

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 143

27 April 1944

Target: Toul / Croix de Metz Airdrome, France

Crews Dispatched: 20

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb M-43 G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 19,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 410 rounds

For the second time in one day, Fortresses from this station took off to bomb German targets in occupied France and, for the second time, returned to report an excellent bombing job on both targets. No aircraft returned early. There were no casualties or aircraft losses.

The target for the afternoon was the airdrome at Toul Croix de Metz and bombardiers buried the buildings of the field under a pattern of bombs shaped to fit the layout of the buildings. Most of the field was hidden under a cloud of smoke as the bombers left and it was expected that a high degree of damage had been done there.

Crews reported that no enemy opposition was encountered and that friendly fighter support was good. There was no flak over the target, however meager flak was seen along the route. No German planes were seen except on the ground at the airdrome and it was believed that some of these were damaged by the bombs. Large bundles of chaff released by the lead 384BG came back directly through the 303BG(H) formation. It was suggested that chaff be discharged in smaller units because it fouled up props and engines.

The weather was excellent – no clouds, but bad ground haze. Bombs were dropped from 19,000 feet. 228 500-lb. G.P. bombs were released on the primary target with good results on the airport buildings.

S/Sgt. Ray T. **Haman** of Vaiden, Mississippi, summed up the fighter situation, "There were a lot of fighters in the air today. However, none of them bothered us, so I guess they were all ours." Capt. Louis M. **Schulstad** of Reynolds, North Dakota, an operations officer who led the Group as co-pilot said, "It was a very nice mission. Everything went according to plan and the boys say we really hit it. No flak for us, but some of the other Groups were getting it."

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Schulstad-Daub</u> 058		
		<u>Tulloss</u> 183		<u>Roth</u> 284
			<u>Newell</u> 272	
		<u>Daum</u> 405		<u>Moser</u> 386
	<u>Sullivan</u> 096			<u>Lynch</u> 260
<u>Fisher</u> 569		<u>Bohle</u> 241		<u>Eisele</u> 841
	<u>Jones</u> 050			<u>Stevens</u> 147
<u>O'Hare</u> 787		<u>Savage</u> 224		<u>Williams</u> 830
	<u>Headlee</u> 002			<u>O'Beirne</u> 187
				<u>Bowen</u> 254
				<u>Cecchini</u> 483



Scorchy II #42-97058 (358BS) BN-V
41st CBW Low (360BS) - Pilot Capt L.M Schulstad / CoPilot 1Lt L.E. Daub
 (Back L-R) 2Lt Victor T. Gorecki (TG-O), 1Lt LeRoy E. Daub (CP),
 1Lt William L. Hoover (B), Capt Louis M. "Mel" Schulstad, Jr. (P), 1Lt George R. Schoner (N)
 (Front L-R) S/Sgt Edward K. Carter (E), T/Sgt Victor S. Kelly (R),
 S/Sgt Robert I. McKenna (pass), S/Sgt Louis W. Considine (WG),
 S/Sgt Ray T. Haman (WG), T/Sgt Charles E. Gilmore (BT)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Moser, Clinton A., 2Lt.
 CP Moyer, William G., 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 #42-31405 *Wallaroo MK II*

P Daum, Maurice G., 2Lt
 CP Gibbons, Donald L., 2Lt
 NAV Forve, Frank F., 2Lt
 BOM Grove, Terril M., 2Lt
 ENG Matthews, Fred T., T/Sgt
 RO McLaughlin, William G., S/Sgt
 BT Jenkins, Crawford E., S/Sgt
 TG Taylor, Burt W., S/Sgt
 LWG Sampson, Dale A., S/Sgt
 RWG Frederick, Lee W., 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 Demarest, Douglas J., Sgt
 RWG Davies, John W., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97284 *Ain't Misbehavin*

P Roth, Ernest L., 2Lt
 CP Raker, Homer E., 2Lt
 NAV Beys, George J., 2Lt
 BOM O'Neill, Owen H., 2Lt
 ENG Dexter, Fred E., S/Sgt
 RO Buckingham, Earl W., Sgt
 BT Streicher, Ralph E., Sgt
 TG Gardner, Henry A., Sgt
 LWG Kurzowki, John W., Sgt
 RWG Martens, Arnout C., Sgt

B-17G #42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter*

P Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
 CP Sassone, Joseph C., 2Lt
 NAV Carey, William D., 2Lt
 BOM Yelsky, Fred B., 2Lt
 ENG Freinwald, Earl C., T/Sgt
 RWG McGee, Richard, S/Sgt
 RO Weepie, Robert F., T/Sgt
 LWG Mendel, Myron R., S/Sgt
 BT Hart, Edgar B., S/Sgt
 TG Atkinson, William E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97058 *Scorchy II*

P Schulstad, Louis M., Capt
 CP Daub, Leroy E., 1Lt
 NAV Schoner, George R., 1Lt
 BOM Hoover, William L., 1Lt
 ENG Carter, Edward K., S/Sgt
 RO Kelly, Victor S., T/Sgt
 TG Gorecki, Victor T., 2Lt
 RWG Haman, Ray T., S/Sgt
 BT Gilmore, Charles E., T/Sgt
 LWG Considine, Louis W., S/Sgt
 PAS McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p>RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
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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 #42-37841 *Banshee*

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 #42-31830 *Marie*

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 #42-31483 *Bonnie B*

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 #42-97254 *Iza Vailable Too*

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 #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago*

P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., 2Lt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 2Lt
BOM	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt
ENG	Henselman, Miles A., S/Sgt
RO	Blumberg, Marvin R., S/Sgt
BT	Faraone, Sam S., Sgt
TG	Studt, Allo L., Sgt
RWG	Rogers, Winford E., Sgt
LWG	Cammack, Francis C., Sgt

B-17G #42-97260 *Bow-Ur-Neck-Stevens*

P	Lynch, Robert J., 2Lt
CP	Cohl, Jules R., 2Lt
NAV	Sbrolla, Emilio M., 2Lt
BOM	Merz, Dick W., 2Lt
ENG	Roszell, Thomas M., Sgt
RO	Schuler, Frank H., Sgt
BT	Chudej, Josef R., Sgt
TG	Krogh, Kenneth R., Sgt
LWG	Schoonmaker, Elwood, Jr., Sgt
RWG	Pleasanton, Kenneth H., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-107002 *Mairzy Doats*

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 #42-31224 *Hell in the Heavens*

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

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Jones, Wilbur H., 2Lt
CP Wallace, Walstein W., 2Lt
NAV Skarsten, Albert B., 2Lt
BOM Kennedy, William J., 2Lt
TT Duerr, William P., S/Sgt
BT Calnon, Frederick N., S/Sgt
RO Kosher, Albert J., Sgt
TG LaFrenier, James E., S/Sgt
LWG Thompson, Frederick A., Sgt
RWG Dimowitz, Morris, Sgt

B-17F #42-97787 (No Name)

P O'Hare, Phil W., 2Lt
CP Sayers, Darwin D., 2Lt
NAV Cronin, Ernest L., 1Lt
BOM Fontaine, Clifford F., S/Sgt
TT Souder, Lee F., Jr., Sgt
RO DuBray, Ernest D., Sgt
BT McMahan, Bonnar P., S/Sgt
TG McLaughlin, Jesse W., S/Sgt
LWG Doyle, Edward J., Sgt
RWG Sutton, Marvin A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97096 (No Name)

P Sullivan, Francis X., 1Lt
CP Brangwin, Kenneth R., 2Lt
NAV Kurnik, Walter S., 2Lt
BOM Bawol, Walter S., 2Lt
TTG 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
RWG Keely, Eugene F., S/Sgt

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

P Bohle, Howard J., 2Lt
CP Kerr, Robert R., 2Lt
NAV Brown, John K., 2Lt
BOM Nevills, Joseph J., 2Lt
TT Rice, Laurence W., S/Sgt
RO Jensen, Henry J., S/Sgt
BT Derschan, John A., Sgt
TG Musashe, Michael, S/Sgt
LWG Mulhearn, Paul J., Sgt
RWG Gorgon, Frank, Sgt

B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace*

P Fisher, James H., 2Lt
CP Franzen, G.W., F/O
NAV Kauffman, Harold F., 2Lt
BOM Helton, Edward, S/Sgt
TT Johnson, August H., S/Sgt
BT Eklund, Robert K, Sgt
RO Duncan, Donald K., S/Sgt
TG Bellitt, Irving, Sgt
LWG Tercek, Joseph J., Sgt
RWG Hoff, Henry, S/Sgt