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

Fielder-Goering
351 - PFF

Snider 065 | **Gmernicki** 462

Arwood
451

Armfield 544 | **Statton** 842

Schlecht 411 | **Bailey** 609

Barrat 763 | **Demian** 248 | **Tilsen** 619 | **O'Donnell** 050

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

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS	TOG - Togglier	PAS - Passenger	POW - Prisoner of war
CMP - Command Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	PHO - Photographer	DOW - Died of wounds
P - Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO)	EVD - Evaded the enemy
CP - Co-Pilot	TG - Tail Gunner	RCM - Radio Cntr Measures	REP - Repatriated
NAV - Navigator	WG - Waist Gunner	SJ - Spot Jammer	RES - Rescued
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	LWG - Left Waist Gunner		ESC - Escaped
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	**RESULTS OF MISSION**	BO - Bailed out
ENG - Engineer	GUN - Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	DCH - Ditched
BOM - Bombardier	VI - Voice Interpreter	WIA - Wounded in action	CR-L - Crashed on land
RO - Radio Operator	OBS - Observer	MIA - Missing in action	CR-S - Crashed at sea

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, Crespin 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