

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 314

14 February 1945

Target: Military Objectives at Dresden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 5 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 4 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 27,900, 26,600, & 28,300 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,750 rounds

**M**ajor Charles W. **Bagstad** flew as co-pilot with 1Lt. Ingersall J. **Roberts** as 427BS Deputy Lead. Major Robert M. **Nye** flew as co-pilot with 2nd Lt. Jerome **Milman** as 358BS Deputy Lead. Major Charles E. **Kerwin** flew in the Scouter B-17.

The primary target for the 39 303rd BG(H) Fortresses was military objectives in Dresden (PFF). Three aircraft returned early due to mechanical problems:

#44-6921 (*No Name*), 427BS (Lt. **Schlecht**)

#43-38532 (*No Name*), 360BS (Lt. **Greenbaum**)

#43-38238 (*No Name*), 358BS (Lt. **Poole**)

The remaining 36 bombs dropped 210 500-lb. H.E. M43, 140 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs, and ten units of leaflets on the primary by PFF from 27,900, 26,600 and 28,300 feet. Although lead and low Squadron photos showed only clouds, high Squadron photos indicated bomb hits in the city. Over Dresden there were low clouds with tops at 5,000 to

6,000 feet, 8/10 multi-layered middle clouds with tops at 18,000 to 20,000 feet and moderate, non-persistent contrails. Visual bombing was impossible.



*Sketch of Molesworth by Robert A. Hand*

There was no enemy opposition and 281 1st AD P-51 provided excellent support. Some meager to moderate and inaccurate flak was encountered in the Frankfurt area and in the vicinity of the battle lines. There was none at Dresden. Only one aircraft sustained minor battle damage.

One B-17, #43-38619, 359BS (Lt. **Towne**) landed on the Continent and was salvaged. All others returned to England. There were no casualties. Lt. **Gobrecht** landed #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*, 358BS, at Ridgewell to refuel.

## ***THE POLITICAL ISSUE RAISED BY THE DRESDEN RAIDS***

by Lt/Col Harry D. Gobrecht, 303rd BGA Historian

The decision to bomb Dresden, Germany was made at the Yalta Conference. The rationale was to weaken the city as it faced the impending Russian advance in that direction. The city was filled with refugees and regular residents who were complacent about the threat of raids.

On the night of 13 February, the RAF flew two raids against Dresden. The target was marked with precision and the RAF bomber waves dropped their bombs into the city through a thin overcast of clouds. A fire storm started, creating hurricane-force winds that swept everything in its path into the inferno. There were no regular air-raid shelters in Dresden — many who fled to their cellars were asphyxiated. The famous Dresden Zoo was hit and the animals escaped, only to succumb to the fires that followed.

After several days of lay-offs due to bad weather, 311 1st Air Division B-17 Fortresses attacked Dresden. When the 8th Air Force crews arrived over Dresden on 14 February, the smoke was so dense that the city could not be seen. Bombing was done by radar. On the next day, 210 bombers from the 8th Air Force's 1st Air Division returned. On the 15th of February, the RAF followed up with another attack on the hapless city. Estimates of people killed ranged from 35,000 to 135,000, with post-war recalculations closer to 30,000.

The Dresden attack quickly became a political issue. Criticism arose in the English Parliament and newspapers against the barbarities of terror bombing. A news story widely printed in the United States, proclaimed that the senior American Air Commanders had determined to terrorize the German people into submission. General Arnold was disconcerted about the publicity and cabled General Spaatz for an explanation. Spaatz replied that he had not departed from the American policy in Europe, which satisfied General Arnold.

The combined British/American Chiefs of Staff had met in Malta on 13 January 1945, just prior to the Yalta Conference, and established target priorities. As the second priority (after synthetic oil) came "Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, and associated cities where heavy attack will cause great confusion in civilian evacuation from the East and hamper reinforcements."

The charge of "deliberate terror bombing" caused considerable concern to the 8th Air Force planners as well as to General Marshall and Arnold. Our own doctrine held that the way to reduce civilian morale was not by killing people but by depriving them of the resources for further resistance. This was the doctrine which covered the employment of the 8th Air Force. In spite of the explanations concerning the bombing of Dresden, and Berlin, the controversy continued and exists to this day.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

	<u>Fontana-O'Beirne</u> 568 - PFF		
	<u>Holtorf</u> 870		<u>Gravrock</u> 537 - PFF
		<u>App</u> 672	
	<u>Edmunds</u> 563		<u>Austin</u> 523
	<u>Middlemas</u> 516		<u>Rybaltowski</u> 609
<u>Armfield</u> 544		<u>Bentley</u> 860	
		<u>Harding</u> 944	<u>Towne</u> 619
			<u>Statton</u> 842



**B-17G #44-8568 (No Name) (358BS) PFF VK-X**  
**41st CBW-B Lead (360BS) - Pilot Capt B.C. Fontana / CoPilot N.B. O'Beirne**  
 (Back L-R) Capt Norman N. Jacobson (N), 1Lt Rufus S. Charlton (MN), Capt Nelson B. O'Beirne (CP),  
 1Lt Francis G. Downey (B), Capt Bernard C. Fontana (P) - (Front L-R) F/O James H. Hardy (TG-O),  
 S/Sgt Ralph V. Evans (BT), T/Sgt Raymond C. King (R), T/Sgt Robert N. Perry (E), T/Sgt Thomas L. Weems (WG)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Wallace-Hewitt</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>Roberts</u> 281		<u>Demian</u> 311	
		<u>Schlecht</u> 921		
	<u>Richter</u> 011		<u>Turinsky</u> 977	
	<u>Petersen</u> 081		<u>Gates</u> 875	
<u>Smith</u> 248		<u>Bluethenthal</u> 763	<u>Richeson</u> 645	<u>Beasley</u> 050
			<u>Ayers</u> 958	



### MARVIN G. RICHESON CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 27 Dec 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Marvin G. Richeson (P), 1Lt Emerson E. Heller (CP), 1Lt Robert H. Herrmann (N)  
(Front L-R) Sgt Jesus F. Ortega (BT), S/Sgt Charles R. Hoxie (TG), T/Sgt Alexander W. Gray (FE),  
T/Sgt Charlie W. Bengé (TOG), S/Sgt Dyle K. Davidson (WG), T/Sgt Dennis J. Mahoney (R)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Goering-Walter</u> 8590 - PFF			
		<u>Dorsett</u> 462		<u>Milman</u> 999	
			<u>Gobrecht</u> 7590		
		<u>Greenbaum</u> 532		<u>Taub</u> 427	
	<u>Heckendorf</u> 065				<u>Rogers</u> 127
<u>McLeod</u> 160		<u>Garrett</u> 096		<u>O'Donnell</u> 289	<u>Stocks</u> 608
				<u>Poole</u> 238	



*B-17G #43-39160 358BS (VK-G) "G for George" also known as "Lil Bit"  
The only B-17 in the 303BG with white sidewall tires.*

## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>PAS - Passenger                  PHO - Photographer                  Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO)                  RCM - Radio Cntr Measures                  SJ - Spot Jammer</p> <p><b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b>                  KIA - Killed in action                  WIA - Wounded in action                  MIA - Missing in action</p>	<p>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</p>
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt  
CP Eby, Joe M., 2Lt  
NAV McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt  
BOM Jones, George W., 2Lt  
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***

P Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt  
CP Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt  
NAV McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt  
TOG Weaver, Robert J., T/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 #43-39160 *G for George***

P McLeod, William S., 2Lt  
CP Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt  
NAV Hopkins, William B., 2Lt  
TOG Meade, Joseph J., 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***

P Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt  
CP Castillo, Joseph L.A., F/O  
NAV Leonhirth, Junius, F/O  
TOG Prudhoe, Charles E., S/Sgt  
ENG Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt  
WG Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt  
RO Henson, Jessey B., Sgt  
BT Walczak, John, Sgt  
TG Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt

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

P Dorsett, John D., 1Lt  
CP Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt  
NAV Guerrieri, Joe C., F/O  
TOG Quig, Francix X., Sgt  
ENG Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt  
WG Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt  
RO Ennis, Charles S., Sgt  
BT Carter, William J., Sgt  
TG Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

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

P Milman, Jerome, 2Lt  
CP Nye, Robert M., Maj  
NAV Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt  
BOM Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt  
ENG Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt  
WG Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt  
RO LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt  
BT Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt  
TG Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

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

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

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P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Cooper, John T., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Miller, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	Bruce, Leonard F., T/Sgt
TG	Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt
RO	Dalton, Denver, Sgt
BT	Dooley, Patrick, Sgt
WG	Magusar, John F., Sgt

(Abortive)

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

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P	Poole, Lawrence E., 2Lt
CP	Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
TOG	Smith, Donald P., S/Sgt
ENG	Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
WG	Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt
RO	Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT	Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG	Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt
PAS	Scott, William R., Sgt

(Abortive)

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

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P	Taub, Francis R., 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Charles P., 2Lt
TOG	Dugan, Michael A., Sgt
ENG	Chrisman, Warren F., Sgt
WG	McWilliams, Elmer D., Sgt
RO	Maluchnik, Chester S., S/Sgt
BT	Hollowell, James L., Sgt
TG	Spencer, Jams P., Sgt
VI	Ready, William C., Sgt

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

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P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., T/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
WG	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., S/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 #43-38875 *Redwing***

P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
TOG	McKinley, A.B., S/Sgt
ENG	Reseigh, John R., S/Sgt
RO	Minnix, Glenn A., S/Sgt
BT	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt
TG	Rose, G.L., S/Sgt
WG	Wallis, Elton E., S/Sgt

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

P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
TOG	Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
BT	Bechtold, Robert E., S/Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG	Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

### **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	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/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 #43-38619 (No Name)**

P	Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
IP	McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
NAV	West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG	Dritz, Arthur, Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
WG	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt

(McClurg was flying as an Instructor Pilot with the newly assigned Towne Crew)



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

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

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P Beasley, William M., 2Lt  
CP Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt  
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt  
BOM Mabary, George D.L., F/O  
ENG Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt  
RO Terrill, Jack W., Sgt  
BT Thomas, David W., Sgt  
TG Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt  
WG Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt

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

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P Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt  
CP Marsh, John F., 2Lt  
NAV Malone, Roy P., 2Lt  
TOG Fogle, Jerome W., Jr., S/Sgt  
ENG Copp, Edmond D., Sgt  
RO Fiore, John, Sgt  
BT Hamilton, John W., Sgt  
TG Moser, Lawrence D., Sgt  
WG Tanner, Henry C., Sgt  
SJ Haley, James W., 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 Bailey, John R., S/Sgt  
ENG Perlowitz, Murray A., S/Sgt  
RO Capps, Douglas M., S/Sgt  
BT Hollingsworth, Donald M., S/Sgt  
TG O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt  
WG Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt  
SJ Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **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	Hulterstrum, Joseph P., S/Sgt
TG	Free, Ennis B., Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Marchionda, Guido P., S/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 #43-38563 Jackie**

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P	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	Buchanan, Paul A., 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

### **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	Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38870 (No Name)**

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P	Holtorf, Ernest H., 2Lt
CP	Fowler, Robert R., 2Lt
NAV	Sarkis, George A., F/O
TOG	Bice, Lowell E., Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., S/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., Sgt
TG	King, Marvin O., Sgt
WG	Jones, William P., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)**

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P	Bentley, Andrew K., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 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

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

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

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P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Moody, William S., 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
VI	Brenner, Seyman, Sgt

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

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P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
BOM	Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt
WG	Stuckey, Edward C., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts - PFF**

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P	Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
CP	Losiewicz, Benjamin, 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
MN	Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 1Lt
ENG	Schieferstein, Ernest G., Sgt
RO	Engleman, George B., T/Sgt
TG	Delaney, Howard F., Sgt
WG	Relford, Robert S/Sgt
WG	Kaufmann, William R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8568 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Fontana, Bernard C., Capt
CP	O'Beirne, Nelson B., Capt
NAV	Jacobson, Norman N., Capt
MN	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 1Lt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., T/Sgt
WG	Evans, Ralph V., S/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle***

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P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
TOG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG	Sears, William A., Sgt

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

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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	Dorner, Alvin W., S/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	Price, John B., T/Sgt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., T/Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt

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

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P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
TOG	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
BT	Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO	Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
TG	Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Vernon, James D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6977 *Better Do'er***

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P	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
CP	Shaughnessy, William J., F/O
NAV	Witchey, Francis M., F/O
TOG	Renaud, Robert K., Sgt
TT	Wismer, Donald E., S/Sgt
BT	Newman, Harold E., Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

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P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt
TT	Warner, Vester W., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
TG	Mussi, James L., Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

### **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
BOM	Rubins, William R., F/O
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

(Abortive)

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

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P	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
CP	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Wolansky, John, 2Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Engelhardt, Roy H., Sgt
BT	Doles, David, Jr., Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt
WG	Teter, Winston C., Sgt
SJ	Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97281 Queenie**

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P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Russo, William D., 1Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 2Lt
WG	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
BT	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt
VI	Elkin, Samuel, S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8545 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Wallace, Walstein W., Capt
CP	Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 1Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 1Lt
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
RO	Schmidt, Elmer J., S/Sgt
WG	Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., S/Sgt
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