

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 190

24 June 1944

Target: Deutsche Vacumol A.G. Works at Bremen, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 35

Crews Lost: F/O Farthing

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes

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

Bombing Altitudes: Group A - 25,000 ft; Group B - 24,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 150 rounds

Thirty-three 303rd BG(H) aircraft plus two 305G PFF B-17s flew as lead and low Groups in the 41st CBW-A mission to Bremen. The target was covered by 9/10 clouds necessitating a PFF bomb run. The PFF equipment on the 384BG high Group lead B-17 malfunctioned and they bombed on the 303rd lead PFF ship. A variety of bombs were dropped from 25,000 and 24,000 feet: 108 500-lb. M43, 84 500-lb. RDX and 288 250-lb. M27 bombs.



"Alone No More" by William S. Phillips

Sweet Rose O'Grady B-17G #42-39885 (427BS) GN-R returning to Molesworth. She is joined by two Mark IX Spitfires of the RAF 241st Squadron who will escort her home. Rosie and her crew are "Alone No More."

No enemy fighters were spotted. Friendly fighters furnished good escort and area support. At the target, intense inaccurate flak was encountered. Most bursts were below the formation with some about 10,000 feet above. Five aircraft sustained minor flak damage.

One aircraft was missing. #43-37654 (*No Name*), 360BS, piloted by F/O Harold C. **Farthing**, was flying in the No. 2 position, low Squadron, low Group, 41st CBW-A formation. It had been straggling most of the way, left the formation, and went down in the clouds just before reaching the IP. It seemed under control and one feathered engine was reported, however, the aircraft crashed at Hamburg, Germany. Sgt. Ernest A. **Viles** later reported that they had been hit over Bremen, Germany, but the entire crew made successful parachute jumps. F/O **Farthing**, F/O Frank N. **Page**, 2Lt. James P. **George**, F/O John D. **Carson**, S/Sgt. William M. **Sweetie**, S/Sgt. Francis W. **Postles**, Sgt. **Viles**, Sgt. Leonard C. **Greig**, Jr., Sgt. Joseph **Melnyk** were all taken captured and became Prisoners of War. FO Page died in prison camp.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Stevens-Moreau</u> 592 - PFF		
		<u>Lee</u> 949		<u>Bailie</u> 739
			<u>Latshaw</u> 086	
		<u>Vermeer</u> 622		<u>Davis</u> 085
	<u>Moser</u> 781			<u>Benham</u> 298
<u>Walker</u> 177		<u>Carney</u> 284		<u>Stein</u> 006
	<u>Carpenter</u> 206			<u>Baker</u> 680
<u>Langford</u> 405		<u>Reed</u> 960		

				<u>McConnell</u> 154
				<u>Crozier</u> 496

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

			<u>Sheets</u> 638 - PFF	
		<u>Roy</u> 051		<u>Wardowski</u> 885
			<u>Mitchell</u> 411	
		<u>Savage</u> 099		<u>Gallagher</u> 027
	<u>Brown</u> 340			<u>Jones</u> 432
<u>Wilson</u> 853		<u>Farthing</u> 654		<u>Flick</u> 391
	<u>Bartholomew</u> 187			<u>Beiser</u> 875
<u>Arnold</u> 483		<u>Vitale</u> 861		<u>Ligino</u> 595

				<u>Lehmann</u> 569
				<u>Moreman</u> 537

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt
 CP Markos, Costa, F/O
 NAV Connor, John P., 2Lt
 BOM Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt
 ENG Varvil, Willis E., S/Sgt
 BT Schley, John G., S/Sgt
 RO Moon, Charles E., S/Sgt
 TG Kennedy, Robert F., S/Sgt
 RWG Ferris, James H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97949 (No Name)

P Lee, Gareth G., 2Lt
 CP Bowman, William E., F/O
 NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
 BOM Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt
 ENG Leimgruebler, Victor H., S/Sgt
 WG Olive, Martin, Sgt
 RO Adkinson, James E., S/Sgt
 TG Newman, Gerald D., Sgt
 BT Grundon, Joseph D., Sgt

B-17G #42-97085 (No Name)

P Davis, William C., 1Lt
 CP Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt
 NAV Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt
 TOG Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt
 ENG Johnson, Walker K., S/Sgt
 RO Sandler, David L., S/Sgt
 BT Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
 TG Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
 WG Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

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

P Benham, Philip O., 1Lt
 CP Thomas, Charles E., 2Lt
 NAV Coe, Charles F., 2Lt
 BOM Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
 ENG Van Drunen, Cornelius, S/Sgt
 RO Downs, Reginald, S/Sgt
 BT Vanderhoff, Grant W., Sgt
 WG Dellinger, Lenoir E., Sgt
 TG Gamon, Edward J., 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 - Togglier 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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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-31739 *Pugnacious Peter*

P	Bailie, Homer P., 2Lt
CP	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Hamm, Willard A., 2Lt
BOM	Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt
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

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

P	Stevens, Kermit D., Col
CP	Moreau, Joseph A., 1Lt
NAV	Krouskup, Wayne E., 2Lt
NAV	Prince, Alan M., 2Lt
BOM	Prussman, Henry G., 2Lt
ENG	Rossman, Carl H., Sgt
WG	Tate, Royce G., S/Sgt
RO	Lowe, Gareth W., T/Sgt
TG	Fox, Howard E., S/Sgt
PAS	Desmond, MacChesney, 2Lt

B-17G #42-102680 (No Name)

P	Baker, John M., 2Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
TOG	Wright, Gene D., S/Sgt
ENG	Kishbaugh, Warren L., S/Sgt
WG	Reichmann, Fred P., Sgt
RO	Cottrell, Thomas B., Sgt
BT	Bertasso, Joseph S., Sgt
TG	Peters, Archie D., 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
RO	Tidwell, Andrew W., S/Sgt
TG	Hedrick, Warren L., Sgt
BT	Ginn, William E., Sgt
LWG	Miller, Horace J., Sgt

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

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Lojewski, Telsphor, 2Lt
NAV	Atwood, Thomas M., 2Lt
BOM	Bennett, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG	Johnson, Jack M., S/Sgt
WG	Schneider, Lawrence J., Sgt
RO	Rego, Charles J., S/Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt
WG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt

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

P	Stein, Lawrence J., 2Lt
CP	Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
BOM	Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG	Card, Harry R., S/Sgt
WG	Grissom, Manley E., Sgt
RO	Meyer, Fred R., S/Sgt
BT	Truesdell, William P., Sgt
TG	Williams, Clarence J., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-37537 *Queen of Hearts*

P Moreman, Robert, 2Lt
CP Quiggle, Robert D., 2Lt
NAV Nielsen, Carl V., 2Lt
BOM Destito, Frank S., 2Lt
ENG Genovese, Elic V., S/Sgt
RO Barnts, Warren E., S/Sgt
WG Alexander, Ray, Sgt
TG Smith, Richard L., Sgt
BT Lloyd, Stanely W., Sgt

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

P Crozier, Harry J., 2Lt
CP Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
NAV Kennedy, Clyde R., 2Lt
BOM McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG Stumpff, George W., Sgt
RWG Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

P Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt
CP Paton, Wallace L., 2Lt
NAV Andreason, Rolf W., 2Lt
BOM Campbell, Frank P., 2Lt
ENG Duffey, Willis A., Sgt
RO Zionkoski, John T., S/Sgt
BT Parrish, Vernon, Sgt
TG Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt
WG Mays, Pearl E., T/Sgt

B-17G #42-102960 *(No Name)*

P Reed, John W., 2Lt
CP Altman, Maurice C, 2Lt
NAV O'Neill, Owen H., 2Lt
TOG Meier, Wayne E., S/Sgt
ENG Colley, Smith K., S/Sgt
WG Hinson, Archie H., Sgt
RO Rose, William A., Cpl
BT Wernet, Charles, Pvt
TG Butler, Ashley A., S/Sgt

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

P Arnold, William J., 2Lt
CP Parker, John W., 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., Sgt
WG Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Sgt

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

P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV Smith, Gordon F., 2Lt
BOM Beers, Donald B., 2Lt
ENG Sublett, James W., Sgt
RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Carney, Walter J., 2Lt
CP Hickey, James A., 2Lt
NAV Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
TOG Perkins, Homer F., Pvt
ENG Turner, Harold L., S/Sgt
RO Foster, Albert A., S/Sgt
WG Henderson, Jackson L., Sgt
TG Howe, Clarence E., Sgt
BT Encinas, William, Sgt

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

P Langford, Allen W., 2Lt
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 2Lt
TOG Arendt, John L., S/Sgt
ENG O'Leary, Daniel R., Sgt
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT Gray, William W., Sgt
TG Mulstein, John E., Jr., 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 Welch, John R., S/Sgt
TG Nichols, Dalbee, Sgt
WG Vanlandingham, John C., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97391 (No Name)

P	Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP	Newton, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt
BOM	Harper, Kenneth L., 2Lt
BT	Forry, Harvey W., S/Sgt
RO	Abeyta, J. Charles, S/Sgt
TT	Eberly, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Brock, Charley F., Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-102569 Miss Lace

P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Gast, William J., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
RO	Kelley, James D., S/Sgt
TG	Ruhge, Wayne L., Sgt
WG	Garlick, Darrell L., Sgt

B-17G #42-102595 Little Tush

P	Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP	Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM	Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT	Rau, Harvey L., S/Sgt
BT	Howard, George R., Sgt
RO	Dahms, Edward R., S/Sgt
TG	Dudley, Howard E., Sgt
WG	Gainer, Philip B., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 Buzz Blonde

P	Beiser, Theodore R., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Richard R., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Cooper, Edward G., 2Lt
TT	Buchanan, Lonnie J., T/Sgt
BT	Latta, Charles W., Sgt
RO	Gorchesky, Benny J., S/Sgt
TG	Brackey, Carroll H., Sgt
LWG	Haines, James W., Sgt

B-17G #42-32027 Betty Jane

P	Gallagher, John W., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM	Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT	Lynn, William V., Sgt
BT	Kail, Nicholas F., Sgt
RO	Dubray, Ernest D., S/Sgt
TG	Jacques, Warren, S/Sgt
WG	Joyce, Jess, S/Sgt

B-17G #42-102432 Tiny Angel

P	Jones, Wilbur H., 1Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Curley, Walter A., 2Lt
BOM	Kennedy, William J., 1Lt
TT	Duerr, William P., Sgt
BT	Calnon, Frederick N., S/Sgt
RO	Kosher, Albert J., Sgt
TG	Thompson, Frederick A., S/Sgt
WG	Dimowitz, Morris, S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P Savage, Gilbert T., 1Lt
CP Schwolow, John C., 2Lt
NAV Coughlin, George A., 2Lt
BOM Johnson, Otto D., Sgt
TT Jefferson, Arthur G., S/Sgt
BT Holt, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG Stover, Edward J., S/Sgt
WG Layton, Wilber A., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P Wardowski, Stanley, 2Lt
CP Hainlin, Neal E., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Birnbaum, Warren G., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Eisel, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG Kowatch, Raymond J., Sgt
BT Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO Willard, Albert, S/Sgt
TG Wagner, Donald G., Sgt
WG Snede, John I., Sgt

B-17G #42-102411 *Miss Lace*

P Mitchell, Fred E., 1Lt
CP Ferguson, Gilbert L., 2Lt
NAV Rafferty, Henry E., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Isaac, Kenneth W., 2Lt
TT Cavagnol, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT Landa, Hyman J., Sgt
RO Parr, Joe A., S/Sgt
WG Byers, William R., S/Sgt
TG Carpenter, Robert R., Sgt

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

P Roy, Arnold K., 2Lt
CP Quint, Ralph E., 2Lt
NAV Whitman, John H., 2Lt
BOM Weiss, Leonard E., 2Lt
TT Cook, Leonard C., Sgt
BT Black, Leslie K., Sgt
RO Johnson, George N., Sgt
TG Kahnert, Olaf F., Jr., Sgt
WG On, Chan K., Sgt