

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 231

24 August 1944

Target: Leuna Synthetic Oil Plant at Merseburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crewmembers Killed or Wounded: 1 crewman KIA

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 15 minutes

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

Bombing Altitudes: 25,100, 24,950 & 24,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 40,820 rounds

A frequent target, the oil plant at Merseburg was scheduled for another attack, much to the dread of the assigned combat crews. Bombardiers dropped 1,324 100-lb. H.P. M30 bombs from 25,100, 24,950, and 24,500 ft. Visibility was excellent with 3/10 to 4/10 low clouds. The bombs hit a large area of the huge plant and started many fires and explosions. One aircraft dropped 36 100-lb. G.P. bombs on the Kordhols airfield as a target of opportunity.

From 20 to 25 enemy fighters were seen southeast of Hamburg and in the target area, but there were no attacks on 303rd BG(H) aircraft. Friendly fighter support was good. Anti-aircraft fire was very intense and accurate – probably the most ever encountered by 303rd BG(H) crewmen. The lead and high Group aircraft sustained 19 major and 4 minor instances of battle damage.



1Lt John W. Shupe

The 427BS lead B-17G #42-97691, had an exceptionally rough trip. Navigator 1Lt. John W. **Shupe** assisted Bombardier 1Lt. F.E. **Umphress** in locating the aiming point at Merseburg. Lt. **Umphress** noticed blood from Lt. **Shupe's** arm spurting across the nose of the aircraft. Lt. **Umphress** continued his bomb run and released the bombs with excellent results. Lt. **Shupe** continued to point out check points despite being in great pain and suffering from shock and loss of blood. He called the pilot, Capt. Robert W. **Sheets**, giving him the compass heading for home, then lost consciousness. The bombardier administered first aid and made Lt. **Shupe** as comfortable as possible. The lead crew stated that the excellent bombing results by the 41st CBW would not have been possible without the help of the seriously wounded Lt. **Shupe** in pointing out check points in the target area.

Three low Group aircraft received major damage. Nine men in the returning aircraft were wounded. The 359BS was hit especially hard. Two aircraft were lost. 2Lt. John C. **Rhyne**, bombardier on #42-102496 *Special Delivery*, was killed in action by flak shrapnel. These were the first losses in the last 65 missions of the 359BS – since 30 May.



2Lt John C. Rhyne



**JACK R. HILLARY CREW - 359th BS**

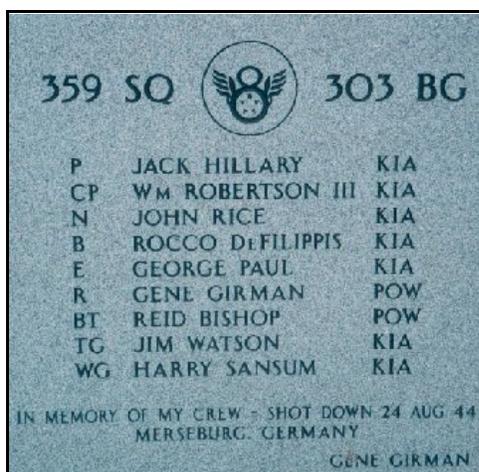
(crew assigned 359BS: 16 July 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Jack R. Hillary (P), 2Lt William Robertson III (CP),

2Lt John E. Rice (N), 2Lt Rocco DeFilippis (B)

(Front L-R) Sgt Neldon Reid Bishop (BT), S/Sgt George E. Paul (E),

Sgt H. Sansum (WG), T/Sgt Eugene E. Girman (R), Sgt James R. Watson (TG)



*Hillary Crew Memorial Plaque at the Mighty Eighth  
Air Force Heritage Museum, Pooler, GA*

#42-97291 *Mysis Dragon*, 359BS, piloted by 2Lt. Jack R. **Hillary**, suffered a direct hit in the bomb bay on the bomb run at 1205 hours. It peeled off and went into a vertical dive. Only two parachutes were seen. S/Sgt. Eugene E. **Girman** and Sgt. Neldon Reid **Bishop** were picked up near the target and taken to hospitals at Leipzig, Hohmalk, Menmigne, and Obermassfield. They then were at POW camps Dulag Luft, Gross Tychow, Nurnberg and Moosburg. They were rescued on 29 April 1945 by the 14th Armored Division, were transported to Camp Lucky Strike and were shipped home on a Liberty ship. Jack R. **Hillary**, William **Robertson**, John **Rice**, Rocco **DeFilippis**, George E. **Paul**, James R. **Watson** and Harry R. **Sansom** were killed in action.



**ORIGINAL TRUMAN K. ELDRIDGE CREW - 359th BS**

**(crew assigned 359BS: 17 June 1944 - photo: 26 June 1944)**

(Back L-R) Cpl Ralph T. Strong (BT), Sgt Andrew T. Panos (TG), S/Sgt Samuel A. Rowlett, Jr. (R),  
S/Sgt Frederick E. Barnes (E), Sgt LaFon Wesley (WG), Cpl Darwin D. Hopkins (WG)  
(Front L-R) 2Lt Truman K. Eldridge (P), 2Lt James A. Durkin (N),  
2Lt Sanders H. Campbell (B), 2Lt Daniel J. Sheehan, Jr. (CP)

#42-97994 (*No Name*) PFF, 359BS piloted by 1Lt. Truman K. **Eldridge**, was hit by flak. It slid out of formation to the right with one engine burning badly, nosed over and went down near Merseburg. Lt. **Eldridge**, 2Lt. Daniel J. **Sheehan**, Jr., 1Lt. William D. **Carey**, 2Lt. Lisle G. **Saum**, 1Lt. Loren F. **Rawlings**, T/Sgt. Frederick E. **Barnes**, T/Sgt. Samuel A. **Rowlett**, Jr., S/Sgt. Ralph T. **Strong**, S/Sgt. LaFon **Wesley** and S/Sgt. Andrew T. **Panos** were all captured and became POWs.

1Lt. Carl L. **DuBose**, Jr., was conducting a 1st pilot transition flight for 2Lt L.F. **Droll** in #44-6166 *The Red*, 427BS. While taxiing to the dispersal after landing, they both hit the brakes to avoid hitting an English workman's bus parked on the right side of the taxi strip. Their B-17 nosed over damaging the chin turret and nose section. It then rocked back damaging the tail surface when the tail wheel collapsed.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Sheets-C. Johnson</u> 691 - PFF			
		<u>Caplinger</u> 060		<u>Eldridge</u> 994 - PFF	
	<u>Bliss</u> 666			<u>Hillary</u> 291	
<u>Healy</u> 099		<u>Drewry</u> 885		<u>Virag</u> 496	<u>Gaines</u> 309
	<u>Hamilton</u> 411			<u>Cureton</u> 027	
<u>Davis</u> 197		<u>Duncan</u> 569		_____	_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Lynch-Rosser</u> 574			
		<u>Goering</u> 238		<u>H. Johnson</u> 739	
	<u>Lee</u> 065			<u>Altman</u> 781	
<u>Mayer</u> 176		<u>Stark</u> 949		<u>Lorentz</u> 076	<u>Underdown</u> 944
	<u>Freeland</u> 200			<u>Paullin</u> 298	
<u>McConnell</u> 186		<u>McCutcheon</u> 8206		_____	_____
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Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:  
 Lt. Underdown in 944  
 Lt. Drewry in 885

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Wilson-Fontana</u></b>				
<b>629</b>				
	<b><u>Atwell</u></b>		<b><u>Butler</u></b>	
	<b>930</b>		<b>329</b>	
	<b><u>Nafius</u></b>		<b><u>Brabant</u></b>	
	<b>340</b>		<b>483</b>	
<b><u>Mehlhoff</u></b>		<b><u>Hobbs</u></b>	<b><u>Chance</u></b>	<b><u>Gould</u></b>
<b>124</b>		<b>841</b>	<b>7206</b>	<b>830</b>
	<b><u>Yarnall</u></b>		<b><u>Shields</u></b>	
	<b>860</b>		<b>196</b>	
<b><u>Kuykendall</u></b>		<b><u>Juns</u></b>	_____	_____
<b>893</b>		<b>187</b>		
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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 #43-38200 (No Name)**

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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	Paullin, James R., 2Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., S/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
BOM	Townsend, Charles D., 1Lt
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 #43-38206 *Silver Fox***

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P	McCutcheon, George E., 2Lt
CP	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Kiesel, Frederic T., 2Lt
ENG	Burcham, Johnnie O., S/Sgt
WG	Fouk, Donald H., Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., Cpl
TG	Kinsman, George R., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38186 (No Name)**

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P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Thomas, Charles E., 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	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt

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

### **B-17G #43-38238 (No Name)**

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P	Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Wagner, William H., S/Sgt
BT	LaPerch, William J., Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Welson T., 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	Carloss, Earl W., 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 #43-38176 Bouncing Betty II**

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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	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Lynch, Robert J., Capt
CP	Rosser, Samuel E., 1Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 1Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
BOM	Ledbetter, Lamar E., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
BT	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt
WG	Foster, William D., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

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

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 #42-97291 Myasis Dragon CR-L**

P	Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Robertson, William III, 2Lt	KIA
NAV	Rice, John E., 2Lt	KIA
BOM	DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt	KIA
ENG	Paul, George E., S/Sgt	KIA
RO	Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt	POW
BT	Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt	POW
TG	Watson, James R., Pvt	KIA
WG	Sansom, Harry R., Sgt	KIA

### **B-17G #42-97781 The '8' Ball MK III**

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 #44-6076 Liberty Run**

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt	
CP	Scott, Robert H., 2Lt	
NAV	Smith, William A., 2Lt	
BOM	Hewitt, LeRoy A., 2Lt	
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., Sgt	
RO	Ringen, Walter E., Sgt	
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl	
TG	Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt	
WG	Gonser, Dwight W., Cpl	

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

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

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

### **B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

P     Gaines, Edmund W., 2Lt  
 CP    Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt  
 NAV   Lewtas, Ralph A., 2Lt  
 BOM   Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt  
 ENG   Fragasso, Glenn, S/Sgt  
 RO     Lawson, Lucien P., S/Sgt  
 BT     Tisdale, Elmo O., Cpl  
 TG     Shrader, James F., Sgt  
 WG     Heffran, James J., Cpl

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

P     Gould, Graham C., 1Lt  
 CP    Lasker, Yale, 2Lt  
 NAV   Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt  
 TOG   Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt  
 ENG   Davis, Eugene B., T/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 #42-97994 - PFF - CR-L**

P	Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt	POW
CP	Sheehan, Daniel J., 2Lt	POW
MN	Saum, Lisle G., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Carey, William D., 1Lt	POW
BOM	Rawlings, Loren F.	POW
ENG	Barnes, Frederick E., T/Sgt	POW
RO	Rowlett, Samuel A., T/Sgt	POW
BT	Strong, Ralph T., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Panos, Andrew T., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Wesley, LaFon, S/Sgt	POW

### **B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight***

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
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## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Petree, Wendell R., T/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 #43-37930 (No Name)**

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P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Ralph T., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Northam, James B., S/Sgt
WG	Donohoe, Thomas D., Sgt

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

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P	Juns, Frank, 2Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
BOM	Thomas, Edward H., 2Lt
ENG	Finnell, Calvin E., S/Sgt
RO	Wimer, Maurice H., Sgt
BT	Oberly, Eldridge C., Sgt
TG	Englis, Hiram E., Cpl
WG	Branin, James J., Cpl

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

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P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
BOM	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 #42-107196 *Tempress***

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P	Shields, Edward F., 2Lt
CP	Cooter, William M., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., F/O
BOM	Lee, Wilbur W., 2Lt
ENG	Nagel, Leeland J., S/Sgt
RO	Dennerle, Almo W., S/Sgt
BT	Horwitz, Charles, Sgt
TG	Skubal, Joseph J., Sgt
WG	Sheehan, Arthur E., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt
TG	Alexander, John P., Sgt
WG	Dubin, Martin M., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #44-6124 (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 #42-31340 Miss Liberty**

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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., S/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt

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

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P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
BOM	Holden, John E., 2Lt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., Sgt
RO	Christ, Donald R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., Jr., Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

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

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P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
WG	Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 1Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt
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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Duncan, Thomas A., 1Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
T	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr, 2Lt
NAV	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 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 #42-107099 *Old 99***

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P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
T	Henry, Donivan D., 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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace***

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P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert D., S/Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38197 *(No Name)***

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P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Smith, Leonard C., S/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO	Pope, Lester L., Sgt
TG	Haines, James W., S/Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

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

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

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P Sheets, Robert W., Capt  
P Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt  
NAV Shupe, John W., 1Lt WIA  
NAV Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt  
NAV Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt  
BOM Umphress, F.E., Jr., 1Lt  
TT Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt  
RO Yonge, Walter C., S/Sgt  
WG Conlan, Thomas J., T/Sgt  
TG Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt  
WG Hollrith, Alfred K., S/Sgt