

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 221

6 August 1944

Target: Aero Engine Works, Genshagen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 & 38 x 100 lb M47A1 Incendiary

Bombing Altitude: 26,210, 26,650 & 25,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 75 rounds

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s, including two 303BG PFF aircraft, took off to bomb Genshagen. The secondary target, in the event PFF bombing was required, was Berlin.

Thirty-six Fortresses dropped 987 100-lb. incendiary M47A1 and 118 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs. Bombing was done visually in this very successful attack. The bombs rained down, causing huge fires. Other fires could be seen from Hamburg to Berlin. Photos indicated that the lead Group hit over and the high and low Groups hit on their assigned target areas. One aircraft, #43-37666 *Full House*, 427BS (Lt. **Heil**), jettisoned its bombs before reaching the target due to mechanical problems. The aircraft completed the trip.



Ground Crew of B-17G #42-97893
Minnie the Moocher 360BS (PU-M)
(L-R) Norman J. Tressler, Burt R. Gee,
David C. Kurtz, Doal L. Yocum, Jr. (Crew Chief)

There were no clouds in the target area. Visibility was about 10 miles in haze. Smoke from previous bombings made it hard to pick up the assigned MPIs. Weather had no effect on the mission.

Anti-aircraft fire was moderate and fairly accurate at the target, but was only observed at other places. One aircraft sustained major and five, minor damage. Lt. Col. **Lyle** and navigator Lt. **Lundy** did a good job in taking the attacking Forts around the heavily defended areas. Chaff had some beneficial effect.

Some five to fifteen enemy aircraft, including some ME-163 jets, were seen near Hamburg, just before the IP and in the target area. There were no attacks on the 303rd BG(H) as a

result of the excellent fighter support. Crews observed seven P-51s shooting down enemy aircraft.

Aircraft #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*, (Lt. **Goss**) landed at Foulsham. Others returned to Molesworth. There were no casualties.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Johnson-Lyle</u> 994 - PFF			
		<u>Chance</u> 183		<u>Reed</u> 691 - PFF	
	<u>Altman</u> 781			<u>Brown</u> 569	
<u>McDavid</u> 050		<u>Lorentz</u> 830		<u>Griggs</u> 423	<u>Heil</u> 666
	<u>Baltes</u> 206			<u>Whitlock</u> 537	
<u>Mainwaring</u> 076		<u>Akers</u> 309	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Litman</u> 838			
		<u>Freeland</u> 085		<u>McConnell</u> 972	
	<u>Lojewski</u> 484			<u>Cook</u> 595	
<u>Larson</u> 298		<u>Mayer</u> 291		<u>Caplinger</u> 432	<u>Healy</u> 597
	<u>Paullin</u> 086			<u>Goss</u> 885	
<u>Smith</u> 316		<u>Cathey</u> 7875	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Wilson</u> 544		
		<u>Hobbs</u> 060	<u>Bennett</u> 841	
	<u>Tellinghuisen</u> 340		<u>Newton</u> 099	
<u>Vitale</u> 329		<u>Connelly</u> 9875	<u>Cureton</u> 027	<u>Davis</u> 411
	<u>Baehr</u> 930		<u>Michaelis</u> 177	
<u>Crawford</u> 124		<u>Hallum</u> 893		
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WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD CREW - 360th BS

Preparing for combat mission 6 August 1944, Mission #221 to Genshagen, Germany.
B-17G (No name) #44-6124 (360BS) PU-B

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Paullin, James R., 2Lt
 CP Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
 NAV Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
 ENG Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
 BT Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
 RO Thomas, Henry T., S/Sgt
 WG Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
 TG Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

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

P Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
 CP Kersting, George B., 2Lt
 NAV Draves, John J., 2Lt
 BOM Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt
 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 #42-97972 (No Name)

P McConnell, John, 2Lt
 CP Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
 NAV Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
 BOM Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
 ENG Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
 WG Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
 RO Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
 TG Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
 BT Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6316 (No Name)

P Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
 CP King, Robert G., 2Lt
 NAV Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
 BOM Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
 ENG Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
 WG Beres, Edward, Sgt
 RO Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
 TG Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
 BT Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p>RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison*

P	Cathey, John L., 2Lt
CP	Stephens, Chad W., 2Lt
NAV	Jackson, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Blomberg, Richard T., 2Lt
ENG	Reichling, Howard B., Sgt
WG	Raspa, Nicholas R., Sgt
RO	Whittier, Lamar H., Sgt
TG	Moerman, Arie, Sgt
BT	Nelson, Bert C., Sgt

B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel*

P	Lojewski, Telesphor, 1Lt
CP	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt
ENG	Wagner, William H., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, S/Sgt
BT	Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt
WG	Naylor, Richard G., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)

P	Mayer, Walter J., 2Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Rogers, Oron J., 2Lt
ENG	Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt
WG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	Campbell, James M., Sgt
TG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)

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	Dyzel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

B-17G #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick*

P	Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt
CP	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 1Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., T/Sgt
WG	Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt
RO	Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt
BT	Gibbs, Paul M., S/Sgt
TG	Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt
PHO	Zaphiriou, James G., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP	Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV	Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM	Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG	Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO	Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG	Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

P	Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt
CP	Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 2Lt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., S/Sgt
BT	Cottrell, Bert, Sgt
TG	Dittman, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Angeloff, James P., Sgt

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

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 #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P	Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM	Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG	Menasco, Elmer W., Sgt
RO	Miller, Albert, Sgt
BT	Moss, Shirley L., Cpl
TG	Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG	Torre, Leo A., Cpl

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
CP	Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Hewitt, LeRoy A., 2Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., Sgt
RO	Ringen, Walter E., Sgt
BT	Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
TG	Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
WG	Gonser, Dwight W., Cpl

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97781 The '8' Ball MK III

P Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV Reid, George E., 1Lt
BOM Day, Dean K., 1Lt
ENG O'Leary, Dan R., S/Sgt
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT Gray, William W., S/Sgt
TG Mulstein, John E., Sgt
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 Duchess' Granddaughter

P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG 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 #42-97691 - PFF

P Reed, John W., 1Lt
CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
NAV Garrett, Robert M., Lt
BOM Hoover, William L., 1Lt
ENG Colley, Smith K., T/Sgt
RO Stemmler, Edward C., T/Sgt
TG Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt
WG Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 2Lt
CP Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG Ross, Milt I., Sgt
WG Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-97329 *Flak Hack*

P Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV Kleppner, Clarence J., F/O
BOM Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
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 #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*

P Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM Schobert, William A., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Jones, Donald E., S/Sgt
RO Jensen, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT Barth, Harry W., Sgt
TG Healy, Edward P., Sgt
WG Hlavac, George A., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P Wilson, William M., 1Lt
CP Hahn, James T., 1Lt
NAV Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM Sudderth, Ralph M., 1Lt
ENG Asplund, Carl L., T/Sgt
RO Means, Robert D., T/Sgt
BT Case, Donald G., S/Sgt
TG Sauer, George N., S/Sgt
WG Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt

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

P Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM Smith, Herbert L., T/Sgt
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 #44-6124 (*No Name*)

P Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt

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

P Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 1Lt
CP Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM Benford, Jack H., 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

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

P Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., F/O
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hughes, Roy D., Sgt
BT	Price, John B., Sgt
RO	Hitchcock, Robert H., Sgt
TG	Foley, William J., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane*

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

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

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
TT	Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Leal, Raymond T., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Phillip E., S/Sgt
TG	Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt
WG	DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt

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

P	Cook, Harry 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	Duggan, William W., Sgt

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 2Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
TT	Toth, Ernest, Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., Sgt
TG	Flitcroft, Joseph F., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Dombrowski, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
TG	Brown, Edgar S., S/Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt

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

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 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 #42-97994 - PFF

P	Johnson, Charles E., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol
NAV	Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
NAV	Lunde, Frithjoh M., 1Lt
NAV	Neilsen, Carl V., 1Lt
TT	Alston, Madison I., T/Sgt
RO	Yonge, Walter C., S/Sgt
WG	Conlan, Thomas J., T/Sgt
TG	Gable, Richard E., 2Lt