

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 275

21 November 1944

Target: Leuna Synthetic Oil Refinery at Merseburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crews Lost: Lt. Virag - 9 POW; Lt. Cureton - 8 KIA, 1 POW;

Lt. Chance - 3 KIA, 6 POW; Lt. Glass - 9 POW

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 19,800, 19,700 & 18,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 14,700 round

**T**he vast synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg was attacked by the entire 1st BD and 3rd BD—a total of 766 B-17s. Two 303rd BG(H) aircraft returned early: #44-6502 (*No Name*), 359BS (Lt. **Underdown**) had mechanical problems and #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*, 358BS (Lt. **Mayer**) lost the No. 2 engine.

Each Squadron made their own bomb run due to weather conditions. 1Lt. J.D. **Mickle**, deputy leader, and his crew, took over the 359th Lead Squadron just before the initial point when Capt. **Heller's** electronic equipment failed. Twelve B-17s targeted Merseburg from 19,800 feet via PFF. Bombs hit about 15 miles NNE of assigned MPI. Capt. **Heller** resumed the lead near the Dutch coast. The 358th High Squadron B-17s hit near Wiezenfels from 19,700 feet. One B-17 was hit by flak and jettisoned its bombs. Five others dropped on it. The lead B-17 was hit on the bomb run and jettisoned its bombs. Five others then dropped their bombs. Results weren't observed. Twelve 427th Low Squadron B-17s bombed Merseburg from 18,100 feet. Results weren't observed. Photos showed no target bursts.

In the target area, there was a thick belt of haze from 18,000 to 28,000 feet, with dense and very persistent contrails and no middle or high clouds. These conditions precluded visual bombing and contributed directly to the high squadron being unable to bomb the primary target. They were unable to achieve the proper interval behind the lead Squadron and the PFF navigator could not locate the target.

A few enemy aircraft were reported, but none attacked 303rd BG(H) aircraft. The Merseburg defenders put up a fierce barrage of intense and accurate flak, and chaff had no effect in deterring the determined German gunners. Thirty-one aircraft were damaged: 26 major and 5 minor. Returned aircraft had six wounded crewmen.

#44-6600 (*No Name*), 359BS, piloted by 1Lt. Andy R. **Virag**, took over the second (high) flight of the lead Squadron after the mission had been aborted by Lt. Sidney L. **Underdown**. During the bomb run the right wing was hit and the right aileron was knocked off by B-17 #44-6309, *The Duchess' Granddaughter*, 359BS, piloted by Lt. James F. **Green**. The B-17 was last observed under control, going down about 5,000 to 6,000 feet below the formation. No parachutes were seen. Sgt. John H. **Bowman** later reported that Lt. **Virag** had salvoed all bombs except for one that couldn't be released. About 10 to 15



**ORIGINAL ANDY R. VIRAG CREW - 359th BS**  
**(crew assigned 359BS: 01 Aug 1944 - photo: Aug 1944)**  
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Andy R. Virag (P), 2Lt Edward R. Beck (CP), 2Lt Hertzell Harrison (N),  
 2Lt John C. Rhyne, Jr. (B) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt James E. Jeter, Jr. (E),  
 S/Sgt Stanley Gurka, Jr. (BT), Sgt John H. Bowman (TG), S/Sgt Cyril A. Vrabel (R),  
 Sgt Raymond L. Schalk (WG), Sgt William J. Casperson (WG)

John C. **Rhyne**, had been killed on the 24 August 1944 mission to Merseburg. On the final mission of their operational tour, the crew found Merseburg to be its nemesis.



**PETER F. CURETON, JR. CREW - 427th BS**  
**B-17G #42-102411 Miss Lace GN-P**  
**(crew assigned 427BS: 16 July 1944)**  
 (L-R) Unknown, 1Lt Peter F. Cureton (P), Capt Harold V. Tollack (N),  
 1Lt Carl L. Ulrich (B), S/Sgt Ervin M. Celichowski (TG), Unknown

minutes later, after losing altitude and having difficulty maintaining control, it was hit by ME-109s. The pilot ordered the crew to bail out. All jumps were safely made and the entire crew consisting of Lt. **Virag**, 2Lt. Edward R. **Beck**, 2Lt. Harold **Scheer**, S/Sgt. Bert **Cottrell**, T/Sgt. James E. **Jeter**, Jr., T/Sgt. Cyril A. **Vrabel**, S/Sgt. Stanley **Gurka**, Jr., Sgt. Jack R. **Allerton** and Sgt. John H. **Bowman** became POWs. The aircraft crashed near Sangerhausen, Germany. The Virag crew's regular bombardier, 2Lt.

B-17 #43-38705 (*No Name*). 360BS piloted by 1Lt. Peter F. **Cureton**, Jr. with his 427BS crew, was hit by flak just before "bombs away." The No. 3 engine was on fire with flames streaming back to the tail. The No. 2 engine reportedly caught fire as the aircraft went down. Bombs were salvoed at about 18,000 feet and thrown out and up as the aircraft, still burning and seemingly under control, turned "turtle" to the right. Eight or nine parachutes were reported. Lt. James **O'Leary**, pilot of #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*,

427BS, leader of the low flight of the low Squadron, witnessed the downing of Lt. **Cureton's** aircraft and crew. He was a close friend of Bombardier Lt. **Ulrich** and, two weeks earlier, Carl **Ulrich** had told him of a recurring dream: he was on a mission to Merseburg, and saw his B-17 on the bomb run take a direct flak hit, with the right wing

exploding in flames. As the ship started to turn over on its back, the bombs were salvoed and thrown out and up by centrifugal force. The ship then righted itself and dove steeply toward clouds 3,000 to 4,000 feet below. The dream ended with him seeing some 'chutes just before the B-17 entered the clouds. Lt. **Ulrich**'s dream closely paralleled the actual downing of his Fortress—shades of the bizarre and unexplainable that leaves Jim **O'Leary** troubled to this day. The aircraft crashed near Leipzig, Germany. Lt. **Cureton**, 2Lt. Stonewall J. **Raley**, 2Lt. Benjamin **DuBois**, 2Lt. Carl **Ulrich**, T/Sgt. Donald W. **Bourlier**, S/Sgt. Joseph A. **Burford**, S/Sgt. Lewis J. **McCormick** and S/Sgt. Ervin M. **Celichowski** were all killed. Lt. **O'Leary** was told by an unnamed 303rd BG(H) Headquarters man that three members of the **Cureton** crew had been killed by German civilians. Specifically named was Navigator Lt. **DuBois**, who supposedly had been pitchforked to death. Lt. **Cureton**, Lt. **Ulrich**, T/Sgt. **Bourlier**, S/Sgt. **Burford**, and S/Sgt. **Celichowski** are buried in Lorraine American Cemetery near Moselle, France. T/Sgt. James A. **Ellis** was captured and became a POW.



ORIGINAL ARTHUR F. CHANCE CREW - 359th BS  
(crew assigned 359BS: 25 July 1944 - photo: Ardmore, OK, June 1944)  
(Back L-R) 1Lt Arthur F. Chance (POW), 2Lt Robert H. Johnson (CP),  
2Lt Eugene D. McCarver (N), 2Lt William M. Couch (B)  
(Front L-R) S/Sgt Leo A. Torre (WG), T/Sgt Albert Miller (R),  
S/Sgt Dennis R. Hejna (TG), S/Sgt Shirley L. Moss (BT),  
T/Sgt Elmer W. Menasco (E), S/Sgt John Robert McCue (WG)

#42-102484 *Heller's Angel*, 359BS, piloted by 1Lt. Arthur F. **Chance**, was hit by flak, causing the No. 4 engine to catch on fire. With the fire out, the aircraft was last seen flying on three engines, seemingly under control. The formation was flying in a thick belt of haze and contrails, making visibility extremely limited. There were no parachutes observed. The aircraft crashed near Frankfurt. Lt. **O'Leary**, in another aircraft, witnessed one of the 303rd BG(H) B-17s being attacked by an ME-110. He believes that the stricken aircraft was

*Heller's Angel*. 1Lt. William M. **Couch**, S/Sgt. Shirley L. **Moss** and Sgt. Anthony B. **Martin** were killed. Lt. **Chance**, 2Lt. Robert H. **Johnson**, T/Sgt. Ralph A. **Coykendall**, T/Sgt. Elmer W. **Menasco**, T/Sgt. Albert **Miller** and Sgt. Leo A. **Torre** were captured and became POWs. S/Sgt. **Moss** is buried in Ardennes American Cemetery near Liege, Belgium. Sgt. **Martin** is buried in Lorraine American Cemetery near Moselle, France.

#44-6503 *Lady Alta*, 358BS, piloted by 1Lt. Leroy E. **Glass**, was hit by flak on the bomb run. Returning crews reported that it pulled out of formation, was flying about 500 to 1,000 feet below the formation, and held that position for about 30 seconds. It peeled off and was last seen diving down with all four engines running. The bombs were salvoed and the B-17 seemed to be under control. No parachutes were observed. Co-pilot, 2Lt.



**LEROY E. GLASS CREW - 358th BS**

**(crew assigned 358BS: 21 Aug 1944 - photo: August 1944)**

(Back L-R) 2Lt Leroy E. Glass (P), 2Lt Orlyn D. Chunat (CP), 2Lt Anthony J. Boland (B),  
2Lt Joseph C. Haider (N) - (Front L-R) Cpl Fred E. Ehret (WG), S/Sgt Richard W. Eide (E),  
Cpl James M. Brady (R), Cpl Grady H. Hodges (WG), Cpl Vernon L. Trumbull (BT), Cpl Mark N. Davis (TG)

Orlyn "Chub" **Chunat**, later reported that they went down like a rock after they were hit by flak. He was badly wounded and was struggling to feather two engines. Lt. **Glass** was the last man to leave his Fortress and came down alone far from the other crewmen, who made successful parachute jumps. Lt. **Chunat** 'chuted into the hands of two members of the German Wehrmacht, possibly saving his life. The German soldiers gave him immediate first aid and rushed him to a hospital where he received excellent care—a far cry from the treatment accorded the **Cureton** crew who fell into the hands of vengeful German civilians.

1Lt. Charles D. **Haynes** (359BS) in B-17G #43-38609 had some serious problems on this mission, but made it home safely. Bombardier 2Lt . Charles A. **Dando** later related:

Our ship, piloted by Lt. Haynes, lost 2 engines over the target and received major flak damage. We were unable to keep up with the Group and stayed hidden in the fog until we emerged north of Frankfurt in bright sunlight and unlimited visibility. We felt that at any moment the Luftwaffe would pounce on us but miraculously, they did not appear. Instead a lone P-51 eased in on us and flew with us for a short time until a sudden burst of flak from the Frankfurt area hit him and he plunged down – no chute was seen.

We were gradually losing altitude as we crossed the Dutch coast under 5,000 feet and hoping we could reach Molesworth. We were now 1 1/2 hours late and dusk was falling. When we finally reached Molesworth a run away propeller on #3 engine, due to a severed throttle cable causing us to lose that engine. We came in on one engine and without hydraulics or brakes. We used up the entire runway before finally coming to a stop on the perimeter. The ground crew counted over 200 holes in the ship, including one that had partially severed the main spar.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

<u>Heller-Cunningham</u>				
557 - PFF				
	<u>Chance</u>		<u>Mickle</u>	
	484		137 - PFF	
	<u>Lutz</u>		<u>Underdown</u>	
	944		502	
<u>Gates</u>		<u>Haynes</u>		<u>Green</u>
050		609		309
	<u>Carney</u>		<u>Virag</u>	
	764		600	
				<u>Frazier</u>
				206
<u>Embrey</u>		<u>Bixby</u>		
289		258		



**Mercy's Madhouse #42-97557 PFF (358BS) VK-X**  
**41st CBW-B Lead (359BS) - Pilot Capt W.C. Heller / CoPilot 1Lt R.L. Cunningham**  
 (Back L-R) 1Lt K.E. Estes (N), 1Lt R.L. Cunningham (CP), Capt W.C. Heller (P), 1Lt G.H. Counts (N),  
 1Lt O.H. Schopplein (TG-O) - (Front L-R) 2Lt Stone (B), 1Lt F.F. Forve (N),  
 T/Sgt J. Vieira (R), Sgt F.S. Abemathy (WG), Sgt L.B. Ela (E)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u><b>Newton-Wallace</b></u> 038 - PFF				
		<u><b>Drewry</b></u> 546	<u><b>Cureton</b></u> 705	
<u><b>O'Leary</b></u> 597				
<u><b>Rose</b></u> 451		<u><b>Schlecht</b></u> 885	<u><b>Gano</b></u> 544	<u><b>Callahan</b></u> 689
				<u><b>Eisenwinter</b></u> 875
	<u><b>Caplinger</b></u> 411			<u><b>Roberts</b></u> 763
<u><b>Reid</b></u> 248		<u><b>Ackerman</b></u> 099	_____	_____
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Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Underdown in 502

Lt. Mayer in 945

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b>	TOG - Togglier	PAS - Passenger	POW - Prisoner of war
CMP - Command Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	PHO - Photographer	DOW - Died of wounds
P - Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO)	EVD - Evaded the enemy
CP - Co-Pilot	TG - Tail Gunner	RCM - Radio Cntr Measures	REP - Repatriated
NAV - Navigator	WG - Waist Gunner	SJ - Spot Jammer	RES - Rescued
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	LWG - Left Waist Gunner		ESC - Escaped
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	<b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b>	BO - Bailed out
ENG - Engineer	GUN - Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	DCH - Ditched
BOM - Bombardier	VI - Voice Interpreter	WIA - Wounded in action	CR-L - Crashed on land
RO - Radio Operator	OBS - Observer	MIA - Missing in action	CR-S - Crashed at sea

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Johnson-Fielder</u> 44-8238 - PFF		
		<u>Glass</u> 503	<u>Twomey</u> 191	
	<u>Goering</u> 462		<u>Mayer</u> 945	
<u>Holm</u> 38238		<u>McCutcheon</u> 530	<u>McGilvray</u> 590	<u>Woodson</u> 006
	<u>Heckendorf</u> 065		<u>Gmernicki</u> 427	
<u>Jameson</u> 972		<u>Freeman</u> 298		



(No Name) #44-8238 (358BS) PFF VK-Y  
41st CBW-B High (358BS) - Pilot 1Lt H.B. Johnson / CoPilot 1Lt G.H. Fielder

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Simons, Robert A., 1Lt
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 #42-97298 *The Floose***

P	Freeman, Clyde E., 1Lt
CP	Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV	Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM	Gibson, James, 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

### **B-17G #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge***

P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerreiri, 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 #44-6503 *Lady Alta* CR-L**

P	Glass, Leroy E., 1Lt	WIA/POW
P	Chunat, Orlyn D., 2Lt	WIA/POW
NAV	Haider, Joseph C., 2Lt	POW
BOM	Casey, Lawrence, T/Sgt	POW
ENG	Eide, Richard W., S/Sgt	POW
BT	Trumbull, Vernon L., Sgt	POW
RO	Brady, James M., S/Sgt	POW
WG	Hodges, Grady H., Sgt	POW
TG	Davis, Mark M., Sgt	POW

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

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 #42-97972 (No Name)**

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

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

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

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

P	Woodson, William H., 2Lt
CP	Lanigan, Harold A., F/O
NAV	Ross, Robert M., 1Lt
BOM	Finn, Russell C., F/O
ENG	Brown, Richard A., Sgt
WG	Riley, Lloyd S., Sgt
RO	Gramiak, Victor J., Sgt
BT	Burnette, R.L., Sgt
TG	Farrell, Peter J., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

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

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

P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
BOM	Kedzierski, Edward P., Sgt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt

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

P	Johnson, Hugh B., 1Lt
CP	Felder, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
NAV	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Sachau, William D., 1Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
WG	Reimche, George K., S/Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG	Ross, James E., 2Lt

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

P	Twomey, John M., 1Lt
CP	Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM	McDade, Maurie D., F/O
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

(Abortive Sortie)

### **B-17G #43-38462 Teddy's Rough Riders**

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
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., S/Sgt

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

P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
TOG	Brown, James L., Sgt
ENG	McGreevy, James, Sgt
TG	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., S/Sgt
BT	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

(Abortive)

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Embrey, Henry C., 2Lt
CP	Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Connor, Joseph C., Sgt
ENG	Miller, Harry C., S/Sgt
RO	Zellar, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., Sgt

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

P	Haynes, Charles D., 1Lt
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 #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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 #42-107206 *Old Black Magic***

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 #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Olly***

P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP	Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., F/O
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Robichauz, 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 #43-38764 (No Name)**

P	Carney, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., Sgt
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 #44-6600 (No Name) CR-L**

P	Virag, Andy R., 1Lt	POW
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Scheer, Harold, 2Lt	POW
TOG	Cottrell, Bert, S/Sgt	POW
ENG	Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt	POW
RO	Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt	POW
BT	Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt	POW
TG	Bowman, John H., Sgt	POW
WG	Allerton, Jack R., Sgt	POW

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

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	McKinley, A.B., Sgt
WG	Lainson, Colin C., Sgt

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

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

P	Mickle, James D., 1Lt
CP	Clarke, Loren M., F/O
NAV	O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
NAV	Weil, Frank P., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert C., 2Lt
ENG	Humphrey, William B., Sgt
RO	Eagon, Dennis G., Sgt
TG	Van Zile, Raymond J., Sgt
WG	Wentz, Robert D., Sgt

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

P	Lutz, John R., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., F/O
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward N., Sgt
BT	Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG	Vogel, Cletus H., S/Sgt
WG	Bates, Roger K., Sgt

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

P	Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt	POW
CP	Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt	POW
NAV	Couch, William M., 1Lt	KIA
TOG	Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt	POW
ENG	Menasco, Elmer W., T/Sgt	POW
RO	Miller, Albert, T/Sgt	POW
BT	Moss, Shirley L., Sgt	KIA
TG	Martin, Anthony B., Sgt	KIA
WG	Torre, Leo A., Sgt	POW

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

P	Heller, William C., Capt
CP	Cunningham, Robert L., 1Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 1Lt
NAV	Estes, Keith E., 1Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 1Lt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG	Abernathy, Fay S., T/Sgt

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

P	Underdown, Sidney L., 1Lt
CP	Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG	Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
RO	Carman, Nolan W., S/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG	Botton, Pius L., Sgt

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## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #43-38451 (No Name)**

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 #42-107099 Old 99**

P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 1Lt
CP	McKeon, Preston W., 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	Karr, Leslie E., Sgt

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

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 #43-38689 (No Name)**

P	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Burke, James D., 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

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

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 #42-39885 Sweet Rose O'Grady**

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Ferrari, William J., 2Lt
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 #43-38705 (No Name) CR-L**

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt	KIA
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt	KIA
NAV	DuBois, Benjamin, 1Lt	KIA
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt	KIA
TT	Bourlier, Donald W., T/Sgt	KIA
BT	Burford, Joseph A., S/Sgt	KIA
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt	POW
TG	Celichowski, Ervin M., S/Sgt	KIA
WG	McCormick, Lewis J., S/Sgt	KIA

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

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
TOG	Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
TT	Simone, S.P., Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, S/Sgt
RO	Islava, Joseph O., T/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt

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

P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 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

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

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TOG	Price, John B., T/Sgt
TT	Duffek, Francis T., T/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., S/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Drewry, James A., 1Lt
CP	Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
TOG	Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
TT	Dorrah, Walter R., T/Sgt
BT	Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt
RO	Nash, Leslie G., T/Sgt
TG	Delcher, Merliln S., Sgt
WG	Koch, Edwin H., S/Sgt

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

P	Newton, George C., 1Lt
CP	Wallace, Walstein W., 1Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 1Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 1Lt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., S/Sgt
TG	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
WG	Simon, Lawrence E., Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt