

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 204

16 July 1944

Target: City area, Munich, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 20

Length of Mission: 8 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 27,700 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Munich was beginning to be an old story to combat crews as 303rd BG(H) bombers continued in their fourth July attack on Munich. The twenty B-17s that took off flew in the low Group position of 41st CBW. Capt. William E. **Eisenhart**, 359BS, led the 303rd BG(H) formation. One aircraft returned early: #42-38050 *Thunderbird*, 359BS (Lt. **Jenkins**), sustained a No. 4 supercharger waste gate failure. The remaining 19 Fortresses dropped 190 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs from 27,700 feet. PFF bombing was used due to 10/10 undercast.

There were no enemy aircraft observed. Fighter support was reported as good. A few crews stated that it was spotty immediately after the target – but only for 30 to 35 minutes. Flak over the target was intense and accurate. Meager but accurate flak was encountered at Ghent and observed at several other points. Crews reported that chaff had only slightly beneficial effect. Two aircraft sustained major and seven, minor damage.

Fortress #42-97284 (*No Name*), 359BS, piloted by 1Lt. Walter J. **Carney**, was badly damaged over Munich. He was able to fly his aircraft to a friendly airfield in Italy. Following his return, Lt. **Carney** received commendation letters from Lt. Gens. Carl **Spatz** and James H. **Doolittle** and Maj. Gen. Robert B. **Williams** (CG IBD) for a job well done by a combat pilot.

Gen. **Spatz** wrote:

The fact that you have shown expert airmanship and a great deal of determination in bringing your badly damaged aircraft across the Alps and to a friendly Italian base has been brought to my attention.

I wish to commend you for this display of perseverance in saving the government valuable property and personnel. Such an example is indicative of a high state of morale and will be an inspiration to other combat crews finding themselves in similar circumstance.

MUNICH, GERMANY (CITY AREA - PFF BOMBING)

From the Journal of Stanley Claster

After a nine-day break, the Arnold crew resumed flying by making one of their longest trips into Germany. The nearly nine-hour flight (5:25a.m.-1:59p.m.) to the southern city of Munich involved more than six hours of flying over enemy territory. Robert Marbel served as co-pilot. Sgt. Donald E. Skinner, an aerial photographer, also joined the crew on this mission aboard the Bonnie B. Skinner apparently had little, if any, flying experience. His difficulties using the oxygen mask caused him to black out several times.

A heavy cloud front over Munich prevented the planes from attacking the primary visual target which was the Bayerische Motorenwerks (BMW) plant that produced engines, including the jet engines used in the ME-163 jet fighter. Instead, the formation used the PFF radar navigation system to bomb a military site located in downtown Munich. Civilian casualties almost certainly occurred as a result.

The Arnold crew reported intense but inaccurate flak over the target at 9:47a.m. from their altitude of 26,300 feet. Meager but more accurate flak was encountered over Ghent, Belgium at 12:31p.m. while flying home at 19,000 feet. The Bonnie B lagged behind the formation for an hour and a half before and after the target because one engine had shut down due to bechanical problems and two others ran rough. Arnold probably was able to catch up with the group by flying more direct routes and pushing the remaining three engines to their limit. The crew reported seeing lots of traffic in the railway yards of northeast France and seeing six large transport ships in Rotterdam harbor.



B-17G Scorchy II 42-97058 (359BS) BN-V

41st CBW Low (359BS) - Pilot Capt W.E. Eisenhart / CoPilot 2Lt R. Moreman

(Back L-R) 2Lt G.H. Counts (N), Capt W.E. Eisenhart (P),

LtCol R.H. Stuart (OB), 2Lt R. Moreman (CP), 1Lt R.L. Smith (B)

(Front L-R) T/Sgt C.J. See (E), S/Sgt F.V. McPherson (TG),

S/Sgt G.E. Bale (BT), T/Sgt W.E. Barnts (R), S/Sgt R.C. Umberger (WG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Eisenhart</u> 058		
		<u>Baltes</u> 405		<u>Akers</u> 537
			<u>Morgan</u> 960	
		<u>Jenkins</u> 050		<u>Gould</u> 183
	<u>Latshaw</u> 086			<u>Carpenter</u> 781
<u>Johnson</u> 949		<u>Davis</u> 085		<u>Arnold</u> 483
	<u>Lojewski</u> 298			<u>Baillie</u> 739
<u>Stark</u> 006		<u>Boyce</u> 590		<u>McConnell</u> 680
	<u>Miller</u> 622			<u>Carney</u> 284
				<u>Markos</u> 972
				<u>Eldridge</u> 076

One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Jenkins in 050

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 - 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</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

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

P	Miller, Cecil M., F/O
CP	Petersen, John N., F/O
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG	Severson, Jack O., Jr., Sgt
ENG	Sheets, Earl W., S/Sgt
WG	Carlson, Karl W., Sgt
RO	Wilson, William H., S/Sgt
TG	Zweck, William A., Sgt
BT	Pierce, James M., Sgt

B-17G #43-37590 *Neva-The Silver Lady*

P	Boyce, Marvin S., 2Lt
CP	Taylor, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Brown, Melvin A., 2Lt
BOM	Wolf, Lawrence M., 2Lt
ENG	Byrne, Hobart L., S/Sgt
RO	Jones, James L., S/Sgt
TG	Chambers, Sidney N., Sgt
BT	LaFleur, Paul L., Sgt
WG	Shokal, William V., Sgt

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

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Bowman, William E., F/O
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	Rowe, Thomas M., Sgt
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P	Latshaw, William E., 1Lt
CP	Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
NAV	Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 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 #44-6006 (No Name)

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
TOG	Nelson, Harold E., Sgt
ENG	Batten, Delmer G., S/Sgt
RO	Steinhagen, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG	Morrow, James C., Sgt
BT	Richkind, Max, Sgt
WG	Eggink, 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., S/Sgt
ENG	Johnson, Walter K., T/Sgt
RO	Sandler, David L., Sgt
BT	Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
TG	Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
WG	Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

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B-17G #42-97298 (No Name)

P	Lojewski, Telesphor, 2Lt
CP	Helms, John R., 2Lt
NAV	Ney, Russell L., F/O
TOG	Mikola, Robert, S/Sgt
ENG	Rodgers, John E., T/Sgt
RO	Kustic, Mark S., T/Sgt
TG	Jones, John, Sgt
BT	Lappo, Teddy, S/Sgt
WG	Wagner, William M., S/Sgt

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

P	Johnson, Harlan J., 1Lt
CP	Wright, Charles E., 2Lt
NAV	Hamilton, Bruce B., 2Lt
TOG	Stidham, Robert L., Sgt
ENG	Braun, Duane M., S/Sgt
RO	Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
TG	Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT	George, William R., Sgt
WG	Ciglar, Joseph, Sgt

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

P	Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Wyner, Maxwell I., 2Lt
BOM	Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
ENG	Ham, William J., S/Sgt
BT	Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
RO	Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
WG	Oss, Frank E., Sgt
TG	Naylor, Richard G., Sgt

B-17G #42-97972 (No Name)

P	Markos, Costa, F/O
CP	Charnick, Roman P., 2Lt
NAV	Goldfield, Solomon, 2Lt
BOM	Garcia, Robert L., S/Sgt
ENG	Carrissimo, Paul P., S/Sgt
WG	Herod, Francis G, Sgt
RO	Neidringhaus, Robert H., S/Sgt
TG	Schulz, Arthur W., Sgt
BT	Byrd, Fred O., Sgt

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B-17G #42-31183 *Bad Penny*

P	Gould, Graham C., 2Lt
CP	Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
NAV	Leigh, Thomas W., 2Lt
BOM	Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
ENG	Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
RO	Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
BT	Thompson, Val E., Sgt
TG	Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
WG	Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

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

P	Eldridge, Truman K., 2Lt
CP	Sheehan, Daniel J., Jr., 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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	Jenkins, Harry F., 2Lt
CP	Blanchard, Samuel B., 2Lt
NAV	Nute, Gordon B., 2Lt
BOM	Protzman, John W., 2Lt
ENG	Gillespie, Norton A., S/Sgt
RO	Loosemore, Wesley G., S/Sgt
BT	Fydrychowski, John J., Sgt
TG	Cregan, John M., Sgt
WG	Allen, Charles G., Sgt

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

P	Morgan, William D., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Destito, Frank S., 2Lt
ENG	Hayes, Theron M., S/Sgt
RO	Stemmler, Edward C, S/Sgt
BT	Lloyd, Stanley W., Sgt
TG	Caperton, James R., Sgt
WG	Gross, James J., Sgt

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

P	Carpenter, Arthur G., 1Lt
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

B-17G #42-97058 *Scorchy II*

P	Eisenhart, William E., 1Lt
CP	Moreman, Robert, 2Lt
NAV	Counts, George H., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, Ralph L., 1Lt
ENG	See, Cecil J., S/Sgt
RO	Barnts, Warren E., T/Sgt
BT	Bale, Gordon E., S/Sgt
TG	McPherson, Frank V., S/Sgt
WG	Umberger, Robert C., S/Sgt
PAS	Stuart, R.H., LtCol

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Akers, Robert O., 2Lt
 CP Batton, James H., 2Lt
 NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
 BOM Cappucci, Joseph R., Sgt
 ENG Shanker, Herbert, S/Sgt
 RO Meyer, Gerald E., S/Sgt
 BT Saam, Donal W., Sgt
 TG Vogel, Cletus H., Sgt
 WG Meyer, Fulton R., Sgt

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

P Baltus, George E., 2Lt
 P Reed, John W., 2Lt
 NAV Macaulay, Edward H., 2Lt
 BOM Glover, Fred E., 2Lt
 ENG Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
 RO Giltenboth, Charles L., S/Sgt
 BT Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
 TG Posluszny, Branislaw B., Sgt
 WG Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

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

P Arnold, William J., 1Lt
 CP Marble, Robert A., 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 Surrall, John M., Sgt
 WG Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Sgt
 PHO Skinner, Donald E., Sgt

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

P Carney, Walter J., 2Lt
 CP Hickey, James A., 2Lt
 NAV Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
 TOG Tartaglia, Raymond, Sgt
 ENG Turner, Harold L., S/Sgt
 RO Foster, Albert A., S/Sgt
 BT Kayrallah, Emil, Sgt
 TG Howe, Clarence E., Sgt
 WG Encinas, William, Sgt



WALTER J. CARNEY CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 13 June 1944 - photo: June 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Albert L. Taylor (N), 2Lt James A. Hickey (CP),

2Lt Thomas E. Cooney (B), 2Lt Walter J. Carney (P)

(Front L-R) S/Sgt Albert A. Foster (R), Sgt William Encinas (WG), Sgt Emil Kayrallah (BT),
 Sgt Clarence E. Howe (TG), Sgt Jackson L. Henderson (WG), S/Sgt Harold L. Turner (E)