

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 351

4 April 1945

Target: Factory Area at Unterluss, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 40

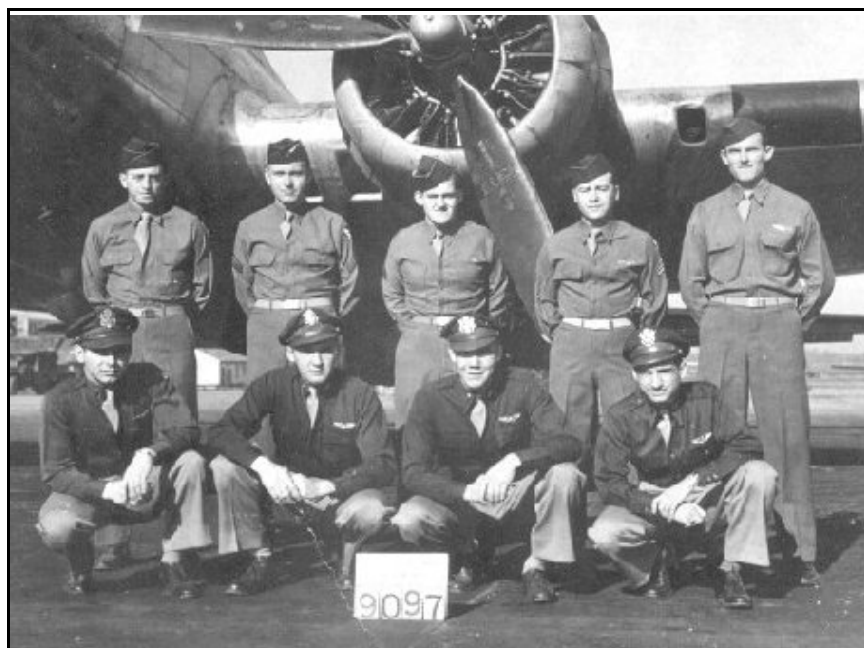
Length of Mission: 9 hours, 1 minute

Bomb Load: 8 x 500 lb G.P. & 4 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 13,000, 11,100 & 13,000 feet

**A** target of opportunity was hit after bad weather turned 303rd BG(H) bombers away from their assigned targets. The Fassberg, Germany, airfield was the Field Order's first priority target (visual) and any other airfield within a specified area which could be attacked visually, the second priority target. No other targets were specified.

Forty aircraft, including the Combat Wing Scouter B-17 containing Col. William S. Raper, were dispatched. Thirty-nine aircraft dropped 304 500-lb. G.P. and 157 500-lb.



**JOHN SCOTT CREW - 360th BS**  
(crew assigned 360BS: 06 Feb 1945)

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Leroy M. Hart (E), T/Sgt John M. Gentry (R), Sgt Robert W. Morris (WG), Sgt Donald H. Wright (BTG), Sgt John C. Woolpert (TG) - (Front L-R) 2/Lt John Scott (P), 2/Lt Bernard M. Weinandt (CP), 2/Lt Otis A. Bergvall (N), 2/Lt Anthony D. Gezzo (B)

M17 incendiary bombs on a factory area near Unterluss, Germany, as a second priority target of opportunity. The low and high Squadron bombs hit the factory area, while the lead Squadron bombs hit in the town. The Scouter aircraft dropped 8 500-lb. G.P. and 4 500-lb. incendiary bombs on the Fassberg airfield with unobserved results.

In the target area there were 7/10 to 10/10 low clouds with tops at 10,000 feet and occasional tops as high as 14,000 feet. Despite several bomb runs

attempting to attack the first priority target, the weather conditions made visual bombing of any of the assigned targets impossible.

The enemy provided no air opposition, 151 P-51s provided good support, and the only flak encountered was meager and fairly accurate fire at Heligoland on the route into the target. Ten aircraft sustained minor battle damage. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned to Molesworth safely.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

	<u>Sheets-Aagesen</u> 545 - PFF			
	<u>Wilson</u> 692	<u>Grob</u> 710 - PFF		
<u>Sabine</u> 287			<u>Kahler</u> 824	
		<u>F. Miller</u> 621		<u>Goulding</u> 609
	<u>Chuba</u> 977	<u>Tarvid</u> 891		
<u>Denison</u> 937			<u>Stocks</u> 597	
	<u>Thomas</u> 958			<u>Peterson</u> 944



*Bomb Strike on Unterluss, Germany*

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

C. Miller-Walter  
552 - PFF

<u>Murray</u> 427	<u>Leach</u> 999		
<u>McLeod</u> 778	<u>Greene</u> 462	<u>Poole</u> 206	<u>Griffith</u> 590
<u>Perkins</u> 878	<u>Thornton</u> 311		
<u>Beasley</u> 682	<u>Gordon</u> 645	<u>Nicolaisen</u> 546	<u>Henning</u> 875

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Shields-Jones  
439 - PFF

<u>Scott</u> 870	<u>Rapp</u> 672		
<u>Lester</u> 516	<u>Armfield</u> 544	<u>Austin</u> 532	<u>Maker</u> 318
<u>Fowler</u> 517	<u>Bashor</u> 289		
<u>Lacker</u> 647	<u>Vail</u> 563	<u>Edmunds</u> 860	<u>Bentzlin</u> 523

### 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 #43-38999 *Emma***

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P	Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP	Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Moeller, Floyd E., 1Lt
BOM	Swift, Jonathan S., 2Lt
ENG	Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
RO	Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG	Sulley, Oda F., Sgt

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

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P	Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
CP	Silver, Jack, F/O
NAV	Besharian, Joseph, F/O
TOG	Pearce, Roscoe L., Sgt
ENG	Wilson, Warren J., Sgt
RO	Ruff, Merle H., Sgt
TG	Jarrett, Robert W., Sgt
BT	Hogan, Walter B., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG	Day, Keith E., S/Sgt
ENG	Bruce, Leonard P., T/Sgt
RO	Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
BT	Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
TG	Hudler, Billie E., Sgt

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

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P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., F/O
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles P., S/Sgt
RO	Little, Gerald G., Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt

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

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P	Gordon, Joseph, 1Lt
CP	Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
NAV	Gerhardstein, Eugene M., F/O
TOG	Sproule, Wayne O., Sgt
ENG	Bigelow, Robert F., S/Sgt
RO	Genter, Norman, S/Sgt
BT	Aldous, George C., Sgt
TG	Smith, Jack C., Sgt

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

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P	Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
CP	Fountain, Clarence M., 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

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

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P	Miller, Campbell, Capt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 1Lt
NAV	Triebes, Earl E., 2Lt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
MN	Bowes, Jerome P., 1Lt
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Schroeder, Karl T., S/Sgt
WG	Meade, Joseph J., S/Sgt
RO	Kasik, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Gibson, James, T/Sgt

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

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

P Murray, Robert I., 2Lt  
 CP Boardman, Robert, F/O  
 NAV Wilson, Benjamin H., F/O  
 TOG Hammarlund, Carl O., Sgt  
 ENG Brunale, Vito J., Sgt  
 RO Bates, Theodore A., Sgt  
 BT Rodock, Nicholas, Sgt  
 TG Rennie, Robert P., Sgt  
 PAS Scott, William R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38778 (*No Name*)**

P McLeod, William S., 1Lt  
 CP Pinkert, Paul A., 2Lt  
 NAV Correale, Fortunato G., S/Sgt  
 TOG Rafferty, William A., S/Sgt  
 ENG DeWillers, Edgar, S/Sgt  
 RO Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt  
 BT Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt  
 TG James, Frank M., Sgt  
 PAS Morrill, Charles K., Sgt

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

P Nicolaisen, Arthur R., 2Lt  
 CP Rush, Herbert, F/O  
 NAV Wilson, Rufus E., F/O  
 TOG Novakovich, George B., Sgt  
 ENG Bentley, Robert L., Sgt  
 RO Wierzbicki, Ted F., Sgt  
 BT Straub, Robert C., Sgt  
 TG Gray, Robert J., Sgt



**ARTHUR R. NICOLAISEN CREW - 358th BS  
 (crew assigned 358BS: 14 March 1945)**

(Top) Sgt Ted F. Wierzbicki (R), F/O Rufus E. Wilson (N) - (3rd Row) Sgt Robert C. Straub (BT), Sgt George B. Novakovich (WG), F/O Benjamin H. Wilson, Jr. (B) - (2nd Row) Sgt Robert L. Bentley (E), Sgt Robert J. Gray (TG), F/O Jack Silver (CP) - (Front) 2Lt Arthur R. Nicolaisen (P)

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
TOG	Jones, John V., Sgt
ENG	Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt
RO	Ferche, Joseph P., Sgt
BT	Harper, Richard F., Sgt
TG	Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon***

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P	Stocks, Jack E., 1Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
TOG	Foge, Jerome W., T/Sgt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, S/Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., S/Sgt
TG	Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38891 *Blues in the Night***

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P	Tarvid, Arthur J., 1Lt
CP	Rich, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
TOG	Carlson, Dale H., S/Sgt
ENG	Jenkins, Maurice L., T/Sgt
RO	Root, Carmen W., S/Sgt
TG	Dimick, Richard D., S/Sgt
BT	Garcia, Leonard A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38682 (No Name)**

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P	Beasley, William M., 1Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt
ENG	Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt
RO	Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG	Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT	Thomas, David W., Sgt

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

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P	Peterson, Robert C., 2Lt
CP	Kirkpatrick, Roy A., 2Lt
NAV	Mollman, Charles A., 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Robert P., Sgt
ENG	Reed, Denver E., Sgt
RO	Strigle, Paul C., Sgt
BT	Hunsucker, John E., S/Sgt
TG	Borsody, William L., Sgt

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

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P	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
CP	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
NAV	Udy, Donald M., F/O
TOG	Redhage, Louis H., S/Sgt
ENG	Fischer, Norbert G., T/Sgt
RO	Portney, Sol, T/Sgt
TG	Hoffman, George F., Sgt
BT	Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt

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

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P	Bashor, Oliver L., 2Lt
CP	Baker, Ira B., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG	Hansen, Robert S., Sgt
ENG	Reed, Paul E., Sgt
RO	Shook, Victor N., Sgt
BT	Greene, Norman S., Sgt
TG	Theisen, Robert J., Sgt
Y	Roth, Andrew T., Sgt (Hqtrs)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Bentzlin, Bertil V., 2Lt
CP	Briley, Dewey E., 2Lt
NAV	Andrzejczyk, Walter A., F/O
TOG	Friery, James R., Sgt
ENG	Rodgers, Walter D., Sgt
RO	Sole, John A., Sgt
BT	Henderson, Clarence J., Sgt
TG	Joneson, Leonard B., Sgt

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

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P	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neil, James B., 2Lt
TOG	Mooneyham, Clarence, Jr., Sgt
ENG	Bratcher, Francis E., Sgt
RO	Foster, Lane, Sgt
BT	Reynolds, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Garbarino, Louis V., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Lester, Jack L., 2Lt
CP	Gaspar, Robert V., F/O
NAV	Sutherland, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Potts, Joseph, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Livingston, Edward B., Sgt
RO	Rachel, Frank R., Sgt
BT	Keenan, Alexander J., Sgt
TG	Donner, Eugene D., Sgt

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

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P	Scott, John, 2Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
TOG	Morris, Robert W., Sgt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., S/Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt

### **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	Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt

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

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P	Vail, Robert F., 2Lt
CP	Tremelling, Claude C., 2Lt
NAV	Blake, Mark, Jr., F/O
TOG	Unger, Frank W., S/Sgt
ENG	Larson, Arnold B., T/Sgt
RO	Siegel, Edwin, Sgt
BT	Seats, Burton E., Sgt
TG	Ramaika, Joseph J., Sgt

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

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P	Edmunds, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	King, Raymond H., S/Sgt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Hansen, Calvin K., Sgt

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

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P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Knudson, Russell A., F/O
TOG	Valdes, George J., T/Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Kirtner, Billy L., T/Sgt
BT	Goggin, Edward F., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt

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

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

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P	Maker, Eugene L., 2Lt
CP	Kaltenbacher, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Strassburger, Harvey D., F/O
TOG	Johnson, Wilfred B., Sgt
ENG	Smith, Paul R., Sgt
RO	Wisniewski, Andrew J., Sgt
BT	Mattucks, Robert E., Sgt
TG	Martis, Joseph A., Sgt
VI	Fegette, Iv L., T/Sgt

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

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P	Fowler, Robert R., 1Lt
CP	Boyles, Kenneth L., 2Lt
NAV	Sarkis, George A., F/O
TOG	Bice, Lowell E., S/Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., T/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., T/Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, William P., Sgt
VI	Elliott, Richard D., S/Sgt

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

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P	Shields, Emerson H., 1Lt
CP	Jones, William E., Capt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 1Lt
ENG	Brian, Carville J., S/Sgt
RO	Prestage, John L., S/Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., S/Sgt
WG	Hebert, Nolan, Sgt

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

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P	Rapp, John W., 2Lt
CP	Judd, Dudley F., 2Lt
NAV	Rinish, Jams M., F/O
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Dreblow, George P., S/Sgt
RO	Turner, John R., Sgt
TG	Rasmussen, Gerald G., Sgt
WG	Evans, William A., Sgt
VI	Taylor, W.H., S/Sgt (Hqtrs)



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **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	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt
TT	Ayers, Francis H., Sgt
BT	Paananen, Uhlo J., Sgt
RO	Harkey, Charles I., S/Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt

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

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P	Denison, William A., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., 2Lt
TOG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
BT	Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
RO	Kiggins, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8710 *Idle Wheel - PFF***

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P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Wolansky, John, 2Lt
MN	Grondin, Nicholas A., 1Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-83287 *Southern Comfort***

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P	Sabine, George E., 1Lt
CP	Abbott, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Dickey, Warren B., 1Lt
TOG	Carnegie, Earl B., Sgt
TT	Bielecki, John B., Jr., Sgt
BT	Bevis, Thomas E., Sgt
RO	Bernheim, John, Sgt
TG	Bowler, Richard, Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8824 *(No Name)***

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P	Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8692 *Little Tillie***

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P	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
CP	Barr, Thomas J., 2Lt
NAV	Walker, Raymon G., 2Lt
BOM	Wentworth, Richard H., F/O
TT	Daspit, Thomas M., Cpl
BT	Laza, Benney F., Cpl
RO	Zierk, George W., Cpl
TG	Byers, McClellan A., Cpl

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

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

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P Thomas, Blaine E., 2Lt  
CP Bartholomew, Max R., 2Lt  
NAV Bonanno, Joseph, F/O  
TOG Eschinger, Edward G., Sgt  
TT Haynes, Harry W., Jr., Sgt  
BT Contreras, Luis L., Sgt  
RO Smith, Walter E., Sgt  
TG Carlson, Melvin C., Sgt  
SJ Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt

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

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P Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt  
CP Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O  
NAV Higgins, Harold W., 2Lt  
BOM Bitter, John R., F/O  
TT Conroy, Thomas R., S/Sgt  
BT Burns, Jerry E., Sgt  
RO Retzlaff, Robert R., Sgt  
TG Bulbach, Walter, Sgt  
SJ Monyok, Joseph R., Sgt

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

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P Sheets, Robert W., Maj  
CP Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt  
NAV Dye, Carl J., 1Lt  
NAV Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt  
MN Mylan, William G., 1Lt  
BOM Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt  
TT Ellis, Paul R., T/Sgt  
RO Bledsoe, Clinton A., T/Sgt  
TG Kipfer, James F., 2Lt  
BT Calderon, Reuben J., S/Sgt  
WG Vuksinich, Louis F., S/Sgt