

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 273

16 November 1944

Target: Ground Troop Support at Weisweiler, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 51

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 30 x 260 lb M81 Fragmentation bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 22,400, 21,400 & 20,600 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,310 rounds

**F**ortresses from the 303rd BG(H) hit the enemy near the front lines as they flew support for ground troops at Weisweiler, near Metz. Only meager to moderate and inaccurate flak and no enemy fighters were observed during this uneventful mission. Very good area support was provided by P-51s. No aircraft returned early.

Thirty-nine aircraft of the 41st CBW-B Group dropped 1,151 260-lb. M81 fragmentation bombs from 22,400, 21,400 and 20,600 feet. Twelve aircraft of the 41st CBW-D low Squadron dropped 112 fragmentation bombs, as did four 303rd BG(H) aircraft loaned to other Groups.

Visibility in the target area was hindered by 7/10 to 10/10 low clouds with tops at 12,000 to 15,000 feet and heavy ground haze. The lead Squadron, making its second bomb run after its GEE-H equipment malfunctioned, bombed on another Group, believed to have been the 457BG. Bombs hit about one mile over the target. The high Squadron bombed visually on its third bomb run. Bombs hit about 4,300 feet east of the MPI. The low Squadrons of the 41st CBS "B" and "D" Groups bombed with GEE-H equipment and results were believed good. The Group shifted to Tilstock for landing due to weather. One aircraft sustained major battle damage and there were no casualties on the returning aircraft.

The First Army VII Corps reported that the mission was effective. It provided the Germans with supply difficulties and destroyed some of their weapons. German troops scrambled for cover, preventing their ability to attack U.S. troops. There were only a few casualties. The bombing was well coordinated with the Army. A German POW described the bombing as a nerve-shattering experience.

Thirty-one returning aircraft were diverted to RAF Satellite Station Sleep. 2Lt. C.J. **Gates** was the 28th B-17 to land in #43-38878 358BS. He overshot the runway as the right aircraft tire blew when braking action was applied. This created an obstruction at the end of the runway. 1Lt. George C. **Newton** was the 30th B-17 to land in #42-97281 *Queenie* 427BS. He landed long and failed in a Ground Loop attempt. The right wing hit the left wing of the parked B-17 #43-38878.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

## Kuykendall-Packard

557 - PFF

St. Julien  
546

Butler  
318

Duffield  
532

Kallet  
451

Arwood  
705

Hardin  
672

App  
055

Jones  
523

Hatch  
563

Geiger  
544

Fink  
517

Middlemas  
516



ARTHUR B. MIDDLEMAS CREW - 360th BS  
(crew assigned 360BS: 04 Oct 1944)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Healy-Wallace</u> 038 - PFF		
		<u>Ackerman</u> 248		<u>O'Leary</u> 311
	<u>Newton</u> 281			<u>Drewry</u> 689
<u>Callahan</u> 099		<u>Schlecht</u> 197		<u>Gano</u> 411
	<u>Griggs</u> 569			<u>Rose</u> 597
<u>Reid</u> 944		<u>Roberts</u> 763		<u>Petersen</u> 875



**GEORGE C. NEWTON CREW - 427th BS**  
**B-17G Queenie #42-97281 GN-Q**  
**(crew assigned 427BS: 17 Aug 1944 - photo: 30 Dec 1944)**  
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Willard L. Lewis (B), 1Lt George C. Newton (P), 2Lt John I. Jenkins (N)  
 (Front L-R) Sgt Samuel S. Hartog (BT), S/Sgt Byron D. Corn (R), Sgt Lawrence E. Simon (WG),  
 Sgt Leslie E. Karr (TG), Sgt Joseph R. Schneider (E) - (Inset) 2Lt Stonewall Jackson Raley (CP)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Johnson-Seidel</u>				
691 - PFF				
	<u>McKinley</u>		<u>Twomey</u>	
	006		945	
	<u>Goering</u>		<u>McGilvray</u>	
	462		590	
<u>Mayer</u>		<u>Snider</u>	<u>Jameson</u>	<u>McCutcheon</u>
298		238	972	530
	<u>Heckendorf</u>		<u>Holm</u>	
	316		554	
<u>White</u>		<u>Gmernicki</u>	_____	_____
503		427		
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group D

<u>Cunningham-Kerwin</u>				
256 - PFF				
	<u>Bixby</u>		<u>Underdown</u>	
	258		502	
	<u>Carney</u>		<u>Lorentz</u>	
	484		764	
<u>Green</u>		<u>Embrey</u>	<u>Frazier</u>	<u>Proffitt</u>
600		289	206	608
	<u>Chance</u>		_____	
	309			
<u>Haynes</u>		<u>Gates</u>	_____	_____
609		878		
	_____		_____	

### 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 WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer	PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO) RCM - Radio Cntr Measures SJ - Spot Jammer  <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 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 #44-6503 *Lady Alta***

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P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Hopkins, Harry E., 2Lt
NAV	Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
TOG	Foster, William D., S/Sgt
ENG	Adams, William J., T/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 #44-6316 (No Name)**

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P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth R., 2Lt
TOG	Weaver, Robert J., 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 #42-97972 (No Name)**

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P	Jameson, Chet H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Blazey, Robert N., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
TOG	Stevenson, John L., Sgt
ENG	Hall, Glenn W., T/Sgt
WG	Haevers, Ferdinand P., T/Sgt
RO	Hole, Howard D., S/Sgt
BT	Bender, Rollin J., Sgt
TG	Hoots, William L., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III***

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P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
TOG	Day, Keith E., Sgt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Dyszal, Bernard J., S/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	Gibson, James, Sgt
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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders***

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P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Birkenseer, Donald L., 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

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

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P	Snider, Harley D., 2Lt
CP	Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt
NAV	McDade, Maurie D., 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	Cox, Lyle H., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102945 *Sweet Pea***

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P	Twomey, John M., 1Lt
CP	Dorsett, John D., 2Lt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Marvin T., Sgt

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

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

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P	McKinley, Ralph C., 1Lt
CP	Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Long, Donald C., Jr., 2Lt
TOG	Casey, Lawrence, T/Sgt
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 #43-37590 Neva-The Silver Lady**

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P	McGilvray, Richard L., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles L., 2Lt
TOG	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., Sgt
BT	Garza, David, Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97298 The Floose**

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P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV	Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
TOG	Brown, James L., Sgt
ENG	McGreevy, James, Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
TG	Woodward, Thomas J., S/Sgt
BT	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38530 (No Name)**

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P	McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
TOG	Kedzierski, Edward P., Sgt
ENG	Burcham, Johnnie O., T/Sgt
WG	Fouk, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Kinsman, George R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97691 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Johnson, Hugh B., 1Lt
CP	Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert F., 1Lt
NAV	Beyeler, Earl R., 1Lt
BOM	Sachau, William D., 1Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
WG	Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., T/Sgt
TG	Ross, James E., 2Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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	Boyle, Francis M., S/Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., 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., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille***

P	Proffitt, John S., 2Lt
CP	Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt
NAV	Malerich, Earl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Finke, John C., 2Lt
ENG	Young, James W., Sgt
RO	Norris, Cornie, Jr., Sgt
BT	Bechtold, Robert E., Sgt
TG	O'Neal, Howard F., Sgt
WG	Rose, G.L., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6600 (No Name)**

P	Green, James F., 2Lt
CP	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
NAV	Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
TOG	Roberts, James P., Sgt
ENG	Belcher, Rubin W., Sgt
RO	Hinnershots, Bruce H., Sgt
BT	Schilling, Lawrence E., Sgt
TG	Foster, Delbert E., Sgt
WG	Schoonover, Howard D., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38764 (No Name)**

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt
CP	Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., F/O
BOM	Barlow, Richard D., 2Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., S/Sgt
RO	Hanson, Robert W., T/Sgt
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Sgt
TG	Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
WG	Gonser, Dwight W., Sgt

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

P	Frazier, Eugene C., 1Lt
CP	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV	Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
TOG	Zielinski, William J., Sgt
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 #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Olly***

P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP	Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., F/O
TOG	Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt
ENG	Robichaux, John B., S/Sgt
RO	Krumwiede, Leland J., Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., Sgt
WG	Lombardi, Mondo, Sgt

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

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

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

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

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P	Underdown, Sidney L., 1Lt
CP	Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 1Lt
ENG	Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
RO	Carman, Nolan W., S/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG	Vogel, Cletus M., S/Sgt

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

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P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Quinlan, Thomas E., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Wysocki, Walter, Sgt
RO	Maurer, Charles E., Sgt
BT	Berrett, Charles R., Sgt
TG	Lainson, Colin C., Sgt
WG	Wallis, Elton E., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #44-8256 *Yankee Girl - PFF***

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P	Cunningham, Robert L., 1Lt
CP	Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 1Lt
NAV	Weil, Frank P., 2Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., T/Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., T/Sgt
TG	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Fetzko, John, 2Lt
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 #44-6516 *My Darling***

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P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 2Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
BOM	Valdez, George J., Sgt
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 #43-38532 (No Name)**

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P	Duffield, Richard B., 1Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
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 #43-38451 (No Name)**

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P	Kallet, Sidney, 2Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 2Lt
NAV	Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
BOM	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt
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 #43-38705 (No Name)**

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P	Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Gerstel, Charles L., Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., Sgt
RO	Curry, Paul A., Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., S/Sgt
TG	Sanchez, Crespín E., Sgt
WG	Linn, James B., Sgt

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

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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	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

### **B-17G #43-38672 (No Name)**

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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	Hulterstrum, Joseph P., Sgt
TG	Rohrer, Elbert R., Sgt
WG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

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

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

P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 2Lt
BOM	Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., T/Sgt
RO	Christ, Donald R., T/Sgt
BT	Durfee, James R., Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., S/Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31055 Aloha**

P	App, Robert G., 2Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 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	Price, Kirkland T., S/Sgt
WG	Polaski, Duane L., Sgt

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

P	St. Julien, John D., 2Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt
BOM	Carney, Felix A., 2Lt
ENG	Mitchell, William E., Sgt
RO	Flanigan, John J., Sgt
BT	Farthing, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Evans, Marlin D., Sgt
WG	McLellan, Raymond L., Sgt

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

P	Jones, William E., Capt
CP	Juns, Frank, 1Lt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 2Lt
BOM	Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG	Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
BT	Gilbert, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Carter, James O., S/Sgt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., S/Sgt

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

P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Maj
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 1Lt
NAV	Edwards, Frank A., 1Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., T/Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., T/Sgt
WG	Alexander, John P., S/Sgt
WG	Dubin, Martin M., S/Sgt
TG	Moody, William S., 2Lt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38763 (No Name)**

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P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
NAV	Blessing, Gerald D., 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

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

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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, T/Sgt
TG	McCall, Lamar H., Sgt
WG	Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt
NAV	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Proper, George M., Sgt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt

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

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P	Petersen, William H., 2Lt
CP	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Sommer, Sidney G., Sgt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., Sgt
BT	Millin, Louis, Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., Sgt

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

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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 #42-97281 Queenie**

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P	Newton, George C., 1Lt
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 2Lt
BOM	Lewis, William L., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., S/Sgt
TG	Karr, Leslie E., Sgt
WG	Simon, Lawrence E., Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt

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

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P	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Kamen, Roland K., Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., Sgt
WG	Robins, James B., Sgt

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

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P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 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	McCormick, Lewis J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Gano, Frederick, 1Lt
CP	Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV	Maniscalco, John B., F/O
BOM	Ganson, Howard H., Sgt
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 #43-38197 (No Name)**

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P	Schlecht, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill, 1Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt
RO	Hradiskey, Joseph R., Sgt
TG	Herod, William J., Sgt
WG	Warburton, Arlis F., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF**

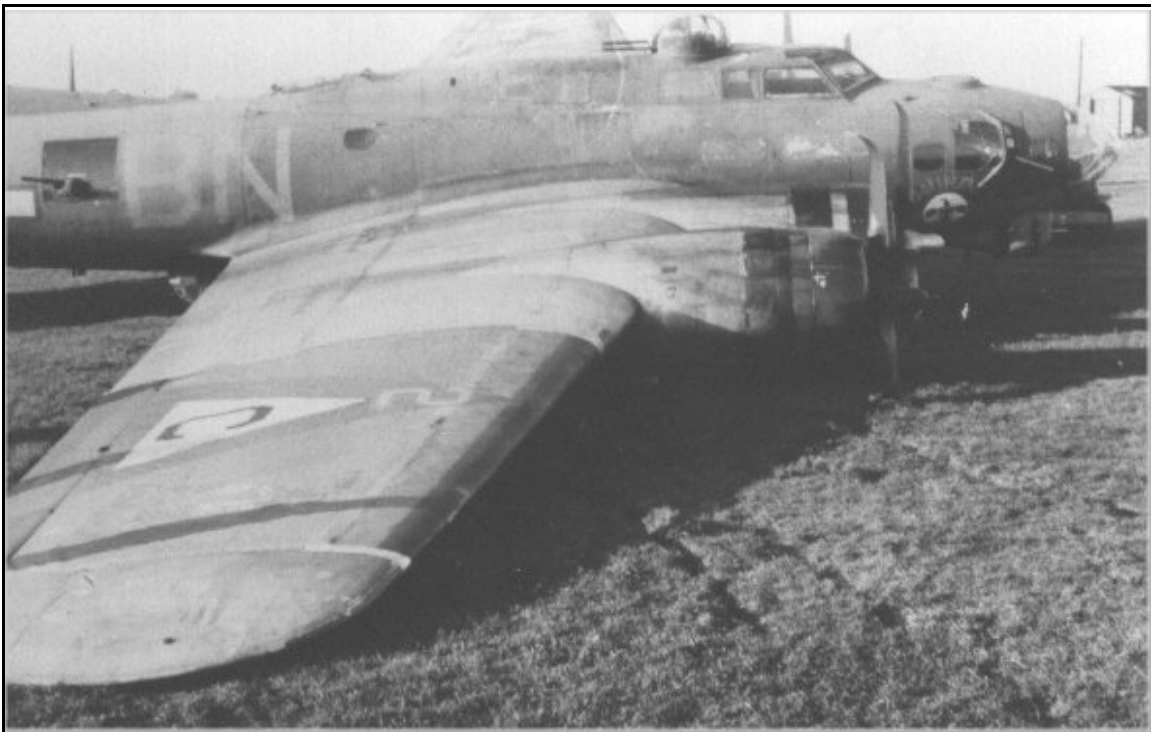
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P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Wallace, Walstein W., 1Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 1Lt
GH	Spooner, Ramon L., 1Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 2Lt
BOM	Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
TT	Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Phillip E., T/Sgt
TG	Harris, John R., 2Lt
TG	DeLiso, Vincent A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38689 (No Name)**

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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	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Koch, Edwin H., S/Sgt



**B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird* Crash Landing — 15 Oct 1944**

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird* crash-landed at Molesworth on a training flight. The five man crew was: 1Lt Patrick H. Brabant (Instructor Pilot), 2Lt Robert A. Marble (CoPilot & Student Pilot), 1Lt Edward H. Macaulay (Navigator), T/Sgt Dana A. Hodge (Engineer) and S/Sgt Seymour T. Cohen (Radio). At this point in her illustrious history, *Thunderbird* had completed 77 missions. She went on to complete 112 missions.

**Official Accident Investigation Report Finding**

1. The first pilot was giving his co-pilot local transition. In making a landing, the co-pilot failed to break his glide soon enough and hit hard just short of the runway, breaking drag link on right landing gear and jamming the gear in a half retracted position. After rolling about 200 feet, the right wing began to settle whereupon the pilot applied full power and took off. On orders of Lt. Col Cole the pilot circled the airdrome for six and one-half hours to deplete the 2,400 gallon gas load, lowered the left gear and made an excellent one wheel landing. As speed was lost the airplane settled on the half retracted right gear and swerved off the runway.

2. Finding: 100% Pilot error. 100% Carelessness (Inattention on part of first pilot in proper supervision of training)

3. Recommendations: None.

**Aircraft damage:** Damaged outer wing panel, right landing gear assembly, No. 3 & 4 props and engines, and slight damage to No. 3 and 4 nacelles. Major overhaul required.

**Statement of the Flying Control Officer**  
**21 October 1944**

1. On 15 October 1944, A/C no 42-38050 (Eavesdrop-U) took off at 0930 hours for a local transition flight. Lt Brabant, the pilot of the A/C, was shooting landings. At about 0950 hours, the A/C was making the landing on which the accident occurred.

2. The Flying Control Officer's report contained the following remarks:

The pilot undershot the runway and touched down in the dirt beyond the end of the runway in use. The R/W in use at this time was #27 (QDM-266) and the wind was from the southwest at 12 M.P.H. The East end of this runway had recently been overlaid with six inches of concrete and a gravel ramp had not yet been built up to meet this overlay. As a result, the right landing wheel of the A/C struck this exposed end of the R/W and was damaged beyond use. On feeling this jar, the pilot pulled the A/C up and remained airborne.

3. On order of Lt.Col Cole, the aircraft was told to circle locally until most of its fuel supply (2400 gallons) was used up.

4. At 1558 hours, the A/C landed on R/W #27 on its two serviceable wheels. The wind at this time was from the west at 12 to 15 M.P.H.

5. The aerodrome was inspected at 0800 hours on 15 October 1944, by the duty F.C.O.

**Richard F. Rodgers, 1st Lt. Air Corps, Flying Control Officer**

