

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 334

11 March 1945

Target: Submarine Pens at Bremen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 9 hours, 41 minutes

Bomb Load: 37 x 100 lb H.E. M30 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,300, 25,000, & 25,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 3,945 rounds

For the first time in months, 303rd BG(H) Forts attacked the submarine pens at the German port of Bremen as the second priority (H2X) target. The first priority target was the Bremen synthetic oil plant (visual), the third was the Ahlborn airfield (visual), and the fourth was the Vechta airfield (visual). No aircraft returned early.

Thirty-nine B-17s dropped 1,429 100-lb. H.E. M30 bombs on the second priority target through 10/10 low clouds with tops at 3,000 feet. All three navigators did a good job and reported that their equipment worked very well, producing an excellent bomb run – one lead bombardier reported the best bomb run that he ever had.



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Again, no enemy air opposition was encountered. Support by 237 P-51s was very good. Flak was moderate to intense in the target area, but the 303rd BG(H) encountered meager, inaccurate fire. There was no battle damage, no casualties, and all aircraft landed at Molesworth.

Col. Maurice A. **Preston**, pilot, and Maj. Robert L. **Phelps**, Jr., co-pilot, of the 41CBW flew in the Scouter aircraft #42-31055 *Aloha*, 360BS.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Heller-Losiewicz</u> 564 - PFF		
	<u>Bentzlin</u> 546		<u>Statton</u> 842	<u>Slingsby</u> 545 - PFF
	<u>Breslin</u> 532			<u>Smith</u> 544
	<u>Stiver</u> 563			<u>Edmunds</u> 451
<u>Fowler</u> 517		<u>Scott</u> 523		<u>Juns</u> 647
	<u>Schroll</u> 870			<u>Vail</u> 672



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41st CBW-A (359BS) - Pilot Maj W.C. Heller / CoPilot 1Lt B. Losiewicz
 (Back L-R) 1Lt Rufus S. Charlton (N), 1Lt Sylvester H. Rape (B), Capt Darius R. Davis (N),
 Maj William C. Heller (P), 1Lt Benjamin Losiewicz (CP) - (Front L-R) T/Sgt Joseph D. Lillis (R),
 T/Sgt George F. Bostick (E), Sgt Leo F. Wotanis (WG), 2Lt Ralph L. Johnson (TG-O)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<u>Aagesen-Walder</u>				
710				
<u>Petersen</u>		<u>Richardson</u>		
281		311		
<u>Kahler</u>				
958				
<u>Chuba</u>		<u>Demian</u>		
977		885		
<u>Ayers</u>		<u>Cassels</u>		
011		921		
<u>Flanigan</u>	<u>Grob</u>		<u>Denison</u>	<u>Turinsky</u>
220	597		937	411
_____		<u>Miller</u>		
		621		

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - C

<u>Fielder-Dorsett</u>				
484 - PFF				
<u>Cunningham</u>		<u>McKimmie</u>		
462		999		
<u>Goodberlet</u>				
554				
<u>Greenbaum</u>		<u>Bohle</u>		
191		006		
<u>McLeod</u>		<u>Garrett</u>		
160		096		
<u>Murray</u>	<u>Nester</u>		<u>Woodard</u>	<u>Griffith</u>
427	878		763	949
_____		<u>Gobrecht</u>		
		590		

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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

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 #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P Goodberlet, Clarence J., 1Lt
 CP Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
 NAV Mylonas, Peter E., F/O
 BOM Jones, George W., 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 #43-39096 *Sky Demon*

P Garrett, Charles E., 2Lt
 CP Castillo, Joseph L., F/O
 NAV Smith, Harold S., F/O
 TOG Prudhoe, Charles E., T/Sgt
 ENG Hohstadt, Hollis H., Sgt
 TG Van Cleave, Joseph A., Sgt
 RO Henson, Jessey B., Sgt
 BT Walczak, John, Sgt

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

P Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
 CP Craig, Fred, 2Lt
 NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O
 TOG Jones, James P., Sgt
 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 Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
 CP Smith, Lawrence S., 2Lt
 NAV Besharian, Joseph, F/O
 BOM Correale, Fortunato, F/O
 ENG Wilson, Warren J., Sgt
 RO Ruff, Merle H., Sgt
 TG Jarrett, Robert W., Sgt
 BT Hogan, Walter B., Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P McKimmie, William L., 2Lt
 CP Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
 NAV Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
 BOM McCall, John W., 1Lt
 ENG Farmer, Evert L., Sgt
 RO Kilroy, Robert E., Sgt
 BT Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
 TG Mogusar, John F., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P Greenbaum, Richard D., 1Lt
 CP Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt
 NAV Nicastro, John J., F/O
 TOG Brown, James L., T/Sgt
 ENG Bruce, Leonard F., T/Sgt
 TG Hawes, Kenneth D., Sgt
 RO Dalton, Denver, Sgt
 BT Dooley, Patrick, Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
CP	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV	Gerhardstein, Eugene M., F/O
TOG	Sproule, Wayne O., Sgt
ENG	Bigelow, Robert F., Sgt
RO	Genter, Norman, Sgt
BT	Aldous, George C., Sgt
TG	Smith, Jack C., Sgt
WG	Smith, Gardner B., S/Sgt

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

P	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	McCorkle, Robert F., 2Lt
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 #44-8427 *Henn's Revenge*

P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Feezel, Ralph S., 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
PAS	Atkinson, Gerald A., Sgt

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

P	Fielder, George H., Capt
CP	Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
NAV	Hansen, Heber D., 1Lt
MN	Bannowsky, Lonvell A., 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	Dickinson, Morris L., 1Lt

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

P	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
CP	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
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
PAS	Ladd, John M., Sgt (427th)

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

P Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
 CP Judd, Dudley F., 2Lt
 NAV Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
 BOM Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
 ENG Rhodes, William H., Sgt
 RO Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
 BT McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
 TG Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

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

B-17G #43-38563 Jackie

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

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

P Vail, Robert F., 2Lt
 CP Tremelling, Claude C., 2Lt
 NAV Blake, Mark, Jr., F/O
 TOG Kiddie, Darrell A., Sgt
 ENG Larson, Arnold B., S/Sgt
 RO Siegel, Edwin, Sgt
 BT Seats, Burton E., Sgt
 TG Ramaika, Joseph J., Sgt
 WG Capps, Everett, Sgt

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

P Schroll, David A., 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., Sgt
 BT Beckman, Charles W., Sgt
 TG Moore, Bill A., Sgt

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

P Scott, John, 2Lt
 CP Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
 NAV Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
 TOG Morris, Robert W., Sgt
 ENG Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
 RO Gentry, John M., Sgt
 BT Wright, Donald M., Sgt
 TG Woolpert, John C., Sgt

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

P Slingsby, Harold G., Maj
 CP Rapp, John W., 2Lt
 NAV Devine, Fred H., 1Lt
 BOM Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
 ENG Ciezadlo, Eugene F., Sgt
 RO King, Raymond C., T/Sgt
 TG Gerstel, Charles L., S/Sgt
 WG Patterson, Charles A., 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
 VI Zimmerman, Harold A., S/Sgt (427th)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	McCollum, Clodius M., 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

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

P	Juns, Frank, 1Lt
CP	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
NAV	O'Neil, James B., 2Lt
TOG	Mooneyham, Clarence, Jr., Sgt
ENG	Bratcher, Francis E., Sgt
RO	Foster, Lane, Sgt
BT	Reynolds, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Garbarino, Louis V., Jr., Sgt
WG	Gilbert, Robert 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	Palm, Kenneth A., Sgt (359th)

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

P	Heller, William C., Maj
CP	Losiewicz, Benjamin, 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Capt
MN	Charlton, Rufus S., 1Lt
BOM	Rape, Sylvester H., 1Lt
ENG	Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Bentzlin, Bertil V., 2Lt
CP	Briley, Dewey E., 2Lt
NAV	Andrzejczyk, Walter A., F/O
TOG	Friery, James R., Sgt
ENG	Rodgers, Walter D., Sgt
RO	Sole, John A., Sgt
BT	Henderson, Clarence J., Sgt
TG	Joneson, Leonard B., Sgt
WG	Schieb, John C., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

P Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
TOG Allen, Herrold H., Sgt
TT Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt

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

P Demian, Julius C., F/O
CP Weatherby, Earl R., F/O
NAV Tractman, Bernard L., F/O
TOG Ross, Joseph M., Jr., S/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 #43-39011 *(No Name)*

P Ayers, Roger D, 2Lt
CP Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
NAV Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
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 #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle*

P Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
CP Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
BOM Pacheco, J.E., 2Lt
TT Lowery, Lloyd, Sgt
BT Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
RO Latz, Leslie L., Sgt
TG Fogarty, Richard T., Jr., 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 #44-6937 *El Sereano*

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

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

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Turinsky, George, 2Lt
CP	Shaughnessy, William J., F/O
NAV	Cohen, Leo, 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	McComb, Harold A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Petersen, William H., 1Lt
CP	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
NAV	Bason, William A., 1Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Lindeman, Henry E., S/Sgt
BT	Hocknell, Raymond A., S/Sgt
RO	Smith, Phillip E., T/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Loyd, S/Sgt
WG	Tanner, Loyd H., Sgt

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

P	Richardson, Thomas W., 2Lt
CP	Ayling, Peter D., 2Lt
NAV	Rubins, William R., F/O
TOG	Perkins, Herschel E., Sgt
TT	Ray, Paul, S/Sgt
BT	Graves, John M., Sgt
RO	Grossman, Howard A., S/Sgt
TG	Wakefield, Richard E., Sgt
Y	Taylor, W.H., S/Sgt

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

P	Aagesen, Donald C., 1Lt
CP	Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt
MN	Mylan, William G., 1Lt
BOM	Hansen, Harley L., 1Lt
TT	Ellis, Paul R., S/Sgt
RO	Bledsoe, Clinton A., S/Sgt
TG	Dorner, Alvin W., S/Sgt
WG	Vuksinich, Louis F., S/Sgt

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

P	Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt
CP	Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O
NAV	Higgins, Harold W., 2Lt
TOG	Bulbach, Walter, Sgt
TT	Conroy, Thomas R., S/Sgt
BT	Burns, Jerry E., Sgt
RO	Retzlaff, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Rogers, Robert B., Sgt
SJ	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt