

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 8

30 December 1942

Target: Cement-topped Submarine Pens, Lorient, France

Crews Dispatched: 16

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 35 minutes

Bomb Load: 2 x 2000 lb H.E. M34 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 22,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 8,525 rounds

Enemy Aircraft Claims: 4 Destroyed, 1 Probable

A belated "White Christmas" day turned out to be "Mission 14 Day" (eighth credited mission). The ground was covered by snow, but it did not stop the mission.

Briefing took place at 0700 by Capt. **Gabbert** and Lt. **Von Schmidt**. The first plane was piloted by Lt. Col. **Robinson**. He took off at 0948 followed by fifteen others. He returned to base at 1301 after experiencing turret failure. There were five other aborts, leaving eleven ships led by Maj. **Callaway** to go over the target at 22,500 feet. Ten aircraft dropped their 2,000 lb. H.E. M-43 bombs. The bomb release did not work on one aircraft. Anti-aircraft fire was slight, but forty enemy aircraft attacked the formation. It was reported that the enemy aircraft on this mission were not as menacing as enemy aircraft on other missions, although each of the other three Groups on the mission—the 91st, 305th, and 306th BGs—lost a B-17. A very successful mission was reported. Because of camera failure, only one photo was brought back and it did not show a true picture of the results.

Crews claimed four enemy aircraft destroyed and one probable. The oxygen mask of T/Sgt. **Stevens** on Lt. **Schulstad's** crew, froze up and while attempting to break ice in the breathing bag, the bag was pulled loose from the face piece. The spare mask was used and while attempting to keep it free of ice, the breathing bag was again pulled loose from the face piece. As both masks were enclosed in protective bags, the gunner was not aware that they had been pulled loose. Realizing that both masks were inoperative, the gunner reported same to the pilot and started forward for aid, becoming unconscious from lack of oxygen upon reaching the waist gunners' positions. The pilot left the Group formation at approximately four miles off the English coast and returned to base at a lower altitude.

Lt. **Stouse's** ship was the first to return from the mission, and the rest followed in close order.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Robinson-Romig

609

Saunders

608

Roller

605

Stouse

177

Sanderson

603

Sheridan-Hagenbuch

569

Callaway-Farrar

602

Stockton

610

Southworth

587

Adams

973

Fredericks

620

Broussard

584

Morales

562

Oxrider

606

Dunnica

541

Schulstad

567



STOUSE CREW - 359th BS

B-17F The Duchess #41-24561 (BN-T)

(original crew assigned 359BS: 24 June 1942)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Harold L. Stouse (P), 1Lt William J. Neff (acft maint),
 2Lt Squire T. O'Connor (CP), 2Lt John W. Shupe (N), 2Lt Jack W. Mathis (B)
 (Front L-R) S/Sgt Eldon Audiss (E), S/Sgt Donald R. Richardson (R),
 Sgt Theron S. Tupper (WG), Sgt John A. Garriott (BT), S/Sgt Calvin H. Owen (TG)

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24606 *Werewolf*

P Oxrider, George J., 1Lt
 CP Hurlburt, Donald W., 2Lt
 NAV Grant, Donald L., 2Lt
 BOM Steele, Earl A., 2Lt
 ENG Ziemer, Frederick B., T/Sgt
 TG Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
 RO Dasher, Everett A., S/Sgt
 RWG Maxwell, Samuel P., Sgt
 BT Brunnet, Arthur, Sgt
 LWG Heaps, Theodore C., Sgt

B-17F #41-24541 *Spook*

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

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

P Morales, Carl H., 1Lt
 CP Swaffer, Calvin A., 2Lt
 NAV Miller, Hubert E., 1Lt
 BOM Zasadil, Frank E., 2Lt
 ENG Hinds, Francis G., T/Sgt
 BT Carroll, Albert V., S/Sgt
 RO Burns, Francis J., S/Sgt
 RWG Hill, John E., Sgt
 TG Blake, Robert C., Sgt
 LWG Westfall, Max M., Sgt
 (Abortive)

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 cuntry 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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359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Robinson, George L., Col
CP	Romig, Eugene A., Maj
NAV	Anderson, Arvid, 2Lt
BOM	Dieffenbach, Albert W., 1Lt
ENG	Browning, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV	Winter, Raymond K., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Kilgore, Raymond H., T/Sgt
TT	Perkins, Homer W., Sgt
BT	Hairr, Elwood L., Sgt
RG	Van Ravenstein, Edward A., Sgt
TG	Snell, Jack D., S/Sgt
	(Abortive Sortie)

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
TG	Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt
LWG	Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
	(Abortive)

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

P	Sanderson, Ellis J., 1Lt
CP	Bowman, Horace D., Jr. 2Lt
NAV	Spence, John W., 2Lt
BOM	Ward, Grady B., 2Lt
ENG	Devers, Sidney, T/Sgt
RO	Jones, Miles B., T/Sgt
BT	Greene, Frank W., S/Sgt
RWG	Swanson, Harry F., S/Sgt
TG	Gerow, Warren H., T/Sgt
LWG	Silva, Carlos J., Sgt

B-17F #42-5177 *Fast Worker MKII*

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

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	Wagner, Lloyd E., S/Sgt
RO	Clevenger, Walter M., T/Sgt
BT	Hoklin, Leif H., S/Sgt
RWG	Litton, Rufus C., Sgt
TG	Chitwood, Russell O., S/Sgt
LWG	High, Howard A., Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24620 *Snap! Crackle! Pop!*

P Fredericks, Jacob W., Capt
CP Shayler, Walter K., 1Lt
NAV Hoyt, Otis A., 2Lt
BOM Fonorow, Milton S., 2Lt
ENG Hlastala, Michael S., T/Sgt
RWG Schneiderman, Henry G., Sgt
RO Smith, Richard J., S/Sgt
BT Nardine, Howard H., S/Sgt
TG Murray, Gilbert A., Jr. S/Sgt
LWG Collins, Harvie L., Sgt

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

P Schulstad, Louis M., 1Lt
CP Christianson, Roy W., 2Lt
NAV Embach, John H., 2Lt
BOM DuMont, Earle J., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Pacheco, Antone, T/Sgt
RO Roth, Charles L., S/Sgt
RWG Sherman, John H., S/Sgt
BT Soria, Peter, Sgt
TG Stevens, Wayne O., S/Sgt
LWG Dobbins, Jerry W., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24602 *Yardbird*

P Callaway, Richard D., Maj
CP Farrar, John W., 1Lt
NAV Auman, Rictor H., 2Lt
BOM Stewart, Jack W., 2Lt
ENG Hassler, Kenneth C., S/Sgt
RO Lindewall, Erick K., T/Sgt
RWG Putala, Stanley, T/Sgt
BT Kuffel, Mathias A., S/Sgt
TG Lentz, James H., S/Sgt
LWG Bartlett, Frank W., Sgt

B-17F #42-2973 *Iza Vailable*

P Adams, Arthur I., 1Lt
CP Witterstetter, Gene A., 2Lt
NAV Herrington, Glen M., 2Lt
BOM Libonati, Michael L., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Hart, Dennis C., T/Sgt
RWG Durant, Edward W., S/Sgt
RO Union, Alfred M., T/Sgt
BT Magee, Alan E., S/Sgt
TG Gordon, James I., S/Sgt
LWG Milam, Marvin L., Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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
TG Henderson, George W., Sgt
RWG Pennington, James L., Sgt
RWG Levering, Edward T., Sgt
LWG Harmon, Edward Z., Sgt

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

P Stockton, Donald E., 1Lt
CP Lipe, Fort W., 1Lt
NAV Grant, Lawrence H., 2Lt
BOM Shirley, Lloyd A., 2Lt
ENG Smith, Roy Q., S/Sgt
RO Amos, Lee H., S/Sgt
BT Jenkins, Robert R., Sgt
TG Ferguson, Paul D., S/Sgt
RWG Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
LWG Hand, Victor G., Sgt

B-17F #41-24584 *Susfu*

P Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Lt
CP Le Fevre, 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
BT Choice, Hudson, Sgt
TG Hummel, Wilbur F., Sgt
RWG Bridges, Alvin A., Sgt
LWG Morrison, Thomas H., Sgt

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

P Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP Dillinger, John L., 2Lt
NAV Schueler, Jon R., 2Lt
BOM McCright, Ewell R., Lt
ENG Means, Lucian W., Jr., T/Sgt
RO Doughty, Edward J., S/Sgt
TG Kirkpatrick, Ward M., Sgt
BG Belk, Jack, Sgt
RWG Fleming, William W., Sgt
LWG Brandt, Waldo B., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)