

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 253

7 October 1944

Target: Marshalling Yards & Other Military Objectives
at Dresden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 36

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 10 minutes

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

Bombing Altitudes: 25,700, 25,380 & 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,120 rounds

Fortresses from the 303rd BG(H) took off to attack the synthetic oil plant at Brux, Czechoslovakia. The PFF secondary target was military installations in Dresden, Germany. Four aircraft returned early, all due to engine mechanical problems:

#42-38050 *Thunderbird*, 359BS (Lt. **Underdown**) at 0925 hours

#42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*, 427BS (Lt. **Newton**) at 0848 hours

#42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*, 359BS (Lt. **Brabant**) at 0750 hours

#43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*, 358BS (Lt. **Freeman**) at 0800 hours



Bomb Strike photo of Dresden - 07 October 1944

Group aircraft dropped 290 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs from 25,700, 25,300 and 25,000 ft. One B-17 dropped 10 bundles of T171 leaflets. Another dropped 10 500-lb. bombs in error. A 10/10 cloud cover over the primary target required that the secondary target, with only 2/10 to 3/10 low clouds, be bombed. There was a close destructive bomb pattern in the marshalling yard by the lead Squadron. The low and high Squadrons hit in the center of town.

No enemy aircraft were seen. Fighter support by 214 P-51s was good. Moderate and accurate flak was encountered at Dresden, moderate and accurate at Zietz and scattered

at other points. Twelve aircraft sustained minor battle damage and 10, major. Four crewmen were wounded by flak. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Shayler-Fontana</u> 125 - PFF			
		<u>King</u> 532		<u>Hamilton</u> 256 - PFF	
	<u>Nafius</u> 166			<u>Newton</u> 311	
<u>Butler</u> 523		<u>Hallum</u> 705		<u>Van Antwerp</u> 597	<u>Wallace</u> 972
	<u>Connelly</u> 563			_____	
<u>Foley</u> 517		<u>McCutchan</u> 516		_____	_____
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GEORGE H. FIELDER CREW - 358th BS

(crew assigned 358BS: 23 Sep 1944 - photo: 6 Oct 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt George H. Fielder (P), 2Lt Thomas J. Kruckemeyer (B), 2Lt James C. Buckner (N),
2Lt John "Dewey" Dorsett, Jr. (CP) - (Front L-R) Sgt James L. Brown, Jr. (WG), T/Sgt James E. Cavagnaro (E),
T/Sgt Neil C. Buie (R), Sgt Glenn J. Denning (WG), Sgt Gasper Pizzolato, Jr. (BT), T/Sgt Lyle H. Cox (TG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Riseden-Packard</u>				
557 - PFF				
	<u>Fieder</u>		<u>Price</u>	
	238		739	
	<u>Freeland</u>			<u>Drewry</u>
	191			544
<u>Glass</u>		<u>Lord</u>	<u>Newman</u>	<u>McCutcheon</u>
462		200	197	554
	<u>McKinley</u>			
	945			
<u>Freeman</u>				
590				

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Reed-Kerwin</u>				
484				
	<u>Gould</u>		<u>Davis</u>	
	604		944	
	<u>Brabant</u>			<u>O'Leary</u>
	781			621
<u>McDavid</u>		<u>Embrey</u>	<u>Morrow</u>	<u>Eisenwinter</u>
502		258	411	830
	<u>Akers</u>			
	609			
<u>Mickle</u>		<u>Underdown</u>		
289		050		

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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P Glass, Leroy E., 2Lt
P Chunat, 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 LaPerch, William J., S/Sgt
WG Hodges, Grady H., Sgt
TG Davis, Mark M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P Freeland, Troit D., 1Lt
CP Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM Green, George A., 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

B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM Nugent, Robert T., 1Lt
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 #42-97557 *Mercy's Madhouse - PFF*

P Riseden, Jack W., 1Lt
CP Packard, Peter L. M., Maj
NAV Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
NAV Beyeler, Earl R., 2Lt
BOM Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
ENG Kishbaugh, Warren L., T/Sgt
WG Foster, William D., S/Sgt
RO Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG Douglass, Earl B., 2Lt

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

P McKinley, Ralph C., 2Lt
CP Harwick, James A., 2Lt
NAV Long, Donald C., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Davis, Edward 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 #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P Price, Ernest C., 1Lt
CP Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV Patillo, Leonard S., 2Lt
BOM Creel, Fred B., 2Lt
ENG Noel, William E., Sgt
WG Reed, John F., Sgt
RO Postek, Michael T., Sgt
BT Cole, Raymond L., Sgt
TG Bilchak, Paul R., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Lord, Truman R., 2Lt
CP Phillips, Clifton N., 2Lt
NAV Anderson, Arvid, 2Lt
BOM Ruiz, Arthur F., 2Lt
ENG Winiger, Bernard A., Sgt
TG Ferguson, William H., Sgt
RO Hatfield, Earl G., Sgt
BT Weiss, Armin, Sgt
WG Brown, Robert H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38238 (No Name)

P Fielder, George H., 1Lt
CP Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV Buckner, James C., 2Lt
BOM Kruckemeyer, Thomas J., 2Lt
ENG Cavagnaro, James E., Sgt
WG Pizzolato, Gasper, Jr., Sgt
RO Buie, Neil C., Sgt
BT Denning, Glenn J., Sgt
TG Cox, Lyle H., Sgt

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

P Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt
CP Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
ENG Fleck, Peter J., Sgt
TG Caporusso, Frank J., Sgt
RO VanLier, Donald E., Sgt
WG Martin, Robert G., Sgt
BT Chesney, Alan D., Sgt
(Abortive)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV	Malone, Roy M., F/O
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 #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

P	Mickle, James D., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Loren M., F/O
NAV	O'Dell, Benjamin L., 2Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 2Lt
ENG	Humphrey, William B., Cpl
RO	Eagon, Dennis G., Cpl
BT	Garcia, Leonard A., Sgt
TG	Van Zile, Raymond J., Sgt
WG	Wentz, Robert D., Sgt

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

P	Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
CP	Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV	Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
BOM	Cooney, Thomas E., 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 #42-102484 Heller's Angel

P	Reed, John W., 1Lt
P	Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., T/Sgt
BT	Zielinski, William J., Sgt
TG	Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
WG	Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt

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

P	Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 1Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 1Lt
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

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

P	Davis, Jack T., 1Lt
CP	Jenkins, Harry F., 1Lt
NAV	Hellesvig, Vernon M., 1Lt
BOM	Guiciardi, Nino L., F/O
ENG	Bloom, Dave, Sgt
RO	Lewnfield, Rex E., T/Sgt
BT	Martin, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Brown, Marvin W., Sgt
WG	Harris, Everette G., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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 Torley, Donald W., 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
(Abortive)

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

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., S/Sgt
BT Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG Botton, Pius L., Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Embrey, Henry C., 2Lt
CP Bergeron, Arthur A., 2Lt
NAV Donovan, James R., 1Lt
BOM Mitchell, Robert C., 2Lt
ENG Miller, Harry C., S/Sgt
RO Zellar, Donald W., Sgt
BT Duerr, Richard B., Sgt
TG Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG Peters, Arthur R., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
CP	Lovell, Brook H., 2Lt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 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 #44-6516 My Darling

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP	Granrock, Howard C., 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	Kallet, Sidney, 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	Price, Kirkland T., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6166 The Red

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	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt
TG	Jinkens, Billy B., S/Sgt
WG	Rydquist, Roy K., S/Sgt
BT	McGinley, James E., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38705 (No Name)

P	Hallum, Bertrand, Jr., 1Lt
CP	Romstad, Alfred M., 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Fetzko, John, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Young, Horace B., S/Sgt
RO	Botkin, Jack S., S/Sgt
BT	Ax, Heinz R., Sgt
TG	Sabuda, Emil S., S/Sgt
WG	Stroud, George E., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

P	Connelly, Ben L., 1Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., T/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., S/Sgt

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

P	King, John E., 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 #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Shayler, Walter K., LtCol
CP	Fontana, Bernard C., 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
NAV	Clark, James G., 1Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James B., Capt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
TG	Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
BT	Durfee, James R., S/Sgt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 1Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Scaglione, Joseph, S/Sgt
TG	Grossman, Howard A., Sgt
WG	Sutton, Marvin A., S/Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

P	O'Leary, James W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 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 #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P	Drewry, James A., 1Lt
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., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Paul H., S/Sgt
WG	Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

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

P	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
CP	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
NAV	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., F/O
TT	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
BT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
WG	Campbell, Gerald R., Sgt

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

P	Wallace, Walstein W., 1Lt
CP	Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
BOM	Natoli, Sam J., 2Lt
TT	Arnott, David H., Sgt
BT	Casciola, Benedict L., Sgt
RO	Foell, Charles R., Sgt
TG	Lowe, Joseph W., Sgt
WG	McArdle, John H., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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
(Abortive)

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

P Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
CP Rose, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV Russo, William D., 2Lt
BOM Nazarian, John K., 2Lt
TT Dyson, Flake S., Sgt
BT Brinkley, Lynn M., Sgt
RO Harper, Hiram C., Sgt
TG McCall, Lamar H., Sgt
WG Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17G #44-8256 *Yankee Girl* - PFF

P Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP Cornyn, T. John, 2Lt
NAV Kacere, Michael J., 2Lt
BOM Smoleroff, Theodore L., 2Lt
TT Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt
MN Charlton, Rufus S., Lt
RO Jarvis, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG Barnes, Charlie, T/Sgt
BT Paterson, Richard E., S/Sgt



Nose Art on B-17G #44-8256 Yankee Girl 359BS PFF (BN-Y)