

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 157

22 May 1944

Target: Port area, Kiel, Germany (PFF)

Crews Dispatched: 14

Crew Members Lost or Wounded: 1 wounded by flak

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 40 x 65 lb M-47A1 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitude: 24,300 ft

Ammo Fired: 220 rounds

Seven Combat Wings were dispatched to attack Kiel — the first time since 5 January that this German seaport was bombed. Fourteen 303rd BG(H) B-17s took off with the two spare aircraft returning early as ordered. No other Fortresses returned early.

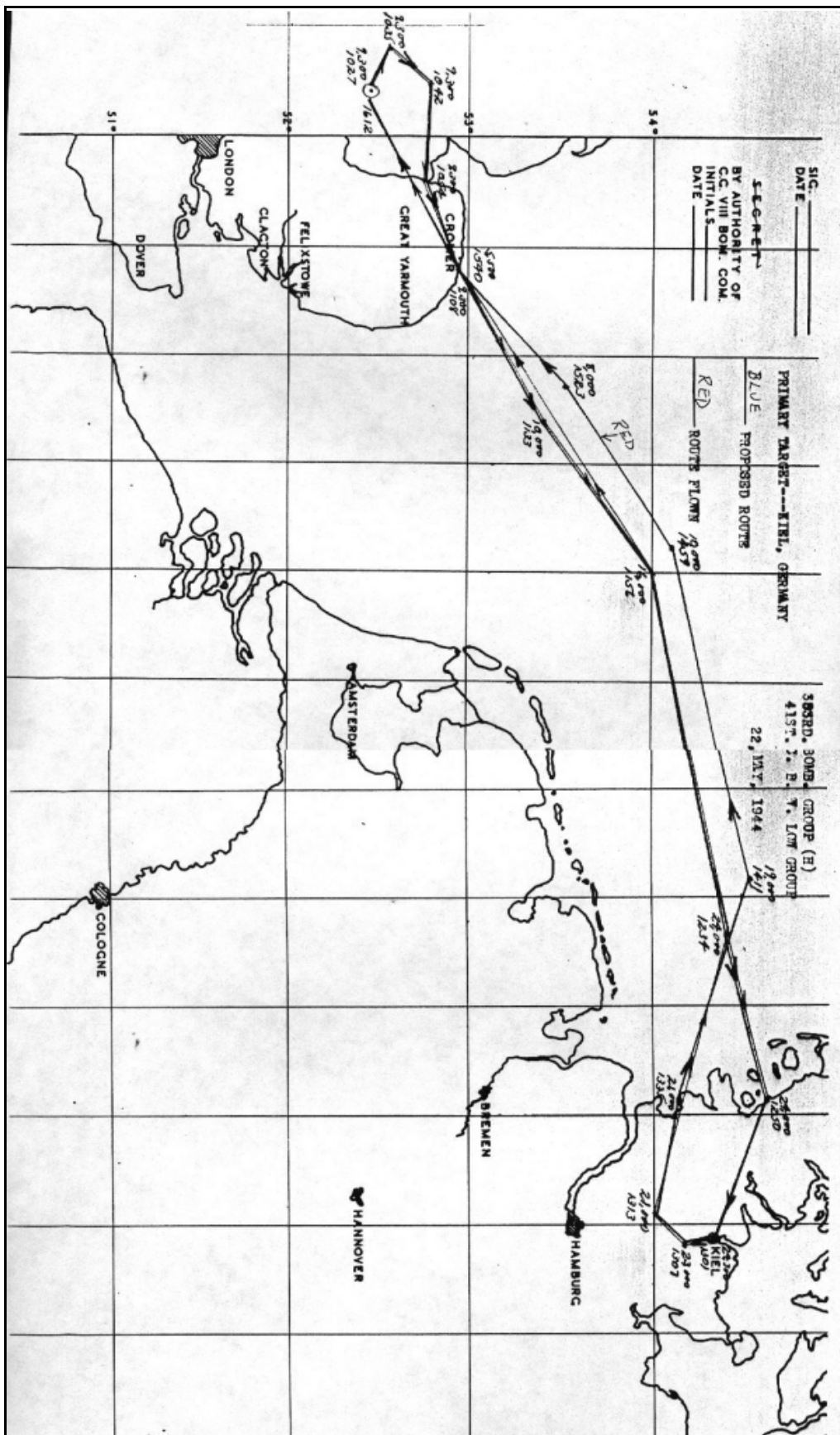
Twelve Group aircraft appeared over the target and dropped 489 65-lb. M47A1 incendiary clusters from 24,300 feet. The lead bombardier received the code word for bombing by navigational aids (PFF). He could see the target on his bomb run and bombed visually from the Combat Wing formation. Results were reported as good with some 303rd BG(H) bombs hitting the Krupp Germania shipbuilding yard.

Some crews reported seeing 25 to 100 enemy aircraft in the distance, others reported seeing none. There were no attacks on the Group. Flak was moderate and accurate in the target area and was observed but not encountered in three other areas. Friendly fighter support was as ordered. Chaff seemed to have a beneficial effect – eight aircraft sustained only minor flak damage. One airman suffered a minor wound from flak.

Capt. Thomas J. **Quinn**, Group leader, described the mission as "ordinary... There wasn't much to report. No fighters, not much flak. We just dropped our bombs, turned around, and came home. We got a lucky break for the bombing and bombardier, Lt. **Hoover**, says we did all right."

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 cuntry 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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Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Quinn-Eisenhart</u> 058		
		<u>Van Weelden</u> 483		<u>Carpenter</u> 206
	<u>Cook</u> 574			<u>Sirany</u> 272
<u>Maxey</u> 002		<u>Knight</u> 298		<u>Tulloss</u> 781
	<u>Ames</u> 006			<u>Meier</u> 284
<u>Johnson</u> 893		<u>Way</u> 622		<u>Assenheimer</u> Spare - 050
				<u>McNamara</u> Spare - 028



Scorchy II #42-97058 (359BS) BN-V
41st CBW Low - Pilot Capt T.J. Quinn / CoPilot 1Lt W.E. Eisenhart
 (Back L-R) 1Lt W.A. Hoover (B), 2Lt R.L. Bates (N),
 1Lt W.E. Eisenhart (CP), Capt T.J. Quinn (P), 1Lt G.R. Schoner (N)
 (Front L-R) S/Sgt R.I. McKenna (WG), T/Sgt J.C. Steele (E), S/Sgt B. Stapleton (TG),
 S/Sgt F.Z. Cueto (WG), S/Sgt W.A. Strobel (BT), T/Sgt S. Dulick (R)

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97622 *Paper Dollie*

P Way, Henry G., 1Lt
 CP Raese, Warren G., 2Lt
 NAV Sigurdson, Elden A., 2Lt
 BOM Bell, Julian P., 2Lt
 ENG Lynam, Stanley A., S/Sgt
 TT Paolino, Vincent C., Sgt
 RO May, James G., S/Sgt
 BT LaFleur, Paul L., Sgt
 TG Parks, Robert E., Sgt
 RWG Manning, Robert L., Sgt

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

P Maxey, Frank, 2Lt
 CP Vaughn, Clifford F., 2Lt
 NAV Shamban, Marcus F., 2Lt
 BOM Spatt, Arnold I., 2Lt
 ENG Johnston, Wendell B., S/Sgt
 RO Rabun, Clifford G., S/Sgt
 BT Swain, Norman F., Pvt
 TG Angelo, George L., S/Sgt
 RWG Hodgins, Robert A., Sgt
 LWG Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt

B-17G #42-97298 *The Floose*

P Knight, R.A., 2Lt
 CP Baker, John M., 2Lt
 NAV Claeys, Ronald, 2Lt
 BOM Belles, Frank G., 2Lt
 ENG Kishbaugh, Warren L., S/Sgt
 TT Reichman, Fred P., Sgt
 RO Judd, Fred H., S/Sgt
 BT Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
 TG Peters, Archie D., Sgt
 RWG Parker, Stanton A., Sgt

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

P McNamara, James F., Capt
 CP Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
 NAV Krouskup, Wayne E., 2Lt
 BOM Ney, Russell L., F/O
 ENG Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
 RWG Mikloa, Robert, Sgt
 RO Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
 TG Jones, John, Sgt
 BT Lappo, Teddy, Sgt
 LWG Steinman, William F., Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)

P Ames, Walter J., Jr., 2Lt
 CP Bailie, Homer P., 2Lt
 NAV Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
 BOM Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
 ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt
 TT Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
 RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
 BT Oss, Frank E., Sgt
 TG Naylor, Richard G., Sgt
 RWG Munn, Charles F., Sgt

B-17G #42-37893 *Bam Bam*

P Johnson, Harlan J., 2Lt
 CP Wright, Charles E., 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 #42-31574 *Ole George*

P Cook, John H., 2Lt
 CP Oliver, Sam, 1Lt
 NAV Binder, Carroll, 2Lt
 BOM Mack, Austin J., 1Lt
 ENG Haskell, Whitney, S/Sgt
 RWG Imbrogno, Americo S., Sgt
 RO Kissling, John P., S/Sgt
 BT Russell, Francis H., T/Sgt
 TG Humphries, Wayne, Sgt
 LWG Scalco, Robert, Sgt
 PAS Hight, J.L., Capt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 #42-97284 *Ain't Misbehavin*

P Meier, Russell W., 1Lt
 CP Reed, John W., 2Lt
 NAV Prince, Alan M., 2Lt
 TOG Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt
 ENG Danford, Emmett J., S/Sgt
 RO Connors, Joseph Q., S/Sgt
 RWG McGee, Richard, S/Sgt
 LWG Colley, Smith K., Sgt
 BT Richard, Vernon, Sgt
 TG Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97781 *The '8' Ball MK III*

P Tulloss, John W., 1Lt
 CP London, Walter H., Jr., 2Lt
 NAV Hollingsworth, William, 2Lt
 BOM Yelsky, Fred B., 1Lt
 ENG Robinson, Charles R., T/Sgt
 RO Montgomery, Robert E., T/Sgt
 BT Jenkins, Crawford W., S/Sgt
 TG O'Connor, Julian J., Sgt
 RWG Richard, John, Sgt.
 LWG Kolenda, Frank M., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
 CP Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
 NAV O'Neill, Owen H., 2Lt
 TOG Meier, Wayne G., Sgt
 ENG Mayhugh, John C., T/Sgt
 RO Swanson, Clifford E., T/Sgt
 RWG Murphy, Carl B., S/Sgt
 TG Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
 BT Gilmore, Charles E., T/Sgt
 LWG Savela, Wilho A., S/Sgt
 (Spare - Returned)

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

P Van Weelden, Douglas C., 2Lt
 CP Sysel, William A., 2Lt
 NAV Saumsiegle, Robert W., 2Lt
 BOM Vincent, Ronald J., F/O
 ENG Olander, Phillip A., S/Sgt
 RO Ledogar, Ralph E., S/Sgt
 BT Raterman, Urban L., Sgt
 TG Barry, John K., Sgt
 LWG Forsythe, William K., S/Sgt
 RWG Welch, John R., Sgt

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

P Carpenter, Arthur G., 2Lt
 CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
 NAV Reid, George E., F/O
 BOM Day, Dean K., 2Lt
 ENG Pordham, Jack F., S/Sgt
 RO Bortolotti, Barney J., S/Sgt
 BT Salmon, Earl D., S/Sgt
 TG Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
 LWG Edmund, William P., Jr., Sgt
 RWG Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

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

P Quinn, Thomas J., Capt
 CP Eisenhart, William E., 1Lt
 NAV Schoner, George R., 1Lt
 NAV Bates, Robert L., 2Lt
 BOM Hoover, William A., 1Lt
 ENG Steele, John C., T/Sgt
 RO Dulick, Steve, T/Sgt
 BT Strobel, Walter A., S/Sgt
 TG Stapleton, Bill, S/Sgt
 LWG Cueto, Frank Z., S/Sgt
 RWG McKenna, Robert I., S/Sgt