

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 322

24 February 1945

Target: Oil Target at Hamburg, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 12 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb RDX M64 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,600, 26,000 & 27,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 275 rounds

The primary (visual) and secondary (PFF) target was the Mineralwerke Albrecht oil target at Hamburg. The last resort target was an underground oil storage depot at Nienburg, Germany. When Allied heavy bombers began their campaign against the German oil industry in May, 1944, there were 81 identified targets — 58 refineries and 23 synthetic plants. On 24 February, when attacks resumed against oil targets, all refineries were out of production and only four synthetic plants were producing.



B-17G #43-38191 Shasta (aka Doris Jr) 358BS (VK-A)

2Lt Richard Greenbaum (pilot) congratulating Crew Chief M/Sgt William R. Weaver.
Greenbaum crewmen Sgt Denver Dalton, 2Lt Robert Balkcom, T/Sgt Leonard Bruce
and Sgt Patrick Dooley looking on.

Thirty-nine 303rd BG(H) B-17s were dispatched with no early returns. The secondary target was bombed from 26,600, 26,000 and 27,500 feet with 447 500-lb. RDX M64 bombs by PFF through 10/10 clouds with tops at 8,000 feet. There were light, non-persistent contrails at 26,500 feet. Bombing results were unobserved, but heavy black smoke was spotted billowing up through the clouds. One aircraft

had a nine-bomb hang-up and jettisoned them in Germany on the route out.

There were no enemy aircraft attacks, although an ME-210 was spotted just inside the Dutch coast. Fighter support by 181 P-51s was good and flak was moderate and generally inaccurate. There were no casualties and all aircraft safely returned to Molesworth.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Raper-Stouse</u> 125 - PFF		
	<u>Brown</u> 523		<u>Hardin</u> 439 - PFF	
		<u>Armfield</u> 544		
	<u>Statton</u> 842		<u>St. Julien</u> 516	
	<u>Stiver</u> 563		<u>Fravel</u> 645	
<u>Tyler</u> 672		<u>Fowler</u> 517	<u>Henning</u> 050	<u>Towne</u> 206
			<u>Newell</u> 532	



B-17G #44-8125 Sparky 360BS PFF (PU-Y)
41st CBW-A (360BS) - Pilot Col W.S. Raper / CoPilot Capt H.L. Stouse

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Roberts-Ashwell</u>				
545 - PFF				
	<u>Petersen</u>		<u>Bluethenthal</u>	
	281		220	
		<u>Richter</u>		
		011		
	<u>Demian</u>		<u>McKeon</u>	
	248		977	
	<u>Smith</u>		<u>Bailey</u>	
	921		734	
<u>Richardson</u>		<u>Ayers</u>	<u>Richeson</u>	<u>Proffitt</u>
937		958	309	608
			<u>Grob</u>	
			411	

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<u>Miller-Walter</u>				
351 - PFF				
	<u>Nye</u>		<u>Walker</u>	
	590		160	
		<u>Gobrecht</u>		
		870		
	<u>Greenbaum</u>		<u>Greene</u>	
	191		949	
	<u>Goodberlet</u>		<u>Rogers</u>	
	554		127	
<u>Nester</u>		<u>Leach</u>	<u>Tarvid</u>	<u>Beasley</u>
647		316	883	891
			<u>McLeod</u>	
			238	

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 #42-97949 (No Name)

P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Oettinger, George F., 2Lt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

B-17G #43-39160 G for George

P	Walker, Barton F., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
BOM	Kruckemeyer, Thomas J., 2Lt
ENG	Wilhelm, Raymond G., Sgt
BT	Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
RO	Jasut, Stanley, Sgt
TG	Massey, Ray N., 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	Brown, James L., T/Sgt
ENG	Cotter, William J., T/Sgt
RO	Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
BT	Walling, James M., S/Sgt
TG	Schultz, Frederick W., S/Sgt

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

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

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

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV	McDonald, Walter H., 2Lt
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Benefield, Lenville H., S/Sgt
BT	McGrory, William P., S/sgt
RO	Quick, Edgar H., 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	Miller, Robert J., S/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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
CP	Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
TOG	Magyar, Frank, Sgt
ENG	DeWillers, Edgar, S/Sgt
RO	Guenin, Wayne E., T/Sgt
BT	Nichols, William A., Jr., Sgt
TG	James, Frank M., Sgt
SJ	Scott, William R., Sgt

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

P	Nye, Robert M., Maj
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
TOG	Quig, Francix X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Garza, David, S/Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

B-17G #44-8647 (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
WG	Jones, James P., Sgt
PAS	Fegette, Iva Lee, T/Sgt (360th)

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

P	Miller, Campbell, Capt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG	Nelson, James B., T/Sgt
WG	Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
CP	Powlus, Vernon F., F/O
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., 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 #43-38883 Lady Beth

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

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

P	Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Swenson, Glen R., 2Lt
TOG	Goudy, William F., S/Sgt
ENG	Lainson, Colin C., T/Sgt
RO	Grden, Matthew W., Sgt
BT	Kelley, Francis H., Sgt
TG	Walling, Glenn R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 Duchess' Granddaughter

P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
TOG	Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
BT	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt

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

P	Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
TOG	Fogle, Jerome W., S/Sgt
ENG	Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO	Jobe, Andrew F., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 Thunderbird

P	Henning, Clyde H., 2lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

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 McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
WG Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt
RCM Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille*

P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
CP Ogborn, Maurice M., 2Lt
BOM Finke, John C., 2Lt
TOG Boucher, Henry, S/Sgt
ENG Young, James W., T/Sgt
RO Norris, Cornie, Jr., T/Sgt
BT Bechtold, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG O'Neal, Howard F., S/Sgt
WG Rose, G.L., S/Sgt
RCM Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander, F/O
NAV	Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt
TOG	Odegaard, Duane S., T/Sgt
ENG	Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt
RO	Godley, Walter M., Sgt
BT	Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt

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

P	St. Julien, John D., 1Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
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

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

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

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

P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Cie zadlo, Eugene F., S/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	Goggin, Edward F., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt

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

P	Brown, William W., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Samuel W., 2Lt
NAV	Knudsen, Russel A., F/O
TOG	Geyer, Walter A., Sgt
ENG	Zenick, Thomas E., Sgt
RO	Bridgman, Robert A., Sgt
BT	Kucab, Michael J., Sgt
TG	Jensen, Jens C., Sgt

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

P	Newell, Richard M., 1Lt
CP	Scott, John, 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
BOM	Grezzo, Anthony D., 2Lt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Wright, Donald M., Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
CP	Shanafelt, Arthur S.C., 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 #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Holtorf, Ernest H., 1Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph F., F/O
BOM	Harrison, Lewis S., 1Lt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Raper, William S., Col
CP	Stouse, Harold L., Capt
NAV	Cheney, James, Maj (303rd)
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., S/Sgt

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	Brady, Gene F., S/Sgt
TG	Polaski, Duane L., S/Sgt
WG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
VI	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt (427th)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Rubins, William R., F/O
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
WG	Lowe, Joseph W., 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
WG	Allen, Herrold H., 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
Y	Elliott, Richard D., Sgt

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

P	McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
CP	Chuba, Francis B., 2Lt
NAV	Wolf, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Malmo, Richard C., Sgt
TT	Ayers, Francis H., Sgt
BT	Paananen, Uhlo J., Sgt
RO	Harkey, Charles I., Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt
WG	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt

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

P	Bluethenthal, Arthur, 2Lt
CP	Cassels, James C., 2Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
TOG	Porter, Ellery G., Sgt
TT	Mason, Jack F., Sgt
BT	Phillips, John E., Sgt
RO	Dragon, George O., Sgt
TG	Plant, Billy C., Sgt
WG	Perkins, Herschel E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Bason, William A., 1Lt
BOM	Stephens, Walton M., Jr., 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
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt
VI	Elkin, Samuel S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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 Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt

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

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

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

P Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP Kipfer, J.F., 2Lt
NAV Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT Vernon, James D., Sgt
BT Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
TG Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt

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

P Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
NAV Dye, Carl J., Jr., 1Lt
MN Mylan, William G., 1Lt
BOM Burket, Wallace A., 1Lt
TT Riveland, Alf, T/Sgt
RO Renzi, Frank, T/Sgt
BT Campbell, Gerald R., S/Sgt
TG McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
WG Carlson, Harold A., S/Sgt