

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 350

3 April 1945

Target: Submarine Works at Kiel, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 39

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 8 minutes

Bomb Load: 5 x 1,000 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 26,000 & 27,000 feet

Thirty-nine aircraft, including three spares, were dispatched to attack the underground oil storage depot at Kiel, Germany, the first priority target (visual), the submarine works at Kiel, the second priority (H2X), and the Schwesig airfield and Husum airfield, the third priorities. One of the spare aircraft returned early – #44-6006 (*No Name*), 358BS (Lt. **Perkins**).



**B-17G #44-8038 (No Name) PFF 427BS (GN-Z)
41st CBW-C Lead (427BS) - Pilot Maj C.E. Kerwin / CoPilot 1Lt E. Haynes**

Thirty-eight Fortresses dropped 180 1,000-lb. G.P. bombs and 10 units of leaflets on the second priority target. Bombing was by PFF (H2X) through solid overcast with results unobserved. Photos showed no bursts. In the target area there were 9/10 low clouds with tops at 10,000 to 12,000 feet, 4/10 high clouds with tops at 23,000 to 24,000 feet, and moderate, persistent contrails.

Although a few enemy ME-162s were seen and one crew reported an ME-262, the 303rd BG(H) formations sustained no aircraft attacks. Only meager to moderate and inaccurate flak was encountered at the target with meager flak at other points. All aircraft returned to Base. There was no battle damage or casualties.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Kerwin-Haynes
038 - PFF

Call
734

Knudson
564 - PFF

Stocks
883

O'Donnell
609

Tilse
645

Towne
608

Henning
875

Bashor
289

Tarvid
891

Beasley
206

Stewart
878

Peterson
944



EMIL E. GROB CREW - 427th BS

(crew assigned 427BS: 04 Feb 1945 - photo: 07 May 1945)

Back L-R) 2Lt Donald J. Hoida (N), 2Lt Vivian S. Vanderhei (CP), 2Lt Emil E. Grob (P),
2Lt Leon H. Slauson (B) - (Front L-R) Sgt Rufus R. Nutting (TG), Sgt Vernon C. Loy (E),
Sgt John P. Mullen (R), Sgt Charles W. Apel (BTG), Sgt Harrold E. Allen (WG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Hewitt-McKeon
869 - PFF

	<u>Kahler</u> 621	<u>Chuba</u> 977	
<u>Lester</u> 763			<u>Flanigan</u> 885
		<u>Grob</u> 597	<u>Bentzlin</u> 523
	<u>Austin</u> 870	<u>Sabine</u> 958	
<u>Maker</u> 824			<u>Denison</u> 937
		<u>Miller</u> 692	<u>Thomas</u> 287

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Goering-Walker
238 - PFF

	<u>Murray</u> 427	<u>Leach</u> 682	
<u>Elkins</u> 778			<u>Cannon</u> 860
		<u>Greene</u> 462	<u>Griffith</u> 590
	<u>Perkins</u> 006	<u>Thornton</u> 258	
<u>Statton</u> 842			<u>Woodard</u> 191
		<u>Gordon</u> 517	<u>Lacker</u> 647

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 - 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 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 #43-38191 *Shasta*

P Woodard, John M., 2Lt
CP Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
NAV Moeller, Floyd E., 1Lt
TOG Jackson, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG Walley, Glen B., Sgt
WG Sloan, Walter E., Sgt
RO Foreman, Dennis E., Sgt
TG Johnson, Robert H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38682 (*No Name*)

P Leach, Joseph V., 2Lt
CP Olson, John L., 2Lt
NAV Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
BOM Mott, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
RO Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG Sulley, Oda F., Sgt

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

P Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
CP Magid, Malcolm J., 2Lt
NAV Besharian, Joseph, F/O
TOG Pierce, Roscoe L., Sgt
ENG Wilson, Warren J., Sgt
RO Ruff, Merle H., Sgt
TG Jarrett, Robert W., Sgt
BT Hogan, Walter B., Sgt

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

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

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

P Cannon, Harley E., 2Lt
CP Poole, Lawrence E., 1Lt
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

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

P Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
CP Eby, Joe M., 1Lt
NAV Wilson, Rufus E., F/O
TOG Day, Keith E., S/Sgt
ENG Bruce, Leonard P., T/Sgt
RO Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
BT Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
TG Reimche, George K., T/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Wilson, Benjamin H., 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 #43-38778 (No Name)

P	Elkins, Richard A., 2Lt
CP	McLeod, William S., 1Lt
NAV	Correale, Fortunato G., S/Sgt
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
PAS	Scott, William R., S/Sgt

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

P	Gordon, Joseph, 2Lt
CP	Bohle, Loren W., 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

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

P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa H., F/O
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 (Spare-Return)

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

P	Walker, Barton F., 1Lt
CP	Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
NAV	Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
MN	Foltz, Leon P., 2Lt
BOM	Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG	Wilhelm, Raymond G., S/Sgt
WG	Massey, Ray N., Sgt
RO	Jasut, Stanley, S/Sgt
TG	Johnson, Vernon W., T/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P	Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
CP	Bauer, Donald R., F/O
NAV	Mabary, George D.L, F/O
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 #44-8734 *Hell's Cargo*

P	Call, Fred E., 2Lt
CP	Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV	Udy, Donald M., F/O
TOG	Boucher, Henry G., 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., 1Lt
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) - PFF

P	Knudson, Darwin D., 1Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV	Herrmann, Robert H., 2Lt
MN	Fournier, Ernest R., 1Lt (427th)
BOM	Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG	Hurdle, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Jones, Walter N., T/Sgt
BT	Meichtry, Leo R., 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 #43-38878 (No Name)

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

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

P	Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
CP	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
NAV	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
TOG	Roberts, James P., S/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 #43-38645 (No Name)

P	Tilsen, Cyril, 1Lt
CP	McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV	Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Moss, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Mawdsley, Arnold, Sgt
TG	Proctor, Isaac H., Sgt
BT	Hendon, William G., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	O'Donnell, Thomas M., 1Lt
CP	Goulding, Traynum D., 2Lt
NAV	Barger, Donald T., 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	Palm, Kenneth A., S/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., S/Sgt
ENG	Walling, Glenn R., S/Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, S/Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
RCM	Carl, Lewis E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 Old Black Magic

P	Beasley, William M., 1Lt
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 #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

P	Bashor, Oliver L., 2Lt
CP	Baker, Ira B., 2Lt
NAV	Johnson, Herbert G., 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	Zimmerman, Harold A., S/Sgt (Hqtr)

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

P	Kerwin, Charles E., Maj
CP	Haynes, Eugene, 1Lt
NAV	Swenson, Glen R., 1Lt
NAV	Christenson, Leroy P., 2Lt
MN	Gennaro, Louis T., 1Lt
BOM	Johnson, David E., 1Lt
ENG	Candito, Christopher, T/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
TG	Christensen, Lawrence, 1Lt
WG	Bates, Roger K., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6523 (No Name)

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 #44-8647 (No Name)

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 #43-38763 (No Name)

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

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

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

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

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

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

P	Statton, Roy F., 1Lt
CP	Hamm, John, 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
VI	Fleischer, Herbert L., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Chuba, Francis B., 2Lt
CP	Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt
NAV	Cohen, Leonard, F/O
TOG	Malmo, Richard C., Sgt
TT	Ayers, Francis H., Sgt
BT	Paananen, Uhlo J., Sgt
RO	Harkey, Charles I., S/Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt

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

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

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

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 #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 #44-6937 *El Sereano*

P	Denison, William A., 2Lt
CP	Roche, John E., F/O
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., 2Lt
TOG	McComb, Harold A., 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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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 Bowler, Richard, Sgt
SJ Monyok, Joseph R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38621 *50 Ragged*

P Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
CP Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
BOM Marshall, Alexander F., 1Lt
TT Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt
RO Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt
TG Turkovich, Charles J., Sgt
BT Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
SJ Ladd, John M., Sgt
OBS Shuller, T., LtCol

B-17G #44-8869 (*No Name*) - PFF

P Hewitt, Donald I., 1Lt
CP McKeon, Preston W., 2Lt
NAV Hoida, Donald J., 2Lt
MN Bowes, Jerome P., III, 2Lt (358th)
BOM Hansen, Harley L., 1Lt
TT Sabo, Stephen R., Sgt
RO Schmidt, Elmer J., T/Sgt
TG Agrifoglio, Benjamin M., S/Sgt
WG Mussi, James L., Sgt