

## 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**

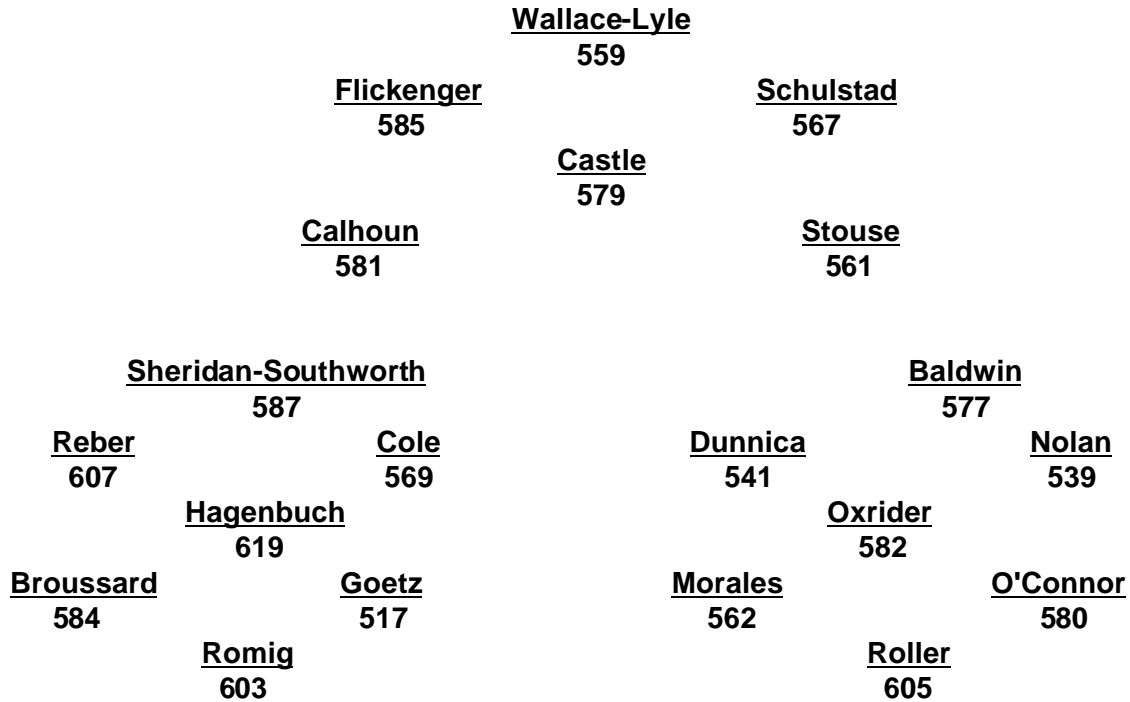
**B-17F Beats Me #41-24567 (PU-J)**

**(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

<b>CREW POSITIONS</b> 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
	<b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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***

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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***

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P Oxrider, 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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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 Robbins, Jerry W., Sgt  
TG Stevens, Wayne O., S/Sgt  
(Abortive)

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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