

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 243

17 September 1944

Target: Eindhoven and Hertogenbosch (Areas),  
The Netherlands

Crews Dispatched: 37

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 30 x 260 lb M81 Fragmentation bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 15,700 to 16,400 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,775 rounds

**T**hirty-seven 303rd BG(H) B-17s flew as six Squadrons in the 41st CBW in direct support of ground troops sent in by parachute and gliders (Operation MARKET GARDEN).

In the target area, there were 2/10 to 3/10 low clouds, no middle-clouds, 10/10 clouds above the bombing altitude and some slight haze.

Thirty-six aircraft dropped 1,072 260 lb. M81 fragmentation bombs from 15,700 to 16,400 ft. The 303 BG(H) N-O-P (1st Group) bombs hit in a wooded area where enemy tank and gun concentrations were located. The "Q" Squadron scored direct hits on its assigned MPI, also three roads and an intersection. The "R" Squadron bombs hit in an open field, missing its target and were unobserved. Aircraft #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*, 358BS (**Twomey**), failed to bomb. The bombardier forgot to put his bomb select lever in the operating position. Bombs were returned to Molesworth. Others dropped their bombs visually.

Fighter support by 141 P-51s was fair. No enemy aircraft were sighted and no anti-aircraft fire came up in spite of the importance of the target. All bombers returned safely and there were no casualties.

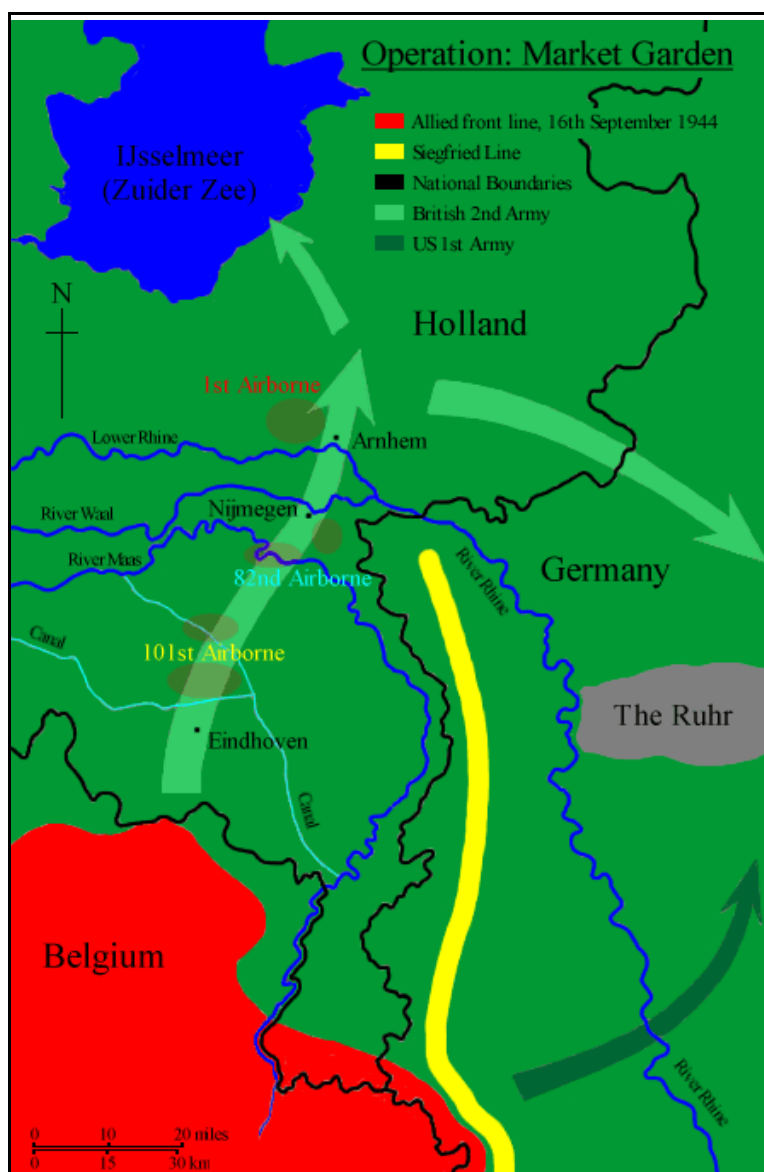
## **OPERATION: MARKET GARDEN**

by Ron Kilber

Operation Market Garden was a WWII Allied effort into Nazi-occupied Holland to capture some strategic territory between Belgium and Arnhem, a distance of about 100 miles. By reclaiming vital land, the Allies hoped to isolate the enemy in the western part of the country from those in Germany, and also to create a base of operation to eventually strike into the Nazi homeland.

By isolating the Germans in western Holland, it was thought that they would surrender easily, and more importantly for England, success would mean an end to the German V1 and V2 rockets, which were aimed and fired incessantly at London.

From a military perspective, it was important to establish a base of operation north of the Rhine near Arnhem. Anywhere else meant the armies had to deal with rivers,



canals and dikes, all of which are insurmountable obstacles when attempting to move men and armor. Not only that, bridges are vulnerable to attack and destruction by the enemy.

To establish the new base of operation, men and equipment had to be moved from Belgium all the way to Arnhem, and they had to do it through Nazi-occupied territory. Along the way, there were five or so rivers and canals which had to be crossed, and each bridge crossing was controlled and protected by the Germans. Before any Allied army in Belgium could successfully fight its way to Arnhem, the bridges across the rivers had to be first taken and then controlled. That's where the paratroopers came into the picture.

Operation Market Garden included the single, largest, airborne military operation in the history of the world to date. Almost 39,000 armed men, including US, British, and Polish troops, participated in the airborne action. Due to limited airlift capacity, the operation had to be performed in three waves into the three invasion zones in Holland, being an area north of Eindhoven, an area south and east of Nijmegen, and an area west of Arnhem. The first two areas were selected for drop zones because they were near the bridges, the third which was farthest from the objective because it had the best conditions for glider landings. The bridges had to be taken and held so that Allied ground forces could move northward from Belgium towards Arnhem, and create a base of operation to eventually strike into Germany.

From twenty-three air bases in England, the airborne effort commenced on September 17, 1944, and continued until September 25, 1944. On the same day, the ground operation also started from its base in Belgium.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Sheets-Bliss</u> 281		
		<u>Gano</u> 197		<u>Glasgow</u> 805
			<u>Healy</u> 099	
		<u>O'Leary</u> 666		<u>Newton</u> 569
	<u>Moreman</u> 484			<u>Wilson-Kuykendall</u> 544
<u>Frazier</u> 326		<u>Lorentz</u> 258		<u>Butler</u> 546
	<u>Baltes</u> 781			
<u>Gould</u> 206		<u>Miller</u> 496		<u>Baehr</u> 930
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				<u>Bennett</u> 187

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Rosser-Bergeron</u> 191		
		<u>McConnell</u> 186		<u>Twomey-Bowman</u> 739
			<u>Paullin</u> 574	
		<u>McKinley</u> 200		<u>Gillespie</u> 176
	<u>Fontana</u> 318			<u>Morgan</u> 537
<u>Matheson</u> 861		<u>Michaelis</u> 860		<u>McDavid</u> 893
	<u>Mayer</u> 065			
<u>White</u> 949		<u>Holm</u> 590		<u>Hamilton</u> 311
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				<u>Ackerman</u> 875
				<u>Griggs</u> 597

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

### **B-17G #43-38200 (No Name)**

P	McKinley, Ralph C., 2Lt
CP	Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Green, George A., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Burlen, Sgt
WG	Devaney, Thomas J., Sgt
RO	Moll, Richard S., Sgt
BT	Clark, Woodrow E., Sgt
TG	Soule, Evan R., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38176 *Bouncing Betty II***

P	Gillespie, Glenn H., 2Lt
CP	Cassidy, Francis D., 2Lt
NAV	Guthmann, Richard F., 2Lt
BOM	Pischke, Robert L., 2Lt
ENG	Henry, James S., Sgt
WG	DiMascola, Michael G., Sgt
RO	Krawiecki, Alexander J., Sgt
BT	Rhodes, Edward B., Sgt
TG	Chaltraw, Richard J., Sgt

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

P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

#### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><b>CREW POSITIONS</b></p> <p>CMP - Command Pilot  P - Pilot  CP - Co-Pilot  NAV - Navigator  ANV - Ass't. Navigator  MNV - Mickey Navigator  ENG - Engineer  BOM - Bombardier  RO - Radio Operator</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter  OBS - Observer  PAS - Passenger  PHO - Photographer</p> <p><b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b></p> <p>KIA - Killed in action  WIA - Wounded in action  MIA - Missing in action  POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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P	Paullin, James R., 2Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 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	Bowman, William E., 2Lt
CP	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Morrin T., Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

### **B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady***

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P	Holm, Maurice M., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Copeland, George E., Sgt

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

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P	McConnell, John, 1Lt
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	Messerich, Jerome P., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta***

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

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
TOG	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, 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 #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

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P	Miller, William F., 2Lt
CP	Hill, John D., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Conn, Arthur A., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Teddy A., 1Lt
ENG	Waldron, Leo F., Cpl
RO	Smolar, Max, Cpl
BT	Ball, Warren G., Cpl
TG	Hutson, Johnny C., Cpl
WG	Zelnio, Anthony D., Cpl

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

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P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	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 #44-8326 *(No Name)***

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P	Frazier, Eugene C., 2Lt
CP	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV	Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
BOM	Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG	Borges, Gilbert C., Sgt
RO	Trainor, Donald W., Cpl
BT	Charron, Raymond H., Cpl
TG	McCullough, Luther, Jr., Cpl
WG	Anderson, Eston R., Cpl

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

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P	Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
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., Sgt
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
WG	Torre, Leo A., Sgt

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

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P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Cappucci, Joseph R., T/Sgt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Zielinski, William J., Cpl
WG	Linville, Warren M., Sgt

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

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

P Morgan, William D., 1Lt  
 CP Akers, Robert O., 1Lt  
 NAV Hogan, Paul C., 1Lt  
 BOM Hoover, William L., Capt  
 ENG Hayes, Theron M., T/Sgt  
 RO Stemmler, Edwin C., T/Sgt  
 BT Lloyd, Stanley W., S/Sgt  
 TG Caperton, James R., S/Sgt  
 WG Gross, James J., S/Sgt

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

P Moreman, Robert, 1Lt  
 CP Ward, Duane G., 2Lt  
 NAV Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt  
 BOM Nance, George H., 1Lt  
 ENG Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt  
 RO Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt  
 BT Leonard, Joseph L., S/Sgt  
 TG Vogel, Cletus H., S/Sgt  
 WG Alexander, Ray, S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oily***

P Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt  
 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



#### **ARTHUR LORENTZ CREW - 359th BS**

**B-17G Liberty Run #44-6076 (359BS) BN-Y**

**(crew assigned 359BS: 25 July 1944 - photo: 29 Aug 1944)**

(Back L-R) 1Lt Arthur Lorentz (P), 2Lt Robert H. Scott (CP),  
 2Lt Leroy A. Hewitt (B), 2Lt William A. Smith (N)

(Front L-R) S/Sgt Gerald W. Clark (RWG), T/Sgt Jon B. Kreager (E), T/Sgt Walter E. Ringen (R),  
 S/Sgt Earl F. Ingalls (BT), S/Sgt Dwight W. Gonser (LWG), S/Sgt Paul L. Greenwald (TG)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Railing, Charles F., Jr., 2Lt
CP	McCarl, Howard D., 2Lt
NAV	Leibovitz, Meyer, 2Lt
BOM	Willson, Louis H., 2Lt
ENG	Mellon, James B., Jr., Sgt
RO	Hanna, William M., Sgt
BT	Burgeson, Lawrence L., Sgt
TG	Barber, Ralph K., Sgt
WG	Cole, Lorne R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8318 (No Name)**

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P	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 1Lt
BOM	Duros, Constantine J., 2Lt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
TG	Price, Kirkland T., S/Sgt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt
BT	Durfee, James R., S/Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Matheson, John A., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, James C., 2Lt
NAV	Gould, Charles L., 2Lt
BOM	Hamann, Lorin W., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, Jimmie R., Sgt
RO	Jeambey, Leo E., Sgt
BT	Hagan, Lloyd D., Sgt
TG	Coughlin, Charles R., Sgt
WG	Fredenburg, William E., Sgt

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

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P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 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 #42-97853 Lucky Linda**

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P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV	Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Cox, James D., S/Sgt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt



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

### **B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza***

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

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

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P Wilson, William M., 1Lt  
CP Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt  
NAV Klein, Norman M., 2Lt  
BOM Blythe, Robert W., 1Lt  
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

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

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P Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt  
CP King, John E., 2Lt  
NAV Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt  
BOM Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt  
ENG Brackett, Clarence H., T/Sgt  
BT Decker, Bruce O., S/Sgt  
RO Ploeger, Jesse, T/Sgt  
TG Keipper, Carl E., S/Sgt  
WG Baldwin, Kenton F., S/Sgt  
OBS Johnson, Hans C., Maj

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
NAV	Dubois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., Sgt
TG	Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Proper, George M., Sgt

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

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P	Gano, Frederick, 2Lt
CP	Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV	Maniscalco, John B., 2Lt
BOM	Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
TT	Anthony, George E., Sgt
BT	Coyle, Arthur J., Sgt
RO	Meixner, Edward M., Sgt
TG	Nelson, Edward F., Sgt
WG	Burkermer, Robert F., Sgt

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

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P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., S/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
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
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 #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby***

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P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Newton, George C., 2Lt
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 2Lt
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., Sgt
TG	Karr, Leslie E., Sgt
WG	Simon, Lawrence E., Sgt

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

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

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P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Kacere, Michael J., 2Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Kernodle, John T., Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	DeVaney, Bernard C., Sgt
TG	Carver, Harold R., Sgt
WG	DeCicco, Frank C., Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II***

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P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Jones, Jesse T., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Glasgow, Charles G., 1Lt
CP	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
NAV	Cashman, John H., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Goff, Homer W., 2Lt
TT	McGlinn, John H., S/Sgt
BT	McConathy, Jethern J., Jr., Sgt
RO	Britz, Robert T., Sgt
TG	Miller, James T., Sgt
WG	Lisabeth, Hilaire A., Sgt

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

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P	Sheets, Robert W., Capt
CP	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 1Lt
BOM	Umpress, F.E., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., T/Sgt
TG	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt