

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 267

4 November 1944

Target: Synthetic Oil Refinery at Bottrup, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 20 x 250 lb H.E. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 27,500 & 26,400 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,420 rounds

Two targets were again attacked by 303rd BG(H) bombers. The low and high Squadrons dropped 472 250-lb. H.E. M57 bombs and 10 leaflet units on the primary target at Bottrup from 27,500 and 26,400 feet. Bombing was by GEE-H equipment due to a solid overcast. Although unobserved, bombing results were believed to have been good. The lead Squadron lead crew had difficulties with their GEE-H equipment and dropped on the secondary target at Hamm with 257 250-lb. bombs. These results also went unobserved. In the target areas, there were 10/10 low clouds with tops at 8,000 to 12,000 feet, no middle or high clouds, and semi-persistent contrails at 26,000 feet.



When Prayers Were Answered by Mark Postlethwaite (1999)

Unknown 303rd BG(H) B-17s preparing to land at Molesworth upon return from a winter 1944-1945 mission. Shows St. Swithin's Church at Old Weston in the foreground with villagers watching.

At the primary target flak was moderate and inaccurate for the high Squadron, but fairly accurate for the low Squadron, which had three major and four minor battle-damaged aircraft. The lead Squadron flak was meager to moderate and inaccurate at the secondary target. Some meager and accurate fire came from the Zwolle area. Two of these aircraft had minor battle damage. Crews reported seeing one enemy aircraft, but there were no attacks on the

303rd BG(H). Friendly fighter support by 37 P-51s was good. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned safely to Station 107.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

<u>Cole-Mainwaring</u>				
038 - PFF				
	<u>Haynes</u>		<u>Embrey</u>	
	944		608	
	<u>Underdown</u>		<u>Stouse</u>	
	609		451	
<u>Whitlock</u>	<u>Chance</u>		<u>Stephan</u>	<u>Fink</u>
764	600		422	517
	<u>Mickle</u>		<u>Lutz</u>	
	502		309	
<u>Frazier</u>	<u>Lorentz</u>			
206	258			
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(no name) #44-8038 (427BS) PFF GN-Z
41st CBW-C (359BS) - Pilot LtCol R.H. Cole / CoPilot 1Lt C.O. Mainwaring
 (Back L-R) 1Lt W.G. Moran (GH-N), 1Lt L.J. Lifshus (M-N), 1Lt H.A. Susskind (N),
 LtCol R.H. Cole (P), 2Lt O.H. Schopplein (TG-O), 1Lt C.O. Mainwaring (CP),
 (Front L-R) S/Sgt J.V. Franceschini (WG), T/Sgt J. Vieira (R),
 Capt W.L. Hoover (B), T/Sgt L.C. Gauthier (E)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Riseden-Fielder</u> 137 - PFF		
		<u>Holm</u> 554	<u>Twomey</u> 166	
	<u>Paullin</u> 945			<u>McCutchan</u> 861
<u>Mayer</u> 503		<u>McCutcheon</u> 972	<u>App</u> 860	<u>Arwood</u> 563
	<u>Goering</u> 238			<u>White</u> 316
<u>McGilvray</u> 530		<u>Freeman</u> 298	_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Fletcher-Johnston</u> 256 - PFF		
		<u>Pursel</u> 689	<u>Reid</u> 597	
	<u>Hamilton</u> 281			<u>Gravrock</u> 055
<u>Gano</u> 569		<u>Caplinger</u> 248	<u>Middlemas</u> 523	<u>Geiger</u> 532
	<u>Davis</u> 197			<u>Callahan</u> 311
<u>Ackerman</u> 057		<u>Roberts</u> 763	_____	_____
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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 WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer	PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO) RCM - Radio Cntr Measures SJ - Spot Jammer 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 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 #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
TOG	Casey, Lawrence, S/Sgt
ENG	Compton, M.C., Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., Sgt
TG	Copeland, George E., Sgt

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

P	Freeman, Clyde E., 2Lt
CP	Canning, Glenn R., 2Lt
NAV	Goldstein, Sheldon, 2Lt
BOM	Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
ENG	Fleck, Peter J., S/Sgt
TG	Caporusso, Frank J., Sgt
RO	VanLier, Donald E., S/Sgt
WG	Cooper, Ray R., Sgt
BT	Chesney, Alan D., Sgt

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

P	Paullin, James R., 1Lt
CP	Hinton, William B., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, James P., T/Sgt
BT	Biestek, Stanley H., S/Sgt
RO	Thomas, Henry T., T/Sgt
WG	Woodward, Thomas J., S/Sgt
TG	Butler, Woodley O., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38530 (No Name)

P	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles L., 2Lt
BOM	Conder, Bill F., 2Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., Sgt
BT	Garza, David, Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., Sgt

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

P	McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Day, Keith E., Sgt
ENG	Burcham, Johnnie O., T/Sgt
WG	Fouk, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Kinsman, George R., S/Sgt

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

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Petersen, John N., 1Lt
NAV	Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Stevenson, John L., Sgt
ENG	Adams, William J., T/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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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	Brodzinski, Chester, S/Sgt
BT	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
WG	Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt

B-17G #44-6166 The Red

P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Dorsett, John D., 2Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Morrin T., Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt
PAS	Yates, William C., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6503 Lady Alta

P	Mayer, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Gradle, Raymond B., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
TOG	Garcia, Robert L., T/Sgt
ENG	Nelson, James B., S/Sgt
TG	Withers, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Tuescher, Ernest, S/Sgt
BT	McCreevy, James, Sgt
WG	Gendron, Ernest J., S/Sgt

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

P	Riseden, Jack W., Capt
CP	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 1Lt
NAV	Wilson, Thomas E., 2Lt
BOM	Sachau, William D., 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., Sgt
WG	Pizzolato, Gasper, Jr., Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., Sgt
BT	Ross, James E., 2Lt
TG	Cox, Lyle H., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Lorentz, Arthur, 1Lt
CP Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV Smith, William A., 2Lt
BOM Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG Kreager, Jon B., S/Sgt
RO Hanson, Robert W., T/Sgt
BT Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
TG Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
WG Gonser, Dwight W., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P Frazier, Eugene C., 1Lt
CP Campbell, Laurie H., 2Lt
NAV Goettman, Andrew T., 2Lt
BOM Barlow, Richard B., 2Lt
ENG Borges, Gilbert C., S/Sgt
RO Trainor, Donald W., Sgt
BT Charron, Raymond H., Sgt
TG McCullough, Luther, Jr., Sgt
WG Anderson, Eston R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6600 (No name)

P Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG Menasco, Elmer W., T/Sgt
RO Miller, Albert, T/Sgt
BT Moss, Shirley L., Sgt
TG Vogel, Cletus H., S/Sgt
WG Torre, Leo A., Sgt

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

P Lutz, John R., 2Lt
CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
NAV Carriere, Lawrence C., F/O
TOG Goudy, William F., Sgt
ENG Candito, Christopher A., Sgt
RO Lovelock, Edward N., Sgt
BT Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG Bailey, John R., Sgt
WG Bates, Roger K., Sgt

B-17G #43-38764 (No Name)

P Whitlock, Garland M., 1Lt
CP Bach, Harold J., 2Lt
NAV Scheer, Harold, 2Lt
TOG Dittman, Roert J., Sgt
ENG Popovich, William G., T/Sgt
RO Pomicter, Stanley, T/Sgt
BT Zielinski, William J., Sgt
TG Howe, Clarence H., S/Sgt
WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

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

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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Underdown, Sidney L., 1Lt
CP	Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert C., 2Lt
ENG	Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., S/Sgt
BT	Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG	Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG	Encinas, William, S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 Lucille

P	Embrey, Henry C., 2Lt
CP	Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV	Hewitt, Leroy A., 2Lt
TOG	Connor, Joseph C., Sgt
ENG	Miller, Harry C., S/Sgt
RO	Zellar, Donald W., Sgt
BT	Kayrallah, Emil, S/Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., Sgt

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

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

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

P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Mainwaring, Charles O., 1Lt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
NAV	Koran, William, 1Lt
MN	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., Capt
ENG	Gauthier, Leon C., S/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG	Franceschini, James V., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6517 *Old Cock*

P	Fink, Marvin P., 2Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Subkowsky, Harry, 2Lt
BOM	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
ENG	Holder, Jack E., Sgt
RO	Dahl, Robert F., Sgt
BT	Albright, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Garcia, Cyprian M., Sgt
WG	Peter, Robert C., Sgt

B-17G #44-8422 *Duffy's Tavern*

P	Stephan, Paul C., 2Lt
CP	Clingler, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Lewis, Harold G., F/O
BOM	Tapley, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG	Phillips, Dwight A., Sgt
RO	Ladurini, Raymond R., Sgt
BT	Keyes, Stanton W., Sgt
TG	Harris, Edgar P., Jr., Sgt
WG	Sorensen, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

P	Arwood, Joe B., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Counsell, Clarence L., F/O
ENG	Power, Thomas B., Sgt
RO	Curry, Paul A., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., S/Sgt
TG	Sanchez, Crespín E., Sgt
WG	Linn, James B., Sgt

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

P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 2Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
ENG	Marshall, Leroy H., Sgt
RO	Avenia, James J., Sgt
BT	Parrish, George K., Sgt
TG	Cranshaw, John A., Sgt
WG	Maurer, John L., Sgt

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

P	App, Robert G., 2Lt
CP	Moody, William S., 2Lt
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
BOM	Dee, Martin R., F/O
ENG	Leach, Norman L., Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., Sgt
BT	Brady, Gene F., Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., Sgt
WG	Polaski, Duane L., Sgt

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

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Dimick, Donald L., F/O
BOM	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
ENG	Stockman, Leonard G., Sgt
RO	Licht, Wilfred L., Sgt
BT	Wentz, Roland L., Sgt
TG	Germanine, Joseph R., Sgt
WG	Doctor, Gordon C., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-31055 Aloha

P Gravrock, Howard C., 2Lt
CP Losiewicz, Benjamin, 2Lt
NAV Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM Downey, Francis G., 2Lt
ENG Levine, Raymond, T/Sgt
RO Engleman, George B., T/Sgt
BT Relford, Robert R., Sgt
TG Hensel, Phillip W., Sgt
WG Elliott, John C., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38451 (No Name)

P Stouse, Harold L., Capt
CP White, Raymond E., 2Lt
NAV Papp, Melvin E., 2Lt
BOM Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
BT Gilbert, James E., S/Sgt
TG Carter, James O., S/Sgt
WG Wotanis, Leo F., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97861 Iza Vailable III

P McCutchan, Eugene R., 2Lt
CP Holtorf, Ernest H., 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
RO Brody, John J., Sgt (Hdq.)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

P	Gano, Frederick, 1Lt
CP	Flanders, Wesley J., 2Lt
NAV	Maniscalco, John B., F/O
BOM	Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
TT	Anthony, George E., S/Sgt
BT	Coyle, Arthur J., S/Sgt
RO	Elling, Myron A., Sgt
TG	Nelson, Edward F., Sgt
WG	Sears, William A., Sgt

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

P	Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP	Bean, John R., 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	Clare, Donald T., Sgt

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

P	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Gene W., Sgt
RO	Kamen, Roland K., Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., Sgt
WG	Robins, James B., Sgt

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

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Bryan, Fred W., F/O
TT	Hiibner, Okey L., Sgt
BT	Johnson, Charles H., Sgt
RO	Pope, Lester L., Sgt
TG	Henry, Donivan D., Sgt
WG	Smirnes, E. "Nick", Jr., Sgt

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

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Johnson, O.D., T/Sgt
BT	Jacobs, Carroll W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mittell, Philip P., S/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., Sgt
WG	Olds, Andrew R., Sgt

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

P	Ackerman, Stewart S., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Barrios, Alfred R., 2Lt
NAV	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
BOM	Oswald, Alois G., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Creaghan, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Grove, John W., S/Sgt
RO	Ribesky, John V., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Wienczek, Edward J., Sgt
WG	Proper, George M., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38763 (No Name)

P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 2Lt
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., F/O
WG	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Riveland, Alf, Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., Sgt
BT	Eakins, Charles A., Jr., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38689 (No Name)

P	Pursel, Stanley E., 2Lt
CP	McClure, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV	Cecce, Joseph A., Jr., F/O
BOM	Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT	Kling, John E., Sgt
BT	Schoch, Phillip M., Sgt
RO	Stockman, Kenneth H., Sgt
TG	Hannah, Robert G., Sgt
WG	Fugazzi, Gildo, Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 Queenie

P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 1Lt
NAV	DuBois, Benjamin, 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., S/Sgt
WG	Howell, Charles E., S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., S/Sgt

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

P	Fletcher, John E., 1Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 1Lt
NAV	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., F/O
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 1Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
WG	Rogers, Norman F., Sgt
TG	Harris, John R., 2Lt