

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 142

27 April 1944

Target: Crossbow Targets at Sottevast, France

Crews Dispatched: 18 + 2 spares

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 15 minutes

Bomb Load: 8 x 1,000 lb M-44 G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 19,750 ft

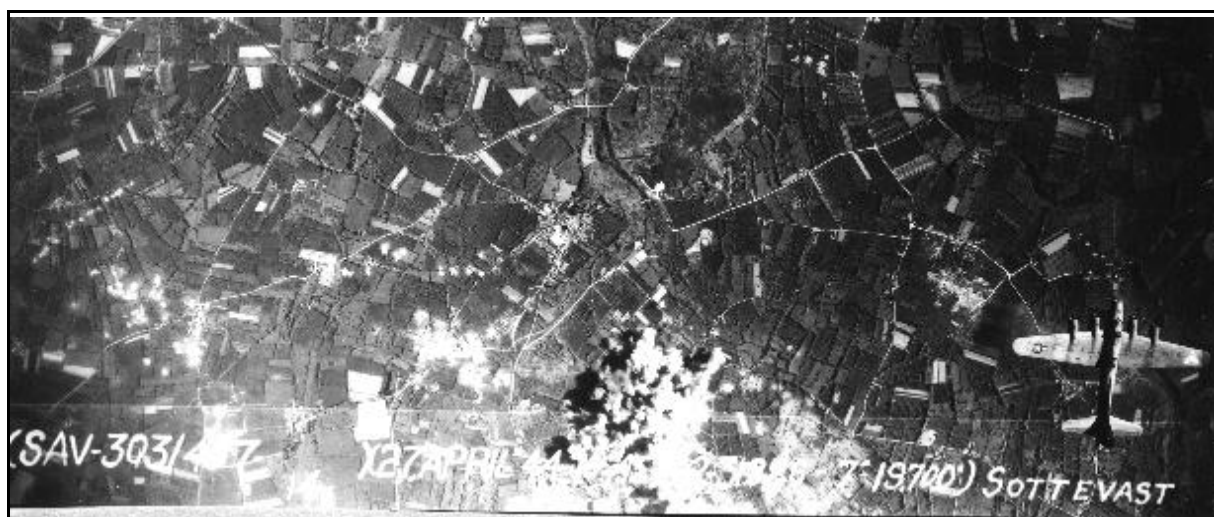
Ammo Fired: 140 rounds

Eighteen aircraft plus two spares took off between 0810 and 0821 to bomb the V-rocket installations in the Pas de Calais area. The spare aircraft returned when there were no vacancies to be filled. Each Bomb Group attacked alone without a Combat Wing formation. Eleven 1st BD Groups were dispatched to bomb eleven targets. The weather was excellent with no clouds and unlimited visibility.

Bombs were away at 1045 hours from 19,750 feet. One hundred thirty-six 1,000 lb. G.P. bombs (68 tons) were dropped on the primary target. Seven 1,000 lb. bombs were jettisoned over the channel. Aircraft #42-107028 (*No Name*) 358BS (Lt. **Maxey**), returned with all bombs when they could not be released electrically over the target or salvoed.

No enemy fighters were seen. Fighter escort was present. Chaff was dropped, but did not dispel the flak. Flak was moderate to intense and very accurate. There were no casualties and no aircraft losses. Seventeen B-17s sustained flak damage, one severe (category B) damage.

Maj. Walter K. **Shayler** commented, "We got a good run on the target in good visibility." Lt. Linton S. **Munroe**, lead navigator, added, "There wasn't much to it. There was only a little flak and not a German fighter in the sky."



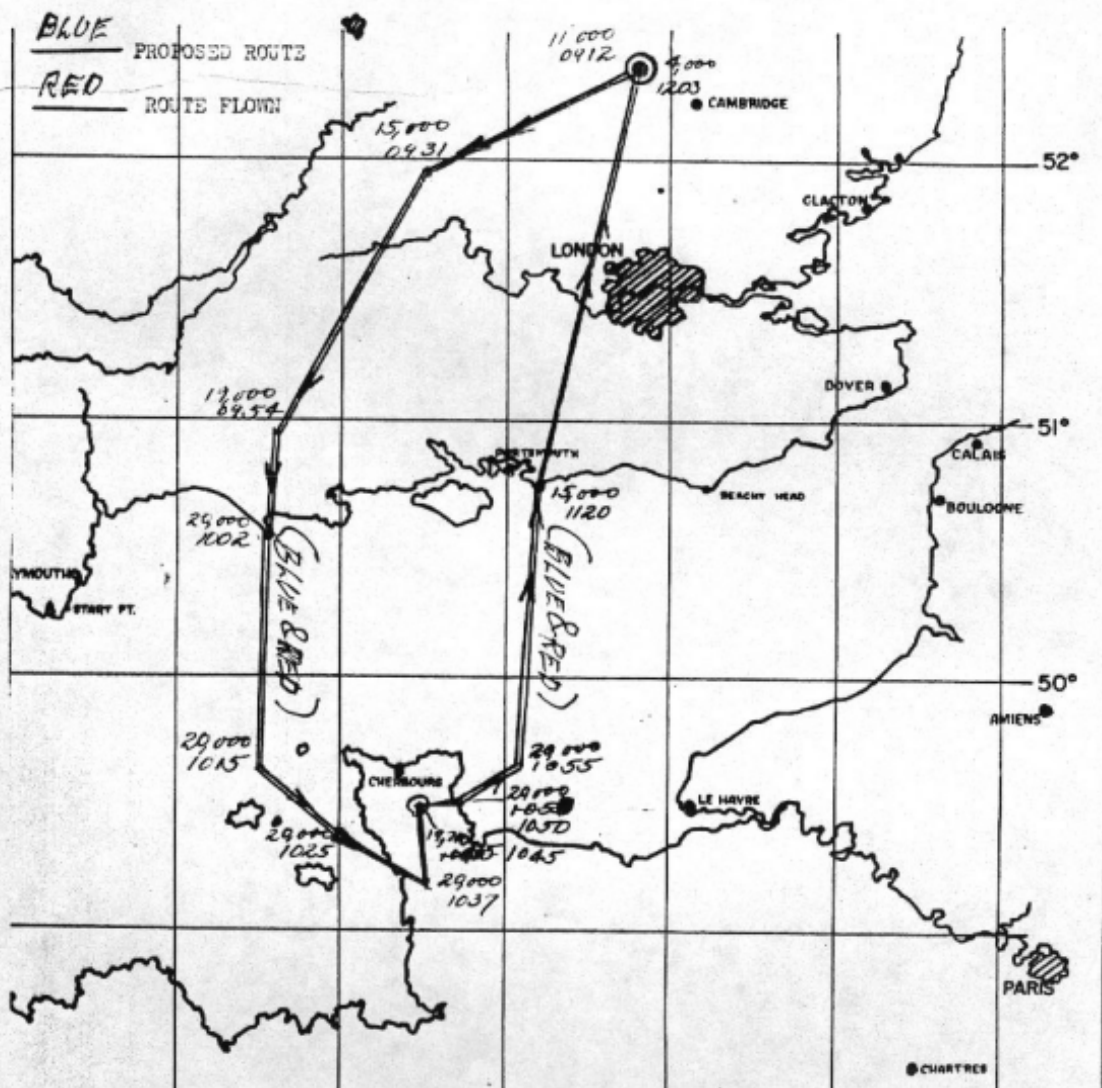
27 April 1944 - Bombs striking Sottevast, France

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TRACK CHART

DATE 27, APRIL, 1944 Route followed by 303RD. BOB'. GROUP (H)
 --- SOTTEVAST, FRANCE --- " " "
 --- PRIMARY TARGET --- " " "
 --- " " " --- " " "



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Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Shayler-Wilson</u> 841		
		<u>Cecchini</u> 196		<u>Williams</u> 546
			<u>Stevens</u> 147	
		<u>Eisele</u> 048		<u>Bowen</u> 340
	<u>Worthley</u> 583			<u>Goolsby</u> 483
<u>Howell</u> 622		<u>Maxey</u> 028		<u>Fackler</u> 050
	<u>Estes</u> 027			<u>Hanselman</u> 177
<u>Headlee</u> 875		<u>Jenkins</u> 423		<u>Moser</u> 386
				<u>J. Savage</u> 206
				<u>Assenheimer</u> Spare - 405
				<u>G. Savage</u> Spare - 241



Banshee #42-37841 (360BS) PU-P
41st CBW Low (360BS) - Pilot 1Lt F.F. Wilson / CoPilot Maj W.K. Shayler

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97622 Paper Dollie

P Howell, Ernest F., 2Lt
 CP Miller, Campbell, 2Lt
 NAV Williams, Grover C., 2Lt
 BOM Campbell, William D., 2Lt
 ENG West, Jerome H., Sgt
 RWG Stafford, Sheldon A., Sgt
 RO Lesser, Edward R., Sgt
 LWG Stone, Robert L., Jr., Sgt
 TG MacFarland, Kendall H., S/Sgt
 BT Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31583 Clover Leaf

P Worthley, Joe R., 1Lt
 CP Johnson, Harlen J., 2Lt
 NAV Mikulich, Louis F., 2Lt
 BOM Wilson, Claud, Jr., 2Lt
 ENG Haggerty, Jerome J., T/Sgt
 RWG Delaney, Jessie L., S/Sgt
 RO Rumpf, Charles W., T/Sgt
 LWG Gamon, Edward J., Sgt
 TG Hunt, John L., S/Sgt
 BT Chaddick, Neal T., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107028 (No Name)

P Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
 CP Lojewski, Telesphor, 2Lt
 NAV Shamban, Marcus F., 2Lt
 BOM Spatt, Arnold I., 2Lt
 ENG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
 LWG Johnston, Wendell B., Sgt
 RO Rabun, Clifford G., Sgt
 BT Swain, Norman F., Pvt
 TG Angelo, George L., S/Sgt
 RWG Hodgins, Robert A., Sgt
 (Abortive Sortie)

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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Fackler, David E., 2Lt
CP	Paton, Wallace L., 2Lt
NAV	Hogan, Paul G., 2Lt
BOM	Nance, George H., 2Lt
ENG	Schlottman, Jerome D., S/Sgt
RO	Prendergast, Bert T., S/Sgt
BT	McIntyre, Harold W., Sgt
TG	Pohlman, Wilbert F., Sgt
LWG	Brewer, Ray, Sgt
RWG	Tipton, Bill B., Sgt

B-17G #42-31386 *Sky Duster*

P	Moser, Clinton A., 2Lt.
CP	Gorecki, Victor T., 2Lt
NAV	Andreasen, Rolf W., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG	Mays, Pearl E., S/Sgt
RO	Zionkoski, John T., S/Sgt
BT	Parrish, Vernon, Sgt
TG	Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt
TT	Duffey, Willis A., Sgt
LWG	Raines, Donald E., Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P	Savage, John N., 1Lt
CP	Rice, Charles H., 2Lt
NAV	Corbin, Frederick A., 2Lt
TOG	Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt
ENG	Merrow, Robert K., Sgt
RO	Montgomery, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Gilcrease, Roland L., S/Sgt
TG	Doezema, Albert, S/Sgt
RWG	Savela, Wilho A., Sgt
LWG	Quinn, Charles E., Sgt

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

P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Bates, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne G., Sgt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., S/Sgt
RO	Mouser, Lloyd C., T/Sgt
RWG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
TG	Robichaud, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Manchester, Robert E., Sgt
LWG	Covington, Charles G., S/Sgt

(Spare - Return)

B-17G #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

P	Goolsby, Billy M., 1Lt
CP	Sassone, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Sanders, Coleman, 2Lt
BOM	Trawicki, George J., 1Lt
ENG	Bumgarner, Donald, T/Sgt
RO	Greenhalgh, Chester, T/Sgt
BT	Chraniuk, William, S/Sgt
TG	Strobel, Walter A., S/Sgt
RWG	Cueto, Frank Z., S/Sgt
LWG	Rothrock, Harry J., S/Sgt

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

P	Hanselman, Charles F., 1Lt
CP	Roth, Ernest L., 2Lt
NAV	Carey, William D., 2Lt
BOM	Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt
ENG	Fouss, Howard E., T/Sgt
LWG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
RWG	Armstrong, Keith N., S/Sgt
BT	Williams, Walter S., S/Sgt
TG	Tybuszewski, Mitchel J., S/Sgt

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

P	Tulloss, John W., 2Lt
CP	Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt
NAV	Rawlings, Loren R., 2Lt
BOM	Hollingsworth, William, 2Lt
ENG	Robinson, Charles R., T/Sgt
RO	Rose, William A., S/Sgt
BT	Demarest, Douglas J., Sgt
TG	O'Connor, Julian J., Sgt
LWG	Richard, John, Sgt.
RWG	Davies, John W., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-107147 *Sweet Melody*

P	Stevens, Joseph E., 1Lt
CP	Ellsworth, Paul R., 2Lt
NAV	Fleming, Samuel P., 1Lt
BOM	Finley, Robert A., 1Lt
ENG	Brewster, John L., T/Sgt
RO	Deerfield, Eddie, T/Sgt
BT	Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Marvin R., Sgt
RWG	Fitko, Marion F., S/Sgt
LWG	Cole, Edgar C., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107048 *(No Name)*

P	Eisele, Roy, 1Lt
CP	Girard, Louis F., 2Lt
NAV	Schenker, Murray, 2Lt
BOM	Gladstone, Melvin, 2Lt
ENG	Cowley, Louis M., S/Sgt
RWG	Bell, Richard L., Sgt
RO	Millard, Ralph, S/Sgt
LWG	Friedman, Szymon A., S/Sgt
BT	Longoria, Efrain, Sgt
TG	Vallee, Edward J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	Williams, John T., 2Lt
CP	Coats, Niel, 2Lt
NAV	Fazio, Joseph J., 2Lt
BOM	Grunseth, Roald J., 2Lt
ENG	Schwenke, Howard A., S/Sgt
RO	Barber, Stewart, L., S/Sgt
BT	Whitten, Cleveland W., Sgt
TG	Ott, John E., Sgt
RWG	Northam, James W., Sgt
LWG	Mitchell, John B., Sgt

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

P	Bowen, James W., 1Lt
CP	Francis, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Cotner, Nyle E., 2Lt
BOM	Parrilla, Rufe H., 2Lt
ENG	Kuczewski, William J., Sgt
RO	Tibbetts, Arthur P., S/Sgt
BT	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
TG	Elmore, Kenneth L., Sgt
LWG	Lobenherz, Ernest P., Sgt
RWG	Howald, Hans, Sgt

B-17G #42-107196 *Tempress*

P	Cecchini, Anthony J., 2Lt
CP	Fisher, Stanley L., 2Lt
NAV	Veigel, Edward J., 2Lt
BOM	McDevitt, Theodore D., 2Lt
ENG	Bachman, Clifford D., S/Sgt
RO	Smith, Benjamin H., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Kepics, George, Sgt
TG	Hudson, Ward A., Sgt
RWG	Cogdell, Clarence L., Sgt
LWG	O'Hearn, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Wilson, Fred F., 1Lt
CP	Shayler, Walter K., Maj
NAV	Munroe, Linton S., 1Lt
NAV	Pepe, Nicholis A., 2Lt
BOM	Barker, Havelock W., 1Lt
ENG	Hublely, Warren G., S/Sgt
RO	Mirkin, Herman H., T/Sgt
LWG	Petree, Wendell R., S/Sgt
BT	Webbink, Elvin F., S/Sgt
TG	Roads, Dwight W., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG	Goland, Harry, T/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Headlee, Dale C., 2Lt
CP Fogerson, Joseph E., F/O
NAV Schweitzer, Jerome D., 2Lt
BOM Handley, Donald J., 2Lt
ENG Klunk, James A., S/Sgt
BT Almanzor, Berton F., S/Sgt
RO Moberg, Chester H., S/Sgt
TG Bell, Alton R., S/Sgt
LWG Wilson, Robert J., S/Sgt
RWG Kyle, Clarence, S/Sgt

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

P Savage, Gilbert T., 2Lt
CP Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
NAV Coffey, John B., 2Lt
BOM Coughlin, George A., 2Lt
TT Kelly, J.D., S/Sgt
BT Holt, Richard R., Sgt
TG Paul, Samuel D., S/Sgt
TG Stover, Edward J., Sgt
RWG Layton, Wilber A., Sgt
LWG Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt
(Spare - Return)

B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*

P Jenkins, Elton L., 2Lt
CP Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
NAV Brown, Thomas G., 1Lt
BOM Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
TT Eisenhauer, James A., Sgt
BT Gentry, Richard A., S/Sgt
RO Sorese, Leonard V., S/Sgt
TG Franklin, Robert E., Sgt
RWG Korpi, Walfred J., S/Sgt
LWG Ward, Homer J., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane*

P Estes, Shirley W., Lt
CP McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV Shemwell, John T., 2Lt
BOM Minter, Thomas W., 2Lt
TT Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT Grant, Thomas V., T/Sgt
RO Wagner, Wayne, S/Sgt
TG Ross, Samuel C., S/Sgt
RWG Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG Ford, Thomas P., Sgt