

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.



B-17G #43-38672 (No Name) 360BS (PU-I)

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

Heller-Losiewicz
564 - PFF

Bentzlin
546

Slingsby
545 - PFF

Statton
842

Breslin
532

Smith
544

Stiver
563

Edmunds
451

Fowler
517

Scott
523

Juns
647

Vail
672

Schroll
870



B-17G #44-8564 (No Name) 359BS PFF (BN-Z)
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 - Togglier 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)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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	Cie zadlo, 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 #44-6517 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 #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

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 #44-8564 (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

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