

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 197

6 July 1944

Target: V-Weapon Sites "No Ball" Target,
Beaumont-Les-Aires, France

Crews Dispatched: 38

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 25 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 26,000, 25,100 & 24,500 ft

The 303rd BG(H) furnished three Group formations to form the 41st CBW-B, led by Maj. George T. **Mackin**, commanding officer of the 358BS. Thirty-eight Fortresses were dispatched to bomb V-bomb installations in the Beaumont-Les-Aires area.

Thirty-seven B-17s dropped 434 500-lb. G.P. M43 bombs on the primary target. The lead and high Groups had poor results. Low Group results were excellent. One aircraft dropped twelve 500-lb. bombs with the 351BG on its target.

Weather was CAVU in the target area. No enemy aircraft or flak was seen and, as a result, there was no battle damage. P-38s, P-47s and P-51s furnished good support with 1,138 in the air.

#42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter*, 359BS, piloted by 2Lt. P.H. **Brabant**, made a normal landing. Then co-pilot, 2Lt. I.J. **Judy**, accidentally put the landing gear switch in the up position. The landing gear collapsed near the end of the landing roll.



Taxi Accident - B-17G #42-97272 Duchess' Daughter 359BS (BN-T)



King George VI, Princess Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth paid a visit to Molesworth during the afternoon. They were accompanied by UGEN James H. Doolittle, Commanding General 8th Air Force, and were escorted by Col Kermit D. Stevens.

The program viewed by the British Royal Family included a mock briefing which enacted all the details necessary for a normal bombing mission, the inspection of the Squadron area, and points of recreation, such as the Red Cross Club, where ice cream and tea were served.

A formation of Fortresses flew overhead as a tribute and exhibition for the distinguished visitors. The royal family consented to pose for many pictures, satisfying all the camera enthusiasts.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group A

		<u>Mackin-Benham</u>			
		544 - PFF			
		<u>Lee</u>		<u>Stein</u>	
		838		583	
	<u>Latshaw</u>				<u>Ligino</u>
	086				595
<u>Davis</u>		<u>Watson</u>		<u>Bliss</u>	<u>Keating</u>
085		590		885	9875
	<u>Bailie</u>			_____	
	739				
<u>Johnson</u>		<u>Vermeer</u>		_____	_____
949		006			
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Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group B

		<u>Lynch</u> 805		
		<u>Hahn</u> 340	<u>Crawford</u> 841	
	<u>Wilson</u> 860		<u>Means</u> 569	
<u>Yarnall</u> 196		<u>Hobbs</u> 905	<u>Gallagher</u> 027	<u>Lehmann</u> 099
	<u>Bartholomew</u> 187		<u>Baehr</u> 861	
<u>McMillan</u> 853		<u>Vitale</u> 893		
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(No Name) #42-97805 (360BS) PU-Q
41str CBW-B Low - Pilot Capt R.J. Lynch / CoPilot 1Lt L.M. Brown

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point - Group C

		<u>Moser</u> 058		
		<u>Langford</u> 405	<u>Jenkins</u> 076	
	<u>Carpenter</u> 781			<u>Flick</u> 411
<u>London</u> 050		<u>Brabant</u> 272	<u>Hamilton</u> 7875	<u>Newton</u> 423
	<u>Walker</u> 496			<u>Crozier</u> 830
<u>Carney</u> 284		<u>Arnold</u> 483	_____	_____
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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<p><u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 cuntry 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 #44-6086 *My Blonde Baby*

P Latshaw, William E., 1Lt
CP Kirkland, Robert A., F/O
NAV Coe, Charles F., 1Lt
BOM Doan, Curtis E., 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 #43-37838 *Fearless Fosdick*

P Lee, Gareth G., 2Lt
CP Bowman, William E., F/O
NAV Sweig, Morris, 2Lt
BOM Moody, Stanley E., S/Sgt
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

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

P Watson, John P., 1Lt
CP Neely, Glenn H., 2Lt
NAV Connor, John P., 2Lt
BOM Borg, John E., 2Lt
ENG Kapes, Paul J., S/Sgt
RO White, John H., S/Sgt
TT Hollifield, Robert G., Sgt
BT Goldfarb, Wallace, Sgt
TG Byerly, William C., Sgt

B-17G #42-31583 *Clover Leaf*

P Stein, Lawrence J., 2Lt
CP Riseden, Jack W., 2Lt
NAV Larkworthy, Bernard J., 2Lt
BOM Carloss, Earl W., 2Lt
ENG Card, Harry R., S/Sgt
WG Grissom, Manley E., Sgt
RO Meyer, Fred R., S/Sgt
BT Truesdell, William P., Sgt
TG Williams, Clarence J., Sgt

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

P Bailie, Homer P., 1Lt
CP Whittall, Ernest A., 2Lt
NAV Waterland, Edward L., 2Lt
BOM Barkin, Herbert L., 2Lt
ENG Ham, William J., S/Sgt
TT Martinez, Gregorio, Sgt
RO Sawyer, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT Oss, Frank E., Sgt
TG Naylor, Richard G., Sgt

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

P Mackin, George T., Maj
CP Benham, Philip O., 1Lt
NAV Steely, Hobart H., Capt
NAV Ivy, Wallis S., 1Lt
BOM Wilson, Claud, 1Lt
ENG Van Drunen, Cornelius, S/Sgt
RO Downs, Reginald, S/Sgt
BT Hill, Reginald, S/Sgt
TG Gamon, Edward J., Sgt
WG Bonenberger, Robert E., Sgt

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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 Wilson, William H., S/Sgt
TG Buddingh, Frederick, Sgt
BT George, William R., Sgt
WG Stidham, Robert L., Sgt

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

P Vermeer, Bernard E., 2Lt
CP Vaughn, Clifford F.,
NAV Connor, John P., 2Lt
BOM Barteau, Edward L., S/Sgt
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 #42-97085 (No Name)

P Davis, William C., 1Lt
CP Graham, Edward, Jr., 2Lt
NAV Alderson, Raleigh L., 2Lt
TT Roseland, Ralph A., Sgt
ENG Manning, Robert L., Sgt
RO Sandler, David L., Sgt
BT Clarke, Kenneth, Sgt
TG Hiland, Robert L., Sgt
WG Rogers, Joseph S., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17G #42-31830 *Marie*

P	Crozier, Harry J., 2Lt
CP	Mowrey, Paul M., 2Lt
NAV	Kennedy, Clyde R., 2Lt
TOG	McCoy, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	Passenant, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, Robert B., S/Sgt
BT	Jara, Felix M., Sgt
TG	Stumpff, George W., Sgt
RWG	Butcher, Robert C., Sgt

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

P	Arnold, William J., 1Lt
CP	Paton, Wallace L., 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	Surrell, John M., Sgt
WG	Lichtenwalter, Ralph W., Sgt

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

P	Walker, Lewis M., 1Lt
CP	Doyle, Joseph J., 2Lt
NAV	Smith, Gordon F., 2Lt
BOM	Beers, Donald B., 2Lt
ENG	Sublett, James W., Sgt
RO	Lunday, Albert J., S/Sgt
BT	Salmon, Earl D., S/Sgt
TG	Reckert, Arthur C., Sgt
WG	Mathis, Henry C., Sgt

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

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

B-17G #42-38050 *Thunderbird*

P	London, Walter H., Jr., 2Lt
CP	Parker, John W., 2Lt
NAV	Wodinsky, Abraham, 2Lt
BOM	Destito, Frank S., 2Lt
ENG	Hayes, Thoran M., S/Sgt
RO	Stemmler, Edward C., S/Sgt
BT	Lloyd, Stanley W., S/Sgt
TG	Caperton, James R., Sgt
WG	Gross, James J., Sgt

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

P	Langford, Allen W., 2Lt
CP	Zimmerman, Paul E., F/O
NAV	Donovan, James R., 2Lt
TOG	Tartaglia, Raymond, Sgt
ENG	Munn, Edwin C., S/Sgt
WG	O'Leary, Daniel R., Sgt
RO	Whisman, Chester C., S/Sgt
BT	Gray, William W., Sgt
TG	Mulstein, John E., Jr., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P Carpenter, Arthur G., 1Lt
 CP Whitaker, Joseph C., 2Lt
 NAV Ehrke, Warren D., 1Lt
 BOM Rawlings, Loren F., 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 Moser, Clinton A., 1Lt
 CP Batton, James H., 2Lt
 NAV Counts, George H., 2Lt
 BOM Smith, Ralph L., 2Lt
 ENG Duffey, Willis A., S/Sgt
 RO Zionkoski, John T., T/Sgt
 BT Parrish, Vernon, Sgt
 TG Seelock, Joseph J., Sgt
 WG Mays, Pearl E., T/Sgt

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

P Carney, Walter J., 2Lt
 CP Hickey, James A., 2Lt
 NAV Taylor, Albert R., 2Lt
 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

B-17G #42-97272 *Duchess' Daughter*

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



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360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Wilson, William M., 2Lt
CP	Howard, Victor L., 2Lt
NAV	Blumenthal, Robert, 2Lt
BOM	Blythe, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG	Asplund, Carl L., S/Sgt
RO	Means, Robert D., S/Sgt
BT	Case, Donald G., Sgt
TG	Sauer, George N., Sgt
WG	Sabuda, Emil S., Sgt

B-17G #42-97905 (No Name)

P	Hobbs, Willard, 2Lt
CP	Huckins, Eael R., 2Lt
NAV	George, Sidney L., 2Lt
BOM	Wade, Robert E., 2Lt
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 #42-107196 *Tempress*

P	Yarnall, Winfield L., 2Lt
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

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

P	Baehr, Kenneth C., 2Lt
CP	King, John E., F/O
NAV	Peacock, Thomas I., 2Lt
BOM	Smith, William H., 2Lt
ENG	Brackett, Clarence H., S/Sgt
RO	Ploeger, Jesse, S/Sgt
BT	Decker, Bruce O., Sgt
TG	Keipper, Carl E., Sgt
WG	Baldwin, Kenton F., Sgt

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

P	Hahn, James T., 2Lt
CP	Fulks, James O., 2Lt
NAV	Dunn, Robert I., 2Lt
BOM	Woodbury, Benton R., 2Lt
ENG	Kalasky, Pete M., S/Sgt
RO	Conkling, John R., S/Sgt
BT	Darbowski, Andrew, Sgt
TG	Traver, Leslie F., Sgt
WG	Lusk, Robert F., Sgt

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

P	Bartholomew, Dale E., 1Lt
CP	Ross, James A., 2Lt
NAV	Blume, William H., III, 2Lt
BOM	Andreason, Joseph G., 2Lt
ENG	Litwiller, Harold D., S/Sgt
RO	Allard, Charles G., S/Sgt
BT	Smith, Victor H., S/Sgt
TG	Blackwell, Haywood E., Jr., Sgt
WG	DeBartolo, Albert L., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists - Cont'd.

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

P McMillan, Murdock B., 1Lt
CP Polezoes. Stanley, 2Lt
NAV Shaw, Marvin E., 2Lt
BOM Rice, Charles G., Jr., Sgt
ENG Herr, Allen H., Sgt
RO Tibbetts, Arthur P., T/Sgt
BT Karp, Harold, S/Sgt
TG Cain, Leroy H., S/Sgt
WG Cox, James D., S/Sgt

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

P Vitale, Hector F., 2Lt
CP Boyle, Leo J., F/O
NAV Hardwick, Jack C., 2Lt
BOM Cassidy, Charles F., 2Lt
ENG Reale, Joseph C., Sgt
RO Miller, Hilary C., S/Sgt
BT Thomas, Hal B., Sgt
TG Younger, Andrew H., Sgt
WG Nordberg, Francis E., Sgt

B-17G #42-37841 *Banshee*

P Crawford, William C., 2Lt
CP Kidd, Warren D., 2Lt
NAV McDevitt, Theodore D., 1Lt
BOM Weaver, Thomas E., S/Sgt
ENG Le Roux, Lyle W., S/Sgt
RO Miller, William L., S/Sgt
BT Whitney, Daniel F., Sgt
TG Barder, Emmett R., Sgt
WG Patton, Nelson R., Sgt

B-17G #42-97805 (*No Name*)

P Lynch, Robert J., Capt
CP Brown, Leonard M., 1Lt
NAV Carroll, George M., 1Lt
NAV Vell, Ona L., 2Lt
BOM Parrilla, Rufe H., 1Lt
ENG Roszell, Thomas M., T/Sgt
RO Schuler, Frank H., T/Sgt
BT Chudej, Josef R., S/Sgt
TG Krogh, Kenneth R., S/Sgt
WG Elmore, Kenneth L., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Means, Wilford T., 2Lt
CP	Luther, Joseph P., 2Lt
NAV	Sumbur, Simon, 2Lt
BOM	Keese, Thomas R., 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

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

P	Flick, Chester E., 2Lt
CP	Brown, Tracy D., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Gepner, Isadore, 2Lt
BOM	Parker, Joseph B., 2Lt
BT	Forry, Harvey W., S/Sgt
RO	Abeyta, J. Charles, S/Sgt
TT	Eberly, Charles P., S/Sgt
TG	Brock, Charley F., Sgt
WG	Wilson, Robert J., Sgt

B-17G #42-107099 *Old 99*

P	Lehmann, Elroy C., 2Lt
CP	Heil, Lee C., 2Lt
NAV	Rusk, Donald M., 2Lt
TOG	Thompson, Frederick A., S/Sgt
TT	Sydor, Joseph, S/Sgt
BT	Koon, Bennie, Sgt
wRO	Islava, Joseph O., Sgt
WG	Baker, Russell W., Sgt
TG	Wallrobenstein, Harry, Sgt

B-17G #42-31423 *Jigger Rooche*

P	Newton, John A., 2Lt
CP	Mowatt, Frank G., 2Lt
NAV	Lange, George L., 2Lt
ENG	Drew, William 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 #42-39885 *Sweet Rose O'Grady*

P	Bliss, Robert P., 2Lt
CP	Morrow, John E., 2Lt
NAV	Pandy, Bert J., 2Lt
BOM	Smoleroff, Theodore L., 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 #42-39875 *Buzz Blonde*

P	Keating, Donald W., 2Lt
CP	Dubose, Carl L., Jr., 2Lt
NAV	Laverty, Leo E., 2Lt
BOM	Sandhagen, Paul R., 2Lt
TT	Jones, Jesse T., Jr., S/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 #42-32027 *Betty Jane*

P Gallagher, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP Bitel, Peter, 2Lt
NAV Hibbard, Troy W., 2Lt
BOM Tow, Weyman J., 2Lt
TT Lynn, William V., S/Sgt
BT Kail, Nicholas F., S/Sgt
RO Glass, David, S/Sgt
TG Jacques, Warren, S/Sgt
WG Joyce, Jess, S/Sgt

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

P Hamilton, Max B., 2Lt
CP Newman, Vernon V., 2Lt
NAV Scholz, Charles F., 2Lt
BOM Ziesche, Charles W., 2Lt
TT Barnes, Charlie, S/Sgt
BT Paterson, Richard E., Sgt
RO Jervis, J.R., S/Sgt
TG Coleman, Warren M., Sgt
WG Privette, John D., Sgt

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

P Ligino, Steve, 1Lt
CP Tyler, Frederick B., 2Lt
NAV Smith, Arthur M., 2Lt
BOM Dugger, William A., 2Lt
TT Rau, Harvey L., S/Sgt
BT Howard, George R., Sgt
RO Dahms, Edward R., S/Sgt
TG Dudley, Howard E., Sgt
WG Gainer, Philip B., Sgt