

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 262

25 October 1944

Target: Marshalling Yard at Hamm, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 15 minutes

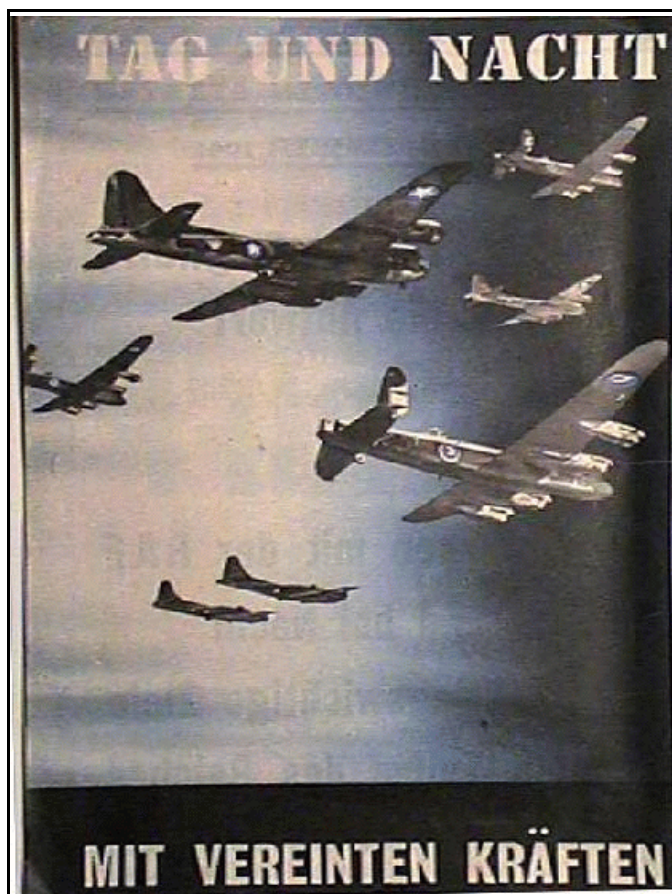
Bomb Load: 18 x 250 lb H.E. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 28,600, 28,100 & 27,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 2,620 rounds

Aircraft took off to bomb the primary target, the Nordstern Synthetic Oil Plant at Gelsenkirchen, Germany. The PFF secondary target was the Hamm marshalling yard. The high squadron lead B-17 returned early with engine problems: #44-8125 *Sparky*, 360BS (Capt. **Wilson**).

Although both primary and secondary targets had 10/10 low clouds with tops at 8,000 feet, the secondary target had a few breaks. There were no middle or high clouds. GEE-H equipment was out in all three lead ships due to lack of rate and/or course signals. PFF "Mickey" radar was used which was reported as working well.



Thirty-seven Fortresses dropped 662 250-lb. H.E. M57 bombs. One Fortress dropped 10 bundles of T185 leaflets. Bombing altitudes were 28,600, 28,100 and 27,100 feet. Most of the bomb hits could not be observed, but a few hits could be seen through cloud breaks. Some were seen hitting in fields short of the target, but a few fires were observed. The PFF in the low Squadron aborted, so this formation bombed on the lead ship.

No enemy aircraft were encountered and 221 P-51s provided good support. Chaff was beneficial and only moderate, inaccurate flak confronted the Group. A few accurate bursts resulted in minor damage to four B-17s. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned safely to Base.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Sheets-Healy</u> 557-PFF		
		<u>Reid</u> 885	<u>Roberts</u> 597	
	<u>Dubose</u> 517		<u>McKinley</u> 442	
<u>Flesh</u> 666		<u>Pursel</u> 411	<u>Heckendorf</u> 590	<u>Holm</u> 972
	<u>Griggs</u> 569		<u>Rose</u> 311	
<u>Eisenwinter</u> 248		<u>Ackerman</u> 197		



Mercy's Mad House #42-97557 (358BS) PFF VK-X
41st CBW-A Lead (358BS) - Pilot Capt R.W. Sheets / CoPilot 1Lt R.F. Healy

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Sirany-Mainwaring</u>					
137 - PFF					
		<u>Lutz</u>		<u>Whitlock</u>	
		309		537	
	<u>Akers</u>			<u>Goering</u>	
	484			238	
<u>Virag</u>		<u>McDavid</u>		<u>Freeman</u>	<u>Twomey</u>
830		944		298	554
	<u>Davis</u>			<u>Frazier</u>	
	781			502	
<u>Embrey</u>		<u>Haynes</u>			
289		609			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Wilson-Norris</u>					
125 - PFF					
		<u>Middlemas</u>		<u>Nafius</u>	
		516		544	
	<u>Foley</u>			<u>Grisham</u>	
	705			065	
<u>Kallet</u>		<u>Gravrock</u>		<u>Glass</u>	<u>Miller</u>
451		055		503	006
	<u>Butler</u>			<u>McCutchan</u>	
	523			861	
<u>App</u>		<u>Geiger</u>			
563		532			
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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS 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 RESULTS OF MISSION 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 #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James E., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
BT	Weaver, Robert J., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter H., Sgt

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

P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth R., 2Lt
TOG	Severson, Jack O., S/Sgt
ENG	Gallman, Hubert W., Sgt
WG	Barris, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Windle, Bill, Sgt
TG	Koerner, David M., Sgt
BT	Lary, Raymond W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38442 (No Name)

P	McKinley, Ralph C., 1Lt
CP	Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Long, Donald C., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Burlen, T/Sgt
WG	Devaney, Thomas J., Sgt
RO	Moll, Richard S., Sgt
BT	Clark, Woodrow E., Sgt
TG	Soule, Evan R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6503 *Lady Alta*

P	Glass, Leroy E., 2Lt
P	Chunat, Orlyn D., 2Lt
NAV	Haider, Joseph C., 2Lt
BOM	Casey, Lawrence, S/Sgt
ENG	Eide, Richard W., S/Sgt
BT	Trumbull, Vernon L., Sgt
RO	Brady, James M., S/Sgt
WG	Hodges, Grady H., Sgt
TG	Davis, Mark M., Sgt

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

P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
TOG	Splawn, Elzie B., T/Sgt
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 #42-97298 *The Floose*

P	Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt
CP	Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV	Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM	Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
ENG	Fleck, Peter J., S/Sgt
TG	Caporusso, Frank J., Sgt
RO	VanLier, Donald E., S/Sgt
WG	Cooper, Ray R., Sgt
BT	Chesney, Alan D., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
BOM	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
ENG	Scheuermann, Edwin P., S/Sgt
BT	Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Post, Harry R., Sgt
WG	Buie, Ben M., Sgt
TG	Willis, Arnold, Sgt

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

P	Miller, Campbell, 1Lt
CP	Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., F/O
BOM	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
ENG	Work, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Kudder, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Ludington, Robert S., Sgt
WG	Wade, Murray W., Sgt
TG	Couts, William D., Sgt

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

P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Kruckemeyer, Thomas J., 2Lt
ENG	Gustafson, Orall R., S/Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, S/Sgt
BT	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt



ORIGINAL WERNER GOERING CREW - 358th BS

B-17G #43-37838 Fearless Fosdick (358BS) VK-A

(crew assigned 358BS: 07 Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt William D. Sachau (B), 1Lt Jack P. Rencher (CP), 2Lt Rex H. Markt (N),
 Capt Werner G. Goering (P) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Paul A. Bishop (WG),
 T/Sgt Chester Brodzinski (R), S/Sgt William J. LaPerch (R), T/Sgt Orall R. Gustafson (E),
 S/Sgt Clarence W. Houseman (BT), S/Sgt Weldon T. Mahan (TG)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Lutz, John R., 2Lt
CP Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV Carriere, Lawrence C., F/O
TOG Goudy, William F., Sgt
ENG Candito, Christopher A., Sgt
RO Lovelock, Edward N., Sgt
BT Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG Bailey, John R., Sgt
WG Bates, Roger K., Sgt

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

P Davis, Jack T., 1Lt
CP Kohlstedt, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV Hellesvig, Vernon M., 1Lt
TOG Guiciardi, Nino L., F/O
ENG Bloom, Dave, Sgt
RO Lewnfield, Rex E., T/Sgt
BT Martin, Richard A., Sgt
TG Brown, Marvin W., Sgt
WG Harris, Everette G., Sgt

B-17G #43-38609 *(No Name)*

P Haynes, Charles D., 2Lt
CP McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
NAV Malone, Roy P., F/O
BOM Dando, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG Sherrill, Elliotte W., Sgt
RO Deen, Oscar A., Sgt
BT Freese, Paul D., Sgt
WG Hrych, Robert C., Sgt
TG Ipsen, Allen L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P Virag, Andy R., 1Lt
CP Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
TOG Connor, Joseph C., Sgt
ENG Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt
BT Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt
TG Bowman, John H., Sgt
WG Allerton, Jack R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P Embrey, Henry C., 2Lt
CP Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV Hewitt, Leroy A., 2Lt
TOG Cottrell, Bert, S/Sgt
ENG Miller, Harry C., S/Sgt
RO Zellar, Donald W., Sgt
BT Duerr, Richard B., Sgt
TG Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG Peters, Arthur R., Sgt

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

P McDavid, Philip H., 1Lt
CP Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV King, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG Arendt, John L., T/Sgt
ENG Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG Martin, Anthony B., Sgt
WG Linville, Warren M., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM Mitchell, Robert C., 2Lt
ENG Shanker, Herbert, T/Sgt
RO Meyer, Gerald E., T/Sgt
BT Saam, Donal W., S/Sgt
TG Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
WG Meyer, Fulton R., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6502 (No Name)

P Frazier, Eugene C., 1Lt
CP Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
BOM Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG Borges, Gilbert C., S/Sgt
RO Trainor, Donald W., Sgt
BT Charron, Raymond H., Sgt
TG McCullough, Luther, Jr., Sgt
WG Anderson, Eston R., Sgt

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

P Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt
CP Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV Lewtas, Ralph A., 2Lt
BOM Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG Popovich, William G., T/Sgt
RO Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., T/Sgt
BT Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG Lainson, Colin C., Sgt
WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8137 (No Name) - PFF

P Sirany, George R., 1Lt
P Mainwaring, Charles O., 1Lt
NAV Hammond, Raymond D., 1Lt
NAV Estes, Keith E., 1Lt
BOM Schulze, William A., 2Lt
ENG Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
TG Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG Angeloff, James P., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6523 (No Name)

P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 1Lt
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 #43-38451 (No Name)

P	Kallet, Sidney, 2Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 2Lt
BOM	Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
ENG	Lewis, William J., Sgt
RO	Clarke, Frank W., Sgt
BT	Macy, Edward J., Sgt
TG	Terreri, Joseph, Sgt
WG	Killelea, Raymond J., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 Aloha

P	Gravrock, Howard C., 2Lt
CP	Losiewicz, Benjamin, 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 2Lt
ENG	Levine, Raymond, T/Sgt
RO	Engleman, George B., T/Sgt
BT	Relford, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Hensel, Phillip W., Sgt
WG	Elliott, John C., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 1Lt
NAV	Edwards, Frank A., 1Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 1Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Birkinholz, Irving, T/Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38705 (No Name)

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 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., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

P	App, Robert G., 2Lt
CP	Moody, William S., 2Lt
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
BOM	Dee, Martin R., F/O
ENG	Leach, Norman L., Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., Sgt
BT	Brady, Gene F., Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., Sgt
WG	Polaski, Duane L., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38532 (No Name)

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Dimick, Donald L., F/O
BOM	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
ENG	Stockman, Leonard G., Sgt
RO	Licht, Wilfred L., Sgt
BT	Wentz, Roland L., Sgt
TG	Germanine, Joseph R., Sgt
WG	Doctor, Gordon C., Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 Iza Vailable III

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Schuchard, Virgil R., 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
RO	Hurlbutt, Carl R., Sgt (Hdqs.)

B-17G #44-6516 My Darling

P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 2Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Davis, Edward C., 2Lt
BOM	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
ENG	Marshall, Leroy H., Sgt
RO	Avenia, James J., Sgt
BT	Parrish, George K., Sgt
TG	Cranshaw, John A., Sgt
WG	Maurer, John L., Sgt

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 1Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Campbell, Sanders H., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG	Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
	(Abortive)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Rose, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Cornyn, T. John, 2Lt
NAV	Russo, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Nazarian, John K., 2Lt
TT	Dyson, Flake S., Sgt
BT	Brinkley, Lynn M., Sgt
RO	Hale, Ralph E., Sgt
TG	McCall, Lamar H., Sgt
WG	Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #44-6517 *Old Cock*

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	DuBois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond 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 #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Simone, S.P., Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt
TG	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
WG	DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt

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

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

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

P	Pursel, Stanley E., 2Lt
CP	McClure, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Cecce, Joseph A., Jr., F/O
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Kling, John E., Sgt
BT	Schoch, Phillip M., Sgt
RO	Stockman, Kenneth H., Sgt
TG	Hannah, Robert G., Sgt
WG	Fugazzi, Gildo, Sgt

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

P	Flesh, William R., 1Lt
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 1Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mittel, Phillip P., S/Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., S/Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt

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

P	Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP	Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
BOM	Natoli, Sam J., 2Lt
TT	Arnott, David H., Sgt
BT	Casciola, Benedict L., Sgt
RO	Foell, Charles R., Sgt
TG	Lowe, Joseph W., Sgt
WG	Ganson, Howard H., Sgt

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

P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
NAV	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., F/O
BT	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
WG	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97557 *Mercy's Madhouse - PFF*

P	Sheets, Robert W., Capt
CP	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 1Lt
NAV	Caldwell, Walter D., F/O
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 1Lt
BOM	Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
TT	Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., T/Sgt
TG	Harris, John R., 2Lt
WG	Leal, Raymond T., S/Sgt