

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 208

20 July 1944

Target: Junkers Flugzeug Motorwerke, Dessau, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 37

Crew Members Killed or Wounded: 2 crewmembers wounded

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. & 38 x 100 lb M47 Incendiary bombs

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

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The 8th Air Force targeted a number of industrial and oil targets in Germany. The 303rd BG(H) dispatched 37 B-17s plus two PFF aircraft from the 305BG to bomb the aircraft assembly factory of Junkers Flugzeug Motorwerke A.Q. at Dessau, Germany. Lt. Col. Lewis E. **Lyle** led the 41st CBW-B consisting of the 303rd BG(H) flying the lead, low and high Group positions. Two aircraft returned early:

#42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*, 427BS (**Hobbs**) - No. 2 engine internal failure.

#42-97329 *Flak Hack*, 360BS (**Crawford**) - No. 2 prop governor failure.



**ALLEN W. LANGFORD CREW - 359th BS**  
**B-17G Wallaroo Mk II #42-31405 (359BS) BN-X**  
**(crew assigned 359BS: 07 Jun 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)

Thirty-five 303rd BG(H) aircraft dropped 240 500-lb. G.P. M43 and 416 100-lb. incendiary bombs visually on the primary target. Bombs were dropped from 26,000, 25,000 and 24,000 feet with excellent results. There were 4/10 clouds in the target area with some middle clouds at 12,000 feet. Visibility was 20 to 30 miles and there was a slight haze.

There were no fighter attacks on the Group. One crew reported seeing 25 to 30 enemy fighters, possibly ME-109s, just before the IP. They made a pass at the Group following the 303rd BG(H). Moderate to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire

appeared over the target. Flak was observed at several other places. Five aircraft sustained major and fifteen, minor damage. Chaff had only slight beneficial effect. Two men were wounded: 1Lt **Langford**, pilot, a flak wound in the left arm and S/Sgt **Gillespie**, Engineer, a flak bruise on the right foot.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Johnson-Lyle</u> 658 - PFF			
		<u>Gallagher</u> 027		<u>Means-Luther</u> 801 - PFF	
	<u>Ligino</u> 595			<u>Walker</u> 058	
<u>Newton</u> 597		<u>Brown</u> 166		<u>Akers</u> 944	<u>Baltes</u> 537
	<u>Keating</u> 099			<u>Hamilton</u> 411	
<u>Bliss</u> 666		<u>Dubose</u> 9875	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Spindler-Caldwell</u> 629			
		<u>Yarnall</u> 224		<u>Ross</u> 7875	
	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 544			<u>Eldridge</u> 076	
<u>Fontana</u> 546		<u>Hobbs</u> 060		<u>Arnold</u> 483	<u>Langford</u> 405
	<u>Hahn</u> 893			<u>Baehr</u> 183	
<u>Nafius</u> 860		<u>Crawford</u> 329	_____		_____
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Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:  
 Lt. Hobbs in 060  
 Lt. Crawford in 329

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<b><u>Packard-Litman</u></b>			
		838			
		<b><u>Lee</u></b>		<b><u>Larson</u></b>	
		949		085	
	<b><u>Baker</u></b>				<b><u>Crozier</u></b>
	453				484
<b><u>Stark</u></b>		<b><u>McConnell</u></b>		<b><u>Jenkins</u></b>	<b><u>Gould</u></b>
298		680		960	206
	<b><u>Stein</u></b>				
	086				
<b><u>Miller</u></b>		<b><u>Vermeer</u></b>			
622		972			
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## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></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 #42-97622 *Paper Dollie***

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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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady***

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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	Dyszal, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

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

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P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
TOG	Roseland, Ralph A., S/Sgt
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)**

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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 #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby***

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P	Stein, Lawrence J., 2Lt
CP	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Connor, John P., 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 #42-97972 (No Name)**

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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

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

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

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P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George 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 #42-102680 (No Name)**

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P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 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	Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt
TG	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Packard, Peter L.M., Capt
CP	Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt
NAV	Ivy, Wallis S., 1Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 1Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., T/Sgt
WG	Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt
RO	Ebbinghausen, Francis H., T/Sgt
BT	Gibbs, Paul M., S/Sgt
TG	Fox, Howard E., S/Sgt
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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
TOG	Arendt, John L., S/Sgt
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 #42-31483 *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 #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts***

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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 #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight***

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P	Akers, Robert O., 2Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	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 #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II***

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P	Langford, Allen W., 1Lt	WIA
CP	Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O	
NAV	Donovan, James R., 2Lt	
BOM	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	

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

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

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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 W IA  
RO Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt  
BT Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt  
TG Cregan, John M., Sgt  
WG Allen, Charles G., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102484 Heller's Angel**

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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  
WG Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

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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 Hundley, Walter L., Sgt  
TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt  
WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
TOG	Smith, Herbert L., S/Sgt
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 #42-37875 Flying Bison**

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P	Ross, James A., 2Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 1Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
TOG	Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
ENG	Litwiller, Harold D., S/Sgt
RO	Allard, Charles G., S/Sgt
BT	Karp, Harold, S/Sgt
TG	Blackwell, Haywood E., Jr., Sgt
WG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

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

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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

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

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P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 2Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
TOG	Howald, Hans, 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 #42-97546 Idaliza**

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P	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Nurock, Leon, F/O
BOM	Duros, Constantine 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 #42-97893 Minnie the Moocher**

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P	Hahn, James T., 2Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Cain, Leroy H., S/Sgt
WG	Lusk, Robert F., Sgt



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

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

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P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 2Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
TOG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
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 #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone***

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P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Dunn, Robert L., 1Lt
TOG	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
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

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### **B-17G #658 - PFF**

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P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt (305BG)
CP	Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol (HQ 303BG)
NAV	Prince, Alan M., 1Lt (427BS)
NAV	Shupe, John W., 1Lt (427BS)
MNV	Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt (305BG)
BOM	Prussman, Henry G., 1Lt (359BS)
ENG	Alston, Madison L., T/Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., S/Sgt
TG	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
RWG	Gude, Richard O., S/Sgt
LWG	Conlan, Thomas J., T/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)**

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P	Spindler, Benjamin L., 1Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Vell, Ona L., 1Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt
ENG	Pfeffer, William W., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Benjamin H., T/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG	Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt
WG	Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97329 *Flak Hack***

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P	Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Kleppner, J. Clarence, F/O
TOG	Pleasanton, Kenneth H., 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 #42-31801 - PFF (305BG)**

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P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Berg, A.R.
BOM	Rich, J.R.
NAV	Berman, M.
ENG	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
RWG	Burr, Perry H., Sgt
RO	May, James H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
LWG	Sileo, Joseph J., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Kendall, Dallas E., 2Lt
NAV	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
ENG	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., S/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	King, Earl J., T/Sgt
TG	Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
TOG	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
ENG	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***

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P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Edward G., 1Lt
TOG	Johnson, O.D., Sgt
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

### **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 #43-37666 *Full House***

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P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
TOG	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde***

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P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Lavery, 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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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P	Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 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