

# 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

**T**hirty-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		
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				<u>McConnell</u> 154
				<u>Crozier</u> 496
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## 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
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				<u>Lehmann</u> 569
				<u>Moreman</u> 537
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## 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, Cornellius, 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><b>CREW POSITIONS</b>                      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><b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b>                      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***

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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***

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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***

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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)***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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)**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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