

## 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

<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  <b>RESULTS OF MISSION</b> 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

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

PRobinson, George L., Col  
CPRomig, Eugene A., Maj  
NAVAnderson, Arvid, 2Lt  
BOMDieffenbach, Albert W., 1Lt  
ENGBrowning, Richard C., 2Lt  
NAVWinter, Raymond K., Jr., S/Sgt  
ROKilgore, Raymond H., T/Sgt  
TTPerkins, Homer W., Sgt  
BTHairr, Elwood L., Sgt  
RGVan Ravenstein, Edward A., Sgt  
TGSnell, Jack D., S/Sgt  
(Abortive Sortie)

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

PRoller, Jack, 1Lt  
CPCline, William J., 2Lt  
NAVHenson, Walter C., 2Lt  
BOMShoup, John R., Jr., 2Lt  
ENGMarcelonis, Joseph G., T/Sgt  
TTKetron, Frank M., S/Sgt  
ROWilliams, Lemuel R., T/Sgt  
BTBeringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt  
TGBurnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt  
LWGGonsalves, John D., S/Sgt  
(Abortive)

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

PSanderson, Ellis J., 1Lt  
CPBowman, Horace D., Jr. 2Lt  
NAVSpence, John W., 2Lt  
BOMWard, Grady B., 2Lt  
ENGDevers, Sidney, T/Sgt  
ROJones, Miles B., T/Sgt  
BTGreene, Frank W., S/Sgt  
RWGSwanson, Harry F., S/Sgt  
TGGerow, Warren H., T/Sgt  
LWGSilva, Carlos J., Sgt

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### **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

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### **B-17F #41-24608 *Yehudi***

PSaunders, Frank A., 1Lt  
CPKirk, Leonard W., 2Lt  
NAVForester, Oscar F., Jr., 2Lt  
BOMKossis, Norman, 2Lt  
ENGWagner, Lloyd E., S/Sgt  
ROClevenger, Walter M., T/Sgt  
BTHoklin, Leif H., S/Sgt  
RWGLitton, Rufus C., Sgt  
TGChitwood, Russell O., S/Sgt  
LWGHigh, Howard A., Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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***

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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***

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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***

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P Adams, Arthur I., 1Lt  
CP Witterstetter, Gene A., 2Lt  
NAV Herrington, Glen M., 2Lt  
BOM Libonati, Michael L., Jr., 2Lt  
ENG Hart, Lewis 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***

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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, George 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 Btfspk***

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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***

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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***

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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)