

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission: No. 312

6 February 1945

Target: Friedrichroda, Geisel, and Ostheim, Germany

Visual Targets of Opportunity

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 28 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,100, 23,500, & 25,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 580 rounds

**P**iloting the Scouting Force B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*, 360BS, were Lt. Col. Walter K. **Shayler** (CO 360BS) and 1Lt. Logan B. **Hatch**.

Thirty-nine Group B-17s were dispatched to attack the synthetic oil plant at Lutzendorf, Germany (visual only). The secondary target was the Dresden marshalling yard (visual or PFF) and the last resort was the marshalling yard at Chemnitz. Shortly before take-off, the secondary and last resort targets were cancelled. Aircraft were ordered to attack targets of opportunity on the routes back if the primary could not be attacked. Fortress #44-8351 (*No Name*), 358BS (Lt. **Snider**), had mechanical problems after reaching enemy territory and returned early.

Over the Continent and in the target area, the bombers encountered 9/10 low clouds with tops at 5,000 feet. The primary target was covered with 10/10 clouds and could not be bombed. Each of the three Group Squadrons bombed separate targets of opportunity. The Lead Squadron dropped 120 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs on Ostheim, Germany from 25,100 feet with poor results. The Low Squadron dropped 120 500-lb. bombs and 10 leaflet units on Friedrichroda, Germany from 23,500 feet with possible fair results. The High Squadron dropped 120 500-lb. bombs on Geisel, Germany from 25,900 feet doing minor damage.

There was no enemy air opposition or anti-aircraft fire. Friendly fighter support by 273 1st AD P-51s was good until the formation broke up to attack individual targets. Let downs and landings were by Squadrons. Ten aircraft landed at other bases due to weather conditions. There were no casualties or damaged aircraft. Major **Shumake** believed that the mission was "pretty badly messed up." He stated that the mission should have been scrubbed or should have had more than one assigned target. He reported that it was difficult to pick out good targets of opportunity, given the poor weather conditions.



5 February 1945 — Major William C. Heller was appointed Commanding Officer of the 360th BS replacing LtCol Walter K. Shayler. Major Heller was transferred from the 303rd BG(H) Headquarters, having previously served with the 360th BS and the 359th BS.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

|                         |                                      |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | <u>Fielder-Shumake</u><br>8590 - PFF |                          |
| <u>Greene</u><br>238    |                                      | <u>Snider</u><br>351     |
|                         | <u>Heckendorf</u><br>065             |                          |
| <u>Erickson</u><br>999  |                                      | <u>Gobrecht</u><br>7590  |
| <u>Walker</u><br>427    |                                      | <u>Hewitt</u><br>011     |
| <u>Greenbaum</u><br>191 | <u>McLeod</u><br>160                 | <u>Schlecht</u><br>921   |
|                         |                                      | <u>Richardson</u><br>885 |
|                         |                                      | <u>Garrett</u><br>096    |



B-17G #44-8590 (No Name) PFF (358BS) VK-Y  
41st CBW-B Lead - Pilot 1Lt G.H. Fielder / CoPilot Maj G.F. Shumake

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

|                         |                       |                                   |                           |                            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                         |                       | <u>Kerwin-Bailey</u><br>564 - PFF |                           |                            |
|                         | <u>Holmes</u><br>619  |                                   | <u>Call</u><br>764        |                            |
|                         |                       | <u>Rogers</u><br>127              |                           |                            |
|                         | <u>Harding</u><br>767 |                                   | <u>Rybaltowski</u><br>609 |                            |
| <u>Knudson</u><br>645   |                       |                                   |                           | <u>Wertz</u><br>977        |
| <u>O'Donnell</u><br>050 | <u>Tarvid</u><br>206  |                                   | <u>Barrat</u><br>149      | <u>Bluethenthal</u><br>763 |
|                         |                       |                                   |                           | <u>Proffitt</u><br>608     |



**1Lt Thomas M. O'Donnell Crew in the Official Photograph of the 100th Mission of B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird 359BS (BN-U)**  
(Due to a miss-count, it was actually only her 99th mission.)

(Back L-R) Sgt George F. Hoffman (TG), S/Sgt Louis H. Redhage (WG),  
2Lt Raymond C. Crawford (B), 1Lt Thomas M. O'Donnell (P), 2Lt Zaven Jardarian (N),  
Sgt Billy A. Gaumer (BTG), 2Lt Traynum D. Goulding (CP)  
(Front L-R) T/Sgt Sol Portney (RO), T/Sgt Norbert G. Fischer (E)  
Crew Chief James Thomson is in the pilot's seat.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

|                                    |                        |                      |                          |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <u><b>Kuykendall-Losiewicz</b></u> |                        |                      |                          |                        |
| <b>552 - PFF</b>                   |                        |                      |                          |                        |
|                                    | <u><b>Armfield</b></u> |                      | <u><b>Weaver</b></u>     |                        |
|                                    | <b>544</b>             |                      | <b>647</b>               |                        |
|                                    |                        | <u><b>Arwood</b></u> |                          |                        |
|                                    |                        | <b>532</b>           |                          |                        |
|                                    | <u><b>Statton</b></u>  |                      | <u><b>St. Julien</b></u> |                        |
|                                    | <b>842</b>             |                      | <b>523</b>               |                        |
| <u><b>Middlemas</b></u>            |                        |                      |                          | <u><b>Petersen</b></u> |
| <b>516</b>                         |                        |                      |                          | <b>081</b>             |
| <u><b>Edmunds</b></u>              | <u><b>Stiver</b></u>   |                      | <u><b>Ayers</b></u>      | <u><b>Demian</b></u>   |
| <b>451</b>                         | <b>563</b>             |                      | <b>060</b>               | <b>248</b>             |
|                                    |                        |                      | <u><b>Newell</b></u>     |                        |
|                                    |                        |                      | <b>517</b>               |                        |



**FRED E. CALL CREW - 359th BS  
B-17G Hell's Cargo #44-8734 (359BS) BN-C  
(crew assigned 359BS: 19 Jan 1945)**

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

|  |   |   |  |
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| <p><b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></b><br/>                 CMP - Command Pilot<br/>                 P - Pilot<br/>                 CP - Co-Pilot<br/>                 NAV - Navigator<br/>                 ANV - Ass't. Navigator<br/>                 MNV - Mickey Navigator<br/>                 ENG - Engineer<br/>                 BOM - Bombardier<br/>                 RO - Radio Operator</p> | <p>TOG - Toggler<br/>                 BT - Ball Turret Operator<br/>                 TT - Top Turret Operator<br/>                 TG - Tail Gunner<br/>                 WG - Waist Gunner<br/>                 LWG - Left Waist Gunner<br/>                 RWG - Right Waist Gunner<br/>                 GUN - Gunner<br/>                 VI - Voice Interpreter<br/>                 OBS - Observer</p> | <p>PAS - Passenger<br/>                 PHO - Photographer<br/>                 Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO)<br/>                 RCM - Radio Cntr Measures<br/>                 SJ - Spot Jammer</p> <p><b><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></b><br/>                 KIA - Killed in action<br/>                 WIA - Wounded in action<br/>                 MIA - Missing in action</p> | <p>POW - Prisoner of war<br/>                 DOW - Died of wounds<br/>                 EVD - Evaded the enemy<br/>                 REP - Repatriated<br/>                 RES - Rescued<br/>                 ESC - Escaped<br/>                 BO - Bailed out<br/>                 DCH - Ditched<br/>                 CR-L - Crashed on land<br/>                 CR-S - Crashed at sea</p> |
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt |
| CP  | Sims, Allen R., 2Lt        |
| NAV | Nicastro, John J., F/O     |
| TOG | Smith, Donald P., S/Sgt    |
| ENG | McGreevy, James, T/Sgt     |
| TG  | Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt     |
| RO  | Dalton, Denver, Sgt        |
| BT  | Dooley, Patrick, Sgt       |
| WG  | Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt  |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Erickson, Robert E., 2Lt  |
| CP  | Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt  |
| NAV | Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt     |
| TOG | Quig, Francis X., Sgt     |
| ENG | Sprinkles, Lebrew D., Sgt |
| WG  | Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt    |
| RO  | Ennis, Charles S., Sgt    |
| BT  | Carter, William J., Sgt   |
| TG  | Crigger, Richard S., Sgt  |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Greene, Robert E., 1Lt    |
| CP  | Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt    |
| NAV | Milligan, William J., 2Lt |
| TOG | Reimche, George K., S/Sgt |
| ENG | Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt |
| WG  | Williams, Ira J., Sgt     |
| RO  | Thompson, Joe C., Sgt     |
| BT  | Covert, John L., Sgt      |
| TG  | Jobe, Milton L., Sgt      |

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

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Walker, Barton F., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Smith, Orville H., F/O     |
| NAV | Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt      |
| TOG | Magyar, Frank, Sgt         |
| ENG | Wilhelm, Raymond G., Sgt   |
| BT  | Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt |
| RO  | Jasut, Stanley, Sgt        |
| WG  | Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt   |
| TG  | Massey, Ray N., Sgt        |

### **B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady***

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|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt       |
| CP  | Eby, Joe M., 2Lt              |
| NAV | Chambers, Rex, 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        |

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

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt |
| CP  | Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt        |
| NAV | Jones, George W., 2Lt      |
| BOM | Oettinger, George F., 2Lt  |
| 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      |

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

### **B-17G #43-39160 *G for George***

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|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | McLeod, William S., 2Lt       |
| CP  | Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt       |
| NAV | Hopkins, William B., 2Lt      |
| TOG | Stevenson, John L., T/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          |

### **B-17G #43-39096 *Sky Demon***

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt   |
| CP  | Castillo, Joseph L.A., F/O |
| NAV | Leonhirth, Junius, 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 #44-8351 *(No Name) - PFF***

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Snider, Harley D., 1Lt      |
| CP  | Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt         |
| NAV | McDonald, Walter N., 2Lt    |
| MN  | Foltz, Leon P., F/O         |
| BOM | Kruckemeyer, Thomas J., 2Lt |
| ENG | Work, John R., T/Sgt        |
| WG  | Kudder, Edward P., Sgt      |
| RO  | Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt |
| WG  | Wade, Murray W., S/Sgt      |

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### **B-17G #44-8590 *(No Name) - PFF***

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Fielder, George H., 1Lt    |
| CP  | Shumake, Glynn F., Maj     |
| NAV | Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt  |
| NAV | Fearn, Charles A., 1Lt     |
| MN  | Garrett, Robert N., 1Lt    |
| BOM | Gorham, Raymond M., 1Lt    |
| ENG | Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt |
| WG  | Cox, Lyle M., T/Sgt        |
| RO  | Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt       |
| TG  | Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt   |

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38767 (No Name)**

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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 #43-38645 (No Name)**

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|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt      |
| CP  | Heitman, David E., 2Lt       |
| NAV | Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt   |
| TOG | Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt    |
| ENG | Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt     |
| RO  | Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt   |
| BT  | Meichtry, Leo R., Sgt        |
| TG  | McDonald, Billy L., Sgt      |
| WG  | Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt |

### **B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt |
| CP  | Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt |
| NAV | Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt     |
| TOG | Connor, Joseph C., T/Sgt  |
| 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    |

### **B-17G #43-39127 (No Name)**

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|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| P   | Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt     |
| CP  | Powlus, Vernon F., F/O   |
| NAV | Brown, Bernard J., 2Lt   |
| BOM | Webber, Gale M., 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 #43-38609 (No Name)**

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|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt     |
| CP  | Olson, John A., 2Lt           |
| NAV | McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt         |
| TOG | Goudy, William E., S/Sgt      |
| 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 #43-38608 Lucille**

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Proffitt, John S., 1Lt     |
| CP  | Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt    |
| NAV | Finke, John C., 2Lt        |
| TOG | McGuire, William E., S/Sgt |
| ENG | Young, James W., SSgt      |
| RO  | Norris, Cornie, Jr., S/Sgt |
| BT  | Bechtold, Robert E., S/Sgt |
| TG  | O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt   |
| WG  | Rose, G.L., S/Sgt          |

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

### **B-17G #44-8564 (No Name) - PFF**

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| P   | Kerwin, Charles E., Maj  |
| CP  | Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt     |
| MN  | Weil, Frank P., 1Lt      |
| BOM | Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt   |
| ENG | Miller, Harry C., T/Sgt  |
| RO  | Zellar, Donald W., T/Sgt |
| TG  | Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt |
| WG  | Peters, Arthur R., S/Sgt |

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

|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt       |
| CP  | Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O |
| NAV | Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt        |
| TOG | Roberts, James P., S/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        |

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

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| P   | Call, Fred E., 2Lt      |
| CP  | Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt    |
| NAV | Fisher, William H., 2Lt |
| BOM | Mieslich, Morris, F/O   |
| ENG | Myers, Ernest L., Sgt   |
| RO  | Sussman, Martin, Sgt    |
| BT  | Hager, Mark I., Sgt     |
| TG  | Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt |
| WG  | Tanner, Henry C., Sgt   |

### **B-17G #43-38619 (No Name)**

|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| P   | Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt        |
| CP  | Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt           |
| NAV | Simon, Albert, 2Lt            |
| BOM | Mitchell, Robert C., 1Lt      |
| ENG | Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt |
| RO  | Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt    |
| BT  | Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt     |
| TG  | Bartkowski, Edward L., Sgt    |
| WG  | Eckert, Merle W., Sgt         |
| YR  | Zimmerman, Harold H., Sgt     |



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Armfield, John M., 2Lt    |
| CP  | Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt    |
| NAV | Stewart, James L., 2Lt    |
| TOG | Valdes, George J., S/Sgt  |
| ENG | Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt |
| RO  | Haynes, Donald L., Sgt    |
| BT  | McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt  |
| TG  | Peter, Rpbert C., Sgt     |
| WG  | Goggin, Edward F., Sgt    |

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

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt         |
| CP  | Muth, Clifford F., 1Lt      |
| NAV | Fowler, William C., 2Lt     |
| BOM | Carney, Felix A., 2Lt       |
| 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 #44-6523 (No Name)**

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|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | St. Julien, John D., 1Lt    |
| CP  | Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt       |
| NAV | Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt      |
| TOG | Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt  |
| ENG | Mitchell, William E., S/Sgt |
| RO  | Flanigan, John J., Sgt      |
| BT  | Farthing, Richard M., Sgt   |
| TG  | Evans, Marlin D., S/Sgt     |
| WG  | McLellan, Raymond L., Sgt   |

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

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|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Statton, Roy F., 2Lt       |
| CP  | Schroll, David A., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt    |
| TOG | Woods, Heiber J., Sgt      |
| ENG | Rhodes, William H., Sgt    |
| RO  | Knowles, Charles D., Sgt   |
| BT  | Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt   |
| TG  | Free, Ennis B., Jr., S/Sgt |
| WG  | Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt     |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| 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    |

### **B-17G #43-38451 (No Name)**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt   |
| CP  | Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt |
| NAV | Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt  |
| TOG | Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt |
| 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     |

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

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

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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  | Ciezadlo, Eugene F., S/Sgt  |
| WG  | Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt |

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

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Weaver, Jack W., 1Lt      |
| CP  | Chalmers, John D., F/O    |
| NAV | Polkadla, William J., 2Lt |
| BOM | Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt   |
| ENG | Murphy, Jason, S/Sgt      |
| RO  | Cole, Robert L., S/Sgt    |
| BT  | Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt    |
| TG  | Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt    |
| WG  | Yepes, William J., Sgt    |

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

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|-----|--------------------------|
| P   | Newell, Richard M., 2Lt  |
| CP  | Bentley, Andrew K., 2Lt  |
| NAV | Dwyer, Marion J., 2Lt    |
| BOM | West, Albert G., F/O     |
| ENG | Fleming, James A., Sgt   |
| RO  | Kirtner, Billy L., S/Sgt |
| BT  | Beckman, Charles W., Sgt |
| TG  | Moore, Bill A., Sgt      |
| WG  | Mulqueen, John J., Sgt   |

### **B-17G #44-8552 (No Name) - PFF**

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt |
| CP  | Losiewicz, Benjamin, 1Lt  |
| NAV | Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt      |
| PFF | Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt     |
| BOM | Puryear, James L., 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  | Hardy, James H., F/O      |

### **Scouting Aircraft**

#### **B-17G #42-31055 Aloha**

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|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Shayler, Walter K., LtCol |
| CP  | Hatch, Logan B., 1Lt      |
| NAV | McCarty, Mike D., 1Lt     |
| ENG | Fuczka, Peter, T/Sgt      |
| RO  | Broughton, Averell, T/Sgt |



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

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|-----|----------------------------|
| P   | Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt        |
| CP  | Danna, Joseph, 2Lt         |
| NAV | Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt    |
| TOG | Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt      |
| 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 #44-6977 *Better Do'er***

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|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Wertz, Robert M., 1Lt     |
| CP  | Durst, Melvin A., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt    |
| TOG | Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt    |
| TT  | Warne, Ralph W., Sgt      |
| BT  | Jensen, Kenneth E., Sgt   |
| RO  | Giering, Edward J., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Bennett, Kenneth A., Sgt  |
| WG  | Campbell, Walter C., Sgt  |

### **B-17G #44-6921 *(No Name)***

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|-----|-----------------------------|
| P   | Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt    |
| CP  | Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt      |
| TOG | Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt   |
| TT  | Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt      |
| BT  | Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt   |
| RO  | Hradiskey, Joseph R., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Herod, William J., S/Sgt    |
| WG  | Warburton, Arlis F., S/Sgt  |

### **B-17G #43-39149 *(No Name)***

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|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| P   | Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt   |
| CP  | Harvey, Dean, 2Lt        |
| NAV | Best, Shirl P., F/O      |
| TOG | 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 #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II***

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|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| P   | Demian, Julius C., F/O    |
| CP  | Weatherby, Earl R., F/O   |
| NAV | Tractman, Bernard L., F/O |
| TOG | Ross, Joseph M., Jr., Sgt |
| TT  | Leach, Harry L., Sgt      |
| BT  | Wilson, Alfred D., Sgt    |
| RO  | Lombardi, Donato J., Sgt  |
| TG  | Buford, Thomas A., Sgt    |
| WG  | Sears, William A., Sgt    |

### **B-17G #43-39081 *(No Name)***

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|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| P   | Petersen, William H., 1Lt    |
| CP  | Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt     |
| NAV | Bason, William A., 2Lt       |
| TOG | Prince, John B., T/Sgt       |
| TT  | Zarella, Anthony A., S/Sgt   |
| BT  | Hartog, Samuel S., S/Sgt     |
| RO  | Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt |
| TG  | Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt         |
| WG  | Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt       |

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

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P Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt  
CP Nemer, Alfred K., 1Lt  
NAV Schulz, Harry H., 2Lt  
TOG Ganson, Howard H., T/Sgt  
TT Bohrer, Floyd S., Sgt  
BT Canfield, Marion L., Sgt  
RO Volpini, Peter M., Sgt  
TG Doherty, Floyd C., Jr., Sgt  
WG Kerr, Paul L., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-39011 (No Name)**

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P Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt  
CP Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt  
NAV Natoli, Sam J., 1Lt  
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 Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., Sgt  
WG Mussi, James L., Sgt

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

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P Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt  
CP Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt  
NAV Cohen, Leo, F/O  
TOG Ladd, John M., Sgt  
TT Kiely, Joseph P., T/Sgt  
BT Graves, John M., Sgt  
RO Hendrix, Frank H., Sgt  
WG Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt  
TG Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt