

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 86

5 December 1943

Target: St. Jean D'Angely, France

Crews Dispatched: 20 plus 3 spares

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 11,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,935 rounds

B *am Bam* #42-37893, 358BS (**Emerson**), returned early with a loose gas cap on the left "Tokyo tank." Problems with the tail wheel mechanism delayed landing, making it impossible to take off again and catch up with the formation.

After the 41st Combat Wing had formed, heavy cloud cover over France prevented positive identification of targets. The formations returned without bombing, in accordance with VIII Bomber Command policy of no indiscriminate bombing of targets in German-occupied countries.

All flak experienced was meager and inaccurate. No battle damage was sustained. One to four enemy aircraft were reported, with no attacks on the 303rd BG(H) formation.

Excessive prop wash was encountered due to the converging of the Combat Wing and steep and unnecessary turns by the Combat Wing leader.

6 December 1943 - Crew Chief M/Sgt Fabian S. Folmer Earns Legion of Merit Medal

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MSgt Fabian Folmer

By direction of the president, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, the Legion of Merit is awarded to the following ... enlisted man:

Master Sergeant **Fabian S. Folmer**, (Army serial No. 15013854), Air Corps, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as crew chief of a bomber aircraft from 17 October 1942 to 27 August 1943. Sergeant Folmer supervised the maintenance of an airplane which completed thirty-nine successive combat missions over enemy occupied Europe without mechanical failure or difficulties. Sergeant Folmer maintained this record in spite of technical difficulties, unfavorable and inclement weather and with only a small ground crew. His skill, efficiency, untiring energy and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered Military service from Ohio.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR, Brigadier General, GSC, Chief of Staff

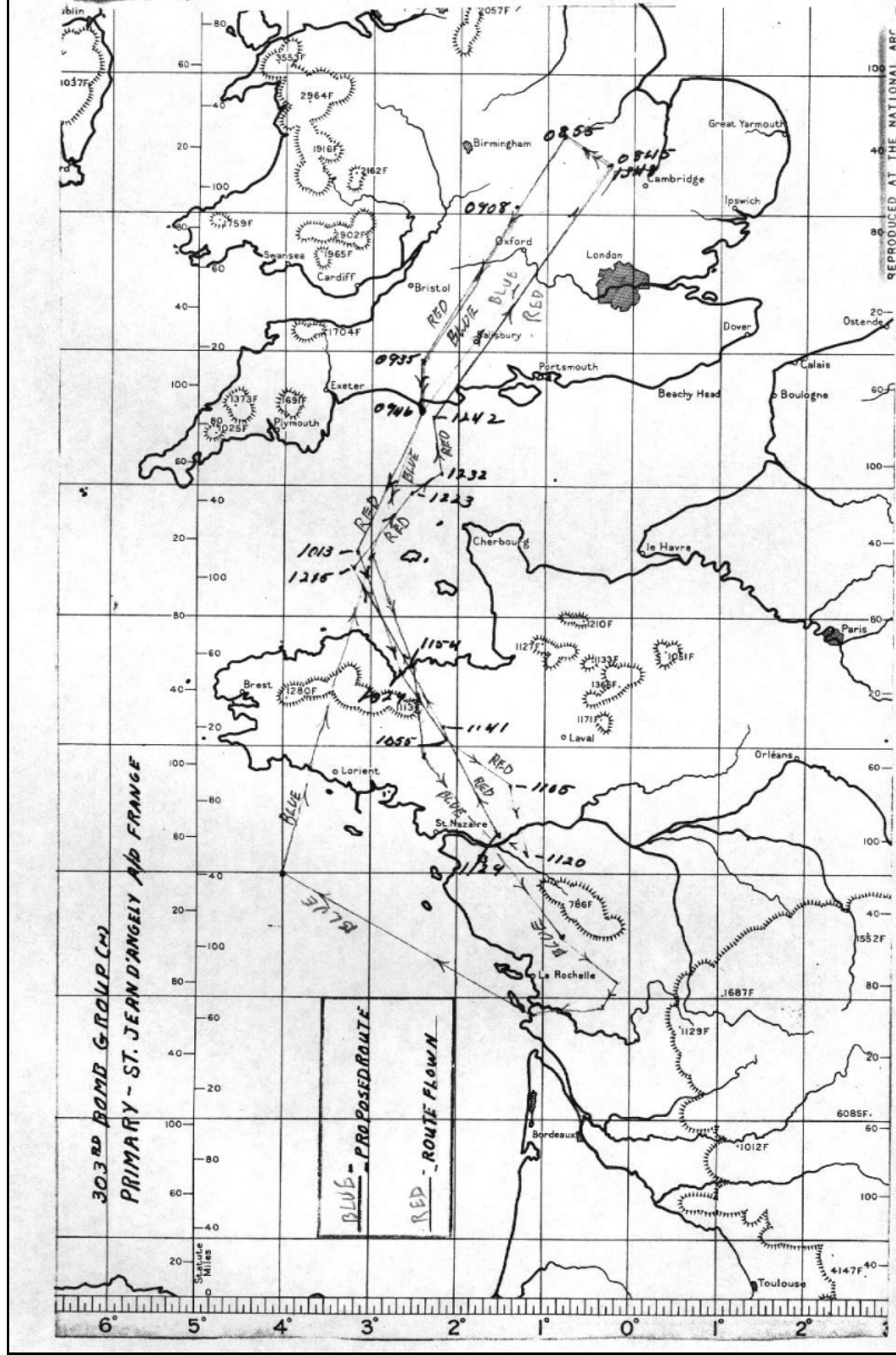
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s/ Ralph Pulsifer

RALPH PULSIFER, Brigadier General, USA, Adjutant General.

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ST JEAN D'ANGELY -
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Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Shayler</u> 865		
		<u>Long</u> 764		<u>Burkitt</u> 213
			<u>Heller</u> 841	
		<u>Osborn</u> 795		<u>Lawlor</u> 055
	<u>Hullar</u> 875			<u>Johnston</u> 787
<u>Sheets</u> 786		<u>Barker</u> 177		<u>DeCamp</u> 807
	<u>Woddrop</u> 131			<u>Campbell</u> 927
<u>Leve</u> 060		<u>Humphreys</u> 241		<u>Clark</u> 785
	<u>McClellan</u> 233			<u>Emerson</u> 893
				<u>Hungerford</u> 448
				<u>Eich</u> Spare-605
				<u>Daub</u> Spare-314
				<u>Shoup</u> Spare-894

One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Emerson in 893

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 NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner	VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer 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 INT - Interned in neu cuntry 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-17F #42-3448 (No Name)

P Hungerford, Merle R., Capt
 CP Henderson, John F., 2Lt
 NAV Wiggins, Warren S., 2Lt
 BOM Monkres, Woodrow W., 2Lt
 ENG Simpkins, William H., S/Sgt
 LWG Burkart, Ralph F., S/Sgt
 RO Vosler, Forrest L., S/Sgt
 BT Ruppel, Edward, Sgt
 RWG Moody, Stanley N., Sgt
 TG Buske, George W., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-37893 Bam Bam

P Emerson, Aubrey L., 2Lt
 CP DaShiell, William C., 2Lt
 NAV Sutherland, Thomas A., 2Lt
 BOM DeLaura, Don J., 2Lt
 ENG Stevenson, Robert L., S/Sgt
 BT Robinson, Authur H., Sgt
 RO Radebaugh, Bernard J., S/Sgt
 RWG Owen, Robert J., Sgt
 TG Morrison, George J., Sgt
 LWG McKinney, Clifford M., Sgt
 (Abortive)

B-17G #42-39785 Thru Hel'en Hiwater

P Clark, Martin L., 2Lt
 CP Watson, Jack W., 2Lt
 NAV Leverton, John G., 2Lt
 BOM Colvin, Vance R., 2Lt
 ENG Rowland, Samuel L., S/Sgt
 LWG Stewart, Eugene R., Sgt
 RO Romaniec, Harry, S/Sgt
 RWG Fussner, William H., Sgt
 TG Kosinski, Roman P., Sgt
 BT Booth, Fred H., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39807 Nero

P DeCamp, Donald F., 1Lt
 CP Smith, Marshall L., 2Lt
 NAV Haddock, Ralph M., 2Lt
 BOM Millner, William J., 2Lt
 ENG Hembree, William T., T/Sgt
 RO King, Robert E., Sgt
 LWG Hitt, William T., S/Sgt
 BT Miller, Richard C., Sgt
 TG Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt
 RWG McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39810 Big A Bird

P Lake, Lester A., Jr., 1Lt
 CP Litman, Arnold S., 2Lt
 NAV Merthan, Lawrence C., 2Lt
 BOM Stravinsky, Albert W., 2Lt
 ENG Smith, George S., S/Sgt
 RWG Lawson, Tracy W., Sgt
 RO Ebbighausen, Francis R., T/Sgt
 BT Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt
 TG Castillo, Buenaventura L., Sgt
 LWG Miller, Victor R., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39787 Wanton Woman

P Johnston, John R., 1Lt
 CP Gorman, Quentin J., 2Lt
 NAV Nothstein, John P.D., 2Lt
 BOM Galbraith, Robert E., 2Lt
 ENG Lopez, Rudolph S., T/Sgt
 RWG Mills, James E., S/Sgt
 RO Matthews, James O., T/Sgt
 BT Griffin, Edward W., S/Sgt
 TG Moody, John P., S/Sgt
 LWG Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-37927 (No Name)

P Campbell, Paul W., 1Lt
 CP Doty, John C., Jr., 2Lt
 NAV Halliburton, J.B. Lewis, 2Lt
 NG Fee, George H., Sgt
 ENG Backiel, Stanley J., T/Sgt
 RWG Wisniewski, Alexander, S/Sgt
 RO McGuire, Robert J., S/Sgt
 BT Brooks, John W., Sgt
 TG Cassidy, Edward J., S/Sgt
 LWG Hoy, James F., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31314 *Scorchy*

P Daub, Leroy E., 2Lt
CP Assenheimer, Edwin H.P., 2Lt
NAV Palmer, Gerald M., 2Lt
BOM Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt
ENG Barrett, John J., S/Sgt
RO Kelly, Victor S., S/Sgt
RWG Haman, Ray T., Sgt
LWG Carter, Edward K., Sgt
BT Gilmore, Charles E., Sgt
TG Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #41-24605 *Knockout Dropper*

P Eich, Henry J., Jr. 2Lt
CP Woodside, William E., 2Lt
NAV Carroll, James E., 2Lt
BOM Stein, William G., 2Lt
ENG Lenson, H., Sgt
BT Celoni, J.P., Sgt
RO Harvey, D.S., S/Sgt
RWG Erdmann, D.C., Sgt
LWG Maggia, Edmond A., S/Sgt
TG Gilstrap, R.M., Sgt
(Spare Return)

B-17F #42-29894 *Baltimore Bounce*

P Shoup, Noel E., 2Lt
CP Litherland, James, 2Lt
NAV Clark, Byron F., 2Lt
BOM Ulbricht, Walter E., 2Lt
ENG Bragg, Ben W., S/Sgt
RWG Gribble, Robert F., Sgt
RO Harrison, Donald B., Sgt
LWG Manchester, Robert E., Sgt
BT Hostetter, William L., Jr., Sgt
TG Ross, Harry C., Sgt
(Spare Return)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Heller, William C., Lt
CP Coppom, John F., Lt
NAV Zwyer, James P., Lt
BOM DeSousa, John, Jr., Lt
ENG Huston, William J., T/Sgt
RWG Payne, George S., S/Sgt
RO Spoerri, Felix, T/Sgt
LWG Lanier, Leo, Jr., S/Sgt
BT Schultz, Melvin E., S/Sgt
TG Laurinitis, Anthony, S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39795 *Ladies Home Companion*

P Osborn, William C., Lt
CP Jernigan, Jack, Jr., Lt
NAV Ross, Lawrence D., Lt
BOM Campbell, Nelson, Lt
ENG Wolff, William E., S/Sgt
LWG Wolfe, Earl D., Sgt
RO Daniel, George L., S/Sgt
RWG Pierson, Lawrence C., S/Sgt
BT Fitzgerald, Lyle W., Sgt
TG Evans, Lawrence B., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P Lawlor, John C., Jr., Lt
CP Hicks, David F., Lt
NAV Munroe, Linton S., Jr., Lt
BOM Barker, Havelock W., Lt
ENG Tower, Jack W., S/Sgt
RWG Baker, Nelson, Sgt
RO Esposito, Frank B., S/Sgt
LWG Krenek, Joe W., Sgt
BT Kuntashian, Warren V., Sgt
TG Butler, Raymond K., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39764 *Santa Ana*

P Long, John A., Lt
CP Earhart, Amon E., Lt
NAV Carroll, George M., Lt
BOM Cascio, Guiseppe, Lt
ENG Wilson, Clarence G., T/Sgt
LWG Ledley, Albert J., S/Sgt
RO Jennings, Ralph T., T/Sgt
RWG Henson, Mace, S/Sgt
TG Orlando, Anthony T., S/Sgt
BT Chraniuk, William, S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-30865 (*No Name*)

P Shayler, Walter K., Maj
CP Brinkley, Pharis C., 1Lt
NAV Davis, Darius R., Lt
NAV Becker, Sylvester J., Lt
BOM McCormick, James E., Lt
ENG Worthington, Arthur J., T/Sgt
RWG Peterson, Elmer E., S/Sgt
RO Crowder, Gayther B., T/Sgt
LWG Frost, Carlyle A., Sgt
BT Ayres, Arthur B., S/Sgt
TG Parrott, John H., Lt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31213 *Pistol Packin' Mama*

P Burkitt, Benajah G., Lt
CP Gahimer, Loyd D., 2Lt
NAV McLane, Joseph T., Lt
BOM Stamper, William B., M/Sgt
ENG Fielder, Neal F., T/Sgt
RWG Bowman, Vergil E., S/Sgt
RO Bonn, Charles J., Sgt
BT Deffinger, John P., S/Sgt
TG Bacon, Charlie M., S/Sgt
LWG Borrer, Norwood D., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31241 *Spirit of Wanette*

P Humphreys, Fred C., Lt
 CP Clemons, James H., Lt
 NAV Thompson, Joseph C., Lt
 BOM Mire, Burnie N., Lt
 ENG Janisch, Ferdinand J., T/Sgt
 LWG Beach, Russell F., S/Sgt
 RO Woods, Arthur H., T/Sgt
 BT Ross, Madison H., S/Sgt
 RWG Dare, Melvin M., S/Sgt
 TG Sparks, William C., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-3131 *Flak Wolf*

P Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
 CP Henderson, Grover C., Lt
 NAV Eccleston, Edward F., Lt
 BOM Matthews, E.P., Lt
 ENG Watts, William A., S/Sgt
 BT Plante, Royal F., S/Sgt
 RO Mulholland, John J., T/Sgt
 TG Baggs, Charles C., S/Sgt
 RWG Valis, William, S/Sgt
 LWG Hadley, Owen W., Sgt
 PHO Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-37875 *Empress of D Street*

P Hullar, Robert J., Lt
 CP Klint, Wilbur, Lt
 NAV Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt
 BOM Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt
 ENG Rice, Dale W., S/Sgt
 LWG Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt
 RO Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt
 BT Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt
 TG Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt
 RWG Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-39786 *G.I. Sheets*

P Sheets, Robert W., Lt
 CP Jackman, Lon E., Jr., Lt
 NAV Clyatt, William L., Jr., Lt
 BOM Wallen, George A., Lt
 ENG Souder, Lee F., Jr., S/Sgt
 BT King, Earl J., Sgt
 RO O'Connor, William S., S/Sgt
 TG Sullens, Tom C., Sgt
 LWG Donnelly, James F., Sgt
 RWG Hoff, Henry, S/Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31233 (No Name)

P McClellan, George S., Jr., Lt
 CP Greenwood, Ernest G., Lt
 NAV Kaliher, John C., Lt
 BOM Cornish, Merlin L., Lt
 ENG Tempesta, David, T/Sgt
 RWG Chiles, Alfred B., Jr., S/Sgt
 RO Callihan, George A., T/Sgt
 BT Yarian, Robert G., S/Sgt
 TG Dugan, Charles E., S/Sgt
 LWG Heaton, Barnell S., S/Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P Leve, Franklin, Lt
 CP Libbee, Dick L., Lt
 NAV Moorehead, Richard D., Lt
 BOM Murphy, Dennis J., Lt
 ENG Spross, James C., Sgt
 BT Drees, Edward W., Sgt
 RO Craig, Percy D., S/Sgt
 TG Van Landingham, Armond O., S/Sgt
 LWG Midkiff, Frank L., Sgt
 RWG Keefer, Oliver L., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17G #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*

P Barker, John C., Lt
 CP Hoeg, Kenneth A., F/O
 NAV Olsen, Kenneth L., Lt
 BOM Cronin, Ernest L., Lt
 ENG Walsh, Charles E., T/Sgt
 BT Knight, Frederick B., S/Sgt
 RO Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt
 TG Vateckas, Coster R., S/Sgt
 LWG McGrew, Robert H., S/Sgt
 RWG Keaton, Joe J., S/Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)