

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 330

4 March 1945

Target: Ordnance Depot at Ulm, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 4 x 500 lb H.E. M43 & 8 x 500 lb M17 Incendiaries

Bombing Altitudes; 23,000, 23,000, & 23,600 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Molesworth Forts went to attack the Ulm, Germany marshalling yard (visual or GEE-H). The secondary target was military objectives in Ulm (PFF) and the last resort, an ordnance depot at Donau Eschingen. One aircraft returned early due to mechanical trouble. Lt. **Stiver** in #43-38563 *Jackie*, 360BS, was given a credited sortie.

Thirty-eight aircraft dropped 147 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs, 296 500-lb. M17 incendiary bombs and 10 units of leaflets. Bombing was GEE-H through 10/10 high clouds with tops at 22,000 to 24,000 feet and dense, persistent contrails.



Formation below taken from the bomb bay camera of an unknown B-17.

Only a few bursts of flak were encountered over the battle lines on the route into the target. No enemy aircraft were seen and support by 156 P-51s was good.

Aircraft sustained no battle damage and all aircraft returned safely to Molesworth with no casualties. F/O Robert E. **O'Donnell**, 358BS Navigator, flew with #568 "X" out of Thurleigh.

The March 4th mission represented 14 consecutive days of bombing—a new 8th Air Force record.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Stouse-Kuykendall

125 - PFF

Fowler
517

Hardin
537 - PFF

Stiver
563

Austin
546

Bentley
870

Juns
647

Tilsen
289

Scott
523

Tyler
516

Stocks
883

Tarvid
875

Armfield
544



B-17G #44-8125 Sparky 360BS PFF (PU-Y)
41st CBW-C (360BS) - Pilot Capt H.L. Stouse / CoPilot Capt R.L. Kuykendall
(Back L-R) Capt James P. Zwayer (B), Capt Darius R. Davis (N),
Capt Roger L. Kuykendall (CP), Capt Harold L. Stouse (P),
1Lt Harold A. Orenstein (GHN), 2Lt Ralph L. Johnson (TG-O)
(Front L-R) S/Sgt Jerome J. Koshar (WG), T/Sgt Harry D. Evans, Jr. (E),
S/Sgt Everett D. Boone (BT), T/Sgt Forrest E. Barton (R), 1Lt Rufus S. Charlton (MN)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Aagesen-Bagstad
038 - PFF

	<u>Ayers</u> 621	<u>Miller</u> 311	
	<u>Kahler</u> 220		
	<u>Flanigan</u> 411	<u>Grob</u> 937	
<u>Walder</u> 011			<u>Richeson</u> 127
<u>Denison</u> 248	<u>Chuba</u> 977	<u>Towne</u> 608	<u>Rybaltowski</u> 878
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Goering-Nye
484 - PFF

	<u>Leach</u> 309	<u>McKimmie</u> 885	
	<u>Goodberlet</u> 554		
	<u>McLeod</u> 160	<u>Murray</u> 427	
<u>Poole</u> 096			<u>Call</u> 734
<u>Greenbaum</u> 191	<u>Taub</u> 462	<u>Haynes</u> 767	<u>McClurg</u> 645
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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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P Taub, Francis R., 2Lt
CP Cooper, John T., 2Lt
NAV Cooper, Saul, F/O
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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
CP Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
NAV Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
BOM Kruckemeyr, Thomas J., 2Lt
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 Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
NAV Smith, Harold S., F/O
TOG Johnson, Vernon W., S/Sgt
ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt
RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt
BT Kudder, Edward P., S/Sgt
TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

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

P Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
CP Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
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 #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 #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

P Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
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
PAS Scott, William R., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV Feezel, Ralph S., 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
WG Roberts, Thomas M., Sgt

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
PAS Ready, William C., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P Greenbaum, Richard D., 1Lt
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 Mays, Thomas G., Sgt

B-17G #44-8484 (No Name) - PFF

P Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP Nye, Robert M., Maj
NAV Metko, Earl D., 1Lt
MN Foltz, Leon P., F/O
BOM Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG Eckert, Raymond G., T/Sgt
WG Blinebury, Joseph A., S/Sgt
RO Johnson, Paul B., T/Sgt
TG Smith, Orville H., F/O

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	Taylor, Wallace K., Sgt
ENG	Dritz, Arthur, Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
RCM	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38878 (No Name)

P	Rybaltowski, Vincent, 2Lt
CP	Olson, John A., 2Lt
NAV	McLeod, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Bailey, John R., S/Sgt
ENG	Perlowitz, Murray A., S/Sgt
RO	Capps, Douglas M., S/Sgt
BT	Hollingsworth, Donald M., S/Sgt
TG	Reseigh, John R., S/Sgt
WG	Vitiritto, Joseph A., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda*

P	Tilsen, Cyril, 2Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 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 #43-38645 (No Name)

P	McClurg, Galt L., 2Lt
CP	Peterson, Robert C., 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., Sgt
TG	Borsody, William L., Sgt
WG	Davis, Carl J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P	Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP	Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV	Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
TOG	Carlson, Dale H., S/Sgt
ENG	Jenkins, Maurice L., S/Sgt
RO	Root, Carmen W., S/Sgt
BT	Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt
TG	Dimick, Richard D., S/Sgt
WG	Jeandrevin, Robert R., Sgt

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

P	Haynes, Eugene, 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 Bombardmen Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
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 Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV Albertson, Edward, F/O
TOG Benge, Charlie W., Sgt
ENG Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
TG Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

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

P Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV Webber, Gale M., 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

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
TOG	Gerstel, Charles L., T/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
VI	Hassler, Paul H., 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., T/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 #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

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
WG	Jones, William P., Sgt
VI	Elliott, Richard D., S/Sgt

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

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

B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts - PFF*

P	Hardin, Thomas H., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Brown, William W., 1Lt
NAV	Hiebeler, George E., 2Lt
GHN	Chambers, Rex, 2Lt (358th)
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG	Mikulich, Stanley, T/Sgt
RO	Kasper, Raymond H., S/Sgt
TG	Sersland, Paul V., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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	Woolpert, John C., Sgt
WG	Morris, Robert W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

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

(Abortive Sortie)

Scouter Aircraft

B-17G #42-31055 Aloha

P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., Capt
CP	Holtorf, Ernest H., 1Lt
NAV	Divine, Fred H., 1Lt
ENG	Schieferstein, Ernest G., S/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., S/Sgt

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

P	Juns, Frank, 1Lt
CP	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
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
WG	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt

B-17G #44-8125 Sparky - PFF

P	Stouse, Harold L., Capt
CP	Kuykendall, Roger L., Capt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
MN	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
GHN	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
BOM	Zwayer, James P., Capt
ENG	Evans, Harry D., T/Sgt
RO	Barton, Forrest E., T/Sgt
BT	Boone, Everett D., S/Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt

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
BOM	Steinberg, Clifford, 2Lt
TT	Gilkes, Beresford B., Sgt
BT	Safley, Delbert A., Sgt
RO	Gourly, Charles B., Sgt
TG	Calderson, Reuben J., S/Sgt
WG	McDonald, Francis E., Jr., Sgt

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

P	Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt
CP	Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O
NAV	Higgins, Harold W., 2Lt
BOM	Hansen, Arnold H., F/O
TT	Conroy, Thomas R., S/Sgt
BT	Burns, Jerry E., Sgt
RO	Retzlaff, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Rogers, Robert B., Sgt
Y	Elkins, Samuel, S/Sgt

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

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 #44-6937 *El Sereano*

P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leo, F/O
TOG	Anderson, Dale R., 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 #44-6921 *(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	Longo, Angelo L., S/Sgt
TG	Witcher, Marvin E., Sgt
WG	Ray, Paul, Sgt

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

P	Kahler, Thoms F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38621 50 Ragged

P	Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt
TT	Rys, Valentine J., Sgt
BT	Bailey, George E., Sgt
RO	Morris, Allen L., Sgt
TG	Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
WG	Clarkson, Robert T., Sgt
SJ	Hendrix, Frank H., 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 #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF

P	Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt
CP	Bagstad, Charles W., Maj
NAV	Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 2Lt (359th)
GHN	Clark, Floyd L., F/O
BOM	Burket, Wallace A., 1Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., S/Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., S/Sgt
TG	McMullen, Robert A., 2Lt
WG	Lindeman, Henry E., Sgt

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

P	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
NAV	Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., Sgt
TT	Engelhardt, Roy H., Sgt
BT	Doles, David, Jr., Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt

WHAT A RADAR MECHANIC DID — WHILE OFF DUTY

By Sgt Jack Amram, 359th Bomb Squadron



Jack Amram and the "Green Hornet" in 1944

Even though our experiences pale in comparison to the quiet heroism of every air crew member, we were all cogs in the same wheel and each input validates our chronicle. We did our jobs (I was a radar mechanic – RCM), and sweated out our planes and lived a fairly comfortable life. I remember people who had gladly entered the service, following the depression, CCC camps, etc. to get dependable food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

I remember “dry-cleaning” my class A’s at the hardstand with aviation fuel, prior to being trucked into our leave town, Northampton, where we played for dances at the local NAFFI, a canteen and hostel for Enlisted Men run by the British. And the “hospitality rations” we would take to the families who invited us to dinner—stolen butter, Spam, old GI shoes were highly prized, cigarettes—they cost us 50 cents a carton, and CHOCOLATE!!

London—Piccadilly, darts, and warm beer, fish and chips in a newspaper funnel, and “What time do you want to be knocked up in the morning?” Ohh! What a V2 could do to over a city block of buildings! I remember pooling shillings for an “egg run” to a local farmer for goose eggs and the resulting huge omelet shared by 3 or 4 guys as a break from powdered eggs. Although I worked late at night at the same time as the bomb loaders and often sneaked into combat mess for fresh eggs.

I used to view the German POWs working as KPs or in adjoining farm fields with idle curiosity, not hatred. They were healthy and well-fed (many are now US citizens) and I figured our boys in the German POW camps had similar care and working conditions. Not SO! With the profusion of postwar information documenting the scarcity of food medicine, the Red Cross confirmation of civilian atrocities, we soon realized what life of desperation our imprisoned men lived.

I remember playing trumpet in the squadron dance band on Saturday nights, when the local girls would arrive by truck and, one night, my shock and anger showed up, when our lead alto saxophone player, a pilot and friend didn’t show up because “the German jets got him.”

A number of the personnel, air and ground, were fine musicians. Rehearsals were very unmilitary—rank was left at the door. They just loved to play good music. And those hanger dances sure boosted morale. I’d had some art training and often in the evening at the Enlisted Men’s club, I’d sketch quick portraits for the guys to send home.

A day or so after the surrender I went on a low-level flight, through the Ruhr valley and many cities in Germany. They were not just rubble, they were DUST! There were wrecked vehicles, tanks, planes, grave registration units, and acres of prisoners, guarded by a few GIs. We came back through Paris and buzzed the Eiffel tower, and the whole trip in the belly turret.

Speaking of buzzing and a most emotional moment was when we had our final “Dress Review” or formation. I believe it was the entire Group personnel. The band played “Retreat” as the American Flag came down, then “The Air Corps Song” as B-17 after B-17 flew, I swear, not 30 feet over our heads.