

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 5

6 December 1942

Target: Carriage & Wagon Works, Lille, France

Crews Dispatched: 20

Length of Mission: 3 hours, 9 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lbs H.E. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 22,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 6,456 rounds

Orders called for twenty planes to be dispatched carrying 10-500 lb. H.E. bombs. The briefing was at 0730 by Maj. **Green** with Lt. **Von Schmidt** briefing on flak.

Twenty B-17s took off from 1026 to 1040 hours and joined aircraft of the 91st and 305th Bomb Groups (H) from Hadleigh and Ipswich. The planned route was from Molesworth to Hadleigh, Ipswich, across the channel at Felixstowe to the French coast five miles east of Dunkirk, then to Tournai and to Lille. The return was via Gravelines and North Foreland.

Two squadrons of English Spitfires joined the groups at the French coast, four squadrons provided target support, and six more provided rear support on the withdrawal.



SCHULSTAD CREW - 360th BS

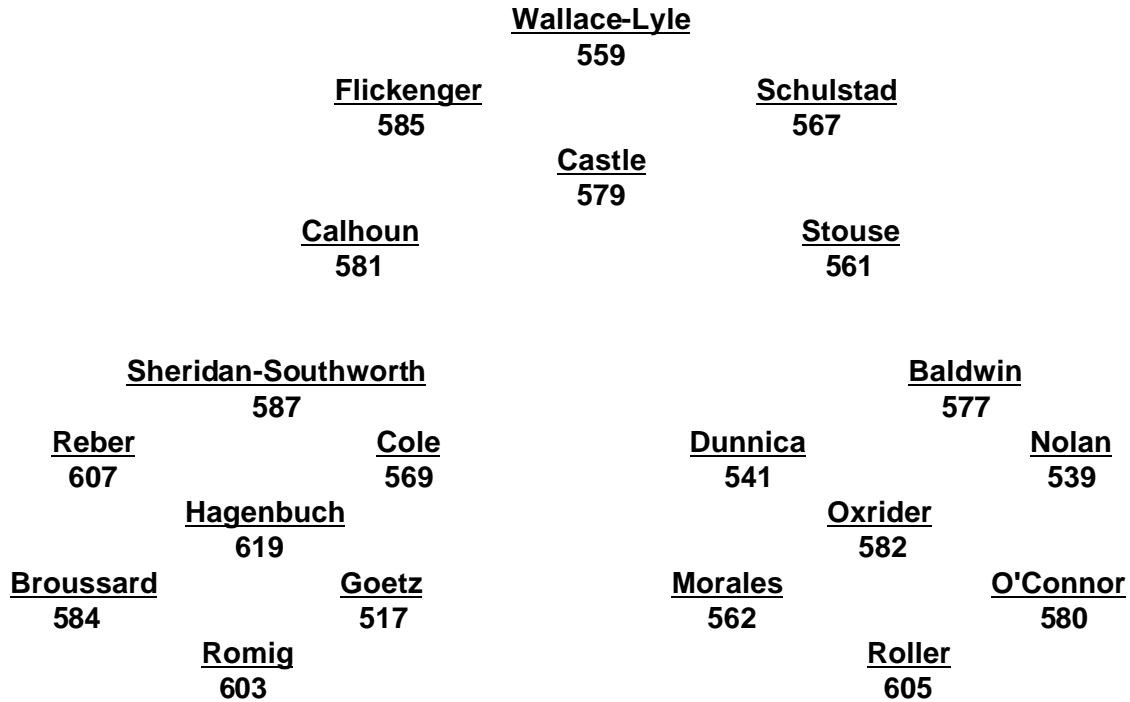
B-17F Beats Me #41-24567 (PU-J)

(original crew assigned 360BS: 10 July 1942 - photo: 14 Oct 1942)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Louis M. "Mel" Schulstad (P), 2Lt Roy W. Christianson (CP), 2Lt John H. Embach (N),
2Lt Reinaldo J. Saiz (B) - (Front L-R) T/Sgt Antone Pacheco (E), S/Sgt John Sherman (WG),
T/Sgt Charles L. Roth (R), S/Sgt Wayne O. Stevens (TG), S/Sgt Peter Soria (BT)

Five B-17s aborted due to mechanical difficulties. Fifteen planes attacked the target from 22,000 feet. The Group encountered only slight flak and received excellent Spitfire escort. The 303rd was attacked by about twenty enemy fighters. Five Group planes received minor damage from enemy aircraft and flak.

Aircraft Formation Over Target



One (1) aircraft failed to take off:
 Capt. Fredericks (360th) in 620

Five (5) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Morales in 562	Lt. Schulstad in 567
Lt. O'Connor in 580	Capt. Cole in 569
Lt. Castle in 579	

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	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
	RESULTS OF MISSION KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war		

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Nolan, Robert J., 1Lt
CP	Kruse, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV	Hoffman, Charles E., 2Lt
BOM	Hopper, Richard R., 2Lt
ENG	Hively, Roy J., T/Sgt
GUN	Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt
RO	Hamill, Milton, Sgt
GUN	DeMuth, Edward L., Sgt
GUN	Kinney, Jesse R., Sgt
GUN	Goff, James P., Sgt

B-17F #41-24582 *One O'Clock Jump*

P	Ox rider, George J., Lt
CP	Hurlburt, Donald W., Lt
NAV	Grant, Donald L., Lt
BOM	Lusk, Don W., Jr., Lt
ENG	Ziemer, Frederick, B., T/Sgt
RO	Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
GUN	Dasher, Everett A., T/Sgt
GUN	Maxwell, Samuel P., Sgt
GUN	Fincher, Clifton R., Sgt
GUN	Heaps, Theodore C., Sgt

B-17F #41-24541 *Spook*

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

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

P	Baldwin, Irl E., Capt
CP	Mitchell, Kirk R., Capt
NAV	Anderson, William J., Lt
BOM	Bone, Donald R., 1Lt
ENG	Rodriguez, James E., Jr., T/Sgt
GUN	Meddaugh, Allerton F., Jr., Sgt
RO	Warren, Russell M., Sgt
GUN	Brody, Harry J., Sgt
GUN	Weiskopf, Dennis, Sgt
GUN	Godwin, Harold E., Sgt

B-17F #41-24562 *Sky Wolf*

P	Morales, Carl H., 2Lt
CP	Swaffer, Calvin A., 2Lt
NAV	Hunter, William C., 2Lt
BOM	Zasadil, Frank E., 2Lt
ENG	Hinds, Francis G., T/Sgt
GUN	Kennedy, John W., Jr., Sgt
RO	Burns, Francis J., S/Sgt
GUN	Hill, John E., Sgt
GUN	Rukes, Merlyn D., S/Sgt
GUN	Westfall, Max M., Sgt

(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24580 *Hell Cat*

P	O'Connor, Robert S., Lt
CP	Ruppe, Eldon T., Lt
NAV	Gordon, Bruce W., 2Lt
BOM	DuMont, Earle J., Jr., Lt
ENG	Mullendore, Merle S., T/Sgt
BT	Brunnet, Arthur, Sgt
RO	Hughes, Norman, Sgt
GUN	Lucas, Jack, Sgt
GUN	Bitter, Emile V., Jr., Sgt
GUN	Robuck, Lester M., Sgt

(Abortive Sortie)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Calhoun, William R., Jr., Capt
CP Nix, James S., 2Lt
NAV Strickland, Joseph M., 2Lt
BOM Cargill, William D., 2Lt
TT Cozza, Victor J., 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 Murphy, Murel A., Sgt

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 G., T/Sgt
TT Ketron, Frank M., S/Sgt
RO Williams, Lemuel R., T/Sgt
BT Beringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt
LWG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
TG Snell, Jack D., S/Sgt

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

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

B-17F #41-24603 *Green Hornet*

P Romig, Eugene A., Maj
CP Sanderson, Ellis J., 1Lt
NAV Spence, John W., 2Lt
BOM Ward, Grady B., 2Lt
TT Devers, Sidney, T/Sgt
RO Jones, Miles B., T/Sgt
BT Greene, Frank W., S/Sgt
RWG Swanson, Harry F., S/Sgt
TG Markiewicz, Joseph L., S/Sgt
LWG Silva, Carlos J., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24559 *Ooold Soljer*

P Wallace, James H., Col
CP Lyle, Lewis E., Capt
NAV Moore, Paul G., Capt
BOM Dieffenbach, Albert W., 2Lt
NAV Anderson, Samuel H., 2Lt
ENG Smith, Gene K., T/Sgt
LWG Hartung, Frederick A., T/Sgt
RO Balcombe, Clayton S., Sgt
BT Sangster, Robert A., Sgt
TG McGiffin, Tom, Sgt
RWG Bradford, Edward A., Sgt

B-17F #41-24579 *Thumper*

P Castle, John E., 2Lt
CP Fitzsimmons, Kent M., 2Lt
NAV Herrington, Glen M., 2Lt
BOM Sinopoli, Louis B., 2Lt
ENG Levin, Meyer, S/Sgt
RWG Heitman, Alfred V., Sgt
RO Yannie, Emilio J., Jr., S/Sgt
BT Craft, Cecil E., Sgt
TG Semonick, Martin A., S/Sgt
LWG Staner, Billie L., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #41-24585 *Wulfe Hound*

P Flickenger, Paul F., 1Lt
CP Williams, Jack E., 2Lt
NAV Schowalter, Gilbert T., 1Lt
BOM Polk, Beverly R., 2Lt
ENG Whitman, William A., T/Sgt
RWG Milam, Marvin L., Sgt
RO Fegette, Iva Lee, S/Sgt
BT Magee, Alan E., S/Sgt
TG Gordon, James I., S/Sgt
LWG Stamper, William R., T/Sgt

B-17F #41-24567 *Beats Me*

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
RO Roth, Charles L., S/Sgt
BT Soria, Peter, Sgt
LWG Sherman, John H., S/Sgt
RWG Dobbins, Jerry W., Sgt
TG Stevens, Wayne O., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24587 *Bad Check*

P Sheridan, Charles C., Maj
CP Southworth, Billy B, Jr., Capt
NAV Schueler, Jon R., 2Lt
BOM Conver, Milton K., 2Lt
ENG Means, Lucian W., Jr., T/Sgt
RO Doughty, Edward J., S/Sgt
GUN Brandt, Waldo B., Sgt
GUN Belk, Jack, Sgt
GUN Fleming, William W., Sgt
GUN Bradley, Merel D., Sgt

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

P Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Capt
CP Barker, John C., Lt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Lt
BOM Moser, Roy R., Lt
ENG Sulcofski, Francis, S/Sgt
RO Coomes, Clarence S., S/Sgt
GUN Henderson, George W., Sgt
GUN Hinds, Durward L., S/Sgt
GUN Harmon, Edward Z., Sgt
GUN Hairr, Elwood F., Sgt

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 Blankenship, Irwin D., Sgt
RO Mayo, Donald A., S/Sgt
GUN Rutt, Donald H., S/Sgt
GUN Hand, Victor G., Sgt
GUN Gross, Luther N., Sgt
GUN Jurosek, Bernard, Sgt

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
BT Storer, Charles R., Sgt
LWG Koch, Vernon E., Sgt
GUN Runge, Walter E., Sgt
GUN Barron, Dante G., Sgt

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

P Cole, Lloyd R., Capt
CP McCune, Robert N., 2Lt
NAV Driggs, Robert P., 2Lt
BOM Bryant, Edward N., 2Lt
ENG Purinton, Bliss D., S/Sgt
RO Brandfas, Dale F., S/Sgt
GUN Callery, Phillip J., Sgt
GUN Witte, Arch, Jr., S/Sgt
GUN Van Etten, James R., Sgt
GUN Levering, Edward T., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24584 *Susfu*

P Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Lt
CP LeFevre, William G., Lt
NAV Herman, Charles L., Lt
BOM Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO Karanson, William A., Jr., S/Sgt
GUN Choice, Hudson, Sgt
GUN Morrison, Thomas H., Sgt
GUN Hummel, Wilbur F., Sgt
GUN Bridges, Alvin A., Sgt