

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 326

28 February 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Hagen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 20 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb M43 & 2 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,000, 24,000 & 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,000 rounds

Little activity was reported by crews returning from the last mission in February. Thirty-nine B-17s were dispatched to attack the marshalling yard at Hagen, Germany (visual or GEE-H). The secondary was the Hamm, Germany marshalling yard (visual or PFF), and the last resort, the Giessen marshalling yard. No aircraft returned early.



Nose Art on B-17G #43-39096 Sky Demon 358BS (VK-M)

Thirty-eight Fortresses dropped 360 500-lb. M43 bombs, 71 500-lb M17 incendiary bombs and 10 leaflet units on the primary target. Bombing was through a solid undercast with tops at 6,000 to 8,000 feet and unobserved results. GEE-H navigators reported good bomb runs and PFF fixes indicated good results—except for the low Squadron that may have bombed to the right of the target.

There was no enemy air opposition and friendly fighter support was good, although 106 P-51s were not as many as

usual. Bombers had no battle damage and all aircraft returned to Molesworth with no casualties.

In one year, since February of 1944, the bomb tonnage had doubled and bomber losses were reduced from 6.0% to an infinitesimal 0.8%. Opposition — flak excepted — had become meager. The strategic campaign truly paid off. The ETO and MTO tactical air forces also performed a remarkable role by destroying locomotives, rolling stock and rail facilities. Air power proved to be one of the most effective factors in the final phases of the war in Europe.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Stouse-O'Beirne</u> 125 - PFF		
	<u>St. Julien</u> 523		<u>Weaver</u> 870	
		<u>Statton</u> 842		
	<u>Fowler</u> 517		<u>Austin</u> 451	
	<u>Stiver</u> 647		<u>Call</u> 734	
<u>Tyler</u> 544		<u>Shields</u> 516	<u>Peterson</u> 289	<u>Harding</u> 883
	<u>Lacker</u> 546			



B-17G #44-8125 Sparky PFF 360BS (PU-Y)
41st CBW-C (360BS) - Pilot Capt H.L. Stouse / CoPilot Capt N.B. O'Beirne

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Aagesen-Bagstad
038 - PFF

Roberts Cassels
621 311

Walder
220

Richardson Denison
977 885

G. Smith Richeson
248 127

Turinsky Demian Henning O'Donnell
763 011 875 609

Grob
958

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Miller-Walter
568 - PFF

Nye Walker
462 999

Goodberlet
554

Leach Woodard
006 096

Gobrecht Bixby
949 645

Taub Bohle Moore Towne
238 427 891 608

McLeod
160

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 #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

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

P	Nye, Robert M., Maj
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., F/O
TOG	Quig, Francix X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
WG	Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP	Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Saul, F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
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 #42-97949 *(No Name)*

P	Gobrecht, Harry D., 1Lt
CP	Eby, Joe M., 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

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P	Walker, Barton F., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
BOM	McCall, John W., 1Lt
ENG	Wilhelm, Raymond G., Sgt
BT	Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
RO	Jasut, Stanley, Sgt
TG	Massey, Ray N., 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
WG	McWilliams, Elmer D., Sgt
PAS	Scott, William R., Sgt

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

P	Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
CP	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Gerhardstein, Eugene M., F/O
BOM	Swift, Jonathan S., 2Lt
ENG	Bigelow, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Genter, Norman, Sgt
BT	Aldous, George C., Sgt
TG	Smith, Jack C., Sgt
PAS	Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

B-17G #44-8568 (No Name) - PFF

P	Miller, Campbell, Capt
CP	Walter, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 1Lt
GH	Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
MN	Grennarow, Louis T., 2Lt
BOM	Green, George A., 1Lt
ENG	Nelson, James B., T/Sgt
WG	Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
TG	Dickinson, Morris L., 2Lt

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

P	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
CP	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV	Moeller, Floyd E., 1Lt
TOG	Jackson, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG	Walley, Glen B., Sgt
BT	Sloan, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Foreman, Dennis E., Sgt
WG	Mills, Joe J., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert H., Sgt

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359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille*

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
WG	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt

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

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
TG	Hoffman, George F., Sgt
WG	Jones, John V., Sgt
RCM	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

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

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 #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P	Peterson, Robert C., 2Lt
CP	Kirkpatrick, Roy A., 2Lt
NAV	Mollman, Charles A., 2Lt
TOG	Wilson, Robert P., Sgt
ENG	Reed, Denver E., Sgt
RO	Strigle, Paul C., Sgt
BT	Hunsucker, John E., S/Sgt
TG	Borsody, William L., Sgt
YR	Brody, John J., Sgt

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	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt

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

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	Brookstra, William, Sgt
BT	Kohan, Frederick, Sgt
TG	Pesta, Clarence A., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
TOG	Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
RO	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-38875 Redwing

P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Belles, Harold A., 2Lt
TOG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG	Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt
RO	Norris, Cornie, T/Sgt
BT	Harper, Richard F., Sgt
TG	Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt



*2Lt Clyde H. Henning in B-17G
#43-38875 Redwing 359BS (BN-G)*

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
TOG	Valdes, George J., S/Sgt
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

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

P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Kacus, Alexander, F/O
NAV	Beasley, Leon O., 2Lt
TOG	Woods, Heiber J., S/Sgt
ENG	Auer, Kenneth R., Sgt
RO	Godley, Walter M., Sgt
BT	Pilgrim, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Marchionda, Guido P., S/Sgt
VI	Elliott, Richard D., 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
VI	Gilbert, Robert A., Sgt

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

P	St. Julien, John D., 1Lt
CP	Newell, Richard M., 1Lt
NAV	Carney, Felix A., 1Lt
TOG	McLellan, Raymond L., S/Sgt
ENG	Leach, Norman E., T/Sgt
RO	Matlock, Austin M., T/Sgt
BT	Buchanan, Paul A., S/Sgt
TG	Evans, Marlin D., S/Sgt
WG	Kaber, Harvey N., S/Sgt

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

P	Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
NAV	Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Rhodes, William H., Sgt
RO	Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
TG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
VI	Taylor, Walter H., S/Sgt (427th)

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

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	Patterson, Charles A., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Stouse, Harold L., Capt
CP	O'Beirne, Nelson B., Capt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
GHN	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
PFF	Gibson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., 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 #42-97546 Idaliza

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
CP	Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
BOM	Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TT	Calderon, Reuben J., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
RO	Parker, George F., S/Sgt
WG	Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

P	Demian, Julius C., F/O
CP	Weatherby, Earl R., F/O
NAV	Rubins, William R., 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

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

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

B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

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

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
ENG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38763 (*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	Foell, Charles R., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt
SJ	Carl, Lewis E., Sgt (359th)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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
WG	Allen, Herrold H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

P	Roberts, Ingersall J., 1Lt
CP	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt (359th)
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 2Lt
TT	Riveland, Alf, T/Sgt
RO	Renzi, Frank, T/Sgt
BT	Campbell, Gerald R., S/Sgt
TG	Barber, Albert P., S/Sgt
WG	Carlson, Harold A., S/Sgt

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

P	Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 1Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 1Lt
GHN	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
BOM	Long, Lloyd I., 2Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., S/Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., S/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt

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

P	Denison, William A., 2Lt
CP	Haynes, Charles H., 2Lt
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., F/O
TOG	Mack, William H., Sgt
TT	Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
BT	Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
RO	Kiggins, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt
WG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt