

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 345

24 March 1945

Target: Morning Mission - Airfield at Furstenau, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 36

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 2 minutes

Bomb Load: 36 x 100 lb H.E. M30 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,000, 24,000, & 26,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Today, all target priorities were airfields. Furstenau was first (visual) and second (GEE-H). Third were Nordhorn, Zwischenahn, Oldenburg, Plantlunne and Varrelbusch. Fourth was military establishments in the Rhine (H2X). B-17G #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*, 358BS (Lt. **Edmunds**) returned early with mechanical problems.

Thirty-five aircraft dropped 1,265 100-lb. H.E. M30 bombs and ten units of leaflets on the first priority target. The visual bombing produced excellent results for all three squadrons — bombs blanketed the airfield.

Area support by 1,158 P-51s and P-47s was excellent. There was no flak, enemy air opposition or casualties. All aircraft returned to Molesworth.



Lead Team B-17G #43-37537 Queen of Hearts PFF 359BS (BN-Q)
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(L-R) Capt Ralph L. Smith (B), 1Lt Marvin G. Richeson, Jr. (CP),
Capt William E. Eisenhart (P), Capt George H. Counts (N)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Eisenhart-Richeson

537 - PFF

Stewart
206

Knudson
552 - PFF

O'Donnell
609

Tarvid
127

Bashor
289

Tilsen
645

Call
734

Peterson
944

Beasley
878

Towne
608

Stocks
883



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Capt Ralph L. Smith (B), Capt George H. Counts (N), 2Lt William T. Burgess (TG-O)
(Front L-R) 1Lt Louis T. Gennaro (N), T/Sgt Lyman E. Ela, Jr. (E),
T/Sgt Joseph Vieira (R), 1Lt Earl J. Malerich, Jr. (GHN)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Mosel-Hardy</u> 256 - PFF		
	<u>Tyler</u> 672		<u>Marten</u> 191	
		<u>Edmunds</u> 554		
	<u>Scott</u> 462		<u>Rapp</u> 860	
<u>Schroll</u> 949	<u>Statton</u> 842		<u>Breslin</u> 318	
	<u>Vail</u> 516		<u>Fowler</u> 517	<u>S. Smith</u> 563

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Hullar-Callahan</u> 038 - PFF		
	<u>Sabine</u> 885		<u>Kahler</u> 281	
		<u>Denison</u> 937		
	<u>Miller</u> 621		<u>Lonski</u> 763	
<u>Chuba</u> 977	<u>Flanigan</u> 006		<u>Grob</u> 597	
	<u>Demian</u> 311		<u>G. Smith</u> 248	<u>Fredrickson</u> 958

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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359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Tarvid, Arthur J., 2Lt
CP	Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
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
WG	Redhage, Louis H., 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
WG	Davis, Carll J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38883 Lady Beth

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
WG	Beam, John R., Sgt

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

P	Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt
CP	Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
BOM	Evans, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG	Hurdle, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Minnix, Glenn A., T/Sgt
BT	Meichtry, Leo R., Sgt
TG	Palsa, Rudolph, Sgt
PAS	Laidlaw, W.R., LtCol (1 AD)

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

P	Eisenhart, William E., Capt
CP	Richeson, Marvin G., 1Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., Capt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 1Lt
GHN	Halerich, Earl J., Jr., 1Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., Capt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Burgess, William T., 2Lt

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

P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 1Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Jardarian, Zaven, 2Lt
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Fischer, Norbert G., Sgt
RO	Portney, Sol, S/Sgt
TG	Hoffman, George F., Sgt
BT	Gaumer, Billy A., Sgt
RCM	Reider, Enrique M., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 Old Black Magic

P	Stewart, Frederick A., 1Lt
CP	Backer, Charles T., 2Lt
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
RCM	Carl, Lewis E., S/Sgt

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

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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

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

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

P	Tilsen, Cyril, 1Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
TOG	Cassino, Julian R., S/Sgt
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
BT	Hendon, William G., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

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



Bomb Strike on Furstenau

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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., S/Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., T/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., S/Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., Sgt
TG	Jones, William P., Sgt
VI	Elliott, Richard D., S/Sgt

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

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*

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 #43-38672 (*No Name*)

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., S/Sgt
RO	Snell, John K., S/Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Dean D., Sgt
TG	Edwards, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Faulkner, Leroy, S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Marten, Dudley V., 2Lt
CP	Lester, Jack L., 2Lt
NAV	Sutherland, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Potts, Joseph, Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Livingston, Edward B., Sgt
RO	Rachel, Frank R., Sgt
BT	Keenan, Alexander J., Sgt
TG	Donner, Eugene D., Sgt
VI	Hassler, Paul H., S/Sgt (427th)

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

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	Kaber, Harvey N., S/Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt
WG	Yepes, William J., Sgt

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

P	Schroll, David A., 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	Gilbert, James E., Sgt
TG	Moore, Bill A., Sgt
WG	Nabors, Herschell F., S/Sgt

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

P	Mosel, Arnold, Capt
CP	Hardy, James H., F/O
NAV	Stewart, James L., 2Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
GHN	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 2Lt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., T/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., T/Sgt
TG	Kaltenbacher, Robert F., 2Lt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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 #43-38842 (*No Name*)

P Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
CP Gaspar, Robert V., 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

B-17G #42-97860 (*No Name*)

P Rapp, John W., 2Lt
CP Judd, Dudley F., 2Lt
NAV Strassburger, Harvey D., F/O
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 #43-38554 *Bouncing Betty III*

P Edmunds, Robert E., 1Lt
CP Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM Grezzo, Anthony D., 2Lt
ENG Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG Rumberger, Frank C., Sgt
(Abortive)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Demian, Julius C., F/O
 CP Shaughnessy, William J., 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 #44-6006 (No Name)

P Flanigan, Lloyd J., 2Lt
 CP Wokersien, James T., F/O
 NAV Heaney, Edward J., F/O
 TOG McDonald, Francis E. Jr., Sgt
 TT Gilkes, Beresford B., Sgt
 BT Safley, Delbert A., Sgt
 RO Gourly, Charles B., Sgt
 TG Neiswender, John J., Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
 CP Cotton, Lewis, F/O
 NAV Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
 BOM Short, Arthur E., F/O
 TT Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt
 BT Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
 RO Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt
 TG Fogarty, Richard T., 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
 WG Anderson, Dale R., Sgt

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

P Smith, Grafton N., 1Lt
 CP Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt
 NAV Wagner, Charles D., 2Lt
 TOG Mack, William H., Sgt
 TT Calderon, Reuben J., S/Sgt
 BT Miller, Raymond M., Sgt
 RO Parker, George F., S/Sgt
 TG Dussliere, Albert L., Sgt

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

P Denison, William A., 2Lt
 CP Haynes, Charles H., 2Lt
 NAV Zabelicky, John E., F/O
 BOM Steinberg, Clifford, 2Lt
 TT Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
 BT Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
 RO Kiggens, William P., Sgt
 TG O'Hearn, Walter D., Sgt

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 E., Sgt
 TT Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
 BT Apel, Charles W., Sgt
 RO Mullen, John P., Sgt
 TG Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt

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

P Lonski, Charles J., 1Lt
 CP Halonen, Eugene L., 2Lt
 NAV Szymanski, Milton J., 2Lt
 TOG Campen, Donald O., Jr., Sgt
 TT Beadle, Richard H., Sgt
 BT Czarny, Alex G., Sgt
 RO Newby, Sidney W., Sgt
 TG Bourget, Joseph B., Sgt
 WG Adams, Dearl E., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38621 50 Ragged

P	Miller, Forrest E., 2Lt
CP	Woodworth, Kenneth R., F/O
NAV	Higgins, Harold W., 2Lt
TOG	Hardin, Joe A., S/Sgt
TT	Conroy, Thomas R., S/Sgt
BT	Burns, Jerry E., Sgt
RO	Retzlaff, Robert R., Sgt
TG	Bulbach, Walter, Sgt
SJ	Higginbotham, Frank D., Sgt

B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) - PFF

P	Hullar, Robert J., Capt
CP	Callahan, Charles A., Capt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 1Lt
MN	Perry, Franklin W., 2Lt
GHN	Hitt, Kenneth S., F/O
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Capt
TT	Erdmann, Robert A., T/Sgt
RO	Kamen, Roland K., T/Sgt
TG	Danna, Joseph, 2Lt
WG	Robins, James B., Sgt

B-17G #43-38958 Green Hill Belle

P	Fredrickson, Carl A., 2Lt
CP	Goetz, Harold W., F/O
NAV	Herman, Arthur L., F/O
BOM	Bitter, John R., F/O
TT	Stube, Harry G., Sgt
BT	Buonpane, Vincent A., Sgt
RO	Stewart, John R., Sgt
TG	Milliman, Harold R., Sgt
WG	Farrell, Charles E., Sgt

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

P	Sabine, George E., 1Lt
CP	Abbott, Robert E., 2Lt
NAV	Dickey, Warren B., 1Lt
TOG	Carnegie, Earl B., Sgt
TT	Bielecki, John B., Jr., Sgt
BT	Bowler, Richard, Jr., Sgt
RO	Bernheim, John, Sgt
TG	Akens, Thomas I., Sgt
WG	Bevis, Thomas E., Sgt