

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 331

7 March 1945

Target: Synthetic Oil Refinery at Dortmund-Harpenerweg, Ger.

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 17 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 23,250, 22,900, & 23,600 ft

Ammo Fired: 200 rounds

**T**he synthetic oil plants at Dortmund-Harpenerweg near Dortmund were the primary target (visual or GEE-H). The secondary was the Siegen marshalling yard (H2X or visual) and tertiary, the Giessen marshalling yard. No aircraft returned early.

Thirty-nine Fortresses dropped 444 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs and ten units of leaflets on the primary target. Bombing was by GEE-H through 10/10 low clouds with tops at 9,000 to 10,000 feet and no contrails at bombing altitude. Results were unobserved. There was no enemy air opposition and support by 74 P-51s was good. Flak was moderate and inaccurate with a few accurate bursts in the high 358BS formation.

Two 303BG Fortresses and Navigators were loaned to the 457BG at Glatton. F/O John H. **Magner** flew in #44-8238 (358BS) and 2Lt Rex **Chambers** flew in #44-8125 *Sparky* (360BS).



### **WILLIAM M. BEASLEY CREW - 359th BS**

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

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Jack W. Terrill (R), Lt Richard E. Rich (CP), Sgt Thomas E. Harrigfeld (WG),  
Sgt David W. Thomas (BT), T/Sgt Jacob R. Gornto (E), Lt Harry A. Welsh (N),  
Sgt (Rene) Henry J. Gracida (TG) - (Front) Lt William M. Beasley (P)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Ashwell-Bagstad

038 - PFF

F. Miller

977

Richter

537 - PFF

Walder

311

Kahler

220

Turinsky

411

Ayers

958

Smith

621

Grob

937

Cassels

921

Denison

763

Demian

597

Flanigan

011



## ROGER D. AYERS CREW - 427th BS

B-17G #42-38958 Green Hill Belle (GN-H)

(crew assigned 427BS: 22 Dec 1944 - photo: 05 March 1945)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Charles D. Wagner (N), 2Lt Joseph Danna (CP), 2Lt Roger D. Ayers (P),  
F/O Leonard Cohen (B) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Allen L. Morris (R), S/Sgt Robert T. Clarkson (WG),  
S/Sgt Charles J. Turkovich (TG), S/Sgt Valentine J. Rys (E), Sgt George E. Bailey (BT)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>C. Miller-Walter</u> 568 - PFF				
	<u>Milman</u> 999		<u>Dorsett</u> 462	
		<u>Leach</u> 050		
	<u>McLeod</u> 160		<u>Taub</u> 006	
	<u>Poole</u> 238			<u>Gobrecht</u> 590
<u>Murray</u> 427		<u>Woodard</u> 554	<u>Greene</u> 944	<u>Nester</u> 191
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Knutzen-Holmes</u> 564 - PFF				
	<u>Force</u> 645		<u>Gates</u> 875	
		<u>Tilsen</u> 734		
	<u>McClurg</u> 608		<u>Stocks</u> 883	
	<u>Richeson</u> 127			<u>Rogers</u> 878
<u>Haynes</u> 891		<u>Moore</u> 767	<u>Harding</u> 289	<u>Rybalowski</u> 609
	_____			<u>Beasley</u> 309

### 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 #43-38238 (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	Kudder, Edward P., S/Sgt
TG	Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt
PAS	Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-39160 G for George**

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P	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Rafferty, William A., Sgt
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, S/Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt

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

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

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

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P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 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	B uske, Phillip R., Sgt

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

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P	Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP	Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
NAV	Rainey, John L., 2Lt
TOG	Jones, Jams P., Sgt
ENG	Kappardaki, Kermit P., Sgt
RO	Strouse, Jacob J., Sgt
BT	Bovey, Charles D., Sgt
TG	Edleman, Robert W., Sgt
PAS	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt

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

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P	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
CP	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., F/O
TOG	Jackson, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG	Walley, Glen B., Sgt
BT	Sloan, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Foreman, Dennis E., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert H., Sgt
WG	Mills, Joe J., Sgt

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

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P	Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Quig, Francix X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

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

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P	Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Triebes, Earl E., 2Lt
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Eygabroad, Robert J., 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 #44-6006 (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

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

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

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

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P	Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP	Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
BOM	Oettinger, George F., 2Lt
ENG	Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
RO	Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG	Sulley, Oda F., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Miller, Campbell, Capt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 1Lt
GH	Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM	Green, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Nelson, James B., T/Sgt
WG	Cox, Lyle M., T/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Hower, Frederick C., 1Lt

### **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
PAS	Ready, William C., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
BT	Hendon, William G., Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt

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

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P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
TOG	Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG	Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

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

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P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
BOM	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., S/Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, S/Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., S/Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., S/Sgt

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

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P	Harding, Lawrence T., 1Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 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 #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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P	Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Zielinski, William J., T/Sgt
ENG	Gornito, Jacob R., Sgt
RO	Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG	Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT	Thomas, David W., Sgt

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

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P	Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., S/Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., S/Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt

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

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P	Moore, Thomas L., 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 #44-8564 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Knutzen, Owen A., 1Lt
CP	Holmes, Alfred M., 1Lt
NAV	Moon, Richard Y., 1Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert C., 1Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Heitman, David E., 2Lt

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

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

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P Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt  
CP Rich, Richard H., 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  
WG Holden, Robert R., Sgt  
TG Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt  
RCM Gilbert, Robert, Sgt

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

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P Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt  
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O  
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt  
TOG Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt  
ENG Jenkins, Maurice L., S/Sgt  
RO Root, Carmen W., S/Sgt  
BT Reese, Dale G., S/Sgt  
TG Dimick, Richard D., S/Sgt  
WG Carlson, Dale H., S/Sgt

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

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P Force, James G., 2Lt  
CP Peterson, Robert C., 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., Sgt  
TG Borsody, William L., Sgt

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

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P McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt  
CP Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt  
NAV Albertson, Edward, F/O  
TOG Boucher, Henry G., S/Sgt  
ENG Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt  
RO Ferche, Joseph P., Sgt  
BT Harper, Richard F., Sgt  
TG Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt  
WG Jones, John V., Sgt  
RCM Haley, James W., Sgt

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

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P Gates, Cecil J., 1Lt  
CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt  
NAV Simon, Albert, 2Lt  
BOM Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt  
ENG Belcher, Rubin W., S/Sgt  
RO Minnix, Glenn A., S/Sgt  
BT Kelley, Francis H., Sgt  
TG McDonald, Billy L., Sgt  
WG Rose, G.L., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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	Kiggins, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt
WG	Hendrix, Frank H., Sgt

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

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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 #44-6977 Better Do'er**

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P	Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt
CP	Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O
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

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

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P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TOG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT	Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt
WG	Allen, Herrold H., 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
Y	Taylor, W.H., Sgt

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

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P	Demian, Julius C., F/O
CP	Weatherby, Earl R., F/O
NAV	Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
TOG	Ross, Joseph M., Jr., S/Sgt
TT	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
BT	Wilson, Alfred D., S/Sgt
RO	Lombardi, Donato J., S/Sgt
TG	Buford, Thomas A., Sgt
WG	McDonald, Francis E., Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 1Lt
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., 2Lt
GHN	Dimick, Richard D., 2Lt (360th)
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., Capt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., T/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt

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

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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	Neiswender, John J., Sgt



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

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

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P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Rubins, William R., F/O
TOG	Leas, Harry D., Sgt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt
TG	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt
SJ	Elliott, Richard D., Sgt

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

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P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
TOG	Clarkson Robert T., S/Sgt
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt

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

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P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Gene W., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts - PFF**

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P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
GHN	Friedlander, Henry, 2Lt (360th)
BOM	Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT	Sabo, Stephen R., Sgt
BT	Smith, Donald S., S/Sgt
RO	Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
WG	Chisholm, Robert E., S/Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., S/Sgt

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

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P	Cassels, James C., 2Lt
CP	Larkin, Clayton E., 2Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
TOG	Porter, Ellery G., Sgt
TT	Mason, Jack F., Sgt
BT	Plant, Billy C., Sgt
RO	Dragon, George O., Sgt
TG	Phillips, John E., Sgt