

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 244

19 September 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yards at Osnabruck & Hamm, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 36

Crew Members Wounded: T/Sgt. Gerald Meyer, WIA

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 30 minutes

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

Bombing Altitudes: 26,000 & 25,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 3,870 rounds

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis E. **Lyle** led the 41st CBW-B on his 55th 303rd BG(H) combat mission to attack the Hamm, Germany marshalling yards. The last resort targets were airfields at Gutersloh and Handorf, Germany. Aircraft #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*, 359BG (Lt. **Chance**), returned early with a disconnected gas line due to a broken hose clamp. It landed at Woodbridge.

The lead and low Groups dropped 282 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs on the primary target at Hamm from 26,000 and 25,500 ft. The high Group dropped 131 500-lb. bombs at Osnabruck from 25,000 ft. in the low Group position in the target area. Weather at the target was 4/10 to 5/10 low clouds with bases at 7,000 ft. and tops at 18,000 to 20,000 ft., 5/10 middle clouds with bases at 16,000 ft. and tops at 18,000 ft. and no high clouds.



T/Sgt. Gerald E. Meyer

No enemy aircraft were seen. Friendly fighter support by 109 P-47s and P-51s was good. Anti-aircraft fire was meager and fairly accurate at Hamm. The high Group encountered intense but inaccurate flak at Osnabruck and intense and accurate fire over the Ruhr Valley. Returning aircraft had eight major and fourteen minor instances of battle damage. T/Sgt. Gerald E. **Meyer**, radio operator on the 359BS Lt. **Akers** crew, flying in #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*, 359BS, was wounded.

Due to bad weather at Molesworth, only one B-17 returned to Base. Twenty-two aircraft landed at Bungay, 446BG: 10 at Boxted, 56FG; one at Dunmow, 56FG; one at Kimbolton, 379BG; and one at Woodbridge, an emergency field. A 384BG B-17, flying with the high Group, was lost to flak after bombs away.

THE RUHR VALLEY AND BAD WEATHER

by Herbert Shanker

The date was September 19, 1944. The 303rd Bomb Group was briefed to fly a bombing mission to Hamm, Germany. This mission would take seven and half hours. One of the 359th crews was that of 1Lt Robert O. Akers, Pilot (then of Lubbock, Texas). The waist gunner on this crew, an armament specialist, was S/Sgt Fulton R. Meyer.

The 359th was scheduled to fly with the High squadron of the Group, which meant that they would drop their bombs between the Lead squadron and the Low Squadron. At the IP the three squadrons separated and bombed individually, two minutes apart, and then reformed as a cohesive unit as quickly as possible to consolidate the Group's fire power for defensive purposes.

On this particular mission, the Lead squadron had two Radar equipped aircraft (code name Mickey) and the Low squadron had one Mickey ship. For some inexplicable reason, the High squadron had none. The 303rd BG was scheduled to be the last group to bomb this day which meant that the 359th Squadron would be the next to last squadron in the entire bomb stream to bomb.

As things worked out, the Lead and Low squadrons were able to bomb visually, therefore having no need for the radar aircraft for bombing purposes. The High squadron, on the other hand found the target obscured by clouds and made a 360 degree turn to make another attempt.

The second attempt was less successful than the first and so the High squadron "Lead" decided to find a "target of opportunity" on the way home. As the other two squadrons had completed their part in the mission, they took off for home, which was standard practice, so as to limit exposure to loss. All crews had been constantly briefed not to hang back to protect disabled aircraft as the practice usually resulted in greater loss.

The High squadron was now completely on its own as even our fighter escort had disappeared by this time. The squadron, consisting of 12 or 13 aircraft, eventually bombed the town of Osnabruck. Because of a navigational error after "Bombs Away," the squadron found itself in the Ruhr Valley, one of the most heavily defended areas in the world. At least one aircraft was shot down and all aircraft were subjected to extremely intense flak. The aircraft flown by the Aker's crew sustained something like 400 holes in the fuselage, its Radio Operator, T/Sgt. Gerald E. Meyer of Mill Valley, Calif., was wounded and all other crew members miraculously escaped being hit, although there were chunks of flak all through the aircraft.

The ammunition track of S/Sgt. Cletus H. Vogel, Tail Gunner, sustained a hit which caused several rounds of 50 caliber ammunition to "cook off," luckily being directed outward of the aircraft and not hitting Sgt. Vogel. All this while a very sharp watch was kept for the enemy fighters which fortunately, did not appear.

The formation was crossing the North Sea toward England, when on the Aker's aircraft, it was discovered that one of the 500 pound bombs had not dropped during the bomb run because of a bent triggering mechanism. The safety cotter pins had been removed from the bomb which is the first step toward creating a "live" bomb.

Lt Akers directed our armament specialist, S/Sgt. Fulton "Pop" Meyer to kick out the bomb. He then proceeded into the very narrow passageway in the bomb bay and, although handicapped by his flight gear and open bomb bay doors, somehow managed to release the bomb from its defective shackle and into the North Sea some 2,000 feet below.

All this without benefit of a parachute as it would have been impossible to work with a parachute attached. The thought of that bomb having been hung up during our fiery passage through the Ruhr Valley was chilling to all on board.

Our adventure was not yet over because the weather was so bad when we arrived over England that most of our formation landed at a fighter base, Boxted, home of the famed 56th Fighter Group, in completely zero visibility weather. The Akers aircraft had to go around for a second and successful pass when it was discovered that the left flap had been damaged by flak. The landing called for exceptional skill by Lt. Akers and Co-pilot Lt. Leslie W. Giddings to land a "hot" aircraft with non-existent visibility and on a strange field. They were equal to the task and, as a result, we are here today to tell the story.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

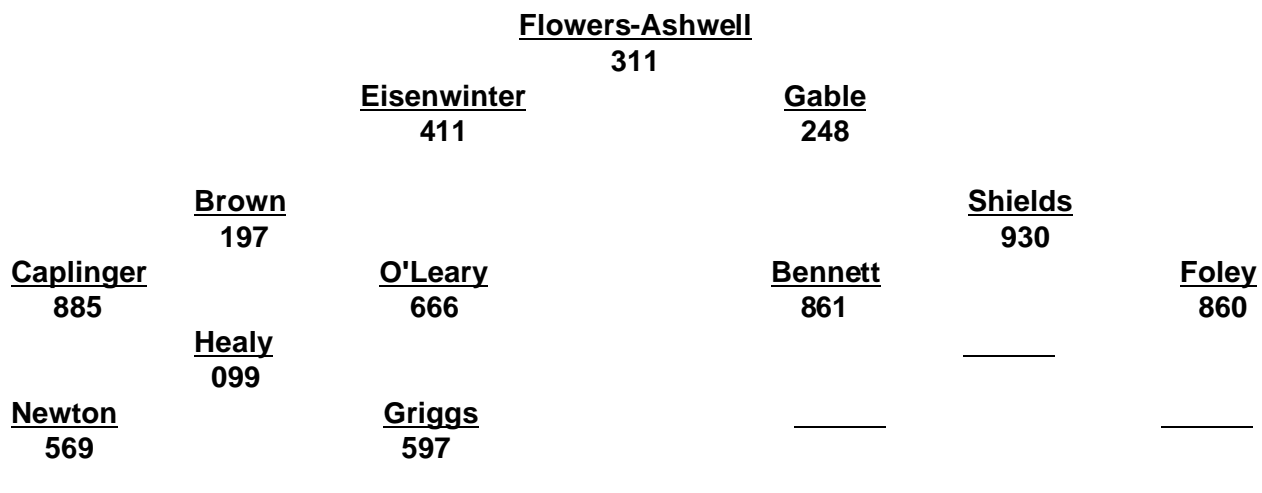
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<u>McConnell</u> 186		<u>Twomey</u> 006		<u>Railing</u> 124	<u>Butler</u> 546
	<u>Mayer</u> 065			_____	
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Moreman-Mainwaring</u> 537			
		<u>Miller</u> 206		<u>Mickle</u> 258	
	<u>Whitlock</u> 484			<u>Baehr</u> 544	
<u>Underdown</u> 326		<u>Chance</u> 944		<u>Matheson</u> 949	<u>McCutchan</u> 893
	<u>Akers</u> 781			_____	
<u>Carney</u> 875		<u>McDavid</u> 200		_____	_____
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One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Chance in 944

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



Nose Art on B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby 427BS (GN-O)

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
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 #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
TG	Casey, Lawrence, S/Sgt
WG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

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 #44-8125 *Sparky - PFF*

P	Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol
CP	Bergeron, Willard E., Capt
NAV	Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 1Lt
BOM	McCormick, James E., Maj
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
WG	Munn, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

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

P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James V., 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

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

P	Lay, William P., 2Lt
CP	Grenier, David A., 2Lt
NAV	Lasker, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Bohannon, Jackson R., 2Lt
ENG	Miller, Ray A., Sgt
WG	Hasper, Donald T., Sgt
RO	Kane, Fred E., Sgt
TG	Gillespie, Henry F., Sgt
BT	Kedzierski, Edward P., Sgt

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

P	Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Gustafson, Orall R., Sgt
BT	LaPerch, William J., Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

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

P	Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV	Poehlman, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Carlson, 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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #43-38200 (No Name)

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Linville, Warren M., Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG	Cappucci, Joseph R., T/Sgt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, T/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., T/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., S/Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., S/Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., S/Sgt

WIA

B-17G #44-8326 (No Name)

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 #42-102484 *Heller's Angel*

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt
CP	Zimmerman, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., S/Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sg
WG	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt
WG	Hawrat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

P	Carney, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt
ENG	Turner, Harold L., S/Sgt
RO	Foster, Albert A., S/Sgt
BT	Kayrallah, Emil, Sgt
TG	Howe, Clarence H., Sgt
WG	Encinas, William, Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

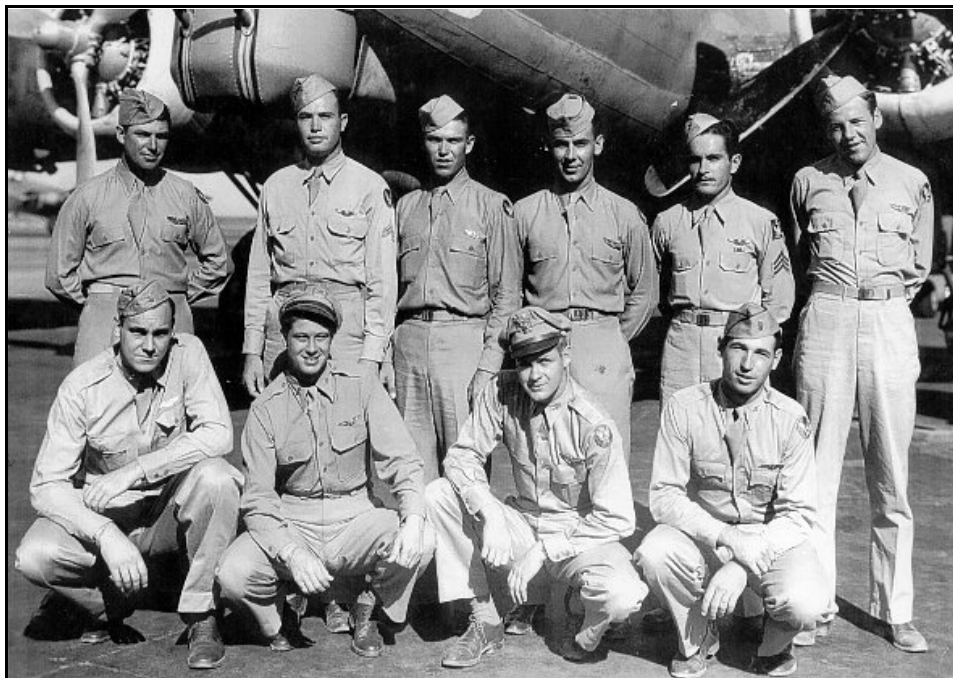
P Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
 CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
 NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
 BOM Couch, William M., 2Lt
 ENG Menasco, Elmer W., Sgt
 RO Miller, Albert, Sgt
 BT Moss, Shirley L., Sgt
 TG Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
 WG Torre, Leo A., Sgt
 (Abortive)

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

P Moreman, Robert, 1Lt
 CP Mainwaring, Charles O., 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 Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
 WG Alexander, Ray, S/Sgt
 PHO Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

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

P Mickle, James D., 1Lt
 CP Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt
 NAV O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
 BOM Schulze, William A., 2Lt
 ENG Humphrey, William B., Cpl
 RO Eagon, Dennis G., Cpl
 BT McKinley, A.B., Cpl
 TG Van Zile, Raymond J., Cpl
 WG Wentz, Robert D., Cpl



JAMES D. MICKLE CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 06 Sep 1944 - photo: Pyote, TX, June 1944)

(Back L-R) Sgt William B. Humphrey (E), Sgt A B McKinley (WG), Sgt Dennis G. Eagon (R),
 Sgt Robert D. Wentz (WG), Sgt Leonard A. Garcia (BT), Sgt Raymond J. Van Zile (TG)
 (Front L-R) 1Lt James D. Mickle (P), F/O Loren M. Clark (CP),
 2Lt Benjamin L. O'Dell (N), 2Lt William A. Schulze (B)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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 #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

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 #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	King, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 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

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

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)

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
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
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt
ENG LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
WG Proctor, Robert D., S/Sgt
TG Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt

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

P Shields, Edward F., 2Lt
CP Cooter, William M., 2Lt
NAV Stanghor, Bruce O., 2Lt
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*

P McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
NAV Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG Kress, Richard H., S/Sgt
RO Frey, Alan E., Sgt
BT Scott, Howard E., Sgt
TG Wherry, Robert E., Sgt
WG Pearson, George D., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Means, Henry H., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., Sgt

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

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

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

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

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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Gude, Richard C., S/Sgt
WG	Ross, Edward E., S/Sgt

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

P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 1Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BT	McCormick, Lewis J., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadrons Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
 CP Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
 NAV Morrison, Martin, F/O
 BOM Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
 TT Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
 BT Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
 RO Mittell, Philip P., S/Sgt
 TG Fidell, Frederick C., Sgt
 WG Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38248 Jigger Rooche II

P Gable, Richard E., 2Lt
 CP Glasgow, Charles G., 1Lt
 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 #43-38197 (No Name)

P Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 1Lt
 CP Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
 NAV Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
 BOM Sandhagen, Paul R., 2Lt
 TT Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
 BT Born, Robert S., Sgt
 RO Bridge, Howard R., T/Sgt
 TG Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
 WG Fisher, Clelland F., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97699 (No Name) - PFF

P Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
 CP Morrow, John E., 2Lt
 NAV Caldwell, Walter D., F/O
 NAV Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
 BOM Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
 TT Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
 BT Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
 RO Herman, Benjamin, T/Sgt
 TG Plesinger, Michael J., S/Sgt
 WG Curry, Richard L., Sgt