

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 105

5 February 1944

Bricy German Airfield, Orleans, France

Crews Dispatched: 20 with 3 spares (unused)

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 15,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,780 rounds

From an engineering standpoint, it was a perfect mission: no failures at take-off and no abortives. It was also a "milk run" with only meager and inaccurate flak and no enemy fighters. Friendly fighter support was excellent. Sixty tons of A.N. M43 500-lb. bombs were dropped from 15,000 feet. All aircraft returned with no casualties. Because there were only a few scattered clouds over the target, bombing was visual and the results were good.

Bombardiers said that the bombs flowed over the German airfield in a perfect pattern, destroying several parked aircraft and setting fire to buildings and hangars in the air base area.

Major **Snyder** described the mission briefly: "It was a darned good trip. There were no fighters and no flak and I know the bombing was good." Lt. Robert **DeFeis**, bombardier on #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop*, said, "It was as good bombing as I have seen in 25 missions. We hit at least three enemy planes on the ground, besides hangars and some other buildings." S/Sgt. Vernon **Appleton**, tail gunner, completed his 25 missions and said, "There was nothing to it. The only flak was off at a distance and the only enemy fighters that I saw were on the ground. Our bombs took care of them." S/Sgt. George **Wilson**, waist gunner, thought that the mission was unexciting. "We had a swell escort of P-47s, but there were no Jerry planes around for them to do their stuff on." S/Sgt. Robert **Krumholz**, tail gunner on "Iza Vailable" said, "We scored plenty of direct hits on the hangars and runways. I could see heavy columns of smoke rising to about 3,000 feet long after we left the target."



30th Mission of Satan's Workshop
B-17F #42-29931 360BS (PU-L)
Crew Chief Norman Cote

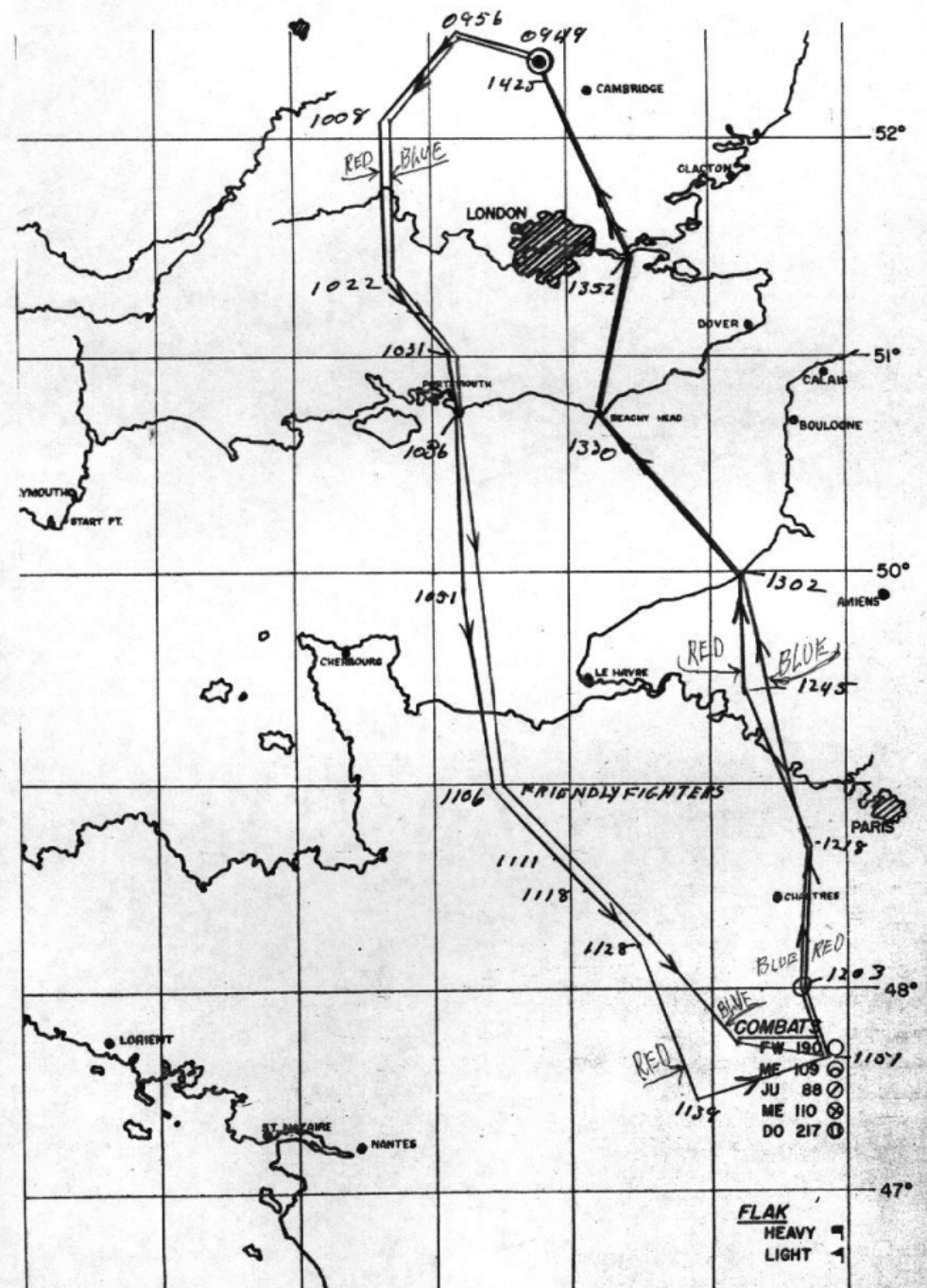
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TRACK CHART

DATE 5, FEBRUARY, 1944 Route followed by 305rd. BOMB. GROUP (H)
 PRIMARY TARGET BRICQ, FRANCE
 --- PROPOSED ROUTE (BLUE)
 - - - ROUTE FLOWN (RED)



Route Map

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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

<u>Sheets-E. Snyder</u> 314				
<u>Estes</u> 051		<u>Barnes</u> 241	<u>Melton</u> 875	
<u>Sullivan</u> 020			<u>Wood</u> 823	
<u>Litman</u> 583			<u>Bergeron</u> 931	
<u>Worthley</u> 498	<u>Stuermer</u> 041		<u>Morrin</u> 841	<u>Crook</u> 471
<u>J. Henderson</u> 562			<u>Lawlor</u> 055	
<u>R. Snyder</u> 224	<u>Bass</u> 810		<u>Thomas</u> 340	<u>Coppom</u> 399
<u>Smith</u> 239			<u>Holdcroft</u> 973	
			<u>Underwood</u> Spare - 788	
			<u>McGarry</u> Spare - 405	<u>G. Henderson</u> Spare - 177

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-17G #42-97498 *Padded Cell II*

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

B-17G #42-38041 *Hell's Angels II*

P Stuermer, John W., 2Lt
 CP Reynolds, Charles E., 2Lt
 NAV Tielman, William A., 2Lt
 BOM Newman, Clyde D., 2Lt
 ENG Harris, David W., S/Sgt
 LWG Rogers, Thomas A., Sgt
 RO Murray, Edward F., S/Sgt
 BT Stark, Joseph, Sgt
 TG Collins, Marvin B., Sgt
 RWG Carroll, Marvin A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31562 (No Name)

P Henderson, John F., 1Lt
 CP Brothers, Calvin S., 2Lt
 NAV Wiggins, Warren S., 2Lt
 BOM Monkres, Woodrow W., 2Lt
 ENG Simpkins, William H., T/Sgt
 TT Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt
 RO Kistulentz, Paul, Sgt
 BT Miller, Richard C., S/Sgt
 TG Millif, Mike C., Sgt
 LWG Shuhart, Norman L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf*

P Litman, Arnold S., 1Lt
 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 Witherwax, Leon J., Sgt
 TG Castillo, Buenaventura L., S/Sgt
 LWG Miller, Victor R., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*

P Snyder, Robert W., 2Lt
 CP Cook, John H., 2Lt
 NAV Williams, Jack N., 2Lt
 BOM Morrison, James P., 2Lt
 ENG Haggerty, Jerome J., S/Sgt
 LWG Delaney, Jessie L., Sgt
 RO Rumpf, Charles W., S/Sgt
 RWG Balzano, Christopher, Sgt
 TG Hunt, John L., Sgt
 BT Chadick, Neal T., Sgt

B-17G #42-31239 (No Name)

P Smith, Marshall L., 1Lt
 CP Palecek, Francis J., 2Lt
 NAV Neuwirth, Edward, 2Lt
 BOM Troy, Edward J., 2Lt
 ENG Dick, Andrew, T/Sgt
 LWG Schor, John, S/Sgt
 RO Frolick, Edwin J., S/Sgt
 BT Simon, Gustof J., S/Sgt
 TG Fugate, Walter O., Sgt
 RWG Stauter, Herman L., Sgt

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

P Bass, Julius E., 2Lt
 CP Goldman, Myron M., 2Lt
 NAV Abernathy, Milton B., 2Lt
 BOM Zientar, Matthew S., 2Lt
 ENG Quevedo, Alfonso, S/Sgt
 RWG Grsetic, John P., Sgt
 RO Hensley, James C., S/Sgt
 LWG Canale, Michael J., Sgt
 TG Gilbert, Bill A., S/Sgt
 BT Brown, Harold J., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop*

P Bergeron, Willard H., Lt
 CP Massimiliano, Joseph, Lt
 NAV Noland, James B., Lt
 BOM DeFeis, Robert N., Lt
 ENG Serwa, Alphonse B., T/Sgt
 RWG Oxendine, Simeon, S/Sgt
 RO Cline, Leroy, T/Sgt
 BT Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt
 LWG Wilson, George W., S/Sgt
 TG Appleton, Vernon R., S/Sgt
 PHO Buckley, Paul E., Sgt

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., T/Sgt
 RWG Baker, Nelson, S/Sgt
 RO Esposito, Frank B., T/Sgt
 LWG Krenek, Joe W., S/Sgt
 BT Kuntashian, Warren V., S/Sgt
 TG Butler, Raymond K., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Morrin, John R., Lt
 CP Sheehan, Richard X., Lt
 NAV Gill, Edward J., Lt
 BOM Howard, Homer M., Lt
 ENG Beck, John A., S/Sgt
 LWG DiStasi, Robert A., Sgt
 RO Cataldi, Frederick J., T/Sgt
 RWG Kannapel, Eugene H., Sgt
 BT Houser, Donald R., Sgt
 TG Dodge, Charles G., Jr., Sgt

B-17F #42-5788 *A.O.G. Not in Stock*

P Underwood, George E., Lt
 CP Doering, Creighton G., Lt
 NAV Parker, Duane C., Lt
 BOM Peterson, Elmer L., S/Sgt
 ENG Daniels, Mack E., T/Sgt
 RWG Rike, Thomas L., Jr., S/Sgt
 RO Phipps, Charles F., T/Sgt
 BT Dinneen, Thomas E., S/Sgt
 LWG Casselman, Glen L., S/Sgt
 TG Meyer, Gregory C., S/Sgt
 (Abortive - Spare)

B-17F #42-2973 *Iza Vailable*

P Holdcroft, Lloyd L., Lt
 CP Bradley, Clyde W., Jr., Lt
 NAV Pace, Charles M., Lt
 BOM O'Donnell, John J., Lt
 ENG DeMarco, John A., S/Sgt
 RWG Hustus, Walter L., Sgt
 RO Francis, Walter G., S/Sgt
 LWG Slusser, Walter C., Sgt
 BT Kern, Lloyd F., Sgt
 TG Krumholz, Robert A., Sgt
 PHO Lovett, William F., Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty*

P Thomas, Earl N., Lt
 CP Miller, Edgar C., 2Lt
 NAV Walenta, Clarence V., Lt
 BOM Scott, Harold L., Lt
 ENG Mason, John W., S/Sgt
 TG Harvey, Roy D., Sgt
 RO Crowder, Gayther B., T/Sgt
 RWG Flenniken, William, Sgt
 BT Johnston, Harold A., Sgt
 LWG Books, Carl O., Sgt

B-17G #42-31471 *Doolittle's Destroyer*

P Crook, Charles D., Lt
 CP Chapman, John M., Lt
 NAV Davis, Roscoe, Lt
 BOM DeLuca, Joseph, F/O
 ENG Breitenbach, Louis H., T/Sgt
 RWG Chavez, Salvador, Sgt
 RO Hannan, Robert J., T/Sgt
 LWG Williams, Norris R., S/Sgt
 BT Cheek, Roy A., S/Sgt
 TG Hensley, James H., Sgt

B-17G #42-31399 (No Name)

P Coppom, John F., Lt
 CP Stevens, Joseph E., Lt
 NAV Fleming, Samuel P., Lt
 BOM Finley, Robert A., Lt
 ENG Brewster, John L., S/Sgt
 RWG Cole, Edgar W., Sgt
 RO Geisman, Gaylord W., S/Sgt
 LWG Fitko, Marion F., Sgt
 BT Deffinger, John P., S/Sgt
 TG Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29823 (No Name)

P	Wood, Vere A., Lt
CP	Knutson, Wilmer A., Lt
NAV	Pinnette, William S., Lt
BOM	Brown, Thomas G., Lt
ENG	Snider, Otto L., S/Sgt
BT	Grant, Thomas V., S/Sgt
RO	Brooks, Winnie R., S/Sgt
TG	Helton, Edward, Sgt
RWG	Heathershaw, Charles L., Sgt
LWG	Tevis, John E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31241 Spirit of Wanette

P	Barnes, Deane L., Lt
CP	Raistrick, Albert G., Lt
NAV	Randall, Everett Z., Lt
BOM	Roode, William A.T., Lt
ENG	Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt
BT	Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt
RO	Doyle, Edward J., T/Sgt
TG	Underwood, Clifford B., S/Sgt
LWG	Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt
RWG	Price, John B., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31314 Scorchy

P	Sheets, Robert W., Lt
CP	Snyder, Edgar E., Jr., Maj
NAV	Iverson, Ingvald M., Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., Lt
ENG	Neuner, Francis X., S/Sgt
BT	King, Earl J., S/Sgt
RO	Kuehl, Fred T., T/Sgt
TG	Kendall, Dallas E., Lt
LWG	Donnelly, James F., S/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Leonard C., S/Sgt
PHO	Gervais, Joseph R., Sgt

B-17G #42-31177 Lonesome Polecat

P	Henderson, Grover C., Lt
CP	Sayers, Darwin D., Lt
NAV	Arvanites, George L., Lt
BOM	Umphress, F.E., Jr., Lt
ENG	Weed, L.A., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Teno, James R., S/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Leo, T/Sgt
TG	LaFrenier, James E., S/Sgt
RWG	Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
LWG	Kotel, Tofil P., Sgt
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B-17G #42-38020 V Packet

P	Sullivan, Francis X., Lt
CP	Brangwin, Kenneth R., Lt
NAV	Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt
BOM	Bawol, Walter S., Lt
ENG	Frey, James L., S/Sgt
BT	Latta, Thomas B., T/Sgt
RO	Sullivan, James J., T /Sgt
TG	Stone, Vernon W., S/Sgt
RWG	Swanson, Charles A., S/Sgt
LWG	Keely, Eugene F., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38051 My Yorkshire Dream

P	Estes, Shirley W., Lt
CP	Shope, George W., Jr., Lt
NAV	Shemwell, John T., Lt
BOM	Minter, Thomas W., Lt
ENG	Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT	Wiley, Nathan H., Sgt
RO	Wagner, Wayne, S/Sgt
TG	Werner, William T.L., Sgt
RWG	Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG	Ross, Samuel C., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 Buzz Blonde

P	Melton, James H., Lt
CP	O'Hare, Phil W., Lt
NAV	Frechter, Harry G., Lt
BOM	Clapp, Keith W., Lt
ENG	Souder, Lee F., Jr., Sgt
BT	Moore, John J., Jr., Sgt
RO	Stoberl, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Anderson, Ralph R., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Norman L., S/Sgt
RWG	LaPlant, Willard R., Sgt
PHO	Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 Wallaro MK II

P	McGarry, John J., Jr., Lt
CP	Cotham, Willie C., Lt
NAV	Halligan, Robert W., Lt
BOM	Foe, Kenneth D., Lt
ENG	Grace, Henry J., S/Sgt
BT	Friedman, Ira, Sgt
RO	Wilson, Elmer A., S/Sgt
TG	Kowalonek, Walter A., Sgt
LWG	Brown, Edgar S., Sgt
RWG	Hilborn, Ervin, Sgt
(Abortive - Spare)	