

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 320

22 February 1945

Target: Marshalling Yards at Uelzen (Ulzen), Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb RDX bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 12,650, 11,340, & 12,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 595 rounds

Colonel Lewis E. **Lyle**, CO 379BG, flew the Scouter aircraft. Operation CLARION, named after a Middle Ages trumpet that produced clear, sharp and shrill tones, involved a large-scale air strike by all available air power of the AAF and RAF against German transportation and communication targets. The 8th Air Force attacked 41 separate targets, bombing from medium altitudes of about 10,000 feet at targets without flak defenses.

The 303rd BG(H) dispatched its normal force of 39 aircraft. Three Forts returned early:
#43-39160 (*No Name*), 358BS (1Lt. W.S. **McLeod**) – mechanical problem
#43-38645 (*No Name*), 359BS (1Lt. K.E. **Bixby**) – mechanical problem
#43-38958 *Green Hill Belle*, 427BS (2Lt. E.R. **Grob**) – personnel failure

Thirty-six aircraft dropped 416 500-lb. RDX bombs and 10 units of leaflets from 12,650, 11,340 and 12,900 feet — the lowest average altitude of any 303rd BG(H) mission. There were no clouds or contrails over the Continent and only slight ground haze over the target. Bombing was visual and was reported as good for the low Squadron, fair for the lead and poor for the high. The three Groups of the 41st CBW blanketed the yard with bombs. At the end of the attack, one intense explosion was spotted when an ammunition train was hit. Some gunners used their 50-caliber guns to fire at the ground over the target.



Unknown Crew at Debriefing

There was no enemy air or flak opposition, no aircraft battle damage and no casualties. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.



Thomas D. Lardie

1Lt. Jack W. **Weaver's** crew flew the 360th Squadron deputy lead B-17 #44-8647 (*No Name*), 360BS. Sgt. Thomas D. **Lardie** flew as ball turret gunner with 1Lt. Jack W. **Weaver's** crew and took motion pictures of the mission. The film showed Group formations, the lead PFF B-17G, #44-8552, 360BS "PU-X," bombing, target hits and the explosion. Sgt. **Lardie** received a 1st AD commendation letter for his excellent filming.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

	<u>Johnson-Goering</u> 351 - PFF		
<u>McKimmie</u> 006	<u>Goodberlet</u> 554	<u>Snider</u> 439 - PFF	
<u>Greene</u> 949		<u>Perkins</u> 427	
<u>Garrett</u> 096		<u>Schlecht</u> 977	
<u>McLeod</u> 160	<u>Taub</u> 462	<u>Kahler</u> 011	<u>Grob</u> 958
		<u>Nester</u> 316	



B-17G #44-8351 (No Name) PFF 358BS (VK-Z)
41st CBW-C (358BS) - Pilot Capt H.B. Johnson / CoPilot 1Lt W.G. Goering

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Kerwin-Knutzen</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>Gates</u> 875		<u>Towne</u> 127	
		<u>Bixby</u> 645		
	<u>Fravel</u> 883		<u>Beasley</u> 608	
	<u>Bailey</u> 734		<u>Petersen</u> 220	
<u>O'Donnell</u> 609		<u>Harding</u> 891	<u>Turinsky</u> 921	<u>Walder</u> 411
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Bomb Strike on Ulzen from 12,000 feet

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>O'Beirne-Mosel</u> 552 - PFF			
		<u>Tyler</u> 672		<u>Weaver</u> 647	
			<u>Armfield</u> 544		
		<u>Bentley</u> 870		<u>Statton</u> 842	
	<u>Stiver</u> 563				<u>Ayers</u> 763
<u>Austin</u> 517		<u>Edmunds</u> 451		<u>Richardson</u> 937	<u>Demian</u> 248
					<u>Shields</u> 516



Unknown Crewmen checking ammunition.

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
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	Meade, Joseph J., Sgt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

B-17G #43-39096 Sky Demon

P	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Castillo, Joseph L., F/O
NAV	Smith, Harold S., F/O
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

B-17G #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

P	Snider, Harley D., 1Lt
CP	Kunkel, Joe T., 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
BOM	McCall, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Work, John R., T/Sg
RO	Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt
TG	Smith, Gardner B., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38462 Teddy's Rough Riders

P	Taub, Francis R., 2Lt
CP	Cooper, John T., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Charles P., 2Lt
TOG	Dugan, Michael A., Sgt
ENG	Chrisman, Warren F., Sgt
RO	Maluchnik, Chester S., S/Sgt
BT	Hollowell, James L., Sgt
TG	Spencer, James P., Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)

P	McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP	Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
TOG	Johnson, Vernon W., S/Sgt
ENG	Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
WG	Wade, Murray L., S/Sgt
RO	Kilroy, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG	Mogusar, John F., 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	Scott, William R., Sgt

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

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

(Abortive)

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	Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., S/Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt
PAS	Barrett, Jesse M., Maj

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

P	Johnson, Hugh B., Capt
CP	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 1Lt
NAV	Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
MN	Beyeler, Earl R., 1Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

P Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt
CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
TOG Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
ENG Reseigh, John R., S/Sgt
RO Grden, Matthew W., Sgt
BT Kelley, Francis H., Sgt
TG Walling, Glenn R., Sgt

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

P Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
CP Knutzen, Owen A., 1Lt
NAV Davis, Daryl, 2Lt
MN Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
BOM Donovan, Thomas A., 2Lt
ENG Gillespie, Norton A., T/Sgt
RO Jobe, Andrew K., S/Sgt
TG Moore, Thomas L., 2Lt

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

P Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt
ENG Myers, Ernest L., Sgt
RO Sussman, Martin, Sgt
BT Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
BOM Johnson, David E., 2Lt
ENG Belcher, Rubin W., S/Sgt
RO Minnix, Glenn A., S/Sgt
BT Schilling, Lawrence H., Sgt
TG Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt

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

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV Simon, Albert, 2Lt
TOG Fogle, Jerome W., S/Sgt
ENG Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
BT Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG Holden, Robert M., 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
RCM	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

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

P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
TOG	Boucher, Henry C., 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
RCM	Ready, William C., 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	Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt
WG	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt

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

P	Bixby, Kenneth E., 1Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Clayton C., 2Lt
BOM	Mieslich, Morris, F/O
ENG	Robichaux, John B., T/Sgt
RO	Krumwiede, Leland J., S/Sgt
BT	Reese, Dale G., S/Sgt
TG	Peters, John W., S/Sgt
	(Abortive)

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
BOM	Dee, Martin R., 2Lt
ENG	Ciezdadlo, Eugene F., S/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt

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

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

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

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

B-17G #43-38451 *(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

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

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	Free, Ennis B., Jr., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6517 *Old Cock*

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	Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt (427th)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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
VI	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt (427th)

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

P	Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
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	Bailobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
VI	Taylor, Walter H., Sgt (427th)

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

P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., Capt
CP	Mosel, Arnold, Capt
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 1Lt
PFF	Gibson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O
WG	Yepes, William J., Sgt
WG	Mulqueen, John J., Sgt

B-17G #44-8647 (No Name)

P	Weaver, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Dennis, Walter F., 2Lt
BOM	Harrison, Lewis S., 2Lt
ENG	Murphy, Jason, S/Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., S/Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
TG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt
OBS	Darland, William G., 1Lt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Schlecht, Walter J., 1Lt
CP	Ferrari, Walter J., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John W., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., Sgt
TT	Hedison, Ara H., T/Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt
RO	Hradisky, Joseph R., T/Sgt
TG	Lance, Calvin L., 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	Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt

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

P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
TOG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

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	Vernon, James D., S/Sgt

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
BOM	Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., T/Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt

B-17G #43-39220 *Smilie Jack*

P	Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TT	Zarella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
BT	Czerwonka, Joseph A., T/Sgt
RO	Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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 #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

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 Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle*

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
(Abortive)