

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 290

24 December 1944

Target: Landing Ground at Merzhausen, near Frankfurt, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 50

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 30 x 100 lb H.E. M30; 30 x 100 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 21,500, 19,000 & 21,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 3,200 rounds

A high pressure area over western Europe brought clear skies and unlimited visibility. Every 8th Air Force Bombardment Group dispatched a maximum effort—the 2,046 B-17s and B-24s and 853 P-51s and P-47s constituted the greatest number of aircraft dispatched by the 8th Air Force during WWII. Targets were airfields and communication centers in western Germany. The Field Order specified that all available aircraft would fly, whether or not they presently were at home Base.



The 303rd BG(H) dispatched its 42 available B-17s from the scattered airfields where they landed on 23 December. Seven aircraft took off from Molesworth, 35 from Bassingbourne (91BS), four from Poddington (92BG), four from Snetterton Heath (96BG) and two from Nettishall (388BG). An additional two aircraft were dispatched to fly with the 92BG from Poddington and six flew with 3rd BD Groups. Some of the latter contained crews from the 303rd BG(H) and some 303rd BG(H) B-17s had crews from other Groups. In one case, the aircraft had a mixed crew. Capt. **Lynch**, diverted to an

RAF Base on 19 December and unable to return to Molesworth, unsuccessfully attempted to load his B-17 with RAF bombs and fly with the RAF. Crews were briefed at Molesworth and transported to Bassingbourne by truck.

Conditions for a maximum effort could not have been worse. Visibility at Molesworth and Bassingbourne was nonexistent and taxiing was very difficult. Aircraft could not be seen by the tower when they went down the runway. At Bassingbourne, where 87 aircraft were dispatched, a man was stationed at the end of the runway to record the aircraft taking off. The 8th Air Force ground and air crews and staffs performed magnificently in dispatching the record 2,046 bombers.

Two aircraft returned early. #43-38645 (*No Name*), 359BS (2Lt. Jack **Weaver**), landed at Bassingbourne after an improperly installed No. 1 engine governor failed. Bombs were jettisoned in the English Channel and landing was made on three engines.

The second aircraft returning early was #43-97949 (*No Name*), 358BS (2Lt. **Gobrecht**) — 2Lt. Harry D. **Gobrecht**, with 2Lt. William S. **McLeod, Jr.**, flying as co-pilot on his first combat mission attempt, made their take-off on instruments under conditions where the wing tip lights could be barely observed. The Fortress broke into clear skies and reached 10,000 feet. Ball Turret Gunner, S/Sgt. William P. **McGrory**, flying on his second tour, complained of gas fumes and spotted gas flowing off the wing on the underside and Lt. **Gobrecht** spotted gas flowing on the upper side. He decided to land, have the leak fixed, and take off to join the formation. Molesworth was now closed due to the poor weather, and while attempting to land at Ridgewell, the No. 1 engine propeller shaft sheared. It was feathered and landing was made on three engines. The gas leak was caused by a poor gasket. The crew sat up all night on Christmas Eve on some hard benches at Ridgewell.

Forty 303rd BG(H) aircraft dropped 1,446 100-lb. H.E. M30 bombs from 21,500, 19,000 and 21,800 feet in clear skies and unlimited visibility. Bombing was visual and results were excellent: 75% of the landing area was covered by craters, making the field non-operational. The six aircraft flying with the 3rd BD dropped 168 100-lb. G.P. bombs on the Darmstadt airfield.

A few enemy aircraft were seen, but none attacked the Group. The 368 P-51 escorts provided good support. One ME-109 flew over the 303rd BG(H) formation trying to escape a pursuing P-51. Other ME-109s, FW-190s and jets were spotted as they were chased by P-51s. Some meager flak was seen over the target areas with a few accurate bursts causing major damage to one B-17 and minor damage to four. There were no casualties to 303rd BG(H) personnel.

Missing in action was #42-31573 *Ole George*, flown by a 92BG crew. Another 303rd BG(H) B-17, loaned to the 92BG, came to an untimely end. #42-97298 *The Floose*, 358BS, flying on its 102nd combat mission, crashed at Snetterton Heath. The 92BG pilot, Lt. W.H. **Hackett**, failed to completely lower the landing gear, causing the gear to collapse on landing. *The Floose* was so badly damaged that it could not be salvaged.

Facing zero visibility caused by low clouds and fog at Molesworth, returning 303rd BG(H) aircraft landed at Snetterton Heath (96thBG airfield).

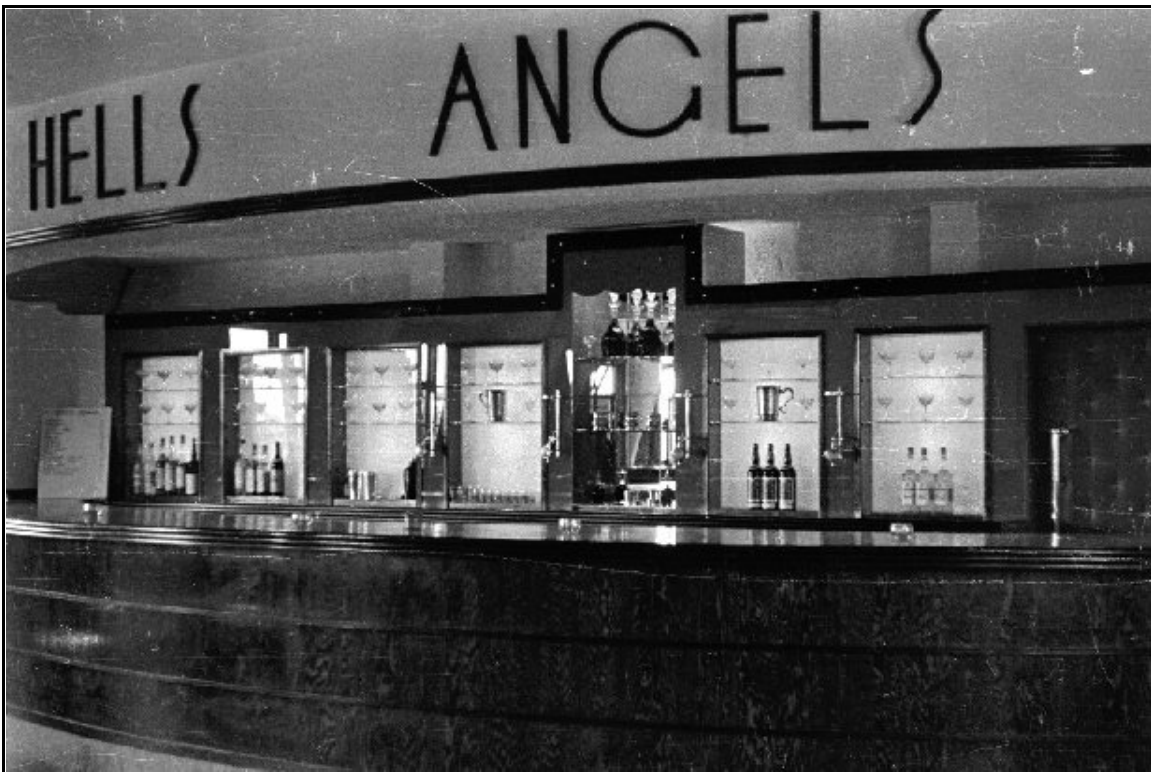


General Frederick W. Castle

A total of 12 8th Air Force bombers and 10 fighters were lost on this mission. B/Gen. Frederick W. **Castle**, Commanding General of the 3rd BD, 4th CBW and previous Commanding Officer of the 94BG, was killed. He was the 8th Air Force Air Commander flying with a 487BG crew and aircraft. German fighters hit his aircraft several times. B/Gen. **Castle** and his co-pilot were killed in the crash of their stricken B-17 after they ordered other crewmen to bail out. Gen. **Castle** was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and was the only Air Force General to die in a direct act to try and save the lives of his subordinates.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Raper-Mosel</u> 439 - PFF		
	<u>Beasley</u> 842		<u>Butler</u> 318	
		<u>McCutchan</u> 563		
	<u>Norris</u> 860		<u>Arwood</u> 544	
	<u>Kallet</u> 523		<u>Knutzen</u> 767	
<u>Hardin</u> 516		<u>Fink</u> 517	<u>Bailey</u> 764	<u>Campbell</u> 206
	<u>Geiger</u> 999		<u>St. Julien</u> 532	



*Molesworth Officers Club Bar*

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

**Callahan-Eisenhart**  
038 - PFF

	<b><u>Roberts</u></b> 166		<b><u>Smith</u></b> 875	
		<b><u>Schlecht</u></b> 281		
	<b><u>Wertz</u></b> 689		<b><u>Turinsky</u></b> 597	
	<b><u>Reid</u></b> 621			<b><u>Knudson</u></b> 309
<b><u>Richter</u></b> 734		<b><u>Petersen</u></b> 569		<b><u>Bixby</u></b> 502
	<b><u>Weaver</u></b> 645			<b><u>Rogers</u></b> 546
				<b><u>Barrat</u></b> 763

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

**Miller-Douglass**  
44-8238 - PFF

	<b><u>Greenbaum</u></b> 530		<b><u>Snider</u></b> 191	
		<b><u>McKinley</u></b> 006		
	<b><u>Gobrecht</u></b> 949		<b><u>Rencher</u></b> 462	
	<b><u>Heckendorf</u></b> 554			<b><u>Embrey</u></b> 289
<b><u>Goodberlet</u></b> 316		<b><u>Poole</u></b> 861		<b><u>Rybaltowski</u></b> 609
	<b><u>Freeman</u></b> 427			<b><u>Harding</u></b> 311
				<b><u>Woodson</u></b> 38238

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></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 #43-38462 Teddy's Rough Riders***

P Rencher, Jack P., 1Lt  
 CP Milman, Jerome, 2Lt  
 NAV Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt  
 TOG Reimche, George K., S/Sgt  
 ENG Gustafson, Orall R., T/Sgt  
 TG Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt  
 RO Brodzinski, Chester, T/Sgt  
 BT Houseman, Clarence W., S/Sgt  
 WG Johnson, Marvin T., S/Sgt

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

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 Clark, Woodrow E., Sgt  
 TG Soule, Evan R., Sgt

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

P Snider, Harley D., 2Lt  
 CP Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt  
 NAV Markt, Rex H., 2Lt  
 BOM Davis, Edward A., 2Lt  
 ENG Work, John R., S/Sgt  
 BT Kudder, Edward P., Sgt  
 RO Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt  
 WG Wade, Murray W., S/Sgt  
 TG Moran, George J., S/Sgt

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

P Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt  
 CP Eby, Joe M., 2Lt  
 NAV Celich, Nicholas J., 1Lt  
 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 #43-38530 (No Name)***

P Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt  
 CP Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt  
 NAV Nicastro, John J., F/O  
 BOM McCall, John W., 1Lt  
 ENG Bruce, Leonard F., Sgt  
 TG Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt  
 RO Dalton, Denver, Sgt  
 BT Dooley, Patrick, Sgt  
 WG Armstrong, Henry L., Sgt

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

P Poole, Lawrence E., 2Lt  
 CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt  
 NAV Smith, Harold S., F/O  
 TOG Smith, Donald P., Sgt  
 ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt  
 WG Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt  
 RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt  
 BT Morrill, Charles K., Sgt  
 TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

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

P Goodberlet, Clarence J., 2Lt  
 CP Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt  
 NAV Mylonas, Peter E., F/O  
 TOG Day, Keith E., Sgt  
 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 #43-38238 (No Name)***

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

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

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

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P Miller, Campbell, 1Lt  
CP Douglass, Earl B., 1Lt  
NAV Kaiser, James M., Capt  
NAV Estes, Keith E., 1Lt  
BOM Ford, Wilson, 1Lt  
ENG Nelson, James B., S/Sgt  
RO Tuescher, Ernest, T/Sgt  
TG Cox, William H., 2Lt  
WG Kedzierski, Edward P., S/Sgt

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

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P Gobrecht, Harry D., 2Lt  
CP McLeod, William S., 2Lt  
NAV McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt  
TOG Miller, Robert J., Sgt  
ENG Benefield, Lenville H., Sgt  
BT Mays, Thomas G., Sgt  
RO Quick, Edgar H., Sgt  
WG McGrory, William P., S/Sgt  
TG Buske, Phillip R., Sgt  
(Abortive)

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

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P Freeman, Clyde E., 1Lt  
CP Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt  
NAV Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt  
BOM Birkenseer, Donald L., 1Lt  
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

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Rybalowski, 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 #43-38767 (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 #44-6502 (No Name)**

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P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP	Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., F/O
TOG	Dittman, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	Robichaux, John B., S/Sgt
RO	Krumwiede, Leland J., Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, S/Sgt

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

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P	Embrey, Henry C., 1Lt
CP	Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV	Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
TOG	Connor, Joseph C., S/Sgt
ENG	Miller, Harry C., T/Sgt
RO	Zellar, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Duerr, Richard B., Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., S/Sgt

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

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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	Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG	Eckert, Merle W., Sgt
WG	McGuire, William E., Sgt

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

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P	Knudson, Darwin D., 2Lt
CP	Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV	Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., Sgt
ENG	Hurdle, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT	Meichtry, Leo R., Sgt
TG	McDonald, Billy L., Sgt
WG	Palm, Kenneth A., Sgt

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

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P	Harding, Lawrence T., 2Lt
CP	Force, James G., 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG	Otto, Kenneth, Jr., Sgt
ENG	O'Brien, William J., Sgt
RO	Cornelius, Russell B., Sgt
BT	Lammers, Roger G., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert O., Sgt
WG	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

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P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Malone, Roy P., F/O
BOM	Kraft, Arthur C., 2Lt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt
WG	Westfall, Byron D., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38682 (No Name)**

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P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt  
CP Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt  
NAV Finke, John C., 2Lt  
TOG Goudy, William F., S/Sgt  
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 #42-97058 Scorchy II**

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P Lutz, John R., 1Lt  
CP Schopplein, Orin M., 2Lt  
NAV Carriere, Lawrence, F/O  
BOM Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt  
ENG Candito, Christopher A., S/Sgt  
RO Lovelock, Edward N., S/Sgt  
BT Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt  
TG Hoffman, George F., Sgt.  
WG Redhage, Louis H., Sgt

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

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P Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt  
CP McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt  
NAV Anstrom, Ronald A., 2Lt  
BOM Steinman, James T., 2Lt  
ENG Copp, Edmond B., Sgt  
RO Fiore, John, Sgt  
BT Hamilton, John W., Sgt  
TG Daniel, Nauphlet F., Sgt  
WG Curl, Lewis E., Sgt

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

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P Tasker, Richard E., 2Lt  
CP Fravel, Harold L., 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 (?)

### **A/C & Balance of Crew from the 388BG**

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P Gates, Cecil J., 1Lt  
CP Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt  
NAV Simon, Albert, 2Lt  
ENG Wysocki, Walter, S/Sgt  
RO Hinnershots, Bruce, S/Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)**

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

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

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P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., T/Sgt
RO	Christ, Donald R., T/Sgt
BT	Parrish, George K., Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., S/Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38999 Emma**

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

### **B-17G #43-38842 (No Name)**

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P	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander T., F/O
NAV	Dee, Martin R., 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	Maurer, John L., Sgt
Y	Conrad, Joseph, S/Sgt

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

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P	Kallet, Sidney, 1Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM	Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
ENG	Lewis, William J., S/Sgt
RO	Clarke, Frank W., S/Sgt
BT	Macy, Edward J., Sgt
TG	Terreri, Joseph, Sgt
WG	Killelea, Raymond J., Sgt

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

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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., S/Sgt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Rohrer, Elbert R., Sgt
WG	Sersland, Paul V., 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	Dubin, Martin M., S/Sgt
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 #42-102544 Sack Time**

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P	Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., Sgt
RO	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt
BT	Hulterstrum, Joseph F., Sgt
TG	Sanchez, Crespian E., Sgt
WG	Linn, James B., Sgt

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

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

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P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 1Lt
CP	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	Kress, Richard H., T/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., T/Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., S/Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., S/Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., S/Sgt

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

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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 #43-38645 (No Name)**

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

(Abortive)

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

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P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 1Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
BOM	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt (359th)
ENG	Marshall, Leroy H., Sgt
RO	Avenia, James J., Sgt
BT	Muchmore, Gale F., Sgt (359th)
TG	Dimick, Richard D., (359th)
WG	Carlson, Dale H., Sgt (359th)

### **B-17G #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Raper, William S., LtCol
CP	Mosel, Arnold, 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
NAV	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., Capt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Lovold, Ole, 1Lt
WG	Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt
BT	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **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
TOG	Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., S/Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., Sgt

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

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P	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
CP	Shaughnessy, William J., F/O
NAV	Witchey, Francis M., F/O
BOM	Renaud, Robert K., Sgt
TT	Wismer, Donald E., Sgt
BT	Newman, Harold E., Sgt
RO	Breedlove, Edwin N., T/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

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P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 2Lt
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

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

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P	Wertz, Robert M., 1Lt
CP	Durst, Melvin A., 2Lt
NAV	Hitt, Kenneth S., F/O
BOM	Leavell, Adelbert D., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Warne, Ralph W., Sgt
BT	Jensen, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO	Giering, Edward J., Sgt
TG	Bennett, Kenneth A., Sgt
WG	Campbell, Walter C., Sgt

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

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P	Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV	Best, Shirl P., F/O
BOM	Karp, William T., Sgt
TT	Reiss, Raymond F., Sgt
BT	Linhart, Louis N., Sgt
RO	Lazarowicz, Matthew, Sgt
TG	Emerson, George H., Sgt
WG	Link, Herbert D., Sgt

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

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P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Gardner, Edward W., Jr., 2Lt
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

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### **B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie***

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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 #44-6166 *The Red***

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P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
NAV	Neubert, Marshall A., Capt
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., Jr., 1Lt
WG	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
BT	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt
OBS	Smith, Carlton M., 1Lt

### **B-17G #43-38621 *50 Ragged***

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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 #44-8038 (*No Name*) - PFF**

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P	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., 1Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., T/Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., S/Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., T/Sgt
TG	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
WG	Simon, Lawrence E., S/Sgt