

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 329

3 March 1945

Target: Tank Factory at Hannover, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 18 x 250 lb H.E. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,000, 24,400, & 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 600 rounds

The primary target was the synthetic oil plant at Misburg, Germany (visual), the secondary was a tank factory at Hannover (visual or PFF), and the last resort, the Detmold airfield. No aircraft returned early.

Thirty-five of the 39 dispatched aircraft bombed the secondary target by PFF through practically solid undercast with unobserved results. Bombing was from 25,000, 24,400 and 26,000 feet with 619 250-lb. H.E. M57 bombs and 10 leaflet units. Two aircraft dropped 29 250-lb. bombs on Brockum, Germany as a target of opportunity. Two 360BS B-17s dropped their bombs early due to a bomb rack malfunction.

There was intense and accurate flak in the target area, but no aircraft sustained battle damage. Enemy aircraft never appeared and fair support was provided by a small force of 44 P-51s. All aircraft returned to Molesworth. There were no casualties.



### EMERSON H. SHIELDS CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 04 Feb 1945 - photo: 12 Mar 1945)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Gerald W. Weise (B), 2Lt Charles C. Young, Jr. (N), 2Lt John Hamm (CP),  
2Lt Emerson H. Shields (P) - (Front L-R) Sgt John L. Prestage (R), Sgt Carville J. Brian (E),  
Sgt Nolan Hebert (BT), Sgt Calvin K. Hansen (TG), Sgt Owen W. Moren (WG)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Bailey</u> 564 - PFF		
	<u>Harding</u> 734		<u>Holmes</u> 351 - PFF	
		<u>Tilsen</u> 289		
	<u>Rybaltowski</u> 127		<u>Haynes</u> 767	
	<u>Fravel</u> 645		<u>Gobrecht</u> 096	
<u>Towne</u> 608		<u>O'Donnell</u> 875	<u>Greenbaum</u> 191	<u>Leach</u> 949
			<u>Beasley</u> 309	



**B-17G #44-8564 (No Name) PFF 359BS (BN-Z)**  
**41st CBW-A (359BS) - Pilot LtCol R.H. Cole / CoPilot 1Lt J.W. Bailey**  
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Lawrence Lifshus (M-N), LtCol Richard H. Cole (P), 1Lt Lawrence A. Christensen (TG-O),  
 1Lt Jack W. Bailey (CP), 1Lt Jasper C. Dodson (B) - (Front L-R) 1Lt Harold A. Susskind (N),  
 T/Sgt Jon B. Kreager (E), T/Sgt Seymour T. Cohen (R), 2Lt Robert H. Herrmann (N)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Hatch-Holtorf</u> 439 - PFF		
	<u>Gravrock</u> 647		<u>Scott</u> 546	
		<u>Armfield</u> 544		
	<u>Shields</u> 516		<u>Austin</u> 532	
	<u>Stiver</u> 563			<u>McKimmie</u> 462
<u>Bentley</u> 870		<u>Edmunds</u> 860	<u>Nester</u> 554	<u>Murray</u> 427
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Hewitt-Bagstad</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>Denison</u> 885		<u>Ayers</u> 621	
		<u>Kahler</u> 220		
	<u>Flanigan</u> 411		<u>Miller</u> 763	
	<u>G. Smith</u> 248			<u>Poole</u> 238
<u>Turinsky</u> 937		<u>Chuba</u> 977	<u>Greene</u> 011	<u>Taub</u> 006
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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 #44-6006 (No Name)**

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P	Taub, Francis R., 2Lt
CP	Cooper, John T., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Charles P., 2Lt
TOG	Dugan, Michael A., Sgt
ENG	Chrisman, Warren F., Sgt
RO	Maluchnik, Chester S., S/Sgt
BT	Hollowell, James L., Sgt
TG	Spencer, James P., Sgt
WG	McWilliams, Elmer D., Sgt

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

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P	Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP	Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
TOG	Psota, John W., Sgt
ENG	Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
RO	Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG	Sulley, Oda F., Jr., Sgt
WG	Roberts, Thomas M., Sgt

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

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P	McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
TOG	Meade, Joseph J., Sgt
ENG	Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
RO	Kilroy, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG	Mogusar, John F., Sgt

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

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P	Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
CP	Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Harold S., F/O
TOG	Smith, Donald P., S/Sgt
ENG	Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
RO	Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT	Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
TG	Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt
PAS	Ladd, John M., Sgt (427th)

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

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P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
TOG	Hammarlund, Carl O., Sgt
ENG	Brunale, Vito J., Sgt
RO	Bates, Theodore A., Sgt
BT	Rodock, Nicholas, Sgt
TG	Rennie, Robert P., Sgt
WG	Dantzler, John R., Sgt

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

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P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Oettinger, George F., 2Lt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

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

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

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P Greenbaum, Richard D., 1Lt  
CP Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt  
NAV Nicastro, John J., F/O  
TOG Day, Keith E., Sgt  
ENG Bruce, Leonard F., T/Sgt  
TG Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt  
RO Dalton, Denver, Sgt  
BT Dooley, Patrick, Sgt

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

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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  
RO Strouse, Jacob J., Sgt  
BT Bovey, Charles D., Sgt  
TG Edleman, Robert W., Sgt

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

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P Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt  
CP Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt  
NAV McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt  
TOG Miller, Robert J., S/Sgt  
ENG Benefield, Lenville H., S/Sgt  
BT Mays, Thomas G., Sgt  
RO Quick, Edgar H., S/Sgt  
TG Buske, Phillip R., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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

### **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	Redhage, Louis H., Sgt
ENG	Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO	Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
TG	Hoffman, George F., Sgt
BT	Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt

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

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P	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV	Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., S/Sgt
ENG	Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO	Jobe, Andrew K., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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P	Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP	Rich, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Zielinski, William J., T/Sgt
ENG	Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt
RO	Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG	Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT	Thomas, David W., Sgt

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

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P	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
CP	Barnett, James M., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG	Weise, William A., Sgt
ENG	Ogurchak, Joseph T., Sgt
RO	Brookstra, William, Sgt
BT	Kohan, Frederick, Sgt
TG	Pesta, Clarence A., Sgt

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

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P	Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
CP	Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt
NAV	West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt
TOG	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt
ENG	Dritz, Arthur, Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McCurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
WG	Holden, Robert R., Sgt
RCM	Haley, James W., Sgt

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

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

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P	Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
BOM	Mabary, George D., F/O
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
BT	Hendon, William G., Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
Y	Brody, John J., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8351 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT	Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt
TG	Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt

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

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P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
MN	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
BOM	Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
TG	Christensen, Lawrence, 1Lt

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

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P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt
ENG	Perlowitz, Murray A., S/Sgt
RO	Capps, Douglas M., S/Sgt
BT	Hollingsworth, Donald M., S/Sgt
TG	Reseigh, John R., S/Sgt
WG	Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	Gerstel, Charles L., T/Sgt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

### **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
BOM	Carney, Felix A., 2Lt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	Goggin, Edward F., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

### **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 #44-6517 Old Cock**

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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
VI	Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt

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

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P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander, F/O
NAV	Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt
TOG	Giancola, James V., T/Sgt
ENG	Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt
RO	Godley, Walter M., Sgt
BT	Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

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

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P	Hatch, Logan B., 1Lt
CP	Holtorf, Ernest H., 1Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., 2Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 1Lt
ENG	Fuczka, Peter, T/Sgt
RO	Broughton, Averell M., T/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
WG	Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt



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

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

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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

(Abortive Sortie)

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

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P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
BOM	Valdes, George J., S/Sgt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt

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

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P	Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 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
VI	Carl, Lewis E., Sgt (359th)

### **B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza***

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P	Scott, John, 2Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
BOM	Grezzo, Anthony D., 2Lt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Wright, Donald M., Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt
WG	Morris, Robert W., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-102411 *Miss Lace***

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P	Flanigan, Lloyd J., 2Lt
CP	Wokersien, James T., F/O
NAV	Heaney, Edward J., F/O
BOM	Steinberg, Clifford, 2Lt
TT	Gilkes, Beresford B., Sgt
BT	Safley, Delbert A., Sgt
RO	Gourly, Charles B., Sgt
TG	Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt
WG	Neiswender, John J., Sgt

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

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P	Denison, William A., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Charles H., 2Lt
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., F/O
TOG	Mack, William H., Sgt
TT	Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
BT	Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
RO	Kiggens, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt
WG	McComb, Harold 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	Rubins, William R., F/O
TOG	Ross, Joseph M., Jr., Sgt
TT	Leach, Harry L., S/Sgt
BT	Wilson, Alfred D., S/Sgt
RO	Lombardi, Donato J., S/Sgt
TG	Buford, Thomas A., Sgt

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

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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 #43-38621 *50 Ragged***

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P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 2Lt
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	Chuba, Francis B., 2Lt
CP	Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt
NAV	Wolf, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Malmo, Richard C., Sgt
TT	Ayers, Francis H., Sgt
BT	Paananen, Uhlo J., Sgt
RO	Harkey, Charles I., Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt

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

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

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P	Hewitt, Donald I., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 1Lt
NAV	Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 1Lt
BOM	Leavell, Adelbert D., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., T/Sgt
RO	Schmidt, Elmer J., T/Sgt
TG	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-39220 *Smilie Jack***

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P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM	Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Johnson, Gene W., S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., S/Sgt

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

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P	Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Higgins, Harold W., 2Lt
BOM	Hansen, Arnold H., F/O
TT	Conroy, Thomas R., S/Sgt
BT	Burns, Jerry E., Sgt
RO	Retzlaff, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Rogers, Robert B., Sgt
WG	Bulbach, Walter, Sgt
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt

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

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P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
TOG	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt
TT	Calderon, Reuben J., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt