

# Memphis Belle Documentary 1943

[Voice-over]

“The wheels of the Memphis Belle leave the soil of England for the 25<sup>th</sup> time. The friendly soil of England with its ordered farms and rural hamlets. Its country estates surrounded by formal gardens and well-kept parks. The England these Americans knew only from the classics they had to read in school. The England of the towns and cities whose people have defended their island’s freedom for over a thousand years.

But today their countryside has changed. Today their island has been converted into a gigantic bomber field. A super aircraft-carrier anchored off the shores of Fortress Europe with hangars and machine shops. With hundreds of dispersal points, perimeter tracks and concrete runways. This is England in its fifth year of war.

And this is the new battlefield. The air front from which we seek out the enemy. Not his infantry or his artillery. Not his panzer divisions, but the greater menace: the industrial heart of his nation. The foundation on which the Nazi empire and its armies stand. The power behind the German lust for conquest. The steel mills and refineries, shipyards and submarine pens, factories and munitions plants. Pinpoints on the map of Europe which mean rubber, guns, ball bearings, shells, engines, planes, tanks, targets. Targets to be destroyed. And these are the destroyers each with a belly full of bombs and ten men like the crew of the Memphis Belle.

Pilot Captain Robert Morgan, industrial engineer from Ashville, North Carolina. He’s flown this ship across the Atlantic. The other pilot Captain Jim Verinis, business administration student at the University of Connecticut. Radio Operator and Gunner, Sergeant Bob Hanson, construction worker from Spokane, Washington. Navigator, Captain Chuck Leighton, chemistry student at Ohio Wesleyan. Engineer and Top Turret Gunner, Sergeant Harold Loch from Green Bay, Wisconsin - used to be a stevedore. Besides keeping the Belle in order, he covers the sky above. Tail Gunner Sergeant John Quinlan of Yonkers, New York – clerked for a carpet company but he quit December 8, 1941. Ball Turret Gunner Sergeant Cecil Scott firstman for a rubber company in Raleigh New Jersey.”

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## **Rhetorical Devices**

Alliteration

Anaphora

Metaphor

Contrast

Tri-colon

(Varied) repetition

Personification

Listing

anadiplosis

metonymy