

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 228

14 August 1944

Target: Airfield at Stuttgart Echterdingen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43, 10 x 500 lb G.P. RDX &
10 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,600, 24,800 & 23,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

An oilfield at Stuttgart was hit as the bombers continued their fight against the Luftwaffe. No aircraft returned early.

In the target area there were 5/10 low clouds with tops reaching to 6,000 ft. Air-to-ground visibility was 10 miles. Most of the bomb run, from 25,600, 24,800, and 23,000 ft., was made by PFF navigational equipment. The clouds broke over the target, however, making visual bombing possible. Group Fortresses dropped 198 500-lb. G.P. M43, 180 500-lb. M17 incendiaries, and 60 500-lb. G.P. RDX bombs with good results.

One crew reported seeing two ME-210s in the distance. There were no attacks on the 303rd BG(H). As the formation approached the target, an intense flak barrage went up, but there was no fire while the Group was over the target. As it left the target, another barrage came up. Three aircraft sustained minor damage. Friendly fighter support was good.



Nose Art on B-17G *Little Tush* #42-102595 427BS GN-L

All aircraft returned to Molesworth. One B-17 had an accident while taxiing after landing and two airmen were injured. 2Lt. A.O. **Caplinger**, in #42-102595 *Little Tush*, 427BS completed his landing and was taxiing to his dispersal area. He accidentally turned his manual emergency hydraulic switch to the off position, with the resultant loss of aircraft hydraulic pressure. While approaching the "S" turn in the perimeter as it passed between the control tower and hanger, the brakes failed. He narrowly missed the control tower but hit the

hanger door with the right wing. The 35 mph impact turned the aircraft 180 degrees and tore the outer panel of the wing completely off.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

	<u>Mackin - Rosser</u> 691-PFF			
	<u>Whittall-McCutcheon</u> 027		<u>Freeland</u> 9875	
	<u>Lee</u> 065		<u>Yarnall</u> 861	
<u>Charnick</u> 085		<u>Johnson</u> 076	<u>Kuykendall</u> 853	<u>Juns</u> 893
	<u>Paullin</u> 086		<u>Smithy</u> 291	
<u>White</u> 680		<u>Goss</u> 972	_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

	<u>Flowers-Harris</u> 281			
		<u>Duncan</u> 885	<u>Davis</u> 7875	
	<u>Brown</u> 311		<u>Baehr</u> 187	
<u>Caplinger</u> 595		<u>Drewry</u> 411	<u>Hobbs</u> 124	<u>Atwell</u> 841
	<u>Bliss</u> 666		<u>Cureton</u> 569	
<u>Eisenwinter</u> 432		<u>Newton</u> 597	_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Moreman-Eldridge</u>					
484					
		<u>Virag</u>			<u>Hillary</u>
		183			050
		<u>Baltes</u>			<u>Shields</u>
		781			340
<u>McDavid</u>			<u>Jenkins</u>	<u>Crawford</u>	<u>Hallum</u>
944			830	860	930
		<u>Brabant</u>			<u>Lorentz</u>
		483			206
<u>Mainwaring</u>			<u>Akers</u>		
496			309		
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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 cntry 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

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

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

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

P	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
CP	McCutcheon, George E., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Kiesel, Frederic T., 2Lt
ENG	Burcham, John O., S/Sgt
BT	Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
WG	Aberdeen, James E., Sgt
TG	Kinsman, George R., Sgt

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

P	White, Franklin F., 2Lt
CP	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM	Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG	Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG	Hein, Monroe C., Sgt
RO	Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT	Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG	Campbell, James R., Sgt

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

P	Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt
TOG	Bohannon, Jackson R., 2Lt
ENG	Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt
WG	Herod, Francis G., Sgt
RO	Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt
BT	Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

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

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 #44-6291 (No Name)

P	Smithy, Samuel C., 1Lt
CP	Boat, Ernest P., 2Lt
NAV	Joralemon, Lansing L., 2Lt
BOM	Klein, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG	Fisher, Raymond E. S/Sgt
WG	Bazo-Fontaneil, Juan A., Sgt
RO	Snoddy, Archie E., Sgt
TG	Bieranoski, Walter J., Sgt
BT	Politylo, Roman S., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV	Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 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 #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P	Johnson, Hugh B., 2Lt
CP	Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
ENG	Blinebury, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt
WG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
TG	Beck, Harold P., Sgt
BT	Reimche, George K., Sgt

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

P	Paullin, James R., 2Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 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 #42-97691 - PFF

P	Mackin, George T., Maj
CP	Rosser, Samuel E., 1Lt
NAV	Steely, Hobart H., Capt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Ledbetter, Lamar E., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
WG	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Jenkins, Harry F., 2Lt
CP	Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
NAV	Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Protzman, John W., 2Lt
ENG	Gillespie, Norton A., S/Sgt
RO	Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt
BT	Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
TG	Cregan, John M., Sgt
WG	Allen, Charles G., Sgt

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

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM	Rhyne, John C., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt
BT	Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt
TG	Bowman, John H., Sgt
WG	Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

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 #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*

P	Baltes, George E., 1Lt
CP	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	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

B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery*

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

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

P Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
CP Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
BOM Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
ENG Hodge, Dana A., T/Sgt
RO Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
BT Marquez, Robert P., S/Sgt
TG Millek, John P., S/Sgt
WG Valentine, Robert J., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*

P Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
TOG Payne, Charles 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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
CP Robertson, William III, 2Lt
NAV Rice, John E., 2Lt
BOM DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
ENG Paul, George E., S/Sgt
RO Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt
BT Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
TG Watson, James R., Pvt
WG Schlottmann, Jerome D., T/Sgt

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

P Moreman, Robert, 1Lt
CP Eldridge, Truman K., 1Lt
NAV Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
BOM Nance, George H., 1Lt
ENG Genovese, Ilic V., T/Sgt
RO Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt
BT Leonard, Joseph L., S/Sgt
TG Smith, Richard L., S/Sgt
WG Alexander, Ray, S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97860 (No Name)

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Cox, James D., 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 #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Atwell, Arley L., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
BOM	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
ENG	Girard, Louis P., S/Sgt
RO	Dennerle, Almo W., T/Sgt
BT	Watson, Judson F., S/Sgt
TG	Northam, James B., S/Sgt
WG	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt

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

P	Shields, Edward F., 2Lt
CP	Cooter, William M., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., F/O
BOM	Lee, Wilbur W., 2Lt
ENG	Nagel, Leeland J., S/Sgt
RO	Chastain, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Horwitz, Charles, Sgt
TG	Skubal, Joseph J., Sgt
WG	Sheehan, Arthur E., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Beasley, Roland C., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/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 #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
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 #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago*

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

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

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 #42-97853 *Lucky Linda*

P Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
BOM Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
ENG Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt
BT Boone, Everett D., Sgt
RO Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt
TG Alexander, John P., Sgt
WG Dubin, Martin M., Sgt

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

P Juns, Frank, 2Lt
CP Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV Harding, Warren G., 2Lt
BOM Thomas, Edward H., 2Lt
ENG Finnell, Calvin E., S/Sgt
RO Wimer, Maurice H., Sgt
BT Oberly, Eldridge C., Sgt
TG Englis, Hiram E., Cpl
WG Branin, James J., Cpl

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM Drew, William F., 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 #43-37666 *Full House*

P Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV Emmet, John P., 2Lt
T Sutton, Marvin A., Sgt
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 #42-37875 *Flying Bison*

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 Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO Gorman, Eugene R., Sgt
TG Foley, William J., Sgt
WG Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

P Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG Chalcraft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

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

P Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt
CP Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT Warner, Vester W., Sgt
BT Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG Ross, Edward E., Sgt
WG Merrill, Thomas, Sgt

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

P Drewry, James A., 2Lt
CP Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
BOM Burke, James D., 2Lt
TT Dorrah, Walter R., S/Sgt
BT Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt
RO Nash, Leslie G., Sgt
TG Fidell, Frederick C., Sgt
WG Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

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 #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

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 #42-102595 *Little Tush*

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	Holen, Theodore J., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
CP	Harris, John R., F/O
NAV	Coffey, John B., 1Lt
BOM	Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt
TT	Kiely, Joseph P., S/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., T/Sgt
RO	Kopriva, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., Sgt
WG	Howell, Charles E., Sgt