

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 356

9 April 1945

Target: Munitions Factory at Wolfratshausen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 31 minutes

Bomb Load: 4 x 500 lb G.P., 6 x 150 lb G.P. &

2 x 500 lb M17 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 24,000, 23,800 & 24,600 feet

The Wolfratshausen munitions factory was the first priority target (visual), the Landsberg airfield was the second priority (visual) and third priority (H2X), and the Munich marshalling yard was the fourth priority target. None of the 38 303BG B-17s returned early from this very uneventful mission.



THOMAS J. BARR CREW - 427th BS

(crew assigned 427BS: 27 Mar 1945 - photo: April 1945)

(Back L-R) F/O Richard H. Wentworth (B), 2Lt Verlin C. Pauling (CP), 2Lt Thomas J. Barr (P),
2Lt Raymon G. Walker (N) - (Front L-R) Cpl Theodore R. Smith (WG), Cpl Benny F. Laza (BT),
Cpl Thomas M. Daspit (E), Cpl George W. Zierk (R), Cpl McClellan A. Byers (TG)

Thirty-eight 303rd BG(H) B-17s dropped a total of 144 500-lb. G.P., 239 150-lb. G.P., and 49 500-lb. M17 incendiaries and 10 units of leaflets on the first priority target. Bombing was visual and the results were good—the target was well hit. Weather in the target area was CAVU. Except for some ground fog at Molesworth, which considerably delayed take-off, weather had no effect on this mission.

There was no enemy air opposition. Support by 137 P-51s was reported by most crews as good, with a few claiming it as only fair. There was no flak encountered, no battle damage, no casualties and all aircraft returned to Molesworth.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Bergeron-Walker
545 - PFF

Dorsett
999

Walter
710 - PFF

Bohle
621

Boardman
427

Craig
778

Griffith
258

Nicolaisen
590

Sims
191

Denison
937

L. Smith
462

Fountain
692



DONALD R. WALTER CREW - 358th BS
(crew assigned 358BS: 22 Dec 1944 - photo: Dyersberg, TN Sep 1944)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Tyler-Hamm</u> 552 - PFF		
	<u>Vail</u> 544		<u>Scott</u> 870	
<u>Welshon</u> 517				<u>Austin</u> 532
		<u>Breslin</u> 842		<u>Bentzlin</u> 516
	<u>Miller</u> 977		<u>Maker</u> 523	
<u>Barr</u> 287				<u>S. Smith</u> 563
		<u>Kahler</u> 546 (Spare)		<u>Lester</u> 860

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Lutz-Cole</u> 564 - PFF		
	<u>Stewart</u> 883		<u>Heller</u> 609	
<u>Tarvid</u> 875				<u>Call</u> 289
		<u>Richeson</u> 127		<u>Chuba</u> 824
	<u>Peterson</u> 682		<u>Lowry</u> 206	
<u>Krohn</u> 311				<u>Towne</u> 597
		<u>Mauger</u> 645		<u>Sabine</u> 885

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 #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly*

P Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
 CP Fries, Lawrence L., 2Lt
 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 #44-8692 *Little Tillie*

P Fountain, Clarence M., 2Lt
 CP Pinkert, Paul A., 2Lt
 NAV Widener, Howard H., F/O
 BOM Bradshaw, Charles A., 2Lt
 ENG Grocki, John J., Sgt
 RO Riehl, William F., Sgt
 BT Darley, Ralph J., Sgt
 TG Powell, George A., Sgt

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

P Craig, Fred, 2Lt
 CP Nester, Harry E., 2Lt
 NAV Rainey, John L., 2Lt
 TOG Jones, James P., S/Sgt
 ENG Kappadaki, 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 Sims, Allen R., 2Lt
 CP Geile, Thomas A., 2Lt
 NAV Smith, Harold S., F/O
 TOG Rafferty, William A., S/Sgt
 ENG Farmer, Evert A., S/Sgt
 RO Baloga, Stephen M., T/Sgt
 BT Fox, Raymond H., Sgt
 TG Massey, Ray N., Sgt

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 #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P Nicolaisen, Arthur R., 2Lt
 CP Bailey, Ernest A., 2Lt
 NAV Dornblaser, Fred D., 2Lt
 TOG Deaver, Austin D., Sgt
 ENG Beamer, Richard P., Sgt
 RO Masson, Alexander F., Sgt
 BT Bacon, Gerald L., Sgt
 TG Farmer, Frank L., Sgt

B-17G #43-38999 *Emma*

P Dorsett, John D., 1Lt
 CP Kentsbeer, William F., 2Lt
 NAV Rankin, Earl W., F/O
 TOG Roddey, Francis M., Sgt
 ENG Savage, Francis L., Sgt
 RO O'Donnell, John J., Sgt
 BT Levie, Benjamin H., Sgt
 TG Wright, Elmer E., Sgt

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

P Boardman, Robert, 2Lt
 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

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #44-8710 *Idle Wheel* - PFF

P Walter, Donald R., 1Lt
CP Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
NAV Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
MN Grondin, Nicholas A., 1Lt (427th)
BOM Jones, George W., 2Lt
ENG Schroeder, Karl T., S/Sgt
TG Meade, Joseph J., S/Sgt
RO Kasik, Robert F., S/Sgt
WG Hudler, Billie E., Sgt
PAS Smith, Carlton M., 1Lt (Hqtrs)

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

P Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
CP Walker, Barton F., 1Lt
NAV Hunt, Jackson H., Capt
NAV Moeller, Floyd E., 1Lt
MN Bowes, Jerome P., 1Lt
BOM Gorham, Raymond H., 1Lt
ENG Haskell, Whitney, T/Sgt
RO Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
WG Mogusar, John F., Sgt
TG Smith, Orville H., F/O

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

P Bohle, Loren W., 2Lt
CP Gordon, Joseph, 1Lt
NAV Gerhardstein, Eugene M., F/O
TOG Sproule, Wayne O., Sgt
ENG Bigelow, Robert F., S/Sgt
RO Genter, Norman, S/Sgt
BT Aldous, George C., Sgt
TG Smith, Jack C., Sgt
PAS Atkinson, Gerald V., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Briody, Lawrence J., 2Lt
NAV	Hudson, Glenn V., 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 #43-38645 (No Name)

P	Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
CP	Burgess, William T., 2Lt
NAV	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
TOG	Davis, Carl J., Sgt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., T/Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., T/Sgt
BT	Meichtry, Leo R., S/Sgt
TG	Roberts, James P., S/Sgt

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

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 #43-38883 Lady Beth

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 #43-37597 Earthquake McGoon

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

B-17G #43-38875 Redwing

P	Tarvid, Arthur J., 1Lt
CP	Grandwilliams, Louis C., F/O
NAV	Webber, Gale M., 2Lt
TOG	Boucher, Henry C., S/Sgt
ENG	Stevens, Clement J., T/Sgt
RO	Jobe, Andrew K., Jr., T/Sgt
TG	Boling, Shuble A., S/Sgt
BT	Simpson, James A., S/Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

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
VI Fleischer, Peter H., Sgt (Hqtrs)

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
RCM Carl, Lewis E., S/Sgt

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

P Lutz, John R., Capt
CP Cole, Richard H., LtCol
NAV Carriere, Lawrence C., 1Lt
MN Weil, Frankk P., 1Lt
BOM Johnson, David E., 1Lt
ENG Candito, Christopher, T/Sgt
RO Lovelock, Edward N., T/Sgt
TG Hartmann, Alexander, T/Sgt
WG Bates, Roger K., S/Sgt

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

P Heller, Emerson E., 2Lt
CP Magee, Jack R., 1Lt
NAV Chennault, Paul E., Jr., 2Lt
TOG Flandermeyer, Omer J., Sgt
ENG Dow, Jacob E., Sgt
RO Dittmar, John F., S/Sgt
BT Bauer, Herbert, Cpl
TG Meyer, Wilbur H., Jr., Cpl
RCM Reider, Enrique M., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Austin, Charles A., 1Lt
CP	Johnson, Ralph L., 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 #44-6523 (No Name)

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 #44-6516 My Darling

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 #42-97860 (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	Donner, Eugene D., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 Sack Time

P	Vail, Robert F., 2Lt
CP	Tremelling, Claude C., 2Lt
NAV	Blake, Mark, Jr., F/O
TOG	Valdes, George J., T/Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., T/Sgt
RO	Siegel, Edwin, Sgt
BT	Beckman, Charles W., Sgt
TG	Ramaika, Joseph J., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Welshon, Frank E., 2Lt
CP	Sumpter, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Robinson, Truman, 2Lt
TOG	Mulqueen, John 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
RCM	Fegette, Iva L., T/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	Rasmussen, Gerald G., Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt
PAS	King, Richard, LtCmdr (Naval)

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

P	Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
CP	Hamm, Burwell J., 2Lt
NAV	Papp, Melvin E., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Joseph R., F/O
BOM	Puryear, James L., 1Lt
ENG	Reed, Richard S., S/Sgt
RO	Snell, John K., S/Sgt
WG	Faulkner, Leroy, S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Robert D., Sgt

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

P	Breslin, Jack D., 1Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Dwyer, Marion J., 2Lt
TOG	Perry, Gordon W., S/Sgt
ENG	Moore, Harley E., Sgt
RO	Daugherty, John S., Jr., Sgt
BT	Mason, Millard E., Sgt
TG	Barlow, Grover C., Sgt
VI	Brody, John J., Sgt (427)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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 #42-97546 Idaliza

P	Kahler, Thomas F., 2Lt
CP	Cotton, Lewis, F/O
NAV	Bonanno, Joseph, F/O
TOG	Fogarty, Richard T., S/Sgt
TT	Lowery, Lloyd, S/Sgt
RO	Latz, Leslie L., S/Sgt
BT	Broughton, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Perkins, Herschel E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97311 Shoo Shoo Baby

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 #44-8824 (No Name)

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
RO	Harkey, Charles I., S/Sgt
TG	Huckabay, Harvey H., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #44-6937 El Sereano

P	Denison, William A., 2Lt
CP	Farland, Eugene H., 2Lt
NAV	Zabelicky, John E., 2Lt
TOG	McComb, Harold A., Sgt
TT	Eckert, Clair E., S/Sgt
BT	Conyer, Roy, Jr., Sgt
RO	Kiggins, William P., Sgt
TG	O'Hearn, Walter D., 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
RO	Bernheim, John, Sgt
TG	Dugan, Earl M., Sgt