

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 268

5 November 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Frankfurt, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: Lt. Counsell WIA

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 2 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 1,000 lb S.A.P. M59 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,000, 25,000 & 24,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,450 rounds

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s were dispatched to attack the Frankfurt marshalling yard. The PFF secondary target also was Frankfurt and the last resort target was the Giesser, Germany airfield. One aircraft returned early due to mechanical difficulties — #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*, 358BS (Lt. **Holm**).

Thirty-eight Fortresses dropped 222 1,000-lb. S.A.P. M59 bombs and 10 units of T196 leaflets on the secondary PFF target from 26,000, 25,000 and 24,000 feet. Weather in the target area was 8/10 to 10/10 middle clouds with tops at 15,000 feet. The few breaks in the clouds would not permit visual bombing, but did make possible bombing results observation. Results were good—hits were in the city's built-up area.



JOE B. ARWOOD CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 02 Oct 1944 - photo: 15 Oct 1944)
(Back L-R) 2Lt Joe B. Arwood (P), 2Lt Walter E. Johnson (CP),
2Lt William C. Fowler (N), 2Lt Clarence L. Counsell (B)
(Front L-R) Sgt Paul A. Curry (R), Sgt Thomas B. Power (E),
Sgt Crespin E. Sanchez (TG), Sgt James B. Linn (WG)

A few enemy aircraft were reported in the distance, but there were no attacks on the 303rd BG(H) formations. Support was provided by 206 P-51s and P-47s. Intense and accurate flak caused nine instances of major damage and 16 instances of minor damage. Six aircraft landed at other bases, but quickly returned to Molesworth. No aircraft were missing and one man was wounded by flak.

Lt Clarence L. **Counsell**, Bombardier in B-17 #43-38705 (Lt **Arwood**), was hit in the chest area by flak. Flak bounced off his vest into his left arm,

throwing him into temporary shock. He managed to get back to his bomb sight and release bombs with his right hand. The minus 60 degree temperature kept him from bleeding to death. A shot of morphine by the navigator, Lt. C.L. **Fowler**, controlled the pain. Lt. **Counsell** was awarded the Silver Star medal for his heroic action in getting bombs away.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Mackin-Fielder</u> 038 - PFF			
		<u>McGilvray</u> 530		<u>Twomey</u> 125 - PFF	
	<u>Freeland</u> 945			<u>Davis</u> 621	
<u>White</u> 554		<u>Heckendorf</u> 316		<u>Dumont</u> 885	<u>Pursel</u> 689
	<u>Miller</u> 442			<u>Holm</u> 427	
<u>Freeman</u> 298		<u>McCutcheon</u> 503			
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Nose Art on B-17G #44-8125 Sparky 360BS PFF (PU-Y)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Mosel-Butler</u> 318		
		<u>App</u> 517	<u>Hatch</u> 563	
	<u>Stouse</u> 523			<u>Griggs</u> 311
<u>Arwood</u> 705		<u>Middlemas</u> 516	<u>Callahan</u> 763	<u>Gano</u> 248
	<u>Gravrock</u> 055			<u>Kallet</u> 451
<u>Stephan</u> 422		<u>Geiger</u> 544	_____	_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Reed-Lutz</u> 484		
		<u>Embrey</u> 944	<u>Proffitt</u> 309	
	<u>Carney</u> 608			<u>Caplinger</u> 411
<u>Haynes</u> 609		<u>Lorentz</u> 258	<u>Roberts</u> 600	<u>Ackerman</u> 057
	<u>Mickle</u> 502			<u>Chance</u> 878
<u>Frazier</u> 206		<u>Whitlock</u> 764	_____	_____
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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 #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

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 #43-38530 (No Name)

P	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
CP	Hopkins, Harry E., 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 #44-6503 *Lady Alta*

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	Foulk, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Kinsman, George R., S/Sgt

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

P	White, Franklin F., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
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

B-17G #44-8125 *Sparky* - PFF (360BS)

P	Twomey, John M., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James E., 2Lt
NAV	Wilson, Thomas E., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
BOM	McDade, Maurie S., 2Lt
ENG	Shaw, Vergil A., Sgt
RO	Bzik, Paul J., S/Sgt
TG	Hammond, Walter E., Sgt
WG	Martin, Jack E., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Freeland, Troit D., 1Lt
CP	Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV	Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG	Kedzierski, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG	Reimche, George K., S/Sgt
BT	Cerzosimo, Bernard P., S/Sgt

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

P	Heckendorf, Marvin H., 2Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Carnahan, Kenneth R., 2Lt
TOG	Weaver, Robert J., Sgt
ENG	Gallman, Hubert W., Sgt
WG	Barris, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Windle, Bill, Sgt
TG	Koerner, David M., Sgt
BT	Lary, Raymond W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38442 (No Name)

P	Miller, Campbell, 1Lt
CP	Snider, Harley D., 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., F/O
BOM	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
ENG	Work, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Kudder, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Ludington, Robert S., Sgt
WG	Wade, Murray W., Sgt
TG	Cox, Lyle H., Sgt

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

P	Mackin, George T., Maj
CP	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 2Lt
NAV	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., S/Sgt
WG	Pizzolato, Gasper, Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., S/Sgt
TG	Douglass, Earl B., 1Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #43-38878 (No Name)

P Chance, Arthur F., 1Lt
CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
TOG Goudy, William F., Sgt
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 #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 Kapczynski, Paul B., Sgt
TG Bailey, John R., 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

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

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 Cottrell, Bert, S/Sgt
TG Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG Peters, Arthur R., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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 #42-102484 Heller's Angel

P	Reed, John W., Capt
CP	Lutz, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Hammond, Raymond D., 1Lt
BOM	Stone, Leonard, 1Lt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Tognetti, Paul A., T/Sgt
BT	Zielinski, William J., Sgt
TG	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
WG	Angeloff, James P., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 Lucille

P	Carney, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Knolle, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Couch, William M., 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 #44-6309 Duchess' Granddaughter

P	Proffitt, John S., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 1Lt
NAV	Malerich, Earl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Finke, John C., 2Lt
ENG	Young, James W., Sgt
RO	Norris, Cornie, Jr., Sgt
BT	Bechtold, Robert E., Sgt
TG	O'Neal, Howard F., Sgt
WG	Rose, G.L., Sgt



JOHN S. PROFFITT, JR. CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 23 Oct 1944 - photo: 04 Dec 1944)

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Cornie Norris, Jr. (R), S/Sgt Robert E. Bechtold (WG),
S/Sgt Howard F. O'Neal (TG), S/Sgt G.L. Rose (WG), T/Sgt James W. Young (E)
(Front L-R) 1Lt John S. Proffitt, Jr. (P), 2Lt Maurice E. Ogborn (CP), 2Lt John C. Finke (B/N)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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 #43-38705 (No Name)

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

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

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 #42-102544 *Sack Time*

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

B-17G #44-6523 (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 #44-6516 *My Darling*

P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 2Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

P Hatch, Logan B., 2Lt
CP Holtorf, Ernest H., 2Lt
NAV Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM Friedlander, Henry, F/O
ENG Fuczka, Peter, Sgt
RO Broughton, Averell M., Jr., Sgt
BT Buchanan, Paul A., Sgt
TG Patterson, Charles A., Sgt
WG Free, Ennis B., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 Aloha

P Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
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 Kallet, Sidney, 2Lt
CP Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV McCarty, Mike D., 2Lt
BOM Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
ENG Lewis, William J., Sgt
RO Clarke, Frank W., Sgt
BT Macy, Edward J., Sgt
TG Terreri, Joseph, Sgt
WG Killelea, Raymond J., Sgt

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

P Mosel, Arnold, 1Lt
CP Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
NAV Shipp, Gene K., 1Lt
BOM Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt
ENG Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG Lovold, Ole, 2Lt
BT Crawford, Frank J., S/Sgt
WG Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt
WG Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt
PAS Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #43-38763 (No Name)

P	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
CP	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Ralph, William L., S/Sgt
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 #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

P	Davis, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Sayre, Dorwin D., 2Lt
NAV	Martin, Walter E., Jr., 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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P	Caplinger, Auston O., 1Lt
CP	Spruner, Donald L., 2Lt
NAV	Bober, Stanley, 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 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	Rogge, Richard W., 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

B-17G #44-6600 (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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Pursel, Stanley E., 2Lt
CP McClure, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Cecce, Joseph A., Jr., F/O
BOM Natoli, Sam J., 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 #42-39885 Sweet Rose O'Grady

P Dumont, Merrill, 1Lt
CP Raley, Stonewall J., 2Lt
NAV Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
BOM Price, John B., T/Sgt
TT Jones, Jesse T., Jr., T/Sgt
BT Hartog, Samuel S., Sgt
RO Scaglione, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG Delcher, Merlin S., S/Sgt
WG Plesinger, Michael J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

P Griggs, John C., 1Lt
CP Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM Rohner, William L., 1Lt
TT Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT Duffel, Robert L., S/Sgt
RO Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
WG Means, Henry H., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Schulz, Paul H., S/Sgt
YR Zimmerman, H.A., Sgt