

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 239

10 September 1944

Target: Marshalling Yard at Stuttgart, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 26

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 38 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,100 & 23,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,200 rounds

A large number of Fortresses took off to bomb the Daimler-Benz motor transport works at Sindelfinger, Germany. Bad weather—4/10 low clouds with bases at 3,000 ft. and tops at 8,000 ft.—obscured the primary target, so the secondary target at Stuttgart was bombed visually. Twenty-six 303rd BG(H) B-17s dropped 312 500-lb. G.P. M17 incendiary bombs from 24,100 and 23,100 ft. Good hits were seen in various populated parts of the city. Fires and smoke up to 16,000 ft. were observed.

A few crews reported German jets between the French coast and Amiens, and just before the target. One crew saw three ME-109s about 1,000-ft. below the formation in the target area. There were no attacks, however, on 303rd BG(H) formation. Good fighter support was provided by 135 P-51s. Moderate flak with some very accurate bursts was seen in the target area. Meager and inaccurate flak was encountered in the Karlsruhe-Germersheim-Landau areas. Seven B-17s sustained major and nine, minor damage. Chaff seemed to have had some beneficial effect. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth. There were no casualties.



**FRANK JUNS, JR. CREW - 360th BS**  
(crew assigned 360BS: 01 Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Louis P. Girard (E), 2Lt Edward H. Thomas (B), Sgt James J. Branin (WG),  
2Lt Frank Juns, Jr. (P), 2Lt Warren G. Harding (N), 2Lt Roland C. Beasley (CP)  
(Front L-R) Sgt Eldridge C. Oberly (BT), T/Sgt Hiram E. Englis (TG), T/Sgt Maurice H. Wimer (R)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

<b><u>Casello-Fontana</u></b>				
<b>038-PFF</b>				
	<b><u>Juns</u></b>		<b><u>Hahn</u></b>	
	<b>893</b>		<b>137-PFF</b>	
	<b><u>Nafius</u></b>		<b><u>Griggs</u></b>	
	<b>318</b>		<b>311</b>	
<b><u>Mehlhoff</u></b>		<b><u>McCutchan</u></b>		<b><u>Lawrenson</u></b>
<b>860</b>		<b>861</b>	<b><u>O'Leary</u></b>	<b>055</b>
	<b><u>Cureton</u></b>		<b>853</b>	
	<b>057</b>			<b><u>Newton</u></b>
<b><u>Ackerman</u></b>		<b><u>Dubose</u></b>	_____	_____
<b>340</b>		<b>027</b>		
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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<b><u>Morgan-Mainwaring</u></b>				
<b>537</b>				
	<b><u>Frazier</u></b>		<b><u>Clemensen</u></b>	
	<b>309</b>		<b>177</b>	
	<b><u>Baltes</u></b>		<b><u>Freeland</u></b>	
	<b>781</b>		<b>191</b>	
<b><u>Lorentz</u></b>		<b><u>Underdown</u></b>		<b><u>Glass</u></b>
<b>496</b>		<b>289</b>	<b><u>McKinley</u></b>	<b>546</b>
	<b><u>Mayer</u></b>		<b>329</b>	
	<b>574</b>		<b><u>Goering</u></b>	
<b><u>Gillespie</u></b>		<b><u>White</u></b>	<b>316</b>	_____
<b>176</b>		<b>200</b>	_____	_____
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### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b> 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  <b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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 #43-38176 *Bouncing Betty II***

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P Gillespie, Glenn H., 2Lt  
 CP Cassidy, Francis D., 2Lt  
 NAV Guthmann, Richard F., 2Lt  
 BOM Pischke, Robert L., 2Lt  
 ENG Henry, James S., Sgt  
 WG DiMascola, Michael G., Sgt  
 RO Krawiecki, Alexander J., Sgt  
 BT Rhodes, Edward B., Sgt  
 TG Chaltraw, Richard J., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31574 *Ole George***

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P Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt  
 CP Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt  
 NAV Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt  
 BOM Bohannon, Jackson R., 2Lt  
 ENG Hicks, Douglas E., S/Sgt  
 WG Withers, Frederick J., Sgt  
 RO Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt  
 BT Campbell, James M., S/Sgt  
 TG Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza***

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P Glass, Leroy E., 2Lt  
 P Chumat, Orlyn D., 2Lt  
 NAV Haider, Joseph C., 2Lt  
 BOM Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt  
 ENG Eide, Richard W., S/Sgt  
 BT Trumbull, Vernon L., Sgt  
 RO Brady, James M., Sgt  
 WG Hodges, Grady H., Sgt  
 TG Davis, Mark M., Sgt

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

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P McKinley, Ralph C., 2Lt  
 CP Harwick, James A., 2Lt  
 NAV Long, Donald C., Jr., 2Lt  
 BOM Green, George A., 2Lt  
 ENG Jones, Burlen, Sgt  
 WG Devaney, Thomas J., Sgt  
 RO Moll, Richard S., Sgt  
 BT Clark, Woodrow E., Sgt  
 TG Soule, Evan R., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta***

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P Freeland, Troit D., 1Lt  
 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

### **B-17G #43-38200 (*No Name*)**

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P White, Franklin F., 2Lt  
 CP Hinton, William E., 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

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-102496 *Special Delivery***

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P Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt  
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 #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda***

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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 Carman, Nolan W., Sgt  
BT Gupstill, Walter R., Sgt  
TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt  
WG Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat***

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P Clemensen, Richard L., 2Lt  
CP Burson, George S., 2Lt  
NAV Crooke, James J., 2Lt  
BOM Stafford, Frank W., 2Lt  
ENG McCrory, Eugene F., Jr., Cpl  
RO Schubach, Kurt, Cpl  
BT Alber, Lloyd L., Cpl  
TG Jauernig, John W., Cpl  
WG Kriss, Nick, Cpl

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

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P Frazier, Eugene C., 2Lt  
CP Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt  
NAV Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt  
BOM Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt  
ENG Borges, Gilbert C., Sgt  
RO Trainor, Donald W., Cpl  
BT Charron, Raymond H., Cpl  
TG McCullough, Luther, Jr., Cpl  
WG Anderson, Eston R., Cpl

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

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P Morgan, William D., 1Lt  
CP Mainwaring, Charles O., 2Lt  
NAV Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt  
BOM Nance, George H., 1Lt  
ENG Hayes, Theron M., T/Sgt  
RO Stemmle, Edwin C., T/Sgt  
BT Lloyd, Stanley W., S/Sgt  
TG Caperton, James R., S/Sgt  
WG Gross, James J., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-8318 (No Name)**

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

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

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

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

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P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	Kress, Richard H., S/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., Sgt

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

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P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 1Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., T/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Casello, John J., Maj
CP	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 1Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 2Lt
NAV	Olson, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., 1Lt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
TG	Price, Kirkland T., S/Sgt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt
BT	Durfee, James R., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8137 (No Name) - PFF**

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P	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
NAV	Lifshus, Lawrence, 2Lt
BOM	Duros, Constantine J., 1Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., T/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
WG	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
NAV	Dubois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Highfill, Thomas W., Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., Sgt
TG	Wiencek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Proper, George M., Sgt

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

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P	Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
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 #42-31055 *Aloha***

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P	Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
CP	Gano, Frederick, 2Lt
NAV	Maniscalco, John B., 2Lt
BOM	Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
TT	Anthony, George E., Sgt
BT	Coyle, Arthur J., Sgt
RO	Meixner, Edward M., Sgt
TG	Nelson, Edward F., Sgt
WG	Burkermer, Robert F., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38197 (No Name)**

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P	Newton, George C., 2Lt
CP	Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 2Lt
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., Sgt
TG	Karr, Leslie E., Sgt
WG	Simon, Lawrence E., Sgt

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

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P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Kacere, Michael J., 2Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Kernodle, John T., Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	DeVaney, Bernard C., Sgt
TG	Carver, Harold R., Sgt
WG	DeCicco, Frank C., Jr., Sgt

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

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P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Jones, Jesse T., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38057 (No Name)**

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P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Bourlier, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt