

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 225

11 August 1944

Target: Tactical Ground Support Mission, Brest, France

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 30 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 or 6 x 1,000 lb G.P. M44 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,500, 26,300 & 25,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 0 rounds

Flying Fortresses took off with heavy bombs in an attempt to silence the enemy coastal batteries near Brest, France. The targets were:

Lead: Fort De Mengant and a radio station

Low: Installations near Fort du Petit Minou

High: Fort du Petit Minou and light coastal batteries

One aircraft returned early, #42-31177 *Lonesome Polecat*, 359BS (Lt. **Freeland**). The No. 4 prop ran away.

In the target area there were 1/10 scattered low clouds. Visibility was 15 to 20 miles in haze. Thirty-six aircraft bombed their assigned primary targets, dropping a total of 284 500-lb. G.P. M43 and 72 1,000-lb. G.P. M44 bombs from 26,500, 26,300, and 25,500 ft. Bomb results were:

Lead: The radio station and protective sea wall was broken in two places. Two hits on a heavy flak battery.

Low: The exact MPI was surrounded by near misses on three sides. The bulk of the pattern was in a small group of buildings.

High: Two hits on the fort, three hits near barracks buildings, and hits on two roads leading to the fort and one road to the beach.



B-17G #42-97893 *Minnie the Moocher* 360BS (PU-M)

Two aircraft failed to bomb and brought bombs back. Friendly fighter support was poor — none were seen. Flak was meager and inaccurate at the target and no enemy aircraft were seen. There were no casualties and two B-17s sustained minor damage. All aircraft returned to Base.

Special Instructions from M/Gen Robert B. Williams, CG 1st Bomb Division:

In the event battle damage should make a crash landing or bail-out necessary, the following general recommendations are made: If conditions permit, try to crash-land or bail-out no closer to the main sea coast towns and coastal areas than 10 to 20 miles. If near the bomb line, the same distances towards the Allied side of the line should be attempted. It is felt that if the above recommendations are followed that there is a very high probability of landing in Allied hands.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Cole-Baltes</u> 691 - PFF			
		<u>McDavid</u> 206		<u>Virag</u> 183	
	<u>Walker</u> 496			<u>Shields</u> 861	
<u>Jenkins</u> 830		<u>Akers</u> 309		<u>Bennett</u> 841	<u>Vitale</u> 853
	<u>Whitlock</u> 483			<u>Gould</u> 050	
<u>Lorentz</u> 944		<u>Brabant</u> 076	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Flesh-Flowers</u> 994 - PFF			
		<u>Newton</u> 432		<u>Griggs</u> 597	
	<u>Means</u> 595			<u>Mosel</u> 124	
<u>Bliss</u> 666		<u>Drewry</u> 027		<u>Foley</u> 860	<u>Michaelis</u> 187
	<u>Brown</u> 569			<u>Healy</u> 7875	
<u>Clark</u> 885		<u>Dubose</u> 9875	_____		_____
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Rosser-McNamara

007 - PFF

		<u>Freeland</u> 177		<u>Helms</u> 680	
	<u>Lee</u> 065			<u>Yarnall</u> 340	
<u>Stark</u> 972		<u>White</u> 739		<u>Connelly</u> 893	<u>Mehlhoff</u> 329
	<u>Larson</u> 085			<u>Crawford</u> 930	
<u>Goss</u> 086		<u>Smith</u> 291	_____		_____
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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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 - 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	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
	RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war		

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-6291 (No Name)

P	Smith, Alfred I., 2Lt
CP	King, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Jones, Emerson, 2Lt
BOM	Kemp, Stanley A., 2Lt
ENG	Harbarger, Martin M., S/Sgt
WG	Beres, Edward, Sgt
RO	Swanson, Richard A., Sgt
TG	Bruno, Sam S., Sgt
BT	Fischer, Jack D., Sgt

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

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
BOM	Townsend, Charles D., 2Lt
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 #42-31739 Pugnacious Peter

P	White, Franklin F., 2Lt
CP	Satre, Leland N., 2Lt
NAV	Kaufman, Seymour, F/O
BOM	Ross, Robert M., 2Lt
ENG	Adams, William J., S/Sgt
WG	Hein, Monroe C., Sgt
RO	Vesely, Henry L., S/Sgt
BT	Gilman, Frederick S., S/Sgt
TG	Campbell, James R., Sgt

B-17G #44-6086 My Blonde Baby

P	Goss, Arthur L., 2Lt
CP	Cook, Harry J., 2Lt
NAV	Reuss, Lester E., 2Lt
BOM	Fouts, Malcolm M., 2Lt
ENG	Sprague, Floyd A., Sgt
WG	Stevens, Roy M., Sgt
RO	Rocco, Patsy, Sgt
TG	Bunney, Norman A., Sgt
BT	Earon, James A., Sgt

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

P	Larson, Oliver B., 2Lt
CP	Kersting, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Gard, John M., 2Lt
BOM	Draves, John J., 2Lt
ENG	O'Connor, Robert E., S/Sgt
BT	Sweeney, Charles R., Sgt
RO	Mullaney, Donald F., S/Sgt
WG	Holland, Huber D., Sgt
TG	Philson, Norbert M., Sgt

B-17G #44-8007 - PFF (384BG)

P	Rosser, Samuel E., 1Lt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Contos, Spiros P., 1Lt
NAV	Garrett, Robert M., 2Lt
BOM	Wilson, Claud, Jr., 1Lt
ENG	O'Leary, James M., T/Sgt
WG	Foster, William D., S/Sgt
RO	Rowe, Ollice Z., T/Sgt
TG	Gamon, Edward J., S/Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Helms, John R., 2Lt
CP Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV Poehlman, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM Rickey, Lowell L., 1Lt
ENG Ham, William J., T/Sgt
WG Munn, Charles F., S/Sgt
RO Berrier, Edwin H., T/Sgt
BT Rowe, Thomas M., S/Sgt
TG Oss, Frank E., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31177 Lonesome Polecat

P Freeland, Troit D., 2Lt
CP Prudhoe, Louis J., 2Lt
NAV Kosta, Alexander, 2Lt
BOM Nugent, Robert F., 2Lt
ENG Abernathy, Wylie C., S/Sgt
WG Moran, George J., Sgt
RO Wilson, Clarence K., S/Sgt
TG Dyszel, Bernard J., Sgt
BT Cerzosimo, Bernard P., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17G #43-38065 Princess Pat 2

P Lee, Gareth G., 1Lt
CP Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM Wolf, Lawrence M., 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



*You're Almost Home Yank by Keith Hill (1993)
Unidentified 358BS B-17*

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-97944 *Daddy's Delight*

P Lorentz, Arthur, 2Lt
 CP Scott, Robert H., 2Lt
 NAV Smith, William A., 2Lt
 BOM Hewitt, LeRoy A., 2Lt
 ENG Kreager, Jon B., Sgt
 RO Ringen, Walter E., Sgt
 BT Ingalls, Earl F., Cpl
 TG Greenwald, Paul L., Sgt
 WG Gonser, Dwight W., Cpl

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

P Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
 CP Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
 NAV Kennedy, Clyde R., 1Lt
 BOM McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
 ENG See, Cecil J., T/Sgt
 RO Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
 BT Hundley, Walter L., Sgt
 TG Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
 WG Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Gould, Graham C., 1Lt
 CP Lasker, Yale, 2Lt
 NAV Leigh, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Reynolds, Ralph J., 2Lt
 ENG Mogck, Leonard, S/Sgt
 RO Anderson, Augustus C., S/Sgt
 BT Thompson, Val E., S/Sgt
 TG Gloria, Tony N., Sgt
 WG Bandy, Peter C., Sgt

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

P Brabant, Patrick H., 1Lt
 CP Judy, Ira J., 2Lt
 NAV Heatherly, Phillip P., 1Lt
 TOG Wolfe, Ralph E., S/Sgt
 ENG Hodge, Dona A., S/Sgt
 RO Cohen, Seymour T., Sgt
 BT Marquez, Robert P., Sgt
 TG Millek, John P., Sgt
 WG Valentine, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #44-6309 *Duchess' Granddaughter*

P Akers, Robert O., 1Lt
 CP Giddings, Leslie W., 2Lt
 NAV Montone, Neil A., 2Lt
 TOG 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 #42-31830 *Marie*

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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Whitlock, Garland M., 2Lt
CP Ward, Duane G., 2Lt
NAV Kelly, Thomas N., 2Lt
BOM Scheibman, Herman B., 2Lt
ENG Popovich, William G., Sgt
RO Pomicter, Stanley, Jr., S/Sgt
BT Boyle, Francis L., Jr., Sgt
TG Gremillion, Raymond L., S/Sgt
WG Harwat, Edward D., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-107206 *Old Black Magic*

P McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt
CP Beeman, Richard, 2Lt
NAV King, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt
ENG Hall, Thomas M., S/Sgt
RO Sikkema, Wilfred J., Sgt
BT Johnson, Ralph R., Sgt
TG Linville, Warren N., Sgt
WG Erdody, Joseph, Sgt

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

P Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV Harrison, Hertzell, 2Lt
BOM Rhyne, John C., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Jeter, James E., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Vrabel, Cyril A., S/Sgt
BT Gurka, Stanley, Jr., Sgt
TG Bowman, John H., Sgt
WG Schalk, Raymond M., Sgt

B-17G #42-97691 - PFF

P Cole, Richard H., LtCol
CP Baltus, George E., 2Lt
NAV Lunde, Frithjof M., Capt
NAV Carey, William D., 1Lt
BOM Nance, George H., 1Lt
NAV Clark, J.G., 1Lt
ENG Stenger, John J., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Vieira, Joseph T/Sgt
BT Kanz, Milton C., Sgt
TG O'Neill, Owen H., 1Lt
WG Godsey, Austin C., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P	Bennett, Paul K., 2Lt
CP	Goff, Lloyd E., 2Lt
NAV	Lane, Elwin A., F/O
BOM	Singular, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Gonshor, Edmund A., S/Sgt
RO	Shulan, Gerald M., S/Sgt
BT	Jones, Charles E., Sgt
TG	Essig, Charles G., Sgt
WG	Marucco, Leroy N., Sgt

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

P	Vitale, Hector F., 1Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 2Lt
BOM	Rice, Charles G., S/Sgt
ENG	Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT	Thomas, Hall R., S/Sgt
TG	Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG	Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

B-17G #42-97860 *(No Name)*

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Rowe, Robert A., 2Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Tibbetts, Arthur P., T/Sgt
ENG	Snell, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO	Johnson, Vernelle V., S/Sgt
TG	Stewart, Charles R., Sgt
BT	Waltmire, Harrel A., Jr., Sgt
WG	Gordley, Damon, S/Sgt

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

P	Shields, Edward F., 2Lt
CP	Cooter, William M., 2Lt
NAV	Mundell, William K., F/O
BOM	Lee, Wilbur W., 2Lt
ENG	Nagel, Leeland J., S/Sgt
RO	Chastain, Robert R., Sgt
BT	Horwitz, Charles, Sgt
TG	Skubal, Joseph J., Sgt
WG	Sheehan, Arthur E., Jr., Sgt

B-17G #42-97187 *Miss Umbriago*

P	Michaelis, Arthur D., 2Lt
CP	Johnson, Danny D., 2Lt
NAV	Lillig, Thomas J., 2Lt
BOM	Schobert, William A., Jr., 2Lt
ENG	Jones, Donald E., S/Sgt
RO	Jensen, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Barth, Harry W., Sgt
TG	Healy, Edward P., Sgt
WG	Hlavac, George A., Sgt

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

P	Connelly, Ben L., 2Lt
CP	House, Frederick L., 2Lt
NAV	Levin, Albert, 2Lt
BOM	Shelley, David R., 2Lt
ENG	Coyne, John A., S/Sgt
RO	Schneider, Dale E., S/Sgt
BT	Evans, Ralph V., Sgt
TG	Bur, Robert D., Sgt
WG	Koppes, Carl A., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #42-97329 *Flak Hack*

P	Mehlhoff, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Nelson, Edgar H., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Gaylon C., 2Lt
BOM	Newcomb, Harry F., Jr., F/O
ENG	Wagner, Donald L., S/Sgt
RO	Thye, Norman W., S/Sgt
BT	Keeran, Elwood R., Sgt
TG	Quackenbush, Benjamin V., Sgt
WG	Harms, Vernon H., Sgt

B-17G #44-6124 *(No Name)*

P	Mosel, Arnold, 2Lt
CP	Freeman, Kenneth H., 2Lt
NAV	Strangohr, Bruce C., 2Lt
BOM	Rudolph, Gabriel, 2Lt
ENG	Conley, Donald H., S/Sgt
RO	Groth, Gerald J., S/Sgt
BT	Crawford, Frank J., Sgt
TG	Bialobrzkeski, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., Sgt
OBS	Flemmons, James C., 1Lt

B-17G #43-37930 *(No Name)*

P	Crawford, William C., 1Lt
CP	Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	LeRoux, Lyle W., T/Sgt
RO	Miller, William L., T/Sgt
BT	Whitney, Daniel F., S/Sgt
TG	Barder, Emmett R., S/Sgt
WG	Patton, Nelson R., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 *Miss Liberty*

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 1Lt
CP	Bertich, Louis A., 2Lt
NAV	Sanford, Isaac N., 2Lt
BOM	Britter, Harry B., 2Lt
ENG	Fidares, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Baker, Albert W., S/Sgt
BT	Taxon, Rubin, Sgt
TG	Birenbach, Melvin, Sgt
WG	Di Salvo, Dominick, Sgt

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427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-102432 *Tiny Angel*

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Turner, Leonard A., S/Sgt
BT	Bricker, Albert W., Sgt
RO	O'Leary, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Hobgood, John F., Sgt
WG	Reeves, James E., Sgt

B-17G #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Muzyka, Myron M., S/Sgt
TT	Foerster, LeRoy H.M., T/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-37597 *Earthquake McGoon*

P	Griggs, John C., 2Lt
CP	Dumont, Merrill J., 2Lt
NAV	Malone, William A., 2Lt
BOM	Rohner, William L., 2Lt
TT	Monnig, Alvin R., Jr., S/Sgt
BT	Duffel, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Benning, Joseph F., Jr., S/Sgt
TG	Means, Henry H., Jr., Sgt
WG	Bruce, Miles R., Sgt

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

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond E., 2Lt
TT	Duffek, Francis T., S/Sgt
BT	Born, Robert S., Sgt
RO	Bridge, Howard R., S/Sgt
TG	Blim, Raymond C., Sgt
WG	Fisher, Clelland F., Sgt

B-17G #42-37875 *Flying Bison*

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Drew, William F., 2Lt
TT	Robertson, Joseph J., T/Sgt
BT	Leal, Raymond T., T/Sgt
RO	Smith, Phillip E., S/Sgt
TG	Whitlow, Zane O., Sgt
WG	DeLiso, Vincent A., Sgt

B-17G #42-102595 *Little Tush*

P	Means, Wilford T., 1Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Clark, Henry C., 2Lt
CP Vesey, Gilbert P., 2Lt
NAV Davies, Ralph J., 2Lt
BOM Brosius, Earl E., F/O
TT Scott, Harold P., S/Sgt
BT Sikora, Charles A., Jr., Sgt
RO Roswal, Frederick, S/Sgt
TG Bjorn, Edwin W., Sgt
WG Cruttenden, Cyrus S., Sgt

B-17G #42-32027 *Betty Jane*

P Drewry, James A., 2Lt
CP Schneider, Richard H., 2Lt
NAV Mayo, Archie W., 2Lt
BOM Burke, James D., 2Lt
TT Dorrah, Walter R., S/Sgt
BT Morin, Donald P., S/Sgt
RO Nash, Leslie G., Sgt
TG Fidell, Frederick C., Sgt
WG Koch, Edwin H., Sgt

B-17G #42-97994 - PFF

P Flesh, William R., 1Lt
CP Flowers, Selwyn D., 1Lt
NAV Coffey, John B., 1Lt
MN Desmond, MacChesney, 1Lt
BOM Webster, Charles M., 1Lt
TT Garrett, Joe W., S/Sgt
RO Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG Noah, Norbert O., S/Sgt
WG Wallrobenstein, Harry, Sgt

B-17G #43-37666 *Full House*

P Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV Spooner, Ramon L., 2Lt
BOM Olson, William E., 2Lt
TT Shumar, Carl K., Sgt
BT Eakins, Charles A., Jr., Sgt
RO Herman, Benjamin, Sgt
TG Plesinger, Michael J., Sgt
WG Curry, Richard L., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)