

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 298B

7 January 1945

Target: Railroad Junction at Kall, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 10 minutes

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

Bombing Altitudes: 23,000, 22,200, & 23,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 5,000 rounds

The primary target was the Kall, Germany railroad junction (visual or GEE-H), the secondary was the Mosel marshalling yard in Koblenz (PFF), and the last resort was any military objective positively identified as being in Germany and not prohibited by existing instructions. No aircraft returned early. Lead aircraft #44-8439 360BS, was loaned to the 351BG at Polebrook.

Thirty-nine aircraft dropped 443 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs and 10 units of leaflets on the primary target. A 10/10 undercast, with tops at 14,000 to 15,000 feet, required GEE-H bombing from 23,000, 22,200 and 23,000 feet with unobserved results.

There was no flak, no enemy aircraft, good support by 159 P-51s, no battle damage and no casualties. All B-17s returned to Molesworth.

**MISSION NOTE:** Mission records provide no explanation as to why the missions of 6 and 7 January were numbered as mission 298-A and 298-B rather than 298 and 299.



*Airman Homer*

## **AIRMAN HOMER - Canine Aviator**

Airman Homer, Serial #1102586(A) — This photo was taken while “on duty” with the 358th BS at Molesworth in 1945. “Reliable sources” tell us that Homer was awarded the Air Medal for participating in five combat missions in January and February 1945, though we have been unable to confirm this with official records. We have been assured that Homer was never actually at the controls during the bomb runs. Homer's missions were to Kassel, Cologne, Kall, Mannheim and Berlin.

The human members of Homer's Crew were: 2Lt Lawrence E. **Poole** (P), 2Lt Harley E. **Cannon** (CP), 2Lt Harold S. **Smith** (N), Sgt Rayford E. **Pullen** (E), Sgt Marvin L. **Hoke** (R), Sgt Charles K. **Morrill** (BT), Sgt Donald P. **Smith** (WG), Sgt Harry D. **Kinsland** (WG) and Sgt Beryl E. **Kindred** (TG).

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Fletcher - Hullar</u> 125 - PFF		
	<u>Eisenhart</u> 885		<u>Reid</u> 137 - PFF	
		<u>Aagesen</u> 734		
	<u>Wertz</u> 763		<u>Reed</u> 099	
	<u>Hewitt</u> 411		<u>Grisham</u> 065	
<u>Richter</u> 569		<u>Smith</u> 248	<u>Poole</u> 238	<u>Gordon</u> 462
			<u>Barrat</u> 689	



B-17G #44-8125 Sparky PFF 360BS (PU-Y)  
41st CBW-B Lead - Pilot Capt J.E. Fletcher / CoPilot Capt R.J. Hullar

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

**Kuykendall-Schuchard**  
621

	<b><u>Johnson</u></b> 861		<b><u>Duffield</u></b> 318	
		<b><u>App</u></b> 563		
	<b><u>Fink</u></b> 517		<b><u>St. Julien</u></b> 672	
	<b><u>Jones</u></b> 516		<b><u>Heckendorf</u></b> 316	
<b><u>Stiver</u></b> 842		<b><u>Arwood</u></b> 532	<b><u>Gobrecht</u></b> 590	<b><u>McLeod</u></b> 530
	_____		<b><u>Geiger</u></b> 544	

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

**Sirany-Powlus**  
495

	<b><u>Gates</u></b> 289		<b><u>Stocks</u></b> 682	
		<b><u>Bixby</u></b> 258		
	<b><u>Proffitt</u></b> 608		<b><u>O'Donnell</u></b> 050	
	<b><u>Holmes</u></b> 878		<b><u>Milman</u></b> 945	
<b><u>Tarvid</u></b> 206		<b><u>Rybalowski</u></b> 645	<b><u>Gmernicki</u></b> 427	<b><u>Walter</u></b> 949
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### 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 #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2***

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P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
TOG	Cox, Lyle 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***

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P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joe C., F/O
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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady***

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

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

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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

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

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P	Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
BOM	Chambers, Rex, 2Lt
ENG	McGreevy, James, S/Sgt
WG	Ready, William C., Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., Sgt
BT	Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

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

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P	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Grigger, Richard S., Sgt

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

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

P	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
CP	Thornton, Everett H., 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

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

P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
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 #43-38238 (No Name)**

P	Poole, Lawrence E., 2Lt
CP	Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Kedzierski, Edward P., S/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



***Any Gum Chum by Keith Hill (2000)***

*Henn's Revenge B-17G #44-8427 (358BS) VK-E with part of the Capt Lawrence Poole Crew and their dog mascot "Airman Homer." Village children are asking for gum and candy. (Painted for the 2-3 June 2000 303rd BGA Return to Molesworth Reunion.)*

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt  
 CP Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt  
 NAV O'Dell, Benjamin L., 1Lt  
 TOG Dando, Charles A., 2Lt  
 ENG Wysocki, Walter, S/Sgt  
 RO Maurer, Charles E., S/Sgt  
 BT Schilling, Lawrence E., Sgt  
 TG Kayrallah, Emil, S/Sgt  
 WG Wallis, Elton E., S/Sgt

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

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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 #43-38878 (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 Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt  
 TG Bartkowski, Edward L., Sgt  
 WG Van Zile, Raymond J., 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 Geng, Donald F., Sgt  
 TG Eckert, Merle W., Sgt  
 WG McGuire, William E., Sgt

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

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P Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt  
 CP Olson, John A., 2Lt  
 NAV Simon, Albert, 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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

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P O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt  
 CP Goulding, Traymun D., 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

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

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

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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

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

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P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt  
CP Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt  
NAV Finke, John C., 2Lt  
TOG Roberts, James P., 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 #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oily***

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

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

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P Sirany, George R., Capt  
CP Powlus, Vernon F., F/O  
NAV Moon, Richard Y., 2Lt  
NAV Dimick, Donald L., 2Lt  
NAV Weil, Frank P., 2Lt  
BOM Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt  
ENG Sherrill, Elliotte W., T/Sgt  
RO Deen, Oscar A., T/Sgt  
TG Francis, Angelito, 2Lt  
WG Hrych, Robert C., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
TOG	Clippinger, Robert E., T/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 #44-6517 *Old Cock***

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P	Fink, Marvin P., 1Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
BOM	Friedlander, Henry, 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)**

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P	Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 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

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

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P	St. Julien, John D., 2Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 2Lt
NAV	Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt
BOM	Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt
ENG	Mitchell, William E., S/Sgt
RO	Flanigan, John J., Sgt
BT	Farthing, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Evans, Marlin D., Sgt
WG	McLellan, Raymond L., Sgt

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

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P	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
CP	Statton, Roy F., 2Lt
NAV	Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
BOM	Woods, Heiber J., Sgt
ENG	Rhodes, William H., Sgt
RO	Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
BT	Koci, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Mooney, Marion M., Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

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

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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	Johnson, David T., S/sgt
WG	Miller, Donald E., Sgt
VI	Hurlbutt, Carl R., Sgt



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

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

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P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
BOM	Dee, Martin R., 2Lt
ENG	Leach, Norman E., T/Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., T/Sgt
BT	Brady, Gene F., S/Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., Sgt
WG	Polaski, Duane L., S/Sgt

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

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P	Jones, William E., Capt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 1Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 1Lt
TOG	Valdes, George J., S/Sgt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., Sgt
TG	Ciezadlo, Eugene F., Sgt
WG	Marchionda, Guido P., Sgt

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

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GHN	Quinlan, Thomas E., 2Lt (A/C loaned to 351BG at Polebrook)
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### **B-17G #44-8318 (No Name)**

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P	Duffield, Richard B., 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	Gilbert, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Carter, James O., Cpl
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Cpl

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

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P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 1Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 1Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., T/Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., T/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., S/Sgt
WG	Alexander, John P., S/Sgt
TG	Moody, William S., 2Lt
WG	Dubin, Martin M., S/Sgt
VI	Conard, J., S/Sgt (427th)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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	Garrett, Joe W., T/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	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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Natoli, Sam J., 2Lt
TOG	Hester, Lloyd D., 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

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

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P	Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV	Nazarian, John K., 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 #43-38763 (No Name)**

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P	Wertz, Robert M., 1Lt
CP	Durst, Melvin A., 2Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
TOG	Gray, Paul A., S/Sgt
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 #43-38734 *Cheshire Cat***

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P	Aagesen, Donald C., 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, F/O
NAV	Minnis, Karl, 2Lt
BOM	Leavell, Adelbert D., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., Sgt
BT	Calderon, Reuben J., Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., Sgt
TG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
WG	Fabian, William J., S/Sgt

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

### **B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady***

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P	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
CP	Ayers, Roger D, 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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace***

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P	Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
NAV	Russo, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Sabo, Stephen R., S/Sgt
BT	Kohlmayer, Garth G., Sgt
RO	Schmidt, Elmer J., S/Sgt
TG	Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., Sgt
WG	Sears, William A., Sgt

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

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P	Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
MN	Buckner, James C., 2Lt (358th)
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., 1Lt
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 #44-8125 *Sparky* - PFF**

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P	Fletcher, John E., Capt
CP	Hullar, Robert J., Capt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 1Lt
GHN	Clark, Floyd L., 2Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 2Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., Capt
TT	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
WG	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt