

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 344

23 March 1945

Target: Railroad Facilities at Gladbeck, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 10 minutes

Bomb Load: 35 x 150 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,000, 23,900, & 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

All Bomb Groups operated against rail targets in western and central Germany. Gladbeck was the first priority (visual) and second priority (GEE-H) target, and Munster was the third (visual) and fourth (H2X) priority. No aircraft returned early.

There were no clouds or contrails over the Continent, but target area visibility was restricted by the haze to about 15 miles. Thirty-nine aircraft dropped a total of 1371 150-lb G.P. bombs and five units of WG-42 and five of T-337 leaflets on the first target visually. The lead Squadron bomb pattern was about 500 yards northwest of the assigned MPI, with no hits in the yard. Bomb patterns of other Squadrons were unobserved, but bombardiers believed patterns to be slightly west of the yard.

Only a few friendly fighters were seen, far below the formations. There was no enemy air opposition. The bombers only encountered flak at the target—meager to moderate, but accurate. Six aircraft sustained major battle damage, five minor damage, and one crewman was slightly wounded. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.



Sketch of Molesworth by Neil J. Svare, 444th Sub Depot

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Snyder-Bergeron

537 - PFF

Murray

999

Geile

568 - PFF

Greene

462

Cannon

258

Nicolaisen

006

McLeod

949

Leach

885

Perkins

248

Fredrickson

958

Demian

311

Bohle

597

Garrett

096



B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts PFF 359BS (BN-X)  
41st CBW-A (358BS) - Pilot LtCol E.E. Snyder / CoPilot Capt W.H. Bergeron

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Lutz-Rogers</u> 256 - PFF		
		<u>Tilsen</u> 281		<u>Beasley</u> 645
			<u>Richeson</u> 127	
		<u>Towne</u> 608		<u>Hall</u> 289
	<u>Call</u> 734			<u>O'Donnell</u> 609
<u>Heitman</u> 206		<u>Tarvid</u> 891		<u>Stocks</u> 883
	_____			<u>Peterson</u> 944
				<u>Henning</u> 875

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Jones-Hardy</u> 125 - PFF		
		<u>Marten</u> 546		<u>Tyler</u> 647
			<u>Armfield</u> 544	
		<u>Edmunds</u> 451		<u>Rapp</u> 532
	<u>Statton</u> 842			<u>Breslin</u> 318
<u>S. Smith</u> 563		<u>Scott</u> 516		<u>Vail</u> 937
	_____			<u>Bentzlin</u> 763
				<u>Fowler</u> 517

### 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
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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
RO	Little, Gerald G., Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt
WG	Partsch, Warren L., Sgt

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

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	Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt

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

P	Nicolaisen, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Rush, Herbert, F/O
NAV	Wilson, Rufus E., F/O
TOG	Williams, Ira J., Sgt
ENG	Bentley, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Kilroy, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Straub, Robert C., Sgt
TG	Gray, Robert J., Sgt
WG	Novakovich, George B., Sgt

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

P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 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
WG	Dantzler, John R., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8568 (No Name) - PFF**

P	Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Milman, Jerome, 1Lt
NAV	Triebes, Earl E., 2Lt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., 2Lt
GHN	O'Donnell, Robert E., F/O
BOM	Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG	Eygabroad, Robert J., Sgt
RO	Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Jack W., Sgt

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

P	Snyder, Edgar E., LtCol
CP	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
MN	Beyeler, Earl R., 1Lt
GHN	Heiser, Kenneth, 2Lt
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
WG	Gibson, James, T/Sgt
RO	Jennings, Archie R., T/Sgt
TG	Hopkins, Harry F., 1Lt

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

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

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

### **B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly***

P Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt  
CP Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt  
NAV Cooper, Saul A., F/O  
TOG Smith, Donald P., S/Sgt  
ENG Pullen, Rayford E., Sgt  
RO Hoke, Marvin L., Sgt  
BT Sexton, Norman R., Sgt  
TG Kindred, Beryl E., Sgt

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

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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady***

P Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt  
CP Castillo, Joseph L.A., F/O  
NAV Leonhirth, Junius, F/O  
TOG Magyar, Frank, Sgt  
ENG Bridgeman, James H., Sgt  
RO Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt  
BT Anderson, Junior W., Sgt  
TG Sulley, Oda F., Jr., Sgt

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

CP Garrett, Charles E., 1Lt  
CP Smith, Lawrence S., 2Lt  
NAV Wilson, Benjamin H., F/O  
TOG Prudhoe, Charles E., T/Sgt  
TG Massey, Ray N., Sgt  
RO Jasut, Stanley, S/Sgt  
BT Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt  
WG Partsch, Warren L., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Beasley, William M., 2Lt
CP	Rich, Richard H., 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	Cassino, Julian R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Bielski, Casimir, Jr.,
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO	Mahoney, Denis J., Sgt
TG	Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG	Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt
PAS	Holmes, E.R.T., LtCol (1 AD)

### **B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie***

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P	Tilsen, Cyril, 1Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
BT	Hendon, William G., Sgt
Y	Conrad, Joseph, T/Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille***

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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	Beam, John R., Sgt

### **B-17G #43-38609 (No Name)**

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P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 2Lt
CP	Backer, Charles T., 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., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8256 *Yankee Girl* - PFF**

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P	Lutz, John R., Capt
CP	Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., 1Lt
MN	Harrouff, Kelly F, 2Lt
GHN	Gadbois, Norman C., 2Lt
BOM	Orvis, George D., Capt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
TG	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt

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

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P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 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	Davis, Carll J., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic***

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P	Heitman, David E., 2Lt
CP	Bitler, Hower E., 2Lt
BOM	Mabary, George D.L., F/O
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., T/Sgt
ENG	Hurdle, Robert, S/Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., Jr., T/Sgt
WG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt
TG	Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
BT	Meichtry, Leo R., Sgt
RCM	Haley, James W., Sgt

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

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

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P Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt  
CP Powlus, Vernon P., 2Lt  
NAV Webber, Gale M., 2Lt  
TOG Carlson, Dale H., S/Sgt  
ENG Jenkins, Maurice L., S/Sgt  
RO Root, Carmen W., S/Sgt  
TG Dimick, Richard D., S/Sgt  
BT Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt

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

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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 #43-38289 *Sweet LaRhonda***

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P Hall, Merwin G., 2Lt  
CP Stewart, Frederick A., 1Lt  
NAV Knox, George R., 1Lt  
TOG Chorneyei, Frank, Sgt  
ENG Bodin, Lloyd R., S/Sgt  
RO Bilski, Peter P., Sgt  
BT Callicott, William M., Sgt  
TG Cofrances, Ernest L., Jr., Sgt

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

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P Call, Fred E., 1Lt  
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt  
NAV Udy, Donald M., 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 #43-38883 *Lady Beth***

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P Stocks, Jack E., 1Lt  
CP Marsh, John F., 2Lt  
NAV Steineman, James T., 2Lt  
TOG Fogle, Jerome W., T/Sgt  
ENG Copp, Edmond D., S/Sgt  
RO Fiore, John, S/Sgt  
BT Hamilton, John W., S/Sgt  
TG Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #44-6517 *Old Cock***

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P	Fowler, Robert R., 2Lt
CP	Boyles, Kenneth L., 2Lt
NAV	Sarkis, George A., F/O
TOG	Bice, Lowell E., S/Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., T/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., S/Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., Sgt
WG	Kaufmann, William R., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, William P., Sgt

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

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P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Lenox, John, Jr., F/O
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	Fegette, Iva L., T/Sgt

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

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P	Smith, Samuel W., 2Lt
CP	Shanafelt, Arthur S.C., 2Lt
NAV	Knudsen, Russell 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
WG	Lawson, Earl K., Sgt

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

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P	Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
CP	Chalmers, John D., 2Lt
NAV	Polkabla, William J., 1Lt
BOM	West, Albert G., F/O
ENG	Murphy, Jason, T/Sgt
RO	Cole, Robert L., T/Sgt
BT	Lardie, Thomas D., S/Sgt
TG	Bailey, Arthur L., S/Sgt
WG	Delaney, Howard F., Sgt

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

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P	Edmunds, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
TOG	Gerstel, Charles L., T/Sgt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt
WG	King, Raymond H., S/Sgt

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

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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
VI	Morrill, Charles K., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza***

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P	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt
NAV	Dwyer, Marion J., 2Lt
TOG	Mulqueen, John J., S/Sgt
ENG	Fleming, James A., S/Sgt
RO	Kirtner, Billy L., T/Sgt
BT	Beckman, Charles W., Sgt
TG	Moore, Bill A., Sgt
VI	Zimmerman, Harold A., S/Sgt (427th)

### **B-17G #44-8125 *Sparky* - PFF**

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P	Jones, William E., Capt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
GHN	Friedlander, Henry, 2Lt
BOM	Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG	Schieferstein, Ernest G., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Ralph L., 2Lt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Sgt



## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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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

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

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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 #43-38532 (No Name)**

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P	Rapp, John W., 2Lt
CP	Judd, Dudley F., 2Lt
NAV	Bonanno, Joseph, F/O (427th)
TOG	Unger, Frank W., Sgt
ENG	Dreblow, George P., S/Sgt
RO	Turner, John R., Sgt
TG	Rasmussen, Gerald G., Sgt
WG	Evans, William A., Sgt

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

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P	Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
CP	Schroll, David A., 2Lt
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

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

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P	Armfield, John M., 1Lt
CP	Hamm, Burwell J., 2Lt
NAV	Thompson, John M., 2Lt (427th)
BOM	Morgan, Clinton J., 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

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle***

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P	Fredrickson, Carl A., 2Lt
CP	Goetz, Harold W., F/O
NAV	Herman, Arthur L., F/O
TOG	Clarkson, Robert T., S/Sgt
TT	Stube, Harry G., Sgt
BT	Buonpane, Vincent A., Sgt
RO	Stewart, John R., Sgt
TG	Milliman, Harold R., Sgt