

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

| | | | | |
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| | | <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

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| | | | <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 #42-97085 (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 #42-97949 (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 #42-97298 *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

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| 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 - 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 | 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 cntry 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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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*

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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*

| | |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 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 | Snedde, 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*

| | |
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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 |