock, Leon, F/O
BOM	Duros, Constentine J., 2Lt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., S/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., S/Sgt
BT	Durfee, James R., Sgt
TG	Price, Kirkland T., Sgt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., Sgt

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

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P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., 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	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

### **B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon***

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P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Flowers, Selwyn D., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
BT	Delcher, Merlin S., Sgt
TT	Hitchcock, Robert H., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., Sgt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt

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

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P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
WG	Baker, Russell W., Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6166 *The Red***

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P	Hamilton, Max B., 2Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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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

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

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

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P	Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt
BOM	Donnelly, James F., 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 #42-32027 *Betty Jane***

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P	Cook, J.S., 2Lt
CP	Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt
NAV	Page, Ralph E., 2Lt
BOM	Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt
TT	Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt
BT	Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt
TG	Smalley, John L., Sgt
WG	Duggan, William W., Sgt

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

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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

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

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

### **B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie***

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P	Snyder, Edgar E., LtCol
CP	Beiser, Theodore R., 1Lt
NAV	Shupe, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Curley, Walter A., 1Lt
BOM	McCormick, James E., Capt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Latta, Charles W., S/Sgt
RO	Gorchesky, Benny J., T/Sgt
WG	Haines, James W., S/Sgt
TG	Harris, John R., F/O