

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 355

8 April 1945

Target: Airfield at Schafstadt, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 34

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 31 minutes

Bomb Load: 34 X 100 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 20,000, 19,000 & 21,000 feet

Target priorities were airfields and marshalling yards with the 303rd BG(H) assigned the Schafstadt landing ground, the first priority (visual), Halberstadt railway center, the second priority (visual or H2X), and the Halle marshalling yard, the third priority. No aircraft returned early.

303rd BG(H) Fortresses dropped 1,237 100-lb. G.P. bombs and 10 leaflet units on the first priority target with good results—the target was well covered with bombs. Weather conditions did not affect this mission. The target area contained only 3/10 to 4/10 low clouds with tops at 4,000 to 5,000 feet and no contrails. Friendly support by 239 P-51s was very good. There was no enemy air opposition, flak, battle damage, or casualties. All Group aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.



Coffee Time at the American Red Cross Clubmobile

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Walder-Hullar
710 - PFF

Beasley
609

Kahler
545 - PFF

Lowry
206

Chuba
977

Miller
621

Barr
287

Sabine
885

Thomas
311

Krohn
824

Richeson
127



WILLIAM J. LOWRY CREW - 359th BS

B-17G Lucille #43-38608 (359BS) BN-E

(crew assigned 359BS: 27 Mar 1945 - photo: 29 Mar 1945)

(Back L-R) 1Lt William J. Lowry (P), 2Lt Ralph S. Bennett (CP), 2Lt Irving Wort (B),
2Lt Stuart K. Wood (N) - (Front L-R) Sgt Merritt L. Moots (TG),
S/Sgt Joseph R. Madden (WG), Sgt Emanuel Warcholak (BT),
S/Sgt William B. Thomas (R), S/Sgt Joseph J. Manina (E)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Goering-Leach
439 - PFF

<u>Laubhan</u> 937	<u>L. Smith</u> 462	<u>Olson</u> 999	
			<u>Nester</u> 778
		<u>Parson</u> 597	<u>Griffith</u> 258
	<u>Call</u> 875	<u>Geile</u> 191	
<u>Mauger</u> 289			<u>Boardman</u> 427
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Shields-Hamm
552 - PFF

	<u>Lester</u> 672	<u>Fowler</u> 517	
<u>Maker</u> 546			<u>Austin</u> 532
		<u>Tilsen</u> 842	<u>Bentzlin</u> 544
	<u>Scott</u> 870	<u>S. Smith</u> 563	
<u>Welshon</u> 860			<u>Vail</u> 516

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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P Fountain, Clarence M., 2Lt
CP Pinkert, Paul A., 2Lt
NAV Widener, Howard H., F/O
TOG Hackney, Carl R., Sgt
ENG Grocki, John J., Sgt
RO Noble, Neal W., S/Sgt
BT Darley, Ralph J., Sgt
TG Powell, George A., Sgt

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

P Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
CP Craig, Fred, 2Lt
NAV Rainey, John L., 2Lt
TOG Jones, James P., S/Sgt
ENG Kappardaki, Kermit P., S/Sgt
RO Strouse, Jacob J., S/Sgt
BT McGrory, William P., S/Sgt
TG Edleman, Robert W., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
NAV Correale, Fortunato G., F/O
TOG Rafferty, William A., S/Sgt
ENG McGreevy, James, T/Sgt
RO Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
BT Diaczynski, Andrew J., Sgt
TG Massey, Ray N., Sgt

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

P Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
P Woodard, John M., 2Lt
NAV Wilson, Benjamin H., F/O
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 #43-38999 *Emma*

P Olson, John L., 2Lt
CP Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
NAV Smith, Harold S., F/O
TOG Psota, John W., S/Sgt
ENG Bridgeman, James H., Sgt
RO Wilburn, Robert R., Sgt
BT Anderson, Junior W., Sgt
TG Sulley, Oda F., Jr., Sgt

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

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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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

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

P Boardman, Robert, F/O
CP Murray, Robert I., 2Lt
NAV Leonhirth, Junius, 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 #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly*

P Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
CP Silver, Jack, F/O
NAV Besharian, Joseph, F/O
TOG Pearce, 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 #44-8439 (*No Name*) - PFF

P Goering, Werner G., 1Lt
CP Leach, Joseph V., 1Lt
NAV Wilhelm, Frederick H., 2Lt
PFF Bannowsky, Lovell A., 2Lt
BOM Reed, Andrew T., 2Lt
ENG Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
RO Jasut, Stanley, S/Sgt
BT Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG Mogusar, John F., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38875 *Redwing*

P Call, Fred E., 1Lt
CP Wilson, Carl V., 2Lt
NAV Udy, Donald M., F/O
TOG Beam, John R., Sgt
ENG Myers, Ernest L., S/Sgt
RO Sussman, Martin, S/Sgt
TG Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
BT Hager, Mark I., Sgt

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

P Tilsen, Cyril, 1Lt
CP McDowell, James B., 2Lt
NAV Bielski, Casimir, Jr., 2Lt
TOG Cassino, Julian R., S/Sgt
ENG Driggers, Sherod R., Jr., T/Sgt
RO Mawdsley, Arnold, S/Sgt
TG McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
BT Hendon, William G., Sgt

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

P Beasley, William M., 1Lt
CP Rich, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Welsh, Harry A., 2Lt
TOG Harrigfeld, Thomas E., S/Sgt
ENG Gornto, Jacob R., Sgt
RO Terrill, Jack W., Sgt
TG Gracida, Henry J., Jr., Sgt
BT Thomas, David W., Sgt
RCM Reider, Enrique M., S/Sgt

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

P Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 2Lt
CP Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
NAV Steineman, James T., 2Lt
TOG Benge, Charlie A., S/Sgt
ENG Gray, Alexander W., S/Sgt
RO Mahoney, Denis J., S/Sgt
TG Hoxie, Charles R., Sgt
WG Davidson, Dyle K., Sgt

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

P Lowry, William J., 2Lt
CP Bennett, Ralph S., F/O
NAV Wood, Stuart K., 2Lt
TOG Nichols, Audly D., Sgt
ENG Manina, Joseph J., Sgt
RO Thomas, William B., Sgt
BT Warcholak, Emanuel, Sgt
TG Moots, Merritt L., Sgt

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

P Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
CP Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV Crawford, Raymond C., 2Lt
TOG Davis, Carl J., Sgt
ENG Stevens, Clement J., T/Sgt
RO Fiore, John, T/Sgt
BT Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt
TG Boling, Shuble A., S/Sgt
VI Elkin, Samuel J., S/Sgt (Hqtrs)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
BOM	Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., Sgt
RO	Kummer, Burnell R., Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Maker, Eugene L., 2Lt
CP	Kaltenbacher, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Strassburger, Harvey D., F/O
BOM	Galardi, John F., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, Paul R., Sgt
RO	Wisniewski, Andrew J., Sgt
BT	Mattucks, Robert E., Sgt
TG	Martis, Joseph A., Sgt

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

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*

P	Smith, Samuel W., 1Lt
CP	Shanafelt, Arthur S.C., 2Lt
NAV	Knudsen, Russell A., F/O
TOG	Geyer, Walter A., S/Sgt
ENG	Zenick, Thomas E., Sgt
RO	Bridgman, Robert A., S/Sgt
BT	Kucab, Michael J., Sgt
TG	Jensen, Jens C., Sgt

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

P	Lester, Jack L., 2Lt
CP	Gaspar, Robert V., F/O
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	Yepes, William J., S/Sgt

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

P	Scott, John, 1Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
BOM	Grezzo, Anthony D., 2Lt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Hebert, Nolan, Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Welshon, Frank E., 2Lt
CP Sumpter, James A., 2Lt
NAV Robinson, Truman, 2Lt
TOG Valdes, George J., T/Sgt
ENG Fleming, James A., T/Sgt
RO Kirtner, Billy A., T/Sgt
BT Paris, Russell C., Sgt
TG Mangum, Henry L., Jr., Sgt
WG Wentland, Howard H., Sgt

B-17G #44-6517 Old Cock

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., T/Sgt
BT Henager, Rudolph M., S/Sgt
TG Jones, William P., Sgt
RCM Elliott, Richard D., S/Sgt

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

P Shields, Emerson H., 1Lt
CP Hamm, John, 2Lt
NAV Young, Charles C., Jr., 2Lt
MN Gibson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM Weise, Gerald W., 2Lt
ENG Brian, Carville J., S/Sgt
RO Prestage, John L., S/Sgt
TG Hansen, Calvin K., Sgt
WG Moren, Owen W., Sgt

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., S/Sgt
ENG Larson, Arnold B., T/Sgt
RO Siegel, Edwin, Sgt
BT Seats, Burton E., Sgt
TG Ramaika, Joseph J., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Chuba, Francis B., 2Lt
CP	Rogers, Ennis L., 2Lt
NAV	Wolf, Robert J., 2Lt
TOG	Malmo, Robert 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 #44-83287 (No Name)

P	Barr, Thomas J., 2Lt
CP	Pauling, Verlin C., 2Lt
NAV	Walker, Raymon G., 2Lt
BOM	Wentworth, Richard H., F/O
TT	Daspit, Thomas M., Cpl
BT	Laza, Benney F., Cpl
RO	Zierk, George W., Cpl
TG	Byers, McClellan A., Cpl

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

P	Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Smith, Charles W., 2Lt
MN	Fournier, Ernest R., 1Lt
BOM	Short, Arthur E., F/O
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt
TG	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
WG	Fogarty, Richard T., Sgt

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

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
VI	Roth, Andrew P., 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	Bevis, Thomas E., Sgt
RO	Bernheim, John, Sgt
TG	Bowler, Richard, Sgt

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

P	Krohn, Robert W., 2Lt
CP	Kindig, Paul B., 2Lt
NAV	Christen, Louis M., 2Lt
TOG	O'Sullivan, Henry T., Sgt
TT	Leach, Harry L., Sgt
BT	Minoff, John, Sgt
RO	McKenzie, Malcolm L., Sgt
TG	Marozas, Arthur A., Sgt

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 #44-8710 *Idle Wheel* - PFF

P	Hullar, Robert J., Capt
CP	Walder, Wilfred W., 2Lt
NAV	Dye, Carl J., Jr., 1Lt
NAV	Fox, Richard W., 2Lt
MN	Weinstein, Irving, 1Lt
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., Capt
TT	Englehardt, Roy H., S/Sgt
RO	Gibbons, Francis M., S/Sgt
TG	Kipfer, James F., 2Lt
WG	Mitchell, Donald C., Sgt