

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 317

19 February 1945

Target: Coking Plant at Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Crewmen Wounded or Lost: 1 KIA

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb RDX M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,700, 25,400, & 26,700 ft

Ammo Fired: 850 rounds

Captain Harold L. **Stouse**, flying in #44-8552 (*No Name*), 360BS, returned early due to mechanical problems. 1Lt Jack W. **Weaver** in #43-38451 took over the lead of the high 360BS formation when Capt. **Stouse** left.

Thirty-eight aircraft were dispatched to bomb the Gelsenkirchen coking plant (visual or GEE-H). The secondary target was the marshalling yard at Munster (visual or PFF), with no assigned last resort target.

In the target area there were 9/10 low clouds with tops at 5,000 to 6,000 feet. For a welcome change, there were no contrails at the bombing altitude. Thirty-six Fortresses dropped 414 500-lb. RDX M43 bombs and 10 units of leaflets from 26,700, 25,400 and 26,700 feet. Bombing was by GEE-H through solid undercast with unobserved results. One B-17 jettisoned its bombs.



American National Cemetery at Cambridge, England

Fighter support by 91 P-51s was fairly good. There was no enemy air opposition. Flak was encountered in the target area. It was moderate and accurate for the lead and low Squadrons and inaccurate for the high. Four aircraft sustained major battle damage and fourteen received minor damage. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.

Sergeant Winston C. **Teter**, waist gunner on 2Lt Wilfred M. **Walder's** crew,

on his fourth mission, was killed in action in #42-39885, *Sweet Rose O'Grady*, 427BS. He was buried at the American National Cemetery at Cambridge, England.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Sirany-Bailey
537 - PFF

Richeson
309

Holmes
038 - PFF

Rogers
645

O'Donnell
608

Moore
875

Bixby
883

Gobrecht
590

Call
289

Stocks
609

Greenbaum
191

Perkins
427

Tarvid
734



B-17G #44-8564 (No Name) 359BS PFF (BN-Z)
41st CBW-B Lead (359BS) - Pilot Capt G.R. Sirany / CoPilot 2Lt J.W. Bailey

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Stouse-Mosel
552 - PFF

<u>Weaver</u> 451	<u>App</u> 563	<u>Fowler</u> 860	
<u>Bentley</u> 870		<u>Austin</u> 532	
<u>Armfield</u> 516		<u>Goodberlet</u> 238	
<u>Moody</u> 842	<u>Schuchard</u> 523	<u>Greene</u> 949	<u>Nester</u> 316
		<u>Holtorf</u> 517	



ROBERT R. FOWLER CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 30 Jan 1945)

(Back L-R) F/O George A. Sarkis (N), 2Lt Kenneth L. Boyles (CP), 2Lt Robert R. Fowler (P),
Sgt William P. Jones (WG) - (Front L-R) Sgt Walter F. Ahland (R), Sgt Lowell E. Bice (TOG),
Sgt Rudolph M. Henager (BT), S/Sgt Emil M. Bryson (E)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Ashwell-Aagesen</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>Grob</u> 621		<u>Reid</u> 281	
		<u>Schlecht</u> 977		
	<u>Walder</u> 885		<u>Kahler</u> 411	
<u>Smith</u> 921				<u>Walker</u> 096
<u>Richardson</u> 763	<u>Demian</u> 248		<u>Turinsky</u> 311	<u>Leach</u> 160



WILFRED M. WALDER, JR CREW - 427th BS
 (crew assigned 427BS: 30 Jan 1945 - photo: 19 March 1945)
 Photo taken one month following the death of Sgt Teter.

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 #43-39096 *Sky Demon*

P	Walker, Barton F., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
TOG	Magyar, Frank, Sgt
ENG	Wilhelm, Raymond G., Sgt
BT	Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
RO	Jasut, Stanley, Sgt
WG	Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt
TG	Massey, Ray N., Sgt

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

P	Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP	Craig, Fred, 2Lt
NAV	Rainey, John L., 2Lt
BOM	Kuester, Edward F., 2Lt
ENG	Kappardaki, Kermit P., Sgt
WG	Jones, James P., Sgt
RO	Strouse, Jacob J., Sgt
BT	Bovey, Charles D., Sgt
TG	Edleman, Robert W., Sgt

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

P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Williams, Ira J., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

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

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 2Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
TOG	Brown, James L., T/Sgt
ENG	Cotter, William J., T/Sgt
WG	Ready, William C., Sgt
RO	LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., S/Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt
SJ	Morrill, Charles K., Sgt

B-17G #43-39160 *G for George*

P	Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP	Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Triebes, Earl E., 2Lt
TOG	Psota, John W., Sgt
ENG	Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
WG	Roberts, Thomas M., Sgt
RO	Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG	Sulley, Oda F., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
NAV	Wallace, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles F., S/Sgt
WG	Partsch, Warren L., Sgt
RO	Little, Gerald G., Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt

B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
TOG	Miller, Robert J., S/Sgt
ENG	Benefield, Lenville H., S/Sgt
WG	Mays, Thomas G., Sgt
RO	Quick, Edgar H., S/Sgt
BT	Garza, David, S/Sgt
TG	Buske, Phillip R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Greenbaum, Richard D., 2Lt
CP	Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Nicastro, John J., F/O
TOG	Stevenson, John L., T/Sgt
ENG	Bruce, Leonard F., T/Sgt
TG	Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt
RO	Dalton, Denver, Sgt
BT	Dooley, Patrick, Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-8734 *Hell's Cargo*

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
TOG Zielinski, William J., T/Sgt
ENG Jenkins, Maurice L., Sgt
RO Root, Carmen W., Sgt
BT Muchmore, Gale F., Sgt
TG Dimick, Richard D., Sgt
WG Carlson, Dale H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P Moore, Thomas L., 2Lt
CP Barnett, James M., 2Lt
NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG Weise, William A., Jr., Sgt
ENG Ogurchak, Joseph T., Sgt
RO Brookstra, William A., Sgt
BT Kohan, Frederick, Sgt
TG Pesta, Clarence A., Sgt
WG Jeandrevin, Robert R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38883 *Lady Beth*

P Bixby, Kenneth E., 1Lt
CP Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
BOM Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG Robichaux, John B., T/Sgt
RO Krumwiede, Leland J., S/Sgt
BT Reese, Dale G., S/Sgt
TG Peters, John W., S/Sgt
WG McDonald, Billy L., Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*

P Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
TOG Bengel, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
BT Kelley, Francis H., Sgt
TG Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

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

P Rogers, Clem W., 2Lt
CP Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV Albertson, Edward, F/O
BOM Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
ENG Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO Wysocki, John F., Sgt
BT Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG Westfall, Byron D., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
BOM Mieslich, Morris, F/O
ENG Myers, Ernest L., Sgt
RO Sussman, Martin, Sgt
BT Hager, Mark I., Sgt
TG Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
WG Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., S/Sgt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
WG	Cassino, Julian R., Sgt
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 Lucille

P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, Bernard J., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
ENG	Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO	Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
BT	Geumer, Billy A., Sgt
TG	Hoffman, George F., Sgt
WG	Redhage, Louis H., Sgt
SJ	Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF

P	Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
GHN	Gadbois, Norman C., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert C., 1Lt
ENG	Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO	Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT	Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt
WG	Walling, Glenn R., Sgt

B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts - PFF

P	Sirany, George R., Capt
CP	Bailey, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt
MN	Weil, Frank P., 1Lt
GHN	Quinlan, Thomas E., 1Lt
BOM	Schulze, William A., 1Lt
ENG	Sherrill, Elliotte W., T/Sgt
RO	Deen, Oscar A., T/Sgt
TG	Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
WG	Ipsen, Allen L., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
TOG	Valdes, George J., S/Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., Sgt
BT	Crawford, Frank J., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., Sgt

B-17G #43-38870 (No Name)

P	Bentley, Andrew K., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt
NAV	Dwyer, Marion J., 2Lt
BOM	West, Albert G., F/O
ENG	Fleming, James A., Sgt
RO	Kirtner, Billy L., S/Sgt
BT	Beckman, Charles W., Sgt
TG	Moore, Bill A., Sgt
WG	Mulqueen, John J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
BOM	Dee, Martin R., 2Lt
ENG	Leach, Norman E., T/Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., T/Sgt
BT	Brady, Gene F., S/Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., Sgt
WG	Polaski, Duane L., S/Sgt

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

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
BOM	Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt
WG	Stuckey, Edward C., Sgt

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

P	Fowler, Robert R., 2Lt
CP	Boyles, Kenneth L., 2Lt
NAV	Sarkis, George A., F/O
TOG	Bice, Lowell E., Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., S/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., Sgt
TG	King, Marvin O., Sgt
WG	Jones, William P., Sgt

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

P	Schuchard, Virgil R., 1Lt
CP	Shields, Emerson H., 2Lt
NAV	Young, Charles C., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Weise, Gerald W., 2Lt
ENG	Brian, Carville J., Sgt
RO	Prestage, John L., Sgt
BT	Hebert, Nolan, Sgt
TG	Hansen, Calvin K., Sgt
WG	Moren, Owen W., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38842 (No Name)

P	Moody, William S., 1Lt
CP	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neil, James B., 2Lt
BOM	Runnels, Billy L., 2Lt
ENG	Bratcher, Francis E., Sgt
RO	Foster, Lane, Sgt
BT	Reynolds, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Garbarino, Louis V., Jr., Sgt
WG	Mooneyham, Clarence, Jr., Sgt
	(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #44-6517 Old Cock

P	Holtorf, Ernest H., 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
NAV	Rinish, James M., F/O
BOM	Bachhuber, Raymond A., 2Lt
ENG	Reed, Richard S., Sgt
RO	Snell, John K., Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Dean D., Sgt
TG	Edwards, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Faulkner, Leroy, Sgt
VI	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt

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

P	Weaver, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Polkabila, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 1Lt
ENG	Murphy, Jason, S/Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., S/Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
WG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
TG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt
VI	Brody, John J., Sgt (427th)

B-17G #44-8552 (No Name) - PFF

P	Stouse, Harold L., Capt
CP	Mosel, Arnold, Capt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 1Lt
PFF	Gibson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 1Lt
ENG	Conley Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Curry, Paul A., T/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt
WG	Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6977 *Better Do'er*

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt
BOM	Rubins, William R., F/O
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
TOG	Ross, Joseph M., Jr., Sgt
TT	Leach, Harry L., Sgt
BT	Wilson, Alfred D., Sgt
RO	Lombardi, Donato J., Sgt
TG	Buford, Thomas A., Sgt
WG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt

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

P	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
CP	Shaughnessy, William J., F/O
NAV	Witchey, Francis M., F/O
TOG	Renaud, Robert K., Sgt
TT	Wismer, Donald E., S/Sgt
BT	Newman, Harold E., Sgt
RO	Elling, Myron A., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

P	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
NAV	Wolansky, John, 2Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Engelhardt, Roy H., Sgt
BT	Doles, David, Jr., Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt
WG	Teter, Winston C., Sgt

KIA

B-17G #44-6921 (*No Name*)

P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Brown, Thomas P., Sgt
TT	Warner, Vester W., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
TG	Calderon, Reuben J., Sgt
WG	Dusliere, Albert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Reid, Clair P., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Russo, William D., 1Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 2Lt
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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
TOG	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt
WG	Sears, William A., S/Sgt
SJ	Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt

B-17G #44-8545 (No Name) - PFF

P	Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
CP	Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt
NAV	Rogge, Richard W., 1Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., 2Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., S/Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., S/Sgt
TG	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
WG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
WG	Vuksinich, Louis F., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38621 50 Ragged

P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Bean, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt
BOM	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT	Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt
WG	Allen, Herrold E., Sgt
SJ	Ladd, John M., Sgt

B-17G #42-102411 Miss Lace

P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Wolski, Walter S., Sgt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt