

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 167

2 June 1944

Target: Gun Emplacements at Dannes, France

Crews Dispatched: 22

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 5 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 X 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 19,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The 8th Air Force attacked "No Ball" targets — 64 visual and 49 by GH. This was the first mission flown by the 303rd BG(H) that the 41st CBW classified as a "Tactical Mission." Abbreviated methods of reporting and interrogation were installed to cover this type of mission in order to quicken mission data to higher headquarters.

Weather over the target was 10/10 clouds with tops at 10,000 ft. Bombing was done by PFF from 19,000 feet. Two-hundred twenty-eight 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs were dropped. No enemy aircraft were seen and no flak was encountered. Chaff had no effect. Friendly fighter support was good. There were no casualties and all aircraft returned to Molesworth.

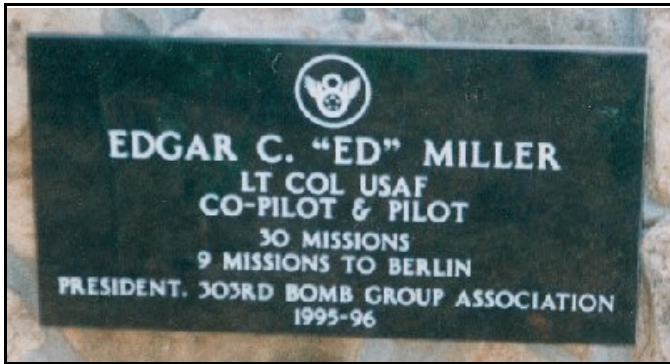


ORIGINAL EDGAR C. MILLER CREW - 360th BS

(crew assigned 360BS: 11 Jan 1944)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Edgar C. "Ed" Miller (P), 2Lt John R. Francis (CP),
Sgt William J. Nuczewski (E), 2Lt Rufe H. Parrilla (B), 2Lt Nyle E. Cotner (N)
(Front L-R) S/Sgt Arthur P. Tibbets (R), Sgt Hans Howald (RWG),
S/Sgt Jack E. Britt (BTG), Sgt Ernest P. Lobenherz (LWG), Sgt Kenneth L. Elmore (TG)

THE LAST ONE — HOT DOG!
Ed Miller's Memories and Recollections



Plaque at the Mighty Eighth AF Heritage Museum - Pooler, Georgia

I had very good company on my last mission as we were being lead by Captain Le Roy E. Daub and Captain Donald Stoullil in a PFF aircraft from the 305th Bomb Group (H) . This was the Group that provided all of the trained PFF crews which lead our missions when we required radar to find and drop our bombs. The navigators on this crew were 1Lt Harold A. Susskind and 1Lt Myles J. Walsh.

I was flying with 2Lt Brown again today, but this time I sat in the right seat as he was the pilot for this crew and we had gone over most of the things he needed to know about on our mission on the 31st of May. We were flying in the number 3 position of the low squadron in aircraft #42-31432 "Old Glory." My Form 5, which recorded all of my flying time, shows that I claimed first pilot time for the entire mission.

The target was "gun emplacements" near Dannes, France. It was apparent that this mission, which was classified as a "tactical mission" as opposed to all of the previous "strategic missions" flown by the 303rd Bomb Group, was in preparation for the invasion. We didn't know when but we knew it was near.

Friendly fighter support was excellent today as no enemy aircraft were seen. And for the first time in thirty one missions we did not see any flak. What a relief!

Whoopie!! I got through them all – but I really completed my missions in somewhat of a daze. That trip to Leipzig on the 28th of May, when we got that 88 mm shell through the bottom of the aircraft and out the side right behind me, left a significant effect on my mental state.

Prior to that mission I had agreed to accept Major Shayler's offer of completing my 30 missions, taking a 30 day rest and recuperation leave in the United States and returning to become the Squadron's Assistant Operations Officer, in charge of Training the new crews as they arrived and be promoted to Captain.

When I refused to fly with 1Lt Paul R. Ellsworth on May 29th, Captain John Casello, the Squadron Operations Officer and a good friend of Paul's, was not too receptive to my decision. Since I would be working for him, I decided that I had enough combat and would go on back home.

I have thought about it many times over these past years since 1944 and I am convinced that the actions of Paul Ellsworth probably saved my neck. Had I not become displeased with his actions following the Leipzig mission, I probably would have come back to the 360th Bomb Squadron. But on one of the missions that I had to fly each month as Training Officer, I would have gotten shot down.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Stoull-Daub
592-PFF

	<u>Cunningham</u> 076		<u>Tulloss</u> 781	
		<u>Marsh</u> 050		
	<u>Assenheimer</u> 405		<u>Arnold</u> 483	
	<u>Williams</u> 340		<u>Cook</u> 298	
<u>Brown</u> 432		<u>Spindler</u> 590	<u>Maxey</u> 224	<u>Johnson</u> 002
	<u>O'Beirne</u> 187		<u>Ferguson</u> 893	
<u>Eisele</u> 048		<u>Bartholomew</u> 805	<u>Way</u> 037	<u>Latshaw</u> 086
	<u>Christian</u> 997		<u>Davis</u> 154	
			<u>McMillan</u> Spare - 097	<u>Fackler</u> Spare - 284

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	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
	RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war		

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-38154 (No Name)

P	Davis, William C., 2Lt
CP	Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Hamm, Willard A., 2Lt
BOM	Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Walter K., S/Sgt
RO	Sandler, David L., S/Sgt
BT	Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
TG	Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
RWG	Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt
LWG	Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby

P	Latshaw, William E., 2Lt
CP	Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
NAV	Ivy, Wallis S., 2Lt
BOM	Doan, Curtis E., 2Lt
ENG	Pickens, Donald E., S/Sgt
RWG	Murphy, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt
TG	Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt
BT	Ginn, William E., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Horace J., Sgt

B-17G #42-32037 (No Name)

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	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	Cottrell, Barton T., Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
LWG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

B-17G #42-37893 Bam Bam

P	Ferguson, Wendell Z., 1Lt
CP	Moody, James D., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, James F., 2Lt
BOM	Rickey, Lowell L., 2Lt
ENG	Matthews, David R., Sgt
LWG	Smithson, Clyde E., S/Sgt
RO	Phillips, Robert E., T/Sgt
RWG	Swain, Norman F., S/Sgt
TG	Brooks, Richard S., Sgt
BT	Rhodes, Kenneth G., Sgt

B-17G #42-97298 The Floose

P	Cook, John H., 1Lt
CP	Vaughn, Clifford F., 2Lt
NAV	Shamban, Marcus F., 2Lt
BOM	Belles, Frank G., 2Lt
ENG	Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt
RWG	Stafford, Sheldon A., S/Sgt
RO	Lesser, Edward R., S/Sgt
BT	Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
TG	Gamon, Edward J., Sgt
LWG	Stone, Robert L., Jr., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31224 Hell in the Heavens

P	Maxey, Frank, 1Lt
CP	Satre, Leland H., 2Lt
NAV	Conner, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Ney, Russell L., F/O
ENG	Rodgers, John E., S/Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., S/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, Sgt
RWG	Mikola, Robert, Sgt
LWG	Wagner, William H., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Arnold, William J., 2Lt
CP	Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
NAV	Claster, Stanley M., 2Lt
BOM	Callahan, Ellsworth D., 2Lt
ENG	Williams, Robert M., S/Sgt
RO	Moreira, Joseph A., S/Sgt
BT	McClure, James D., Sgt
TG	Surrell, John M., Cpl
WG	Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Cpl

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	Grove, Terril M., 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
WG	Richard, John, Sgt.

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Marsh, Richard K., 1Lt
CP	Moyer, William G., 2Lt
NAV	Ehrke, Warren D., 2Lt
BOM	Prussman, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Ela, Lyman E., S/Sgt
RO	Greenhalgh, Chester, T/Sgt
BT	Salmon, Earl D., S/Sgt
TG	Miller, Theodore G., S/Sgt
WG	Arendt, John L., S/Sgt

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

P	Fackler, David E., 1Lt
CP	Paton, Wallace L., 2Lt
NAV	Andreason, Rolf W., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG	Schlottman, Jerome D., S/Sgt
RO	McLaughlin, William C., S/Sgt
BT	McIntyre, Harold W., S/Sgt
TG	Pohlman, Wilbert F., S/Sgt
LWG	Brewer, Ray, S/Sgt

(Spare-returned)

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

P	Assenheimer, Edwin H., 1Lt
CP	Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
NAV	Forve, Frank F., 2Lt
TOG	Meier, Wayne G., S/Sgt
ENG	Mayhugh, John C., T/Sgt
RO	Swanson, Clifford E., T/Sgt
WG	Murphy, Carl B., T/Sgt
TG	Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
BT	Hirn, Edward M., Sgt

B-17G #44-6076 *Liberty Run*

P	Cunningham, Robert L., 2Lt
CP	Daum, Maurice C., 2Lt
BOM	Riley, Milton S., 2Lt
TOG	Huddelston, D.O., Pvt
ENG	Merrow, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Rose, William A., Cpl
BT	Manchester, Robert E., S/Sgt
TG	Quinn, Charles E., S/Sgt
WG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-97592 - PFF (305BG)

P	Stoullil, Donald, Capt
CP	Daub, LeRoy E., Capt
NAV	Susskind, Harold A., 1Lt
NAV	Walsh, Myles J., 1Lt
NAV	Flannagan, David C., 1Lt
BOM	Nance, George H., 2Lt
ENG	Romer, Eugene A., T/Sgt
RO	Owen, James C., T/Sgt
TG	Callahan, Edward F., 2Lt
LWG	Brown, William F., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG	Green, George P., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Williams, John T., 1Lt
CP	Coats, Neil, 2Lt
NAV	Shipp, Gene K., 2Lt
BOM	Grunseth, Roald J., 2Lt
ENG	Schwenke, Howard A., T/Sgt
RO	Barber, Stewart L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitten, Cleveland W., Sgt
TG	Ott, John E., S/Sgt
WG	Northam, James W., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97805 (No Name)

P	Bartholomew, Dale E., 2Lt
CP	Ross, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Blume, William H., III, 2Lt
BOM	Andreason, Joseph G., 2Lt
ENG	Litwiller, Harold D., S/Sgt
RO	Allard, Charles G., S/Sgt
BT	Smith, Victor H., S/Sgt
TG	Blackwell, Haywood E., Jr., Sgt
RWG	Lowe, Ralph R., Sgt
LWG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31432 *Old Glory*

P	Brown, Leonard M., 2Lt
CP	Miller, Edgar C., 1Lt
NAV	Edwards, Frank A., 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Jamison, Charles A., S/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	LaFranchi, Alfred D., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Francis D., Sgt
WG	Enget, Obert L., Sgt

B-17G #42-31997 (No Name)

P	Christian, Max A., 2Lt
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	Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
TG	Elmore, Kenneth L., Sgt
WG	Britt, Jack E., 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
RO	Millard, Ralph, S/Sgt
WG	Friedman, Szymon A., S/Sgt
BT	Longoria, Efrain, Sgt
TG	Vallee, Edward J., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago*

P	O'Beirne, Nelson B., 1Lt
CP	Duffield, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Sudderth, Ralph M., 2Lt
BOM	Clark, Fred T., 1Lt
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 #42-97590 *Virgin Mary*

P	Spindler, Benjamin L., 1Lt
CP	Doughty, Gordon R., 2Lt
NAV	Caffrey, James J., F/O
BOM	Proud, Rexford I., 2Lt
ENG	Pfeffer, William W., S/Sgt
RO	Uhl, Willard H., S/Sgt
BT	McKinnon, Neil W., S/Sgt
TG	Petrie, Joe D., S/Sgt
WG	Fambry, Lewis F., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107097 *Sweet Melody*

P	McMillan, Murdock B., 1Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 2Lt
NAV	Shaw, Marvin E., 2Lt
BOM	Nebhut, Kenneth E., S/Sgt
ENG	Herr, Allen H., Sgt
RO	DeWitte, Victor W., T/Sgt
BT	Karp, Harold, Sgt
TG	Cain, Leroy H., Sgt
RWG	Cox, James D., Sgt
LWG	Flenniken, William, S/Sgt