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## Veterans Day 2012 Bockscar Crew List & Combat Missions

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CREW C-13

393rd Bombardment Squadron (VH), 509th Composite Group

FLIGHT CREW

Airplane Commander    Frederick C. Bock  
 Pilot                    Hugh C. Ferguson  
 Navigator                Leonard A. Godfrey  
 Bombardier               Charles Levy  
 Engineer                 Roderick F. Arnold  
 Radio Operator          Ralph D. Curry  
 Radar Operator          William C. Barney  
 Tail Gunner              Robert J. Stock  
 Ass't Eng./Scanner      Ralph D. Belanger

GROUND CREW

Frederick D. Clayton  
 Robert L. McNamee  
 John L. Willoughby  
 Robert M. Haider  
 Rudolph H. Gerken

ASSIGNED SILVERPLATE B-29 SUPERFORTRESS

Serial No. 44-27297, Victor No. 77, "BOCKSCAR"

COMBAT MISSIONS

Mission No./ Opns Order	1945 Date	B-29	Description of Mission	Notes
2 / 20	20 Jul	V-73	Pumpkin, Fukushima (Light industry)	1
5 / 24	24 Jul	V-77	Pumpkin, Niihama (Sumitomo aluminum plant)	
11 / 30	29 Jul	V-77	Pumpkin, Tokyo-Musashino (Nakajima aircraft engine factory)	
16 / 39	9 Aug	V-89	Instruments, Nagasaki. SECOND ATOMIC MISSION	2
18 / 44	14 Aug	V-83	Pumpkin, Koromo (Toyoda Auto Works)	3

- Notes: 1. The B-29 was "Strange Cargo".  
 2. The B-29 was "The Great Artiste". Two members of Project Alberta, Lawrence Johnston and Walter Goodman, monitored the three sets of instruments (blast gauges), assisted by William Barney of this crew. William L. Laurence was an observer as Special Consultant to the Manhattan Engineer District and Science Writer for The New York Times.  
 3. The B-29 was "Full House".