

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 303

17 January 1945

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Paderborn, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

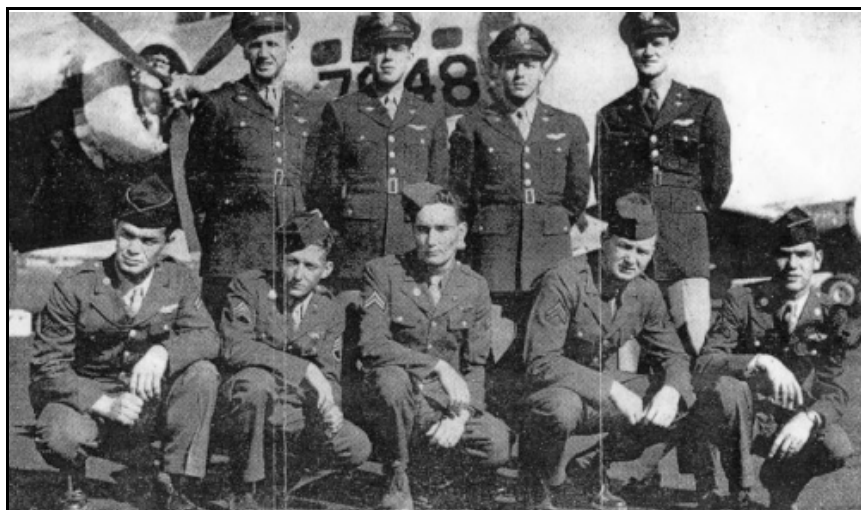
Length of Mission: 7 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 1,000 lb H.E. M44 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 20,000, 23,700 & 27,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 200 rounds

Major Charles E. **Kerwin** was assigned to the 359BS and led the Group's thirty-nine aircraft to attack a railway viaduct at Bielefeld, Germany (visual or PFF). The secondary target was the marshalling yard in Paderborn (PFF) and last resort, an airfield at Gutersloh, Germany. One aircraft, #43-38608 *Lucille* 358BS, (Lt. **McLeod**), turned back early due to a leak in the oxygen system. After landing, McLeod transferred to a spare B-17, #44-6006 (*No Name*), and made an unsuccessful attempt to catch up with the 303BG formation. He turned back for the second time at the Dutch coast.



CYRIL TILSEN CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 25 Dec 1944 - photo: Biggs Field, TX, late 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Donald T. Barger (B), 2Lt James B. McDowell, Jr. (CP),
2Lt Cyril Tilsen (P), 2Lt Casimir M. Bielski (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Julian R. Cassino (G),
S/Sgt Sherod R. Driggers, Jr. (E), Sgt Isaac H. Proctor (G), S/Sgt Arnold Mawdsley (R),
Sgt William G. Hendron (G) — The Tilsen Crew was named the "Outstanding Combat
Crew" at Biggs Field. They were the first 2nd AF Crew to be recognized for outstanding
work in training. The crew competed against 54 other teams.

The 360th BS furnished GEE-H Fortresses to the 351BG at Polebrook (#44-8439) and the 401BG 94CBW at Deenethorpe (#44-8125).

The target area contained 10/10 low clouds with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 feet and light, non-persistent contrails. Thirty-eight B-17s dropped 228 1,000-lb. H.E. M44 bombs on the secondary from 20,000, 23,700 and 27,800 feet with unobserved results. The lead Squadron dropped

on the smoke markers of the low Group ahead after its GEE-H and PFF equipment failed. The low Squadron bombed off the lead. The high Squadron bombed PFF because its GEE-H equipment also failed.

The Luftwaffe again failed to send any opposition. The 109 P-51s from the 1st AD provided only fair support—scattered and not close. There was no flak and no battle damage or casualties. All aircraft returned to Molesworth after this welcomed "milk run."

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Kerwin-Knutzen
351 - PFF

	<u>Fravel</u> 645	<u>Knudson</u> 058	
		<u>Bailey</u> 258	
	<u>Tilsen</u> 050	<u>Rogers</u> 878	
<u>Holmes</u> 619			<u>Kallet</u> 563
<u>Rybaltowski</u> 609	<u>Harding</u> 944	<u>Middlemas</u> 516	<u>Stiver</u> 842
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Fielder-Dorsett
256 - PFF

	<u>Snider</u> 999	<u>Walter</u> 530	
		<u>Woodson</u> 316	
	<u>Gmernicki</u> 427	<u>Greenbaum</u> 462	
<u>Goodberlet</u> 065			<u>Hardin</u> 672
<u>Gobrecht</u> 590	<u>Poole</u> 238	<u>St. Julien</u> 523	<u>Fink</u> 517
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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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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Callahan-Wallace
281

Flanders
763

Roberts
621

Aagesen
734

Petersen
060

Richter
885

Hewitt
411

App
647

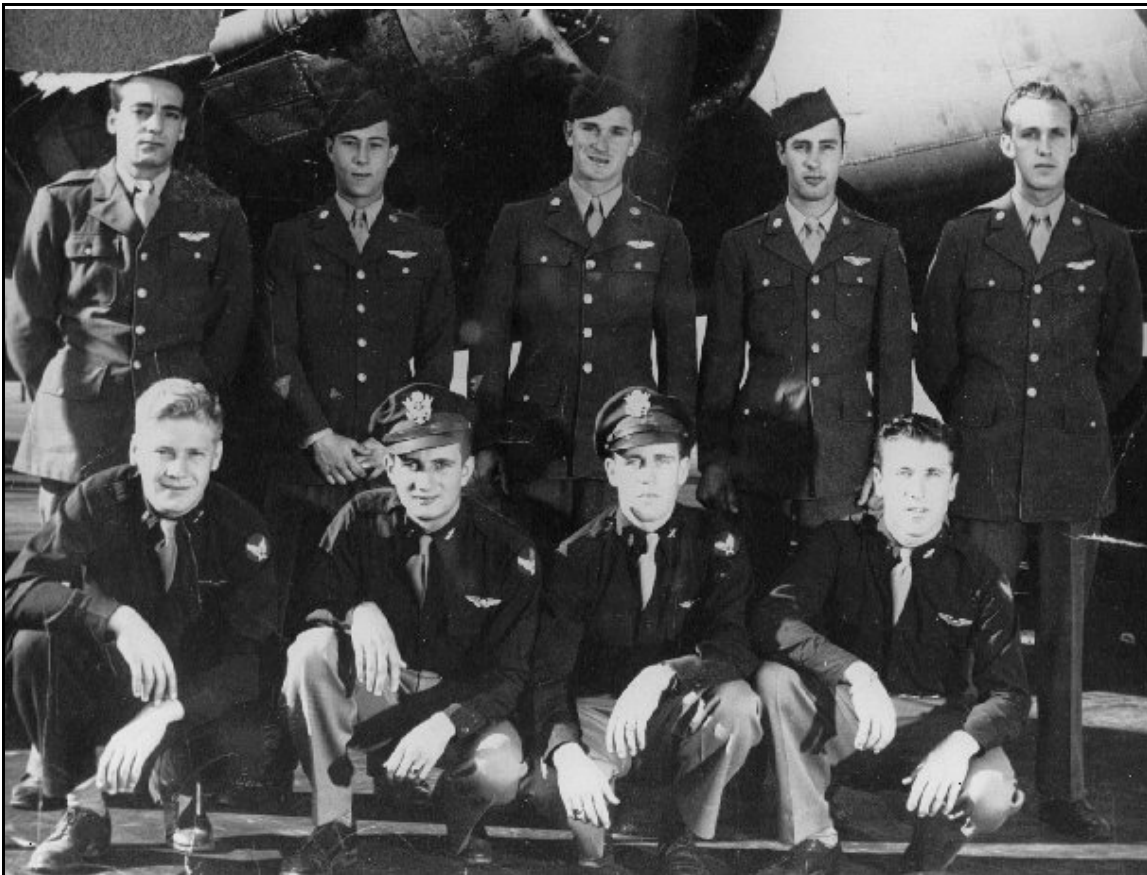
Garrett
546

Demian
248

Armfield
318

Reeves
860

Geiger
544



JULIUS CARL DEMIAN CREW - 427th BS

(crew assigned 427BS: 25 Dec 1944 - photo: Oct 1944)

(Back L-R) Cpl Joseph M. Ross, Jr. (WG), Cpl Donato J. Lombardi (R), Cpl Harry L. Leach (E),
Cpl Alfred D. Wilson (BT), Cpl Thomas A. Buford (TG) - (Front L-R) F/O Julius Carl Demian (P),
F/O Bernard L. Tractman (N), F/O William R. Rubins (B), F/O Earl R. Weathers (CP)

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Castillo, Joseph L.A., 2Lt
NAV	Magner, John H., Jr., F/O
TOG	Day, Keith E., S/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 #43-38530 (*No Name*)

P	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
CP	Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
NAV	Finn, Russell C., F/O
TOG	Kedzierski, Edward P., T/Sgt
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	Woodson, William H., 2Lt
CP	Lanigan, Harold A., F/O
NAV	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Brown, Richard A., T/Sgt
WG	Riley, Lloyd S., S/Sgt
RO	Gramiak, Victor J., T/Sgt
BT	Burnette, R.L., S/Sgt
TG	Farrell, Peter J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 2Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
TOG	Brown, James L., S/Sgt
ENG	Cotter, William J., Sgt
WG	Gustafson, Orall R., T/Sgt
RO	LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P	Snider, Harley D., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles A., 2Lt
BOM	McCall, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Work, John R., T/Sgt
WG	Kudder, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt
WG	Wade, Murray W., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., S/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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Weaver, Robert J., T/Sgt
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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
TOG	Miller, Robert J., S/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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38238 (No Name)

P Poole, Lawrence E., 2Lt
CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV Guerrieri, Joe C., F/O
TOG Smith, Donald P., Sgt
ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
WG O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT Fox, Raymond H., Sgt
TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (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 Rafferty, William A., Sgt
RO Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt
TG James, Frank M., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17G #44-8256 Yankee Girl - PFF

P Fielder, George H., 1Lt
CP Dorsett, John D., 2Lt
NAV Weber, George F., 1Lt
MN Buckner, James C., 2Lt
GHN Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
BOM Green, George A., 1Lt
ENG Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
WG Cox, Lyle M., S/Sgt
RO Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
TG Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

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	Wallis, Elton E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Cpl
BT	Hendon, William G., Pvt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Cpl
WG	Cassino, Julian R, Cpl

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

P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 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 #43-38619 (No Name)

P	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Albertson, Edward, F/O
TOG	Dittman, Robert J., S/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	Hrych, Robert C., S/Sgt

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
TOG	Schrader, Chrissie D., Sgt
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 #43-38645 (No Name)

P	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
TOG	Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
BT	Ortega, Jesus F., Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG	Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., Sgt
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 #42-97058 *Scorchy II*

P Knudson, Darwin D., 2Lt
CP Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
BOM Dando, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt
RO Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT Meichtry, Leo R., Sgt
TG McDonald, Billy L., Sgt
WG Faubion, Winfred E., Sgt

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

P Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV Jones, Clayton C., 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 #44-8351 (*No Name*) - PFF

P Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
CP Knutzen, Owen A., 2Lt
NAV Forve, Frank F., 1Lt
GHN Quinlan, Thomas E., Jr., 2Lt
MN Weil, Frank P., 1Lt
BOM Schulze, William A., 1Lt
ENG Gillespie, Norton A., T/Sgt
RO Carman, Nolan W., T/Sgt
TG McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
WG Hartman, Alexander, T/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	St. Julien, John D., 1Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 2Lt
NAV	Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt
BOM	Carney, Felix A., 2Lt
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 #42-102544 Sack Time

P	Geiger, James E., 1Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Dee, Martin R., 2Lt
TOG	Cie zadlo, Eugene F., 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 #43-38563 Jackie

P	Kallet, Sidney, 1Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
TOG	Valdes, George J., S/Sgt
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 #44-6517 Old Cock

P	Fink, Marvin P., 1Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
TOG	Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt
ENG	Holder, Jack E., Sgt
RO	Dahl, Robert F., Sgt
BT	Albright, Richard M., S/Sgt
TG	Garcia, Cyprian M., Sgt
WG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt

B-17G #44-8647 (No Name)

P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Moody, William S., 2Lt
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
TOG	Renaud, Robert K., Sgt (427th)
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

P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 1Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
TOG	Giancola, James V., S/Sgt
ENG	Marshall, Leroy H., Sgt
RO	Avenia, James J., Sgt
BT	Parrish, George K., S/Sgt
TG	Cranshaw, John A., S/Sgt
WG	Maurer, John L., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Armfield, John M., 2Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
TG	Miller, Donald E., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

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

P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 1Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
TOG	Driver, Henderson M., Jr., S/Sgt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
WG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

Loaned to Polebrook B-17G #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

GHN	Dimick, Donald L., 2Lt
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B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)

P	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
CP	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Perry, Franklin W., 2Lt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt
WG	King, Raymond H., 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	Carter, James O., Sgt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Sgt
VI	Elkin, Samuel, Sgt

Loaned to Deenethorpe B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

GHN	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
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427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Petersen, William H., 1Lt
 CP Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
 NAV Bason, William A., 2Lt
 TOG Price, John B., T/Sgt
 TT Zarrella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
 BT Brown, Thomas P., Sgt
 RO Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
 TG Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt
 WG Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt

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

P Demian, Julius C., F/O
 CP Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
 NAV Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
 BOM Rubins, William R., F/O
 TT Leach, Harry L., Sgt
 BT Wilson, Alfred D., Sgt
 RO Lombardi, Donato J., Sgt
 TG Buford, Thomas A., Sgt
 WG Ross, Joseph M., Jr., Sgt

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

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

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

P Richter, George K., 2Lt
 CP McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
 NAV Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
 TOG Gray, Paul A., 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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt
 CP Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
 NAV Witchey, Francis M., F/O
 TOG Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
 TT Sabo, Stephen R., S/Sgt
 BT Kohlmayer, Garth G., S/Sgt
 RO Schmidt, Elmer J., S/Sgt
 TG Warner, Vester W., T/Sgt
 WG Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., S/Sgt

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

P Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
 CP Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
 NAV Blessing, Gerald, 2Lt
 TOG Ganson, Howard H., S/Sgt
 TT Anthony, George E., T/Sgt
 BT Graves, John M., Sgt
 RO Elling, Myron A., S/Sgt
 TG Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt
 WG Sears, William A., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P Callahan, Charles A., Capt
 CP Wallace, Walstein W., 1Lt
 NAV Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Prusha, Elmer E., 1Lt
 TT Erdman, Robert A., S/Sgt
 WG Johnson, Gene W., Sgt
 RO Kamen, Roland K., S/Sgt
 TG Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt
 WG Robins, James B., Sgt

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

P Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
 CP Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
 NAV Russo, William D., 1Lt
 BOM Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
 WG Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
 TT Riveland, Alf, Sgt
 RO Renzi, Frank, Sgt
 TG Barber, Albert P., Sgt
 BT Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt
 Y Brenner, Seymour, Sgt