

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 360

15 April 1945

Target: Huge Gun Emplacements at Royan, France

Crews Dispatched: 42

Length of Mission: 7 hours, 34 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 2,000 lb G.P. & 2 x 1,000 lb S.A.P. bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 15,000, 14,500 & 16,000 feet

The 8th Air Force again went after German strong points in the Royan, Bordeaux, Pointe Grave and Pointe Coubre areas. Nineteen flak batteries were targeted. The 303BG(H) again bombed Royan.

Weather was completely clear, enabling bombardiers to drop 80 2,000-lb. G.P., 79 1,000-lb. S.A.P. bombs and ten leaflet units on the target. Overall results were fair with a few hits around the assigned MPI. One aircraft dropped two 2,000-lb. G.P. and two 1,000-lb. S.A.P. bombs with the 396BG on its target in the same area. There again was no enemy opposition and all aircraft returned to Molesworth undamaged with no casualties. For the second day there was no fighter support.

German forces at Fort de Royan surrendered immediately after this second day of bombing.



JACK R. MAGEE CREW - 359th BS

(crew assigned 359BS: 01 April 1945 - photo: January 1945)

(Back L-R) Sgt Jacob E. Dow (E), T/Sgt John F. Dittmar (R), Cpl Herbert P. Madey (WG),
Sgt Wilbur H. Meyer, Jr. (TG), Sgt Omer J. Flandermeyer (TOG), Sgt Herbert Bauer (BT)
(Front L-R) 1Lt Jack R. Magee (P), 2Lt Lawrence J. Briody (CP), 2Lt Paul E. Chennault, Jr. (N)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

Fielder-McNamara
876 - PFF

<u>Griffith</u> 258	<u>L. Smith</u> 462	<u>McKimmie</u> 568 - PFF	<u>Nicolaisen</u> 450
		<u>Parson</u> 238	<u>Elliott</u> 778
	<u>Kentsbeer</u> 351	<u>Thornton</u> 233	
<u>Bailey</u> 191		<u>Kamstra</u> 534	<u>Laubhan</u> 285
	<u>Perkins</u> 597		<u>Fountain</u> 006



ALBERT H. ELLIOTT CREW - 358th BS

(crew assigned 358BS: 03 Mar 1945)

(Back L-R) F/O William E. Wiley (N), 2Lt Charles F. Stockton, Jr. (CP), 2Lt Albert H. Elliott (P),
2Lt Paul W. Hershner (B) - (Front L-R) Sgt John W. Lestonga (R), Sgt James A. Smith, Jr. (BTG),
Sgt Edward J. Regan (WG), Sgt Milton L. Albrecht (E), Sgt Raymond W. Gayvert (TG)

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

Tyler-Vail
552 - PFF

Scott
870

S. Smith
563

Hamm
544

Johnson
532

Edmunds
439

Welshon
842

Fowler
517

Maker
860

Bentzlin
523

Breslin
453

Arcy
447

McGuffin
546

Donalson
692

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

Lutz-Stewart
564 - PFF

Mauger
878

Richeson
645

Call
734

Leister
206

Bashor
256

Tarvid
682

Towne
608

Peterson
609

Marsh
127

Henning
875

Stocks
883

Magee
289

Breyer
824

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 WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer	PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer Y - Y-Operators (YRO,YO) RCM - Radio Cntr Measures SJ - Spot Jammer 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 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

B-17G #43-39450 (No Name)

P	Nicolaisen, Arthur R., 2Lt
CP	Silver, Jack, F/O
NAV	Wilson, Rufus E., F/O
TOG	Novakovich, George B., Sgt
ENG	Bentley, Robert L., Sgt
RO	Wierzbicki, Ted F., Sgt
BT	Straub, Robert C., Sgt
TG	Gray, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #43-38462 *Teddy's Rough Riders*

P	Smith, Lawrence S., 2Lt
CP	Cunningham, Neil E., 2Lt
NAV	Kuester, Edward F., 2Lt
TOG	Quig, Francis X., Sgt
ENG	Sprinkles, Leburn D., Sgt
RO	Ennis, Charles S., S/Sgt
BT	Carter, William J., Sgt
TG	Crigger, Richard S., Sgt

B-17G #44-8351 (No Name)

P	Kentsbeer, William F., 2Lt
CP	Tableman, Glen A., 2Lt
NAV	Rankin, Earl W., F/O
TOG	Roddey, Francis M., Sgt
ENG	Savage, Francis L., Sgt
RO	O'Donnell, John J., Sgt
BT	Levie, Benjamin H., Sgt
TG	Hague, John C., Sgt

B-17G #43-39285 (No Name)

P	Laubhan, Bob, 2Lt
CP	Woodard, John M., 2Lt
NAV	Cooper, Saul A., F/O
TOG	Jackson, Thomas W., Sgt
ENG	Walley, Glen B., Sgt
WG	Sloan, Walter E., Sgt
RO	Foreman, Dennis E., Sgt
TG	Johnson, Robert H., Sgt

B-17G #44-6006 (No Name)

P	Fountain, Clarence M., 2Lt
CP	Pinkert, Paul A., 2Lt
NAV	Widener, Howard H., F/O
TOG	Hackney, Carl R., Sgt
ENG	Grocki, John J., Sgt
RO	Riehl, William F., Sgt
BT	Darley, Ralph J., Sgt
TG	Powell, George A., Sgt

B-17G #44-8238 (No Name)

P	Parson, Jerome G., 2Lt
CP	Greene, Robert E., 1Lt
NAV	Milligan, William J., 2Lt
TOG	Williams, Ira J., S/Sgt
ENG	Rollinger, Joseph C., Sgt
RO	Thompson, Joe C., Sgt
BT	Covert, John L., Sgt
TG	Jobe, Milton L., Sgt

B-17G #44-85534 (No Name)

P	Kamstra, Walter W., 2Lt
CP	Burton, Richard B., 2Lt
NAV	Leonhirth, Junius, F/O
TOG	Blondeau, Alexander L., Sgt
ENG	King, Cecil J., T/Sgt
RO	Salm, Edward P., Sgt
BT	Amos, Harmon E., Sgt
TG	Strahan, Everette E., Sgt

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

P	Perkins, Morton C., 2Lt
CP	Craig, Fred, 2Lt
NAV	Wyman, Asa N., F/O
TOG	Allen, Arlan R., Sgt
ENG	Carlson, Charles P., S/Sgt
RO	Little, Gerald G., S/Sgt
BT	McDonald, John T., Sgt
TG	Beckwith, Walter D., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38191 *Shasta*

P	Bailey, Ernest A., 2Lt
CP	Boardman, Robert, F/O
NAV	Dornblaser, Fred D., Jr., 2Lt
TOG	Deaver, Austin D., Sgt
ENG	Beamer, Richard P., Sgt
RO	Masson, Alexander F., Sgt
BT	Bacon, Gerald L., Sgt
TG	Farmer, Frank L., Sgt
PAS	Brenner, Seymour, S/Sgt (427th)

B-17G #44-8568 (No Name) - PFF

P	McKimmie, William L., 1Lt
CP	Bergeron, Willard H., Capt
NAV	Hopkins, William B., 2Lt
MN	Wilson, Donald M., 2Lt
BOM	Oettinger, George F., 2Lt
ENG	Farmer, Evert L., T/Sgt
RO	Kilroy, Robert E., T/Sgt
WG	Mogusar, John F., Sgt
TG	Hudler, Billie E., Sgt

B-17G #43-39258 *Forget Me Not Olly*

P	Griffith, Rudolph L., 2Lt
CP	Sichley, Clarence W., 2Lt
NAV	Besharian, Joseph, F/O
TOG	Pearce, Roscoe L., Sgt
ENG	Wilson, Warren J., Sgt
RO	Ruff, Merle H., Sgt
TG	Jarrett, Robert W., Sgt
BT	Hogan, Walter B., Sgt

B-17G #43-38778 (No Name)

P	Elliott, Albert H., 2Lt
CP	Stockton, Charles F., 2Lt
NAV	Wiley, William E., F/O
TOG	Reimche,, George K., T/Sgt
ENG	Albrecht, Milton L., Sgt
RO	Lestonga, John W., Sgt
BT	Smith, James A., Sgt
TG	Gayvert, Raymond W., Sgt
PAS	Morrill, Charles K., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-39233 (No Name)

P	Thornton, Everett H., 2Lt
CP	Sheehey, William F., 1Lt
NAV	Stock, Phillip L., F/O
TOG	Young, Burnham J., Sgt
ENG	Miller, James P., Sgt
RO	Smith, Lloyd D., Sgt
BT	Craig, Victor M., Sgt
TG	Hall, Billy W., Sgt
SJ	Scott, William R., S/Sgt

B-17G #44-8876 (No Name) - PFF

P	Fielder, George H., Capt
CP	McNamara, James F., Capt
NAV	Kaiser, James M., Capt
NAV	Das, Mitchell C., 2Lt
MN	Bannowsky, Lonvell A., 2Lt
BOM	Ford, Wilson, 1Lt
ENG	Cavagnaro, James E., T/Sgt
RO	Buie, Neil C., T/Sgt
WG	Kampa, Vernon L., Sgt
TG	Smith, Orville H., F/O

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #43-38878 (No Name)

P Mauger, Warren, 2Lt
 CP Ketner, Wilbert L., 2Lt
 NAV Knox, George E., 1Lt
 TOG Roberts, James W., S/Sgt
 ENG Sears, Glenn W., Sgt
 RO Mohn, Grover C., Sgt
 BT Cutter, Harrison F., Cpl
 TG Drennan, Thomas A., Sgt

B-17G #43-38609 (No Name)

P Peterson, Robert C., 2Lt
 CP Kirkpatrick, Roy A., 2Lt
 NAV Mollman, Charles A., 2Lt
 TOG Wilson, Robert P., Sgt
 ENG Reed, Denver E., Sgt
 RO Strigle, Paul C., Sgt
 BT Hunsucker, John E., S/Sgt
 TG Borsody, William L., Sgt

B-17G #43-38682 (No Name)

P Tarvid, Arthur J., 1Lt
 CP Volz, Raymond J., F/O
 NAV Slauson, Leon H., 2Lt (427th)
 TOG Beam, John B., Sgt
 ENG Belcher, Rubin W., T/Sgt
 RO Grden, Matthew W., S/Sgt
 TG Schoonover, Howard D., S/Sgt
 BT Kelley, Francis H., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38875 Redwing

P Henning, Clyde H., 2Lt
 CP Bauer, Donald R., F/O
 NAV Mabary, George D.L., 2Lt
 TOG Cibor, Walter W., Sgt
 ENG Grant, Gilbert D., Sgt
 RO Ferche, Joseph P., Sgt
 BT Harper, Richard F., Sgt
 TG Barnett, Raymond L., Sgt

B-17G #43-38645 (No Name)

P Richeson, Marvin G., Jr., 1Lt
 CP Scott, Charles F., F/O
 NAV Blackwell, Samuel D., F/O
 TOG Benge, Charlie A., S/Sgt
 ENG Gale, James C., Jr., Sgt
 RO Gilmer, Billie G., Pvt
 BT Fanguy, Floyd J., Cpl
 TG Hills, Raymond E., Sgt

B-17G #43-38289 Sweet LaRhonda

P Magee, Jack R., 1Lt
 CP Briody, Lawrence J., 2Lt
 NAV Chennault, Paul E., Jr., 2Lt
 TOG Flandermeyer, Omer J., Sgt
 ENG Dow, Jacob E., Sgt
 RO Dittmar, John F., S/Sgt
 BT Bauer, Herbert, Cpl
 TG Meyer, Wilbur H., Jr., Cpl

B-17G #44-8256 Yankee Girl

P Bashor, Oliver L., 2Lt
 CP Baker, Ira B., 2Lt
 NAV Johnson, Herbert G., 2Lt
 TOG Hansen, Robert S., Sgt
 ENG Reed, Paul E., Sgt
 RO Shook, Victor N., Sgt
 BT Greene, Norman S., Sgt
 TG Theisen, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #44-8734 Hell's Cargo

P Call, Fred E., 1Lt
 CP McColl, John R., Jr., 2Lt
 NAV Udy, Donald M., F/O
 TOG Boucher, Henry C., S/Sgt
 ENG Moser, Lawrence B., Sgt
 RO Sussman, Martin, S/Sgt
 TG Cofrances, Ernest L., Jr., Sgt
 BT Hager, Mark I., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38608 *Lucille*

P	Towne, Harvey E., 2Lt
CP	Ligaard, Warren K., 2Lt
NAV	West, Alonzo, III. 2Lt
TOG	Taylor, Wallace K., S/Sgt
ENG	Walling, Glenn H., S/Sgt
RO	Fiore, Thomas, S/Sgt
BT	Syler, Allen B., Sgt
TG	McGurdy, Lewis M., Sgt
RCM	Haley, James W., S/Sgt

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

P	Leister, Francis E., 2Lt
CP	Rogers, Clem W., 1Lt
NAV	Maso, Salvatore J., F/O
TOG	Jones, John V., Sgt
ENG	Smith, Philman C., Sgt
RO	Shaunnessy, William I., Sgt
BT	Crum, Roy E., Cpl
TG	Stevens, Wilfred O., Sgt
RCM	Reider, Enrique M., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38883 *Lady Beth*

P	Stocks, Jack E., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, George B., 2Lt
NAV	Steineman, James T., 2Lt
TOG	Geary, Joseph P., Sgt
ENG	Reese, Bobbie B., T/Sgt
RO	Wysocki, John F., T/Sgt
BT	Garcia, Leonard A., S/Sgt
TG	Tanner, Henry C., Sgt

B-17G #44-8564 (*No Name*) - PFF

P	Lutz, John R., Capt
CP	Stewart, Frederick A., 1Lt
NAV	Carriere, Lawrence C., 1Lt
MN	Weil, Frank P., 1Lt
BOM	Miller, Joseph A., 2Lt
ENG	Candito, Christopher A., T/Sgt
RO	Lovelock, Edward H., T/Sgt
TG	Klym, Michael, T/Sgt
WG	Meichtry, Leo R., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-39127 (*No Name*)

P	Marsh, John F., 2Lt
CP	Stauffer, Robert N., 2Lt
NAV	Williams, Tom E., 2Lt
BOM	Prewoznik, Henry L., 2Lt
ENG	Bodin, Lloyd R., S/Sgt
RO	Kirsling, Frederick P., Cpl
BT	Jamieson, Richard W., Cpl
TG	Hawkinson, Arthur H., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Maker, Eugene L., 2Lt
CP	Kaltenbacher, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Strassburger, Harvey D., F/O
BOM	Galardi, John F., 2Lt
ENG	Smith, Paul R., Sgt
RO	Wisniewski, Andrew J., Sgt
BT	Mattucks, Robert E., Sgt
TG	Martis, Joseph A., Sgt

B-17G #42-97546 *Idaliza*

P	McGuffin, Jack, Jr., 2Lt
CP	Van Beek, James C., 2Lt
NAV	Cochran, Gomer W., F/O
TOG	Edgar, Thomas O., Sgt
ENG	Lemon, James M., Jr., T/Sgt
RO	Mahan, Bernard M., Sgt
BT	Lee, Oskie O., Jr., Sgt
TG	Sutton, Floyd H., Sgt

B-17G #43-38563 *Jackie*

P	Smith, Samuel W., 1Lt
CP	Shanafelt, Arthur S.C., 2Lt
NAV	Knudsen, Russell A., F/O
TOG	Geyer, Walter A., S/Sgt
ENG	Zenick, Thomas E., Sgt
RO	Bridgman, Robert A., S/Sgt
BT	Kucab, Michael J., Sgt
TG	Jensen, Jens C., Sgt

B-17G #44-6523 (No Name)

P	Bentzlin, Bertil V., 2Lt
CP	Briley, Dewey E., 2Lt
NAV	Andrzejczyk, Walter A., F/O
TOG	Friery, James R., Sgt
ENG	Rodgers, Walter D., Sgt
RO	Sole, John A., Sgt
BT	Henderson, Clarence J., Sgt
TG	Joneson, Leonard B., Sgt

B-17G #43-38532 (No Name)

P	Johnson, Arthur E., 2Lt
CP	Lucien, Ralph A., 2Lt
NAV	Kokoska, Florian T., 2Lt
TOG	Stuckey, Edward C., S/Sgt
ENG	Ingles, Howard L., T/Sgt
RO	Kummer, Brunell R., T/Sgt
BT	Danielsen, Stanley K., S/Sgt
TG	Krouse, Thomas R., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-39453 (No Name)

P	Breslin, Jack D., 1Lt
CP	Bischofs, Hans, 2Lt
NAV	Blake, Mark, Jr., F/O
TOG	Perry, Gordon W., S/Sgt
ENG	Moore, Harley E., Sgt
RO	Daugherty, John S., Jr., Sgt
BT	Beckman, Charles W., S/Sgt
TG	Barlow, Grover C., Sgt

B-17G #42-102544 *Sack Time*

P	Hamm, Burwell J., 2Lt
CP	Wirth, Gordon L., 1Lt
NAV	Winfield, Robert P., 2Lt
BOM	Vinovich, Ralph, 1Lt
ENG	Beck, Cyrus C., Sgt
RO	Kalina, Marvin W., Sgt
BT	Nassau, Norman, Sgt
TG	Cuckler, Harvey G., Sgt

B-17G #44-8439 (No Name)

P	Edmunds, Robert E., 1Lt
CP	Bristol, Clarence D., 2Lt
NAV	Morgan, Clinton J., 2Lt
TOG	King, Raymond H., S/Sgt
ENG	Fleming, James A., T/Sgt
RO	Kirtner, Billy L., T/Sgt
TG	Moore, Bill A., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

B-17G #43-38870 (No Name)

P	Scott, John, 1Lt
CP	Weinandt, Bernard M., 2Lt
NAV	Bergvall, Otis A., 2Lt
BOM	Grezzo, Anthony D., 2Lt
ENG	Hart, Leroy M., Sgt
RO	Gentry, John M., Sgt
BT	Meincke, Donald, Sgt
TG	Woolpert, John C., Sgt
RCM	Thomas, Jack M., Sgt

B-17G #44-6517 Old Cock

P	Fowler, Robert R., 1Lt
CP	Boyles, Kenneth L., 2Lt
NAV	Sarkis, George A., F/O
TOG	Bice, Lowell E., S/Sgt
ENG	Bryson, Emil M., T/Sgt
RO	Ahland, Walter F., T/Sgt
BT	Henager, Rudolph M., S/Sgt
TG	Yepes, William J., S/Sgt
RCM	Elliott, Richard D., S/Sgt

B-17G #43-38842 (No Name)

P	Welshon, Frank E., 2Lt
CP	Sumpter, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Hansen, Arnold H., F/O (427th)
BOM	Inman, James O., 2Lt
ENG	Jackson, James L., Sgt
RO	Selberg, Maurice K., Sgt
BT	Paris, Russell C., Sgt
TG	Mangum, Henry L., Jr., Sgt
VI	Taylor, Walter H., S/Sgt (427th)

B-17G #44-8552 (No Name) - PFF

P	Tyler, Samuel L., 2Lt
CP	Vail, Robert F., 2Lt
NAV	Orenstein, Harold A., 1Lt
MN	Wilson, Cater M., 1Lt
BOM	Mishtal, Theodore W., 1Lt
ENG	Reed, Richard S., S/Sgt
RO	Snell, John K., S/Sgt
BT	Kaber, Harvey N., S/Sgt
TG	Edwards, Robert D., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #44-8692 Little Tillie

P	Donalson, David S., 2Lt
CP	Pittard, Thomas W., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Cahill, William F., 2Lt
TOG	Lenhard, Robert H., Sgt
TT	Knight, Ernest E., Sgt
BT	Brehl, Ralph C., Jr., Cpl
RO	Kaliel, Wilfred L., Sgt
TG	Parr, Robert E., Cpl

B-17G #44-83447 (No Name)

P	Arcy, Mitchell T., 2Lt
CP	Shaafsma, Peter, 2Lt
NAV	Wyatt, William A., 2Lt
TOG	Anderson, Dale A., Sgt
TT	Borzanski, Edward G., Cpl
BT	Swires, Harvey K., Cpl
RO	Knutson, Theodore E., Cpl
TG	Alasky, Robert H., T/Sgt

B-17G #44-8824 (No Name)

P	Breyer, Frederick L., 2Lt
CP	Schwartz, Melvin, 2Lt
NAV	Baldwin, Jack C., 2Lt
TOG	Knauer, Seymour B., Sgt
TT	Holt, Lester C., Sgt
BT	Bohac, John V., Cpl
RO	Jarmolinski, William J., Sgt
TG	Harris, Glenn E., Cpl