

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 293

30 December 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Kaiserslautern, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 2 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 25,350, 24,400 & 26,150 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The 41st CBW primary target was the marshalling yards at Limburg, Germany, with the secondary target the marshalling yards at Kaiserslautern. No aircraft returned early.

In the target area, there were 9/10 to 10/10 middle clouds with tops at 10,000 to 13,000 feet, 2/10 to 4/10 thin high clouds at 18,000 to 19,000 feet, and light but fairly persistent contrails at 26,000 feet. Visual bombing was not possible and the secondary target was attacked using PFF equipment. Thirty-seven aircraft dropped 360 500-lb. H.E. M43 and 72 500-lb. M17 incendiaries from 25,350, 24,400 and 26,150 feet. Results were unobserved. Two aircraft jettisoned their bombs due to mechanical failures.

There was no enemy aircraft or anti-aircraft opposition. The 144 escorting P-51s provided good support on this "milk run" mission. There was no battle damage, no casualties, and all aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.



Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Rosser-Packard

44-8238 - PFF

Snider
191

McGilvray
065

Goodberlet
945

Garret
949

McLeod
427

Holm
554

Reid
248

McCutcheon
316

Woodson
530

Richter
311

Wertz
734

Greenbaum
38238



(No Name) #44-8238 (358BS) VK-Y

41st CBW-B Lead (358BS) - Pilot Capt S.E. Rosser / CoPilot Maj P.L.M. Packard
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Earl D. Metko (N), Capt Samuel E. Rosser (P), Maj Peter L.M. Packard (Hdqs)(CP),
 1Lt Michael L. Zarelli (GH-N), 1Lt William D. Sachau (B)
 (Front L-R) 2Lt Frederick C. Hower (TG-Obs), T/Sgt Ollice Z. Rowe (R),
 S/Sgt Norman W. Putney (WG), T/Sgt James M. O'Leary (E)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Kuykendall-Connelly
439 - PFF

	<u>Gravrock</u> 647	<u>Stiver</u> 532	
	<u>McCutchan</u> 523		
	<u>Fink</u> 318	<u>Geiger</u> 502	
<u>Schuchard</u> 516	<u>Kallet</u> 451	<u>Gano</u> 569	<u>Barrat</u> 763
	<u>St. Julien</u> 546	<u>Turinsky</u> 689	<u>Weaver</u> 860

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Kerwin-Clarke
137 - PFF

	<u>Stocks</u> 682	<u>Knudson</u> 309	
	<u>Embrey</u> 289		
	<u>Harding</u> 944	<u>Rogers</u> 878	
<u>Rybaltowski</u> 609	<u>Knutzen</u> 645	<u>Schlecht</u> 411	<u>McGinnis</u> 885
	<u>Bixby</u> 258	<u>Smith</u> 875	<u>Proffitt</u> 764

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><u>CREW POSITIONS</u> CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO) RCM - Radio Cntr Measures SJ - Spot Jammer</p> <p><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action</p>	<p>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</p>
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38065 *Princess Pat 2*

P	McGilvray, Richard L., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Fearn, Charles R., 2Lt
BOM	Conder, Bill F., 2Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
BT	Garza, David, Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., S/Sgt

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

P	Woodson, William H., 2Lt
CP	Lanigan, Harold A., F/O
NAV	Finn, Russell C., F/O
TOG	Cox, Lyle M., S/Sgt
ENG	Brown, Richard A., Sgt
WG	Riley, Lloyd S., Sgt
RO	Gramiak, Victor J., Sgt
BT	Burnette, R.L., Sgt
TG	Farrell, Peter J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Castillo, Joseph L.A., 2Lt
NAV	Magner, John H., Jr., F/O
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt
WG	Prudhoe, Charles E., Sgt
RO	Henson, Jessey B., Sgt
BT	Walczak, John, Sgt
TG	Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt

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

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 2Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Cotter, William J., Sgt
WG	Karash, Matthew J., Sgt
RO	Baloga, Stephen M., Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., Sgt

B-17G #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

P	McLeod, William S., 2Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
BOM	O'Donnell, Robert E., F/O
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, Sgt
WG	McGreevy, James, S/Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Morrin T., S/Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt

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

P	Holm, Maurice M., 1Lt
CP	Fletcher, Harold D., F/O
NAV	Howard, Paul A., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Edward A., 2Lt
ENG	Compton, M.C., T/Sgt
WG	Huck, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Dale, John A., T/Sgt
BT	Ebert, Preston P., S/Sgt
TG	Moran, George J., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	McCutcheon, George E., 1Lt
CP	Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Boland, Anthony J., 2Lt
TOG	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 #43-38238 (No Name)

P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
BOM	McCall, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Bruce, Leonard F., Sgt
TG	Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt
RO	Dalton, Denver, Sgt
BT	Dooley, Patrick, Sgt
WG	Armstrong, Henry L., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 Shasta

P	Snider, Harley D., 2Lt
CP	Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt
NAV	Celich, Nicholas J., 1Lt
BOM	Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
ENG	Work, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Kudder, Edward P., Sgt
RO	Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt
WG	Wade, Murray W., S/Sgt
TG	Mahan, Weldon T., Sgt
PAS	Elkins, Samuel, Sgt

B-17G #44-8238 (No Name) - PFF

P	Rosser, Samuel E., Capt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Maj
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 1Lt
NAV	Zarelli, Michael L., 1Lt
BOM	Sachau, William D., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt
WG	Putney, Norman W., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
BOM	McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt
ENG	Perlowitz, Murray A., Sgt
RO	Capps, Douglas M., Sgt
BT	Hollingsworth, Donald M., Sgt
TG	Reseigh, John R., Sgt
WG	Vitiritto, Joseph A., Sgt

B-17G #43-38878 (No Name)

P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Kraft, Arthur C., 2Lt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt
WG	Westfall, Byron D., Sgt

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

P	Harding, Lawrence T., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG	Otto, Kenneth, Jr., Sgt
ENG	O'Brien, William J., Sgt
RO	Cornelius, Russell B., Sgt
BT	Lammers, Roger G., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert O., Sgt
WG	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP	Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
TOG	Dittman, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	Robichaux, John B., S/Sgt
RO	Krumwiede, Leland J., Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., Sgt
WG	Erdody, Joseph, S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

P	Embrey, Henry C., 1Lt
CP	Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV	Albertson, Edward, F/O
BOM	Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt
ENG	Miller, Harry C., T/Sgt
RO	Zellar, Donald W., S/Sgt
BT	Duerr, Richard B., Sgt
TG	Gavin, William E., Sgt
WG	Peters, Arthur R., S/Sgt

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

P	Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
CP	Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt
NAV	Finke, John C., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38645 (No Name)

P	Knutzen, Owen A., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, Leroy P., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., Jr., Sgt
ENG	Klym, Michael, Sgt
RO	Jobe, Andrew K., Jr., Sgt
BT	Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG	Tarnava, Christopher, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-38682 (No Name)

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Anstrom, Ronald A., 2Lt
BOM	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Daniel, Nauphlet F., Sgt
WG	Curl, Lewis E., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #44-6309 Duchess' Granddaughter

P	Knudson, Darwin D., 2Lt
CP	Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, Roy P., 2Lt
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT	Vowels, Donovan K., Sgt
TG	McDonald, Billy L., Sgt
WG	Palm, Kenneth A., Sgt

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

P	Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
CP	Clarke, Loren M., F/O
NAV	Moon, Richard Y., 2Lt
NAV	Weil, Frank P., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert O., 2Lt
ENG	Gillespie, Norton A., T/Sgt
RO	Carman, Nolan W., T/Sgt
TG	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
WG	Wentz, Robert D., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	St. Julien, John D., 2Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 2Lt
NAV	Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt
BOM	Carney, Felix A., 2Lt
ENG	Mitchell, William E., Sgt
RO	Flanigan, John J., Sgt
BT	Farthing, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Evans, Marlin D., Sgt
WG	McLellan, Raymond L., Sgt

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

P	Weaver, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Polkabila, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Giancola, James V., S/Sgt
ENG	Murphy, Jason, Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
TG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
WG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt

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

P	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
CP	Armfield, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., Sgt
BT	Elliott, Richard D., Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

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

P	Kallet, Sidney, 1Lt
CP	Muth, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 2Lt
BOM	Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
ENG	Lewis, William J., S/Sgt
RO	Clarke, Frank W., S/Sgt
BT	Macy, Edward J., Sgt
TG	Terreri, Joseph, Sgt
WG	Killelea, Raymond J., Sgt

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

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
ENG	Kress, Richard H., T/Sgt
RO	Frey, Alan E., T/Sgt
BT	Scott, Howard E., S/Sgt
TG	Wherry, Robert E., S/Sgt
WG	Pearson, George D., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8647 (No Name)

P	Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
CP	White, Raymond E., 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
BOM	Flemmons, James C., 1Lt
ENG	Levine, Raymond, T/Sgt
RO	Engleman, George B., T/Sgt
BT	Relford, Robert, S/Sgt
TG	Hensle, Phillip W., Sgt
WG	Elliott, John C., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
BOM	Price, Kirkland T., S/Sgt
ENG	Stockman, Leonard G., S/Sgt
RO	Licht, Wilfred L., S/Sgt
BT	Wentz, Roland L., Sgt
TG	Germanine, Joseph R., Sgt
WG	Doctor, Gordon C., Sgt
VI	Brenner, Seymour, Sgt (427th)

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

P	Fink, Marvin P., 1Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
BOM	Dubin, Martin M., S/Sgt
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
	(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

P	Kuykendall, Roger L., 1Lt
CP	Connelly, Ben L., 1Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., 2Lt
NAV	O'Brien, William P., 2Lt (427th)
NAV	Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 1Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., T/Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., T/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., S/Sgt
WG	Alexander, John P., S/Sgt
TG	House, Frederick L., 2Lt

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

P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander, F/O
NAV	Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt
RO	Godley, Walter M., Sgt
BT	Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P McGinnis, Martin S., Capt
CP Doscher, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV Natoli, Sam J., 2Lt
BOM Simone, S.P., Sgt
TT Lyons, Robert J., S/Sgt
BT Beal, Donald L., Sgt
RO Muir, Keith R., T/Sgt
TG Stevenson, Lowell F., Sgt
WG Hamilton, Lois R., S/Sgt

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

P Turinsky, George, 2Lt
CP Shaughnessy, William J., F/O
NAV Witchey, Francis M., F/O
BOM Renaud, Robert K., Sgt
TT Wismer, Donald E., Sgt
BT Newman, Harold E., Sgt
RO Breedlove, Edwin N., T/Sgt
TG Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

P Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV Blessing, Gerald D., 2Lt
BOM Warner, Vester W., S/Sgt
TT Bates, Grover P., T/Sgt
BT Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO Kemmerer, Alfred G., Sgt
TG Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt
WG Vernon, James D., Sgt

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

P Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
BOM Karp, William T., Sgt
TT Reiss, Raymond F., Sgt
BT Linhart, Louis N., Sgt
RO Lazarowicz, Matthew, Sgt
TG Emerson, George H., Sgt
WG Link, Herbert D., Sgt

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

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

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

P Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP Ferrari, William J., 2Lt
NAV Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
TOG Hester, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
TT Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt
BT Ralphs, William L., S/Sgt
RO Hradisky, Joseph R., Sgt
TG Herod, William J., Sgt
WG Warburton, Arlis F., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38734 *Cheshire Cat*

P Wertz, Robert M., 1Lt
CP Durst, Melvin A., 2Lt
NAV Hitt, Kenneth S., F/O
BOM Leavell, Adelbert D., Jr., 2Lt
TT Warne, Ralph W., Sgt
BT Jensen, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO Giering, Edward J., Sgt
TG Bennett, Kenneth A., Sgt
WG Campbell, Walter C., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV Gardner, Edward W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Dohm, William F., F/O
TT Hardin, Joe A., Sgt
BT Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO Howell, Melvin, Sgt
TG Parker, George F., Sgt
WG Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

P Reid, Clair P., 2Lt
CP Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV Rogge, Richard W., 2Lt
BOM Price, John B., T/Sgt
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