

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 321

23 February 1945

Marshalling Yards at Kitzingen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 36 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb RDX M64 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 11,500, 11,200 & 12,450 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,520 rounds

The 8th Air Force dispatched their bombers to attack railroad and communication targets on the second day of Operation CLARION. Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) aircraft were dispatched on this long 9 1/2 hour mission. No aircraft returned early. The primary target was at Zwickau, Germany, and the secondary and last resort targets were at Crailsheim, Germany—both marshalling yards.



En route to Kitzingen, Germany - Photo taken from #43-39127

The primary target was obscured by 10/10 cloud cover which prevented a medium altitude bomb run on that target. Thirty-eight 303BG Fortresses bombed a target of opportunity — the marshalling yard at Kitzingen, Germany. There were no clouds or contrails in the Kitzingen area and bombers dropped 458 500-lb. RDX M64 bombs from 11,500, 11,200 and 12,450 feet visually. Good hits were scored by the lead and low Squadrons on the marshalling yard and built-up city sections. The high Squadron results were poor. One high Squadron B-17

bombed with another Group dropping 12 500-lb. bombs on the Crailsheim marshalling yard.

Fighter support by 193 P-51s, good on the route in, was fair for the route back. Again, no enemy air opposition or flak were encountered. Nine aircraft landed at UK bases due to gas shortages and returned to Molesworth on 24 February. There were no casualties.

303rd BG(H) Fortress #42-31055 *Aloha*, 360BS, was utilized as a Scouter aircraft. The crew included Pilot, Col. Maurice A. **Preston** (CO 41st CBW); Co-Pilot, Capt. Walstein W. **Wallace** (427BS); Navigator, Maj. James S. **Cheney** (303BG); Navigator, Maj. Frederick J. **Illgen** (41st CBW).

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Eisenhart-Knudson
537 - PFF

McClurg
734

Holmes
710 - PFF

Bixby
609

Tilsen
289

Call
875

Rogers
127

Gobrecht
590

Towne
891

Beasley
883

McKimmie
006

Murray
427

Proffitt
608



Bomb Strike on Kitzingen showing Bomb Blasts and Target Marker tracers.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Hatch-Jones</u> 552 - PFF		
	<u>App</u> 647		<u>Fowler</u> 672	
		<u>St. Julien</u> 544		
	<u>Edmunds</u> 451		<u>Bentley</u> 546	
	<u>Stiver</u> 563			<u>Garrett</u> 096
<u>Statton</u> 842		<u>Shields</u> 532	<u>Greene</u> 191	<u>Taub</u> 462
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Agesen-McKeon</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>Grob</u> 411		<u>Reid</u> 281	
		<u>Ayers</u> 958		
	<u>Demian</u> 248		<u>Richardson</u> 937	
	<u>Petersen</u> 220			<u>Goodberlet</u> 554
<u>Turinsky</u> 011		<u>Kahler</u> 763	<u>Nester</u> 316	<u>McLeod</u> 160
	_____			<u>Smith</u> 921

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 #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 #44-6006 (No Name)

P	McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP	Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
TOG	Reece, Robert H., T/Sgt
ENG	Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
RO	Kilroy, Robert E., Sgt
BT	Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG	Mogusar, John F., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 Shasta

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 #43-38554 Bouncing Betty III

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
TOG	Gibson, James, S/Sgt
ENG	Cotter, William J., T/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	Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, 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 #43-39160 G for George

P	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
CP	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Day, Keith E., 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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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
WG McWilliams, Elmer D., Sgt

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

P Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP Eby, Joe M., 2Lt
NAV Cochnar, Richard, 2Lt
TOG Hammarlund, Carl O., Sgt
ENG Brunale, Vito J., Sgt
WG Dantzler, John R., Sgt
RO Bates, Theodore A., Sgt
BT Rodock, Nicholas, Sgt
TG Rennie, Robert P., Sgt

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

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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P	Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV	Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
BOM	Mieslich, Morris, F/O
ENG	Myers, Ernest L., Sgt
RO	Sussman, Martin, Sgt
BT	Schilling, Lawrence E., S/Sgt
TG	Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt

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

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

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

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	McCurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
WG	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., S/Sgt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Westfall, Byron D., Sgt

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

P	McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
CP	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
NAV	Belles, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Evans, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG	Grant, Gilbert D., Cpl
RO	Ferche, Joseph P., Cpl
BT	Harper, Richard F., Cpl
TG	Barnett, Raymond L., Cpl

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

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
RCM	Atkinson, Gerald B., Sgt (358th)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-8710 *Idle Wheel* - PFF

P Holmes, Alfred M., 2Lt
CP Haynes, Eugene, 2Lt
NAV Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
MN Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
BOM Mitchell, Robert C., 1Lt
ENG Sprague, Wendell P., Jr., Sgt
RO Prehatny, Joseph R., S/Sgt
BT Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt
TG Hrych, Robert C., S/Sgt

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

P Eisenhart, William E., Capt
CP Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt
NAV Counts, George H., Capt
NAV Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
MN Weil, Frank P., 1Lt
BOM Smith, Ralph L., Capt
ENG Kreager, Jon B., T/Sgt
RO Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt

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

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 #43-38608 *Lucille*

P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
CP Ogborn, Maurice M., 2Lt
BOM Finke, John C., 2Lt
TOG Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG Young, James W., T/Sgt
RO Norris, Cornie, Jr., T/Sgt
TG O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt
RCM Morrill, Charles K., Sgt



359th BS Ordnance Personnel - 1945

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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	Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt

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

P	Hatch, Logan B., 1Lt
CP	Jones, William E., Capt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
PFF	Gibson, Cater M., 2Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 2Lt
ENG	Fuczka, Peter, T/Sgt
RO	Broughton, Averell M., T/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O
WG	Free, Ennis B., Jr., S/Sgt

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

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

P	App, Robert G., 1Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 1Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG	Leach, Norman E., T/Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., T/Sgt
BT	Brady, Gene F., S/Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

P	St. Julien, John D., 1Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 1Lt
NAV	Kiehlkopf, George, 2Lt
BOM	Carney, Felix A., 2Lt
ENG	Mitchell, William E., S/Sgt
RO	Flanigan, John J., Sgt
BT	Farthing, Richard M., Sgt
TG	Evans, Marlin D., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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	Ciezadlo, Eugene F., S/Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38672 (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 #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
WG	King, Raymond H., S/Sgt
VI	Conrad, Joseph, T/Sgt (427th)

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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



ANDREW K. BENTLEY CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 19 Jan 1945 - photo: Jan 1945)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Andrew K. Bentley (P) 2Lt Marion J. Dwyer (N), F/O Albert G. West (B),
2Lt Ralph A. Lucien (CP) - (Front L-R) S/Sgt Billy L. Kirtner (R), Sgt Charles W. Beckman (BT),
Sgt James A. Fleming, Jr. (E), Sgt John J. Mulqueen (WG), Sgt Bill A. Moore (TG)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM	Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Allen, Herrold H., Sgt

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
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	Kipfer, James F., 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

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

P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt
TOG	Brown, Thomas P., Sgt
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT	Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt

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

P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt
TT	Warner, Vester W., T/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

P	Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt
CP	McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
NAV	Neubert, Marshall A., Capt
MN	Mylan, William G., 1Lt
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., 2Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., S/Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., S/Sgt
TG	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
WG	Lindeman, Henry E., 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
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	Vuksinich, Louis F., Sgt

B-17G #43-38763 (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	Carlson, Harold A., S/Sgt
SJ	Ladd, John M., Sgt

B-17G #43-39011 (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	Longo, Angelo L., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Reid, Clair P., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt
TT	Arnott, David H., T/Sgt
BT	Calderon, Reuben J., S/Sgt
RO	Foell, Charles R., S/Sgt
TG	Lowe, Joseph W., S/Sgt
WG	Clare, Donald T., S/Sgt
VI	Hassler, Paul H., S/Sgt