

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 308

28 January 1945

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Cologne, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 13

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 32 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 24,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 580 rounds

The Cologne (Köln), Germany marshalling yards, which supplied the German front line troops, was the target for a small 303rd BG (H) force of 13 Fortresses (visual, GEE-H, or PFF). The last resort was an airfield at Lippstadt, Germany.

The high Squadron of the 41st CBW-B formations dropped 130 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs on the primary by GEE-H equipment from 24,000 feet with poor reported results. The largest concentration of bombs hit between the marshalling yard and the river.

Friendly fighter support by 69 1st AD P-51s was good and no enemy aircraft were spotted. Flak was moderate to intense and fairly accurate in the target area. Four aircraft sustained major and five, minor battle damage. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.



Bombed out bridge near the beautiful Cologne Cathedral.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Fielder-Goering</u> 351 - PFF		
	<u>Snider</u> 065		<u>Gmernicki</u> 462	
		<u>Arwood</u> 451		
	<u>Armfield</u> 544		<u>Statton</u> 842	
	<u>Schlecht</u> 411			<u>Bailey</u> 609
<u>Barrat</u> 763		<u>Demian</u> 248	<u>Tilsen</u> 619	<u>O'Donnell</u> 050
			<u>Proffitt</u> 206	



Nose Art on B-17G #42-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders* 358BS (VK-1)

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>CREW POSITIONS</p> <p>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>RESULTS OF MISSION</p> <p>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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P Gmernicki, Richard H., 1Lt
 CP Judd, Chester G., 2Lt
 NAV Jones, William M., 2Lt
 TOG Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
 WG McClymont, John W., S/Sgt
 ENG Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
 RO Calenberg, Raymond N., Sgt
 BT Greenberg, Bernard, Sgt
 TG Mogusar, John F., Sgt

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

P Snider, Harley D., 1Lt
 CP Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt
 NAV Fearn, Charles A., 2Lt
 BOM Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
 ENG Work, John R., T/Sgt
 WG Kudder, Edward P., Sgt
 RO Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt
 WG Wade, Murray W., S/Sgt
 TG Smith, Gardner B., S/Sgt
 PAS Conrad, Joseph, T/Sgt (Hqtr)

B-17G #44-8351 (No Name) - PFF

P Fielder, George H., 1Lt
 CP Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
 NAV Hansen, Heber D., 1Lt
 MN Buckner, James C., 2Lt
 GHN Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
 BOM Sachau, William D., 1Lt
 ENG Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
 WG Cox, Lyle M., T/Sgt
 RO Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
 TG Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38619 (No Name)

P Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
 CP McDowell, James B., 2Lt
 NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
 ENG Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
 RO Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
 BT Hendon, William G., Sgt
 TG Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
 WG Cassino, Julian R., Sgt

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

P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
 CP Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt
 NAV Finke, John C., 2Lt
 TOG McKinley, A.B., T/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

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

P Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
 CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
 NAV Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
 TOG Connor, Joseph C., T/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
 TOG Roberts, James P., S/Sgt
 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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Armfield, John M., 2Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
TOG	Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., Sgt
TG	Ciezadlo, Eugene F., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

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

P	Arwood, Joe B., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV	Fowler, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
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 #43-38842 (*No Name*)

P	Statton, Roy F., 2Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
NAV	Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
TOG	Woods, Heiber J., Sgt
ENG	Rhodes, William H., Sgt
RO	Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
BT	Miller, Donald E., S/Sgt
TG	Carter, James O., Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
VI	Taylor, Walter H., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

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

P	Demian, Julius C., F/O
CP	Weatherby, Earl R., F/O
NAV	Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
BOM	Rubins, William R., F/O
TT	Leach, Harry L., Sgt
BT	Wilson, Alfred D., Sgt
RO	Lombardi, Donato J., Sgt
TG	Buford, Thomas A., Sgt
WG	Ross, Joseph M., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Barrat, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Harvey, Dean, 2Lt
NAV	Best, Shirl P., F/O
TOG	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