

## 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 349

31 March 1945

Target: Marshalling Yards at Halle, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 35

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 43 minutes

Bomb Load: 6 x 1,000 lb H.E. MkIII bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 25,000, 24,300, & 25,600 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The last mission in March targeted the Lutzkendorf synthetic oil plant, first priority (visual) and the marshalling yards in Halle, second priority (visual) and third priority (H2X). One aircraft returned early, #43-38645 (*No Name*), 359BS (Lt. **Haynes**), with mechanical problems.

Thirty-four B-17s dropped 198 1,000-lb. H.E. MkIII bombs and ten leaflet units on the third priority target. Bombing by PFF (H2X) produced unobserved results. In the target area, there were 9/10 high clouds with tops at 23,000 to 25,000 feet and light non-persistent contrails. Fighter support by 225 P-51s was very good. There was no enemy air or flak opposition and no battle damage or casualties. All aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.



### EUGENE L. MAKER CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 14 Mar 1945 - photo: 16 Mar 1945)

(Back L-R) Lt Eugene L. Maker (P), Lt Robert F. Kaltenbacher (CP), Lt John F. Galardi (B),  
F/O Harvey D. Strassburger (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Robert E. Mattucks (BT), Sgt Andrew J. Wisniewski (R),  
Sgt Oscar F. Bonner, Jr. (WG), Sgt Joseph A. Martis (TG), Sgt Paul R. Smith (E)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Ashwell-Walder  
545 - PFF

<u>Miller</u> 824	<u>Cunningham</u> 462	<u>Grob</u> 597	<u>Flanigan</u> 958	<u>Chuba</u> 977
<u>Sabine</u> 885	<u>Denison</u> 937	<u>Thomas</u> 287	<u>Poole</u> 999	<u>Alderman</u> 692
				<u>Murray</u> 590



### **GEORGE E. SABINE CREW - 427th BS**

**(crew assigned 427BS: 14 Mar 1945 - photo: Feb 1945)**

(Back L-R) 1Lt George E. Sabine (P), 2Lt Robert E. Abbott (CP), 1Lt Warren B. Dickey (N), 2Lt Al Hutton (B),  
Sgt John B. Bielecki (E) - (Front L-R) Sgt John Bernheim (R), Sgt Earl B. Carnegie (TOG),  
Sgt Thomas E. Bevis (BT), Sgt Thomas I. Akens (WG), Sgt Richard Bowler (TG)

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Sirany-Holmes  
537 - PFF

Bailey  
564

Bashor  
289

Towne  
309

Marsh  
883

Haynes  
645

Tarvid  
891

Call  
734

Peterson  
206

Henning  
875

O'Donnell  
878

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Mauger  
127

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Stouse-Nye  
125 - PFF

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Breslin  
552

Bentzlin  
546

Austin  
318

Edmunds  
544

Lacker  
006

Fowler  
647

Scott  
870

Lester  
672

Vail  
563

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Maker  
778

### 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 - 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  <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 #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders***

P Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt  
 CP Balkcom, Robert E., 2Lt  
 NAV Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt  
 TOG Quig, Francis X., Sgt  
 ENG Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt  
 WG Boone, Kenneth E., Sgt  
 RO Ennis, Charles S., S/Sgt  
 BT Carter, William J., Sgt  
 TG Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

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

P Murray, Robert I., 2Lt  
 CP Boardman, Robert, F/O  
 NAV Correale, Fortunato G., 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  
 WG Dantzler, John R., Sgt

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

P Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt  
 CP Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt  
 NAV Smith, Harold S., 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  
 WG Kinsland, Harry D., Sgt  
 PAS Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Haynes, Eugene, 1Lt  
 CP Bitler, Hower E., Jr., 2Lt  
 NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt  
 BOM Moss, Henry G., 2Lt  
 ENG Ela, Lyman E., T/Sgt  
 RO Minnix, Glenn A., T/Sgt  
 BT Kennedy, Jack B., S/Sgt  
 TG Beam, John R., Sgt  
 (Abortive)

### **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  
 Y Roth, Andrew P., Sgt (427th)

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

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  
 RCM Carl, Lewis E., Sgt

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

P Sirany, George R., Capt  
 CP Holmes, Alfred M., 1Lt  
 NAV Davis, Daryl W., 1Lt  
 MN Gennaro, Louis T., 1Lt  
 BOM Johnson, Herbert E., 1Lt  
 ENG Vowels, Donovan E., S/Sgt  
 RO Jones, Walter N., Jr., T/Sgt  
 WG Bates, Roger N., S/Sgt  
 TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt

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

### **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

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

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P	Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV	Mabary, George D.L., F/O
TOG	Wilson, Johnnie R., T/Sgt
ENG	Hurdle, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Seymour T., T/Sgt
BT	Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Carl J., Sgt

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

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P	Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV	Udy, Donald M., F/O
TOG	Roberts, James B., 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	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
CP	Stocks, Jack E., 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

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

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P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 1Lt
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

### **B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter***

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P	Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
CP	Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt
NAV	West, Alonzo, III, 2Lt
TOG	Taylor, Wallace K., S/Sgt
ENG	Klym, Michael, T/Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, S/Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt

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

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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	Garcia, Leonard A., S/Sgt

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

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P	Bailey, Jack W., 1Lt
CP	Backer, Charles T., 2Lt
NAV	Hudson, Glenn V., 2Lt
BOM	Adams, Harry W., 1Lt
ENG	Walling, Glenn R., S/Sgt
RO	Grden, Matthew W., Sgt
TG	McDonald, Billy L., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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

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

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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	Murphy, Jason, T/Sgt
RO	Siegel, Edwin, Sgt
BT	Seats, Burton E., Sgt
TG	Ramaika, Joseph J., Sgt

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

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P	Edmunds, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Lofquist, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Galardi, John F., 2Lt
ENG	Hammel, Norman D., Sgt
RO	Polo, Matthew N., S/Sgt
BT	Farnham, Gordon W., Sgt
TG	Nabors, Herschell F., S/Sgt

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

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P	Lacker, Howard C., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 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 #44-8647 (*No Name*)**

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P	Fowler, Robert R., 1Lt
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

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

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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	Gilbert, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt

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

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

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P	Lester, Jack L., 2Lt
CP	Gaspar, Robert V., F/O
NAV	Sutherland, James M., 2Lt
TOG	Capps, Everett, Sgt
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 (303rd)

### **B-17G #43-38778 (No Name)**

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P	Maker, Eugene L., 2Lt
CP	Kaltenbacher, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Strassburger, Harvey D., F/O
TOG	Johnson, Wilfred B., Sgt
ENG	Smith, Paul R., Sgt
RO	Wisniewski, Andrew J., Sgt
BT	Mattucks, Robert E., Sgt
TG	Martis, Joseph A., Sgt
VI	Ready, William C., Sgt (358th)

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

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P	Stouse, Harold L., Capt
CP	Nye, Robert M., Maj
NAV	McCarty, Mike D., 1Lt
MN	Gibson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM	Downey, Francis G., 1Lt
ENG	Ciezadlo, Eugene F., S/Sgt
RO	Lillis, Joseph D., Pvt
TG	Juddy, Dudley F., 2Lt
WG	Wotanis, Leo F., Sgt

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

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P	Breslin, Jack D., 2Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Rinish, James M., F/O
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
BOM	Bachhuber, Raymond A., 2Lt
ENG	Moore, Harley E., Sgt
RO	Daugherty, John S., Jr., Sgt
BT	Mason, Millard E., Sgt
TG	Barlow, Grover C., Sgt

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

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P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
TOG	Stuckey, Edward C., Sgt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt
VI	Fegette, iva L., T/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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	Morris, Allen L., S/Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt

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

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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

### **B-17G #44-83287 *Southern Comfort***

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P	Thomas, Blaine E., 2Lt
CP	Bartholomew, Max R., 2Lt
NAV	Bonanno, Joseph, F/O
TOG	Eschinger, Edward G., Sgt
TT	Haynes, Harry W., Jr., Sgt
BT	Contreras, Luis L., Sgt
RO	Smith, Walter E., Sgt
TG	Carlson, Melvin C., Sgt

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

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

### **B-17G #44-8824 *(No Name)***

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

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

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P	Grob, Emil E., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Vanderhei, Vivian S., 2Lt
NAV	Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt
BOM	Hanson, Arnold H., F/O
TT	Loy, Vernon C., Sgt
BT	Apel, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mullen, John P., Sgt
TG	Nutting, Rufus R., Sgt



## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

### **B-17G #43-38958 *Green Hill Belle***

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P Flanigan, Lloyd J., 2Lt  
CP Kipfer, James F., 2Lt  
NAV Wolansky, John, 2Lt  
BOM Steinberg, Clifford, 2Lt  
TT Gilkes, Beresford B., Sgt  
BT Safley, Delbert A., Sgt  
RO Gourly, Charles B., Sgt  
TG Neiswender, John J., Sgt  
SJ Hendrix, Frank H., S/Sgt

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

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P Ashwell, Siilas B., 1Lt  
CP Walder, Wilfred M., Jr., 2Lt  
NAV Tanner, Merlin A., 2Lt  
MN Perry, Franklin W., 2Lt  
BOM Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt  
TT Engelhardt, Roy H., Sgt  
RO Gibbons, Francis M., Sgt  
TG Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt  
WG Doles, David, Jr., Sgt

### **B-17G #44-8692 *Little Tillie***

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P Alderman, Melvin, 2Lt  
CP Lonski, Charles J., 1Lt  
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