

THE MOLESWORTH STORY

Navigation Tips and Copyright Information

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Every attempt has been made to make navigation through this CD-ROM quick and easy, while at the same time keeping most of the pages in a format that can be printed without unwanted navigation graphics. For that reason, we have opted to use Bookmarks rather than obvious links which would detract from printing. The Bookmarks, which are a duplication of the Index, are in the column on the left of your screen. Clicking the [+] to the left of the heading will expand the Bookmarks to show the entire list. Clicking on the links will take you to any page you would like to see. If no Bookmarks are visible, make sure you are using *Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0* or later. You may have to click on the Bookmarks Tab to open them.

The highlights of this CD-ROM are the Mission Reports for each of the 364 303rd Bombardment Group (H) Missions. On each Mission Report, we have added a hidden feature to make navigation from Mission to Mission very easy – and still allow the pages to be neatly printed.

Each Mission Report has a similar heading. In the headings are hidden navigation links that you can use to quickly go to the next mission or the previous mission, from the one you are viewing. As shown in the screen shots below, clicking on **Mission No. 32** will take you immediately to the next mission, in this case “Mission 33.” Clicking on **303rd BG(H)** will immediately take you back one mission, in this example to “Mission 31.” Each of the 364 Missions has these hidden links.

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 32
1 May 1943
Target: Harbor Installations, St. Nazaire, France
Crews Dispatched: 19
Crews Lost: Lt. Walsh, Lt. Sterling
Crew Members Wounded or Killed: 15 Killed & 3 Wounded
Length of Mission: 5 hours, 50 minutes
Bomb Load: 2 x 2000 lb G.P. M-34 bombs
Bombing Altitude: 22,700 ft - Ammo Fired: 56,350 rounds
Enemy Aircraft Claims: 9 Destroyed, 7 Probables, 4 Damaged
(23 different attacks made on 303rd formation)

Two other 351BG officers also accompanied 303rd BG(H) crews on this mission. The 351 BG(H) air and ground echelons arrived at Polebrook on 12 April 1943. They had not yet flown their first Group combat mission. Maj. T.R. **Milton**, operations officer, flew with 427BS Capt. **Broussard** in #42-5221. Capt. W.R. **Forsythe**, CO 510BS, flew with 360BS Capt. J.W. **Farrar** in #42-5260, *Yardbird II*.

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ADOBE ACROBAT READER VIEWING TIPS

As you navigate through *The Molesworth Story* with Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may find you don't like the way it displays the documents. You might want to adjust some settings to suite you better. On the Navigation Bar at the top of the screen, look at the Preferences to see how your viewer is set. You may wish to try these settings:

Edit / Preferences / Display

Change the "Default Page Layout" to "Continuous."

Change the "Default Zoom" to "Fit Width."

BOOKMARKS and THUMBNAILS

You have already worked with the Bookmarks, but note that there is a THUMBNAILS Tab available also. The Thumbnails show a mini-view of the entire document. If you are looking for the Loading Lists, you should be able to recognize them in the Thumbnails and click on the page you want to view. The Bookmarks and Thumbnail Tabs also open and close by clicking on them. You may wish to close them to make the document you are viewing larger.

SEARCHING

You can easily search for a word or name within a document by clicking on the Binoculars icon on the Navigation Bar, or simply use press CTRL F on your keyboard.

INDEX of MISSIONS and INDEX of STORIES

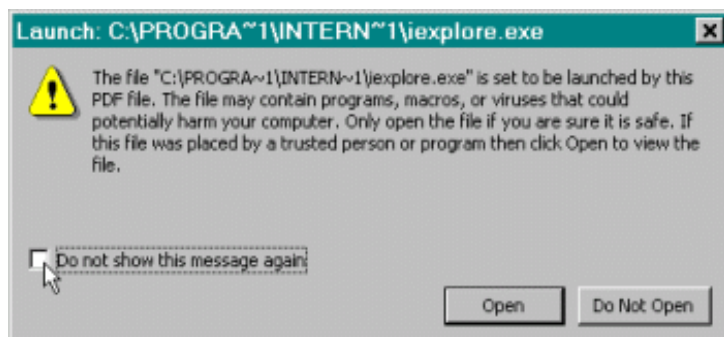
These two Indexes contain links to the Mission or Story you are seeking. Simply click on the Mission or Story to go to the Mission.

INDEX of FLYING PERSONNEL and INDEX of AIRCRAFT

These Indexes contain a list of Mission Numbers following each entry. To view the mission you are seeking, you will need to go to the INDEX of MISSIONS and access it from there. Please be aware that the list of mission numbers following a name or aircraft are the missions on which that person or aircraft was dispatched. All of them were not credited missions. By reading the Mission Report you will be able to determine the credit / non-credit status of any crewmen or aircraft for that mission.

LINKS THAT OPEN YOUR WEB BROWSER

The Photo and Art Galleries and several other pages are set to automatically open your web browser. In some cases the browser may display a security warning window



similar to the one here. Should that happen, simply check the box marked "Do not show this message again" then click on "Open." You should not have that problem again on that session. However, the next time you run the CD-ROM you may have to repeat the process.

ERRORS

Yes, there are errors. In a work of this magnitude it is unavoidable. There are no doubt typos here and there, but most of the potential errors are due to the difficulty, sometimes impossibility, of reading copies of carbon copies of 60 year old records. Some of the clerks who kept the records were lax as well. We have struggled with some names and middle initials. Some were unreadable and some were different every time we saw them. We know that some loading lists show incorrect crew positions for some men, but it is often impossible and far too time consuming to verify them all. We have done our best and spent hours and hours checking and rechecking. We apologize for any errors we didn't find. Please report any you may find and we will update the master files. Contact us via our web page at www.303rdBGA.com.

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