

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 264

30 October 1944

Target: Marshalling Yard at Hamm, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 48 minutes

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

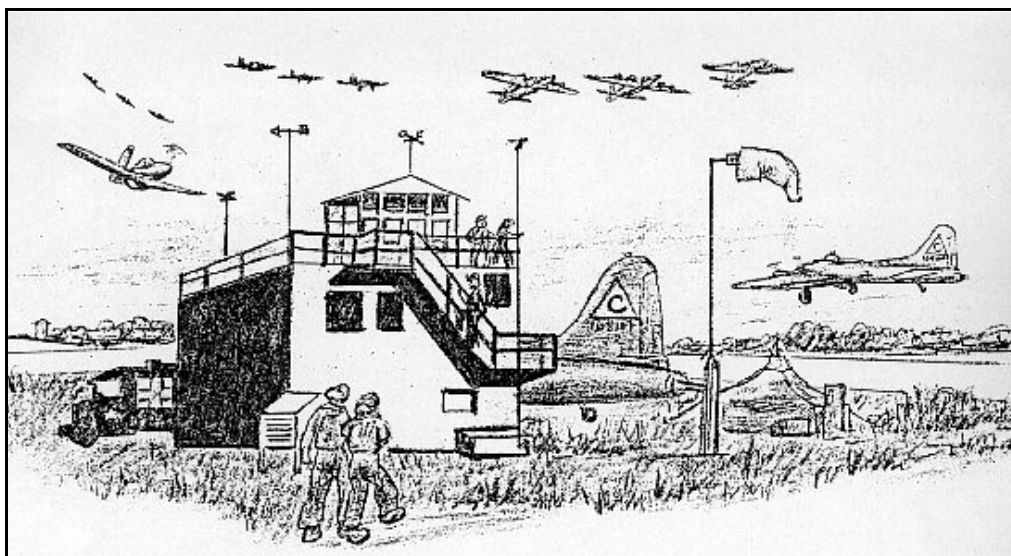
Bombing Altitudes: 27,300, 26,750, & 24,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,170 rounds

**A**ircraft were dispatched to bomb the Hydrierwerke-Scholven A.G. synthetic oil plant near Gelsenkirchen, Germany, as the visual primary target. The PFF secondary was the Gutersch Airfield and the Rheine marshalling yard. Aircraft #43-37666 *Full House*, 427BS (Lt. **Roberts**), turned back at 1226 hours, when ball turret Sgt. G.R. **Campbell** passed out from a loss of oxygen.

There were no enemy aircraft observed and only meager to moderate and inaccurate flak was seen. No aircraft sustained any battle damage and there were no casualties. Good support was provided by 123 P-47s.

Twenty-four B-17s dropped 431 250-lb. H.E. M57 bombs on the secondary target. Twelve aircraft of the high Squadron dropped 215 250-lb. bombs on a target of opportunity due to a bombing malfunction and accidental release. A low Squadron B-17, #43-38878 (*No Name*), 359BS (Lt. **McDavid**), did not drop his leaflet load due to mechanical difficulties. Another high Squadron B-17, #44-6523 (*No Name*), 360BS (Lt. J.B. **Arwood**), returned with 16 250-lb. bombs. Bombing was by PFF through a solid undercast. Results were not observed. PFF equipment worked satisfactorily after recent failures. All aircraft safely returned to Molesworth.



**Returning From a Mission**

*Sketch by Neil J. Svare (444th Sub Depot)*

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Bergeron-Packard</u> 557 - PFF			
		<u>Mayer</u> 006		<u>Twomey</u> 238 - PFF	
	<u>Paullin</u> 065			<u>Davis</u> 197	
<u>Freeman</u> 298		<u>Glass</u> 503		<u>Callahan</u> 248	<u>Rose</u> 597
	<u>Grisham</u> 442			<u>Miller</u> 972	
<u>Gmernicki</u> 427		<u>Holm</u> 590	_____		_____
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Fontana-Slingsby</u> 137 - PFF			
		<u>Hatch</u> 517		<u>Stephan</u> 516	
	<u>Crawford</u> 451			<u>Drewry</u> 099	
<u>Kallet</u> 546		<u>Fink</u> 705		<u>Reid</u> 569	<u>Gano</u> 885
	<u>Juns</u> 532			<u>Gravrock</u> 055	
<u>Hardin</u> 563		<u>Arwood</u> 523	_____		_____
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# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Cunningham-Kerwin</u> 484		
		<u>Lorentz</u> 258	<u>Virag</u> 600	
	<u>Brabant</u> 781		<u>Flesh</u> 311	
<u>Embrey</u> 764		<u>Haynes</u> 609	<u>Roberts</u> 666	<u>Ackerman</u> 318
	<u>Chance</u> 608		<u>Carney</u> 309	
<u>McDavid</u> 878		<u>Frazier</u> 502		



**Close Call**

Sketch by Neil J. Svare (444th Sub Depot)

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-8238 (No Name) - PFF**

P Twomey, John M., 2Lt  
 CP Ross, James E., 2Lt  
 NAV Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt  
 NAV Caldwell, Walter D., F/O  
 BOM Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt  
 ENG Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt  
 RO Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt  
 WG Johnson, Morrin T., Sgt  
 TG Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt

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

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 #44-6503 Lady Alta**

P Glass, Leroy E., 1Lt  
 P Chunat, Orlyn D., 2Lt  
 NAV Haider, Joseph C., 2Lt  
 BOM Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt  
 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 #42-97298 The Floose**

P Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt  
 CP Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt  
 NAV Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt  
 BOM Casey, Lawrence, S/Sgt  
 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

#### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</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>RESULTS OF MISSION</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 - Cont'd.

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

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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 #43-38065 Princess Pat 2**

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P	Paullin, James R., 1Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., T/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., S/Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., T/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., S/Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., S/Sgt

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

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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 #44-8427 Henn's Revenge**

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P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 2Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joseph C., F/O
ENG	Griffith, Elwood A., Sgt
WG	McClymont, John W., S/Sgt
RO	Calenberg, Raymond N., Sgt
BT	Greenberg, Bernard, Sgt
TG	Henn, Thomas A., Sgt

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

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P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth R., 2Lt
TOG	Severson, Jack O., T/Sgt
ENG	Nelson, James B., S/Sgt
TG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt
WG	Day, Keith E., Sgt

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

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P	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Maj
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 1Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
NAV	Beyeler, Earl B., 1Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 1Lt
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
WG	Kedzierski, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #44-6600 (No Name)**

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P	Virag, Andy R., 1Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	Scheer, Harold, 2Lt
TOG	McKinley, A.B., 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 #43-38764 (No Name)**

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

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

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P	Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt
CP	Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, William A., 2Lt
TOG	Garcia, Leonard A., Sgt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., S/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., T/Sgt
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
TG	Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
WG	Gonser, Dwight W., Sgt

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

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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 #43-38608 *Lucille***

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

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

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

P Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt  
 CP Judy, Ira J., 2Lt  
 NAV Durkin, James A., 2Lt  
 BOM Mitchell, Robert C., 2Lt  
 ENG Hodge, Dana A., T/Sgt  
 RO Cohen, Seymour T., S/Sgt  
 TG Millek, John P., S/Sgt  
 WG Valentine, Robert J., S/Sgt  
 BT Marquez, Robert P., S/Sgt  
 Y Hurlbutt, Carl R., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #43-38878 *(No Name)***

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  
 (Abortive Sortie)

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

P Cunningham, Robert L., 1Lt  
 CP Kerwin, Charles E., Maj  
 NAV Hammond, Raymond D., 1Lt  
 BOM Stone, Leonard, 1Lt  
 ENG Shanker, Herbert, T/Sgt  
 RO Carman, Noland W., S/Sgt  
 TG Ward, Duane G., 2Lt  
 WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt  
 PHO Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Kallet, Sidney, 2Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 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***

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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 #43-38532 (No Name)**

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P	Juns, Frank, 1Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 1Lt
BOM	Thomas, Edward H., 2Lt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., T/Sgt
RO	Wimer, Maurice H., T/Sgt
BT	Oberly, Eldridge C., S/Sgt
TG	Englis, Hiram E., S/Sgt
WG	Branin, James J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Fink, Marvin P., 2Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Subkowsky, Harry, 2Lt
BOM	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG	Holder, Jack E., Sgt
RO	Dahl, Robert F., Sgt
BT	Albright, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Garcia, Cyprian M., Sgt
WG	Peter, Robert C., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie***

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P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Brown, William W., 2Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
BOM	Driver, Henderson M., Jr., Sgt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, S/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., S/Sgt
TG	Rohrer, Elbert R., Sgt
WG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

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

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P	Hatch, Logan B., 2Lt
CP	Holtorf, Ernest H., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM	Friedlander, Henry, F/O
ENG	Fuczka, Peter, Sgt
RO	Broughton, Averell M., Jr., Sgt
BT	Buchanan, Paul A., Sgt
TG	Patterson, Charles A., Sgt
WG	Free, Ennis B., Jr., Sgt



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

### **B-17G #44-6516 *My Darling***

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P Stephan, Paul C., 2Lt  
CP Clingler, John R., 2Lt  
NAV Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt  
BOM Tapley, Thomas W., Sgt  
ENG Phillips, Dwight A., Sgt  
RO Ladurini, Raymond R., Sgt  
BT Keyes, Stanton W., Sgt  
TG Harris, Edgar P., Jr., Sgt  
WG Sorensen, Robert J., Sgt

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

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P Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt  
CP Slingsby, Harold G., Maj  
NAV Shipp, Gene K., 1Lt  
NAV Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt  
BOM Campbell, Sanders H., 1Lt  
ENG Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt  
RO King, Raymond C., T/Sgt  
TG Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt  
WG Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38451 (No Name)**

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

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

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P Arwood, Joe B., 2Lt  
CP Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt  
NAV Fowler, William C., 2Lt  
BOM Counsell, Clarence L., F/O  
ENG Power, Thomas B., Cpl  
RO Curry, Paul A., Cpl  
BT Durfee, James R., S/Sgt  
TG Sanchez, Crespin E., Cpl  
WG Linn, James B., Cpl  
(Abortive Sortie)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt  
 TG McCall, Lamar H., Sgt  
 WG Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., Sgt

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

P Drewry, James A., 1Lt  
 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., S/Sgt  
 TG Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt  
 WG Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

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

P Gano, Frederick, 1Lt  
 CP Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt  
 NAV Maniscalco, John B., F/O  
 BOM Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt  
 TT Anthony, George E., S/Sgt  
 BT Coyle, Arthur J., S/Sgt  
 RO Elling, Myron A., Sgt  
 TG Nelson, Edward F., Sgt  
 WG Sears, William A., Sgt

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

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 Clare, Donald T., Sgt

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

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., S/Sgt  
 TG Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt  
 WG Proper, George M., Sgt

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

P Callahan, Charles A., Capt  
 CP Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt  
 NAV Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt  
 BOM Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt  
 TT Erdmann, Robert A., Sgt  
 BT Johnson, Gene W., Sgt  
 RO Kamen, Roland K., Sgt  
 TG Dorner, Alvin W., Sgt  
 WG Robins, James B., Sgt

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

### **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 Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt  
BT Johnson, Charles H., Sgt  
RO Pope, Lester L., Sgt  
TG Henry, Donovan D., Sgt  
WG Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

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P Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt  
CP Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt  
NAV Jenkins, John I., 2Lt  
BOM Long, Lloyd I., F/O  
WG Carlson, Harold A., Sgt  
TT Riveland, Alf, Sgt  
RO Renzi, Frank, Sgt  
TG Barber, Albert P., Sgt  
BT Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt  
(Abortive)

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

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P Flesh, William R., 1Lt  
CP Smith, Donald R., 2Lt  
NAV Morrison, Martin, 2Lt  
BOM Olson, William E., 2Lt  
TT Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt  
BT Tambo, Angelo J., T/Sgt  
RO Islava, Joseph O., S/Sgt  
TG Plesinger, Michael J., S/Sgt  
WG Balint, Daniel, Jr., S/Sgt  
YR Taylor, Walter H., Sgt