

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 328

2 March 1945

Target: Marshalling Yard at Chemnitz, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 16 x 250 lb H.E. M57 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 25,000, & 27,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 600 rounds

Continuing semi-tactical bombing, Group Forts were dispatched to attack the Rositz, Germany synthetic oil plant (visual). The secondary target was the Chemnitz marshalling yard (PFF or visual) and the last resort was a small arms factory at Suhl, Germany. No aircraft returned early.



Watching the Fortresses take off. Sketch by Bob Hand in 1945.

In the target area there were 7/10 to 8/10 low clouds with tops at 9,000 feet and no contrails. All three Squadrons attacked the secondary target from 26,500, 25,000 and 27,000 feet and dropped 648 250-lb. H.E. M57 bombs and 10 leaflet units. The high Squadron bombed visually and the bombardier believed that the lead Squadron hit in the southeast part of the city by PFF. Although results were difficult to determine due to cloud conditions, some hits in the city and a few fires were observed.

Again, enemy fighters and flak provided no opposition and the 254 P-51s provided fair support. A 532BS/381BG joined the 303rd BG(H) formation immediately after the target, but fell behind and became lost in the clouds just before reaching the battle lines. Five Group aircraft landed away from Base. There were no casualties or battle damage.



*359th Formation taken from B-17G
#43-38875 Redwing 359BS (BN-G)*

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Shumake-Fielder</u> 545 - PFF		
	<u>McLeod</u> 160		<u>Snider</u> 484 - PFF	
		<u>Goodberlet</u> 672		
	<u>Bohle</u> 191		<u>Woodard</u> 096	
<u>McKimmie</u> 554			<u>Richter</u> 763	
<u>Greene</u> 238	<u>Leach</u> 949		<u>Chuba</u> 977	<u>Turinsky</u> 937
	<u>Taub</u> 597			



JOHN M. WOODARD CREW - 358th BS

(crew assigned 358BS: 14 Feb 1944 - photo: 16 March 1945)

(Back L-R) 2Lt John M. Woodard (P), 2Lt Bob Laubhan (CP), 2Lt Floyd E. Moeller (N),
T/St Dennis E. Foreman, Jr. (R) - (Front L-R) Cpl Joe John Mills (WG) T/Sgt Glen B. Walley (E),
Cpl Walter E. Sloan (BT), Cpl Robert H. Johnson (TG), T/Sgt Thomas W. Jackson (TOG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Kerwin-Rogers</u> 564 - PFF		
	<u>Gates</u> 127		<u>O'Donnell</u> 944	
		<u>Fravel</u> 645		
	<u>Beasley</u> 309		<u>Stocks</u> 883	
<u>Peterson</u> 891	<u>Call</u> 734	<u>Harding</u> 767	<u>Demian</u> 248	<u>Smith</u> 621
				<u>Denison</u> 958
				<u>Henning</u> 875

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Mosel-O'Beirne</u> 439 - PFF		
	<u>St. Julien</u> 523		<u>Hardin</u> 842	
		<u>Stiver</u> 563		
	<u>Bentley</u> 870		<u>Austin</u> 546	
<u>Fowler</u> 517	<u>Armfield</u> 544	<u>Shields</u> 516	<u>Kahler</u> 220	<u>Walder</u> 011
				<u>Flanigan</u> 411
				<u>Edmunds</u> 451

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

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

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

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

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

P	Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Saul, F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
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 #42-97949 *(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 #44-8484 *(No Name)* - PFF

P	Snider, Harley D., 1Lt
CP	Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
NAV	Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
MN	Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM	Jones, George W., 2Lt
ENG	Work, John R., T/Sgt
RO	Ludington, Robert S., T/Sgt
TG	Wade, Murray W., Jr., S/Sgt

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

P	Shumake, Glynn F., Maj
CP	Fielder, George H., 1Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 1Lt
NAV	Triebes, Earl E., 2Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
WG	Denning, Glenn J., S/Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
CP	Silver, Jack, F/O
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	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt (Hq 303rd)

B-17G #43-38238 (*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
WG	Williams, Ira J., Sgt

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
TG	Johnson, Robert H., Sgt
WG	Mills, Joe J., 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
WG	Roberts, Thomas M., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	West, Alonzo M. III, 2Lt
TOG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG	Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt
RO	Ferche, Joseph P., Sgt
BT	Harper, Richard F., Sgt
TG	Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
BOM	Steineman, Jams T., 2Lt
ENG	Copp, Edmond D., Sgt
RO	Fiore, John, Sgt
BT	Hamilton, John W., Sgt
TG	Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

B-17G #43-38767 *(No Name)*

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

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

P	Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV	Mieslich, Morris, F/O
TOG	Bates, Roger K., S/Sgt
ENG	Myers, Ernest L., Sgt
RO	Sussman, Martin, Sgt
TG	Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
BT	Holden, Robert R., Sgt

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

P	Gates, Cecil J., 1Lt
CP	Zapora, Theodore T., 2Lt
NAV	Christenson, LeRoy P., 2Lt
BOM	Evans, Charles P., 2Lt
ENG	Belcher, Rubin W., S/Sgt
RO	Minnix, Glenn A., S/Sgt
BT	Freese, Paul D., S/Sgt
TG	Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8564 *(No Name)* - PFF

P	Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
CP	Rogers, Clem W., Jr., 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Daryl, 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt
BOM	Mitchell, Robert C., 1Lt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., T/Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward N., T/Sgt
TG	Powlus, Vernon F., 2Lt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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
WG Davis, Carl J., Sgt

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

P Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP Rich, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG Wilson, Johnnie R., S/Sgt
ENG Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT Thomas, David W., Sgt
WG Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt

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

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 Rose, G.L., S/Sgt
BT Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt

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

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt
CP Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
BOM Mabary, George D.L., F/O
ENG Klym, Michael, S/Sgt
RO Norris, Cornie, Jr., T/Sgt
BT Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt
TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	St. Julien, John D., 1Lt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
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., S/Sgt
TG	McLellan, Raymond L., S/Sgt

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

P	Edmunds, Robert E., 2Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	King, Raymond H., S/Sgt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., 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 #43-38563 Jackie

P	Stiver, Merrill M., 2Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
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 #42-102544 Sack Time

P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
TOG	Giancola, James V., S/Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Haynes, Donald L., S/Sgt
BT	Goggin, Edward F., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Jesse W., Sgt

B-17G #44-8439 (No Name) - PFF

P	Mosel, Arnold, Capt
CP	O'Beirne, Nelson B., Capt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Hardy, James H., F/O
TG	Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., S/Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

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

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

P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Brown, William W., 1Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
BOM	Emery, Roy F., 2Lt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt
TG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt
VI	Zimmerman, Harold A., S/Sgt (427th)

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

P	Bentley, Andrew K., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt
NAV	Dwyer, Marion J., 2Lt
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
WG	Jones, William P., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Flanigan, Lloyd J., 2Lt
CP	Wokersien, James T., F/O
NAV	Heaney, Edward J., F/O
TOG	Anderson, Dale R., Sgt
TT	Gilkes, Beresford B., Sgt
BT	Safley, Delbert A., Sgt
RO	Gourly, Charles B., Sgt
TG	McDonald, Francis E., Jr., Sgt
WG	Neiswender, John J., Sgt

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

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	Kiggens, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt
WG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt

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

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., S/Sgt
BT	Wilson, Alfred D., S/Sgt
RO	Lombardi, Donato J., S/Sgt
TG	Buford, Thomas A., Sgt

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

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

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

P	Richter, George K., 2Lt
CP	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
TT	Vernon, James D., Sgt
BT	Smith, Donald S., Sgt
RO	Kemmerer, Alfred G., S/Sgt
TG	Chisholm, Robert E., Sgt
SJ	Scott, William R., Sgt

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., S/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 #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

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