

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 210

23 July 1944

Target: Airdrome at Creil, France

Crews Dispatched: 38

Crews Lost: Lt. Morgan, all Rescued; Lt. Miller, 1 KIA, 7 BO

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 38 x 100 lb G.P. M30 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,750, 24,700 & 23,400 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

French airfields were the 8th Air Force's targets. The 303BG was assigned the Creil, France airdrome. 1Lt. J.A. **Moreau**, 358BS, led the 41st CBW-B formation of 39 B-17s, including one GEE-H aircraft, B-17G #42-102449 *Hale's Angels*, from the 547BS, 384BG (SO-R) at Grafton Underwood. Two aircraft aborted the mission: #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*, 427BS (**Griggs**) - failed to find formation. #42-97860 (*No Name*), 360BS (**Foley**) - problems with the No. 2 engine.

Thirty-seven B-17s dropped 1,390 100-lb. G.P. M30 bombs utilizing the GEE-H British ground stations to obtain the bomb release position fix. There was a 10/10 undercast covering enemy territory. Almost no enemy opposition, fighters or flak, was encountered, but two aircraft were lost. Because the trip was prolonged, both ran out of gasoline on the way back to Base.



WILLIAM D. MORGAN CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 29 May 1944 - photo: 08 June 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Abraham Wodinsky (N), 2Lt John W. Parker (CP), 2Lt William D. Morgan (P),
2Lt Frank S. Destito, III (B) - (Front - not in order) S/Sgt Edward C. Stemmler (R),
S/Sgt Theron M. Hayes (E-far right), S/Sgt Stanley W. Lloyd (BT), Sgt James J. Gross (RWG),
Sgt James R. Caperton (TG), Sgt Ralph E. Wolfe, Jr. (LWG)

#42-102960 (*No Name*), 359BS, piloted by 1Lt. William D. **Morgan**, ditched in the English Channel when its gasoline was exhausted. The entire crew was picked up by an air-sea rescue boat. One crewman was injured.



ORIGINAL CECIL M. MILLER CREW - 358th BS

(crew assigned 358BS: 17 June 1944 - photo: June 1944)

(Back L-R) F/O Cecil M. Miller (P-KIA), F/O Saul A. Cooper (N-B/O),
 F/O John N. Petersen (CP-B/O), 2Lt Jackson R. Bohannon (B)
 (Front L-R) Sgt Karl W. Carlson (WG-B/O), Sgt William W. Robertson (WG),
 S/Sgt William H. Wilson (R-B/O), Sgt William A. Zweck (TG-KIA),
 Sgt James M. Pierce (BT-B/O), S/Sgt Earl W. Sheets (E-B/O)

#42-97622 *Paper Dollie*, 358BS, piloted by F/O Cecil M. **Miller**, ran short of fuel and was unable to find an emergency field on which to land. F/O **Miller** ordered his crew to bail out while crossing the English coast. Three engines had stopped and the 4th was on and off. The countryside was hilly where seven of the crewmen made successful parachute jumps and landed safely. F/O



Crash Landing of B-17G #42-97622 Paper Dollie 358BS (VK-K)

Saul A. **Cooper** sustained a broken ankle. F/O Cecil **Miller** jumped, but was killed on landing. His parachute handle had been pulled, but the 'chute was still semi-packed. Sgt. William A. **Zweck's** parachute caught in the B-17's elevators and he was killed when the Fortress crashed at Bishop's Waltham.

Six aircraft landed at other bases:

- #42-31183 *Bad Penny*, 359BS, (Lt. **Akers**), at Tangmere
- #42-31830 *Marie*, 359BS, (Lt. **Brabant**), at Boyington
- #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*, 359BS, (Lt. **Carpenter**), at Topsford
- #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*, 359BS, (Lt. **Baltes**), at Polebrook
- #42-31483 *Bonnie B*, 359BS, (Lt. **Arnold**), at Ford
- #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*, 360BS, (Lt. **Hallum**), at West Malling

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Lead Group

		<u>Moreau-McNamara</u> 574			
		<u>Lee</u> 949		<u>Charnick</u> 085	
	<u>Stein</u> 086			<u>Fontana</u> 340	
<u>Vermeer</u> 972		<u>Markos</u> 298		<u>Baehr</u> 853	<u>Yarnall</u> 841
	<u>Bailie</u> 739			<u>Miller</u> 622	
<u>McConnell</u> 680		<u>Freeland</u> 590	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - High Group

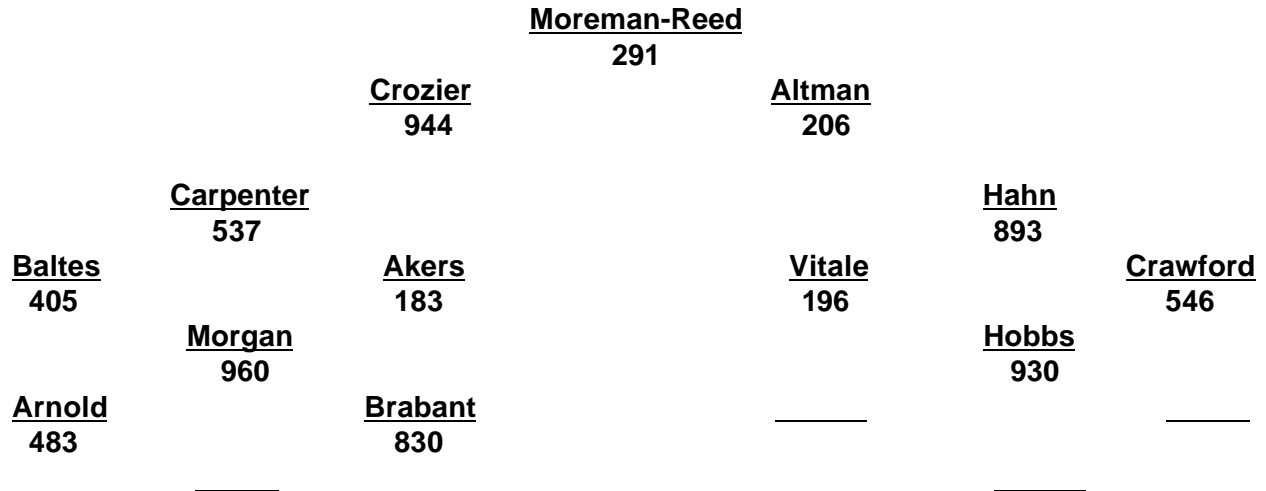
		<u>Mitchell-Flesh</u> 2449 - GH			
		<u>Fletcher</u> 060		<u>Clark</u> 7875	
	<u>Means</u> 595			<u>Doughty</u> 329	
<u>Dubose</u> 9875		<u>Griggs</u> 423		<u>Hallum</u> 861	<u>Foley</u> 860
	<u>Flowers</u> 597			<u>Gallagher</u> 055	
<u>Brown</u> 411		<u>Bliss</u> 666	_____		_____
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Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Giggs in 423

Lt. Foley in 860

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Low Group



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 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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

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 Sandler, David L., T/Sgt
 TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
 BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., 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 #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

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 #42-97972 (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 #42-102680 (No Name)

P McConnell, John, 2Lt
 CP Whittall, Ernest A., 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 Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
 TG Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

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

P Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt
 CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
 NAV Barkin, Herbert L., 1Lt
 BOM Ney Russell L., 2Lt
 ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt
 BT Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
 RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
 TG Oss, Frank E., Sgt
 WG Naylor, Richard G., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Markos, Costa, F/O
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Connor, John P., 2Lt
TOG	Stidham, Robert L., S/Sgt
ENG	Braun, Duane M., T/Sgt
WG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., S/Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, S/Sgt
BT	George, William R., S/Sgt

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

P	Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt
BOM	Garcia, Robert L., S/Sgt
ENG	Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt
WG	Miller, Horace J., S/Sgt
RO	Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt
BT	Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

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

P	Miller, Cecil M., F/O	KIA
CP	Petersen, John N., F/O	BO
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O	BO
TOG	Severson, Jack O., Jr., Sgt	BO
ENG	Sheets, Earl W., S/Sgt	BO
WG	Carlson, Karl W., Sgt	BO
RO	Wilson, William H., S/Sgt	BO
TG	Zweck, William A., Sgt	KIA
BT	Pierce, James M., Sgt	BO

B-17G #42-31574 *Ole George*

P	Moreau, Joseph A., 1Lt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Krouskup, Wayne E., 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 2Lt
BOM	Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt
ENG	Rossman, Carl H., T/Sgt
RO	Lowe, Gareth W., T/Sgt
TG	Fox, Howard E., Sgt
BT	Ross, Ben A., S/Sgt
WG	Tate, Royce G., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31405 Wallaroo MK II

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 #42-31183 Bad Penny

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 #42-97944 Daddy's Delight

P	Crozier, Harry J., 1Lt
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 #42-31830 Marie

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 2Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
TOG	Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
RO	Rose, William A., Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts

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

B-17G #42-107206 Old Black Magic

P	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
CP	Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV	Donovan, James R., 2Lt
BOM	Torley, Donald W., 2Lt
ENG	O'Leary, Dan R., S/Sgt
RO	Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT	Gray, William W., S/Sgt
TG	Mulstein, John E., Sgt
WG	Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt

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

P	Morgan, William D., 1Lt	RES
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt	RES
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt	RES
BOM	Destito, Frank S., 2Lt	RES
ENG	Hayes, Theron M., S/Sgt	RES
RO	Stemmle, Edward C, S/Sgt	RES
BT	Lloyd, Stanley W., Sgt	RES
TG	Caperton, James R., Sgt	RES
WG	Gross, James J., Sgt	RES

B-17G #42-97291 Mysis Dragon

P	Moreman, Robert, 1Lt
CP	Reed, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
NAV	Koran, William E., 2Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 1Lt
ENG	Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt
RO	Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt
BT	Leonard, Joseph L., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt
WG	Alexander, Ray, S/Sgt
PHO	Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

CREIL, FRANCE (BRIDGE & AIRDROME)

from the Journal of Stanley M. Claster

An easy six-hour mission to France almost turned into a disaster. Officials at Molesworth decided to only partially fill the gas tanks of the B-17s apparently to save fuel for longer trips. The Arnold crew took off at 3:11 p.m. aboard the *Bonnie B* along with 37 other planes. They bombed through cloud cover using the British GEE-H ground stations to obtain the bomb release navigation position. Stanley Claster described it as a "lousy bomb run" in his notes, probably because of the weather.

Afterwards, the Arnold crew encountered meager but accurate flak while flying over Rouen. The partially filled gas tanks began to run dry while the *Bonnie B* was headed home over the English Channel. Two engines conked out and the other two engines began sputtering as the plane approached the English coast. Arnold headed for the nearest landing field he could find, a Polish exile fighter base located adjacent to the beach. The captain ordered the crew to put on their Mae West life jackets in case they had to ditch in the water. John Surrell recalls Stanley Claster saying over the intercom, "just a few hundred more yards." Luckily, Arnold was able to land the B-17 safely on the short runway before completely running out of gas. Just like when they landed at Nutt's Corner, Northern Ireland, base officials had to send a fuel truck out onto the runway to supply enough gas so Arnold could taxi off the landing area.

The crew enjoyed talking to the Polish airmen. John Surrell remembers Stanley Claster telling the Poles that the first place the Arnold team bombed was Posen, Poland. Other crew members suggested he change the subject since some of the Polish servicemen might have been from Posen. After the *Bonnie B* was partially refueled, the crew flew to a nearby US bomber base at Ford. The Arnold team spent the night there, and flew back to Molesworth the next day. Official records indicate five other planes in the formation also landed at other bases in England because they ran low on fuel. Another B-17, with No Name, ditched in the English Channel, but the crew was rescued. Two crewmen aboard the *Paper Dollie* died from injuries sustained while bailing out over Southern England when the crew could not find a place to land before they ran out of gas. The plane crashed at Bishop's Waltham.

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 2Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
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 #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher*

P	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
BOM	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
WG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

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

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 #43-37930 (*No Name*)

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Herbert L., 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

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Dunn, Robert L., 1Lt
BOM	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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred N., 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

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

P	Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 1Lt
NAV	Caffrey, James J., 2Lt
BOM	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
ENG	Herr, Allen H., S/Sgt
RO	Smith, Benjamin H., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG	Cain, Leroy, S/Sgt
WG	DeBartolo, Albert L., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107196 *Tempress*

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 #42-97860 *(No Name)*

P	Foley, Norment, 2Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Asplund, Carl L., 2Lt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
BT	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
TG	Donohoe, Thomas D., S/Sgt
WG	Gordley, Damon, Sgt

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427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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*

P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
BOM	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*

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	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
WG	Henry, Donivan D., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Edward G., 1Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., S/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 #42-102595 *Little Tush*

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 #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P	Fletcher, John E., 1Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Flowers, Selwyn D., 2Lt
CP Harris, John R., F/O
NAV Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt
BT McCormick, Lewis J., Sgt
RO Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG Schulz, Paul H., Sgt
WG Howell, Charles E., Sgt

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

P Griggs, John C., 2Lt
CP Dumont, Merrill J., 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
(Abortive)

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

P Clark, Henry C., 2Lt
CP Vesey, Gilbert P., 2Lt
NAV Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt
BOM Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt
BT Sikora, Charles A., Jr., Sgt
RO Roswal, Frederick, S/Sgt
TG Bjorn, Edwin W., Sgt
WG Cruttenden, Cyrus S., Sgt

B-17G #42-102449 *Hale's Angels - GEE-H*

P Mitchell, Fred E., 1Lt
CP Flesh, William R., 1Lt
NAV Randall, Everett Z., 1Lt
BOM Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
NAV Curley, Walter A., 1Lt
TT Cavagnol, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT Landa, Hyman J., S/Sgt
RO Parr, Joe A., T/Sgt
WG Byers, William R., S/Sgt
TG Carpenter, Robert R., S/Sgt



American Red Cross Clubmobile and B-17E "Phyllis" aka "Tugboat Annie" #41-9020. Assigned to 303rd BG(H) Headquarters and used for formation assembly and tow target work. The only B-17E at Molesworth.

Major Louis "Mel" Schulstad was on a short night cross country flight to Kings Cliffe, home of the 20th Fighter Group, whose P-51's protected our bomber formations. He was accompanied only by Capt Harry M. McDaniel who sat in the co-pilot seat. On his downwind landing leg he unscrewed the landing gear warning light which was minus it's green shade and was causing a cockpit glare. He was making a normal landing when all four propellers were chewing into the concrete runway. Maj Schulstad, known as "Mister Safety" in his role as operations and safety officer, in the process of lowering the aircraft flaps, had inadvertently raised the landing gear with no operative warning light. The "Dumb Accident" also occurred with an inadequate crew. The embarrassing belly landing occurred at 0037 hours in B-17E #41-9020 Phyllis.