

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 319

21 February 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Nurnberg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 5 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 5 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 23,800, 23,900 & 25,250 ft

Ammo Fired: 480 rounds

Nurnberg, Germany, was targeted for the second consecutive day — the primary was a tank factory (visual), and the secondary, the marshalling yard (PFF). The last resort was the Ulm, Germany marshalling yard. The Scouter aircraft pilot was Major Robert W. **Sheets** (CO 427BS). The weather aircraft was flown by Captain Nelson B. **O'Beirne**. Lt. Wilfred M. **Walder**, Jr. in #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*, 427BS, returned early with a runaway prop.



Thirty-eight Forts dropped 185 500-lb. H.E. M43, 185 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs, and 10 units of leaflets on the secondary target. Bombing was by PFF from 23,800, 23,900 and 25,250 feet by PFF through a solid undercast. Results could not be observed. In the target area there were 8/10 to 10/10 thin middle clouds with tops at 8,000 to 10,000 feet, up to 3/10 high clouds at 26,000 to 28,000 feet, and moderate, non-persistent contrails.

There was no enemy opposition and support by 184 P-51s was good. Flak was meager to moderate at the target and very inaccurate. Although there was meager fire at the battle line on the route out from the target, no aircraft sustained battle damage. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth and there were no casualties.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Haynes-Mauger
564 - PFF

Harding Knudson
891 734

Fravel
883

Towne O'Donnell
127 875

Rogers Armfield
609 544

Beasley Stocks Tyler Armfield Lacker
608 645 516 544 523

Tarvid
289



HARVEY E. TOWNE CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 30 Jan 1945 - photo: Jan 1945)

(Back L-R) T/Sgt Arthur Dritz (WG), 1Lt Harvey E. Towne (P), 2Lt Warren K. Ligaard (CP),
2Lt Lt Alonzo M. West, III (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Wallace K. Taylor (WG),
Sgt Lewis W. McCurdy (TG), Sgt Allen B. Syler (BT), Sgt Thomas Fiore (R)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Fletcher-Roberts
038 - PFF

Grob
011

Reid
545 - PFF

Petersen
763

Walder
311

Kahler
281

Schlecht
977

Statton
563

Demian
248

Richardson
937

Austin
546

Edmunds
672

Turinsky
921



B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) PFF 427BS (GN-Z)
41st CBW-C Lead (427BS) - Pilot Capt J.E. Fletcher / CoPilot 1Lt I.J. Roberts

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Fielder-Dorsett</u> 568 - PFF		
	<u>Milman</u> 096		<u>McKimmie</u> 006	
		<u>Goodberlet</u> 554		
	<u>Greene</u> 949		<u>Perkins</u> 427	
	<u>Gobrecht</u> 462			<u>App</u> 050
<u>Garrett</u> 191		<u>Nester</u> 316	<u>Bentley</u> 870	<u>Shields</u> 532
			<u>McLeod</u> 885	



*S/Sgt Murray Pearl (top) the 359th BS
"Waker-Upper" with 359th radio
operator Seymour Cohen*

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>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</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 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 #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	Magyar, Frank, 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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Robert J., S/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 #44-6006 (No Name)

P	McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Harold S., F/O
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Lenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Cotter, William J., T/Sgt
WG	Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
RO	LaPerch, William J., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., S/Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-39096 *Sky Demon*

P	Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Hudler, Billie E., Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT	Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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
SJ	Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

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

P	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Stevenson, John L., T/Sgt
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, Sgt
WG	Rafferty, William A., Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
TOG	Prudhoe, Charles E., S/Sgt
ENG	Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt
TG	Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Henson, Jessey B., Sgt
BT	Walczak, John, Sgt
WG	Frazier, Victor L., S/Sgt
PAS	Elkins, Samuel, S/Sgt (427th)

B-17G #44-8568 (*No Name*) - PFF

P	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
CP	Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
WG	Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
TG	Hower, Frederick C., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
BOM Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
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 #43-38883 *Lady Beth*

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
BOM Mieslich, Morris, F/O
ENG Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
BT Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
TOG Fogle, Jerome W., 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

B-17G #43-38891 *Blues in the Night*

P Harding, Lawrence T., 1Lt
CP Force, James G., 2Lt
NAV Garvey, Richard J., 2Lt
TOG Otto, Kenneth, Jr., S/Sgt
ENG O'Brien, William J., S/Sgt
RO Cornelius, Russell B., S/Sgt
BT Lammers, Roger G., Sgt
TG Johnson, Robert O., Sgt
WG Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

P Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
TOG Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO Fiore, John, Sgt
BT Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG Hollingsworth, Donald M., S/Sgt
WG Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8564 (No Name) - PFF

P Haynes, Charles D., 1Lt
CP Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
NAV Moon, Richard Y., 2Lt
MN Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
BOM Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG Sherrill, Elliotte W., T/Sgt
RO Deen, Oscar A., T/Sgt
TG Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
WG Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille*

P Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP Rich, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
BOM Mabary, George D.L., F/O
ENG Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt
RO Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
BT Thomas, David W., Sgt
TG Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
WG Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt
RCM Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

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

P Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt
CP Heitman, David E., 2Lt
NAV Davis, Daryl W., 2Lt
BOM Johnson, David E., 2Lt
ENG Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt
RO Jones, Walter N., Jr., Sgt
BT Schilling, Lawrence E., Sgt
TG McDonald, Billy L., Sgt
WG Young, James W., T/Sgt

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

P Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
CP Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt
ENG Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO Wysocki, John F., Sgt
BT Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt
WG Westfall, Byron D., Sgt
RCM Haley, James W., Sgt

B-17G #43-39127 (No Name)

P Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
CP Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt
NAV West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt
BOM Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG Dritz, Arthur, Sgt
RO Fiore, Thomas, Sgt
BT Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG Walling, Glenn R., Sgt
WG Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
TOG	Odegaard, Duane J., S/Sgt
ENG	Power, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt
WG	Goggin, Edward F., S/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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
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	Shields, Emerson H., 2Lt
CP	Hamm, John, 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

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

P	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Ralph L., 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

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

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	Hulterstrum, Joseph P., S/Sgt
TG	Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
CP Hamm, Burwell J., 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

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

P Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG Driver, Henderson M., S/Sgt
ENG Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO Polo, Matthew N., Sgt
BT Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt
WG King, Raymond H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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
VI Hassler, Paul H., S/Sgt (427th)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., S/Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt
RO	Hradisky, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Herod, William J., S/Sgt
WG	Warburton, Arlis F., S/Sgt

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

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	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, 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 #42-97281 *Queenie*

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	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

B-17G #44-6937 *El Sereano*

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., Sgt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., T/Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Ellings, Myron A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt
WG	Vernon, James D., Sgt

B-17G #43-39011 *(No Name)*

P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., T/Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt

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

P	Reid, Clair P., 1Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, F/O
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O (360th)
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 1Lt
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

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

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	Carlson, Harold A., Sgt

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

P	Fletcher, John E., Capt
CP	Roberts, Ingerall, 1Lt
NAV	Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt
NAV	Devine, Fred H., 1Lt
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., 2Lt
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., Capt
TT	Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
WG	Lance, R.F., S/Sgt