

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 298A

6 January 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Cologne (Köln), Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 1,000 lb H.E. M44 & 2 x 2,000 lb H.E. M34 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,100, 23,800, and 24,100 ft

Ammo Fired: 400 rounds

The Cologne marshalling yards again were the target of the 303BG(H). The visual of GEE-H primary target was a railroad bridge at Cologne and the secondary PFF target was the Kalk-Kord marshalling yards. The last resort was any military objective not prohibited by existing instructions. One aircraft experienced mechanical problems and returned early: #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*, 427BS (Lt. **Eisenhart**).

Thirty-eight B-17s dropped 74 2,000-lb. H.E. M34 and 74 1,000-lb. H.E. M44 bombs and 10 units of leaflets on the secondary target from 24,100, 23,800 and 24,100 feet by PFF. Thin, persistent contrails existed at 24,000 feet, but became moderate at 25,000 feet. A solid 10/10 undercast with tops at 12,000 feet prohibited viewing the bombing results. The GEE-H equipment failed on the bomb run.

There was no enemy aircraft opposition and 219 P-51s provided good escort support. Flak was meager and inaccurate and there was no damage or casualties. The Scouting Force reports were accurate and on time. Two GEE-H Fortresses were loaned to other Groups:

#44-8351, 358BS — to the 92BG at Poddington with 2Lt. **Carnahan**.

#44-8495, 427BS — to the 306BG at Thurleigh with 2Lt. **Quinlan**.



360th Bombardment Squadron Armament Section

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Fontana-Duffield

125 - PFF

Johnson

861

Gravrock

137 - PFF

Kallet

516

Stiver

842

St. Julien

318

Geiger

544

Gates

058

Arwood

532

Hardin

546

Rybaltowski

206

O'Donnell

050

Fink

517



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

41st CBW-B Lead (360BS) - Pilot Capt B.C. Fontana / CoPilot 1Lt R.B. Duffield

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Wallace-O'Leary
281

Reed
006 Rose
166

Richter
569

Smith
875 Eisenhart
597

Schlecht
248 Knudson
608

Wertz
763 Barrat
689 Rogers
878 Stocks
682

Aagesen
734

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Fielder-Dorsett
999

Milman
530 Goering
945

Goodberlet
949

McLeod
238 Gordon
316

Grisham
065 Holmes
645

Greenbaum
191 Gmernicki
427 Harding
944 Bailey
764

Gobrecht
590

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	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
	RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action		

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Grisham, Rufus W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Cox, William H., 2Lt
NAV	Hartel, Gale E., 2Lt
TOG	Cox, Lyle 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 #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

P	Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil F., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, William M., 2Lt
BOM	Guerrieri, Joe 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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

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

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

P	McLeod, William S., 2Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Weaver, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, Sgt
WG	Reece, Robert H., T/Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Houseman, Clarence W., S/Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Brown, James L., S/Sgt
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 #42-102945 *Sweet Pea*

P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Thompson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, 2Lt
BOM	McCall, John W., 1Lt
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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
BOM Chambers, Rex, 2Lt
ENG Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
WG Ready, William C., Sgt
RO Noble, Neal W., Sgt
BT Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 Emma

P Fielder, George H., 1Lt
CP Dorsett, John D., 2Lt
NAV Hansen, Heber D., 1Lt
BOM Sachau, William D., 1Lt
ENG Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
WG Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
RO Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
BT Morrill, Charles K., Sgt
TG Hower, Frederick D., 2Lt

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

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 #44-6316 (No Name)

P Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
CP Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
NAV Celich, Nicholas J., 2Lt
TOG Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG Middleton, James C., Sgt
RO Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT Carter, William J., Sgt
TG Grigger, Richard S., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
TOG	Roberts, James P., Sgt
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 #43-38608 Lucille

P	Knudson, Darwin D., 2Lt
CP	Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV	Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., Sgt
ENG	Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., Sgt
TG	Kayrallah, Emil, S/Sgt
WG	Palm, Kenneth A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97058 Scorchy II

P	Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Meadows, Clyde, F/O
TOG	McKinley, A.B., T/Sgt
ENG	Wysocki, Walter, S/Sgt
RO	Maurer, Charles E., S/Sgt
BT	Kapozynski, Paul B., S/Sgt
TG	Erdody, Joseph, S/Sgt
WG	Wallis, Elton E., S/Sgt

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Anstrom, Ronald A., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Daniel, Nauphlet F., Sgt
WG	Curl, Lewis E., Sgt

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

P	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Albertson, Edward, F/O
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT	Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt
TG	Bartkowski, Edward L., Sgt
WG	Bates, Roger K., S/Sgt

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

P	Harding, Lawrence T., 2Lt
CP	Force, James G., 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG	Otto, Kenneth, Jr., Sgt
ENG	O'Brien, William J., Sgt
RO	Cornelius, Russell B., Sgt
BT	Muchmore, Gale F., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert O., Sgt
WG	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
TOG Zielinski, William J., S/Sgt
ENG Muller, Carl A., Sgt
RO Darden, Elwyn J., Sgt
BT Geng, Donald F., Sgt
TG Eckert, Merle W., Sgt
WG McGuire, William E., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird

P O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP Goulding, Traymun D., 2Lt
NAV Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
BOM Crawford, Raymond C., 2Lt
ENG Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
BT Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt
TG Hoffman, George F., Sgt
WG Redhage, Louis H., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 Old Black Magic

P Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV Jones, Clayton C., 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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P	Geiger, James E., 2Lt
CP	Telford, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
BOM	Odegaard, Duane J., 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

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

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 #44-6517 *Old Cock*

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

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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

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

P	Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., Sgt
RO	Curry, Paul A., T/Sgt
BT	Hulterstrum, Joseph F., Sgt
TG	Sanchez, Crespín E., Sgt
WG	Linn, James B., Sgt

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

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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Gravrock, Howard C., 1Lt
CP	Losiewicz, Benjamin, 2Lt
NAV	Klanian, Charles S., 2Lt
NAV	Buckner, James C., 2Lt (358th)
BOM	Hackler, Maurice G., 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

B-17G #42-97861 Iza Vailable III

P	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
CP	Statton, Roy F., 2Lt
NAV	Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
BOM	Woods, Heiber J., Sgt
ENG	Rhodes, William H., Sgt
RO	Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
BT	Koci, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Mooney, Marion M., Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38842 (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	Johnson, David T., S/sgt
WG	Miller, Donald E., Sgt
VI	Elkin, Samuel, Sgt (427th)

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Fontana, Bernard C., Capt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 1Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 1Lt
MN	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
GH	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
BOM	Flemmons, James C., 1Lt
ENG	Perry, Robert N., T/Sgt
RO	King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
TG	Lovell, Brook H., 1Lt
WG	Weems, Thomas L., S/Sgt
WG	Peterson, Robert E., Sgt



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427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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 #44-6006 (No Name)

P	Reed, Louis E., 2Lt
CP	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
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	Sears, William A., Sgt

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

P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Russo, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 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 #43-38689 (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 #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

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

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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 #44-6166 *The Red*

P	Rose, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Cornyn, T. John, 2Lt
NAV	Jenkins, John I., 1Lt
BOM	Nazarian, John K., 2Lt
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
Y	Brenner, Seymour, Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Wallace, Walstein W., 1Lt
CP	O'Leary, James W., 1Lt
NAV	Kacere, Michael J., 1Lt
BOM	Lyda, Robert E., 2Lt
TT	Kernodle, John T., S/Sgt
RO	Mittell, Phillip P., T/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., T/Sgt
TG	Bean, John R., 2Lt
WG	DeCicco, Frank C., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Eisenhart, Oliver T., 2Lt
CP	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM	Cohen, Leonard, F/O
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt
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