

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 336

14 March 1945

Target: Railroad Bridge at Minden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 1,000 lb H.E. M44 & 10 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 23,000, 22,400 & 23,200 ft

Ammo Fired: 920 rounds

**G**erman fighters and flak offered no opposition to the 303rd BG(H) bombers. The railway bridge near Minden, Germany, was the first priority (visual) mission and the second priority (GEE-H) target. The Osnabruck marshalling yards were the third priority (visual) and the fourth priority (H2X) targets.

The Group furnished the Scouter B-17s and crews for the 41st CBW. Col. Maurice A. **Preston** (CO 41st CBW) and Lt. Col. Edgar E. **Snyder**, Jr. (HDQ 303BG) flew in the Scouter aircraft #42-31055 *Aloha*, 360BS. Maj. Glynn F. **Shumake**, pilot, and Capt. Willard H. **Bergeron**, co-pilot, flew in the 303BG Scouter aircraft #44-8351 358BS.



## JOHN W. RAPP CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 28 Feb 1945 - photo: 01 Mar 1945)

(Back L-R) S/Sgt George P. Dreblow (E), 2Lt Clodius M. McCollum, Jr. (N),  
2Lt Dudley F. Judd, Jr. (CP), 1Lt John W. Rapp (P)

(Front L-R) Sgt John R. Turner (R), Sgt Donald Meinke (WG),  
Sgt Frank W. Unger (WG), Sgt Gerald G. Rasmussen (BT), Sgt William A. Evans (TG)

Thirty-nine Fortresses dropped 227 1,000-lb. H.E. M44 bombs, 10 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs, and 10 leaflet units on the second priority target by GEE-H with a visual assist. The low Squadron dropped off the lead Squadron. Thick smoke and haze around the target made it difficult to pick out the target and hindered bombing result operations. Later photos indicated poor results with the bridge still standing.

Fighter support by 182 P-51s was good. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth. There was no battle damage or casualties.

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

## Schulstad-Johnson

238 - PFF

Cunningham

462

Milman

999

Goodberlet

554

Greenbaum

191

Bohle

160

Leach

949

Garrett

096

Perkins

937

Greene

590

Murray

427

Taub

977

Woodard

006



B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) PFF 427BS (GN-Z)  
41st CBW-B (358BS) - Pilot Maj L.M. Schulstad / CoPilot Capt H.B. Johnson

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

<b><u>Lutz-Schopplein</u></b>				
<b>537 - PFF</b>				
	<b><u>Bailey</u></b>		<b><u>Henning</u></b>	
	<b>883</b>		<b>875</b>	
		<b><u>Fravel</u></b>		
		<b>127</b>		
	<b><u>Towne</u></b>		<b><u>Tarvid</u></b>	
	<b>608</b>		<b>891</b>	
	<b><u>Call</u></b>		<b><u>Bixby</u></b>	
	<b>734</b>		<b>645</b>	
<b><u>Moore</u></b>		<b><u>Bashor</u></b>	<b><u>Peterson</u></b>	<b><u>Beasley</u></b>
<b>767</b>		<b>289</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>050</b>
			<b><u>O'Donnell</u></b>	
			<b>609</b>	

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

<b><u>Jones-Schroll</u></b>				
<b>552 - PFF</b>				
	<b><u>Rapp</u></b>		<b><u>Weaver</u></b>	
	<b>870</b>		<b>672</b>	
		<b><u>Armfield</u></b>		
		<b>544</b>		
	<b><u>Austin</u></b>		<b><u>Fowler</u></b>	
	<b>532</b>		<b>517</b>	
	<b><u>Stiver</u></b>		<b><u>Breslin</u></b>	
	<b>563</b>		<b>318</b>	
<b><u>Statton</u></b>		<b><u>Edmunds</u></b>	<b><u>Juns</u></b>	<b><u>Vail</u></b>
<b>842</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>523</b>
			<b><u>Bentzlin</u></b>	
			<b>516</b>	

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b> 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  <b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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
--	--	---	---

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

---

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

### **B-17G #43-38999 *Emma***

---

P	Milman, Jerome, 2Lt
CP	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
NAV	McCorkle, Robert W., 2Lt
BOM	Kruckemeyer, Thomas J., 2Lt
ENG	Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT	Fox, Raymond H., Jr., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)**

---

P	Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP	Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV	Das, Mitchell O., 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

### **B-17G #43-39160 *G for George***

---

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	Massey, Ray N., 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	Oettinger, George F., 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 #44-6006 (No Name)**

---

P	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
CP	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., 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

### **B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady***

---

P	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
TOG	Williams, Ira J., Sgt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

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

---

P	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
CP	Smith, Orville H., F/O
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG	Quig, Francis 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

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **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
Y	Brody, John J., Sgt (384BG)

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

---

P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Smith, Harold S., 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
SJ	Morrill, Charles K., Sgt

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

---

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

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

---

P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
NAV	Wallace, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles F., S/Sgt
WG	Partsch, Warren L., Sgt
RO	Little, Gerald G., Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8238 (*No Name*) - PFF**

---

P	Schulstad, Louis M., Maj
CP	Johnson, Hugh B., Capt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 1Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt (360th)
NAV	Beyeler, Earl R., 1Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt
WG	Beck, Harold P., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Bashor, Oliver L., 2Lt  
 CP Baker, Ira B., 2Lt  
 NAV Fish, Louis, 2Lt  
 TOG Boucher, Henry G., S/Sgt  
 ENG Reed, Paul E., Sgt  
 RO Shook, Victor N., Sgt  
 BT Greene, Norman S., Sgt  
 TG Theisen, Robert J., 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 Hager, Mark I., Sgt

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

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 Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt  
 TG Dimick, Richard D., S/Sgt

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

P Bixby, Kenneth E., 1Lt  
 CP McDowell, James D., 2Lt  
 NAV Barger, Donald T., 2Lt  
 TOG Roberts, James P., S/Sgt  
 ENG Robichaux, John B., T/Sgt  
 RO Krumwiede, Leland J., S/Sgt  
 BT Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt  
 TG Bailey, John R., S/Sgt

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

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

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

P Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt  
 CP Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt  
 NAV Christensen, Leroy P., 2Lt  
 BOM Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt  
 ENG Walling, Glenn R., Sgt  
 RO Grden, Matthew W., Sgt  
 TG Lainson, Colin C., S/Sgt  
 BT Simpson, James A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-39127 *(No Name0)***

P Fravel, Harold L., 2Lt  
 CP Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt  
 NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt  
 BOM Adams, Harry W., 1Lt  
 ENG Klym, Michael, S/Sgt  
 RO Jobe, Andrew K., Jr., S/Sgt  
 BT Kennedy, Jack B., Sgt  
 TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt

### **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  
 WG Davis, Carl J., Sgt  
 RCM Haley, James W., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing***

---

P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Webber, Gale N., 2Lt
TOG	Jones, John V., Sgt
ENG	Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt
RO	Ferche, Joseph P., Sgt
BT	Harper, Richard F., Sgt
TG	Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt
WG	Hansen, Robert S., Sgt

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

---

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 A., Sgt
BT	Kohan, Frederick, Sgt
TG	Pesta, Clarence A., Sgt
WG	Jeandrevin, Robert R., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird***

---

P	Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV	Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG	Harrigfeld, Thomas E., Sgt
ENG	Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt
RO	Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG	Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT	Thomas, David W., Sgt
WG	Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

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

---

P	Lutz, John R., Capt
CP	Schopplein, Orin H., 2Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., 2Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F., 2Lt
GHN	Magner, John H., Jr. (358th)
BOM	Johnson, David E., 2Lt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., T/Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward N., T/Sgt
TG	Rich, Richard H., 2Lt

### **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
BT	Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt
RCM	Scott, William R., (358th)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #43-38563 Jackie**

---

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

### **B-17G #43-38451 (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 #44-8647 (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

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

---

P	Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
NAV	Donahue, Thomas R., 2Lt
TOG	Woods, Heiber J., S/Sgt
ENG	Rhodes, William H., Sgt
RO	Knowles, Charles D., Sgt
BT	McNeel, Morgan L., S/Sgt
TG	Maxson, Gordon H., Sgt
WG	Kaber, Harvey N., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time**

---

P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
NAV	Wolf, Robert J., 2Lt
BOM	Runnels, Billy L., 2Lt
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	Rapp, John W., 2Lt
CP	Judd, Dudley F., 2Lt
NAV	McCollum, Clodius M., 2Lt
TOG	Unger, Frank W., Sgt
ENG	Cie zadlo, Eugene F., Sgt
RO	Turner, John R., Sgt
TG	Rasmussen, Gerald G., Sgt
WG	Evans, William A., Sgt

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

---

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

### **B-17G #44-8318 (No Name)**

---

P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Higgins, Harold W., 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
VI	Elliott, Richard D., 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 #44-6523 (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 #43-38672 (No Name)**

---

P	Weaver, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., F/O
NAV	Polkabra, William J., 1Lt
BOM	Hight, Basil D., 2Lt
ENG	Murphy, Jason, S/Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., S/Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., Sgt
TG	Bailey, Arthur L., Sgt
WG	Yepes, William J., S/Sgt
VI	Hassler, Paul H., S/Sgt

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

---

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
TOG	Odegaard, Duane S., 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

### **B-17G #44-8552 (No Name) - PFF**

---

P	Jones, William E., Capt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
BOM	Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG	Bostick, George F., T/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., T/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Sgt