

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 214

29 July 1944

Target: Leuna Synthetic Oil Plant, Merseburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 51

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,600, 25,600, 25,200 & 24,600 ft

Ammo Fired: 3,560 rounds

The Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, Germany was targeted by most of the 8th Air Force B-17s. The 303rd BG(H) positioned 51 aircraft as the lead, high and low Groups of the 41st CBW-C, and lead Group and 2nd flight high Group of the 41st CBW-D. Four PFF B-17s from the 305BG and 384BG were used. Formations were led by Lt. Col. R.H. **Cole** and Maj. **Schulstad**. Four aircraft returned early:

#42-107196 *Temptress*, 360BS (**Vitale**) - pitot heater burned out

#43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*, 359BS (**Crozier**) - inverters burned out

#42-97972 (*No Name*), 358BS (**Vermeer**) - pitot heater burned out

#42-107206 *Old Black Magic*, 359BS (**Brabant**) - No. 2 engine failure.

The Wings were able to bomb visually with good results, despite the smoke and haze in the target area. The aircraft dropped 974 250-lb. M57 bombs. Flak was intense and accurate and 32 aircraft sustained battle damage. From 20 to 25 enemy aircraft were encountered. S/Sgt. **Reckart**, the tail gunner on Fortress #42-102496 *Special Delivery*, 359BS, claimed an ME-109 as destroyed, but was later credited with a probable. Friendly fighter support was excellent and was credited with saving many of the B-17s in the air.



**HARRY J. CROZIER CREW - 359th BS**

(crew assigned 359BS: 30 May 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Charles W. McCoy (B), 2Lt Clyde R. Kennedy (N),

2Lt Paul M. Mowrey (CP), 2Lt Harry J. Crozier (P)

(Front L-R) Sgt George W. Stumpff, Sgt Charles R. Payne,

Sgt Robert C. Butcher, S/Sgt Robert J. Passenant, S/Sgt Felix M. Jara (TOG)

**JULY 29, 1944, MERSEBURG, AGAIN**  
from the book "25 Milk Runs" by Richard R. "Dick" Johnson

My diary reads, "Merseburg, (Gr) Near Leipzig. Same target as yesterday. (Leuna Oil Works). Saw terrific dog fights over target, between our P-51s and the enemy fighters. Target CAVU. And flak was terrific. Got several holes this time. Had third new crew. Carried 20 x 250 pound general purpose bombs. Flight time, 8 hours and thirty-five minutes. Over enemy territory 4 hours and twenty minutes."

I was flying the "*Betty Jane*" again today for an assault on Germany's most heavily defended city. My new crew for today was that of Lt. P.F. Curetan, Jr. Ironically and tragically, he was to be killed in action on November 21st at this very same target. The only survivor of his nine man crew would be Radio Operator, Tech Sgt. J.A. Ellis. Some of the others would be murdered by German farmers. At least one was hanged and two or more were stabbed to death with pitch forks. This kind of treatment was not unusual when one bailed out over Germany itself, but it was rare in the occupied countries.

On today's mission the 303rd Bomb Group supplied 13 aircraft for the 41st "C" Wing, High Group. We did a plan "D" Group assembly over Harrington Buncher at 17,000 ft. and flew in Combat Wing formation while slowly climbing to 26,000 feet. At the I.P. we took Group interval for visual bombing and dropped our bombs from a magnetic heading of 95 degrees.

At the target we saw about fifteen ME-109s trying to attack the lead group, but they were being harassed by our P-51s. Just after bombs away, four of the fighters managed to elude the P-51s and made a single pass, from 12 o'clock high, through the lead group without shooting any down. We were probably lucky that these were ME-109s and not FW-190s with their new 30mm cannon.

After we dropped our bombs we made a sharp right turn to avoid flak, and at this time rejoined the wing formation for our return to Molesworth. Over England we dropped down to one thousand feet and eventually had to fly at three hundred feet because of low clouds. We probably scared a lot of livestock and not a few people.

At the target there were no photographs of the actual bomb bursts as they were concealed in smoke and shadows in the target area. The Germans always tried to conceal their important targets with smoke screens, but with limited success. The lead Group's bombs appeared to fall a little short of the MPI (Main Point of Impact). They approached the target at 103 degrees magnetic. The Low Group's bombs appeared to fall right on target. They flew to the target at 102 degrees Magnetic.

Our heading of 95 degrees gave us a good separation from the prop wash of the other groups and our bombs were right on target. The lead group of the "D" Wing following us headed to the target at 98 degrees. Their lead bombardier didn't quite kill the draft and their bombs fell a couple hundred yards to the left of the MPI.

Of the 51 aircraft furnished by our group for this mission, thirty-two sustained battle damage, but none were shot down, thanks largely to the efforts of our P-51s over the target. Several of our B-17s had major damage from flak, and many had flak holes, including my poor old "*Betty Jane*."

Many times the ground crews repaired the holes so that I couldn't find them. I even made mental notes on some occasions and still couldn't find them. These guys were good! Of course, this was more difficult on unpainted airplanes.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

|                         |                       |                                    |                              |                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                         |                       | <u>Cole-C.Johnson</u><br>592 - PFF |                              |                          |
|                         |                       | <u>Hillary</u><br>405              | <u>Holbrook</u><br>756 - PFF |                          |
|                         | <u>Morgan</u><br>058  |                                    |                              | <u>Eldridge</u><br>309   |
| <u>Underdown</u><br>076 |                       | <u>Whitlock</u><br>183             | <u>Jenkins</u><br>830        | <u>Mainwaring</u><br>177 |
|                         | <u>Crozier</u><br>537 |                                    |                              | <u>Walker</u><br>496     |
| <u>Brabant</u><br>206   |                       | <u>Gould</u><br>483                | _____                        | _____                    |
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|                        |                       | <u>Mitchell-Flowers</u><br>311 |                          |                        |
|                        |                       | <u>Drewry</u><br>7875          | <u>Davis</u><br>060      |                        |
|                        | <u>Keating</u><br>281 |                                |                          | <u>Fletcher</u><br>597 |
| <u>Clark</u><br>9875   |                       | <u>Griggs</u><br>885           | <u>R. Johnson</u><br>027 | <u>McCall</u><br>569   |
|                        | <u>Newton</u><br>099  |                                |                          | <u>Cook</u><br>595     |
| <u>Hamilton</u><br>666 |                       | <u>Brown</u><br>166            | _____                    | _____                  |
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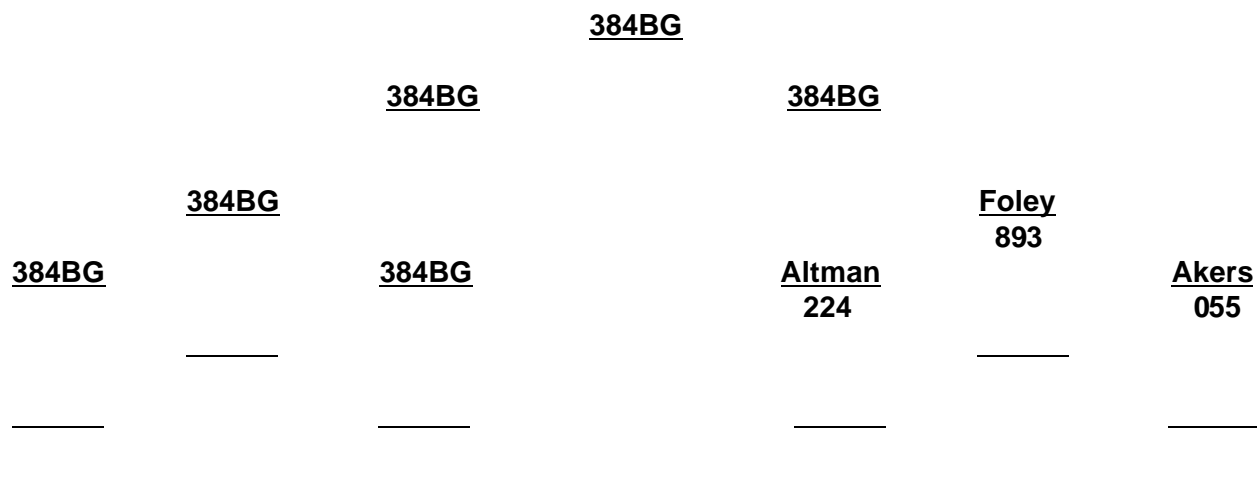
## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

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|                         |                       | <u>Moreau-Stein</u><br>838 |  |                        |                        |
|                         |                       | <u>Lee</u><br>949          |  | <u>Charnick</u><br>085 |                        |
|                         | <u>Baker</u><br>086   |                            |  | <u>Lojewski</u><br>065 |                        |
| <u>McConnell</u><br>680 |                       | <u>Larson</u><br>739       |  | <u>White</u><br>298    | <u>Freeland</u><br>590 |
|                         | <u>Vermeer</u><br>972 |                            |  | <u>Smithy</u><br>006   |                        |
| <u>Mayer</u><br>291     |                       | <u>Smith</u><br>316        |  |                        |                        |
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group D

|                       |                             |                                      |  |                           |                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                       |                             | <u>Schulstad-Litman</u><br>801 - PFF |  |                           |                     |
|                       |                             | <u>Connelly</u><br>841               |  | <u>Baehr</u><br>748 - PFF |                     |
|                       | <u>Tellinghuisen</u><br>544 |                                      |  | <u>Fontana</u><br>805     |                     |
| <u>Bennett</u><br>860 |                             | <u>Michaelis</u><br>340              |  | <u>Shields</u><br>546     | <u>Mosel</u><br>930 |
|                       | <u>Yarnall</u><br>853       |                                      |  | <u>Vitale</u><br>196      |                     |
| <u>Atwell</u><br>124  |                             | <u>Hallum</u><br>861                 |  |                           |                     |
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# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group E



## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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| <b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></b><br>CMP - Command Pilot<br>P - Pilot<br>CP - Co-Pilot<br>NAV - Navigator<br>ANV - Ass't. Navigator<br>MNV - Mickey Navigator<br>ENG - Engineer<br>BOM - Bombardier<br>RO - Radio Operator | TOG - Toggler<br>BT - Ball Turret Operator<br>TT - Top Turret Operator<br>TG - Tail Gunner<br>NG - Nose Gunner<br>RG - Radio Gunner<br>WG - Waist Gunner<br>LWG - Left Waist Gunner<br>RWG - Right Waist Gunner<br>GUN - Gunner | VI - Voice Interpreter<br>OBS - Observer<br>PAS - Passenger<br>PHO - Photographer<br><br><b><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></b><br>KIA - Killed in action<br>WIA - Wounded in action<br>MIA - Missing in action<br>POW - Prisoner of war | DOW - Died of wounds<br>EVD - Evaded the enemy<br>INT - Interned in neu cntry<br>REP - Repatriated<br>RES - Rescued<br>ESC - Escaped<br>BO - Bailed out<br>DCH - Ditched<br>CR-L - Crashed on land<br>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 Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt  
 TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt  
 BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)**

P Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt  
 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 #42-97085 (No Name)**

P Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt  
 CP Satre, Leland H., 2Lt  
 NAV Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt  
 TOG Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt  
 ENG Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt  
 WG Herod, Francis G., Sgt  
 RO Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt  
 TG Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt  
 BT Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

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

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)**

P McConnell, John, 2Lt  
 CP Gradle, Raymond B., 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  
 TG Krebs, Henry R., Sgt  
 BT Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)**

P Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt  
 CP Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt  
 NAV Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt  
 BOM Splawn, Elzie B., Sgt  
 ENG Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt  
 WG Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt  
 RO Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt  
 TG Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt  
 BT Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

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

P Moreau, Joseph A., 1Lt  
 CP Stein, Lawrence J., 1Lt  
 NAV Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt  
 BOM Ledbetter, Laram E., 1Lt  
 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

### **B-17G #42-31801 - PFF (305BG)**

P Schulstad, Louis M., Maj  
 CP Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt  
 NAV Krouskup, Wayne E., 1Lt  
 NAV Larkworthy, Bernard J., Lt  
 BOM Wilson, Claud, Jr., 1Lt  
 ENG Smith, George A., T/Sgt  
 WG Miller, Victor H., S/Sgt  
 RO Ebbinghausen, Francis H., T/Sgt  
 TG Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt

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

### **B-17G #44-6316 (No Name)**

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt       |
| CP  | King, Robert G., 2Lt        |
| NAV | Jones, Emerson, 2Lt         |
| BOM | Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt       |
| ENG | Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt |
| WG  | Beres, Edward, Sgt          |
| RO  | Swanson, Richard A., Sgt    |
| TG  | Bruno, Sam S., Sgt          |
| BT  | Fischer, Jack D., Sgt       |

### **B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)**

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt   |
| NAV | Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt      |
| BOM | Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt       |
| ENG | Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt   |
| WG  | Withers, Frederick J., Sgt |
| RO  | Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt    |
| BT  | Campbell, James M., Sgt    |
| TG  | Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt  |

### **B-17G #43-38065 Princess Pat 2**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Lojewski, Telesphor, 1Lt  |
| CP  | Clines, Wallace A., 2Lt   |
| NAV | Barkin, Herbert L., 1Lt   |
| BOM | Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt     |
| ENG | Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt   |
| RO  | Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt    |
| TG  | Casey, Lawrence, Sgt      |
| BT  | Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt       |
| WG  | Wagner, William H., S/Sgt |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Baker, John M., 1Lt       |
| CP  | Markos, Carlos, 2Lt       |
| NAV | Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt       |
| BOM | Morris, Warren B., 2Lt    |
| 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 #42-97972 (No Name)**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt  |
| CP  | Byrnes, James H., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Connor, John P., 2Lt      |
| TOG | Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt      |
| 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     |

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

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | White, Franklin F., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Helms, John R., 2Lt         |
| NAV | Kaufman, Seymour, F/O       |
| BOM | Ross, Robert M., 2Lt        |
| ENG | Adams, William J., S/Sgt    |
| WG  | Hein, Monroe C., Sgt        |
| RO  | Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt     |
| BT  | Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Campbell, James R., Sgt     |

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #42-31055 *Aloha***

P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt  
 CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt  
 NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt  
 TOG Meier, Wayne E., T/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 #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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 #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

P Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt  
 CP Ward, Duane G., 2Lt  
 NAV Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt  
 BOM Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt  
 ENG Popovich, William G., Sgt  
 RO Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt  
 BT Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt  
 TG Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt  
 WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

P Underdown, Sidney L., 2Lt  
 CP Knolle, William C., 2Lt  
 NAV Kenny, John P., 2Lt  
 BOM Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt  
 ENG Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt  
 RO Posada, Frank G., S/Sgt  
 BT Guptill, Walter R., Sgt  
 TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt  
 WG Botton, Pius L., Sgt

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

P Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt  
 CP Bach, Harold J., 2Lt  
 NAV Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt  
 BOM Stone, Leonard, 2Lt  
 ENG Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt  
 RO Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt  
 BT Cottrell, Bert, Sgt  
 TG Dittman, Robert J., Sgt  
 WG Angeloff, James P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt  
 CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt  
 NAV Koran, William E., 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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Morgan, William D., 1Lt   |
| CP  | Parker, John W., 2Lt      |
| NAV | Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt    |
| BOM | O'Neill, Owen H., 1Lt     |
| ENG | Hayes, Theron M., S/Sgt   |
| RO  | Stemmler, Edward C, S/Sgt |
| BT  | Leonard, Joseph L., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Caperton, James R., Sgt   |
| WG  | Gross, James J., Sgt      |

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

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|-----|----------------------------|
| 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  |

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### **B-17G #42-97592 - PFF (305BG)**

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|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | Cole, Richard H., LtCol       |
| CP  | Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt |
| NAV | Prince, Alan M., 1Lt          |
| BOM | Prussman, Henry G., 1Lt       |
| NAV | Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt      |
| ENG | Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt     |
| RO  | Yonge, Walter C., S/Sgt       |
| GUN | Gupe, R.D., S/Sgt             |
| GUN | Conlan, Thomas J., T/Sgt      |
| OBS | Gable, Richard E., 2Lt        |
| OBS | Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt      |

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

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|-----|--------------------------|
| P   | Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt    |
| CP  | Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt  |
| NAV | Rice, John E., 2Lt       |
| BOM | DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt   |
| ENG | Paul, George E., S/Sgt   |
| RO  | Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt |
| BT  | Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt   |
| TG  | Watson, James R., Pvt    |
| WG  | Sanson, Harry R., Sgt    |

### **B-17G #42-97756 - PFF (384BG)**

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|-----|-------------------------|
| P   | Holbrook, N.S., 1Lt     |
| CP  | Beeman, Richard, 2Lt    |
| NAV | Nielsen, Carl V., 2Lt   |
| BOM | Hoover, William L., 1Lt |
| ENG | Van Dien, J.R., T/Sgt   |
| RO  | Burgin, J.O., T/Sgt     |
| TG  | Orenstein, R., 2Lt      |
| GUN | Quanstram, F.R., S/Sgt  |
| GUN | Sabatino, J.A., S/Sgt   |

### **B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts***

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|-----|-----------------------------|
| 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     |

(Abortive)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-97853 Lucky Linda**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 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 #42-97860 (No Name)**

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|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt       |
| NAV | Lane, Elwin A., F/O       |
| BOM | Singular, William H., 2Lt |
| ENG | Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt |
| RO  | Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt  |
| BT  | Jones, Charles E., Sgt    |
| TG  | Essig, Charles G., Sgt    |
| WG  | Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt    |

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

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt  |
| CP  | Romstad, Alfred N., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Olson, Charles F., 2Lt      |
| BOM | Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt     |
| 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 #42-102544 Sack Time**

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|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt |
| CP  | Francis, John R., 1Lt        |
| NAV | Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt       |
| BOM | Benford, Jack H., 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 #42-31340 Miss Liberty**

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|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| P   | Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt         |
| NAV | Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt         |
| BOM | Schobert, William A., Jr., 2Lt |
| ENG | Jones, Donald E., S/Sgt        |
| RO  | Jensen, Dale E., S/Sgt         |
| BT  | Barth, Harry W., Sgt           |
| TG  | Healy, Edward P., Sgt          |
| WG  | Hlavac, George A., Sgt         |

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

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Foley, Norment, 2Lt         |
| CP  | Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt        |
| NAV | Conklin, James M., 2Lt      |
| BOM | Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt |
| ENG | Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt     |
| RO  | Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Stewart, Charles R., Sgt    |
| GT  | Karp, Harold, S/Sgt         |
| WG  | Gordley, Damon, Sgt         |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Cohl, Jules R., 1Lt       |
| NAV | Levin, Albert, 2Lt        |
| BOM | Shelley, David R., 2Lt    |
| ENG | Coyne, John A., S/Sgt     |
| RO  | Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt |
| BT  | Evans, Ralph V., Sgt      |
| TG  | Bur, Robert D., Sgt       |
| WG  | Koppes, Carl A., Sgt      |

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### **B-17G #43-37930 (No Name)**

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|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | Mosel, Arnold, 2Lt            |
| CP  | Howard, Victor L., 2Lt        |
| NAV | Strangohr, Bruce C., 2Lt      |
| BOM | Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt         |
| ENG | Conley, Donald H., S/Sgt      |
| RO  | Groth, Gerald J., S/Sgt       |
| BT  | Crawford, Frank J., Sgt       |
| TG  | Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., Sgt |
| WG  | Koshar, Jerome J., Sgt        |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Atwell, Arley L., 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 #42-97748 - PFF (305BG)**

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|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Baehr, Kenneth C., 2Lt       |
| CP  | King, John E., F/O           |
| NAV | Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt      |
| NAV | Anderson, H.R., 1Lt          |
| BOM | Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt       |
| 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 #42-97546 Idaliza**

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|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Shields, Edward F., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt  |
| NAV | Mundell, William K., F/O     |
| BOM | Lee, Wilbur W., 2Lt          |
| ENG | Nagel, Leeland J., S/Sgt     |
| RO  | Chastain, Robert R., Sgt     |
| BT  | Horwitz, Charles, Sgt        |
| TG  | Skubal, Joseph J., Sgt       |
| WG  | Sheehan, Arthur E., Jr., Sgt |

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

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Boyle, Leo J., F/O         |
| NAV | Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt     |
| BOM | Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O |
| 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  |

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## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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

### **B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde***

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P Clark, Henry C., 2Lt  
 CP Vesey, Gilbert P., 2Lt  
 NAV Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt  
 BOM Brosius, Earl E., F/O  
 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 #42-102595 *Little Tush***

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P Cook, Harry 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 #43-37666 *Full House***

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P Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt  
 CP Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt  
 NAV Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt  
 BOM Cooper, Edward G., 1Lt  
 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 #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  
 WG Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt  
 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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P McCall, Robert S., 2Lt  
 CP Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt  
 NAV Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt  
 BOM Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt  
 TT Grossman, Howard A., Sgt  
 BT Veljkov, Paul, Sgt  
 RO Murphy, William A., S/Sgt  
 TG Warner, Vester W., Sgt  
 WG Ross, Edward E., Sgt

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

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P Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt  
 CP Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 2Lt  
 NAV Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt  
 BOM Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt  
 TT Willison, Warren, S/Sgt  
 BT Burford, Joseph A., Sgt  
 RO Ellis, James A., S/Sgt  
 TG Grove, John W., Sgt  
 WG Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

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

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P Davis, Robert W., 2Lt  
 CP Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt  
 NAV Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O  
 BOM Bryan, Fred W., F/O  
 TT Hughes, Roy D., Sgt  
 BT Johnson, Charles H., Sgt  
 RO Gorman, Eugene R., Sgt  
 TG Foley, William J., Sgt  
 WG Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady***

|     |                                |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| 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           |

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

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Newton, John A., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Lange, George L., 2Lt     |
| ENG | Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt   |
| 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 #42-97281 *Queenie***

|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Keating, Donald W., 1Lt     |
| CP  | Kendall, Dallas E., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Pero, Aloyius R., 1Lt       |
| BOM | Coughlin, George A., 1Lt    |
| TT  | Foerster, LeRoy H.M., S/Sgt |
| BT  | Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt |
| RO  | Longo, Angelo L., Sgt       |
| TG  | Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt      |
| WG  | Wilson, Robert J., Sgt      |

### **B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby***

|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Mitchell, Fred E., 1Lt      |
| CP  | Flowers, Selwyn D., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Curley, Walter A., 1Lt      |
| BOM | Umphress, F.E., Jr., 1Lt    |
| TT  | Cavagnol, Joseph J., T/Sgt  |
| BT  | Landa, Hyman J., S/Sgt      |
| RO  | Benevento, Andrew G., S/Sgt |
| WG  | Byers, William R., S/Sgt    |
| TG  | Carpenter, Robert R., S/Sgt |

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

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Drewry, James A., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt |
| NAV | Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt       |
| BOM | Burke, James D., 2Lt       |
| TT  | Koch, Edward H., Sgt       |
| BT  | Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt    |
| RO  | Nash, Leslie G., Sgt       |
| TG  | Fidell, Frederick C., Sgt  |
| WG  | Dorrah, Walter R., S/Sgt   |