

B-17 nickname
Squadron 614th. and 615th.
Code Letters IW- and IY-
Serial Number

Crew	Lt.	R.S. Hubbell	Pilot
		Lt.	A.F. Goulet	Co-pilot
		Lt.	G.J. Moore	Navigator
		Lt.	S.W. Flieg	Bombardier
		T/Sgt.	C.W. Pool	Radio
		T/Sgt.	R.D. Ross	Eng/Top T.
		S/Sgt.	J.L. Revette	Gunner
		S/Sgt.	J.C. Harris	Gunner
		Pvt.	W.S. Bell	Gunner

Missions:

Unknown.

Notes:

This crew changed from 614th to 615th Squadron in March, 1945, when the 401st. B.G.(H) began to fly its own PFF and GH aircraft. These special aircraft were all moved to 615th. Squadron, which meant a great change around of the squadron code letters of the aircraft involved.

B-17 Nickname
 Squadron 613th.
 Code Letters IN-R
 Serial Number 42-31557

Crew	Lt.	W.B. Keith		Pilot
	Lt.	J.J. Maloney	K.I.A.	Co-pilot
	Lt.	J.B. Priest	K.I.A.	Navigator
	Lt.	N. Weiss		Bombardier
	Sgt.	A.P. Mahler		Radio
	S/Sgt.	J.E. Wells		Eng/Top T.
	Sgt.	P. Beckowitz	K.I.A.	Ball Turret
	Sgt.	V. D'Agastino		Tail Gunner
	Sgt.	L.C. Cass	K.I.A.	Waist Gunner L.
	Sgt.	M.E. Barnes		Waist Gunner R.

Missions:
 Not known.

Notes:

On 5th. December, 1943, Lt. Keith and his crew survived the crash of "Zenodia-El Elephanta" into Deenethorpe, as they were taking off for the mission to Paris.

On 28th. May, 1944, Lt. Keith and his crew were between the I.P. and the target when they were hit by fighters, and were seen to dive down out of control. Lt. J.R. Irwin, who watched them going down, doubted if any of the crew could have survived this dive.

The fighters continued to attack the plane and in minutes the interphone and the oxygen systems were out of action. A fire started in the cockpit and Lt. Keith was knocked unconscious by the explosion of the oxygen bottles. When he recovered he found the plane in a spin and out of control, and he just managed to scramble to the escape hatch in the nose and get out. The fighter attack continued even as the crew were bailing out and Lt. J.J. Maloney was killed at the escape hatch as he was about to jump. Sgt. P. Beckowitz was also killed at this time. The plane then blew up.

Sgt. V. D'Agostino was still at his position in the tail when this happened, and he found himself floating earthwards in the wreckage of the tail of the B-17. He somehow got out, fell clear, and parachuted to safety.

Lt. J.B. Priest and Sgt. L.C. Cass, although bailing out successfully, were reported by the Luftwaffe as being found dead. Two other members of the crew, Lt. N. Weiss and Sgt. V. D'Agostino, were seriously injured by landing in a pine forest, which is probably what happened to Lt. Priest and Sgt. Cass.

The Luftwaffe reported that they had salvaged one Indicator, Model Type 62, Ref. Nr. 10A/14723, from the wreckage of the ship.

B-17 Nickname "WIDDLE TWINKLE"
 Squadron 614th.
 Code Letters IW-M
 Serial Number 42-39846

Crew	Capt. D.V. Kirkuff	Pilot
	Lt. B.W. Sobolak	Co-pilot
	Lt. M.E. Pierce	Navigator
	Lt. L.J. Montone	Bombardier
	T/Sgt. C.L. Nicholas	Eng/Top T.
	T/Sgt. H. Cook	Radio
	S/Sgt. W.B. Merritt	Ball Turret
	S/Sgt. D.E. Michel	Waist Gunner Right
	S/Sgt. E.E. Koehler	Waist Gunner Left
	S/Sgt. L. Cohen	Tail Gunner

Missions:

2 Solengin	27 Schweinfurt	50 Schweinfurt
3 Paris	29 Frankfurt	52 Kassel
6 Bremen	32 Templin	133 Peenemunde
8 Gorenflos	33 Erkner	168 Merseburg
9 Ludwigshaven	35 Munster	172 Merseburg
10 Bordeaux	37 Augsburg	173 Misberg
13 Ludwigshaven	41 Berlin	188 Krefeld
14 Oscherslaben	43 Schweinfurt	223 Siegen
17 Frankfurt	44 Watten	
19 Wilhelmshaven	45 Tours	
24 Leipzig	46 Brunswick	
25 Lippstadt	49 Politz	

Notes:

This is one of the original 401st. crews that flew the Atlantic in 42-39836. The aircraft appears to have been sent to a depot for repair and then sent to another group as a replacement.

on operations these B-17s were used for ground crew repair of missions flown were:

W/Sgt. W.P. Janco
 Sgt. F.A. Rody
 Sgt. E.H. Fawcett
 Cpl. E.C. Sand

B-17 Nickname "MORNING STAR"
 Squadron 615th. and 613th.
 Code Letters IY-B and IN-0
 Serial Number 42-31730

Crew	Capt.	C.A. Lewis	Pilot
	Lt.	Maloney	Co-pilot
	Lt.	W.H. Eaton	Navigator
	Capt.	H.S. Arnold	Bombardier
	T/Sgt.	Weber	
	T/Sgt.	Binkan	
	T/Sgt.	Tosh	
	S/Sgt.	Howell	
	S/Sgt.	Jackson	
	S/Sgt.	Cushing	

Missions:

Only two are known.

11 Kiel 12 Tours

Notes:

This Fortress was delivered to Deenethorpe on 31st. Jan., 1944, and went on to fly 112 missions with the Group, the third highest total.

When 615th. became the PFF Squadron it was transferred to 613th. Squadron. It returned to the USA in June, 1945, on operation "Home Run".

The ground crew responsible for this record breaking run of missions flown were :-

M/Sgt.	W.F. Janca
Sgt.	F.A. Rady
Sgt.	K.R. Neville
Cpl.	H.C. Sand

B-17 Nickname "ICE COLD KATY"
 Squadron 612th.
 Code Letters SC-
 Serial Number

Crew	Lt.	W.F. Martin	Pilot
	Lt.	R.A. Matthieson	Co-pilot
	Lt.	R.H. Knuese	Navigator
	T/Sgt.	K.A. Hauge	
	S/Sgt.	C.L. Delledonne	
	T/Sgt.	H. Hovezak	
	S/Sgt.	J.C. Stewart	
	S/Sgt.	T.K. Swanson	
	S/Sgt.	W.H. Feldman	
	S/Sgt.	C.M. Bacon	

Missions:

Notes:

From orders dated 8th. June, 1945, crewing up a B-17
 returning to the USA.