

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 291A

28 December 1944

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yard at Sieburg, Germany

The 303rd BG(H) crews dropped two 2,000-lb. and two 1,000-lb. G.P. bombs on the primary target at Sieburg, Germany with unobserved results, using their GEE-H equipment. All 1st BD crews were ordered to completely open and close their bomb bay doors over the English Channel on penetration. This action was to ensure that bomb rack malfunctions, while opening bomb bay doors, would occur over water rather than over friendly troops.

The 303rd BG(H) furnished three crews to fly with other Bomb Groups.

#44-8256 B-17G (PFF), 358BS — flew with the 381BG.

#44-8038 B-17G (PFF), 427BS — flew with the 398BG

#44-8238 B-17G (PFF), 360BS — flew with the 91BG

303rd BG(H) Crew Lists

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

P Underdown, Sidney L., 1Lt
CP Stocks, Jack E., 2Lt
NAV Carriere, Lawrence C., 2Lt
NAV Quinlan, Thomas E., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Buckner, James C., 2Lt
BOM Dando, Charles A., 2Lt
ENG Kuwik, Joseph J., T/Sgt
RO Carman, Nolan W., T/Sgt
BT Guptill, Walter R., S/Sgt
TG Erdody, Joseph, S/Sgt

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

GHN Carnahan, Kenneth H., 2Lt

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

P Mann, H., 1Lt
CP McLaughlin, W.A., 1Lt
NAV Gerry, R.J., 1Lt
MN Wienstein, Irving, 2Lt
GHN Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
BOM Dahmer, J., 1Lt
TT Bergin, E., T/Sgt
RO Green, R., S/Sgt
TG Smith, H., S/Sgt
WG Kriz, A., S/Sgt
WG Stromberg, F., S/Sgt



*Major William C. Heller with his brother 1Lt Emerson E. Heller.
Photo was taken at their home after World War II ended.*

Captain William C. **Heller**, former Operations Officer of the 359th BS, was reunited with his younger brother 2Lt Emerson E. **Heller** at Christmas of 1944. Bill described the reunion as a “stellar portion of his tenure in the 303rd BG(H).” Emerson **Heller** joined the 359th BS as the copilot on the Marvin G. **Richeson** Crew. He was later checked out as a First Pilot and finished his tour as a First Pilot. The brothers celebrated Christmas together and flew in many combat mission formations together, in different aircraft. Emerson remained in the service as a career officer. He was Killed in Action in Vietnam in 1969 and was buried in Arlington, Virginia. His name is listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.