

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 319

21 February 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Nurnberg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 5 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 5 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 23,800, 23,900 & 25,250 ft

Ammo Fired: 480 rounds

**N**urnberg, Germany, was targeted for the second consecutive day — the primary was a tank factory (visual), and the secondary, the marshalling yard (PFF). The last resort was the Ulm, Germany marshalling yard. The Scouter aircraft pilot was Major Robert W. **Sheets** (CO 427BS). The weather aircraft was flown by Captain Nelson B. **O'Beirne**. Lt. Wilfred M. **Walder**, Jr. in #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*, 427BS, returned early with a runaway prop.



Thirty-eight Forts dropped 185 500-lb. H.E. M43, 185 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs, and 10 units of leaflets on the secondary target. Bombing was by PFF from 23,800, 23,900 and 25,250 feet by PFF through a solid undercast. Results could not be observed. In the target area there were 8/10 to 10/10 thin middle clouds with tops at 8,000 to 10,000 feet, up to 3/10 high clouds at 26,000 to 28,000 feet, and moderate, non-persistent contrails.

There was no enemy opposition and support by 184 P-51s was good. Flak was meager to moderate at the target and very inaccurate. Although there was meager fire at the battle line on the route out from the target, no aircraft sustained battle damage. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth and there were no casualties.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Haynes-Mauger  
564 - PFF

Harding                      Knudson  
891                                      734

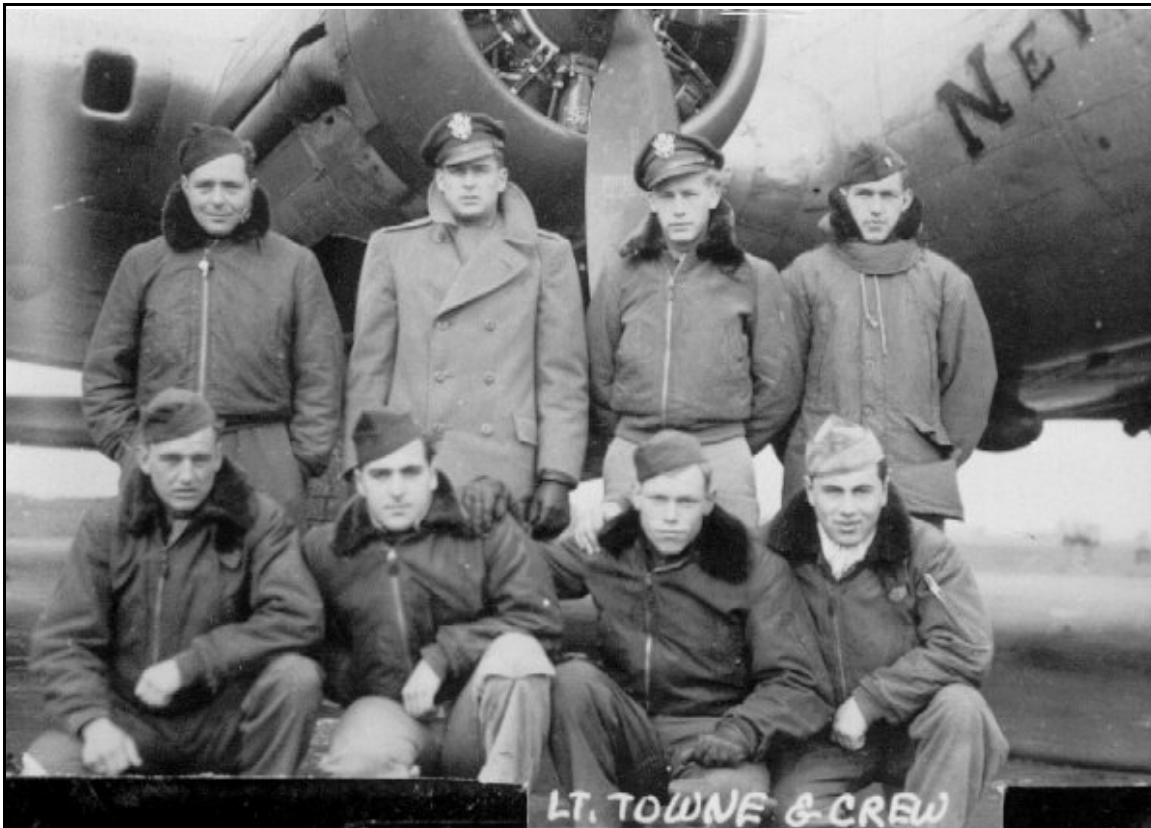
Fravel  
883

Towne                              O'Donnell  
127                                      875

Rogers                              Armfield  
609                                      544

Beasley                              Stocks                              Tyler                              Lacker  
608                                      645                                      516                                      523

Tarvid  
289



## HARVEY E. TOWNE CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 30 Jan 1945 - photo: Jan 1945)

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Arthur Dritz (WG), 1Lt Harvey E. Towne (P), 2Lt Warren K. Ligaard (CP),  
2Lt Lt Alonzo M. West, III (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Wallace K. Taylor (WG),  
Sgt Lewis W. McCurdy (TG), Sgt Allen B. Syler (BT), Sgt Thomas Fiore (R)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Fletcher-Roberts  
038 - PFF

Grob  
011

Reid  
545 - PFF

Petersen  
763

Walder  
311

Kahler  
281

Schlecht  
977

Statton  
563

Demian  
248

Richardson  
937

Austin  
546

Edmunds  
672

Turinsky  
921



B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) PFF 427BS (GN-Z)  
41st CBW-C Lead (427BS) - Pilot Capt J.E. Fletcher / CoPilot 1Lt I.J. Roberts

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Fielder-Dorsett</u> 568 - PFF		
	<u>Milman</u> 096		<u>McKimmie</u> 006	
		<u>Goodberlet</u> 554		
	<u>Greene</u> 949		<u>Perkins</u> 427	
	<u>Gobrecht</u> 462			<u>App</u> 050
<u>Garrett</u> 191		<u>Nester</u> 316	<u>Bentley</u> 870	<u>Shields</u> 532
			<u>McLeod</u> 885	



*S/Sgt Murray Pearl (top) the 359th BS  
"Waker-Upper" with 359th radio  
operator Seymour Cohen*

## 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 #44-6316 (No Name)**

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P	Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP	Craig, Fred, 2Lt
NAV	Rainey, John L., 2Lt
BOM	Kuester, Edward F., 2Lt
ENG	Kappardaki, Kermit P., Sgt
WG	Jones, James P., Sgt
RO	Strouse, Jacob J., Sgt
BT	Bovey, Charles D., Sgt
TG	Edleman, Robert W., Sgt

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

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P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
TOG	Magyar, Frank, 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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders***

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P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
BOM	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 #44-6006 (No Name)**

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P	McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Harold S., F/O
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Lenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III***

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P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Cotter, William J., T/Sgt
WG	Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
RO	LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., S/Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt

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

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P	Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Hudler, Billie E., Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT	Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

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

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

P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
NAV	Wallace, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles F., S/Sgt
WG	Partsch, Warren L., Sgt
RO	Little, Gerald G., Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt
SJ	Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

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

P	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
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 #43-38191 *Shasta***

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
TOG	Prudhoe, Charles E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt
TG	Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Henson, Jessey B., Sgt
BT	Walczak, John, Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt
PAS	Elkins, Samuel, S/Sgt (427th)

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

P	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
CP	Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
WG	Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
TG	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #43-38883 *Lady Beth***

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P	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
BOM	Mieslich, Morris, F/O
ENG	Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
BT	Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG	Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing***

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P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., 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 #43-38891 *Blues in the Night***

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P	Harding, Lawrence T., 1Lt
CP	Force, James G., 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG	Otto, Kenneth, Jr., S/Sgt
ENG	O'Brien, William J., S/Sgt
RO	Cornelius, Russell B., S/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	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
TOG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Hollingsworth, Donald M., S/Sgt
WG	Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt

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

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P	Haynes, Charles D., 1Lt
CP	Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
NAV	Moon, Richard Y., 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
BOM	Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG	Sherrill, Elliotte W., T/Sgt
RO	Deen, Oscar A., T/Sgt
TG	Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
WG	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt

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

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

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P Beasley, William M., 2Lt  
CP Rich, Richard 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  
RCM Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8734 *Hell's Cargo***

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P Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt  
CP Heitman, David E., 2Lt  
NAV Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt  
BOM Johnson, David E., 2Lt  
ENG Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt  
RO Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt  
BT Schilling, Lawrence E., Sgt  
TG McDonald, Billy L., Sgt  
WG Young, James W., T/Sgt

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

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P Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt  
CP Powlus, Vernon F., F/O  
NAV McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt  
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt  
ENG Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt  
RO Wysocki, John F., Sgt  
BT Simpson, James A., S/Sgt  
TG O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt  
WG Westfall, Byron D., Sgt  
RCM Haley, James W., Sgt

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

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P Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt  
CP Ligaard, Warren K., 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 Walling, Glenn R., Sgt  
WG Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
TOG	Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38870 (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

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

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P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
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 #43-38532 (No Name)**

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P	Shields, Emerson H., 2Lt
CP	Hamm, John, 2Lt
NAV	Young, Charles C., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Weise, Gerald W., 2Lt
ENG	Brian, Carville J., Sgt
RO	Prestage, John L., Sgt
BT	Hebert, Nolan, Sgt
TG	Hansen, Calvin K., Sgt
WG	Moren, Owen W., Sgt

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

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P	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neil, James B., 2Lt
BOM	Runnels, Billy L., 2Lt
ENG	Bratcher, Francis E., Sgt
RO	Foster, Lane, Sgt
BT	Reynolds, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Garbarino, Louis V., Jr., Sgt
WG	Mooneyham, Clarence, Jr., Sgt

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

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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	Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

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

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

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P Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt  
CP Hamm, Burwell J., 2Lt  
NAV Rinish, James M., F/O  
BOM Bachhuber, Raymond A., 2Lt  
ENG Reed, Richard S., Sgt  
RO Snell, John K., Sgt  
BT Gilmore, Dean D., Sgt  
TG Edwards, Robert D., Sgt  
WG Faulkner, Leroy, Sgt

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

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P Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt  
CP Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt  
NAV Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt  
TOG Driver, Henderson M., 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 #42-97546 *Idaliza***

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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  
VI Hassler, Paul H., S/Sgt (427th)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt
RO	Hradisky, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Herod, William J., S/Sgt
WG	Warburton, Arlis F., S/Sgt

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

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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	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, 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
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 #42-97281 *Queenie***

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P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6937 *El Sereano***

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P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., Sgt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., T/Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Ellings, Myron A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt
WG	Vernon, James D., Sgt

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

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P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt
BOM	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT	Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt
WG	Allen, Herrold E., Sgt

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

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

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P	Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
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
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt

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

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P	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
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	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt

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

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P	Reid, Clair P., 1Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, F/O
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O (360th)
BOM	Hansen, Harley 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 #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Fletcher, John E., Capt
CP	Roberts, Ingerall, 1Lt
NAV	Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt
NAV	Devine, Fred H., 1Lt
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., 2Lt
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., Capt
TT	Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
WG	Lance, R.F., S/Sgt