

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 101

29 January 1944

Target: City area, Frankfurt, Germany (PFF Bombing)

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crews Lost: 1 crew, Lt. Fowler, 10 crewmembers

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 5 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. bombs

Altitude: Both Groups at 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 3,100 rounds

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s took off. There were no abortions. All aircraft were loaded with 500-lb. M-17 cluster incendiary bombs.

The PFF equipment on the lead B-17 of the 41 CBW-A failed. It then made a series of "S" turns before reaching the bombing "initial point." These turns were made in an effort to get behind and bomb on the 41 CBW-B formation. The maneuver was unsuccessful and the 41 CBW-A formation failed to get back into a correct Combat Wing bombing formation. The 41 CBW-A bombing results could not be observed because of the solid cloud cover.

Flak for the 303BG-A Group was moderate and inaccurate, but was accurate for the 303BG-B Group. Fighter support was excellent. P-47s carried the formations to the IP where they were met by P-38s. Twenty-five to thirty enemy aircraft were observed and the 303BG-A Group experienced one attack by five ME-109s. The 303BG-B Group had no fighter attacks.

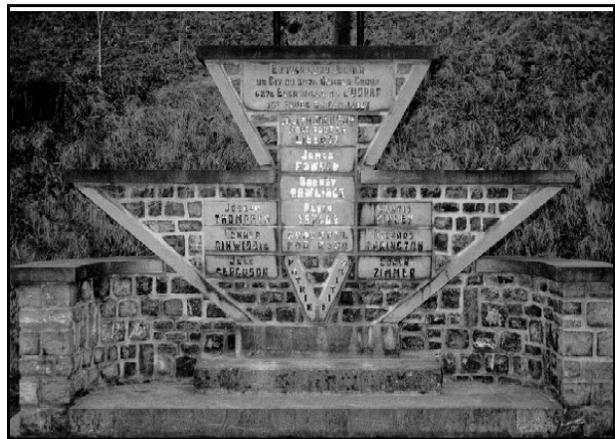


Burned-out tail of B-17 #42-39786 G.I. Sheets after crashing in Belgium.

The No. 4 B-17 in the lead Squadron "A" Group, #42-39786, G.I. Sheets 427BS-R, encountered a rough and frustrating mission. The crew crossed the German coast with a faulty No. 2 engine and was forced to feather engine No. 4. Just before reaching the IP it developed a bad oil leak. Unable to stay with the formation, the bombs were jettisoned and the aircraft was soon hit by German FW-190s. Hits disabled the oxygen system, the interphone and many of the flight instruments. They dove to lower altitudes to reach cloud cover and used the autopilot to maintain flight. The damaged Fortress was hit by fighters numerous times before Lt. **Fowler** was forced to belly-land his Fort in a Belgian field at Solre-St. Gery. All crewmen except Lt. **Fowler** and Lt. **Rawlins** were wounded.

Pilot 2Lt. James F. **Fowler** and T/Sgt. Donald J. **Dinwiddie** managed to evade capture until 13 May 1944, when they were betrayed by a French doctor and his wife near Lille, who drove them to a German outpost. 2Lt. Bernard W. **Rawlings** evaded capture and made his way back to England after crossing the Pyrenees into Spain. 2Lt. Alvin L. **Taylor**, 2Lt. Joseph C. **Thompson**, Jr. and S/Sgt. Jack D. **Ferguson** were badly wounded.

They were taken to a civilian hospital by Belgians where they were captured and cared for by Germans. T/Sgt. Curtis E. **Finley** was with Lt. **Rawlings** until they split up, after which he was captured not far from the Spanish border. S/Sgt. Richard **Arrington** evaded capture and was picked up by American troops in September 1944. S/Sgt. Loren E. **Zimmer** bailed out at about 150-200 ft. altitude and landed in a bog. He managed to evade capture and was picked up by American troops in September 1944. Sgt. Miller O. **Jackson** died from severe wounds after the crash landing. He had taken off his flak vest in flight.



The Belgian and French resistance fighters gave valuable and heroic assistance to the evaders. After the war the people of Belgium erected a monument in Solre-Saint-Gery, Belgium, to commemorate the Fowler Crew.

The 8th Air Force, led by Pathfinder aircraft, dispatched a record number of aircraft and lost 24 B-17s and 5 B-24s on big aerial battles behind the 303rd BG(H) formations. Capt. **Hullar** said that the raid wasn't particularly tough, and "FW-190s made one pass at us before we got to the target and then went after the Groups behind us. Flak was coming up in a barrage, but it was meager and wasn't very accurate."



Major Kirk R. **Mitchell**, "B" Group leader, finished his 25th mission and described it as uneventful. "There wasn't much to it," he said. "We really expected a rough one, but didn't get it. We had excellent fighter support by our P-38s and P-47s. They certainly keep the German fighters away from our Group. There were 25 or 30 enemy fighters around, but they stayed away. Don't know how we did on the bombing because we dropped through the clouds. Should be good though, because we dropped in the middle of the flak barrage."

Sgt. Ira **Friedman**, ball turret gunner, said that some of the Groups seemed to be having a tough time of it. "I saw two FWs attack a straggler and they shot it down in a matter of seconds after just one pass," he said. "The gunners in that Fort really nailed them." Fighter support was hailed by 2Lt. Joseph **Massimiliano**, co-pilot in 360BS *Banshee*, who exclaimed, "Four ME-109s came diving in on our Group from the right side of the formation and some P-47s came in from the left to challenge them. Every one of the

ME-109s was shot down." Sgt. Paul **Buckley** registered his first kill flying as photographer on the Fortress *Iza Vailable*, and said, "It was a poor show from the camera angle today. It wasn't a bit rough though, which might cost some good pictures, but certainly didn't cost me any mental strain."

A number of crews reported that P-38s dropped their auxiliary "belly" tanks too close to the Group formation. One Fortress, #42-37893 *Bam Bam* 358BS-G, flying in the No. 3 position of the lead element of the 41 CBW-B formation, piloted by 2LTs. Walter R. **Kyse** and James B. **Taylor** were hit on the left wing by a "belly" tank. It left a hole in the wing and destroyed the left aileron. The pilots, with the help of S/Sgt. Douglas L. **Jones**, engineer, flew *Bam Bam* home with limited controls. The crew also complained about the very poor mission sandwiches, but were happy that they had received two eggs for breakfast.

The 8th Air Force losses for today were: 29 aircraft, 15 crewmen killed, 32 crewmen wounded and 299 crewmen missing. S/Sgt. Richard **Arrington** (786) claimed an FW-190 destroyed, though official confirmation is unavailable.

From the Journal of Vern L. Moncur, 359th BS Pilot

This was the first mission for the famous B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird

MISSION #7

Date: January 29, 1944

Target: Frankfurt, Germany

Altitude: 26,000 feet

Plane: U-050 "Thunderbird"

Position: No. 2, High Squadron, High Group



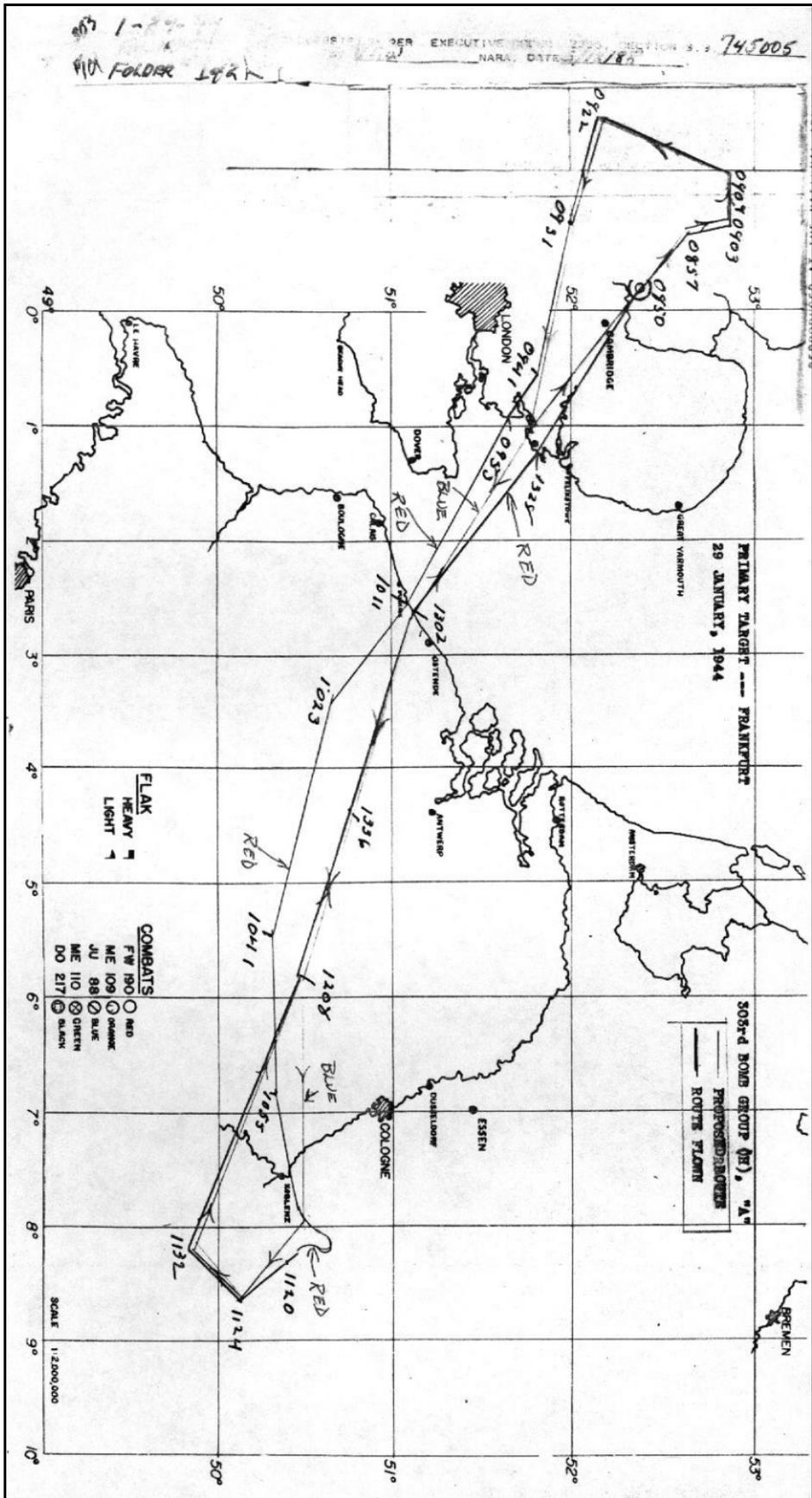
Original Sketch for the *Thunderbird* Nose Art, drawn by **James S. Andrus** (R) on the **Moncur** Crew. The name *Thunderbird* was suggested by Pilot 2Lt **Moncur**, saying it was "an Indian symbol for luck and we sure will need it."

This was our first raid in our newly assigned ship, though we had started on a mission in this ship a few days before this raid. That mission was recalled soon after we reached altitude and were out over the North Sea. This recall proved to be a very good thing for us, however, because the No. 1 engine failed completely on our final approach to our landing. Had we not been recalled to our base, we would have got about over the target when the engine failed - and it would have been quite a haul to make it back to England on three engines.

We got along OK and had no fighter opposition, but the flak was heavy and accurate - it always was over Frankfurt. We received two direct hits in the left wing, one of which hit the main wing spar and cut it so badly that our new plane had to go to the hangar immediately after we landed and have a new wing put on. Another near miss from a flak shell shook the plane very much. It actually felt like one of the engines had been knocked completely off. The concussion from some of these flak bursts was terrific.

Upon returning to the field, we found the usual lousy Limey weather waiting for us. We had to let down through the "soup" on instruments. We homed on a splasher-beacon and were able to get to the field OK. We got so used to making instrument let-downs that it became common practice in England.

Again we were lucky in not having a man injured, though our plane received a few bad holes in it. S/Sgt. Wike, tail gunner, was grounded for this mission because of a cold. He was also suffering from a bad case of nerves from what he had seen on some of these missions. Our bomb load was 42 one-hundred pound incendiary bombs in five-hundred pound clusters. [Sgt. Wike was replaced on this mission by John F. Newman]



Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

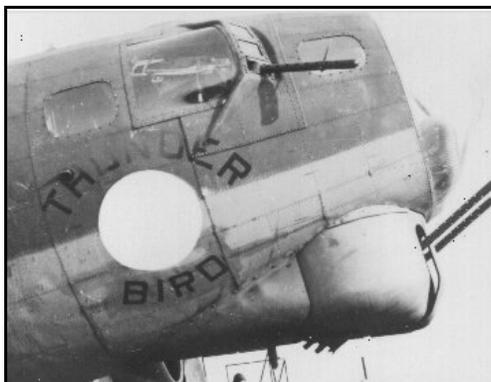
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	<u>Sheets</u> 241			<u>Brinkley</u> 931
<u>Hoeg</u> 052		<u>Klint</u> 423	<u>Crook</u> 399	<u>Parrott</u> 393
	<u>Long</u> 432			<u>Bergeron</u> 841
<u>Wilson</u> 340		<u>Underwood</u> 854	<u>Bordelon</u> 054	<u>Coppom</u> 973
	<u>Holdcroft</u> 788			<u>Lawlor</u> 055



Vicious Virgin #42-5341 (427BS) GN-Q
41st CBW-A High (427BS) - Pilot LtCol L.E. Lyle / CoPilot Capt R.J. Hullar

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Mitchell-Lemmon</u> 574		
		<u>Kyse</u> 893		<u>Lake</u> 224
			<u>Henderson</u> 562	
		<u>Troppman</u> 927		<u>Smith</u> 239
	<u>Daub</u> 306			<u>Quinn</u> 635
<u>Newell</u> 807		<u>Hybert</u> 314	<u>McManus</u> 405	<u>Moncur</u> 050
	<u>Goolsby</u> 386			<u>Clark</u> 583
<u>Bech</u> 483		<u>Shoup</u> 605	<u>Stuermer</u> 041	<u>Worthley</u> 498
	<u>Stoullil</u> 183			



First Mission for B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird

This mission was the first for the now famous B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*. *Thunderbird* would go on to fly 112 credited missions. Lt **Moncur's** crew was the only crew ever assigned to *Thunderbird* as their primary aircraft. After the Moncur crew finished their 28 missions, *Thunderbird* became a "first mission ship" given to new crews to get them off to a good start—and a good start it was, as no regular crew member was ever injured on a *Thunderbird* mission.

Photos show partially painted and completed Nose Art. The *Thunderbird* nose art was painted by **Anne Josephine Hayward**, American Red Cross Aero Club, Great Ashfield England, 385th Bomb Group. Ms Hayward is considered one of the more accomplished nose art artists of World War II. She also painted the nose art for B-17s: *Dragon Lady*, *Pregnant Portia*, *Shack Bunny*, *Madame Shoo Shoo* and others.

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-37893 *Bam Bam*

P	Kyse, Walter R., 2Lt
CP	Taylor, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Levy, Herbert E., 2Lt
BOM	Mack, Austin J., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Douglas L., S/Sgt
BT	Kennard, Royal G., Sgt
RO	Dulin, Woodroe G., S/Sgt
RWG	Schweinebraten, Leslie H., Sgt
TG	Cox, James B., S/Sgt
LWG	Daniel, Herbert A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97498 *Padded Cell II*

P	Worthley, Joe R., 2Lt
CP	Crook, Kenneth D., 2Lt
NAV	Ratay, Joseph B., 2Lt
BOM	Blum, Eugene C., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Edwin D., S/Sgt
BT	Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
RO	Egan, Harry R., S/Sgt
RWG	Malherbe, Benjamin F., S/Sgt
TG	Lawson, Fred B., Sgt
LWG	Robinson, Ray I., Sgt

B-17G #42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*

P	Lake, Lester A., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cook, John H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Jack N., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 2Lt
ENG	Haggerty, Jerome J., S/Sgt
LWG	Delaney, Jessie L., Sgt
RO	Rumpf, Charles W., S/Sgt
RWG	Balzano, Christopher, Sgt
TG	Hunt, John L., Sgt
BT	Chadick, Neal T., Sgt

B-17G #42-31239 *(No Name)*

P	Smith, Marshall L., 2Lt
CP	Palecek, Francis J., 2Lt
NAV	Neuwirth, Edward, 2Lt
BOM	Troy, Edward J., 2Lt
ENG	Dick, Andrew, S/Sgt
LWG	Schor, John, Sgt
RO	Frolick, Edwin J., S/Sgt
BT	Simon, Gustof J., S/Sgt
TG	Fugate, Walter O., Sgt
RWG	Stauter, Herman L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf*

P	Clark, Martin L., 1Lt
CP	Bass, Julius E., 2Lt
NAV	Abernathy, Milton B., 2Lt
BOM	Zientar, Matthew S., 2Lt
ENG	Quevedo, Alfonso, S/Sgt
RWG	Grsetic, John P., Sgt
RO	Hensley, James C., S/Sgt
LWG	Canale, Michael J., Sgt
TG	Gilbert, Bill A., S/Sgt
BT	Brown, Harold J., Sgt

B-17G #42-38041 *Hell's Angels II*

P	Stuermer, John W., 2Lt
CP	Reynolds, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Tielman, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Newman, Clyde D., 2Lt
ENG	Harris, David W., S/Sgt
LWG	Rogers, Thomas A., Sgt
RO	Murray, Edward F., S/Sgt
BT	Stark, Joseph, Sgt
TG	Collins, Marvin B., Sgt
RWG	Carroll, Marvin A., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-37927 (No Name)

P Troppman, Walter W., 2Lt
 CP Elder, Damon C., 2Lt
 NAV Minkowitz, Samuel, 2Lt
 BOM Armstrong, Charles C., 2Lt
 ENG Wilson, David L., S/Sgt
 LWG Clark, Norman M., Sgt
 RO Kistulentz, Paul, Sgt
 BT Mirenda, Frank J., Sgt
 TG Swank, Verden D., Sgt
 RWG Garcia, Mario D., Sgt

B-17G #42-31562 (No Name)

P Henderson, John F., 2Lt
 CP Ames, Walter J., 2Lt
 NAV Wiggins, Warren S., 2Lt
 BOM Monkres, Woodrow W., 2Lt
 ENG Simpkins, William H., S/Sgt
 TT Moody, Stanley E., Sgt
 RO King, Robert E., T/Sgt
 BT Miller, Richard C., S/Sgt
 TG Millif, Mike C., Sgt
 LWG Shuhart, Norman L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31574 Ole George

P Mitchell, Kirk R., Maj
 CP Lemmon, John V., Capt
 NAV Steely, Hobert H., 1Lt
 NAV McSween, William D., 1Lt
 BOM Coburn, Ralph F., 1Lt
 ENG Wagner, Clyde E., T/Sgt
 LWG Vaughn, Norville, S/Sgt
 RO Gilmore, Daniel F., T/Sgt
 BT Scharch, Richard G., T/Sgt
 RWG Schmeltzer, Charles S., S/Sgt
 TG Burns, James R., 2Lt

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>CREW POSITIONS 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 NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p>RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>DOW - Died of wounds EVD - Evaded the enemy INT - Interned in neu cuntry 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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359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P	Stoullil, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Callahan, Edward F., 2Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Trawicki, George J., 2Lt
ENG	Romer, Eugene A., Sgt
LWG	Brown, William F., Jr., Sgt
RO	Owen, James C., Sgt
BT	Holder, Kenneth L., Sgt
RWG	Greene, George P., Jr., Sgt
TG	Turkington, Calvin G., Sgt

B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

P	Bech, G. Neil, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Franklin M., 2Lt
NAV	Cotter, Edward R., 2Lt
BOM	Corbin, Frederick A., F/O
ENG	Sanelli, Floyd L., S/Sgt
RWG	Boatwright, Edward C., Sgt
RO	Dennis, Julian E., S/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Lawrence G., Sgt
LWG	Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt
TG	Cox, Elbert S., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Moncur, Vern L., 2Lt
CP	Cunningham, Billy A., 2Lt
NAV	Brooks, James, 2Lt
BOM	Chang, David K.S., 2Lt
ENG	Rosier, Robert L., S/Sgt
RO	Andrus, James S., S/Sgt
BT	Hein, Walter E., Sgt
RWG	Baer, Richard K., Sgt
LWG	Dickman, Thomas J., Sgt
TG	Newman, John F., S/Sgt
PHO	Green, William H., Jr., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 *Wallaro MK II*

P	McManus, Henry, F/O
CP	Bishop, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Carroll, Charles P., 2Lt
BOM	Cecot, Chester R., 2Lt
ENG	Row, Robert A., S/Sgt
RO	Colburn, Robert R., S/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Carl B., Sgt
LWG	Jewett, William B., Sgt
BT	Mace, LeRoy L., S/Sgt
TG	Cowles, Clifton G., Sgt

B-17G #42-31386 *Sky Duster*

P	Goolsby, Billy M., 2Lt
CP	Savage, John N., 2Lt
NAV	Towberman, P.E., 2Lt
BOM	Robinson, John M., 1Lt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., Jr., S/Sgt
LWG	Rothrock, Harry J., S/Sgt
RO	Greenhalgh, Chester W., T/Sgt
BT	Chraniuk, William, S/Sgt
TG	Strobel, William A., S/Sgt
RWG	Cueto, Frank Z., S/Sgt

B-17F #41-24605 *Knockout Dropper*

P	Shoup, Noel E., 2Lt
CP	Litherland, James, 2Lt
NAV	Carey, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Ulbricht, Walter E., 2Lt
ENG	Bragg, Ben W., S/Sgt
RWG	Gribble, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Harrison, Donald B., T/Sgt
LWG	Asvestos, Nick, S/Sgt
BT	Hostetter, William L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Ross, Harry C., Sgt
PHO	Hunter, Robert G., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-39807 Nero

P	Newell, Noel N., 2Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt
NAV	Rhoads, Lester A., 2Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 2Lt
ENG	Freinwald, Earl C., S/Sgt
LWG	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Weepie, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Atkinson, William E., Sgt
BT	Hart, Edgar B., Jr., Sgt
RWG	Mendel, Myron R., Sgt

B-17G #42-31314 Scorchy

P	Hybert, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP	Harrison, Weldon O., 2Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjof M., 2Lt
BOM	Kelly, James H., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Broderick, George V., S/Sgt
RO	Ratford, Edward V., S/Sgt
BT	Gilcrease, Roland L., Sgt
RWG	McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt
LWG	Neathery, Ralph P., Sgt
TG	Barmak, Paul J., Sgt

B-17F #41-24635 The '8' Ball MK II

P	Quinn, Thomas J., 2Lt
CP	Halpin, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Howlett, Oscar D., 2Lt
BOM	Bowen, Richard R., 2Lt
ENG	Holper, Ralph M., T/Sgt
RWG	Kalafut, Joe J., S/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
BT	Bergman, Harvey F., S/Sgt
LWG	Reynolds, James B., S/Sgt
TG	Pelkey, Elwood R., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5306 (No Name)

P	Daub, Leroy E., 2Lt
CP	McLean, Ralph C., 2Lt
NAV	Palmer, Gerald M., 2Lt
BOM	Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt
ENG	Haman, Ray T., Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., S/Sgt
LWG	McConaghy, Leo R., S/Sgt
TT	Carter, Edward K., Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt

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B-17F #42-5393 *Thumper Again*

P	Parrott, John H., Lt
CP	McGrath, Leo B., Lt
NAV	Volk, Anthony D., Lt
BOM	Walter, George M., Lt
ENG	Levin, Meyer, T/Sgt
LWG	Green, Jack E., S/Sgt
RO	DeWitte, Victor W., S/Sgt
BT	Mayfield, James E., Sgt
RWG	Huddleston, D.O., Sgt
TG	Laible, Gilbert N., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Lawlor, John C., Jr., Lt
CP	Hicks, David F., Lt
NAV	Munroe, Linton S., Jr., Lt
BOM	Barker, Havelock W., Lt
ENG	Tower, Jack W., S/Sgt
RWG	Baker, Nelson, Sgt
RO	Esposito, Frank B., S/Sgt
LWG	Krenek, Joe W., Sgt
BT	Kuntashian, Warren V., Sgt
TG	Butler, Raymond K., Sgt

B-17G #42-31399 *(No Name)*

P	Crook, Charles D., Lt
CP	Evans, Ernest N., Lt
NAV	Davis, Roscoe, Lt
BOM	DeLuca, Joseph, F/O
ENG	Breitenbach, Louis H., S/Sgt
RWG	Chavez, Salvador, Sgt
RO	Hannan, Robert J., S/Sgt
LWG	Williams, Norris R., Sgt
BT	Cheek, Roy A., Sgt
TG	Hensley, James H., Sgt

B-17G #42-31432 *Old Glory*

P	Long, John A., Lt
CP	Earhart, Amon E., Lt
NAV	Carroll, George M., Lt
BOM	Cascio, Guiseppe, Lt
ENG	Wilson, Clarence G., T/Sgt
LWG	Ledley, Albert J., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Ralph T., T/Sgt
RWG	Henson, Mace, S/Sgt
TG	Orlando, Anthony T., S/Sgt
BT	Logan, Frank C., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop*

P	Brinkley, Pharis C., 1Lt
CP	Clark, William A., Lt
NAV	Becker, Sylvester J., Lt
BOM	DeSousa, John, Jr., Lt
ENG	Worthington, Arthur J., T/Sgt
RWG	Lance, Guy A., S/Sgt
RO	Snyder, Richard N., T/Sgt
LWG	Ferguson, Charles R., S/Sgt
BT	Reid, Harold C., S/Sgt
TG	Rein, William E., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5054 *Belle of San Joaquin*

P	Bordelon, Berton A., Lt
CP	Coons, Charles L., Lt
NAV	Cromwell, Frederick P., Lt
BOM	Cottrell, John W., Lt
ENG	Barker, Forrest, S/Sgt
RWG	Adams, Donald K., Sgt
RO	Crowder, Gayther B., T/Sgt
LWG	Patterson, Harry L., Sgt
BT	Harrington, Joseph F., Sgt
TG	Couch, Ted, Sgt
PHO	Lovett, William F., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17F #42-5854 *Alley Oop*

P Underwood, George E., Lt
CP Doering, Creighton G., Lt
NAV Parker, Duane C., Lt
BOM Riley, Milton S., Lt
ENG Daniels, Mack E., S/Sgt
RWG Rike, Thomas L., Jr., Sgt
RO Phipps, Charles F., S/Sgt
BT Dinneen, Thomas E., S/Sgt
LWG Casselman, Glen L., Sgt
TG Meyer, Gregory C., Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty*

P Wilson, Fred F., Lt
CP Bowen, James W., Lt
NAV Przybyszewski, Henry S., Lt
BOM Peterson, Elmer L., S/Sgt
ENG Goland, Harry, S/Sgt
RWG Roads, Dwight W., Jr., Sgt
RO Mirkin, Herman H., S/Sgt
LWG Petree, Wendell R., Sgt
BT Webbink, Elvin F., Sgt
TG Hubley, Warren G., Sgt

B-17F #42-5788 *A.O.G. Not in Stock*

P Holdcroft, Lloyd L., Lt
CP Bradley, Clyde W., Jr., Lt
NAV Pace, Charles M., Lt
BOM O'Donnell, John J., Lt
ENG DeMarco, John A., S/Sgt
RWG Hustus, Walter L., Sgt
RO Francis, Walter G., S/Sgt
LWG Slusser, Walter C., Sgt
BT Kern, Lloyd F., Sgt
TG Krumholz, Robert A., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Bergeron, Willard H., Lt
CP Massimiliano, Joseph, Lt
NAV Noland, James B., Lt
BOM DeFeis, Robert N., Lt
ENG Serwa, Alphonse B., T/Sgt
RWG Oxendine, Simeon, S/Sgt
RO Cline, Leroy, T/Sgt
BT Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt
LWG Wilson, George W., S/Sgt
TG Appleton, Vernon R., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-2973 *Iza Vailable*

P Coppom, John F., Lt
CP Stevens, Joseph E., Lt
NAV Fleming, Samuel P., Lt
BOM Finley, Robert A., Lt
ENG Brewster, John L., S/Sgt
RWG Cole, Edgar W., Sgt
RO Geisman, Gaylord W., S/Sgt
LWG Fitko, Marion F., Sgt
BT Deffinger, John P., S/Sgt
TG Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt
PHO Buckley, Paul E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-38020 *V Packet*

P	Wood, Vere A., Lt
CP	Knutson, Wilmer A., Lt
NAV	Pinnette, William S., Lt
BOM	Brown, Thomas G., Lt
ENG	Snider, Otto L., S/Sgt
BT	Grant, Thomas V., S/Sgt
RO	Brooks, Winnie R., S/Sgt
TG	Helton, Edward, Sgt
RWG	Heathershaw, Charles L., Sgt
LWG	Tevis, John E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	McGarry, John J., Jr., Lt
CP	Cotham, Willie C., Lt
NAV	Halligan, Robert W., Lt
BOM	Foe, Kenneth D., Lt
ENG	Grace, Henry J., S/Sgt
BT	Friedman, Ira, Sgt
RO	Wilson, Elmer A., S/Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., Sgt
LWG	Brown, Edgar S., Sgt
RWG	Hilborn, Ervin, Sgt

B-17G #42-39786 *G.I. Sheets CR-L*

P	Fowler, James F., Lt	EVD/POW
CP	Rawlings, Bernard W., Lt	EVD
NAV	Taylor, Alvin L., Lt	POW
BOM	Thompson, Joseph C., Jr.	POW
ENG	Finley, Curtis E., T/Sgt	POW
RWG	Jackson, Miller O., Sgt	KIA
RO	Dinwiddie, Donald J., S/Sgt	EVD/POW
TG	Ferguson, Jack D., Sgt	POW
BT	Arrington, Richard, S/Sgt	EVD
LWG	Zimmer, Loren E., Sgt	EVD

B-17F #42-5052 *Mizpah*

P	Hoeg, Kenneth A., F/O
CP	Sayers, Darwin D., Lt
NAV	Olsen, Kenneth L., Lt
BOM	Landry, Robert J., Lt
ENG	Relyea, Ralph R., S/Sgt
BT	McMahan, Bonnar P., Sgt
RO	O'Connor, William S., S/Sgt
TG	Hadley, Owen W., S/Sgt
LWG	McFall, Leonard C., Sgt
RWG	McLaughlin, Jesse W., Sgt



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(crew assigned 427BS: 16 Nov 1943 - photo: Nov 1943)

(Back L-R) 2Lt James F. Fowler (P-Evd/POW), 2Lt Bernard W. Rawlings (CP-Evd),
2Lt Alvin L. Taylor (N-POW), 2Lt Joseph C. Thompson (B-POW)
(Front) T/Sgt Curtis E. Finley (E-POW), S/Sgt Richard Arrington (BT-Evd), T/Sgt Donald J. Dinwiddie (R-Evd/POW),
S/Sgt Loren E. Zimmer (RWG-Evd), Sgt Miler O. Jackson (LWG-KIA) unknown (TG).
(S/Sgt Jack D. Ferguson (TG-POW) replaced unknown Tail Gunner)

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B-17G #42-31616 *Spirit of Flak Wolf*

P	Harrison, Emmittes S., Jr., Lt
CP	Basteau, Stephen B., Lt
NAV	Kurnik, Walter F., Lt
BOM	Biedanski, Edmund J., Lt
ENG	Rombach, Joseph H., S/Sgt
BT	Dye, James W., S/Sgt
RO	Volmer, Lawrence O., S/Sgt
TG	Burkett, Albert S., Sgt
LWG	Campbell, Kenneth H., Sgt
RWG	Hawk, Kenneth L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*

P	Klint, Wilbur, Lt
CP	Jenkins, Elton L., Lt
NAV	Arvanites, George L., Lt
BOM	Meagher, Robert W., Lt
ENG	Walsh, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Knight, Frederick B., S/Sgt
RO	Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt
TG	Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt
LWG	Ford, Thomas P., Sgt
RWG	Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt
OBS	Geyer, H.M., Maj

B-17G #42-37875 *Empress of D Street*

P	Sullivan, Francis X., Lt
CP	Brangwin, Kenneth R., Lt
NAV	Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt
BOM	Bawol, Walter S., Lt
ENG	Frey, James L., S/Sgt
BT	Latta, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Sullivan, James J., S/Sgt
TG	Stone, Vernon W., Sgt
RWG	Swanson, Charles A., Sgt
LWG	Keely, Eugene F., Sgt

B-17F #42-5341 *Vicious Virgin*

P	Lyle, Lewis, LtCol
CP	Hullar, Robert J., Lt
NAV	Brown, Elmer L., Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., Lt
ENG	Rice, Dale W., T/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt
BT	Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt
TG	Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt
RWG	Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt
LWG	Kendall, Dallas E., Lt
PHO	Gervais, Joseph R., Sgt

B-17G #42-31241 *Spirit of Wanette*

P	Sheets, Robert W., Lt
CP	Henderson, Grover C., Lt
NAV	Peacock, Lawrence A., Lt
BOM	Cronin, Ernest L., Lt
ENG	Neuner, Francis X., S/Sgt
BT	King, Earl J., Sgt
RO	Du Bray, Ernest D., S/Sgt
TG	Sullens, Tom C., Sgt
LWG	Donnelly, James F., Sgt
RWG	Smith, Leonard C., Sgt