

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 325

27 February 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Leipzig, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 4 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 26,300 & 26,800 ft

Ammo Fired: 640 rounds

The marshalling yard at Leipzig, a central point for Axis troops and supplies going to the Eastern front, was attacked by bombers from Molesworth as the secondary target. The primary (visual) was a Leipzig ball-bearing plant, with a tertiary target, the Chemnitz marshalling yards. One aircraft returned early with a credited sortie. B-17G #44-6921 (*No Name*), 427BS (Lt. **Cassels**) had mechanical problems.



B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight* 359BS
(BN-1) with unidentified ground crewman

Thirty-eight Fortresses dropped 222 500-lb. H.E. M43, 148 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs and ten units of T312 and T316 leaflets. Bombing was by PFF through a solid undercast with unobserved results. There were no contrails at the flying altitude.

There was no enemy air opposition. Flak was moderate and very inaccurate. There was no battle damage or casualties. Friendly fighter support by 218 P-51s was good. Three aircraft landed on the Continent with nearly empty fuel tanks: #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*, 359BS (Lt. **Harding**) landed at Coulommiers/Voisins, France, field #A-58. #44-8734 *Hell's Cargo*, 359BS (Lt. **Call**) landed at Merville, France field #B-53, and #43-38191 *Shasta*, 358BS (Lt. **Greenbaum**) landed at Antwerp-Deurne, Belgium. This field was a recently captured German ME-210 base staffed by 18 U.W. enlisted men and no officers. A P-51 landed just before Co-pilot Lt. Robert E. **Balkcom** landed *Shasta*. The P-51 refueled with all the available gasoline. The *Shasta* crew traveled 18 miles to Antwerp for overnight accommodations. A gasoline semi-trailer arrived

the next day. The B-17 was refueled and took off to Molesworth. The crew enjoyed touring the heavily damaged German airfield during their brief overnight stay at Antwerp-Deurne.

All other aircraft returned to Molesworth with many sweating out dangerously low fuel tanks.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Cole-Mauger
545 - PFF

Stocks
883

Bailey
439 - PFF

Call
734

Harding
944

Moore
645

Tilsen
127

McKimmie
590

Tarvid
891

O'Donnell
875

Greenbaum
191

Murray
949

Towne
609



SAMUEL W. SMITH CREW - 360th BS
(crew assigned 360BS: 06 Feb 1945 - photo: 02 Apr 1945)

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV Feezel, Ralph S., 2Lt
TOG Smith, Donald P., Sgt
ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT Sexton, Norman R., Sgt
TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

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

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

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

P Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
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
WG Roberts, Thomas M., Sgt

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

P McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP Silver, Jack, F/O
NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG Mead, Joseph J., Sgt
ENG Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
RO Kilroy, Robert E., Sgt
BT Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG Mogusar, John F., Sgt

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

P Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP Thornton, Everett H., 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 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
WG Dantzler, John R., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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 Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt

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
PAS Zimmerman, Harold A., S/Sgt (303rd)

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

P Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
CP Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV Wyman, Asa H., F/O
BOM Swift, Jonathan S., 2Lt
ENG Bigelow, Robert F., Sgt
WG Sproule, Wayne O., Sgt
RO Genter, Norman, Sgt
BT Aldous, George C., Sgt
TG Smith, Jack C., Sgt
SJ Ladd, John M., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
TOG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Taylor, Wallace D., Sgt
WG	Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

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

P	Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
CP	Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt
NAV	West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt
TOG	Boucher, Henry C., S/Sgt
ENG	Dritz, Arthur, Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McCurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
RCM	Haley, James W., Sgt

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

P	Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP	Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV	Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
TOG	Bates, Roger K., S/Sgt
ENG	Jenkins, Maurice L., Sgt
RO	Root, Carmen W., Sgt
BT	Kelley, Francis H., Sgt
TG	Dimick, Richard D., Sgt
WG	Carlson, Dale H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

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 #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

P	Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt
NAV	Simon, Albert, 2Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
BOM	Elliott, Harold F., 2Lt
ENG	Walling, Glenn R., Sgt
RO	Grden, Matthew W., Sgt
TG	Rose, G.L., S/Sgt
WG	Hrych, Robert C., S/Sgt

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

P	Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP	Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 1Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., 2Lt
MN	Lifshus, Lawrence, 1Lt
BOM	Dodson, Jasper C., 1Lt
ENG	Kreager, Jon B., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Christensen, Lawrence, 1Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV Mieslich, Morris, F/O
BOM Barger, Donald T., 2Lt
ENG Myers, Ernest L., Sgt
RO Sussman, Martin, Sgt
TG Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
BT Jones, John V., Sgt

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

P Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
TOG Cassino, Julian R., Sgt
ENG Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
BT Hendon, William G., Sgt
TG Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
TOG Redhage, Louis H., Sgt
ENG Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
BT Geumer, Billy A., Sgt
TG Hoffman, George F., Sgt

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

P Moore, Thomas L., 2Lt
CP Barnett, James M., 2Lt
NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG Weise, William A., Sgt
ENG Ogurchak, Joseph T., Sgt
RO Brockstra, William, Sgt
BT Kohan, Frederick, Sgt
TG Pesta, Clarence A., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Fitzpatrick, Donald, 2Lt
TOG	Perry, Gordon W., Sgt
ENG	Moore, Harley E., Sgt
RO	Daugherty, John S., Jr., Sgt
BT	Gilbert, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Barlow, Grover C., Sgt

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

P	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt

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

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	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt

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

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

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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 #44-8564 (No Name) - PFF

P	Kuykendall, Roger L., Capt
CP	Holtorf, Ernest H., 1Lt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph F., F/O
BOM	Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., T/Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., T/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., S/Sgt
WG	Alexander, John P., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew List - Cont'd.

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

P Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
CP Hardy, Jams H., F/O
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
VI Elliott, Richard D., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

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 #44-6523 (*No Name*)

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 Nabors, Herschell F., S/Sgt
WG Morris, Robert W., Sgt

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

P Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP Brown, William W., 1Lt
NAV Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
BOM Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG Sersland, Paul V., Sgt
WG Polaski, Duane L., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
 CP Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
 NAV Cohen, Leo, F/O
 TOG Clarkson, Robert T., S/Sgt
 TT Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
 BT Bailey, George E., Sgt
 RO Morris, Allen L., Sgt
 TG Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt

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

P Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
 CP Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
 NAV Rubins, William R., F/O
 TOG Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
 TT Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
 BT Graves, John M., Sgt
 RO Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
 TG Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt

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

P Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
 CP Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
 NAV Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
 BOM Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
 TT Arnott, David H., T/Sgt
 BT Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
 RO Parker, George F., S/Sgt
 WG Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

P Chuba, Francis B., 2Lt
 CP Rogers, Ennis L., 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

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

P Demian, Julius C., F/O
 CP Weatherby, Earl R., F/O
 NAV Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
 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

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P Hewitt, Donald I., 1Lt
 CP Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
 NAV Bason, William A., 1Lt
 BOM Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt
 TT Garrett, Joe W., T/Sgt
 RO Schmidt, Elmer J., T/Sgt
 TG Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., S/Sgt
 BT Hocknell, Raymond A., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Cassels, James C., 2Lt
CP	Larkin, Clayton E., 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

(Abortive Sortie)

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

P	Ashwell, Silas B., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 1Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Leavell, Adelbert D., Jr., 2Lt
TT	Schneider, Joseph R., T/Sgt
RO	Corn, Byron D., T/Sgt
TG	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
WG	Mussi, James L., Sgt

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

P	Candido, Anthony N., 2Lt
CP	Denison, William A., 2Lt
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., F/O
TOG	Mack, William H., Sgt
TT	Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
BT	Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
RO	Kiggens, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt
WG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt

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

P	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
NAV	Wolansky, John, 2Lt
TOG	Leas, Harry D., S/Sgt
TT	Engelhardt, Roy H., Sgt
BT	Doles, David, Jr., Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt
WG	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt

427th BOMB SQUADRON'S JAMBOREE

From the 427th Public Relations Unit, edited by Harry D. Gobrecht

Perhaps the best of any party ever given at Molesworth, was the 427th Jamboree on 27 February 1945. In spite of heavy operational activity — as a matter of fact, the Squadron participated in a mission the before, the of and the day after the party — a hard working committee and a fun-loving crowd made a terrific success of the affair.

Held in the American Red Cross Aero-Club on the station, the theme “Jamboree” lent itself well to a semi-carnival motif in decoration and entertainment. Vari-colored supply parachutes were draped around the band stand and covered the ceiling in a brilliant array of red, white and blue, creating a real tent atmosphere in the long snack room which featured dancing to “The Rhythm Pilots.”



Rhythm Pilots — 303rd BG(H) Dance Band

(Front L-R) Robert Featherstone (Sax), Frank Interesomine (Sax), Elinar Katz (Sax), Robert Rabassa (Sax), Roger P. Carocari (Guitar) — (Back L-R) Bob Feltner (Trumpet), Alan Lindquist (Trumpet), Steve Tzneskowsky (Trumpet), Ray Espinoza (Drums), Sidney Merlin (Bass Fiddle), Henry Kendall (Piano)

Ring,” “Photos,” “Bingo” and “Checker-Chuck,” it initiated a new phase into 427th parties — entertainment for all. Sometimes the room was complete pandemonium with the barkers for each game shouting away and the girls squealing with delight over their prizes. Prizes during the evening ranged from safety pins to face powder and from a pair of blue silk undies to a quart of Scotch whiskey.

The refreshment committee went “all-out” and furnished a “ME” buffet which included roast pork sandwiches, delicious devils food cake with lovely white frosting, Coca Colas, coffee and two flavors of ice cream. Of course, the enlisted men’s bar, “Duffy’s Tavern,” was exclusively 427th for the evening and all the beer guzzlers were happy.

Events during the affair included a jitterbug contest, a beauty contest, and the drawing for door prizes. From among the many lovely women guests, representing almost every branch of the British women’s services, as well as “civvie street,” it was very difficult to select the two beauty winners. However, after heated argument, Miss Doreen Williamson, a Cambridge girl, and LACW Joan Eagle of the W.A.A.F. were selected.

The game room entrance was gaudy and gay — huge caricatures of several Squadron “characters” in the style of side-show picture ads, covered the end wall, and above the entrance hung a huge sign: “Bungling Bros. and Bugs Bunny’s Enterprises, Ltd.” The caricatures, designed by Capt Gardner and executed by T/Sgt Warner were a terrific hit — laughs, of course, were on the “characters,” but they loved it.

The game room was a sensation. Featuring “Wheel-O-Luck,” “Pitch-A-