

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 295

1 January 1945

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Kassel, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 52 minutes

Bomb Load: 5 x 1,000 lb H.E. M44 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,300, 23,200 & 24,400 ft

Ammo Fired: 2,020

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) aircraft were dispatched to attack an oil storage depot at Derben, Germany (visual). The visual secondary target was the marshalling yard at Gottingen, Germany, and the PFF secondary the Henschel and Sohn tank factory at Kassel, Germany. The last resort target was the marshalling yard at Limburg, Germany. No aircraft returned early.

All aircraft dropped 183 1,000-lb. H.E. M44 bombs and 10 units of leaflets on the marshalling yards at Kassel from 24,300, 23,200 and 24,400 feet. The primary and visual secondary targets were obscured by clouds. The bomb run was short, most of it cloud-



Snow covered Kassel, Germany

obscured. The actual aiming point could not be identified, so the marshalling yards became the target. Results were reported as excellent and one large explosion, believed to be an ammunition train, was spotted.

There was no enemy opposition. Friendly fighter support, consisting of 327 P-51s, was sporadic and not as good as usual. Moderate and

inaccurate anti-aircraft gunfire was encountered at Kassel and meager and accurate fire in the area around the battle lines. One 303rd BG(H) B-17 sustained major battle damage and seven, minor damage. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.

BOMB DIVISIONS REDESIGNATED AS AIR DIVISIONS

On 1 January 1945, the three Bombardment Divisions of the 8th Air Force were redesignated as "Air Divisions."

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Fletcher-Packard

495 - PFF

Richter
885

Rose
238 - PFF

Schlecht
411

Gano
597

Barrat
763

Aagesen
734

Heckendorf
316

McGinnis
099

Smith
248

Greenbaum
878

Garrett
311

Turinsky
875



(No Name) #44-8495 (427BS) PFF GN-Y
41st CBW-A (427BS) - Pilot Capt J.E. Fletcher / CoPilot Maj P.L.M. Packard

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Lutz-Clarke</u> 137 - PFF		
		<u>Embrey</u> 289		<u>Bixby</u> 258
			<u>Gates</u> 502	
		<u>Proffitt</u> 608		<u>Rybaltowski</u> 609
	<u>Knutzen</u> 944			<u>Grisham</u> 999
<u>Tasker</u> 645		<u>Bailey</u> 764		<u>Gobrecht</u> 191
	_____			<u>Stocks</u> 050
				<u>Woodson</u> 945

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Mosel-Schuchard</u> 125 - PFF		
		<u>Norris</u> 523		<u>Connelly</u> 318
			<u>Middlemas</u> 516	
		<u>Geiger</u> 544		<u>St. Julien</u> 860
	<u>McCutchan</u> 647			<u>Holm</u> 554
<u>Hardin</u> 672		<u>Fink</u> 532		<u>Poole</u> 949
	_____			<u>Weaver</u> 563
				<u>Gmernicki</u> 427

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 #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*

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	Poole, Lawrence E., 2Lt
CP	Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV	Birkenseer, Donald L., 2Lt
TOG	Smith, Donald P., Sgt
ENG	Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
WG	Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt
RO	Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT	Morrill, Charles K., Sgt
TG	Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
TOG	Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
ENG	Scheuermann, Edwin P., T/Sgt
BT	Loessin, Gerhard W., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Post, Harry R., T/Sgt
WG	Buie, Ben M., S/Sgt
TG	Willis, Arnold, Sgt

B-17G #43-38878 *(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 #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joseph C., F/O
WG	McClymont, John W., S/Sgt
ENG	Griffith, Elwood A., T/Sgt
RO	Calenberg, Raymond N., Sgt
BT	Greenberg, Bernard, Sgt
TG	Henn, Thomas A., 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	Johnson, Morrin T., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Heckendorf, Marvin H., 1Lt
CP Erickson, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV Goldstein, Sheldon, 1Lt
TOG Weaver, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG Gallman, Hubert W., T/Sgt
WG Barris, Robert L., Sgt
RO Windle, Bill, T/Sgt
TG Koerner, David M., Sgt
BT Lary, Raymond W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 Shasta

P Gobrecht, Harry D., 2Lt
CP Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
TOG Miller, Robert J., Sgt
ENG Benefield, Lenville H., Sgt
BT Mays, Thomas G., Sgt
RO Quick, Edgar H., Sgt
WG McGrory, William P., S/Sgt
TG Buske, Phillip R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

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
PAS Yates, Warren G., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Tasker, Richard E., 2Lt
CP	Francis, Angelito, 2Lt
NAV	Meadows, Clyde, F/O
BOM	McDonnell, John J., 2Lt
ENG	Toon, William D., Sgt
RO	Minnix, Glenn A., Sgt
BT	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt
TG	Driver, Arthur H., Sgt
WG	Van Ornum, Charles S., Sgt

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

P	Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
BOM	Johnson, David E., 2Lt
ENG	Muller, Carl A., Sgt
RO	Darden, Elwyn J., Sgt
BT	Geng, Donald F., Sgt
TG	McDonald, Billy L., Sgt
WG	McGuire, William E., Sgt

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

P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
BOM	Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt
ENG	Wysocki, Walter, Sgt
RO	Maurer, Charles E., Sgt
BT	Kapczynski, Paul P., Sgt
TG	Garlock, Stephen N., Jr., S/Sgt
WG	Wallis, Elton E., Sgt
Y	Hurlbutt, Carl R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 Lucille

P	Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
CP	Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt
TOG	McKinley, A.B., S/Sgt
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

B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird

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

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

P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Bixby, Kenneth E., 2Lt
CP Burns, James S., 2Lt
NAV Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
TOG Roberts, James P., 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 #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

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 #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P Embrey, Henry C., 1Lt
CP Sharp, Bryant M., 2Lt
NAV Malone, Roy P., 2Lt
BOM Dando, Charles 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 #44-8137 *(No Name)* - PFF

P Lutz, John R., 1Lt
CP Clarke, Loren M., F/O
NAV Carriere, Lawrence, F/O
MN Weil, Frank P., 2Lt
BOM Schulze, William A., 1Lt
ENG Candito, Christopher A., S/Sgt
RO Lovelock, Edward N., S/Sgt
TG Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
WG Bailey, John R., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	McCutchan, Eugene R., 1Lt
CP	Cambron, Richard H., 1Lt
NAV	Conard, Willard G., 2Lt
BOM	Valdes, George J., Sgt
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 #44-6516 My Darling

P	Middlemas, Arthur B., 1Lt
CP	Schultz, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Cooley, Royal D., 2Lt
BOM	Durfee, James R., S/Sgt
ENG	Marshall, Leroy H., Sgt
RO	Avenia, James J., Sgt
BT	Parrish, George K., S/Sgt
TG	Cranshaw, John A., S/Sgt
WG	Maurer, John L., S/Sgt

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

P	Norris, Loy R., 2Lt
CP	Jones, William E., Capt
NAV	Bays, Gordon C., 2Lt
BOM	Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., Sgt
TG	Ciezadlo, Eugene F., Sgt
WG	Marchionda, Guido P., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

P	Weaver, Jack W., 2Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Polkabra, 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 #42-102544 Sack Time

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
BOM	Dubin, Martin M., 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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Fink, Marvin P., 1Lt
CP	Reeves, Howard E., 2Lt
NAV	Hand, Robert A., 2Lt
BOM	Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt
ENG	Holder, Jack E., Sgt
RO	Dahl, Robert F., Sgt
BT	Crawford, Frank J., S/Sgt
TG	Garcia, Cyprian M., Sgt
WG	Albright, Richard M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38672 (No Name)

P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Brown, William W., 2Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
TOG	Driver, Henderson M., Jr., S/Sgt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Rohrer, Elbert R., Sgt
WG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Mosel, Arnold, 1Lt
CP	Schuchard, Virgil R., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., 2Lt
NAV	Wilson, Thomas E., 1Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 1Lt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
BT	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt
WG	Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt
TG	Moody, William S., 2Lt



THOMAS H. HARDIN JR. CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 02 Oct 1944)

(Back L-R) Cpl Elbert R. Rohrer (TG), 1Lt Thomas H. Hardin, Jr. (P), 2Lt William W. Brown (CP),
2Lt George E. Hiebeler, Jr. (N) - (Front L-R) T/Sgt Stanley Mikulich (E), S/Sgt Raymond H. Kasper (R),
Sgt Paul V. Sersland (WG), Sgt Harvey N. Kaber (BT), S/Sgt Henderson M. Driver, Jr. (TOG)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	McGinnis, Martin S., Capt
CP	Doscher, Frederick C., 2Lt
NAV	McMahon, William F., 2Lt
BOM	Ganson, Howard H., S/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 #43-38763 (*No Name*)

P	Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, 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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

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 #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Russo, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Nazarian, John K., 2Lt
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 #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
NAV	Illgen, Frederick J., Maj
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt
BT	Hartog, Samuel S., S/Sgt
RO	Hradiskey, Joseph R., Sgt
TG	Herod, William J., Sgt
WG	Warburton, Arlis F., Sgt

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

P	Aagesen, Donald C., 2Lt
CP	McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
NAV	Minnis, Karl, 2Lt
BOM	Gray, Paul A., Sgt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., Sgt
BT	Calderon, Reuben J., Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., Sgt
TG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
WG	Karr, Leslie E., S/Sgt

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

P	Rose, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Cornyn, T. John, 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 1Lt
MN	Gibson, ??, 2Lt
BOM	Lewis, Willard L., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Dyson, Flake S., S/Sgt
BT	Brinkley, Lynn M., S/Sgt
RO	Scaglione, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Hester, Lloyd D., S/Sgt
WG	Cottle, Clyde J., Jr., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8495 (No Name) - PFF

P	Fletcher, John E., Capt
CP	Packard, Peter L.M., Maj
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 1Lt
NAV	Neubert, Marshall A., Capt
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., F/O
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., 1Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
WG	Rogers, Norman F., S/Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., S/Sgt