

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).

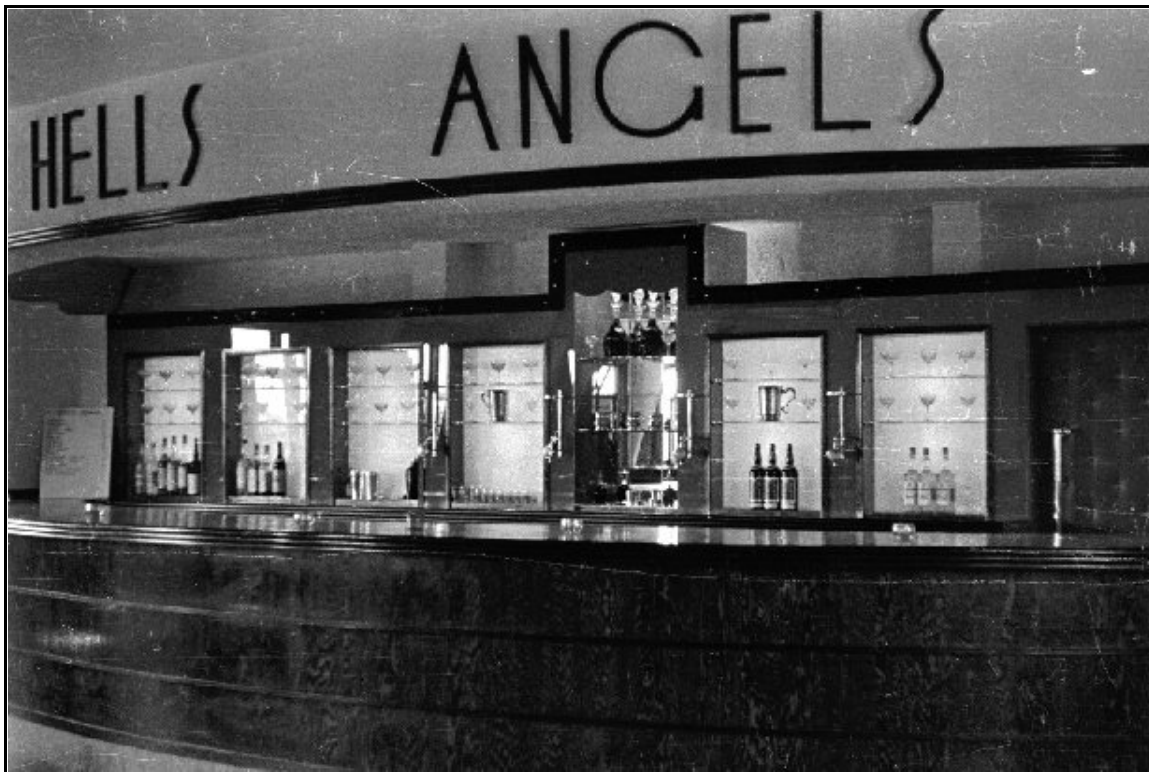


General Frederick W. Castle

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

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

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Miller-Douglass
44-8238 - PFF

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

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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

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)

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*

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)

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 #43-38767 (No Name)

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)

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

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)

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

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

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

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)

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

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

P	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
CP	McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
NAV	Anstrom, Ronald A., 2Lt
BOM	Steineman, 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

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

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)

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)

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

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)

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)

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

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

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

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

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)

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)

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)

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

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*

P Petersen, William H., 2Lt
 CP Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
 NAV Bason, William A., 2Lt
 TOG Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
 TT Zarrella, 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 #43-38734 *Cheshire Cat*

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 #43-38763 (No Name)

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 #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

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 #43-38689 (No Name)

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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

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*

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

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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

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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