

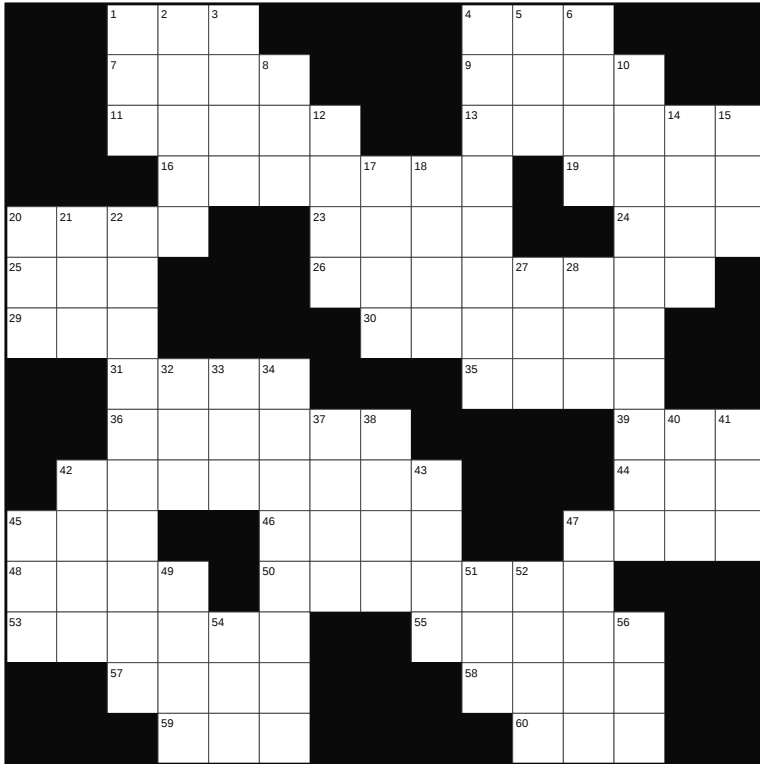


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ACROSS

- 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

1. 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

2. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Three-letter code for Charlotte Douglas International Airport?

- A. CLT
- B. ATH
- C. FCO
- D. BAND

3. Which crossword answer matches this clue: Three-letter code for Athens International Airport?

- A. TPE
- B. IST
- C. DELTA
- D. ATH