

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 362

17 April 1945

Target: Friedrichstadt Marshalling Yard at Dresden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 42

Crews Lost: 1Lt. Kahler - 2 KIA, 6 POW;

2Lt. Thomas - 2 KIA, 6 POW

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 20 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 250 lb G.P. & 4 x 500 lb M-17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 18,000, 20,500 & 20,000 feet

**R**ail targets in Germany and Czechoslovakia were bombed by the 8th Air Force. The 303BG(H) dispatched 42 aircraft, including six spares to attack the Friedrichstadt marshalling yards as target No. 1 (visual) or target No. 2 (H2X). No aircraft returned early.

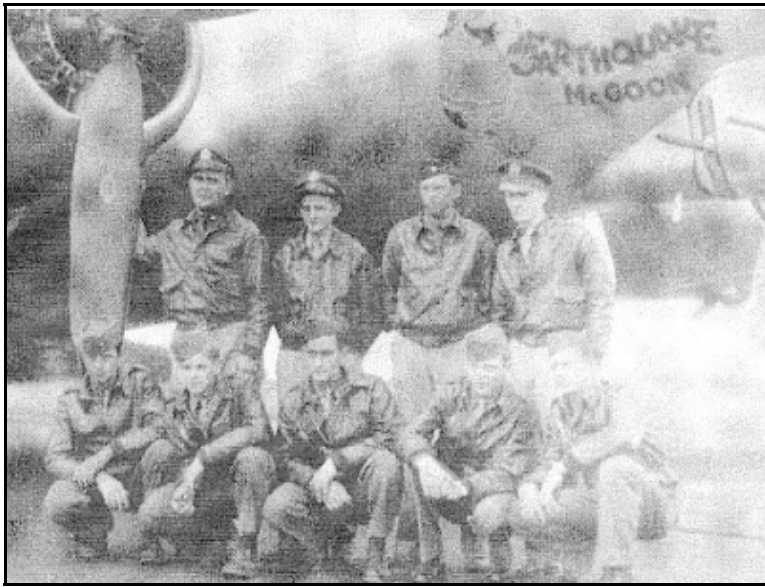
Forty aircraft dropped 468 x 250 G.P. bombs, 156 x 500 M-17 Incendiary bombs, plus three units of WG-50 and seven units of T-359 leaflets on the target. In the target area there were 10/10th high clouds, base 21-22,000 feet, dense and persistent contrails at 21,000 feet, and haze which limited air-to-ground visibility to five to eight miles. Due to these weather conditions, the bombing altitudes were 4,000 feet below the briefed altitudes and the lead and high Squadron used H2X. Results were poor for the lead, fair to good for the low, and undetermined for the high Squadron. Aircraft #44-85534 brought its bombs back. Its bomb bay doors sustained battle damage and wouldn't open.



Wood Carving by William F. Adams

Friendly fighter support by 230 P-51s was reported as good. Three ME-262s were seen in the target area. One made an attack on the low Squadron, going right through the Squadron from six o'clock, a little high. There were no other attacks. Flak was moderate and accurate for the lead and high Squadrons and inaccurate for the low Squadron. The lead and high Squadrons also went through intense and accurate fire at Brux. Twelve aircraft sustained major battle damage and eight, minor damage, all in the lead and high Squadrons. Two men on returning aircraft were slightly wounded. Three aircraft landed away from Molesworth to refuel.

B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*, 427BS, piloted by 1Lt. Thomas F. **Kahler**, had a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire in its gas tank. The right wing caught on fire. Flames streamed back over the top of the aircraft and all around the bomb bay. There was then a large puff of smoke, flames and debris as the Fortress exploded in the air. The B-17 went down in the vicinity of Brux, Czechoslovakia. No parachutes were seen. Lt. **Kahler**



**THOMAS F. KAHLER CREW - 427th BS**  
**B-17G #43-37597 Earthquake McGoon GN-G**  
 (crew assigned 427BS: 02 Feb 1945 - photo: Feb 1945)

and Sgt. Theodore R. **Smith** were killed by civilians and S.S. Their bodies were hanged in a tree. 2Lt. Lewis **Cotton**, Sgt. Richard **Bowler**, Jr., T/Sgt. Richard T. **Fogarty**, Jr., T/Sgt. Lloyd **Lowery**, T/Sgt. Leslie L. **Latz** and S/Sgt William A. **Broughton** were captured by the enemy and became POWs. T/Sgt. **Latz** and S/Sgt. **Broughton** were wounded and were in a makeshift POW hospital until the war's end.

#42-102544 *Sack Time*, 360BS, piloted by 2Lt. Blaine E. **Thomas**, was on its 110th mission without aborting and

was hit by flak north of Brux. The No. 2 engine was smoking and was feathered. Bombs were dropped on the third bomb run and the target was crossed with the formation. It then slipped off to the left and exploded in the air approximately three minutes after it started descending. Six parachutes were seen. The first three came out together, then three a bit later. One jump was delayed. The fortress went down in the vicinity of Dresden, Germany. The men in the rear of the B-17 went out the waist hatch. Sgt. Melvin C. **Carlson** jumped first, followed by Sgts. Walter E. **Smith** and Luis L. **Contreras**. Other crewmen jumped from the nose hatch. Sgt. **Contreras** landed separately from the rest of his crew, sought shelter and was captured by angry civilians. He witnessed an unknown airman being shot by the civilians, was beaten and abused and placed in a city jail for four days. After being turned over to the German military, he was transported to an unknown prison camp, thence to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to Berlin and to other points. Almost his entire time as a POW was spent walking or on crowded trips via truck and train with nine other airmen. He was finally rescued by General Patton's Third Army troops. Other crewmen were captured near Frieberg by German troops, who held them captive approximately three weeks. They were turned over to American forces on 7 May 1945, transported to Camp Lucky Strike, and then returned home to the U.S.A. on a Liberty ship. S/Sgt. Edward G. **Eschinger** and Sgt. **Carlson** were killed and are buried at Ardennes American cemetery at Liege, Belgium. They are believed to have been killed by civilians after a successful parachute landing. Lt. **Thomas**, 2Lt. Max R. **Bartholomew**, F/O Joseph **Bonanno**, S/Sgt. Harry W. **Haynes**, Jr., and S/Sgt. **Smith** were also captured and became Prisoners of War.

Sgt. **Contreras** reported that his Liberty ship return was almost a disaster. The ship ran into a severe hurricane-like storm and almost capsized. Hearing the Captain give an order to prepare to abandon ship, Sgt. **Contreras** threw over his duffle bag and other disposable items before the ship finally weathered the storm.

**Horst Bayer**, an eyewitness to the death of S/Sgt **Eschinger** later related:

In April 1945, I was still living with my parents in Halsbrücke, in the mine settlement near the sandpit lake. A formation of bombers flew over our town on April 17, 1945. Suddenly one plane left the formation and flew back in the direction of Großschirma. I could see three crewmen who jumped out of the plane with parachutes; two of them drifted toward Krummnenhennersdorf. One of the men came down over Halsbrücke and landed at "Hohe Esse." I ran to where the pilot was lying with his parachute. He was wearing a brown flight suit and nothing on his head. Hugo Schreiber and the peasant Röttsch reached the site before me, the teacher Haufe, who lived in the Sand section of town, came after me. He tried to mistreat the pilot, but Hugo Schreiber stopped him.

Gradually other residents assembled, one woman addressed the flyer in English, to which he replied that he spoke German. The air defense guards Otto and Hachenbuchner from Halsbrücke seem to have been among the last to come. The latter struck the defenseless man in the back of the neck, which immediately swelled up greatly. He was ordered to look for his pistol, which he had thrown away while still in the air. Otto stood behind him with his own pistol at the ready. At the moment when the flyer grabbed his swollen neck, he was fired on with one shot at close range by Otto. He looked at the sky, blood came from his mouth, then he fell down dead. The two policemen of Halsbrücke, who now arrived, were unable to prevent the killing of the pilot. He was laid in a bower, the carpenter Kohl made him a casket and took him to the cemetery in Tuttendorf, where he was buried near the cemetery wall.

It must have been the beginning of the fifties when members of the American army came to Conradsdorf and interrogated people about the events. The corpse of the pilot was exhumed afterwards.

I do not know where the mortal remains ended up. The two crewmen who went down in the direction of Krummnenhennersdorf survived, as far as I know they were taken to the local holding place for prisoners of war, the Sandmühle Hotel in Halsbrücke. French and Yugoslav prisoners of war were there, who were made to work in the Halsbrücke mines.

On the day of the entry of the Red Army, it was May 7, 1945, the now-liberated prisoners of war were at the homes of Otto and Hachenbuchner, the ones guilty of the death of the pilot. Both had fled. Nothing more could be heard about them.

The death of US airman Eddie G. Eschinger was registered on June 12, 1945 by the responsible registry office in Halsbrücke. The following cause of death was entered: "Shot after parachute jump." It is unknown whether the perpetrator was punished.

## **A GERMAN 88mm THROUGH OUR FUEL TANK**

**Unusual Experience of Lt. Max R. Bartholomew**



### **BLAINE E. THOMAS CREW - 427th BS**

**B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby (427BS) GN-O**

**(crew assigned 427BS: 28 Feb 1945 - photo: 10 Mar 1945)**

(Back L-R) S/Sgt Walter E. Smith (R), S/Sgt Harry W. Haynes, Jr. (E),  
Sgt Melvin C. Carlson (TG), Sgt Edward G. Eschinger (TOG),  
Sgt Louis L. Contreras (BT) - (Front L-R) 2Lt Max R. Bartholomew (CP),  
2Lt Blaine E. Thomas (P), Lt Roger C. Lee (B), 2Lt Walter L. Lacy (N)

We were downed by flak on our 21st mission in *Sack Time*, as *Shoo Shoo Baby*, the plane we usually fly was having the #2 engine changed. I flew as co-pilot on Lt. Blaine Thomas' crew. Our target on the 17th of April 1945, was the marshalling yards at Dresden, Germany.

At the IP, we had an 88 millimeter anti-aircraft shell go through our wing and the #1 fuel tank, without exploding. But the hole was so big that the self-sealing tanks did not seal, so we had to open the bomb bay door to get rid of the leaking fuel.

The target was obscured by clouds, so the lead plane took us back to the IP, and again we had intense flak which hit our #2 exhaust system knocking out the #2 engine turbo system. We feathered the #2 engine and tried to stay under the squadron.

I checked the #1 engine visually and thought I saw flames in the hole the 88 mm shell made, so I had the Engineer, S/Sgt. Harry Haynes, in the top turret, look at it and tried to get the Radio Operator, S/Sgt Walter Smith, to get the Ball Turret gunner, Sgt Louie Contreras, out of the fish bowl.

I then conferred with the pilot, Blaine Thomas, and told the crew we would probably have to bail out and to get ready. This time at the target a squadron of B-24s were below us so back to the IP the lead ship went. We tried both bottles of CO-2 on the fire with no results. And we picked up flak again at the IP, but were able to stay under the squadron until bombs were finally away on the 3rd trip over the target.

At this time the Tail Gunner, Sgt. Melvin Carlson, got on the intercom and said the flames were going by the tail. Blaine and I decided it was time to get out and gave the order to bail out and turned on the bell and hit the buttons to destroy the IFF.

The ones that opened their chutes right away drifted back to Dresden. We believe the Tail Gunner, Sgt. Melvin Carlson, and the Toggler S/Sgt. Edward Eschinger, were killed by civilians and the Ball Turret gunner, Sgt. Louie Contreras, was roughed up and received 3 broken ribs.

Our auto pilot evidently had received damage, as we had trouble getting the plane to fly level so we could bail out, which caused us to spend some extra time rolling in rudder trim. I checked the nose to see if everyone got out and then set down to go out the nose door and saw my shoes so I fastened them under my right leg harness. I evidently passed out from lack of oxygen and fell out. When I came to, I was looking at a couple of plowed fields and a fence line and pulled the rip cord on the parachute.

The next I knew there were several regular German army personnel around me. I had landed two blocks from an encampment in the woods. My parachute was gone as was my 45 caliber pistol and shoes. And I knew I had two broken legs. I never found out whether my chute opened at the last possible moment or if my chute was a "streamer."

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### **A CREW CHIEF'S LAMENT**

by Robert Heiliger, Crew Chief of B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*



**Sack Time Ground Crew**

**B-17G #42-102544 360BS (PU-K)**

(L-R) Sgt Hubert P. Miller, Sgt Harry A. Boreen,  
T/Sgt Robert B. Heiliger (Crew Chief), S/Sgt Alvin Etheridge

I watched those men, those 10 brave men,  
As they drove up in their jeeps,  
With flying suits and parachutes  
And things they left for me to keep.

There was no talk, just a confident walk  
To the B-17 we called "Sack Time,"  
As they gathered there in the morning air,  
With the target - Dresden - on their mind.

The captain asked "Is the Sack OK?  
Will she bring us back alive?"  
He knew I'd be sitting on an ammunition crate,  
Anxiously waiting for them to arrive.

As they climbed so high in the morning sky,  
I felt like shouting to the clouds,  
'War is hell, we all know that,  
But, Hitler left us no way out."

I worked away the hours in the English chill,  
Passing the time by any means,  
When suddenly, they began to return  
In their battered and crippled B-17s.

I scanned the sky with my naked eye  
But "Sack Time" was not in sight;  
I kept the vigil into the evening hours  
Then gave up long into the night.

Come cry with me,  
Cause war is hell,  
It takes a deadly toll  
Today.... my buddies fell.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Eisenhart-Heller  
912 - PFF

Mauger  
878

Holmes  
710 - PFF

Ketner  
645

Call  
734

Towne  
256

Stauffer  
609

Henning  
875

C. Scott  
608

Rich  
682

Bashor  
289 - Spare

Peterson  
883

Leister  
127

Lowry  
206 - Spare



### **B-17G #44-8912 (No Name) PFF 359BS (BN-W)**

**41st CBW-C Lead (359BS) - Pilot Capt W.E. Eisenhart / CoPilot 2Lt E.E. Heller**  
(Back L-R) Capt William E. Eisenhart (P), 2Lt Emerson E. Heller (CP), 1Lt Frank F. Forve (N), 2Lt Louis Fish (GHN),  
1Lt Jasper C. Dodson (B) - (Front L-R) 1Lt Lawrence A. Christensen (TG-O), 1Lt Louis T. Gennaro (MN),  
T/Sgt Joseph Vieira (R), T/Sgt Jon B. Kreager (E), T/Sgt Rubin W. Belcher (WG)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Walder-Hewitt  
869 - PFF

Krohn  
621 - Spare

Von Aesch  
977 - Spare

Thomas 544

Flanigan  
516

Chuba  
545

Damon  
937

Arcy  
447

Kahler  
597

Donalson 824

Sabine  
885

Lonski  
534

Breyer  
692

Barr  
287

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Walker-Milman  
876 - PFF

Elliott  
778

Thornton  
233

Cunningham 462

Nicolaisen  
450

Nester  
096

Sims  
999 - Spare

Kamstra  
285

Sheehey  
351

Griffith 546

Perkins  
258

Laubhan  
191

Fountain  
860 - Spare

J. Scott  
870

### 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 #43-39450 (No Name)**

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P	Nicolaisen, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Silver, Jack, 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

### **B-17G #43-39285 (No Name)**

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P	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
CP	Burton, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Brough, Clyde W., F/O
TOG	Blondeau, Alexander L., Sgt
ENG	King, Cecil J., T/Sgt
RO	Salm, Edward P., Sgt
BT	Amos, Harmon E., Sgt
TG	Strahan, Everette E., Sgt

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

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P	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Lawrence S., 2Lt
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., S/Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Olly***

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P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Ludlow, Harold K., 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa N., F/O
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles P., S/Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt

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

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P	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
CP	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG	Jackson, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG	Walley, Glen B., Sgt
WG	Sloan, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Foreman, Dennis E., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert H., Sgt

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

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P	Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., 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 #42-97860 (No Name)**

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P	Fountain, Clarence M., 2Lt
CP	Pinkert, Paul A., 2Lt
NAV	Widener, Howard H., F/O
TOG	Hackney, Carl R., Sgt
ENG	Grocki, John J., Sgt
RO	Riehl, William F., Sgt
BT	Darley, Ralph J., Sgt
TG	Powell, George A., Sgt

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

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P	Sheehey, William F., 1Lt
CP	Sichley, Clarence W., 2Lt
NAV	Stock, Phillip L., F/O
TOG	Young, Burnham J., Sgt
ENG	Miller, James P., Sgt
RO	Smith, Lloyd D., Sgt
BT	Craig, Victor M., Sgt
TG	Hall, Billy W., Sgt



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

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

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P	Elliott, Albert H., 2Lt
CP	Stockton, Charles F., 2Lt
NAV	Wiley, William E., F/O
TOG	Regan, Edward J., Sgt
ENG	Albrecht, Milton L., Sgt
RO	Lestonga, John W., Sgt
BT	Smith, James A., Sgt
TG	Gayvert, Raymond W., Sgt
PAS	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt (Hq 303rd)

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

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P	Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Kuester, Edward F., 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
PAS	Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt (427th)

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

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P	Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP	Craig, Fred, 2Lt
NAV	Rainey, John L., 2Lt
TOG	Jones, James P., T/Sgt
ENG	Kappardaki, Kermit P., T/Sgt
RO	Strouse, Jacob J., T/Sgt
BT	Reece, Robert M., T/Sgt
TG	Edleman, Robert W., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-39233 (No Name)**

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P	Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
TOG	Meade, Joseph J., S/Sgt
ENG	Schroeder, Karl T., T/Sgt
RO	Kasik, Robert F., T/Sgt
BT	Fox, Raymond H., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt
PAS	Dantzler, John R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8876 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Walker, Barton F., 1Lt
CP	Milman, Jerome, 1Lt
NAV	Moeller, Floyd E., 1Lt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., 2Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Capt (Hq 303rd)
ENG	Wilhelm, Raymond C., T/Sgt
WG	Magyar, Frank, T/Sgt
RO	Jasut, Stanley, T/Sgt
TG	Massey, Ray N., Sgt
OBS	Danquard, Ernest G., 2Lt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Mauger, Warren, 2Lt  
 CP Backer, Charles T., 2Lt  
 NAV Steineman, James T., 2Lt  
 TOG Davis, Carl J., S/Sgt  
 ENG Reese, Bobbie B., T/Sgt  
 RO Wysocki, John F., T/Sgt  
 BT Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt  
 TG Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38883 Lady Beth**

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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 #43-39127 (No Name)**

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P Leister, Francis E., 2Lt  
 CP Timmons, James A., 2Lt  
 NAV Maso, Salvatore J., F/O  
 TOG Madden, Joseph R., Sgt  
 ENG Smith, Philman C., Sgt  
 RO Shaunnessy, William I., Sgt  
 BT Crum, Roy E., Cpl  
 TG Stevens, Wilfred O., Sgt

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

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P Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt  
 CP Bauer, Donald R., F/O  
 NAV Knox, George E., 1Lt  
 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 #43-38609 (No Name)**

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P Stauffer, Robert N., 2Lt  
 CP Bowman, George B., 2Lt  
 NAV Williams, Tom E., 2Lt  
 TOG Sherwin, Claude W., Jr., Sgt  
 ENG Myers, Ernest L., S/Sgt  
 RO Kirsling, Frederick P., Sgt  
 BT Jamieson, Richard W., Sgt  
 TG Hawkinson, Arthur H., 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., S/Sgt  
 RO Shook, Victor N., S/Sgt  
 BT Greene, Norman S., S/Sgt  
 TG Theisen, Robert J., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8256 Yankee Girl**

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P Towne, Harvey E., 1Lt  
 CP Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt  
 NAV West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt  
 BOM Moss, Henry C., 2Lt  
 ENG Walling, Glenn R., T/Sgt  
 RO Fiore, Thomas, S/Sgt  
 WG Taylor, Wallace K., S/Sgt  
 TG McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt

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

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P Rich, Richard H., 2Lt  
 CP Beasley, William M., 1Lt  
 NAV Mabary, George D.L., F/O  
 TOG Harrigfeld, Thomas E., S/Sgt  
 ENG Gornto, Jacob R., S/Sgt  
 RO Terrill, Jack W., S/Sgt  
 BT Thomas, David W., Sgt  
 TG Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt

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

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

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P	Lowry, William J., 2Lt
CP	Bennett, Ralph S., F/O
NAV	Wood, Stuart K., 2Lt
TOG	Nichols, Audly D., Sgt
ENG	Manina, Joseph J., Sgt
RO	Thomas, William B., Sgt
BT	Warcholak, Emanuel, Sgt
TG	Moots, Merritt L., Sgt
RCM	Carl, Lewis E., S/Sgt

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

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P	Scott, Charles F., Jr., F/O
CP	Volz, Raymond J., F/O
NAV	Blackwell, Samuel D., F/O
TOG	Loftin, Lloyd D., Sgt
ENG	Gale, James C., Jr., Sgt
RO	Gilmer, Billie G., Pvt
BT	Fanguy, Floyd J., Cpl
TG	Hills, Raymond E., Sgt
RCM	Haley, James W., S/Sgt

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

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P	Call, Fred E., 1Lt
CP	Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV	Udy, Donald M., F/O
TOG	Boucher, Henry C., S/Sgt
ENG	Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
RO	Sussman, Martin, S/Sgt
TG	Tanner, Henry C., S/Sgt
BT	Hager, Mark I., Sgt
Y	Taylor, Walter H., Sgt (Hqtrs)

### **B-17G #44-8912 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Eisenhart, William E., Capt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 1Lt
NAV	Fish, Louis, 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 1Lt
BOM	Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Christensen, Lawrence A., 1Lt
WG	Belcher, Rubin W., T/Sgt

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

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P	Holmes, Alfred M., 1Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 1Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
MN	Fournier, Ernest R., 1Lt
BOM	Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG	Vowels, Donovan E., T/Sgt
RO	Bilski, Peter P., Sgt
TG	Cofrances, Ernest L., Sgt

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

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P	Ketner, Wilbert L., 2Lt
CP	McColl, John R., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Wort, Irving, 2Lt
TOG	Geary, Joseph P., Sgt
ENG	Sears, Glenn W., Sgt
RO	Grden, Matthew W., T/Sgt
BT	Cutter, Harrison F., Cpl
TG	Drennan, Thomas A., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew List

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

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P	Scott, John, 1Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
TOG	Morris, Robert W., S/Sgt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Rasmussen, ,Gerald G., Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Donalson, David S., 2Lt
CP	Pittard, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Cahill, William F., 2Lt
TOG	Lenhard, Robert H., Sgt
TT	Knight, Ernest E., Sgt
BT	Brehl, Ralph C., Jr., Cpl
RO	Kaliel, Wilfred L., Sgt
TG	Parr, Robert E., Cpl

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

P	Breyer, Frederick L., 2Lt
CP	Schwartz, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Baldwin, Jack C., 2Lt
TOG	Knauer, Seymour B., Sgt
TT	Holt, Lester C., Sgt
BT	Bohac, John V., Cpl
RO	Jarmolinski, William J., Sgt
TG	Harris, Glenn E., Cpl

### **B-17G #44-83447 (No Name)**

P	Arcy, Mitchell T., 2Lt
CP	Shaafsma, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Wyatt, William A., 2Lt
TOG	Detlefsen, Emil E., Sgt
TT	Berzanski, Edward G., Cpl
BT	Swires, Harvey K., Cpl
RO	Knutson, Theodore E., Cpl
TG	Alasky, Robert H., T/Sgt

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

P	Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt	KIA
CP	Cotton, Lewis, 2Lt	POW
NAV	Bowler, Richard, Jr., Sgt	POW
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., S/Sgt	POW
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt	POW
RO	Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt	WIA/ POW
BT	Broughton, William A, S/Sgt	WIA/POW
TG	Smith, Theodore R., Sgt	KIA

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

P	Damon, Malcolm F., 2Lt
CP	Whitford, Milton G., 2Lt
NAV	Burr, Howard G., 2Lt
TOG	Leenstra, John M., Sgt
TT	Kaseric, John, Sgt
BT	Braun, Donald K., Sgt
RO	Jordan, Daniel J., Sgt
TG	Mikkelson, Delbert M., Sgt

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

P	Flanigan, Lloyd J., 2Lt
CP	Farland, Eugene H., 2Lt
NAV	Heaney, Edward J., F/O
TOG	McDonald, Francis E., Sgt
TT	Gilkes, Beresford B., S/Sgt
BT	Safley, Delbert A., Sgt
RO	Gourly, Charles B., S/Sgt
TG	Neiswender, John J., Sgt

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

P	Chuba, Francis B., 1Lt
CP	Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt
NAV	Wolf, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Malmo, Robert C., Sgt
TT	Ayers, Francis H., Sgt
RO	Harkey, Charles I., S/Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt
BT	Paananen, Uhlo J., Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Krohn, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Kindig, Paul B., 2Lt
NAV	Christen, Louis M., 2Lt
TOG	O'Sullivan, Henry T., Sgt
TT	Peterson, Herman O., Sgt
BT	Minoff, John, Sgt
RO	McKenzie, Malcolm L., Sgt
TG	Marozas, Arthur A., Sgt
SJ	Monyok, Joseph B., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-83287 (No Name)**

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P	Barr, Thomas J., 2Lt
CP	Pauling, Verlin C., 2Lt
NAV	Walker, Raymon G., 2Lt
TOG	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt
TT	Daspit, Thomas M., Sgt
BT	Laza, Benney F., Sgt
RO	Zierk, George W., Sgt
TG	Byers, McClellan, Sgt
SJ	Buonpano, Vincent, Sgt

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

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P	Von Aesch, Edward J., F/O
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Lieberman, Leon, F/O
BOM	Osmundson, Arthur E., 2Lt
TT	Kenney, William C., Sgt
BT	Batts, Bert, Pfc
RO	Anderson, Martin L., Sgt
TG	Caputo, Harrison D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-85534 (No Name)**

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P	Lonski, Charles J., 1Lt
CP	Halonen, Eugene L., 2Lt
NAV	Szymanski, Milton J., 2Lt
TOG	Campen, Donald O., Jr., Sgt
TT	Adams, Dearl E., Sgt
BT	Czarny, Alex G., Sgt
RO	Newby, Sidney W., Sgt
TG	Bourget, Joseph B., Sgt

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### **B-17G #44-8869 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Walder, Wilfred W., 1Lt
CP	Hewitt, Donald D., 1Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
MN	Perry, Franklin F., 2Lt
BOM	McCormick, James E., Maj
TT	Englehardt, Roy H., S/Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., S/Sgt
TG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt
WG	Doles, David, Jr., S/Sgt

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

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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
RO	Bernheim, John, Sgt
TG	Akens, Thomas I., Sgt
BT	Bevis, Thomas E., Sgt