

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 206

18 July 1944

Target: Experimental V-Rocket Station, Peenemunde, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 25,100 ft; Group B - 23,300 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**P**eenemunde, Germany was the target. Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) aircraft, plus a 305BG PFF B-17, took off to visually bomb the V-weapon experimental station. Col. Kermit D. **Stevens** led the 41st CBW-A which included the 303rd BG(H) lead and low Group formations. Peenemunde was important in the production of high concentration hydrogen-peroxide.



*B-17G #43-37666 Full House (427BS) GN-T*

Thirty-six aircraft dropped 360 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs from 25,100 and 23,300 feet. All the way to the target there was practically a solid undercast. In the target area it broke to 3/10. Visibility was 15 to 20 miles. Bombing results were difficult to determine due to smoke from previous bombing. Most crews, however, claimed good results. Many bomb bursts were spotted in the target area and explosions were seen in the built-up area along the east coast. With considerable fire and smoke target area buildings were hit. One aircraft dropped twenty 500-lb. bombs on the marshalling yard at Stralsund, Germany, and one dropped ten 500-lb. bombs on Finnowitz, Germany. Five 303rd BG(H) B-17s

failed to join the 303rd BG(H) formation and bombed with other Groups:

#42-31583 *Clover Leaf*, 358BS (**Freeland**), with 379BG

#42-102453 *Princess Pat*, 358BS (**Akers**), with 379BG

#42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*, 358BS (**Boyce**), with 351BG

#43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*, 358BS (**Stark**), with 384BG

#43-37930 (*No Name*), 360BS (**Foley**), with 381BG

No enemy aircraft attacked the 303rd BG(H), but a few were seen in the distance. Friendly fighter support was very good. Moderate to intense and fairly accurate flak appeared at the target. Chaff had some beneficial effect. One Fortress sustained major damage and three minor damage. There were no casualties.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Kelsey-Stevens</u> 574 - PFF			
		<u>Gould</u> 183		<u>Rosser (305BG)</u> 543 - PFF	
			<u>Reed</u> 206		
		<u>Akers</u> 453		<u>Baltes</u> 050	
	<u>Latshaw</u> 086			<u>Carpenter</u> 537	
<u>Lee</u> 949		<u>Stark</u> 590		<u>Arnold</u> 483	<u>Langford</u> 405
	<u>Lojewski</u> 298			<u>Bailie</u> 739	
<u>Vermeer</u> 972		<u>Boyce</u> 224		<u>Kirkland</u> 680	<u>Miller</u> 622
	<u>Freeland</u> 583			<u>Eldridge</u> 076	

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

			<u>Beiser-Flesh</u> 281		
		<u>Hamilton</u> 411		<u>Newton</u> 423	
			<u>Keating</u> 432		
		<u>Brown</u> 166		<u>Bliss</u> 666	
	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 805			<u>Means</u> 595	
<u>Hobbs</u> 841		<u>Baehr</u> 340		<u>Dubose</u> 875	<u>Cook</u> 569
	<u>Hahn</u> 853			<u>Doughty</u> 187	
<u>Vitale</u> 861		<u>Foley</u> 930		<u>Nafius</u> 893	<u>Crawford</u> 124
	<u>Yarnall</u> 196			<u>Gallagher</u> 099	

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Miller, Cecil M., F/O  
 CP Petersen, John N., F/O  
 NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O  
 TOG Severson, Jack O., Jr., Sgt  
 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 Lojewski, Telesphor, 2Lt  
 CP Helms, John R., 2Lt  
 NAV Ney, Russell L., F/O  
 TOG Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt  
 ENG Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt  
 RO Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt  
 TG Jones, John, Sgt  
 BT Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt  
 WG Murphy, Joseph A., S/Sgt

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

P Boyce, Marvin S., 2Lt  
 CP Taylor, Robert G., 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

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

P Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt  
 CP Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt  
 NAV Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt  
 BOM Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt  
 ENG Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt  
 WG Moran, George J., Sgt  
 RO Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt  
 TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt  
 BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

#### 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 - Cont'd.

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

P Stark, Donald D., 1Lt  
 CP Conley, George L., 2Lt  
 NAV Wyner, Maxwell I., 2Lt  
 TOG 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

### **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

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

P Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt  
 CP Kersting, George B., 2Lt  
 NAV Claeys, Ronald, 1Lt  
 BOM Larson, Albert W., 1Lt  
 ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt  
 BT Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt  
 RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt  
 WG Oss, Frank E., Sgt  
 TG Cummings, James E., Sgt

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

P Kirkland, Robert A., F/O  
 CP Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt  
 NAV Gard, John M., 2Lt  
 BOM Draves, John J., 2Lt  
 ENG O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt  
 BT Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt  
 RO Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt  
 WG Holland, Huber D., Sgt  
 TG Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

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

P Latshaw, William E., 1Lt  
 CP Wright, Charles E., 2Lt  
 NAV Ivy, Wallis S., 1Lt  
 BOM Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt  
 ENG Pickens, Donald E., S/Sgt  
 RO Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt  
 TG Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt  
 BT Ginn, William E., Sgt  
 LWG Miller, Horace J., Sgt

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

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt  
 CP Byrnes, James H., 2Lt  
 NAV Zarelli, Michael L., 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

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Gould, Graham C., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 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

### **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 #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts***

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P	Carpenter, Arthur G., 1Lt
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	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	Arnold, William J., 1Lt
CP	Quiggle, Robert A., 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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

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P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislaw B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

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P	Reed, John W., 2Lt
CP	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
BOM	Rawlings, Loren F., 1Lt
ENG	Colley, Smith K., T/Sgt
RO	McLaughlin, William C., T/Sgt
BT	Wernet, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt
WG	Lemley, Jack A., S/Sgt

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

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

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P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt  
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt  
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt  
BOM Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt  
ENG Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt  
RO Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt  
BT Saam, Donal W., Sgt  
TG Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt  
WG Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

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

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P Kelsey, C.F., 1Lt  
CP Stevens, Kermit D., Col  
NAV Daniel, W.H., 1Lt  
NAV Newcomb, R.D., Capt  
NAV Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt  
BOM Norris, A.J., 2Lt  
ENG Yourty, B.H., T/Sgt  
RO Brosrier, G.J., T/Sgt  
GUN Weaver, W.G., S/Sgt

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

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P Langford, Allen W., 1Lt  
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O  
NAV Donovan, James R., 2Lt  
TOG Torley, Donald W., 2Lt  
ENG O'Leary, Daniel R., S/Sgt  
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt  
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt  
BT Gray, William W., S/Sgt  
TG Mulstein, John E., Jr., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **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 Rice, Charles G., Jr., 2Lt  
ENG Reale, Joseph C., Sgt  
RO Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt  
BT Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt  
TG Younger, Andrew H., Sgt  
WG Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

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

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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 Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt  
RO Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt  
BT McGinley, James E., Sgt  
TG Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt  
WG Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt

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

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P Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt  
CP Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt  
NAV Caffrey, James J., 2Lt  
BOM Proud, Rexford I., 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 #42-37841 *Banshee***

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P Hobbs, Willard, 2Lt  
CP Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt  
NAV Dunn, Robert L., 2Lt  
BOM Wade, Robert E., 2Lt  
ENG Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt  
RO Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt  
BT Bibik, James J., Sgt  
TG Glaser, Morris B., Sgt  
WG Callahan, Fred, Sgt

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

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P Yarnall, Winfield L., 2Lt  
CP Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt  
NAV Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt  
BOM Smith, Herbert L., S/Sgt  
ENG Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt  
RO Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt  
BT Taxon, Rubin, Sgt  
TG Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt  
WG Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

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

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P Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt  
CP Howard, Victor L., 2Lt  
NAV Roche, William J., 2Lt  
BOM Britter, Harry B., 2Lt  
ENG Manser, Charles, T/Sgt  
RO Haynie, John D., T/Sgt  
BT Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt  
TG Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt  
WG Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

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

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

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P Hahn, James T., 2Lt  
CP Fulks, James O., 2Lt  
NAV Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt  
BOM Littlefield, Robert I., 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 #43-37930 (*No Name*)**

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P Foley, Norment, 2Lt  
CP Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt  
NAV Conklin, James M., 2Lt  
BOM Pleasanton, Kenneth H., S/Sgt  
ENG Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt  
RO Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt  
BT Stewart, Charles R., Sgt  
TG Seitz, Carl W., Sgt  
WG Gordley, Damon, Sgt

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

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P Crawford, William C., 2Lt  
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt  
NAV Kleppner, J. Clarence, F/O  
BOM Elmore, Kenneth L., 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 #42-31340 *Miss Liberty***

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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



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Hamilton, Max B., 2Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Isaac, Kenneth W., 1Lt
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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde***

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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 #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche***

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P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
ENG	Dugger, William A., 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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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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	Fisher, Clifford J., Sgt

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

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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	Soltero, John, S/Sgt

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

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P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 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

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

### **B-17G #43-37666 *Full House***

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P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 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 #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

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P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
ENG	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Lance, Calvin L., Sgt
BT	Eichenberger, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., Sgt
WG	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt

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

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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	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

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

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P	Beiser, Theodore R., 1Lt
CP	Flesh, William R., 1Lt
NAV	Coffey, John B., 1Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
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	Stuart, R.H., LtCol