

B-17 Nickname ..... "SWEET SEVENTEEN"  
 Squadron ..... 614th.  
 Code Letters ..... IW-  
 Serial Number .....

Crew .....	Lt. E.W.	Mercer	Pilot
	Lt. C.D.	Hibbert	Co-pilot
	Lt. L.E.	Gaskins	Navigator
	Lt. F.	Conway Jr.	Bombardier
	S/Sgt. C.V.	Fowler	Eng/Top T
	S/Sgt. J.S.	Zubrickas	Radio
	Sgt. W.S.	Riker	Gunner
	Sgt. E.B.	Grasela	Gunner
	Sgt. R.A.	Connors	Gunner
	S/Sgt. S.A.	Gurnicki	Gunner

Missions:

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Unknown.

Notes:

Lt. Kurgatroyd was his crew chief for 40-2 C. over Leipzig.

Notes:

was one of the original

B-17 Nickname ..... "PISTOL PACKIN MAMA"  
 Squadron ..... 613th.  
 Code Letters ..... IN-F  
 Serial Number ..... 42-31037

Crew .....	Lt.	K.R. Murgatroyd	Pilot
	Lt.	J.E. Pennoyer Jr.	Co-pilot
	Lt.	O.H. Jorgenson	Navigator
	Lt.	J.K. Elderkin Jr.	Bombardier
	T/Sgt.	Spirodex	
	T/Sgt.	Lesser	
	S/Sgt.	Robertson	
	S/Sgt.	Schmitt	
	S/Sgt.	Rosen	
	S/Sgt.	Magnunson	

#### Missions:

Unknown.

#### Notes:

Lt. Murgatroyd and his crew were shot down on 20th. July,  
 1944, over Leipzig.  
 This was one of the original B-17's.

B-17 Nickname .....  
 Squadron ..... 612th.  
 Code Letters ..... SC-  
 Serial Number .....

Crew .....	Lt.	J.A. Nolan	Pilot
	Lt.	C.N. Twiggs	Co-pilot
	Lt.	L.G. Hoffman	Navigator
	T/Sgt.	S.K. Hathaway	
	T/Sgt.	P. Siconolfi	
	T/Sgt.	R.C. Graupman	
	S/Sgt.	M.R. Rossock	
	S/Sgt.	I.R. Skaggs	
	S/Sgt.	T.H. Madden	
	S/Sgt.	L.O. Klinetworth	

Missions:

Unknown.

Notes:

Taken from Special Order No. 159, dated 8th. June, 1945,  
 crewing up a B-17 returning to the USA.

B-17 Nickname ..... "LITTLE MOE"  
 Squadron ..... 615th.  
 Code Letters ..... IY-K  
 Serial Number ..... 42-31069

Crew .....	Lt.	J.C. Sharp	Pilot
	Lt.	V.J. Heiss (?)	Co-pilot
	Lt.	D.H. Stephens	Navigator
	Lt.	M.R. Busse	Bombardier
	Sgt.	W.G. Thomas	Radio
	M/Sgt.	H.K. Older	Eng/Top T.
	Sgt.	J.J. Sederis	Ball Turret
	S/Sgt.	A.A. Tomkinson	Tail Gunner
	Sgt.	R.T. Tobine	L. Waist Gunner
	Sgt.	J.A. Drain	R. Waist Gunner

Missions:

Only one known. 68 Mersburg

Notes:

The plane was hit by a single bullet in the left wing and this was his report. Not long before the plane had a fire in the tail section. Minutes with this fire on the tail. Fire came out of the doors and the plane was along. Two men got out and the plane appeared immediately. When the plane turned to the right, the doors were closed.

Notes:

This was one of the original B-17's. It went M.I.A. on 28th. September, 1944, on the mission to Magdeburg.

R.R. Schneider, were almost all of the crew. Some of the other crew were killed. The plane but succeeded in landing. All eight survived. The plane was shot down on the ground and the crew was rescued.

B-17 Nickname .....  
 Squadron ..... 615th.  
 Code Letters ..... IY-O  
 Serial Number ..... 42-39893

Crew .....	Lt.	D.C. Sprecher	Pilot
	Lt.	Z.N. Nasoomian	Co-pilot
	Lt.	K.W. Tinkelpaugh	Navigator
	Lt.	G.A. Weiss	Bombardier
	S/Sgt.	R.E. Allen	Radio
	S/Sgt.	O. Anderson	Eng/Top T.
	Sgt.	D.W. Smart	Ball Turret
	Sgt.	J.R. White	K.I.A. Tail Gunner
	Sgt.	R.G. Vindhurst	Waist Gunner L.
	Sgt.	C.R. Schmader	K.I.A. Waist Gunner R.

#### Missions:

14 Oscherslaben .. This is the only one known, but it was their third.

#### Notes:

The plane was seen to go down by Lt. F.D. Grinham, and this was his report:-  
 "Not long before the target (at about 1140 hrs) A/C 42-39893 had a fire in No. 4 engine. It went along for about five minutes with this fire and then opened the bomb bay doors. Fire came out of the doors and increased as the plane went along. Two men got out from up forward and their chutes opened immediately. Then the plane left formation and turned to the right. Parts came off it, although these may have been men, it was hard to tell because of the distance. The ship then exploded."

They had been attacked by fighters, and the Tail Gunner, Sgt. J.R. White, and the Right Waist Gunner, Sgt. C.R. Schmader, were almost certainly killed at this time. Some of the other crew members were also injured at this time but succeeded in bailing out when the order was given.

All eight survivors were quickly captured on reaching the ground and spent the rest of the war in a POW camp.

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 clear of the ship and ...  
 injuries was a broken ...  
 station at the Bismarck ...  
 The Tail Gunner, S/Sgt. ...  
 completely enveloped in flames ...  
 and, although badly burned, ...  
 Lt. Emprio and S/Sgt. ...  
 together at the Bismarck Hospital ...  
 recovering from their injuries.