

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 3

22 November 1942

Target: Submarine Pens, Lorient, France

Crews Dispatched: 18

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 48 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 2,000 lbs M34

Bombing Altitude: 21,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 2,395 rounds

Major **Charles E. Marion** (DCO 303rd BG), Major **Romig** (CO 359BS) and Major **Sheridan** (CO 427BS) were pilots on Squadron lead aircraft. Briefing was held at 0800 hours conducted by Capt. **Young** and Lt. **Prior**. Lt. **Von Schmidt** covered the flak situation.



Maj Charles E. Marion

Twenty-one B-17s were dispatched, but three failed to take off. Six aircraft aborted and the remaining twelve headed for Lizard Point where they picked up an escort of three fighter divisions that went as far as the French coast.



NOLAN CREW - 358th BS

B-17F Jersey Bounce #41-24539 (VK-K)

(crew assigned 358BS: 15 Sep 1942 - photo: Scotland, 13 Oct 1942)

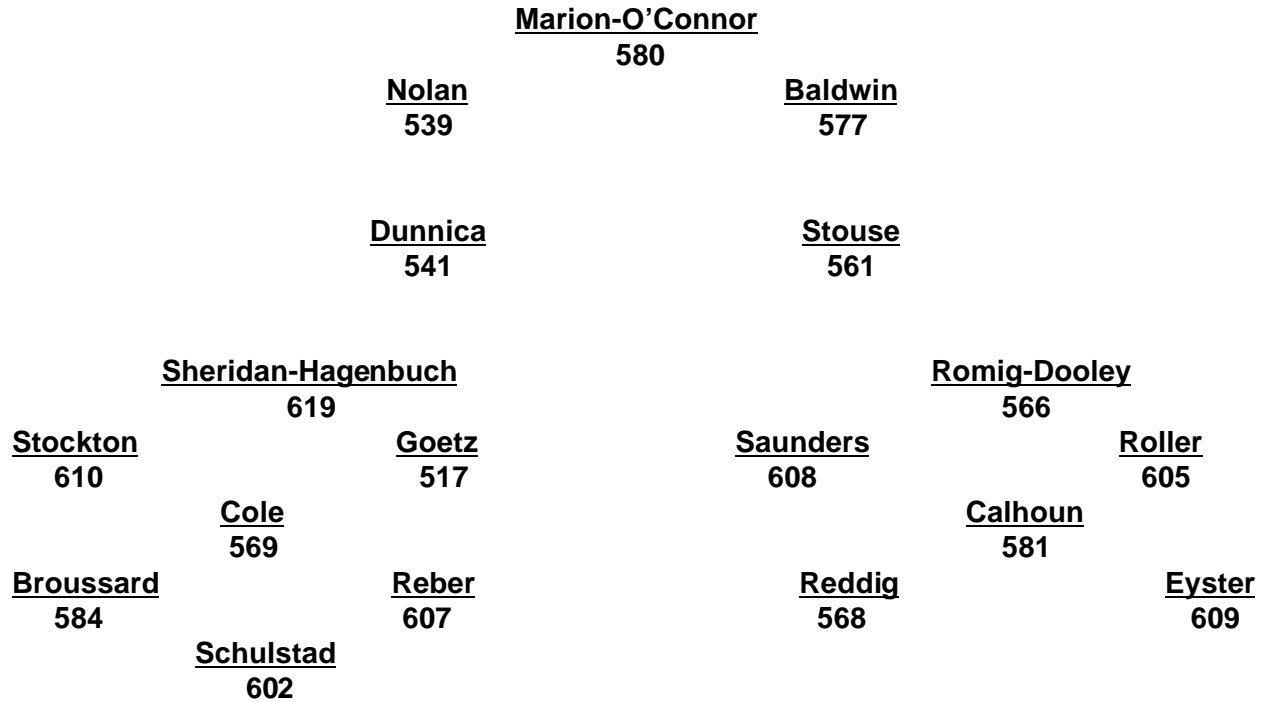
(Back L-R) 1Lt Robert J. Nolan (P), 2Lt Richard L. Kruse (CP),
1Lt Daniel A. McColl (N), 2Lt Richard R. Hopper (B), 1Lt Bergen P. Newell
(358th Eng) - (Front L-R) T/Sgt Roy J. Hively (E), Sgt Archie L. Bryan,
Sgt Milton Hamill (R), Sgt Edward L. DeMunth (TG),
Sgt Homer H. Corbin (WG), M/Sgt Paul M. McDermott (pass)

Arriving over the target at 1410 hours, the Group found a hole in the 10/10th cloud cover. Twelve 303rd Fortresses identified the target. Eleven aircraft dropped 22-2,000 lb. bombs from 20,000 feet. The bomb release mechanism failed on the twelfth aircraft. A hit was believed to have been made on a merchant vessel in the harbor south of the aiming point. Additional results could not be observed.

On this mission the 303rd BG(H) was the only Group to attack the target. The others-- the 91st, the 305th, the 306th (B-17s), and the 93rd (B-24s)-- could not find the target because of the solid cloud cover. No enemy aircraft were

encountered. All aircraft returned safely, landing at 1629 - 1704 hours at Alconbury and Chelveston when weather closed in at Molesworth.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point



Three (3) aircraft failed to take off:

- Lt. Haas in 558
- Lt. Morales in 562
- Maj. Wurzbach in 582

Six (6) aircraft aborted this mission:

- Maj Sheridan/Capt Hagenbuch in 619
- Lt. Saunders in 608
- Capt. Calhoun in 581
- Lt. Reddig in 568
- Lt. Goetz in 517
- Capt. Cole in 569

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 NG - Nose Gunner RG - Radio Gunner WG - Waist Gunner LWG - Left Waist Gunner RWG - Right Waist Gunner GUN - Gunner	VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer 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 INT - Interned in neu cntry 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-17F #41-24580 *Hell Cat*

P Marion, Charles E., Maj
CP O'Connor, Oran T., 1Lt
NAV Fulghum, Harold, Capt
NAV Gordon, Bruce W., 2Lt
BOM Dieffenbach, A.W., 1Lt
ENG Mullendore, Merle S., T/Sgt
BT Brunett, Arthur, Sgt
RO Gergash, Bernard A., Sgt
LWG Lucas, Jack, Sgt
TG Bitter, Emile V., Jr., Sgt
RWG Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt

B-17F #41-24539 *Jersey Bounce*

P Nolan, Robert J., 1Lt
CP Kruse, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV McColl, Daniel A., 1Lt
BOM Hopper, Richard R., 2Lt
ENG Hively, Roy J., T/Sgt
BT Kennedy, John W., Sgt
RO Hamill, Milton, Sgt
TG DeMuth, Edward L., Sgt
LWG Corbin, Homer H., Sgt
RWG Land, Jonathan S., Sgt

B-17F #41-24577 *Hell's Angels*

P Baldwin, Irl E., Capt
CP Joy, Ripley W., 2Lt
NAV Anderson, William J., 2Lt
BOM Bone, Donald R., 1Lt
ENG Rodriguez, James E., T/Sgt
RWG Meddaugh, Allerton F., Sgt
RO Warren, Russell M., Sgt
BT Brody, Harry J., Sgt
LWG Hall, George F., Sgt
TG Godwin, Harold E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie - Bomb rack malfunction over target - brought bombs back)

B-17F #41-24541 *Spook*

P Dunnica, Lawrence G., 1Lt
CP Pacey, Orson E., 2Lt
NAV Thornton, Leonard E., 2Lt
BOM Montgomery, James H., 2Lt
ENG Tucker, Harry W., T/Sgt
RWG Dew, Robert L., Sgt
RO Holland, Bertis W., Sgt
BT Cascio, Philip T., Sgt
TG Taylor, Claude F., Sgt
LWG Harker, Wayne P., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24609 *Holy Mackerel*

P Eyster, Ercil F., 1Lt
CP Hayward, Fred H., 2Lt
NAV Gilliam, Jackson P., 2Lt
BOM Cargill, William D., 2Lt
ENG Dunham, Harold J., T/Sgt
RO Roberts, Raymond K., T/Sgt
TT Powell, Marvin F., S/Sgt
BT Davis, Marcus K., S/Sgt
TG Bauer, Floyd E., S/Sgt
WG Altizer, R.C., T/Sgt

B-17F #41-24566 *Zombie*

P Romig, Eugene A., Maj
CP Dooley, Walter E., 2Lt
NAV Brightbill, Donald H., 2Lt
BOM Dyar, Wilmer E., 2Lt
ENG Woods, Lyle C., T/Sgt
LWG Renner, Warner R., S/Sgt
RO Bachom, Thomas F., T/Sgt
RWG Kinsey, Harold A., S/Sgt
TG Thomas, Laurence W., S/Sgt
BT Millett, Bernard W., Cpl

B-17F #41-24605 *Knockout Dropper*

P Roller, Jack, 1Lt
CP Cline, William J., 2Lt
NAV Henson, Walter C., 2Lt
BOM Shoup, John R., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Marcelonis, Joseph, T/Sgt
TT Ketron, Frank M., S/Sgt
RO Klee, J.P., S/Sgt
BT Beringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt
LWG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt

B-17F #41-24581 *The '8' Ball*

P Calhoun, William R., Capt
CP Nix, James S., 2Lt
NAV Strickland, Joseph M., 2Lt
BOM Dominick, George B., 2Lt
ENG Perkins, Homer T., Sgt
LWG Fortunak, Richard C., S/Sgt
RO Terry, Charles R., T/Sgt
BT Mulgrew, William C., S/Sgt
TG Stephen, Willard W., S/Sgt
RWG Kilgore, Raymond H., T/Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24608 *Yehudi*

P Saunders, Frank A., 1Lt
CP Kirk, Leonard W., 2Lt
NAV Forester, Oscar F., Jr., 2Lt
BOM Kossis, Norman, 2Lt
ENG Cozza, Victor J., T/Sgt
LWG Wagner, Lloyd E., S/Sgt
RO Clevenger, Walter M., T/Sgt
BT Hoklin, Leif H., S/Sgt
TG Chitwood, Russell O., S/Sgt
RWG High, Howard A., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24561 *The Duchess*

P Stouse, Harold L., 1Lt
CP O'Conner, Squire T., 2Lt
NAV Elliott, Jesse H., 2Lt
BOM Penn, Hunter G., 2Lt (?)
ENG Audiss, Eldon W., T/Sgt
RO Richardson, Donald R., T/Sgt
LWG Tupper, Theron S., S/Sgt
BT Garriott, John A., S/Sgt
TG Owen, Calvin H., S/Sgt
RWG Brown, H.B., Jr., Sgt

B-17F #41-24568 *Lady Fairweather*

P Reddig, Arthur E., 1Lt
CP McMurtry, Francis M., 2Lt
NAV Ercegovich, John, Jr., 2Lt
BOM Ward, Grady B., 2Lt
ENG Van Fleet, Robert W., T/Sgt
LWG Mann, Ferrell A., S/Sgt
RO Nolen, Devon B., T/Sgt
BT Sturgis, Gerald S., S/Sgt
LWG Senior, George T., Sgt
TG Grieb, Alexander S., Sgt
(Abortive)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew List

B-17F #41-24602 *Yardbird*

P Schulstad, Louis M., 1Lt
CP Christianson, Roy W., 2Lt
NAV Embach, John H., 2Lt
BOM Saiz, Reinaldo J., 2Lt
ENG Pacheco, Antone, T/Sgt
RWG Stevens, Wayne O., S/Sgt
RO Roth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT Dobbins, Jerry W., S/Sgt
GUN Soria, Peter, Sgt
GUN Magee, Alan E., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24607 *Jerry Jinx*

P Reber, Ehle, H., 1Lt
CP Mitchell, Allan D., 2Lt
NAV Byrom, Jarold J., 2Lt
BOM Swindle, Robert J., 2Lt
ENG Hamilton, Duke L., Jr., S/Sgt
RO Mayo, Donald A., S/Sgt
GUN Bednarchuk, A., S/Sgt
GUN Hand, Victor G., Sgt
LWG Gross, Luther N., Sgt
RWG Blankenship, Irwin D., Sgt

B-17F #41-24610 *Joe Btfspk*

P Stockton, Donald E., 1Lt
CP Lipe, Fort W., 2Lt
NAV Grant, Lawrence H., 2Lt
BOM Shirley, Lloyd A., 2Lt
ENG Smith, Roy Q., S/Sgt
RO Amos, Lee H., S/Sgt
GUN Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
GUN Meyer, Marines H., Sgt
GUN Fleming, William W., Sgt
GUN Jenkins, Robert R., Sgt ?

B-17F #41-24619 *S for Sugar*

P Sheridan, Charles C., Maj
CP Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Capt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Lt
BOM Moser, Roy R., Lt
ENG Zipfel, Charles E., T/Sgt
RO Miller, Gordon D., T/Sgt
GUN Henderson, George W., Sgt
GUN Pennington, James L., Sgt
GUN Harmon, Edward Z., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #41-24584 *Susfu*

P Broussard, Edward J., Lt
CP Burma, Benjamin H., Lt
NAV Herman, Charles L., Lt
BOM Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG Smock, Edmond L., S/Sgt
RO Karanson, William A., S/Sgt
GUN Choice, Hudson, Sgt
GUN Morrison, Thomas H., Sgt
GUN Hummel, Wilbur F., Sgt
GUN Belk, Jack, Sgt

B-17F #41-24569 *Memphis Tot*

P Cole, Lloyd R., Capt
CP McCune, Robert N., 2Lt
NAV Grice, Charles R., Lt
ENG Purinton, Bliss D., S/Sgt
RO Brandfas, Dale F., S/Sgt
GUN Witte, Arch, Jr., S/SGT
GUN Coomes, Clarence S., S/Sgt
GUN Callery, Phillip J., Sgt
GUN Bradley, Merel D., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #41-24517 *Kali*

P Goetz, William H., 1Lt
CP McDermott, Mark L., 2Lt
NAV Madrid, Robert L., 2Lt
BOM Smith, Robert W., 2Lt
ENG Shelly, James F., T/Sgt
RO Walters, Joseph H., S/Sgt
GUN Storer, Charles R., Sgt
GUN Levering, Edward T., Sgt
GUN Runge, Walter E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)