

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 232

25 August 1944

Target: Airfield at Anklam, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 15

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 52 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 19,525 rounds

Sixteen aircraft, which included three spares, took off to attack the airfield at Anklam. The 303rd BG(H) joined up with other Bomb Groups to form a complete Group. One of the spare B-17s returned early and two spares flew with the 306BG.

Thirteen Fortresses dropped 124 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs on the primary target with good results. A hangar and other buildings were left in flames. Some aircraft taking off were hit by the incendiaries. Bombing was accomplished from 21,000 ft. Two of the spare aircraft flew with the 306BG and dropped 20 500-lb. incendiary bombs on the Parow, Germany airfield with good results. One 303rd BG(H) B-17 dropped two units of G-26 and G-29 leaflets. There were no clouds and visibility was 40 miles.

There was no enemy aircraft opposition. Flak was meager and inaccurate, but two B-17s had major and one minor, battle damage. Two other B-17s were damaged by friendly fire. 2Lt. Edmund W. **Gaines**, 427BS, was wounded.



NORMENT FOLEY CREW - 360th BS

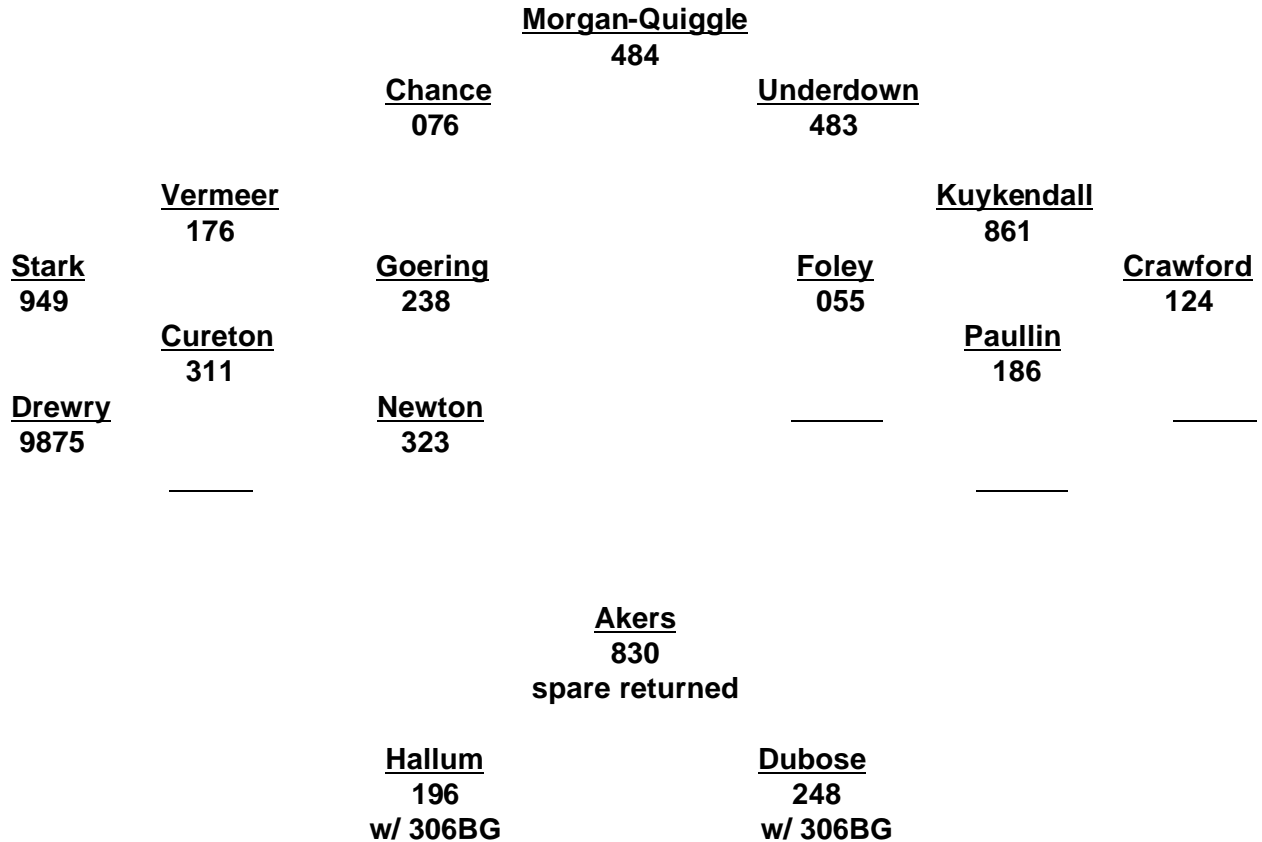
(crew assigned 360BS: 04 July 1944)

(Back L-R) Edward Snell (E), Vernelle V. Johnson (R), Damon Gordley (WG),

Charles R. Stewart (WG), Harrel A. Waltmire (BT), Carl W. Seitz (TG)

(Front L-R) Norment Foley (P), Robert A. Rowe (CP), James Conklin (N), Robert I. Littlefield (B)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point



KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>CREW POSITIONS</p> <p>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</p> <p>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

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

P Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
BOM Townsend, Charles D., 1Lt
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 #43-38186 (No Name)

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 #43-38238 (No Name)

P Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
CP Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM Sachau, William D., 2Lt
ENG Gustafson, Orall R., Sgt
BT LaPerch, William J., Sgt
RO Brodzinski, Chester, Sgt
WG Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG Mahan, Welson T., Sgt

B-17G #43-38176 *Bouncing Betty II*

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
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 #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

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 Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM Hanley, Bernard A., 2Lt
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
(Spare - No Credit)

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

P Underdown, Sidney L., 2Lt
CP Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
RO Posade, Frank G., S/Sgt
BT Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG Botton, Pius L., Sgt

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

P Morgan, William D., 1Lt
P Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt
NAV Hogan, Paul G., 1Lt
NAV Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM Nance, George H., 1Lt
ENG Hayes, Theron M., T/Sgt
RO Stemmle, Edward C., T/Sgt
BT Lloyd, Stanley W., S/Sgt
TG Caperton, James R., S/Sgt
WG Gross, James J., S/Sgt
PHO Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
TG	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Northam, John W., S/Sgt

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

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Cottrell, John W., 1Lt
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 #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III*

P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 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 #42-107196 *Tempress*

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



ROGER L. KUYKENDALL CREW - 360th BS

B-17G Miss Umbriago #42-97187 360BS (PU-I)

(crew assigned 360BS: 04 Aug 1944 - photo: Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) Capt Roger L. Kuykendall (P), 1Lt Loy R. Norris (CP), 1Lt Norman M. Klein (N),
1Lt Sylvester H. Rape (B) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Forrest E. Barton (R), S/Sgt Harry D. Evans, Jr.
(E), Sgt Everett D. Boone (BT), Sgt Martin M. Dubin (WG), Cpl John P. Alexander (TG)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
BOM Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT Sutton, Marvin A., 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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

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

B-17G #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

P Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV Lavery, Leo E., 2Lt
T Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT Johnson, O.D., Sgt
BT Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-38323 *(No Name)*

P Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM Miller, Charles 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

THE SAGA OF MAJOR SCHULSTAD'S GARRISON CAP

The following notice appeared in the 303rd BG(H) Daily Bulletin, No. 237:

LOST

Will the Officer or person, who, by mistake, took my Garrison Cap, Officers, from the Site 3 Officer's Club Tuesday, 22 Aug 44, please phone Group Operations. I will then come and get aforesaid hat, which has no name or identification other than a torn lining. The hat has no monetary value, but I am deeply attached to it as it was presented to me by my great-grandfather after the War of 1812. I did not pick up another hat so have none to exchange. L. M. Schulstad, Major, Air Corps

SEQUEL

by Harry D. Gobrecht, 303rd BG(H) Historian



Major Mel Schulstad wearing his remarkable Garrison Cap. Both Mel and the cap look much younger than 138 years old.

According to the notice, this cap was over 132 years old. It indicated notable and significant care by Maj Schulstad's great-grandfather, family and himself. Presentation to Maj Schulstad after the War of 1812, assuming the Major was at least six years old at the time, would have made him 138 years old when the hat was lost in 1944. For a 21 year-old airman in the 303rd BG(H) in 1944, anyone over 25 was old—a 138 year-old Major would have been remarkable. Colonel Schulstad was still hale and hearty in 2001, making him at least 195 years old. When asked about he missing cap saga, Colonel Schulstad replied:

Like many a good story, this one has an interesting finale. Yes, I got my hat back—or perhaps found it in the bar—but, in any event, repossessed it and wore it through to the end of the Air War in Europe. I flew 44 combat missions, coming over with the Group in September 1942, and remaining with it until it was disestablished there on the Parade Ground at Molesworth in June 1945, at which time I returned to the USA — And brought the hat with me, now a bona fide 44-mission crushed hat, and it looked it.

I was assigned to Randolph Field—West Point of the Air—and there one sunny morning found myself at attention in ranks at an Officers Call generated by the advent of a two-star General taking command and wanting to inspect his officers.

As he came down the line in front of us, he stopped in front of me and said, "Major, please remove your hat and allow me to inspect it." I complied and handed him my beloved 44-mission crushed hat. He rotated it in his hands, gazing at it intently, and then in a loud voice heard by all, said, "take this hat home and bum it and do it today."

I said, "Yes, sir." But, I still have the hat.