

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 226

12 August 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yards, Metz, France

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 21,000, 20,450 & 19,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**B**rigadier General Robert F. **Travis** led the Fortresses from Molesworth to a large scale attack on the Metz marshalling yards. A combination of good weather, good visibility, and good flying led to a tight concentration of bombs on the marshalling yards — and extensive damage. One B-17 returned early: #42-97972 (*No Name*), 359BS (Lt. **Freeland**), with internal failure of the No. 4 engine.

Thirty-eight aircraft dropped 456 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs. There were no clouds in the target area and visibility was 15 miles. The Group encountered no enemy aircraft. Friendly support was good. Anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate. Returning aircraft had no battle damage.

One Group B-17 was missing — #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 359BS (Lt. **Cathey**). It was last seen circling an airfield southeast of Cherbourg, France, with its wheels down. The crew returned to Molesworth the next day



**GARETH G. LEE CREW - 358th BS**

(crew assigned 358BS: 07 Jun 1944 - photo: June 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Gareth G. Lee (P), F/O William E. Bowman (CP),

2Lt Charles D. Townsend (B), 2Lt Morris Sweig (N)

(Front L-R) Sgt Joseph D. Grundon, S/Sgt Victor H. Leimgruebler, Sgt James E. Adkinson,

Sgt Anthony Medici, Sgt Martin Olive, Sgt Gerald D. Newman

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

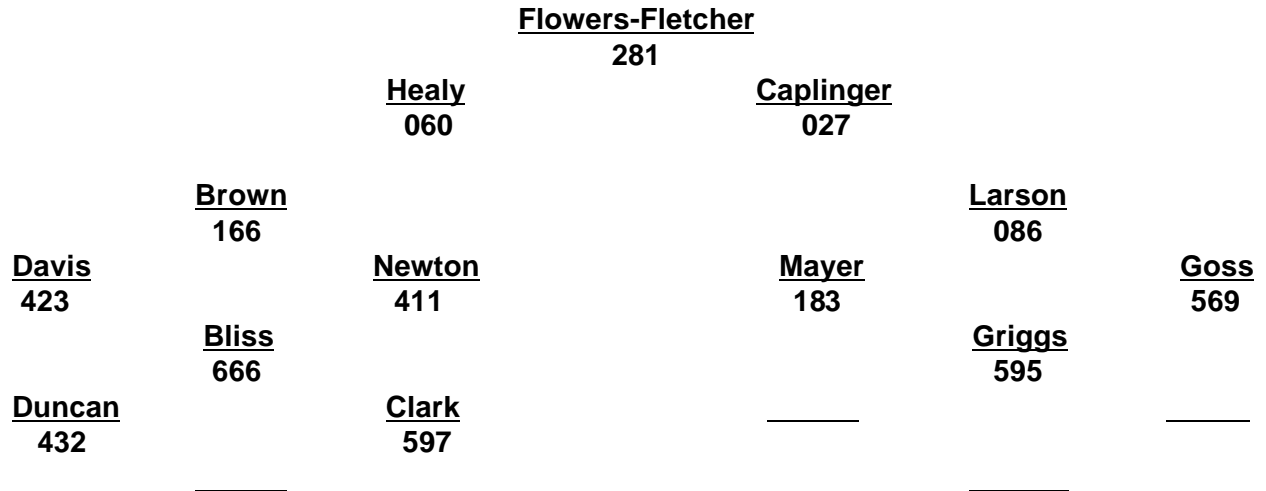
		<u>Casello-Travis</u> 629			
		<u>Bennett</u> 329		<u>Crawford</u> 841	
	<u>Nafius</u> 805			<u>Riseden</u> 680	
<u>Michaelis</u> 860		<u>Foley</u> 853		<u>Cathey</u> 177	<u>Whittall</u> 739
	<u>Yarnall</u> 861			<u>Atwell</u> 124	
<u>Mehlhoff</u> 930		<u>Connelly</u> 893	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Eisenhart-Whitlock</u> 484			
		<u>Mowrey</u> 483		<u>Akers</u> 309	
	<u>Walker</u> 781			<u>Lee</u> 065	
<u>Virag</u> 496		<u>Gould</u> 050		<u>Smithy</u> 291	<u>Freeland</u> 972
	<u>Brabant</u> 076			<u>Jenkins</u> 830	
<u>McDavid</u> 206		<u>Chance</u> 944	_____		_____
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One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:  
Lt. Freeland in 972

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



## 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 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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

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

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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 #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

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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 #44-6291 (*No Name*)**

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P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
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 #42-31183 *Bad Penny***

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P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 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 #42-102680 (*No Name*)**

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P	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, S/Sgt
WG	Munn, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
BT	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
TG	Oss, Frank E., S/Sgt

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

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

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P Cathey, John L., 2Lt  
CP Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt  
NAV Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt  
BOM Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt  
ENG Reichling, Howard B., Sgt  
WG Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt  
RO Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt  
TG Moerman, Arie, Sgt  
BT Nelson, Bert C., Sgt

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

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P Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt  
CP Johnson, Hugh B., 2Lt  
NAV Weber, George F., 2Lt  
BOM Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt  
ENG Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt  
BT Blinebury, Joseph A., Sgt  
RO Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt  
WG Beck, Harold P., Sgt  
TG Reimche, George K., Sgt

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

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P Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt  
CP Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt  
NAV Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt  
BOM Kosta, Alexander, 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  
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## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

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P Gould, Graham C., 1Lt  
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 #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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P Akers, Robert O., 1Lt  
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 #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III***

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P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt  
CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt  
NAV Kennedy, Clyde R., 1Lt  
BOM McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt  
ENG Pordham, Jack F., T/Sgt  
RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt  
BT Hundley, Walter L., Sgt  
TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt  
WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

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

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

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

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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 #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

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P Virag, Andy R., 2Lt  
CP Beck, Edward R., 2Lt  
NAV Harrison, Hertzell, 2Lt  
BOM Rhyne, John C., Jr., 2Lt  
ENG Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt  
RO Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt  
BT Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt  
TG Bowman, John H., Sgt  
WG Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

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

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

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P McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt  
CP Beeman, Richard, 2Lt  
NAV King, Robert L., 2Lt  
BOM Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt  
ENG Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt  
RO Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt  
BT Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt  
TG Linville, Warren N., Sgt  
WG Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

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P Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt  
CP Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt  
NAV Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt  
BOM Beers, Donald B., 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 #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight***

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P Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt  
CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt  
NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt  
BOM Couch, William M., 2Lt  
ENG Menasco, Elmer W., Sgt  
RO Miller, Albert, Sgt  
BT Moss, Shirley L., Cpl  
TG Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl  
WG Torre, Leo A., Cpl

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

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P Eisenhart, William E., Capt  
CP Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt  
NAV Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt  
BOM Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt  
ENG Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt  
RO Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt  
BT Leonard, Joseph P., S/Sgt  
TG Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt  
WG Vanlandingham, John C., S/Sgt  
PHO Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
TG	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Gordley, Damon, S/Sgt

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

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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 #42-97860 (No Name)**

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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	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
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

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

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P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

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

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P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt



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

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

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P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
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 #42-97805 (No Name)**

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P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

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

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P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
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 #43-37629 (No Name)**

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P	Casello, John J., Maj
CP	Travis, Robert F., Gen
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 1Lt
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., 1Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., T/Sgt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., T/Sgt
TG	Krogh, Kenneth R., S/Sgt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., S/Sgt
WG	Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
PAS	Cohl, Jules R., 1Lt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 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 #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone***

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P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
BOM	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
TT	Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Leal, Raymond T., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Phillip E., S/Sgt
TG	Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt
WG	DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt

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

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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 #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon***

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P	Clark, Henry C., 2Lt
CP	Vesy, 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 #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., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Sutton, Marvin A., 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

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

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

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P Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt  
 CP Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt  
 NAV Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt  
 BOM Bober, Stanley, 2Lt  
 TT Toth, Ernest, Sgt  
 BT Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt  
 RO Mittell, Philip P., Sgt  
 TG Holen, Theodore J., Sgt  
 WG Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

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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

**B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel***

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P Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt  
 CP Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt  
 NAV Morrison, Martin, F/O  
 BOM Byrne, D.A., 2Lt  
 TT Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt  
 BT Ralph, William L., Sgt  
 RO Murphy, William O., Sgt  
 TG Chalcraft, Charles P., S/Sgt  
 WG Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

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

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P Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt  
 CP Fletcher, John E., 1Lt  
 NAV Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt  
 BOM Coughlin, George A., 1Lt  
 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