

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 249

2 October 1944

Target: Ford Motor Transport Plant, Cologne, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 & 10 x 500 lb M17 bombs

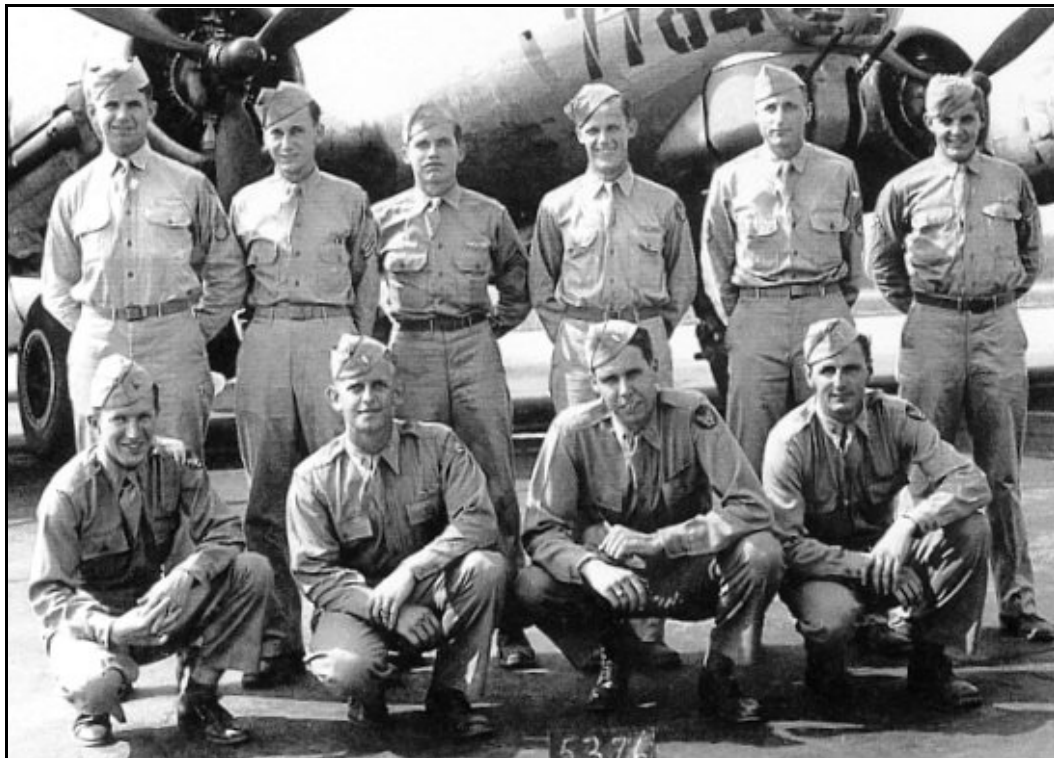
Bombing Altitudes: 27,600, 27,500 & 27,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,870 rounds

Two aircraft returned early on this uneventful mission: #43-38442 (*No Name*), 358BS (Lt. **McCutcheon**) had engine trouble and #44-6516 *My Darling*, 358BS (Lt. **Connely**) had an oxygen problem 10 minutes northwest of the splasher No. 6.

Thirty-five B-17s dropped 120 500-lb. G.P. M43 and 230 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs from 27,600, 27,500 and 27,100 ft. One Fortress dropped five bundles of T164 and five bundles of W62C leaflets. There were 10/10 clouds over the target, so bombing results were unobserved.

No enemy aircraft were seen. Meager and inaccurate flak was encountered at the target. There was no battle damage. Friendly fighter support was only fair going into the target, but good support was provided by 228 P-51s and P-47s from the IP to the target and out.



ORIGINAL EUGENE R. McCUTCHAN CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 29 Aug 1944 - photo: Alexandria AAB, LA, 01 July 1944)

(Back L-R) S/Sgt Richard H. Kress (E), Sgt Alan E. Frey (R), Sgt Howard E. Scott (BT),

Sgt George D. Pearson (WG), S/Sgt Robert E. Clippinger (WG), Sgt Robert E. Wherry (TG)

(Front) 2Lt Eugene R. McCutchan (P), 2Lt Ole Lovold (CP), 2Lt Gordon C. Bays (B), 2Lt Willard G. Conard (N)

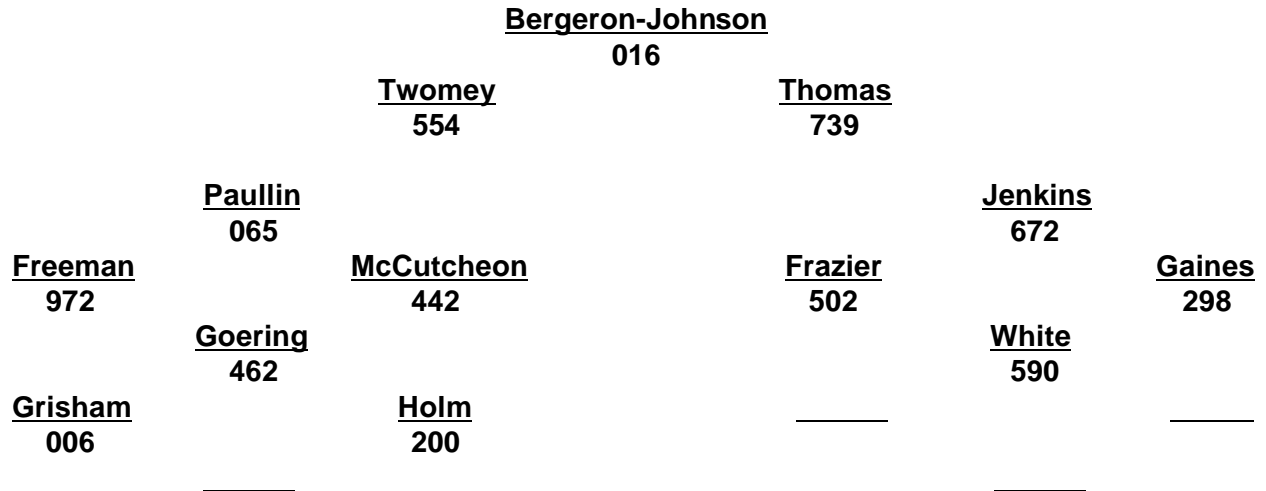
Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Casello-Kuykendall</u> 544			
		<u>McCutchan</u> 191		<u>Whitlock</u> 137 - PFF	
	<u>Nafius</u> 563			<u>Baltes</u> 945	
<u>Hallum</u> 504		<u>King</u> 705		<u>Lorentz</u> 609	<u>Mickle</u> 289
	<u>Crawford</u> 451			<u>Connelly</u> 516	
<u>Juns</u> 523		<u>Foley</u> 860	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Flowers-Healy</u> 166			
		<u>Caplinger</u> 060		<u>Davis</u> 197	
	<u>Cureton</u> 311			<u>Brabant</u> 781	
<u>Drewry</u> 411		<u>Griggs</u> 248		<u>McDavid</u> 258	<u>Gould</u> 604
	<u>Brown</u> 666			<u>Ackerman</u> 099	
<u>Eisenwinter</u> 055		<u>Lawrenson</u> 546	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. McCutcheon in 442

Lt. Connelly in 516

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 cntry 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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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97972 (No Name)

P	Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt
CP	Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV	Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM	Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
ENG	Fleck, Peter J., Sgt
TG	Caporusso, Frank J., Sgt
RO	VanLier, Donald E., Sgt
WG	Martin, Robert G., Sgt
BT	Chesney, Alan D., Sgt

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

P	Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
CP	Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV	Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM	Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Nelson, James B., S/Sgt
BT	LaPerch, William J., Sgt
RO	Brodzinski, Chester, Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

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

P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James E., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Morrin T., Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Paullin, James R., 1Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., T/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

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

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John N., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM	Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG	Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG	Hein, Monroe C., S/Sgt
RO	Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT	Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG	Campbell, James R., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
BOM	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
ENG	Scheuermann, Edwin P., S/Sgt
BT	Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Post, Harry R., Sgt
WG	Buie, Ben M., Sgt
TG	Willis, Arnold, Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38442 (No Name)

P	McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
ENG	Burcham, Johnnie O., S/Sgt
WG	Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., Cpl
TG	Kinsman, George R., Sgt

(Abortive)

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P	Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Phillips, Clifton N., 2Lt
NAV	Anderson, Arvid, 2Lt
BOM	Ruiz, Arthur F., 2Lt
ENG	Winiger, Bernard A., Sgt
TG	Ferguson, William H., Sgt
RO	Hatfield, Earl G., Sgt
BT	Weiss, Armin, Sgt
WG	Brown, Robert H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38016 *Lorraine (384BG)*

P	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
CP	Johnson, Hugh B., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
WG	Blinebury, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt
WG	Reimche, George K., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38200 (No Name)

P	Holm, Maurice M., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
BOM	Splawn, Elzie B., T/Sgt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Copeland, George E., Sgt

(Abortive)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6502 (No Name)

P	Frazier, Eugene C., 2Lt
CP	Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV	Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
BOM	Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG	Borges, Gilbert C., S/Sgt
RO	Trainor, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Charron, Raymond H., Sgt
TG	McCullough, Luther, Jr., Sgt
WG	Anderson, Eston R., Sgt

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

P	Jenkins, Harry F., 1Lt
CP	Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
NAV	Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG	Lainson, Colin C., Sgt
RO	Loosemore, Wesley G., T/Sgt
BT	Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
TG	Cregan, John M., Sgt
WG	Allen, Charles G., Sgt

B-17G #42-97298 *The Floose*

P	Gaines, Edmund W., 2Lt
CP	Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt
NAV	McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
TOG	Garcia, Leonard A., Cpl
ENG	Fragasso, Glenn, S/Sgt
RO	Lawson, Lucien P., S/Sgt
BT	Tisdale, Elmo O., Cpl
TG	Shrader, James F., Sgt
WG	Heffran, James J., Cpl

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

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt
CP	Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Hewitt, LeRoy A., 2Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., Sgt
RO	Ringen, Walter E., Sgt
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
TG	Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
WG	Gonser, Dwight W., Cpl

B-17G #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Donovan, James R., 1Lt
BOM	Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislaw B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

P	Mickle, James D., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Loren M., F/O
NAV	O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 2Lt
ENG	Humphrey, William B., Cpl
RO	Eagon, Dennis G., Cpl
BT	Moss, Shirley L., Sgt
TG	Van Zile, Raymond J., Cpl
WG	Wentz, Robert D., Cpl

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Arendt, John L., S/Sgt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
WG	Linville, Warren M., Sgt

B-17G #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*

P	Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP	Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 1Lt
ENG	Hodge, Dana A., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., S/Sgt
BT	Marquez, Robert P., S/Sgt
TG	Millek, John P., S/Sgt
WG	Valentine, Robert J., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8137 *(No Name)* - PFF

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
MN	Beyeler, Earl R., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., S/Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Hawrat, Edward D., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38604 *(No Name)*

P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
TOG	McKinley, A.B., Cpl
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, T/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., T/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6504 (No Name)

P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
TG	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38451 (No Name)

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Slingsby, Harold G., Maj
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 1Lt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
WG	Odegaard, Duane J., Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt

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

P	Juns, Frank, 2Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
BOM	Thomas, Edward H., 2Lt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Wimer, Maurice H., Sgt
BT	Oberly, Eldridge C., Sgt
TG	Englis, Hiram E., Cpl
WG	Branin, James J., Cpl

B-17G #43-38191 Shasta

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	Kress, Richard H., S/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

P	Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 1Lt
BOM	Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG	Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38705 (No Name)

P King, John E., 2Lt
CP Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV Holden, John E., 2Lt
BOM Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG Bird, Harry G., S/Sgt
RO Christ, Donald R., S/Sgt
BT Miller, Donald E., Sgt
TG Johnson, David T., Sgt
WG Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

P Casello, John J., Maj
CP Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
NAV Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
NAV Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Sanders H., 2Lt
ENG Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt
BT Boone, Everett D., Sgt
RO Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt
TG Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
WG Alexander, John P., Sgt

B-17G #44-6516 My Darling

P Connelly, Ben L., 1Lt
CP House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG Cole, Bethel A., T/Sgt
RO Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG Koppes, Carl A., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Johnson, O.D., S/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt
TG	Price, John B., T/Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
NAV	Dubois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., Sgt
TG	Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Proper, George M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38197 *(No Name)*

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO	Pope, Lester L., Sgt
TG	Henry, Donivan D., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
WG	Bourlier, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., S/Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., S/Sgt

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

P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., S/Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Noah, Norbert O., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
WG	Ross, Edward E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Drewry, James A., 1Lt
CP	Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
BOM	Burke, James D., 2Lt
TT	Dorrah, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG	Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt
RO	Nash, Leslie G., S/Sgt
BT	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt
WG	Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

B-17G #43-37666 *Full House*

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., T/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6166 *The Red*

P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
NAV	Poehlman, Robert F., 1Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., T/Sgt
BT	McCormick, Lewis J., Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Harris, John R., 2Lt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Lawrenson, George C., 1Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt