

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 252

6 October 1944

Target: Power Plant at Stralsund, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 31

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

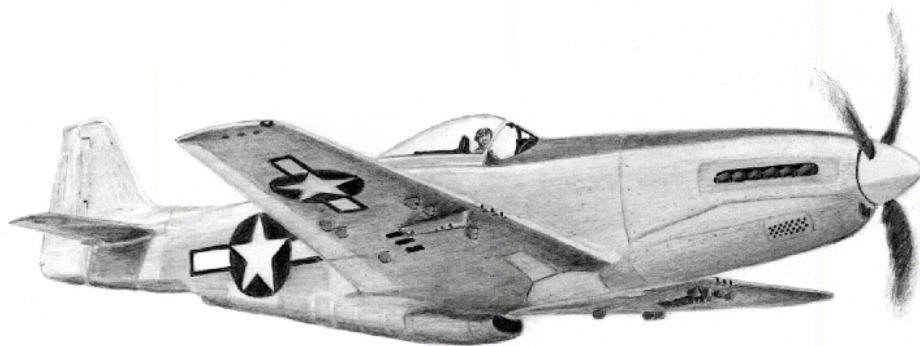
Bombing Altitudes: 25,500 & 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 29,400 rounds

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis E. **Lyle** led what would result in his 56th and last combat mission with the 303rd BG(H). Thirty-one B-17s were dispatched as the 41st CBW lead and low Squadrons, and first and second flights of the "A" Group, to attack the synthetic oil plant at Politz, Germany. The last resort target was the power plant at Stralsund, Germany. Two aircraft returned early with their bombs: #43-38197 (*No Name*), 427BS (Lt. **Gano**) - oxygen problems; #44-6166 *The Red*, 427BS (Lt. **Healy**) - engine trouble over the Harrington Buncher.

Twenty-nine aircraft dropped 289 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs over the last resort target from 26,700, 25,500 and 25,000 ft. One B-17 dropped 10 bundles of T174 leaflets. Bombing results, confirmed by photographs, were reported as good. At the primary target, there were 10/10 low clouds with tops at 8,000 ft. There were no clouds at the last resort target and visibility was 60 miles.

There were no enemy aircraft nor anti-aircraft fire. Friendly fighter support by 180 P-51s was good but slacked off after the target. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth. There was no battle damage or casualties.



Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

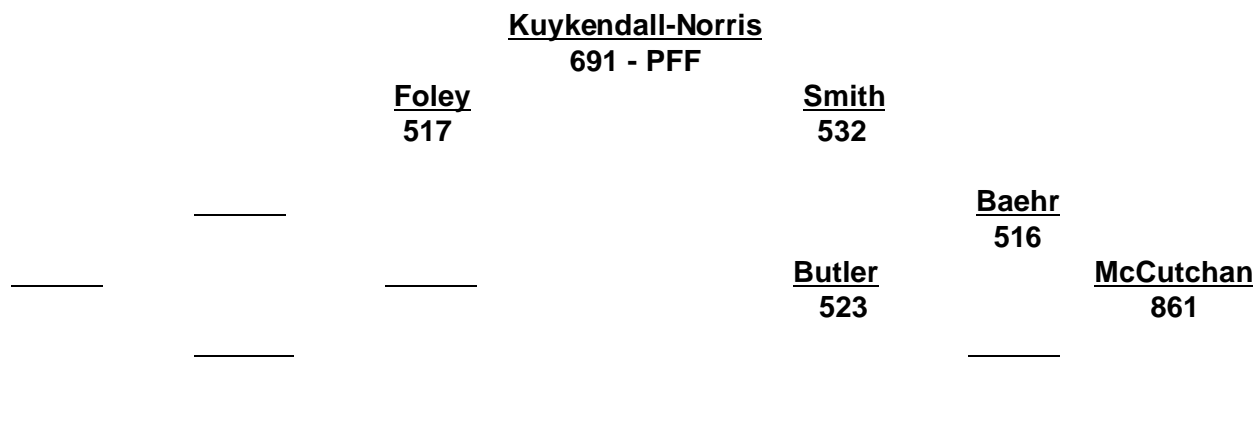
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		<u>Carney</u> 258	<u>Twomey</u> 557 - PFF	
	<u>Brabant</u> 781		<u>Goering</u> 462	
<u>Virag</u> 944		<u>Haynes</u> 830	<u>Glass</u> 298	<u>White</u> 739
	<u>Akers</u> 609		<u>Chance</u> 289	
<u>Gould</u> 604		<u>McDavid</u> 502		



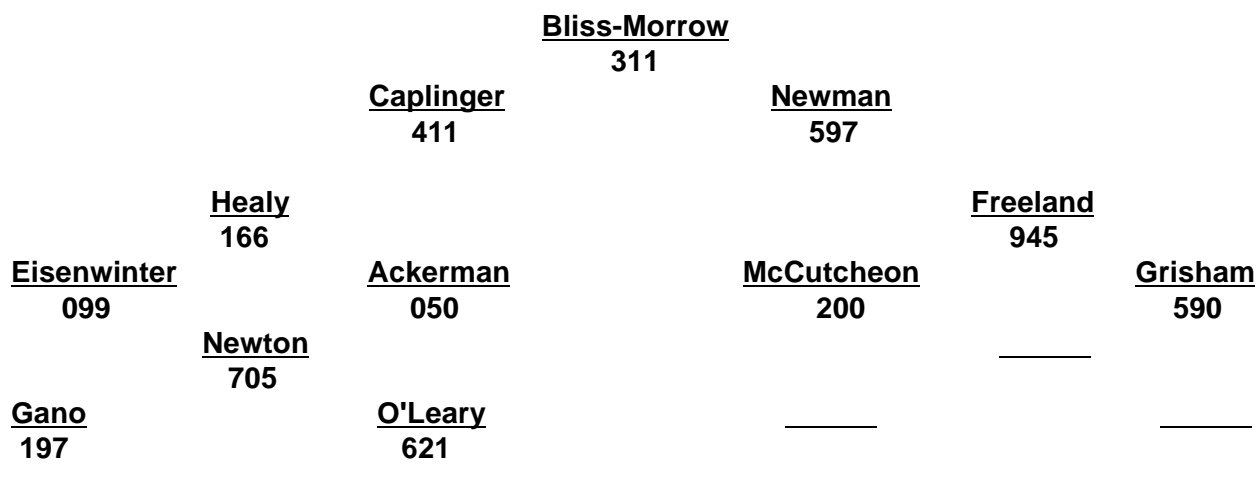
**#44-8137 (No Name) 359BS PFF (BN-Z)
41st CBW-A Lead (359BS) - Pilot LtCol L.E. Lyle / CoPilot 1Lt J.W. Tulloss**

(Back L-R) 1Lt John W. Tulloss (CP), 1Lt Harold A. Susskind (N), LtCol Lewis E. Lyle (P),
Capt William L. Hoover (B), 2Lt Raymond D. Hammond (N), 2Lt Lawrence Lifshus (MN)
(Front L-R) 2Lt Arthur A. Bergeron (TG-O), T/Sgt Robert W. Hanson (R),
T/Sgt Lyman E. Ela, Jr. (E), S/Sgt James V. Franceschini (WG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B



Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C



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 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 #42-97557 *Mercy's Madhouse* - PFF

P Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
NAV Beyeler, Earl R., 2Lt
BOM Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
TG Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
RO Bzik, Paul J., Sgt
WG Martin, Jack E., Sgt

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

P White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG Hein, Monroe C., S/Sgt
RO Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG Campbell, James R., S/Sgt

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

P Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 2Lt
CP Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
BOM Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
ENG Scheuermann, Edwin P., S/Sgt
BT Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., Sgt
RO Post, Harry R., Sgt
WG Buie, Ben M., Sgt
TG Willis, Arnold, Sgt

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

P McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV Starr, Ben, 2Lt
TOG Severson, Jack O., T/Sgt
ENG Burcham, Johnnie O., S/Sgt
WG Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT Aberdeen, James E., Cpl
TG Kinsman, George R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP Rencher, Jack P., 2Lt
NAV Markt, Rex H., F/O
BOM Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG Gustafson, Orall R., S/Sgt
RO LaPerch, William J., Sgt
BT Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
WG Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

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

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 Hatfield, Earl G., Sgt
WG Hodges, Grady H., Sgt
TG Davis, Mark M., Sgt

B-17G #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*

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 Casey, Lawrence, S/Sgt
RO Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6502 (No Name)

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
TOG	McKinley, A.B., Sgt
ENG	Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO	Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG	Martin, Anthony B., Sgt
WG	Linville, Warren M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly*

P	Carney, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Hellesvig, Vernon M., 1Lt
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 2Lt
ENG	Turner, Harold L., T/Sgt
RO	Foster, Albert A., T/Sgt
BT	Kayrallah, Emil, S/Sgt
TG	Howe, Clarence H., S/Sgt
WG	Encinas, William S/Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-38609 (No Name)

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 2Lt
ENG	Shanker, Herbert, T/Sgt
RO	Meyer, Gerald E., T/Sgt
BT	Saam, Donal W., S/Sgt
TG	Connor, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Meyer, Fulton R., S/Sgt

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

P	Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP	Beck, Edward R., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, Roy P., F/O
BOM	Torley, Donald W., 1Lt
ENG	Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt
BT	Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt
TG	Bowman, John H., Sgt
WG	Allerton, Jack R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38604 (No Name)

P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
TOG	Arendt, John L., S/Sgt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, T/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., T/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

P Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
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., Sgt
TG Hejna, Dennis R., Sgt
WG Torre, Leo A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31830 Marie

P Haynes, Charles D., 2Lt
CP McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
NAV Beder, Harrison K., 2Lt
BOM Dando, Charles A., 2Lt
TG Sherrill, Elliotte W., Sgt
RO Deen, Oscar A., Sgt
BT Freese, Paul D., Sgt
ENG Hrych, Robert C., Sgt
WG Ipsen, Allen L., Sgt

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

P Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol
CP Tulloss, John W., 1Lt
NAV Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
NAV Hammond, Raymond D., 2Lt
MN Lifshus, Lawrence, 2Lt
BOM Hoover, William L., Capt
ENG Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO Hanson, Robert W., T/Sgt
TG Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt
WG Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6523 (No Name)

P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Hackler, Maurice G., 2Lt
ENG	Bird, Harry G., Sgt
RO	Christ, Donald R., Sgt
BT	Miller, Donald E., Sgt
TG	Johnson, David T., Jr., Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 Iza Vailable III

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Hudson, Ward A., S/Sgt
ENG	Clippinger, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., Sgt

B-17G #44-6517 Old Cock

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Prince, James R., Jr., 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	Cole, Bethel A., T/Sgt

B-17G #44-6516 My Darling

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 1Lt
CP	King, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 1Lt
ENG	Keipper, Carl E., S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, T/Sgt
TG	Odegaard, Duane J., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38532 (No Name)

P	Smith, Richard L., 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 #42-97691 (No Name) - PFF

P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
NAV	Klein, Norman M., 2Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 2Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 2Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., S/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., S/Sgt
TG	Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
WG	Alexander, John P., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Johnson, O.D., T/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird (359BS)*

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 #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Bober, Stanley, 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 #43-38705 (*No Name*)

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 #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Elling, Myron A., Sgt
TG	Grossman, Howard A., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., S/Sgt

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

P	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Gano, Frederick, 2Lt
CP Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV Maniscalco, John B., 2Lt
BOM Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
TT Anthony, George E., Sgt
BT Coyle, Arthur J., Sgt
RO Islava, Joseph O., T/Sgt
TG Nelson, Edward F., Sgt
WG Plesinger, Michael J., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT Leal, Raymond T., Sgt
RO Smith, Phillip E., T/Sgt
TG Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt
WG DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV Kacere, Michael J., 2Lt
NAV Katz, Edwin Harold, 2Lt
BOM Coughlin, George A., 1Lt
TT Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT Eakins, Charles A, Jr., Sgt
RO Herman, Benjamin, T/Sgt
TG Harris, John R., 2Lt
WG Curry, Richard L., Sgt
PHO Skinner, Donald E., Sgt