

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 91

22 December 1943

Target: Railway Intersection at Osnabruck, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 20 plus 3 spares

Crewmen Wounded: 3 crewmen suffered frostbite

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 250 lb (British) Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitude: 27,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,175 rounds

Major Herbert E. **Kalhoefer** flew as co-pilot with 2Lt. H.E. **Bolsover** in 359BS #42-5306 (*No Name*) leading the second element of the 359BS lead formation. There were no abortives and no losses. Three men suffered frostbite.

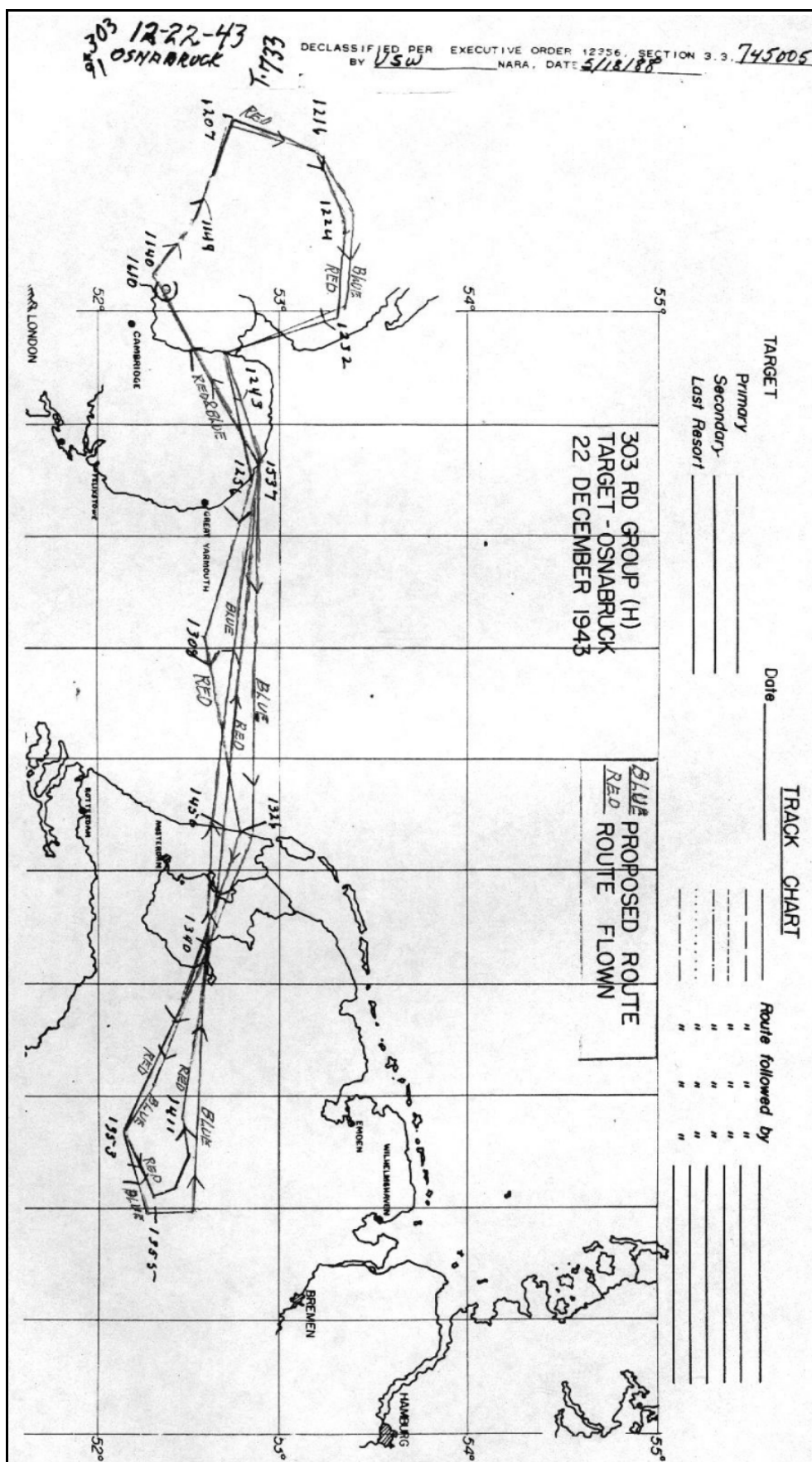
The Group encountered no enemy fighters, and fighter support was excellent. Only meager flak was reported in the target area.

No bombs were dropped because the Combat Wing Leader's drop or his "bombs away" indication could not be seen. All bombs were brought back to Molesworth as there was no visible target of opportunity.

Major Kirk R. **Mitchell** described the mission by saying, "There wasn't much to it. I didn't see the 50 bursts of flak and absolutely no fighters. But, I never have seen so many airplanes over the target at one time. We got caught in a squeeze between two other Groups and only two or three ships got a chance to drop their bombs."

23 December 1943 - Air-Sea Rescue Mission

Lt. F.C. Humphreys led four 427BS B-17s, five 358BS B-17s and one 359BS B-17 on an air-sea rescue mission in #42-29797 Flying Bitch 427BS. The search was flown at an altitude of 100 to 150 feet. The lead aircraft took off at 0800 and returned at 1303 hours. No sightings were made.



Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Mitchell
865

Daub Dahleen
448 177

Bolsover-Kalhoefer
306

Shoup Bech
605 807

Johnston Brinkley
787 1052

Worthley Litman Burkitt Bordelon
629 810 854 054

Emerson Heller
562 973

Clark Troppman Wilson Osborn
794 927 786 795

DaShiell Lawlor
264 055

Hanselman
561 - Spare

Hoeg Crook
081 - Spare 5052 - Spare

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u>			
CMP - Command Pilot	TOG - Toggler	VI - Voice Interpreter	DOW - Died of wounds
P - Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	OBS - Observer	EVD - Evaded the enemy
CP - Co-Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	PAS - Passenger	INT - Interned in neu cuntry
NAV - Navigator	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	NG - Nose Gunner		RES - Rescued
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RG - Radio Gunner	<u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u>	ESC - Escaped
ENG - Engineer	WG - Waist Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	BO - Bailed out
BOM - Bombardier	LWG - Left Waist Gunner	WIA - Wounded in action	DCH - Ditched
RO - Radio Operator	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	MIA - Missing in action	CR-L - Crashed on land
	GUN - Gunner	POW - Prisoner of war	CR-S - Crashed at sea

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Troppman, Walter W., 2Lt
CP	Elder, Damon C., 2Lt
NAV	Minkowitz, Samuel, 2Lt
BOM	Armstrong, Charles C., 2Lt
ENG	Wilson, David L., S/Sgt
LWG	Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt
RO	Gilmore, Daniel F., S/Sgt
BT	Mirenda, Frank J., Sgt
TG	Swank, Verden D., Sgt
RWG	Garcia, Mario D., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17G #42-39794 (No Name)

P	Clark, Martin L., 2Lt
CP	Bass, Julius W., 2Lt
NAV	Abernathy, Milton B., 2Lt
BOM	Zientar, Matthew S., 2Lt
ENG	Queuedo, Alfonso, S/Sgt
RWG	Grsetic, John P., Sgt
RO	Hensley, James C., S/Sgt
LWG	Canale, Michael J., Sgt
TG	Cassidy, Edward J., S/Sgt
BT	Brown, Harold J., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #42-5264 Yankee Doodle Dandy

P	DaShiell, William C., 2Lt
CP	Mabie, Hilton C., 2Lt
NAV	Steely, Hobert H., 1Lt
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
LWG	Parker, Robert A., Sgt
TG	McKinney, Clifford M., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17G #42-39787 Wanton Woman

P	Johnston, John R., Capt
CP	Kyse, Walter R., 2Lt
NAV	Karraker, William H., 1Lt
BOM	Millner, William J., 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	Cobb, Edward N., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #42-29629 Connecticut Yankee

P	Worthley, Joe R., 2Lt
CP	Crook, Kenneth D., 2Lt
NAV	Ratay, Joseph B., 2Lt
BOM	Blum, Eugene C., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Edwin D., S/Sgt
BT	Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
RO	Egan, Harry R., S/Sgt
RWG	Malherbe, Benjamin F., S/Sgt
TG	Lawson, Fred B., Sgt
LWG	Robinson, Ray I., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #41-24562 Sky Wolf

P	Emerson, Aubrey L., 2Lt
CP	Riddick, McDonald L., 2Lt
NAV	Halliburton, J.B. Lewis, 2Lt
BOM	Fee, George F., Sgt
ENG	Mullins, Grover C., T/Sgt
RWG	Pleasant, James H., S/Sgt
RO	Supple, James C., T/Sgt
BT	Zeitner, Howard H., S/Sgt
TG	Sutton, Bernard J., S/Sgt
LWG	Viszneki, John G., S/Sgt
PHO	Dockendorf, Cyril J., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

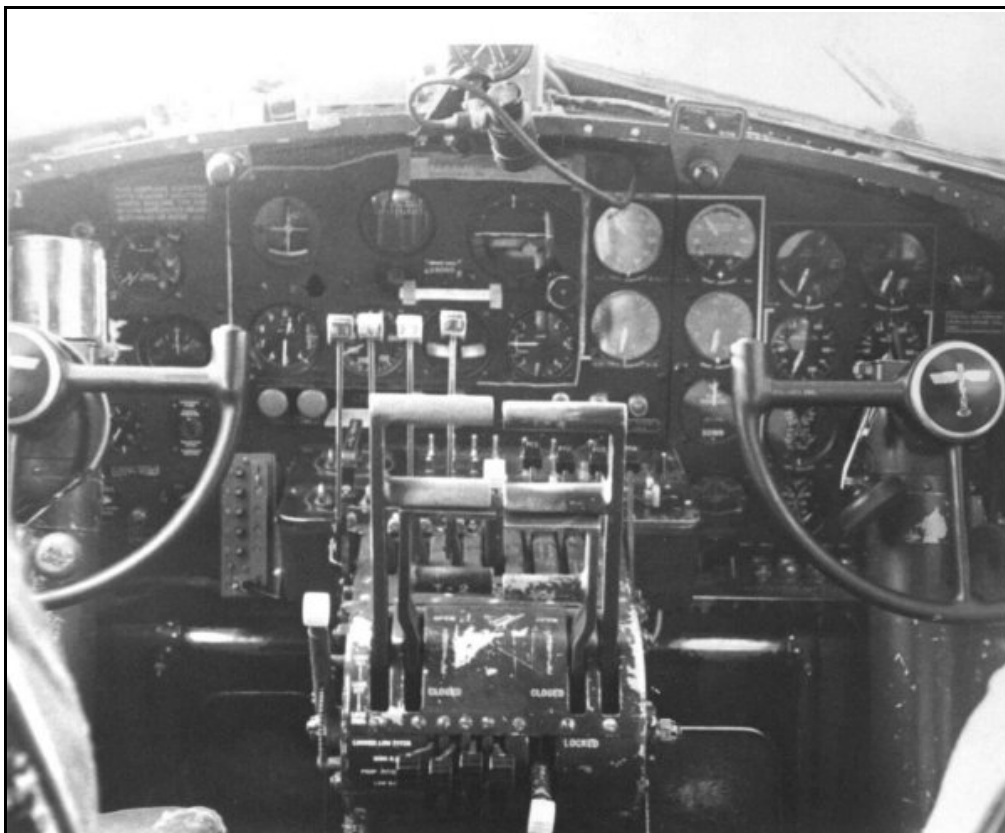
358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Mitchell, Kirk R., Maj
CP	Campbell, Paul W., 1Lt
NAV	Nothstein, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Sweet, William T., 1Lt
ENG	Backiel, Stanley J., T/Sgt
RWG	Wisniewski, Alexander, S/Sgt
RO	McGuire, Robert J., T/Sgt
BT	Brooks, John W., Sgt
LWG	Hoy, James F., S/Sgt
TG	Burns, James R., 2Lt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17G #42-39810 *Big A Bird*

P	Litman, Arnold S., 2Lt
CP	Gorman, Quentin J., 2Lt
NAV	Merthan, Lawrence C., 2Lt
BOM	Stravinsky, Albert W., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, George A., 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-17 Cockpit

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-3448 (No Name)

P	Daub, Leroy E., 2Lt
CP	Stoulil, Donald W., 2Lt
NAV	Palmer, Gerald M., 2Lt
BOM	Marlatt, Ray G., 2Lt
ENG	Haman, Ray T., Sgt
RO	Kelly, Victor S., S/Sgt
TT	McConaghy, Leo R., S/Sgt
LWG	Carter, Edward K., Sgt
BT	Gilmore, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17G #42-39807 Nero

P	Bech, G. Neil, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Franklin M., 2Lt
NAV	Cotter, Edward R., 2Lt
BOM	Corbin, Frederick A., F/O
ENG	Sanelli, Floyd L., S/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Carl B., Sgt
RO	Dennis, Julian E., S/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Lawrence G., Sgt
LWG	Cundiff, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Cox, Elbert S., Jr., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #41-24561 The Duchess

P	Hanselman, Charles F., 2Lt
CP	Callahan, Edward F., 2Lt
NAV	Ramsey, Elijah W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Stein, William G., 2Lt
ENG	Fouss, Howard E., T/Sgt
RWG	Armstrong, Keith N., S/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
LWG	Hull, Kenneth W., S/Sgt
BT	Williams, Walter S., S/Sgt
TG	Tybuszewski, Mitchel J., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17G #42-31177 Lonesome Polecat

P	Dahleen, Howard D., 2Lt
CP	Austin, John T., 2Lt
NAV	Klingensmith, Russell S., 2Lt
BOM	Gauthier, Raymond W., 2Lt
ENG	Malcolm, Orrick H., S/Sgt
RO	Rose, William A., Sgt
RWG	Smith, Harding W., Sgt
LWG	Titworth, William E., Sgt
BT	Hirn, Edward N., Sgt
TG	Covington, Charles G., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #41-24605 Knockout Dropper

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	Asvestos, Nick, S/Sgt
BT	Hostetter, William L., Jr., Sgt
TG	Ross, Harry C., Sgt
PHO	Green, William H., Jr., T/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B-17F #42-5306 (No Name)

P	Bolsover, Harold S., 2Lt
CP	Kalhoefer, Herbert E., Maj
NAV	Antman, Jack, 1Lt
BOM	McClain, Charles J., 2Lt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., Jr., Sgt
TG	Robb, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Mouser, Lloyd C., S/Sgt
BT	McCauley, Patrick N., S/Sgt
LWG	Hayes, John J., S/Sgt
RWG	Hermann, Kurt J., II, T/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Osborn, William C., Lt
 CP Jernigan, Jack, Jr., Lt
 NAV Cobb, Edward L., Lt
 BOM Campbell, Nelson, Lt
 ENG Wolff, William E., S/Sgt
 LWG Wolfe, Earl D., Sgt
 RO Daniel, George L., S/Sgt
 RWG Hosso, Harry V., 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-17F #42-2973 *Iza Vailable*

P Heller, William C., Lt
 CP Coppom, John F., Lt
 NAV Zwayer, 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 #42-31052 (*No Name*)

P Brinkley, Pharis C., 1Lt
 CP Parrott, John H., Lt
 NAV Becker, Sylvester J., Lt
 BOM Saiz, Reinaldo J., Capt
 ENG Worthington, Arthur J., T/Sgt
 RWG Lance, Guy A., S/Sgt
 RO Snyder, Richard N., T/Sgt
 LWG Ferguson, Charles R., S/Sgt
 BT Reid, Harold C., S/Sgt
 TG Carnathan, Hugh S., T/Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5854 *Alley Oop*

P Burkitt, Benajah G., Lt
 CP Kuhn, Harold J., Lt
 NAV Foote, Herbert A., Jr., Lt
 BOM Reith, Fred J., Lt
 ENG Brown, Lee C., Sgt
 TG Rush, Cleve C., Sgt
 RO Cantrell, A.D., S/Sgt
 BT Berntzen, Arthur O., Sgt
 RWG Friedman, Szymon A., Sgt
 LWG Stoffregen, W.E., Sgt
 PAS Kiskis, J.E., Capt
 (Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5054 *Belle of San Joaquin*

P Bordelon, Berton A., Lt
 CP Coons, Charles L., Lt
 NAV Cromwell, Frederick P., Lt
 BOM Cottrell, John W., Lt
 ENG Barker, Forrest, S/Sgt
 RWG Adams, Donald K., Sgt
 RO Fontana, Joseph L., S/Sgt
 LWG Patterson, Harry L., Sgt
 BT Harrington, Joseph F., Sgt
 TG Couch, Ted, Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Wilson, Fred F., Lt
CP	Bowen, James W., Lt
NAV	Przybyszewski, Henry S., Lt
BOM	Fahlbusch, Joseph F., Lt
ENG	Goland, Harry, S/Sgt
RWG	Roads, Dwight W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Mirkin, Herman H., S/Sgt
LWG	Petree, Wendell R., Sgt
BT	Webbink, Elvin F., Sgt
TG	Hubley, Warren G., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

B17F #42-5052 *Mizpah*

P	Crook, Charles D., Lt
CP	Evans, Ernest N., Lt
NAV	Davis, Roscoe, Lt
BOM	DeLuca, Joseph, F/O
ENG	Tharp, Willard L., S/Sgt
RWG	Chavez, Salvador, Sgt
RO	Hannan, Robert J., S/Sgt
LWG	Williams, Norris R., Sgt
BT	Cheek, Roy A., Sgt
TG	Hensley, James H., Sgt
(Abortive - Spare)	

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5081 *Luscious Lady*

P	Hoeg, Kenneth A., F/O
CP	O'Hare, Phil W., Lt
NAV	Olsen, Kenneth L., Lt
BOM	Cronin, Ernest L., Lt
ENG	Relyea, Ralph R., S/Sgt
BT	McMahan, Bonnar P., Sgt
RO	Brooks, Willie R., S/Sgt
TG	Vargas, Michael A., Sgt
LWG	McFall, Leonard C., Sgt
RWG	McLaughlin, Jesse W., Sgt
(Abortive - Spare)	