

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 230

18 August 1944

Target: Railroad bridges at Liege and Val Bendit, Belgium

Crews Dispatched: 39

Crewmembers Killed or Wounded: 2 wounded

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 50 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. RDX or 10 x 500 lb H.E. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,800 & 25,700 ft

Ammo Fired: 23,685 rounds

Major Louis M. **Schulstad** led the 303BG formation to attack two bridges in Belgium. The lead and low Groups attacked the bridge at Seraing (Liege), the briefed target. The high Group bombed the bridge at Val Bendit, a target not in the morning briefing. One aircraft returned early when its #4 oil line prop governor broke: #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*, 427BS (Lt. **Drewry**).

In the target area there were 2/10 to 4/10 cumulus clouds with tops at 5,000 ft. and some middle and high clouds. Visibility was 25 to 30 miles with a slight haze. The lead and low Groups dropped 293 500-lb. G.P. RDX bombs from 26,800 and 25,700 ft. Bombs hit on the center of the bridge. The high Group made a mistake in identity and bombed the Val Benoit bridge on the southern edge of Liege, about 4 1/2 miles east of the assigned primary target. This Group dropped 136 500-lb. H.E. bombs, making hits on the western bridge approach and some on the bridge itself. One aircraft bombed with the 351BG near Namur, Belgium, dropping 12 500-lb. bombs.

No enemy aircraft were seen. Flak was meager to moderate and accurate at the target. Eleven aircraft had minor and eleven, major battle damage. Fighter support was good. Returning aircraft had four casualties. Aircraft #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Olly*, 358BS (Lt. **McDavid**), landed at Hartelsham-Heath. All others returned to Molesworth. Lt. **McDavid** commented:

Our plane was hit by flak right after "bombs away." The wings, tail, fuselage, and other plane sections were hit, and the No. 4 engine was severely damaged. The prop could not be feathered because the oil line had been cut. Two of the oxygen systems were severed. Ball turret power was out and it had to be cranked up by hand. The plane could not keep up with the formation and we found ourselves lagging far behind. Other Groups passed over us and we reached enemy coast all alone and crossed the Channel unaccompanied. As a precaution we sent out fixes. Bombs were jettisoned in the Channel.

Lt. **McDavid** suffered a leg flesh wound. The bombardier, Lt. **Pickett**, was wounded in the back of his thigh. Both were hospitalized after landing. Lack of large size bandages in the first aid kits hampered treatment of the wounded.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Schulstad-L. Brown

629

Foley
853

Michaelis
930

Hahn
340

Parker
496

Hobbs
124

Vitale
841

Chance
050

McDavid
258

Mosel
860

Connelly
893

Mehlhoff
196

Bennett
861



ORIGINAL PHILIP H. McDAVID CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 15 July 1944 - photo: 12 Aug 1944)

(Back L-R) 2Lt Philip H. McDavid (P), 2Lt Richard Beeman (CP),
2Lt Donald E. Pickett (B), 2Lt Robert L. King (N)

(Front L-R) Sgt Warren N. Linville (TG), S/Sgt Thomas M. Hall (E),
S/Sgt Wilfred J. Sikkema (R), Sgt Ralph R. Johnson (BT), Sgt Joseph Erdody (WG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Fletcher-Johnston</u> 281			
		<u>Healy</u> 9875		<u>Drewry</u> 885	
	<u>T.Brown</u> 057				<u>Altman</u> 309
<u>Dubose</u> 248		<u>Duncan</u> 569		<u>Lorentz</u> 076	<u>Whitlock</u> 483
	<u>Bliss</u> 666				<u>Hamilton</u> 411
<u>Eisenwinter</u> 197		<u>Cureton</u> 027		_____	_____
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One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Drewry in 885

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Lynch-Riseden</u> 484			
		<u>Freeland</u> 176		<u>Whittall</u> 298	
	<u>Vermeer</u> 191				<u>Hillary</u> 830
<u>Johnson</u> 238		<u>White</u> 739		<u>Underdown</u> 944	<u>Virag</u> 7206
	<u>Paullin</u> 949				<u>Stark</u> 200
<u>McCutcheon</u> 8206		<u>McConnell</u> 186		_____	_____
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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38176 *Bouncing Betty II*

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

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

P White, Franklin F., 2Lt
 CP Petersen, John N., F/O
 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 #42-97298 *The Floose*

P Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
 CP Goering, Werner G., 2Lt
 NAV Markt, Rex H., F/O
 BOM Sachau, William D., 2Lt
 ENG Gustafson, Orall R., Sgt
 BT LaPerch, William J., Sgt
 RO Brodzinski, Chester, Sgt
 WG Houseman, Clarence W., Sgt
 TG Mahan, Welson T., Sgt

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

P Paullin, James R., 2Lt
 CP Hinton, William B., 2Lt
 NAV Hunt, John W., Jr., 2Lt
 BOM Simons, Robert A., 2Lt
 ENG Johnson, James P., S/Sgt
 BT Biestek, Stanley H., Sgt
 RO Thomas, Henry T., S/Sgt
 WG Woodward, Thomas J., Sgt
 TG Butler, Woodley O., Sgt

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 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 cuntry 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 #43-38206 *Silver Fox*

P	McCutcheon, George E., 2Lt
CP	McGilvray, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	Starr, Ben, 2Lt
BOM	Kiesel, Frederic T., 2Lt
ENG	Burcham, Johnnie O., S/Sgt
WG	Foulk, Donald H., Sgt
RO	Alexander, John C., S/Sgt
BT	Aberdeen, James E., Cpl
TG	Kinsman, George R., Sgt

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Vermeer, Bernard E., 1Lt
CP	Byrnes, James H., 2Lt
NAV	Metko, Earl D., 2Lt
BOM	Morrison, James P., 1Lt
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 #43-38238 (No Name)

P	Johnson, Hugh B., 2Lt
CP	Seidel, Harry S., 2Lt
NAV	Weber, George F., 2Lt
BOM	Gorham, Raymond H., 2Lt
ENG	Blinebury, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Carter, Robert D., S/Sgt
WG	Edwards, Eugene F., T/Sgt
TG	Beck, Harold P., Sgt
BT	Reimche, George K., Sgt

B-17G #43-38200 (No Name)

P	Stark, Donald D., 1Lt
CP	Conley, George L., 2Lt
NAV	Nelson, Richard G., 2Lt
BOM	Bohannon, Jackson R., 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 #43-38186 (No Name)

P	McConnell, John, 2Lt
CP	Thomas, Charles E., 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
TG	Krebs, Henry R., Sgt
BT	Messerich, Jerome R., Sgt

B-17G #42-102484 *Heller's Angel*

P	Lynch, Robert J., Capt
CP	Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV	Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
NAV	Hunt, Jackson H., 2Lt
BOM	Morris, Warren B., 2Lt
ENG	Ham, William J., T/Sgt
WG	Bonenberger, Robert E., S/Sgt
RO	Downs, Reginald, T/Sgt
BT	Hill, Reginald L., S/Sgt
TG	Casey, Lawrence, Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Virag, Andy R., 2Lt
CP Beck, Edward R., 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 Casperson, William J., Sgt

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P Hillary, Jack R., 2Lt
CP Robertson, William III, 2Lt
NAV Rice, John E., 2Lt
BOM DeFilippis, Rocco, 2Lt
ENG Paul, George E., S/Sgt
RO Girman, Eugene E., S/Sgt
BT Bishop, Neldon R., Sgt
TG Watson, James R., Pvt
WG Sansom, Harry R., Sgt

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

P Underdown, Sidney L., 2Lt
CP Knolle, William C., 2Lt
NAV Kenny, John P., 2Lt
BOM Tyree, Joseph C., 2Lt
ENG Kuwik, John J., S/Sgt
RO Posada, Frank G., S/Sgt
BT Guptill, Walter R., Sgt
TG Stevens, Richard G., Sgt
WG Botton, Pius L., Sgt

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

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 #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P Chance, Arthur F., 2Lt
CP Johnson, Robert H., 2Lt
NAV McCarver, Eugene D., 2Lt
BOM Couch, William M., 2Lt
ENG Menasco, Elmer W., Sgt
RO Miller, Albert, Sgt
BT Moss, Shirley L., Cpl
TG Hejna, Dennis R., Cpl
WG Torre, Leo A., Cpl

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

P Altman, Maurice V., 2Lt
CP Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV Donovan, James R., 2Lt
BOM Torley, Donald W., 2Lt
ENG O'Leary, Dan R., S/Sgt
RO Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT Gray, William W., S/Sgt
TG Mulstein, John E., Sgt
WG Munn, Edwin C., S/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 #42-102496 *Special Delivery*

P	Parker, John W., 2Lt
CP	Gaines, Edmund W., 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Hanley, Bernard A., 2Lt
ENG	Davis, Eugene B., T/Sgt
RO	Carman, Nolan, W., Sgt
BT	Stephan, Kenneth R., S/Sgt
TG	Turkington, Calvin G., S/Sgt
WG	Nichols, Dal B., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly*

P	McDavid, Philip H., 2Lt	WIA
CP	Beeman, Richard, 2Lt	
NAV	King, Robert L., 2Lt	
BOM	Pickett, Donald E., 2Lt	WIA
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	



Nose Art on B-17G #43-38258 *Forget Me Not Oilly* 358BS (VK-H)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Hobbs, Willard, 1Lt
CP	Huckins, Earl R., 2Lt
NAV	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
BOM	Britt, Jack E., S/Sgt
ENG	Cole, Bethel A., S/Sgt
RO	Wiggans, Earl E., Sgt
BT	Bibik, James J., Sgt
TG	Glaser, Morris B., Sgt
WG	Callahan, Fred, Sgt

B-17G #42-31340 Miss Liberty

P	Hahn, James T., 1Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Benford, Jack H., 2Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., T/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Howald, Hans, S/Sgt
WG	Northam, James W., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97853 Lucky Linda

P	Foley, Norment, 1Lt
CP	Butler, Milton C., 1Lt
NAV	Conklin, James M., 2Lt
BOM	Littlefield, Robert I., 2Lt
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 #42-37841 Banshee

P	Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP	Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV	Woodbury, Benton R., 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 #43-37930 (No Name)

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 #42-107196 *Temptress*

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 #42-97860 (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	Bialobrzieski, Joseph C., Sgt
WG	Koshar, Jerome J., Sgt

B-17G #43-37629 (No Name)

P	Schulstad, Louis M., Maj
CP	Brown, Leonard M., 1Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
NAV	Edwards, Frank A., 1Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., Jr., 1Lt
ENG	Jamison, Charles A., T/Sgt
RO	Libert, Irving, T/Sgt
BT	LaFranchi, Albert S., S/Sgt
TG	Cohl, Jules R., 1Lt
WG	Johnson, Francis D., S/Sgt
WG	Enget, Obert L., S/Sgt

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Bliss, Robert P., 1Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Emmet, John P., 2Lt
BOM	Haakonsen, Raymond 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

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

P	Duncan, Thomas A., 2Lt
CP	Singleton, Daniel H., 2Lt
NAV	Morrison, Martin, F/O
BOM	Byrne, D.A., 2Lt
TT	Dietrich, Francis H., S/Sgt
BT	Ralph, William L., Sgt
RO	Murphy, William O., Sgt
TG	Chalcroft, Charles P., S/Sgt
WG	Smith, Orphus, Jr., Sgt

B-17G #43-38197 *(No Name)*

P	Eisenwinter, Philip D., 2Lt
CP	Waggoner, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Norman, Frederick J., 2Lt
BOM	Campbell, Robert C., 2Lt
TT	Warner, Vester W., Sgt
BT	Veljkov, Paul, Sgt
RO	Murphy, William A., S/Sgt
TG	Ross, Edward E., Sgt
WG	Merrill, Thomas, Sgt

B-17G #43-38057 *(No Name)*

P	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Van Antwerp, Robert G., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 1Lt
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 #42-32027 *Betty Jane*

P	Cureton, Peter F., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Nally, Paul E., 2Lt
NAV	Tollack, Howard V., 2Lt
BOM	Ulrich, Carl L., 2Lt
TT	Willison, Warren, S/Sgt
BT	Burford, Joseph A., Sgt
RO	Ellis, James A., S/Sgt
TG	Grove, John W., Sgt
WG	Celichowski, Ervin M., Sgt

B-17G #43-38248 *Jigger Rooche II*

P	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Droll, Louis P., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Miller, Charles F., 2Lt
TT	Payne, Joseph E., T/Sgt
BT	Kidd, Robert E., Sgt
RO	Kollmar, Donald L., S/Sgt
TG	Watson, Byron W., Sgt
WG	Balint, Daniel, Jr., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P	Healy, Richard F., 1Lt
CP	Smith, Donald R., 2Lt
NAV	Stuart, Norman L., 2Lt
BOM	Warner, Robert A., 1Lt
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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

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

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

P	Hamilton, Max B., 1Lt
CP	Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 1Lt
BOM	Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT	Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT	Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO	Jarvis, Robert F., S/Sgt
TG	Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG	Butler, Edward B., S/Sgt

B-17G #42-97281 *Queenie*

P	Fletcher, John E., 1Lt
CP	Johnston, Lawrence M., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Pero, Aloyius R., 1Lt
BOM	Prusha, Elmer E., 2Lt
TT	Clark, Jay R., S/Sgt
BT	Eichenberger, Frederick J., Sgt
RO	Brady, Joseph F., S/Sgt
TG	Rogers, Norman F., Sgt
WG	Lance, Calvin L., Sgt
PHO	Skinner, Donald E., Sgt