

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 297

5 January 1945

Target: Airfield at Nieder-Breisig, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 5 minutes

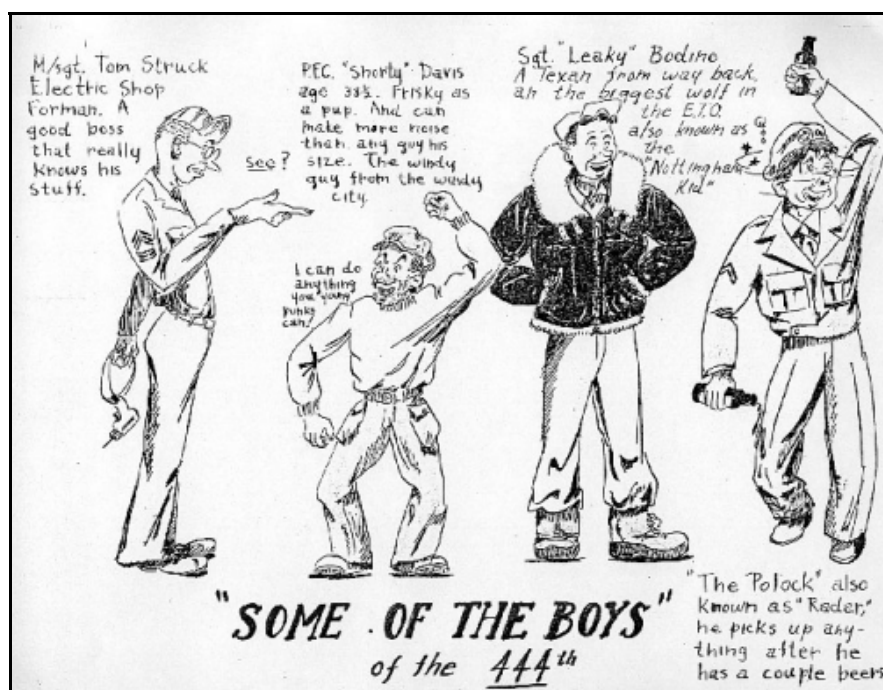
Bomb Load: 38 x 100 lb H.E. M30 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 200 rounds

Ammo Fired: 200 rounds

The marshalling yard at Nieder-Breisig landing ground was the visual or GEE-H target. The secondary target was the Mosel marshalling yard in Koblenz, Germany. There was no last resort target for the 41st CBW-A. One aircraft returned early: #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*, 359BS (Lt. **Harding**), with mechanical problems. Poor weather conditions over England and dense contrails made assembly very difficult.

Thirty-five B-17s dropped 1,287 100-lb. H.E. M30 bombs and 10 units of leaflets on the primary target. A 10/10 low cloud cover, with tops at 4,000 to 6,000 feet, and moderate, non-persistent contrails, required GEE-H bombing. Results were unobserved. One aircraft bombed with a 3 AD Group. Two aircraft jettisoned their bombs.



Some of the Boys of the 444th
Sketch by Neil J. Svare (1945)

Again, no enemy aircraft or flak were seen. Friendly fighter support by 109 P-51s was good. All aircraft returned to Molesworth with no battle damage and no casualties. The scouting force was effective.

The 303rd BG(H) furnished two aircraft to other Groups. #44-8256 *Yankee Girl*, 359BS with 358BS Navigator, 2Lt Kenneth **Carnahan**, flew with the 92nd BG out of Podington. #44-8495 427BS flew with the 305th BG out of Chelveston.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Mackin-Rosser</u> 351 - PFF		
	<u>Gmernicki</u> 427		<u>Goering</u> 999	
		<u>Woodson</u> 530		
	<u>Greenbaum</u> 191		<u>Walter</u> 006	
	<u>Grisham</u> 065		<u>Reid</u> 597	
<u>Gobrecht</u> 949		<u>McLeod</u> 316	<u>Richter</u> 885	<u>Smith</u> 763
			<u>Garrett</u> 945	



(No Name) #44-8351 PFF (358BS) VK-Z
41st CBW-A Lead (358BS) - Pilot Maj G.T. Mackin / CoPilot Capt S.E. Rosser
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Earl B. Beyeler (PFF-N), 1Lt Raymond H. Gorham (B),
 Major George T. Mackin (P), 1Lt Michael L. Zarelli (GH-N), 1 Lt Earl D. Metko (N)
 (Front L-R) 2Lt Harry F. Hopkins (TG-Obs), T/Sgt Chester Brodzinski (R),
 T/Sgt James M. O'Leary (E), S/Sgt Norman W. Putney (WG), Capt Samuel E. Rosser (CP)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Hatch-Norris</u> 125 - PFF				
	<u>Connelly</u> 318		<u>Lovell</u> 647	
		<u>Kallet</u> 451		
	<u>Fink</u> 517		<u>Arwood</u> 532	
	<u>Geiger</u> 544			<u>Petersen</u> 311
<u>Hardin</u> 861		<u>Stiver</u> 842		<u>Barrat</u> 875
	_____			<u>Weaver</u> 516
				<u>Reed</u> 099

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Mickle-Hall</u> 137 - PFF				
	<u>Tarvid</u> 206		<u>Knudson</u> 058	
		<u>Gates</u> 608		
	<u>Rogers</u> 878		<u>Fravel</u> 050	
	<u>Holmes</u> 258			<u>Schlecht</u> 411
<u>Stocks</u> 682		<u>Harding</u> 309		<u>Wertz</u> 734
	_____			<u>Tasker</u> 645
				<u>Ayers</u> 060

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS 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 RESULTS OF MISSION 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)

P	Woodson, William H., 2Lt
CP	Lanigan, Harold A., F/O
NAV	Finn, Russell C., F/O
BOM	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
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 #43-38065 Princess Pat 2

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
TOG	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
ENG	Scheuermann, Edwin P., T/Sgt
BT	Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Post, Harry R., T/Sgt
WG	Buie, Ben M., S/Sgt
TG	Willis, Arnold, Sgt

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

P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
TOG	Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
WG	McClymont, John W., S/Sgt
ENG	Griffith, Elwood A., T/Sgt
RO	Calenberg, Raymond N., Sgt
BT	Greenberg, Bernard, Sgt
TG	Henn, Thomas A., Sgt

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

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 2Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
TOG	Miller, Robert J., Sgt
ENG	Benefield, Lenville H., Sgt
WG	Mays, Thomas G., Sgt
RO	Quick, Edgar H., Sgt
BT	Houseman, Clarence W., S/Sgt
TG	Buske, Phillip R., Sgt

B-17G #42-102945 Sweet Pea

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Castillo, Joseph L.A., 2Lt
NAV	Magner, John H., Jr., F/O
TOG	Day, Keith E., Sgt
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 #44-6316 (No Name)

P	McLeod, William S., 2Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Stevenson, John L., S/Sgt
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, Sgt
WG	Reece, Robert H., T/Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Brown, James L., S/Sgt
ENG	Bruce, Leonard F., Sgt
TG	Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt
RO	Dalton, Denver, Sgt
BT	Dooley, Patrick, Sgt
WG	Armstrong, Henry L., Sgt
PAS	Zimmerman, H.A., Sgt

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

P	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., F/O
BOM	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
ENG	Schroeder, Karl T., Sgt
TG	Hudler, Billie E., Sgt
RO	Kasik, Robert F., Sgt
BT	Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
WG	Meade, Joseph J., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

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

P	Mackin, George T., Maj
CP	Rosser, Samuel E., Capt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
NAV	Beyeler, Earl R., 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 2Lt
WG	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joe C., F/O
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

359th Bombardment Squadron Lists

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

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	Kayrallah, Emil, S/Sgt
TG	Driver, Arthur H., Sgt
WG	Van Ornum, Charles S., Sgt

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
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

B-17G #42-97058 Scorchy II

P	Knudson, Darwin D., 2Lt
CP	Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT	Geng, Donald F., Sgt
TG	Schoonover, Howard D., Sgt
WG	Palm, Kenneth A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 Aloha

P	Raper, William S., LtCol
CP	Lutz, John R., 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt (360th)
NAV	Skarsten, Albert, 1Lt (Hq)
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward M., T/Sgt
BT	Zielinski, William J., S/Sgt
TG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt

(42-31055 was a Scouter Aircraft)

B-17G #43-38608 Lucille

P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
BOM	Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO	Wysocki, Walter, S/Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt
WG	Westfall, Byron D., Sgt

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Anstrom, Ronald A., 2Lt
BOM	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., 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	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Albertson, Edward, F/O
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., Sgt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT	Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt
TG	Bartkowski, Edward L., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, S/Sgt

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

P	Mickle, James D., 1Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., 2Lt
NAV	Estes, Keith E., 1Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 1Lt
ENG	Humphrey, William B., T/Sgt
RO	Eagon, Dennis G., T/Sgt
WG	Bitler, Hower E., Jr., 2Lt
WG	Wentz, Robert D.

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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
(Abortive)

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
NAV Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
BOM Crawford, Raymond C., 2Lt
ENG Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
BT Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt
TG Hoffman, George F., Sgt
WG Redhage, Louis H., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
BOM Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
ENG Jenkins, Maurice L., Sgt
RO Root, Carmen W., Sgt
BT Muchmore, Gale F., Sgt
TG Dimick, Richard D., Sgt
WG Carlson, Dale H., Sgt



ARTHUR J. TARVID CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 11 Dec 1944 - photo: Dec 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Arthur J. Tarvid (P), 2Lt Gale M. Webber (B), F/O Louis C. Grandwilliams (CP),
2Lt Glenn V. Hudson (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Carmen W. Root (R), Sgt Richard D. Dimick (TG),
Sgt Gale F. Muchmore (BT), Sgt Maurice L. Jenkins (E), Sgt Dale H. Carlson (WG)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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
TG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
WG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt

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

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
BOM	Odegaard, Duane J., 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 #43-38451 (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 #44-8647 (No Name)

P	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Friedlander, Henry, 1Lt
BOM	Clippinger, Robert E., T/Sgt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., T/Sgt
RO	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Donald E., Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., S/Sgt
WG	Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt

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

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., S/Sgt
TG	Garcia, Cyprian M., Sgt
WG	Peter, Robert C., Sgt

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

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	Curry, Paul A., T/Sgt
BT	Hulterstrum, Joseph F., Sgt
TG	Sanchez, Crespín E., Sgt
WG	Linn, James B., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Connelly, Ben L., 1Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 1Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 1Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO	Broughton, Averell M., T/Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., S/Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., S/Sgt

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

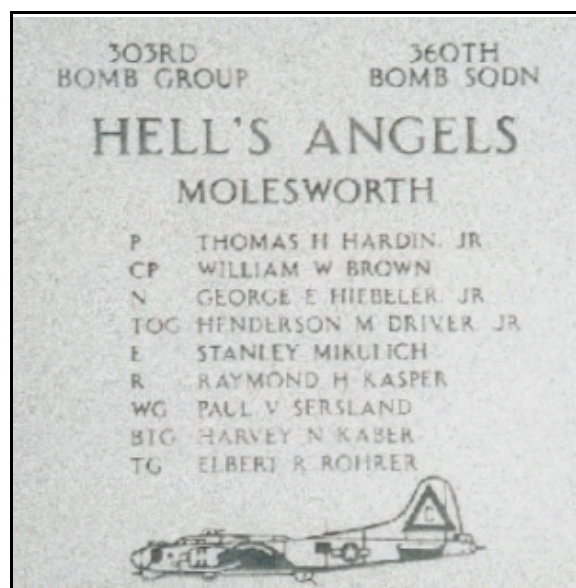
P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander, F/O
NAV	Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt
RO	Godley, Walter M., Sgt
BT	Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt
WG	Patterson, Charles A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 Iza Vailable III

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 #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Hatch, Logan B., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 1Lt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 1Lt
GHN	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
MN	Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 2Lt
ENG	Fuczka, Peter, T/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., T/Sgt
TG	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
WG	Dubin, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Free, Ennis B., Jr., S/Sgt



*Hardin Crew Memorial Plaque
Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum
Pooler, Georgia*

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

B-17G #42-107099 Old 99

P	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
CP	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
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 #42-39885 Sweet Rose O'Grady

P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Natoli, Sam J., 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 #42-39875 Buzz Blonde

P	Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
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 #42-102411 Miss Lace

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., T/Sgt
RO	Hradiskey, Joseph R., Sgt
TG	Herod, William J., Sgt
WG	Warburton, Arlis F., Sgt

B-17G #43-38734 Cheshire Cat

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
TOG Garrett, Joe W., T/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

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM Cohen, Leonard, F/O
TT Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt

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

P Petersen, William H., 2Lt
CP Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV Bason, William A., 2Lt
TOG Ganson, Howard H., S/Sgt
TT Zarrella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
BT Coyle, Arthur J., S/Sgt
RO Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Nelson, Edward F., S/Sgt
WG Tanner, Loyd H., Sgt
Y Brady, Sgt