

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 206

18 July 1944

Target: Experimental V-Rocket Station, Peenemunde, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 25,100 ft; Group B - 23,300 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Peenemunde, Germany was the target. Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) aircraft, plus a 305BG PFF B-17, took off to visually bomb the V-weapon experimental station. Col. Kermit D. **Stevens** led the 41st CBW-A which included the 303rd BG(H) lead and low Group formations. Peenemunde was important in the production of high concentration hydrogen-peroxide.



B-17G #43-37666 Full House (427BS) GN-T

Thirty-six aircraft dropped 360 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs from 25,100 and 23,300 feet. All the way to the target there was practically a solid undercast. In the target area it broke to 3/10. Visibility was 15 to 20 miles. Bombing results were difficult to determine due to smoke from previous bombing. Most crews, however, claimed good results. Many bomb bursts were spotted in the target area and explosions were seen in the built-up area along the east coast. With considerable fire and smoke target area buildings were hit. One aircraft dropped twenty 500-lb. bombs on the marshalling yard at Stralsund, Germany, and one dropped ten 500-lb. bombs on Finnowitz, Germany. Five 303rd BG(H) B-17s

failed to join the 303rd BG(H) formation and bombed with other Groups:

#42-31583 *Clover Leaf*, 358BS (**Freeland**), with 379BG

#42-102453 *Princess Pat*, 358BS (**Akers**), with 379BG

#42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*, 358BS (**Boyce**), with 351BG

#43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*, 358BS (**Stark**), with 384BG

#43-37930 (*No Name*), 360BS (**Foley**), with 381BG

No enemy aircraft attacked the 303rd BG(H), but a few were seen in the distance. Friendly fighter support was very good. Moderate to intense and fairly accurate flak appeared at the target. Chaff had some beneficial effect. One Fortress sustained major damage and three minor damage. There were no casualties.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Kelsey-Stevens</u> 574 - PFF			
		<u>Gould</u> 183		<u>Rosser (305BG)</u> 543 - PFF	
			<u>Reed</u> 206		
		<u>Akers</u> 453		<u>Baltes</u> 050	
	<u>Latshaw</u> 086			<u>Carpenter</u> 537	
<u>Lee</u> 949		<u>Stark</u> 590		<u>Arnold</u> 483	<u>Langford</u> 405
	<u>Lojewski</u> 298			<u>Bailie</u> 739	
<u>Vermeer</u> 972		<u>Boyce</u> 224		<u>Kirkland</u> 680	<u>Miller</u> 622
	<u>Freeland</u> 583			<u>Eldridge</u> 076	

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

			<u>Beiser-Flesh</u> 281		
		<u>Hamilton</u> 411		<u>Newton</u> 423	
			<u>Keating</u> 432		
		<u>Brown</u> 166		<u>Bliss</u> 666	
	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 805			<u>Means</u> 595	
<u>Hobbs</u> 841		<u>Baehr</u> 340		<u>Dubose</u> 875	<u>Cook</u> 569
	<u>Hahn</u> 853			<u>Doughty</u> 187	
<u>Vitale</u> 861		<u>Foley</u> 930		<u>Nafius</u> 893	<u>Crawford</u> 124
	<u>Yarnall</u> 196			<u>Gallagher</u> 099	

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97622 *Paper Dollie*

P Miller, Cecil M., F/O
 CP Petersen, John N., F/O
 NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O
 TOG Severson, Jack O., Jr., Sgt
 ENG Sheets, Earl W., S/Sgt
 WG Carlson, Karl W., Sgt
 RO Wilson, William H., S/Sgt
 TG Zweck, William A., Sgt
 BT Pierce, James M., Sgt

B-17G #42-97298 *The Floose*

P Lojewski, Telesphor, 2Lt
 CP Helms, John R., 2Lt
 NAV Ney, Russell L., F/O
 TOG Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt
 ENG Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt
 RO Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt
 TG Jones, John, Sgt
 BT Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt
 WG Murphy, Joseph A., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*

P Boyce, Marvin S., 2Lt
 CP Taylor, Robert G., 2Lt
 NAV Brown, Melvin A., 2Lt
 BOM Wolf, Lawrence M., 2Lt
 ENG Byrne, Hobart L., S/Sgt
 RO Jones, James L., S/Sgt
 TG Chambers, Sidney N., Sgt
 BT Baker, Robert L., Sgt
 WG Shokal, William V., Sgt

B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf*

P Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
 CP Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
 NAV Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
 BOM Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
 ENG Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
 WG Moran, George J., Sgt
 RO Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
 TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
 BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator	TOG - Toggler BT - Ball Turret Operator TT - Top Turret Operator TG - Tail Gunner NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner	VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war	DOW - Died of wounds EVD - Evaded the enemy INT - Interned in neu cuntry REP - Repatriated RES - Rescued ESC - Escaped BO - Bailed out DCH - Ditched CR-L - Crashed on land CR-S - Crashed at sea
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
 CP Conley, George L., 2Lt
 NAV Wyner, Maxwell I., 2Lt
 TOG Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
 ENG Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
 RO Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
 TG Morrow, James C., Sgt
 BT Richkind, Max, Sgt
 WG Eggink, James H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)

P Lee, Gareth G., 2Lt
 CP Bowman, William E., F/O
 NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
 BOM Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt
 ENG Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt
 WG Olive, Martin, Sgt
 RO Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt
 TG Newman, Gerald D., Sgt
 BT Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt
 CP Kersting, George B., 2Lt
 NAV Claeys, Ronald, 1Lt
 BOM Larson, Albert W., 1Lt
 ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt
 BT Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
 RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
 WG Oss, Frank E., Sgt
 TG Cummings, James E., Sgt

B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)

P Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
 CP Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
 NAV Gard, John M., 2Lt
 BOM Draves, John J., 2Lt
 ENG O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
 BT Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
 RO Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
 WG Holland, Huber D., Sgt
 TG Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P Latshaw, William E., 1Lt
 CP Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
 NAV Ivy, Wallis S, 1Lt
 BOM Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt
 ENG Pickens, Donald E., S/Sgt
 RO Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt
 TG Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt
 BT Ginn, William E., Sgt
 LWG Miller, Horace J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97972 (No Name)

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt
 CP Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
 NAV Zarelli, Michael L., 2Lt
 TOG Splawn, Elzie B., Sgt
 ENG Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
 BT Schley, John G., S/Sgt
 RO Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
 TG Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
 RWG Ferris, James H., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P	Gould, Graham C., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P	Eldridge, Truman K., 2Lt
CP	Sheehan, Daniel J., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Durkin, James A., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Sanders H., 2Lt
ENG	Barnes, Frederick E., S/Sgt
RO	Rowlett, Samuel A., S/Sgt
BT	Strong, Ralph T., Cpl
TG	Panos, Andrew T., Cpl
WG	Wesley, LaFon, Sgt

B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*

P	Carpenter, Arthur G., 1Lt
CP	Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Reid, George E., F/O
BOM	Day, Dean K., 2Lt
ENG	Pordham, Jack F., S/Sgt
RO	Bortolotti, Barney J., S/Sgt
BT	Welch, John R., S/Sgt
TG	Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
WG	Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

P	Arnold, William J., 1Lt
CP	Quiggle, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Claster, Stanley M., 2Lt
BOM	Callahan, Ellsworth D., 2Lt
ENG	Williams, Robert M., S/Sgt
RO	Moreira, Joseph A., S/Sgt
BT	McClure, James D., Sgt
TG	Surrell, John M., Sgt
WG	Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Baltes, George E., 2Lt
P	Marble, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
BOM	Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
ENG	Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Giltenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT	Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG	Posluszny, Branislaw B., Sgt
WG	Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P	Reed, John W., 2Lt
CP	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
BOM	Rawlings, Loren F., 1Lt
ENG	Colley, Smith K., T/Sgt
RO	McLaughlin, William C., T/Sgt
BT	Wernet, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt
WG	Lemley, Jack A., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-102453 *Princess Pat*

P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
ENG Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
RO Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
BT Saam, Donal W., Sgt
TG Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
WG Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97574 - PFF (305BG)

P Kelsey, C.F., 1Lt
CP Stevens, Kermit D., Col
NAV Daniel, W.H., 1Lt
NAV Newcomb, R.D., Capt
NAV Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt
BOM Norris, A.J., 2Lt
ENG Yourty, B.H., T/Sgt
RO Brosrier, G.J., T/Sgt
GUN Weaver, W.G., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*

P Langford, Allen W., 1Lt
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV Donovan, James R., 2Lt
TOG Torley, Donald W., 2Lt
ENG O'Leary, Daniel R., S/Sgt
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT Gray, William W., S/Sgt
TG Mulstein, John E., Jr., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

P Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM Rice, Charles G., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher*

P Nafius, Verner H., 1Lt
CP Smith, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM Cummins, James E., 2Lt
ENG Ellis, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT McGinley, James E., Sgt
TG Jinkens, Billy B., Sgt
WG Rydquist, Roy K., Sgt

B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago*

P Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
CP Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
NAV Caffrey, James J., 2Lt
BOM Proud, Rexford I., 1Lt
ENG Pfeffer, William W., T/Sgt
RO Uhl, Willard H., T/Sgt
BT McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt
WG Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Hobbs, Willard, 2Lt
CP Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV Dunn, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
ENG Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG Callahan, Fred, Sgt

B-17G #42-107196 *Tempress*

P Yarnall, Winfield L., 2Lt
CP Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM Smith, Herbert L., S/Sgt
ENG Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

B-17G #42-97805 (No Name)

P Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt
CP Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV Roche, William J., 2Lt
BOM Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG Manser, Charles, T/Sgt
RO Haynie, John D., T/Sgt
BT Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
WG Jacobs, John W., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda*

P Hahn, James T., 2Lt
CP Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
ENG Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG Traver, Leslie F., Sgt
WG Lusk, Robert F., Sgt

B-17G #43-37930 (*No Name*)

P Foley, Norment, 2Lt
CP Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM Pleasanton, Kenneth H., S/Sgt
ENG Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
BT Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
TG Seitz, Carl W., Sgt
WG Gordley, Damon, Sgt

B-17G #44-6124 (*No Name*)

P Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV Kleppner, J. Clarence, F/O
BOM Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
ENG Le Roux, Lyle W., S/Sgt
RO Miller, William L., S/Sgt
BT Whitney, Daniel F., Sgt
TG Barder, Emmett R., Sgt
WG Patton, Nelson R., Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty*

P Baehr, Kenneth C., 2Lt
CP King, John E., F/O
NAV Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P	Hamilton, Max B., 2Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Isaac, Kenneth W., 1Lt
BOM	Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO	Jervis, J.R., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Sandhagen, Paul R., 2Lt
TT	Jones, Jesse T., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
ENG	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

P	Cook, J.S., 2Lt
CP	Mason, Frederick H., 2Lt
NAV	Page, Ralph E., 2Lt
BOM	Warmuth, Werner G., 2Lt
TT	Slight, Joseph L., S/Sgt
BT	Eaglehouse, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Howell, Forrest W., S/Sgt
TG	Smalley, John L., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clifford J., Sgt

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM	Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT	Lynn, William V., S/Sgt
BT	Kail, Nicholas F., S/Sgt
RO	Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG	Jacques, Warren, S/Sgt
WG	Soltero, John, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush*

P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 2Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-37666 *Full House*

P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT	Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO	Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG	Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG	Curry, Richard L., Sgt

B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel*

P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Fletcher, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
ENG	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Lance, Calvin L., Sgt
BT	Eichenberger, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., Sgt
WG	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6166 *The Red*

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., F/O
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Beiser, Theodore R., 1Lt
CP	Flesh, William R., 1Lt
NAV	Coffey, John B., 1Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Latta, Charles W., S/Sgt
RO	Gorchesky, Benny J., T/Sgt
WG	Haines, James W., S/Sgt
TG	Stuart, R.H., LtCol