

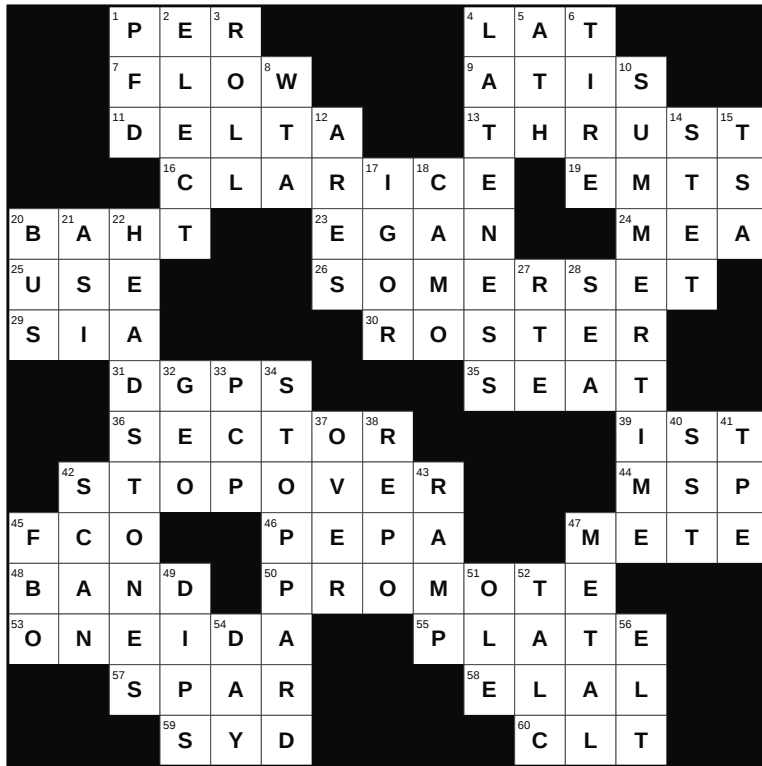


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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Three-letter code for Perth Airport
- Latitude, briefly, on a navigation display
- Orderly movement of traffic through controlled airspace
- Automated airport information broadcast, briefly
- Airline whose largest hub is Atlanta
- Force pushing an aircraft forward
- FBI trainee Starling in The Silence of the Lambs
- First responders who may work an airport emergency
- Basic unit of money in Thailand
- Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
- Lebanese carrier Middle East Airlines, briefly
- Put into service
- Acrobatic feat in which the feet roll over the head
- ICAO designator for Singapore Airlines
- Schedule of crew assignments
- Differential GPS, briefly
- Where a pilot sits
- Aviation term for a designated airspace
- Three-letter code for Istanbul Airport
- Planned break between flight segments
- Three-letter code for Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport
- Three-letter code for Rome Fiumicino Airport
- Salt-N-_____
- Move through the atmosphere, in the root of meteorology
- Range of radio frequencies
- Upgrade a first officer to captain, for example
- Member of the Iroquoian people formerly living east of Lake Ontario
- Flat metal aircraft component
- Main spanwise structural beam in a wing
- Israeli flag carrier
- Three-letter code for Sydney Airport
- Three-letter code for Charlotte Douglas International Airport

DOWN

- Primary flight display
- Select by a vote for an office or membership
- Aircraft rotation about its longitudinal axis
- Quality of coming late or later in time
- Three-letter code for Athens International Airport
- Part of a wheel that grips the runway
- Women's Tennis Association, briefly
- Warmest season of the year
- NASA launch-vehicle family from the Constellation program
- Undo that edit, to a proofreader
- Agency staffing U.S. airport security checkpoints, briefly
- Stock name for a mad scientist's assistant
- Fabric dyed with splotches of green and brown and black and tan
- Ground vehicle for passengers
- Cockpit instrument showing speed through the air, briefly
- Stones that mark graves
- Flight-plan shorthand for route
- Three-letter code for Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
- Earth-related prefix
- Primary care provider
- British dramatist born in Czechoslovakia
- Radio word meaning the speaker awaits a reply
- Reposessed property, informally
- Supersonic transport, briefly
- Three-letter code for Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport
- Instrument pilot's continuous cross-check of flight indications
- Aviation term for the area where planes are parked
- Fixed-base operator, briefly
- Common material in aircraft skins
- Brief immersions
- Bullfight cheer
- Fine grained mineral having a soft soapy feel
- Word before VFR in a common operating limitation
- Emergency beacon

SUDOKU

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THIS DAY IN AVIATION

1942

17 August 1942: VIII Bomber Command's First Heavy Bomber Attack on Occupied Europe

On 17 August 1942, the United States VIII Bomber Command launched its inaugural heavy bomber attack on Nazi-occupied Europe. Eighteen Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress bombers from the 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy), based at RAF Polebrook, England, targeted the massive railroad marshaling yards at Rouen-Sotteville, France. Major Paul Warfield Tibbetts, Jr., piloting the lead aircraft, *Butcher Shop*, guided the formation. Brigadier General Ira Clarence Eaker flew a diversionary raid along the French coast in *Yankee Doodle*. The mission marked a pivotal moment in the strategic bombing campaign.

Twelve B-17Es reached the target, dropping 36,900 pounds of bombs from 23,000 feet between 1739 and 1746 hours. Accuracy was good, with a direct hit destroying the locomotive shops. All bombers returned to base by 1900 hours, though two were damaged. American gunners claimed one Luftwaffe aircraft. The B-17E, a major redesign of the B-17D, featured a new aft fuselage, tail turret, and power-operated dorsal and ventral turrets. This mission, led by Tibbetts-who would later fly the *Enola Gay*-demonstrated the growing reach of American air power in the European theater.

TRIVIA

- Which aircraft did Major Paul Warfield Tibbetts, Jr. pilot during the VIII Bomber Command's first heavy bomber attack on occupied Europe on 17 August...
A. Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress
Butcher Shop
B. Boeing B-17E Flying Fortress
Yankee Doodle
C. Boeing B-29 Superfortress
Enola Gay
D. Supermarine Spitfire fighter
- Which crossword answer matches this clue: Three-letter code for Charlotte Douglas International Airport?
A. CLT
B. ATH
C. FCO
D. BAND
- Which crossword answer matches this clue: Three-letter code for Athens International Airport?
A. TPE
B. IST
C. DELTA
D. ATH