

B.17F Crash-landing at Deanland

Date: September 6th 1943

This particular aircraft took its 67th bombing mission to Stuttgart, Germany. On the return journey, as the bombing group was flying over the French coast, it became apparent that many of the B.17's were low on fuel. Only nine of the squadron returned to Molesworth, the other ten landing at emergency landing fields in the South of England.

Captain 'Jake' James, Pilot of *Winning Run* made a wheel's up crash-landing at Deanland with all 4 engines dead due to lack of fuel. He was forced to take instant evasive action to miss another Fortress making an emergency landing on an intersecting runway.

The aircraft was a total loss and three crewmen sustained slight injuries as a result of the crash.

There was a passenger on board – Life Magazine War Correspondent *Frank T. Scherschel*. His account of the crash-landing "Any Landing you walk away from is a good one" appeared in the October 11th 1943 issues of Life Magazine.



The Crew of B.17F *Winning Run*

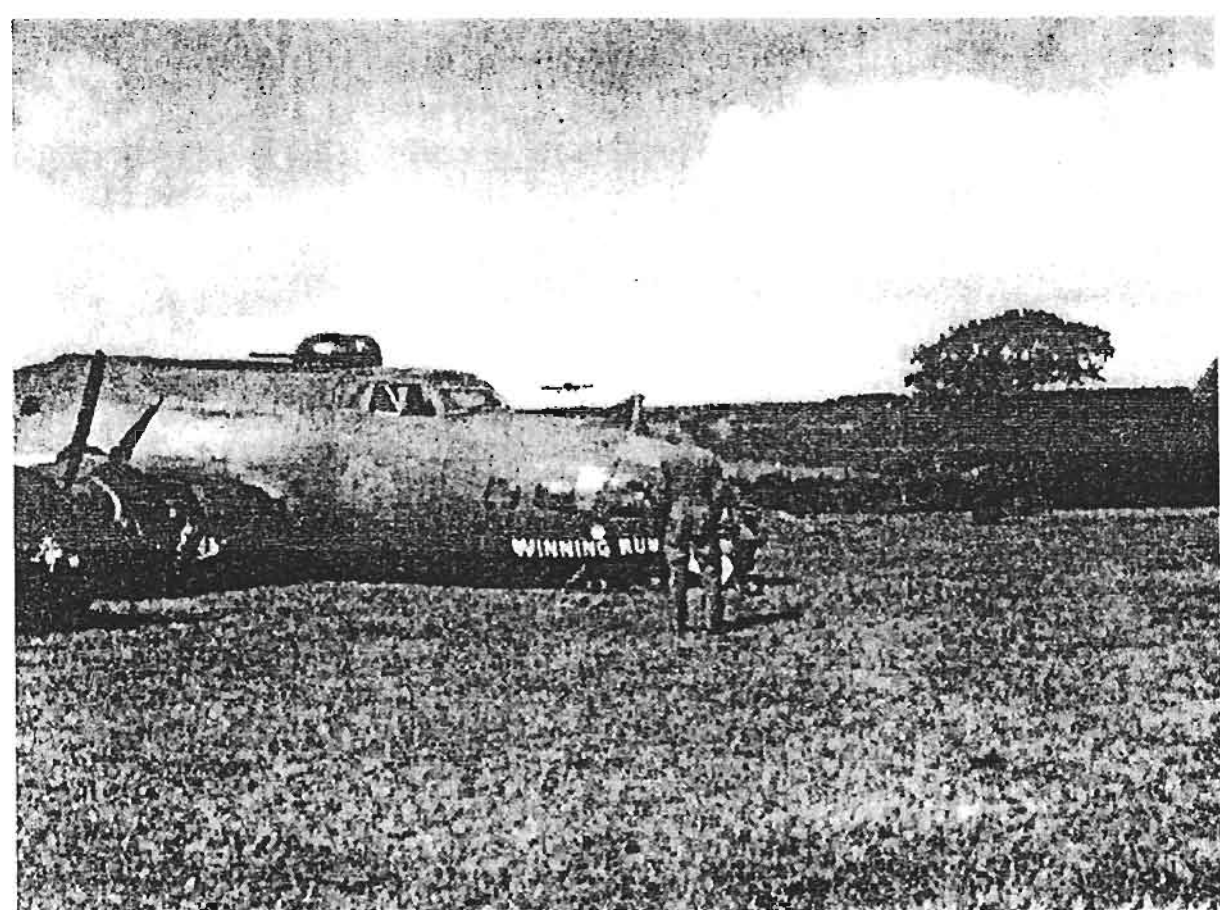
Crew assigned to 427 Bomb Squadron: 05 May 1943 – photo: 18 July 1943

(Back L-R) 2Lt Paul W. Scroggins (N), 2Lt Walter Witt (B), 2LT Howard C. Ness (CP), 2Lt Jacob C James (Pilot)

(Front L-R) Sgt Ollem D. Johnson (E), Sgt AJ Hamilton (R), Sgt Angelo L. Longo (BT), S/Sgt Jesse E. Tripp (WG), S/Sgt Leonard A. Kesky (WG), S/Sgt Frank L. Misiak (TG)

Replacement crewmen on flight (6/9/43):

T/Sgt William A. Watts (E) for Sgt Ollem D. Johnson
T/Sgt Albert E. Martell, Jr (WG) for S/Sgt Leonard A. Kesky



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Note another B.17 attempting to land just to the right of the cockpit