

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 148

8 May 1944

Target: Crossbow "V" Weapon Target, Sottevast, France

Crew Dispatched: 19

Crewmembers Lost or Wounded: 2 injured

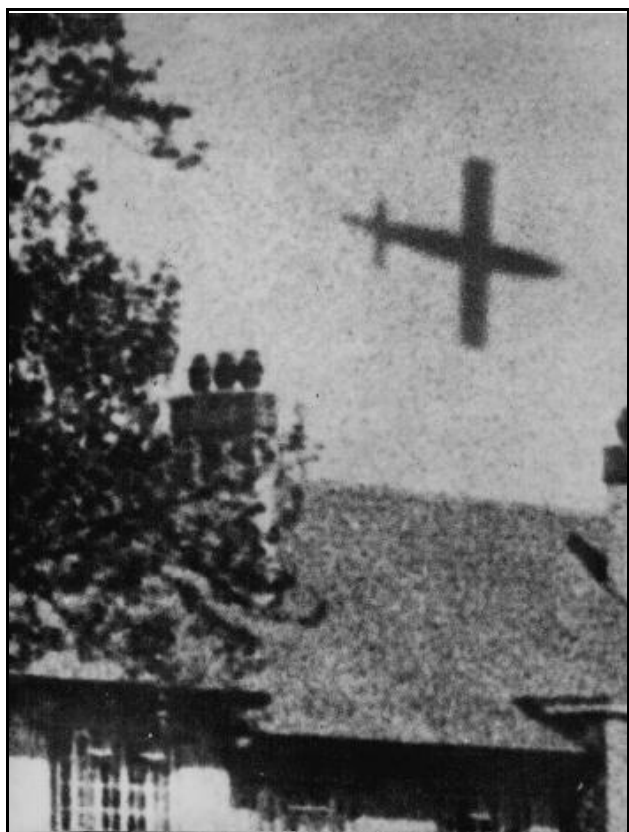
Length of Mission: 4 hours

Bomb Load: 3 x 1600 lb Armor Piercing bombs

Bombing Altitude: 25,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 415 rounds

Following up the mission to Berlin in the morning, the 303rd BG(H) flew across the Channel in the afternoon to attack "Crossbow" V-weapon installations in the Pas de Calais, France area.



A German V-1 bomb in flight about to crash and explode in London. (Photo: U.S. National Archives)

As in the morning mission, flak was the only opposition offered, but it was described as "worse than Berlin." The formation flew through the flak to bomb the target with good visibility, no clouds and a slight haze. Group B-17s dropped 48 1,600-lb. A.P. MK1 bombs from 25,000 feet. Photos indicated that the target was missed, with two hits on a section of scaffolding.

Friendly fighters maintained sweeps around the area, but gunners reported no German planes or dogfights. All aircraft returned to Molesworth. There were no casualties and no aircraft damage.

Crews at post-mission interrogation complained about being fed beans and frankfurters for lunch just before taking off for the afternoon mission. They were also upset about the lack of whiskey at the afternoon interrogation. Some of the crews complained about having to attend three separate briefings on a single day.

By RB/C.

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#148 SOTTEVAST

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TRACK CHART

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Route followed by

303RD BOMB. GROUP (H)

41ST C. B. W. LEAD GROUP

--- PRIMARY TARGET ---

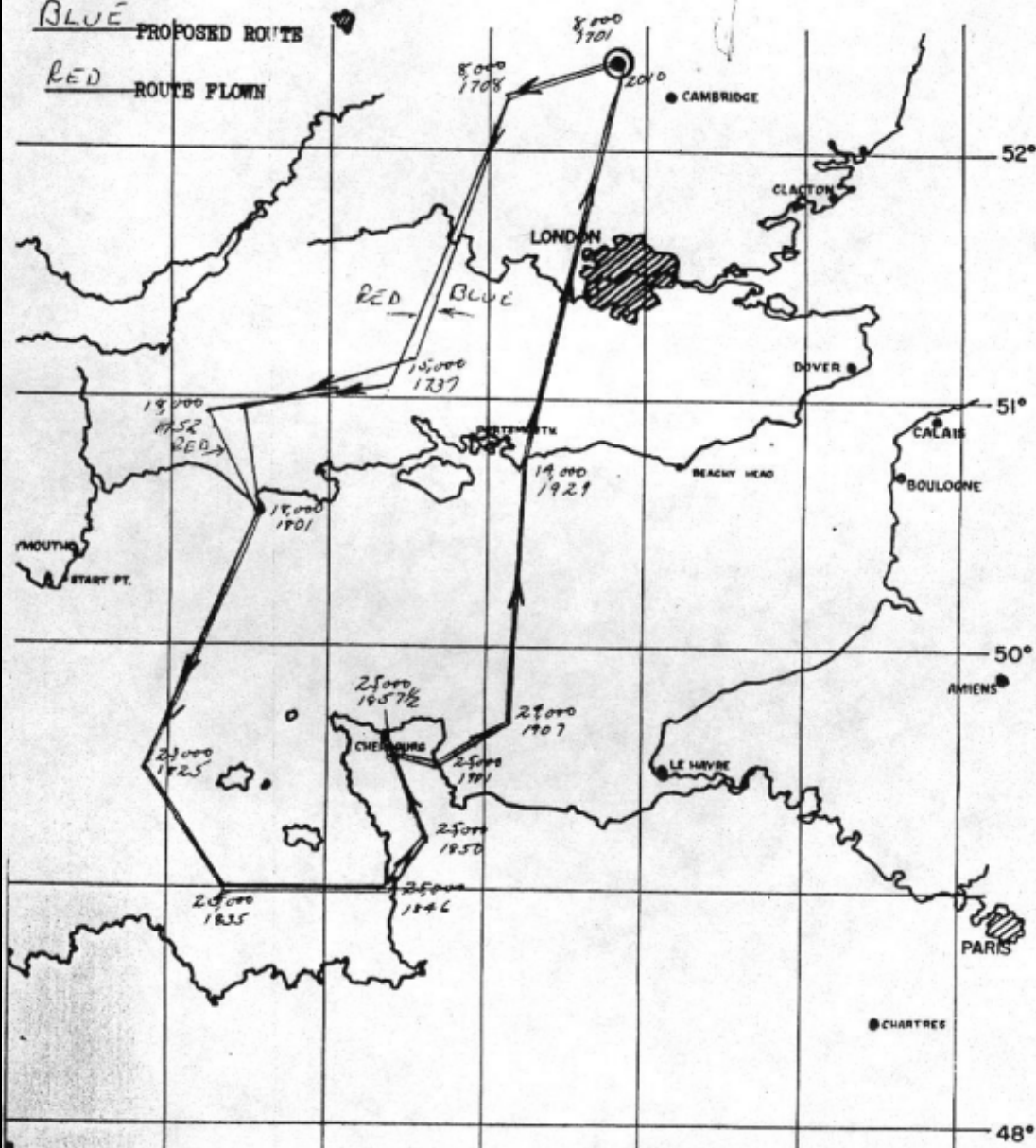
--- SOTTEVAST, FRANCE

BLUE

PROPOSED ROUTE

RED

ROUTE FLOWN



Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Snyder-Barnes</u> 096		
	<u>Melton</u> 027		<u>Shope</u> 060	
		<u>Sullivan</u> 423		
	<u>Estes</u> 051		<u>O'Hare</u> 875	
	<u>Newell</u> 483		<u>Moreau</u> 574	
<u>Meier</u> 177		<u>Harrison</u> 183	<u>Maxey</u> 028	<u>Determan</u> 787
	<u>Moser</u> 213		<u>Hall</u> 002	
<u>Roth</u> 830		<u>Fackler</u> 386	<u>Eisele</u> 048	<u>Johnston</u> 147
	<u>Hanselman</u> 206			



B-17G #42-97096 (No Name) 427BS (GN-T)
41st CBW-A Lead - Pilot Capt D.L. Barnes / CoPilot LtCol E.E. Snyder, Jr.

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
 CP Wright, Charles E., 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

B-17G #42-31574 Ole George

P Moreau, Joseph A., 2Lt
 CP Hudson, Hendric S., 2Lt
 NAV Binder, Carroll, Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Larson, Albert W., 2Lt
 ENG Rossman, Carl H., Sgt
 RWG Tate, Royce G., Sgt
 RO Lowe, Gareth W., Sgt
 LWG Tomasini, Michael, Sgt
 TG Fox, Howard E., Sgt
 BT Ross, Ben A., Sgt

B-17G #42-107002 Mairzy Doats

P Hall, Charles M., 2Lt
 CP Johnson, Harlan J., 2Lt
 NAV Hamilton, Bruce B., 2Lt
 BOM Oyler, William B., F/O
 ENG Braun, Duane M., S/Sgt
 RWG Stidham, Robert L., Sgt
 RO Berrier, Edwin H., S/Sgt
 TG Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
 BT George, William R., Sgt
 LWG Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

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

P Determan, Alvin G., 2Lt
 CP Pfahler, Ervin J., 2Lt
 NAV Palmer, Jackson, Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Ledbetter, Lamar E., 2Lt
 ENG Hendrickson, Milton C., S/Sgt
 RWG Livingston, Acel E., Sgt
 RO Asman, Robert H., S/Sgt
 TG Cope, Wayne E., Sgt
 LWG Carroccia, Albert R., Sgt
 BT Vasquez, Manuel, Sgt

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS			
CMP - Command Pilot	TOG - Togglier	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 cntry
NAV - Navigator	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	NG - Nose Gunner		RES - Rescued
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RG - Radio Gunner	RESULTS OF MISSION	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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Hanselman, Charles F., 1Lt
CP	Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
NAV	Rawlings, Loren F., 2Lt
TOG	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
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	Demarest, Douglas J., Sgt

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

P	Meier, Russell W., 2Lt
CP	Reed, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Prince, Alan M., 2Lt
BOM	Schreidell, Matthew, 1Lt
ENG	Danford, Emmett J., S/Sgt
RO	Connors, Joseph Q., S/Sgt
RWG	Hinson, Archie H., Sgt
LWG	Colley, Smith K., Sgt
BT	Richard, Vernon, Sgt
TG	Butler, Ashley A., Sgt

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

P	Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt
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
LWG	Duffey, Willis A., Sgt
RWG	Raines, Donald E., Sgt

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

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

(Abortive Sortie)

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

P	Harrison, Weldon O., 1Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Bates, Robert L., 2Lt
TOG	Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt
UT	Ela, Lyman E., Sgt
RO	Hanson, Robert W., Sgt
BT	Salmon, Earl D., Sgt
TG	Miller, Theodore G., Sgt
LWG	McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt
RWG	Arendt, John L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Roth, Ernest L., 2Lt
CP	Gibbons, Donald L., 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	Martens, Arnout C., Sgt
RWG	Kurzawski, John W., Sgt

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

P	Newell, Noel N., 1Lt
CP	Donalson, Douglas C., 1Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., F/O
BOM	Trawicki, George J., T/Sgt
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

(Abortive Sortie)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Johnston, Donald M., 2Lt
CP	Gee, Wilbur V., 2Lt
NAV	Schultz, Milo R., 2Lt
BOM	Sudderth, Ralph M., 2Lt
ENG	Barnum, Abraham E., M/Sgt
RO	Treece, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Pesetsky, Paul W., Sgt
TG	Nestok, Frank, Sgt
RWG	Smith, Herbert L., Sgt
LWG	Turner, Kenzie H., 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



1Lt George T. Orvis, Jr. and Capt Ingvald M. Iverson.

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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., T/Sgt
RO	DuBray, Ernest D., S/Sgt
BT	McMahan, Bonnar P., S/Sgt
RWG	Doyle, Edward J., S/Sgt
TG	Sullens, Tom C., S/Sgt
LWG	Sutton, Marvin A., Sgt

B-17G #42-31060 *Poque Ma Hone*

P	Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Allen, Charles R., 1Lt
NAV	Landry, Robert J., 2Lt
BOM	Wright, Edgar A., S/Sgt
TT	Relyea, Ralph R., T/Sgt
RO	Cohen, Leo, T/Sgt
BT	Teno, James R., S/Sgt
TG	Smith, Nyle F., S/Sgt
LWG	O'Neil, Austin J., Sgt
RWG	Hadley, Owen W., S/Sgt

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

P	Sullivan, Francis X., 1Lt
CP	Brangwin, Kenneth R., 2Lt
NAV	Frechter, Harry G., 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
(Abortive)	

B-17G #42-38051 *My Yorkshire Dream*

P	Estes, Shirley W., 1Lt
CP	Byers, Ballard T., 2Lt
NAV	Thurmon, John A., 2Lt
BOM	Minter, Thomas W., 2Lt
TT	Price, Jack J., S/Sgt
BT	Wiley, Nathan H., S/Sgt
RO	Wagner, Wayne, S/Sgt
TG	Ross, Samuel C., S/Sgt
RWG	Silrum, Orvis K., Sgt
LWG	Ford, Thomas P., Sgt

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

P	Melton, James H., 1Lt
CP	Beiser, Theodore R., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Clapp, Keith W., 2Lt
TT	Rusinak, John C., T/Sgt
BT	Moore, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Stoberl, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Anderson, Ralph R., Sgt
LWG	LaPlante, Willard R., Sgt
RWG	Miller, Norman L., S/Sgt

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

P	Barnes, Deane L., 1Lt
CP	Snyder, Edgar E., Jr., Maj
NAV	Iverson, Ingvald M., Capt
NAV	Olsen, Kenneth L., 1Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Sparks, Willie T., T/Sgt
BT	Chancellor, John R., S/Sgt
RO	Benevento, Andrew G., S/Sgt
TG	Kendall, Dallas E., 2Lt
LWG	Winters, Craig W., S/Sgt
RWG	Price, John B., S/Sgt