

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 323

25 February 1945

Target: Tank Factory at Friedrichshafen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 6 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 23,850 ft

Ammo Fired: 870 rounds

This was the fifth "milk run" mission in a row — no flak or enemy aircraft attacks. The primary (visual or GEE-H) was the Friedrichshafen tank factory. The secondary was a marshalling yard in Ulm, Germany (visual or PFF), and the last resort, an ordnance depot at Donaueschingen. No aircraft returned early.

Twelve B-17s of the lead 427BS dropped 72 500-lb. M17 incendiary and 72 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs by GEE-H from 23,850 feet on the primary target. The bombing, through a solid undercast, had unobserved results. Twenty-six aircraft of the 359BS low and 358BS high formations dropped 156 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs on the secondary target. The high Squadron bombed by PFF with visual assistance when the clouds broke just before the target. Results could not be observed when clouds covered the target after bombs were released. The low 359BS bombed visually with excellent results. Bombs hit across the marshalling yard on the assigned MPI. Fires and rolling black smoke were seen. Fighter support by 136 P-51s was good. All aircraft returned to Molesworth undamaged with no casualties.



CLYDE H. HENNING CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 13 Feb 1945 - photo: at USA Training Base)

(Back L-R) Sgt Joseph P. Ferche (R), Sgt Gilbert D. Grant (E), Sgt John V. Jones (WG/Tog),
Sgt Richard F. Harper (BTG), Sgt Raymond L. Barnett (TG) - (Front L-R) 2nd Lt. Clyde H. Henning (P),
F/O Donald R. Bauer (CP), 2Lt Harold A. Belles (N), 2Lt Charles F. Evans (B)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Fletcher-Wallace
038 - PFF

<u>Ferrari</u> 977	<u>Ayers</u> 958	<u>Hewitt</u> 125 - PFF
<u>G. Smith</u> 248		<u>Candido</u> 311
<u>Petersen</u> 220		<u>St. Julien</u> 860
<u>Richter</u> 011	<u>Grob</u> 937	_____
_____		<u>Kahler</u> 921
		<u>S. Smith</u> 516



B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) 427BS PFF (GN-Z)
41st CBW-C Lead (427BS) - Pilot Capt J.E. Fletcher / CoPilot Capt W.W. Wallace
Capt Norman Jacobsen (N) is top-right in photo with "45" painted on his forehead,
indicating his 45th mission.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Goering-Walter
44-8238 - PFF

	<u>Milman</u> 160	<u>McKimmie</u> 590	
		<u>Garrett</u> 096	
	<u>Greene</u> 949		<u>Murray</u> 38238
	<u>Poole</u> 462		<u>Edmunds</u> 451
<u>Nester</u> 316		<u>Taub</u> 427	<u>Bentley</u> 532
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			<u>Breslin</u> 672

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Lutz-Schopplein
256 - PFF

	<u>Proffitt</u> 127	<u>Gates</u> 875	
		<u>Bailey</u> 734	
	<u>O'Donnell</u> 891		<u>Richeson</u> 309
	<u>Fravel</u> 609		<u>Statton</u> 647
<u>Tilsen</u> 645		<u>Henning</u> 608	<u>Fowler</u> 517
_____			<u>Tarvid</u> 883
			<u>Scott</u> 563

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>CREW POSITIONS</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 #42-97949 (No Name)

P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Bohle, Loren W., 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
WG	Williams, Ira J., 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
RO	Strouse, Jacob J., Sgt
BT	Bovey, Charles D., Sgt
TG	Edleman, Robert W., Sgt
WG	Jones, James P., Sgt

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

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
WG	Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt

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

P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Cochnar, Richard, 2Lt
TOG	Hammarlund, Carl O., Sgt
ENG	Brunale, Vito J., Sgt
RO	Bates, Theodore A., Sgt
BT	Rodock, Nicholas, Sgt
TG	Rennie, Robert P., Sgt
SJ	Ready, William C., Sgt

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

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
SJ	Morrill, Charles K., Sgt

B-17G #44-8238 (No Name) - PFF

P	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 2Lt
GH	Magner, John H., Jr., F/O
PFF	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Eckert, Raymond G., T/Sgt
WG	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
TG	Hower, Frederick C., 1Lt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

P Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
CP Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
BOM Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
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 Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
BOM McCall, John W., 1Lt
ENG Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
RO Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

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

P Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV Wynam, Asa H., F/O
TOG Prudhoe, Charles E., S/Sgt
ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

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

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 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
RCM Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

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

P Proffitt, John S., 1Lt
CP Peterson, Robert C., 2Lt
NAV Finke, John C., 2Lt
TOG Goudy, William F., 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

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

P Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt
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 #43-38891 *Blues in the Night*

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

B-17G #44-8256 *Yankee Girl* - PFF

P Lutz, John R., 1Lt
CP Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
NAV Moon, Richard Y., 1Lt
MN Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
GHN Gadbois, Norman C., 2Lt
BOM Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG Candito, Christopher A., T/Sgt
RO Lovelock, Edward N., T/Sgt
WG Ogborn, Maurice E., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
BOM Moss, Henry G., 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 West, Alonzo M., 2Lt
BOM Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
ENG Copp, Edmund D., Sgt
RO Grden, Matthew W., Sgt
BT Kelley, Francis H., Sgt
TG Walling, Glenn R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P Gates, Cecil J., 2Lt
CP Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
BOM Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG Belcher, Rubin W., S/Sgt
RO Minnix, Glenn A., S/Sgt
BT Schilling, Lawrence H., Sgt
TG Ipsen, Allen L., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille*

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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

B-17G #44-8647 (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	McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
TG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
VI	Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt

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

P	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	Gerstel, Charles L., T/Sgt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt
VI	Taylor, W.H., S/Sgt (303rd)

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

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

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 #43-38563 Jackie

P	Scott, John, 2Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 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
WG	Morris, Robert W., Sgt

B-17G #44-6516 My Darling

P	Smith, Samuel W., 2Lt
CP	Shanafelt, Arthur S.C., 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
WG	Lawson, Earl K., Sgt

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

P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Brown, William W., 1Lt
NAV	Fitzpatrick, Donald, 2Lt
TOG	Perry, Gordon W., Sgt
ENG	Moore, Harley E., Sgt
RO	Daugherty, John S., Jr., Sgt
BT	Mason, Millard E., Sgt
TG	Barlow, Grover C., Sgt
WG	Johnson, Wilfred B., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

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

P Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt
NAV Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
TT Zarrella, Anthony A., S/Sgt
BT Czerwonka, Joseph A., T/Sgt
RO Whitely, Cull W., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt

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

P Ferrari, Walter J., 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 #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle*

P Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TT Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

P Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TOG Clarkson, Robert T., S/Sgt
TT Garrett, Joe 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 McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV Thompson, John M., 2Lt
TOG Brown, Thomas P., Sgt
TT Vernon, James D., Sgt
BT Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
TG Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Fletcher, John E., Capt
CP	Wallace, Walstein W., Capt
NAV	Jacobsen, Norman N., Capt
GHN	Clark, Floyd L., 2Lt
MN	Caldwell, Walter D., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 1Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., T/Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., T/Sgt
TG	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
WG	Lance, R.F., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Hewitt, Donald I., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Jack G., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 1Lt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., 2Lt (358th)
GHN	Chambers, Rex, 2Lt (358th)
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 1Lt
TT	Arnott, David H., T/Sgt
RO	Schmidt, Elmer J., T/Sgt
TG	Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., S/Sgt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

P	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
CP	Cassels, James C., 2Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
TOG	Porter, Ellery G., Sgt
TT	Mason, Jack F., Sgt
BT	Plant, Billy C., Sgt
RO	Dragon, George O., Sgt
TG	Phillips, John E., Sgt
WG	Perkins, Herschel E., Sgt
Y	Brody, John J., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-6921 (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	Tanner, Loyd H., S/Sgt