

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 192

25 June 1944

Target: Bridges at Sens & Coulanges-sur-Yonne, France

Crews Dispatched: 21

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 35 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 2,000 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 20,700 & 18,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

The afternoon mission was to bomb a bridge at Coulanges-sur-Yonne, France, as the 41st CBW-B lead and high Groups. Two B-17s aborted the mission. #42-102453 *Princess Pat*, 358BS (Lt. **Moreau**) – The No. 2 tank ran out of fuel. The engine was feathered and couldn't be unfeathered when the Tokyo tanks were on. #42-31830 *Marie*, 359BS (Lt. **Arnold**) – VHF set failure. Both abortions were classified as personnel errors.

The 12 B-17s of the lead Group dropped 23 2,000-lb. G.P. bombs on the primary target from 20,700 feet. Results were poor – only one bomb possibly hit the bridge which was not destroyed.

The 12 Fortresses of the high Group had problems. The briefed Group and deputy Group leaders and one other aircraft never assembled with the Group. After Lt. **Moreau** had to abort and the deputy Group leader failed to assemble, 1Lt. Paul H. **Long** took over as high Group emergency leader with five other B-17s. The three 379BG aircraft scheduled to fly in the No. 4 element did not assemble and were not seen during the entire mission. Lt. **Long** was unable to form with the 41st CBW-B and joined the 41st CBW-B 384BG high Group, stacking upon their No. 2 element. When Lt. **McDevitt**, the bombardier, turned on his internal bomb rack switches, the bombs released prematurely. The right wing man (Lt. **McMillan** crew: S/Sgt. C. **Rice**, togglier) dropped on Lt. **Long's** aircraft. The left wing ship B-17 (Lt. **Bartholomew** crew: 2Lt. J.G. **Andreasen**, the bombardier) dropped on the Group leader. The remaining four 303rd BG(H) Forts dropped eight 2,000-lb. G.P. M34 bombs on a railroad bridge at Sens, France. Excellent hits were observed.

Weather had little effect on the mission. Heavy 10/10 clouds and contrails over England resulted in assembly problems, but it was clear in the target area. No enemy aircraft were seen. Friendly fighter support was good. Moderate and accurate flak was encountered at Romilly-Sur-Seine and accurate fire at Londiniere. One man was wounded by flak and all aircraft returned safely to Molesworth.

## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<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	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  <b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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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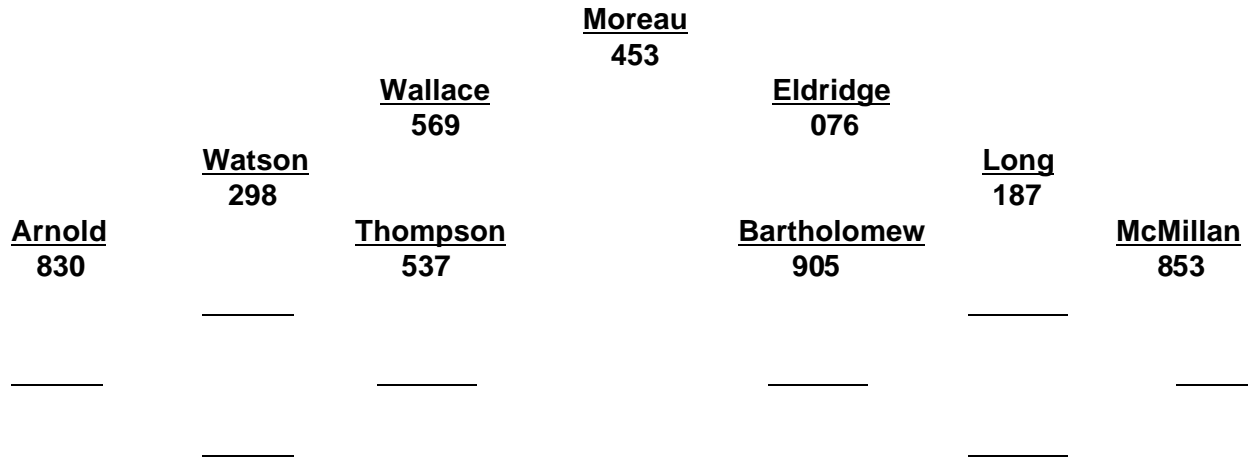
## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Lyle-Travis</u> 311		
		<u>Roy</u> 051	<u>Wardowski</u> 200	
	<u>Mitchell</u> 411		<u>Brown</u> 861	
<u>Means</u> 885		<u>Lehmann</u> 875	<u>Wilson</u> 893	<u>Vitale</u> 841
	<u>Ligino</u> 595		_____	
<u>Flick</u> 391		<u>Gallagher</u> 027	_____	_____
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**Shoo Shoo Baby #42-97311 (427BS) GN-O**  
**41st CBW-B (427BS) - Pilot LtCol L.E. Lyle / CoPilot Col W.L. Travis**  
 (Back L-R) 2Lt R.S. McCall (TG-O), 2Lt A.R. Pero (N), 1Lt J.W. Shupe (N),  
 Capt G.T. Orvis, Jr. (B), LtCol L.E. Lyle (P), Col W.L. Travis (CP)  
 (Front L-R) T/Sgt F.X. Neuner (E), S/Sgt T.C. Sullens (BT), T/Sgt A.G. Benevento (R), S/Sgt J.F. Donnelly (WG)

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B



Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:  
Lt. Moreau in 453, Lt. Arnold in 830



B-17G #42-97187 Miss Umbriago (360BS) PU-I  
303rd/379BG Composite High Group - Pilot 1Lt Paul H. Long / CoPilot 2Lt Oscar A. Tellinghuisen

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Watson, John P., 1Lt  
CP Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt  
NAV Coe, Charles E., 2Lt  
TOG Borg, John E., 2Lt  
ENG Kapes, Paul J., S/Sgt  
RO White, John H., S/Sgt  
TT Hollifield, Robert G., Sgt  
BT Goldfarb, Wallace, Sgt  
TG Cummings, James E., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102453 *Princess Pat***

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P Moreau, Joseph A., 1Lt  
CP Hudson, Hendric S., 2Lt  
NAV Contos, Spiros P., 2Lt  
BOM Ledbetter, Lamar E., 2Lt  
ENG Rossman, Carl H., Sgt  
RWG Tate, Royce G., Sgt  
RO Lowe, Gareth W., Sgt  
TG Fox, Howard E., Sgt  
BT Ross, Ben A., Sgt  
(Abortive)

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Thompson, Lawrence C., Capt  
CP Johnson, Richard O., 2Lt  
NAV Young, Warren I., F/O  
BOM Champ, William J., 2Lt  
ENG Hammons, Charles G., S/Sgt  
RO Hamann, Delos, H., S/Sgt  
BT Stephan, Kenneth R., S/Sgt  
WG Lemley, Jack A., S/Sgt  
TG Christensen, Lars, S/Sgt

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

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P Eldridge, Truman K., 2Lt  
CP Batton, James H., 2Lt  
NAV Durkin, James A., 2Lt  
BOM Campbell, Sanders H., 2Lt  
ENG Barnes, Frederick E., S/Sgt  
RO Rowlett, Samuel A., S/Sgt  
BT Strong, Ralph T., Cpl  
TG Panos, Andrew T., Cpl  
WG Wesley, LaFon, Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31830 *Marie***

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P Arnold, William J., 1Lt  
CP Paton, Wallace L., 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  
(Abortive)

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee***

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P	Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM	Cassidy, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hal B., Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher***

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P	Wilson, William M., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., S/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., S/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97853 *Lucky Linda***

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P	McMillan, Murdock B., 1Lt
CP	Polezoes, Stanley, 2Lt
NAV	Shaw, Marvin E., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., Jr., Pfc
ENG	Herr, Allen H., Sgt
RO	Birkenholz, Irving, S/Sgt
BT	Karp, Harold, S/Sgt
TG	Cain, Leroy H., S/Sgt
WG	Cox, James D., S/Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

### **B-17G #42-97905 (No Name)**

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P	Bartholomew, Dale E., 1Lt
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
WG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97861 *Iza Vailable III***

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P	Brown, Leonard M., 2Lt
CP	Caldwell, Frederick J., 2Lt
NAV	Fazio, Joseph, 1Lt
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 #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago***

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P	Long, Paul H., 2Lt
CP	Tellinghuisen, Oscar A., 2Lt
NAV	Vell, Ona L., 2Lt
BOM	McDevitt, Theodore D., 1Lt
ENG	Mours, John D., S/Sgt
RO	Habich, Arthur L., S/Sgt
BT	Flammia, Joseph E., S/Sgt
TG	Olson, Keith R., Sgt
WG	Abbott, Wesley C., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Whitman, John H., 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 #42-39875 Buzz Blonde**

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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 #42-32027 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., S/Sgt
BT	Kail, Nicholas F., S/Sgt
RO	Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG	Jacques, Warren, S/Sgt
WG	Joyce, Jess, S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-31200 Old Crow**

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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	Hope, Benjamin L., Sgt
RO	Willard, Albert, S/Sgt
TG	Wagner, Donald G., Sgt
WG	Snedde, John I., Sgt

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

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P	Roy, Arnold K., 2Lt
CP	Quint, Ralph E., 2Lt
NAV	Rafferty, Henry E., Jr., 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

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

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P	Mitchell, Fred E., 1Lt
CP	Ferguson, Gilbert L., 2Lt
NAV	Curley, Walter A., 2Lt
BOM	Wallen, George A., Jr., 1Lt
TT	Cavagnol, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Landa, Hyman J., S/Sgt
RO	Parr, Joe A., T/Sgt
WG	Byers, William R., S/Sgt
TG	Carpenter, Robert R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 2Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., S/Sgt
BT	Miller, Robert L., Sgt
RO	May, J.H., S/Sgt
TG	Turner, James W., Sgt
WG	Sileo, J.J., Sgt

### **B-17G #42-102569 *Miss Lace***

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P	Wallace, Walstein W., 2Lt
CP	Newton, John A., 2Lt
NAV	Lance, Calvin L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Jefferson, Arthur G., T/Sgt
BT	Holt, Richard R., S/Sgt
RO	Kosher, Albert J., T/Sgt
TG	Stover, Edward J., S/Sgt
WG	Layton, Wilber A., S/Sgt

### **B-17G #42-97311 *Shoo Shoo Baby***

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P	Lyle, Lewis E., LtCol
CP	Travis, William L., Col
NAV	Shupe, John W., 1Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloysius R., 2Lt
BOM	Orvis, George T., Jr., Capt
ENG	Neuner, Francis X., T/Sgt
RO	Benevento, Andrew G., T/Sgt
TG	McCall, Robert S., 2Lt
BT	Sullens, Tom C., S/Sgt
WG	Donnelly, James F., S/Sgt