

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 114

28 February 1944

Target: Bois/Coqueral--"Crossbow" Targets (V-2 Rocket Sites)

Crews Dispatched: 23

Crews Lost: 1Lt. Shoup crew - 7 KIA, 2 EVD, 1 POW

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: 3 crewmen wounded

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 45 minutes

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

Bombing Altitude: 14,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,160 rounds

Twenty-three aircraft were airborne and dispatched. Each Group was ordered to fly alone and Squadrons were directed to bomb individually against the missile launching sites. Fighter support was excellent and gave complete area coverage over enemy territory. No enemy aircraft were seen.

Over France, there were 6/10 to 8/10 low clouds, with the base at 2,500 feet and tops at 7,000 feet. Visibility was only one to two miles in haze. The target was reached at approximately 1500 hours and because of the time and position of the sun, there were deceiving, long ground shadows.

The High Squadron dropped 96 500-lb. bombs from 14,000 feet. One aircraft that took off late flew and bombed with the 379BG. The lead and low Squadrons (13 aircraft) failed to bomb when weather prevented them from seeing the target. The Lead Squadron made nine bomb runs--the low and high two.

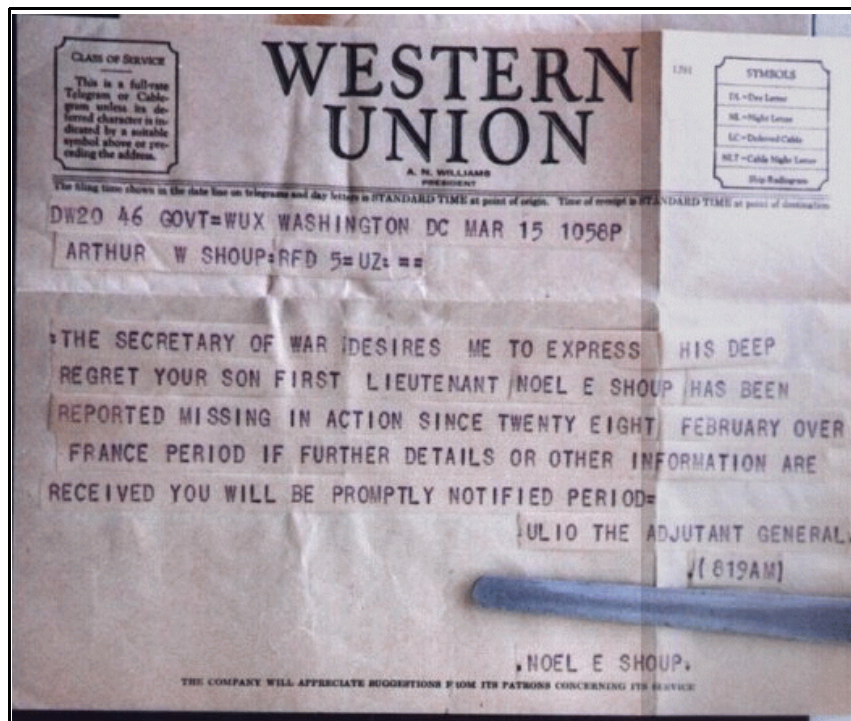
Anti-aircraft fire was encountered for almost the entire time that the Group was over enemy territory. Flak over the target area was intense and extremely accurate at the low altitude flown. Two Group aircraft suffered major flak damage and fourteen minor damage. Three crewmen were wounded by flak.

B-17F #42-5306 (*No Name*), piloted by 1Lt. Noel E. **Shoup**, was lost just after the Group's second bomb run. The right wing came off after being hit by flak and the aircraft went down in a slow spiral. The nose broke off while the aircraft was spinning, ejecting 2Lt. Byron F. **Clark** and 1Lt. Charles J. **McClain**. S/Sgt. Nick **Asvestos** went out the waist gun window. Lt. **McClain** evaded capture and returned to Base on 21 Jun 1944. Sgt. **Asvestos** also evaded capture and made his return on 17 May 1944. 2Lt. **Clark** was captured and made a POW. Lt. **Shoup**, 2Lt. James **Litherland**, T/Sgt. Ben W. **Bragg**, T/Sgt. Donald B. **Harrison**, T/Sgt. William L. **Hostetter**, Jr., S/Sgt. Robert F. **Gribble** and S/Sgt. Harry C. **Ross** all died in the crash near Translay, 13 kilometers southwest of Abbeville, France. T/Sgt. **Bragg**, T/Sgt. **Hostetter** and S/Sgt. **Ross** are buried in Normandy American Cemetery near Coleville-sur-Mer, France.

Sixteen aircraft sustained flak damage, two major and fourteen minor.



**ORIGINAL NOEL E. SHOUP CREW - 359th BS
 B-17G #42-39769 Miss Mannoki (359BS)
 (crew assigned 359BS: 11 Nov 1943 - photo: 20 Nov 1943)**



Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Dubell-Barnes</u> 341		
	<u>Sullivan</u> 020		<u>Mars</u> 200	
		<u>McGarry</u> 241		
	<u>Estes</u> 158		<u>Headlee</u> 885	
		<u>Flesh</u> 875		
	<u>Shoup</u> 306		<u>Watson</u> 669	
<u>Hybert</u> 168		<u>Edwards</u> 561	<u>Snyder</u> 629	<u>Taylor</u> 739
	<u>Young</u> 830		<u>Coppom</u> 471	
<u>Newell</u> 405		<u>Dahleen</u> 183	<u>Holdcroft</u> 973	<u>DeWall</u> 854
	<u>Bech</u> 213		<u>Lawlor</u> 055	
			<u>Ferguson</u> 785	
			<u>Gorman</u> 823	



Viscous Virgin #42-5341 (427BS) GN-Q
41st CBW Lead (427BS) - Pilot 1Lt D.L. Barnes / CoPilot Capt R.P. Dubell

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P Taylor, James B., 1Lt
 CP Hall, Charles M., 2Lt
 NAV Levy, Herbert E., 2Lt
 BOM Coburn, Ralph F., 2Lt
 ENG Jones, Douglas J., S/Sgt
 BT Kennard, Royal G., Sgt
 RO Dulin, Woodroe G., S/Sgt
 RWG Schweinebraten, Leslie H., Sgt
 TG Cox, James B., S/Sgt
 LWG Loveland, William H., Sgt

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

P Gorman, Quentin J., 2Lt
 CP Hofmann, Raymond, 2Lt
 NAV Binder, Carroll, 2Lt
 BOM Israelson, Elmo P., 2Lt
 ENG Blakeney, William R., Jr., S/Sgt
 BT Crenshaw, Ollie G., Sgt
 RO Berman, Seymour, S/Sgt
 LWG Galloway, John B., Sgt
 TG Jensen, Bob, Sgt
 RWG Williams, James O., Sgt

B-17F #42-29629 *Connecticut Yankee*

P Snyder, Robert W., 2Lt
 CP Brothers, Calvin B., 2Lt
 NAV Williams, Jack H., 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
 PHO Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31669 *Shoo Shoo Baby*

P Watson, Jack W., 1Lt
 CP Packard, Peter L.M., Capt
 NAV Minkowitz, Samuel, 1Lt
 BOM Mack, Austin J., 2Lt
 ENG Hoffman, Robert W., S/Sgt
 RWG Daniels, Herbert A., Sgt
 RO Kistulentz, Paul, Sgt
 BT Gibbs, Paul M., Sgt
 TG McArthur, Robert G., Sgt
 RWG Hendin, Bernard J., Sgt

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

P Ferguson, Wendell Z., 2Lt
 CP Putiri, John C., 2Lt
 NAV Brown, James F., 2Lt
 BOM Schmid, Ralph D., 2Lt
 ENG Ferri, William A., S/Sgt
 LWG Smithson, Clyde E., Sgt
 RO Phillips, Robert B., S/Sgt
 RWG Matthews, David R., Sgt
 TG Brooks, Richard S., Sgt
 BT Rhodes, Kenneth C., Sgt

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 cntry 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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359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-38168 *Dear Mom*

P	Hybert, Arthur J., 1Lt
CP	Harrison, Weldon O., 2Lt
NAV	Ramsey, Elijah W., 1Lt
BOM	Kelly, James H., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Broderick, George V., S/Sgt
RO	Ratford, Edward V., S/Sgt
LWG	Gilcrease, Roland L., Sgt
BT	Jaehne, Charles R., S/Sgt
RWG	Kolenda, Frank M., Sgt
TG	Neathery, Ralph P., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P	Dahleen, Howard D., 1Lt
CP	Rice, Charles M., 2Lt
NAV	Klingensmith, Russell S., 2Lt
BOM	Gauthier, Raymond W., 2Lt
ENG	Newman, John F., S/Sgt
RO	Swanson, Charles E., T/Sgt
RWG	Smith, Harding W., S/Sgt
LWG	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Hirn, Edward M., S/Sgt
TG	Covington, Charles G., S/Sgt

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

P	Bech, G. Neil, Jr., 1Lt
CP	Hall, Franklin M., 2Lt
NAV	Cotter, Edward R., 2Lt
BOM	Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt
ENG	Sanelli, Floyd L., T/Sgt
RWG	Boatwright, Edward C., S/Sgt
RO	Dennis, Julian E., T/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Lawrence G., S/Sgt
LWG	Cundiff, Robert W., Sgt
TG	Murphy, Carl B., Sgt

B-17F #41-24561 *The Duchess*

P	Edwards, Kenneth C., 2Lt
CP	Peterson, Edwin V., 2Lt
NAV	Sanders, Coleman, 2Lt
BOM	Anderson, Everett J., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Kenneth V., S/Sgt
RO	Kennedy, Herbert W., S/Sgt
BT	Guzman, Abel G., Sgt
LWG	Champagne, Adam, Sgt
TG	Kowalk, Francis H., Sgt
RWG	Abernathy, Fay S., Cpl
PHO	Hunter, Robert G., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5306 (*No Name*) CR-L

P	Shoup, Noel E., 1Lt	KIA
CP	Litherland, James, 2Lt	KIA
NAV	Clark, Byron F., 2Lt	BO/POW
BOM	McClain, Charles J., 1Lt	BO/EVD
ENG	Bragg, Ben W., T/Sgt	KIA
RWG	Gribble, Robert F., S/Sgt	KIA
RO	Harrison, Donald B., T/Sgt	KIA
LWG	Asvestos, Nick, S/Sgt	BO/EVD
BT	Hostetter, William L., S/Sgt	KIA
TG	Ross, Harry C., S/Sgt	KIA

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Young, Elmer W., 2Lt
CP	Blossom, George H., 2Lt
NAV	Schoner, George R., 2Lt
BOM	Ulbricht, Walter E., 2Lt
ENG	Steele, John C., T/Sgt
RO	Dulick, Steve, T/Sgt
BT	Lebeck, Richard H., S/Sgt
RWG	Rohaly, Andrew, Jr., S/Sgt
LWG	Withrow, John W., S/Sgt
TG	Stapleton, Bill, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*

P	Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 2Lt
NAV	Carey, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Hoover, William L., 2Lt
ENG	Freinwald, Earl C., T/Sgt
LWG	McGee, Richard, S/Sgt
RO	Weepie, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG	Atkinson, William E., S/Sgt
BT	Hart, Edgar B., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG	Mendel, Myron R., S/Sgt
PHO	Mahaffey, William D., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	DeWall, Hershel R., 2Lt
CP	Chapman, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Becker, Sylvester J., 1Lt
BOM	Pierson, Lawrence C., S/Sgt
ENG	Green, Jack E., S/Sgt
RWG	Hosso, Harry V., S/Sgt
RO	Bonn, Charles J., Sgt
LWG	Ayres, Arthur B., S/Sgt
BT	Oxendine, Simeon, S/Sgt
TG	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31055 *Aloha*

P	Lawlor, John C., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Ellsworth, Paul R., 2Lt
NAV	Munroe, Linton S., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Peterson, Elmer L., S/Sgt
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, S/Sgt

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

P	Coppom, John F., 1Lt
CP	Stevens, Joseph E., 2Lt
NAV	Fleming, Samuel P., 2Lt
BOM	DeSousa, John, Jr., 1Lt
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

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

P	Holdcroft, Lloyd L., 1Lt
CP	Bradley, Clyde W., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Pace, Charles M., 2Lt
BOM	O'Donnell, John J., 2Lt
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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-39885 Sweet Rose O'Grady

P Headlee, Dale C., Lt
CP Fogerson, Joseph E., F/O
NAV Schweitzer, Jerome D., Lt
BOM Handley, Donald J., Lt
ENG Klunk, James A., S/Sgt
BT Almanzor, Berton F., Sgt
RO Moberg, Chester H., S/Sgt
TG Fontaine, Clifford F., Sgt
LWG Wilson, Robert J., Sgt
RWG Kyle, Clarence, Sgt

B-17F #42-3158 Max

P Estes, Shirley W., Lt
CP Byers, Ballard T., Lt
NAV Peacock, Lawrence A., Lt
BOM Minter, Thomas W., Lt
ENG Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT Wiley, Nathan H., Sgt
RO Wagner, Wayne, S/Sgt
TG Sullens, Tom C., S/Sgt
RWG Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG Rider, Wilbert, Sgt

B-17G #42-31241 Spirit of Wanette

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 Plante, Royal F., S/Sgt
RO Wilson, Elmer A., S/Sgt
TG Serpa, Joseph E., S/Sgt
LWG Brown, Edgar S., Sgt
RWG Hilborn, Ervin, Sgt
OBS Smith, Carlton M., Lt

B-17F #42-5341 Vicious Virgin

P Barnes, Deane L., Lt
CP Dubell, Richard P., Capt
NAV Culpin, John J., Jr., Lt
NAV Doyle, Robert V., Lt
BOM Reeder, John J., Lt
ENG Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt
BT Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt
RO Benevento, Andrew G., Sgt
TG Kendall, Dallas E., Lt
LWG Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt
RWG Price, John B., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-38020 V-Packet

P Sullivan, Francis X., Lt
CP Brangwin, Kenneth R., Lt
NAV Eccleston, Edward F., 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 #42-31200 Old Crow

P Mars, Charles W., Lt
CP Dallas, William J., Lt
NAV Clark, James G., Lt
BOM Webster, Charles M., Lt
ENG Foster, Raymond L., Sgt
BT Dunlap, Charles W., Jr., Sgt
RO McGinnis, Eddie, Sgt
TG Angione, Vincent A., Sgt
RWG Senechal, Albert J., Sgt
LWG Nivens, Delbert S., Sgt

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

P Flesh, William R., Lt
CP Combs, Americus V., III, Lt
NAV Randall, Everett Z., Lt
BOM Roode, William A.T., Lt
ENG Albright, Glenn N., T/Sgt
RO Murphy, John J., T/Sgt
BT Price, Richard M., S/Sgt
TG Williams, John P., Jr., S/Sgt
LWG Strough, Kenneth C., S/Sgt
RWG Kossin, Jack, S/Sgt
PHO Mulberry, Harold F., Sgt