

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 287

18 December 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Koblenz, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 27,900, 27,200 & 30,350 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

**T**hirty-nine aircraft took off to bomb the railroad junction at Stadtkyll, Germany. The secondary target was the marshalling yards in Koblenz, Germany. One aircraft returned early, #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*, 427BS (Lt. **Reid**), with an engine failure.

In the target area there were 10/10 layered clouds with tops at 31,600 feet. Dense, persistent contrails were present above 25,000 feet and visibility was limited to 500 to 1,000 yards. Thirty-seven B-17s dropped 414 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs. Two aircraft dropped a total of 20 units of leaflets. The primary target could not be attacked because of the undercast and the GEE-H station was out. The High 358BS bombed alone from 30,350 feet – a 303BG mission record. The secondary target, the Koblenz marshalling yard, was bombed by PFF. Results were unobserved.

The mission proved to be a "milk run." There was no enemy air opposition, friendly fighter support by 110 P-51s was satisfactory, and only a few scattered burst of flak were seen at the target. There was no battle damage, no casualties, and all aircraft returned to Molesworth in poor weather.



*360th BG Officers Party*

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Haynes</u> 125 - PFF		
	<u>Bailey</u> 764		<u>Underdown</u> 137 - PFF	
		<u>Embrey</u> 289		
	<u>Knutzen</u> 767		<u>Rybaltowski</u> 609	
	<u>Holmes</u> 619		<u>Juns</u> 532	
<u>Bixby</u> 608		<u>Tasker</u> 645	<u>Beasley</u> 451	<u>Norris</u> 516



Sparky #44-8125 PFF (360BS) PU-Y  
41st CBW-A Lead (359BS) - Pilot LtCol R.H. Cole / CoPilot 1Lt C.D. Haynes

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Miller-Douglass</u>				
351 - PFF				
	<u>McGilvray</u>		<u>Garrett</u>	
	191		530	
	<u>Goodberlet</u>			
	554			
	<u>McKinley</u>		<u>Rencher</u>	
	298		462	
	<u>Heckendorf</u>		<u>Gravrock</u>	
	316		055	
<u>Woodson</u>		<u>Mayer</u>	<u>St. Julien</u>	<u>Fink</u>
006		590	546	517
			<u>Gmernicki</u>	
			949	

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Wallace-Callahan</u>				
495 - PFF				
	<u>Schlecht</u>		<u>Roberts</u>	
	411		166	
	<u>Aagesen</u>			
	734			
	<u>Richter</u>		<u>Smith</u>	
	311		689	
	<u>Reid</u>		<u>Duffield</u>	
	248		672	
<u>Hewitt</u>		<u>Petersen</u>	<u>Losiewicz</u>	<u>Weaver</u>
099		569	544	861
			<u>McGinnis</u>	
			763	

### 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 #43-38530 (No Name)**

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P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Castillo, Joseph L.A., 2Lt
NAV	Magner, John H., Jr., F/O
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt
WG	Prudhoe, Charles E., Sgt
RO	Henson, Jessey B., Sgt
BT	Walczak, John, Sgt
TG	Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt

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

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P	McKinley, Ralph C., 1Lt
CP	Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Long, Donald C., Jr., 1Lt
TOG	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
ENG	Jones, Burlen, T/Sgt
WG	Devaney, Thomas J., S/Sgt
RO	Moll, Richard S., T/Sgt
BT	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
TG	Soule, Evan R., Sgt

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

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P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV	Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt
TOG	Brown, James L., Sgt
ENG	McGreevy, James, Sgt
WG	Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt
RO	LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt
TG	Withers, Frederick J., S/Sgt
BT	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 1Lt
TOG	Reimche, George K., S/Sgt
ENG	Gustafson, Orall R., T/Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., S/Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., T/Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., S/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Marvin T., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6316 (No Name)**

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P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles L., 2Lt
TOG	Weaver, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	Gallman, Hubert W., T/Sgt
WG	Barris, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Windle, Bill, T/Sgt
TG	Koerner, David M., Sgt
BT	Lary, Raymond W., Sgt

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

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P	McGilvray, Richard L., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
BT	Garza, David, Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., S/Sgt

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

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

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P	Woodson, William H., 2Lt
CP	Lanigan, Harold A., F/O
NAV	Finn, Russell C., F/O
BOM	Stephenson, John L., Sgt
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

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

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P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joseph C., F/O
ENG	McClymont, John W., S/Sgt
RO	Griffith, Elwood A., T/Sgt
WG	Calenberg, Raymond N., Sgt
BT	Greenberg, Bernard, Sgt
TG	Henn, Thomas A., Sgt

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

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P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 2Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Cotter, William J., Sgt
WG	Karash, Matthew J., Sgt
RO	Baloga, Stephen M., Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8351 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Miller, Campbell, 1Lt
CP	Douglass, Earl B., 1Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 1Lt
NAV	Weinstein, Irving, 1Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth H., 2Lt
BOM	Green, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Nelson, James B., S/Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 2Lt
WG	Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Finke, John C., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
ENG	Wysocki, Walter, Sgt
RO	Maurer, Charles E., Sgt
BT	Bechtold, Robert E., Sgt
TG	Schrader, Chrissie D., Sgt
WG	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

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P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Moon, Richard Y., 2Lt
BOM	McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt
ENG	Perlowitz, Murray A., Sgt
RO	Capps, Douglas M., Sgt
BT	Hollingsworth, Donald M., Sgt
TG	Reseigh, John R., Sgt
WG	Vitiritto, Joseph A., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38645 (No Name)**

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P	Tasker, Richard E., 2Lt
CP	Francis, Angelito, 2Lt
NAV	Meadows, Clyde, F/O
BOM	McDonnell, John J., 2Lt
ENG	Toon, William D., Sgt
RO	Minnix, Glenn A., Sgt
BT	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt
TG	Driver, Arthur H., Sgt
WG	Van Ornum, Charles S., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38619 (No Name)**

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P	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Albertson, Edward, F/O
BOM	Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT	Lummers, Roger G., Sgt
TG	Bartkowski, Edward L., Sgt
WG	Hejna, Dennis R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38767 (No Name)**

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P	Knutzen, Owen A., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, Leroy P., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., Jr., Sgt
ENG	Klym, Michael, Sgt
RO	Jobe, Andrew K., Jr., Sgt
BT	Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG	Tarnava, Christopher, Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Underdown, Sidney L., 1Lt
CP	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 1Lt
NAV	Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt (360th)
BOM	Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG	Kuwik, John J., T/Sgt
RO	Carman, Nolan W., T/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt

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

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

P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP	Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., F/O
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Robichaux, John B., S/Sgt
RO	Krumwiede, Leland J., Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., Sgt
WG	Bates, Roger K., Sgt

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

P	Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
BOM	Johnson, David E., 2Lt
ENG	Muller, Carl A., Sgt
RO	Darden, Elwyn J., Sgt
BT	Garcia, Leonard A., Sgt
TG	Eckert, Merle W., Sgt
WG	McGuire, William E., Sgt

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

P	Embrey, Henry C., 1Lt
CP	Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, Roy P., F/O
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Miller, Harry C., T/Sgt
RO	Zellar, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8125 *Sparky* - PFF**

P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Haynes, Charles D., 1Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 1Lt
NAV	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt (358th)
BOM	Schulze, William A., 1Lt
ENG	Gillespie, Norton A., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG	Ipsen, Allen L., S/Sgt



**HENRY C. EMBREY CREW with *Sweet La Rhonda* Ground Crew  
B-17G #43-38289 *Sweet La Rhonda* (359BS) BN-J**

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III***

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P	Weaver, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Polkabila, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Giancola, James V., S/Sgt
ENG	Murphy, Jason, Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
WG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
TG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt

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

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P	St. Julien, John D., 2Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 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 #44-6516 *My Darling***

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P	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
CP	Jones, William E., Capt
NAV	Thomas, Edward H., 1Lt
BOM	Valdes, George J., Sgt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., Sgt
TG	Ciezdalo, Eugene F., Sgt
WG	Marchionda, Guido P., Sgt

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

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P	Fink, Marvin P., 1Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
BOM	Prince, James R., 1Lt
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 #42-31055 *Aloha***

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P	Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Friedlander, Henry, F/O
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 #43-38451 *(No Name)***

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P	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander T., F/O
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
BOM	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., T/Sgt
RO	Wimer, Maurice E., T/Sgt
BT	Oberly, Eldridge C., S/Sgt
TG	Englis, Hiram E., S/Sgt
WG	Branin, James J., S/Sgt



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

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

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P Duffield, Richard B., 1Lt  
CP Armfield, John M., 2Lt  
NAV Stewart, James L., 2Lt  
BOM Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt  
ENG Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt  
RO Haynes, Donald L., Sgt  
BT Elliott, Richard D., Sgt  
TG Davis, Jesse W., Sgt  
WG Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

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

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P Losiewicz, Benjamin, 2Lt  
CP Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt  
NAV Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt  
BOM Hight, Basil D., 2Lt  
ENG Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt  
RO Godley, Walter M., Sgt  
BT Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt  
TG Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt  
WG Wilson, Robert T.C., Sgt

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

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P Juns, Frank, 1Lt  
CP White, Raymond E., 2Lt  
NAV Papp, Melvin E., 2Lt  
BOM Puryear, James L., 1Lt  
ENG Bostick, George F., T/Sgt  
RO Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt  
BT Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt  
TG Darland, William G., Jr., 1Lt  
WG Sersland, Paul V., Sgt  
WG Rohrer, Elbert R., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	McGinnis, Martin S., Capt
CP	Doscher, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
BOM	Simone, S.P., Sgt
TT	Lyons, Robert J., S/Sgt
BT	Beal, Donald L., Sgt
RO	Muir, Keith R., T/Sgt
TG	Stevenson, Lowell F., Sgt
WG	Hamilton, Lois R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Petersen, William H., 2Lt
CP	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., Sgt
BT	Grove, John W., S/Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38734 Cheshire Cat**

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P	Aagesen, Donald C., 2Lt
CP	McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
NAV	Minnis, Karl, 2Lt
BOM	Natoli, Sam J., 2Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., Sgt
BT	Calderon, Reuben J., Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., Sgt
TG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
WG	Vuksinich, Louis F., Sgt

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

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P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Best, Shirl P., F/O
BOM	Dohm, William F., F/O
TT	Hardin, Joe A., Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Howell, Melvin, Sgt
TG	Parker, George F., Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

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P	Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
NAV	McMahon, William F., 2Lt
BOM	Leas, Harry D., Sgt
TT	Sabo, Stephen R., Sgt
BT	Kohlmayer, Garth G., Sgt
RO	Schmidt, Elmer J., Sgt
TG	Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., Sgt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

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

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P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
TT	Bates, Grover P., T/Sgt
BT	Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO	Kemmerer, Alfred G., Sgt
TG	Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Vernon, James D., Sgt
Y	Brody, John J., Sgt

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

### **B-17G #44-8495 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Wallace, Wallstein W., 1Lt
CP	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
GH	O'Brien, William P., 2Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 2Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 1Lt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Gene W., Sgt
RO	Kamen, Roland K., Sgt
TG	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
WG	Robins, James B., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6166 *The Red***

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

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

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P	Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP	Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
BOM	Gray, Paul A., Sgt
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
	(Abortive)

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

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P	Schlecht, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Ferrari, William J., 2Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
BOM	Proper, George M., S/Sgt
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
	(Abortive Sortie)