

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 149

9 May 1944

Target: Marshalling Yards at Thionville, France

Crews Dispatched: 12

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 5 x 1000 lb G.P. bombs plus chaff

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 320 rounds

Fourteen aircraft took off, including two spares. The spares returned to Molesworth and twelve aircraft continued on to the target. Weather had no effect on the mission. In the target area there were no low or medium clouds, with 3/10 cirrus at 30,000 feet. Visibility was ten miles.

Twelve B-17s dropped 60 1,000-lb. G.P. M44 bombs on the railroad marshalling yards from 21,000 feet with excellent results. Three concentrations hit the yards—the railway bridge, rail lines, buildings and equipment were struck.

No enemy aircraft were seen and no flak was encountered. Friendly fighter support was excellent. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned undamaged. One crew described the mission as "the best organized mission ever flown." Several other crews complained about the lack of "Scotch" at the interrogations. The weather officer, 1Lt. Andrew F. **Bunker**, was complimented when the wind direction and velocity proved to be exactly as predicted.

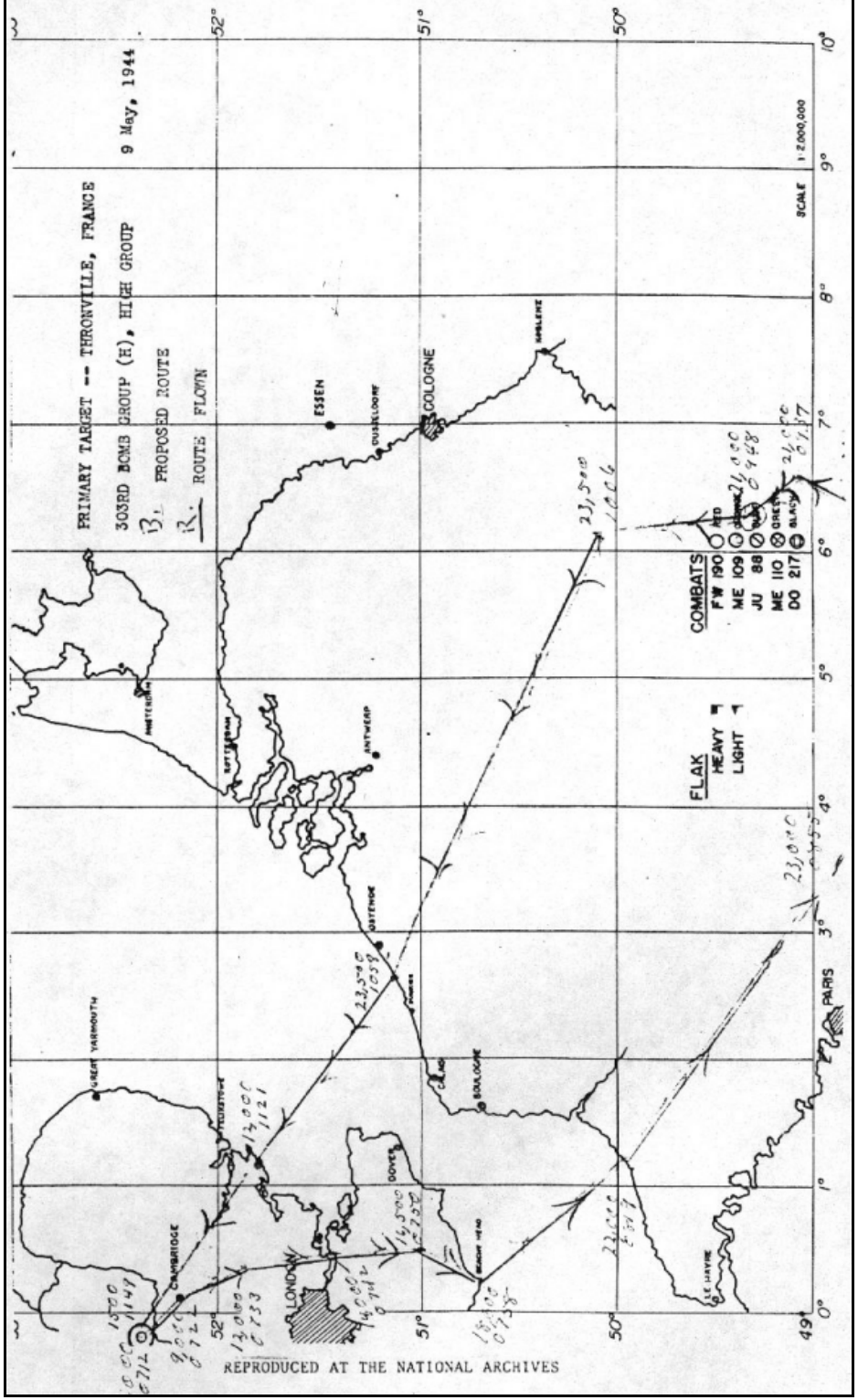


Scorchy II #42-97058 (359BS) BN-V

41st CBW High (359BS) - Pilot Maj R.H. Cole / CoPilot 1Lt E.W. Young

(Back L-R) 1Lt W.L. Hoover (B), F/O G.H. Counts (N), 1Lt E.W. Young (CP), Maj R.H. Cole (P), 1Lt G.R. Schoner (N)
(Front L-R) T/Sgt S. Dulick (R), S/Sgt A. Rohaly, Jr. (WG), T/Sgt J.C. Steele (E), S/Sgt B. Stapleton (TG),
S/Sgt R.H. Lebeck (BT), S/Sgt J.W. Withrow (WG)

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Route Map

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Hanselman, Charles F., 1Lt
 CP Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
 NAV Carey, William D., 2Lt
 TOG Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
 ENG Mahaffey, William D., S/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 Covington, Charles G., S/Sgt

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

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 #42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter*

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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

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
 (Spare - Returned)

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P Sirany, George R., 2Lt
 CP Batton, James H., 2Lt
 NAV Ehrke, Warren D., 2Lt
 BOM Prussman, Henry G., 2Lt
 ENG Stephenson, Thomas O., S/Sgt
 RO Van Horn, Everett E., S/Sgt
 BT Bale, Gordon E., Sgt
 TG McPherson, Frank V., S/Sgt
 LWG See, Cecil J., Sgt
 RWG Umberger, Robert C., Sgt

B-17G #42-102496 *Special Delivery*

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 Frederick, Lee W., S/Sgt
 RWG Arendt, John L., Sgt

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

P Cole, Richard H., Maj
 P Young, Elmer W., 1Lt
 NAV Schoner, George R., 1Lt
 NAV Counts, George H., F/O
 BOM Hoover, William L., 1Lt
 ENG Steele, John C., T/Sgt
 RO Dulick, Steve, T/Sgt
 BT Lebeck, Richard H., S/Sgt
 RWG Rohaly, Andy, S/Sgt
 LWG Withrow, John W., S/Sgt
 TG Stapleton, Bill, S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Estes, Shirley W., 1Lt
 CP Byers, Ballard T., 2Lt
 NAV Shemwell, John T., 1Lt
 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 #42-97096 (No Name)

P Shope, George W., Jr., 1Lt
 CP Allen, Charles R., 1Lt
 NAV Frechter, Harry G., 2Lt
 BOM Umphress, F.E., Jr., 2Lt
 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 #42-107099 Old 99

P Savage, Gilbert T., 2Lt
 CP Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
 NAV Coffey, John B., 2Lt
 BOM Parker, Joseph B., 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 #42-97085 (No Name)

P Oranges, Chester N., 2Lt
 CP Lawrenson, George C., 2Lt
 NAV Landry, Robert J., 2Lt
 BOM Harper, Kenneth L., 2Lt
 TT Eisenhower, James A., Sgt
 BT Gentry, Richard A., 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 #42-97391 (No Name)

P Mitchell, Fred E., 2Lt
 CP Ferguson, Gilbert L., 2Lt
 NAV Shupe, John W., 2Lt
 BOM Isaac, Kenneth W., 2Lt
 TT Cavagnol, Joseph J., S/Sgt
 BT Landa, Hyman J., Sgt
 RO Parr, Joe A., S/Sgt
 TG Omile, Harold A., Sgt
 LWG Byers, William R., Sgt
 RWG Carpenter, Robert R., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 Banshee

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 #42-97187 Miss Umbriago

P O'Hare, Phil W., 1Lt
 CP McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
 NAV Webster, Charles M., 2Lt
 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
 (Spare - Returned)