

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 13

2 February 1943

Target: Railroad Marshalling Yards, Hamm, Germany
(Mission Aborted)

Crews Dispatched: 12

Length of Mission: 3 hours

Bomb Load: 5 x 1000 lbs, 10 x 500 lbs,
5 x 300 lbs M31 Incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitude: 20,500 ft

Ammo Fired: none

Twelve aircraft were dispatched. Eleven took off and five aborted the mission: #42-2973, *Iza Vailable*, 360BS-R (Capt. **Fredericks**). The brakes failed while taxiing for take-off. He became stuck in the mud and missed the take-off.

#41-24605, *Knockout Dropper*, 359BS-R (Lt. **Roller**). Due to a gas leak, the aircraft landed and tightened its gas cap. It chased the formation for over one hour, but was unable to locate it because of clouds.

#41-24635, *The '8' Ball MK II*, 359BS-O (Capt. **Calhoun**). The tail gunner, Sgt. **Stephen**, and waist gunner, Sgt. **Adams**, experienced frozen hands. Temperatures were -20E at 13,000 feet.

#41-24609, *Holy Mackerel*, 359BS-Q (Lt. **Eyster**). The guns on the aircraft became wet and frozen.

#41-24562, *Sky Wolf*, 358BS-F (Lt. **Nolan**). The ball turret gunner, Sgt. **Kinney**, froze his feet due to a short in his electric flying shoes.

The remaining six aircraft continued to the target only to have the entire mission aborted by First Bomb Wing order. There was solid overcast, poor visibility, and extreme cold when the abort order was received. One aircraft, #42-5360, *Old Faithful*, 358BS-G, returned with another Bomb Group.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Lyle
559

Stockton
610

Cole
569

Fredericks
973

Broussard
966

Nolan
558

Calhoun
635

Roller
605

Eyster
609

Baldwin
577

McDonald
360

Morales
562

One (1) aircraft failed to take off:
Capt. Fredericks in 973

Five (5) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Roller in 605
Capt. Calhoun in 635
Lt. Nolan in 558

Lt. Morales in 562
Lt. Eyster in 609

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CREW POSITIONS | TOG - Toggler | VI - Voice Interpreter | DOW - Died of wounds |
| CMP - Command Pilot | BT - Ball Turret Operator | OBS - Observer | EVD - Evaded the enemy |
| P - Pilot | TT - Top Turret Operator | PAS - Passenger | INT - Interned in neu cntry |
| CP - Co-Pilot | TG - Tail Gunner | PHO - Photographer | REP - Repatriated |
| NAV - Navigator | NG - Nose Gunner | | RES - Rescued |
| ANV - Ass't. Navigator | RG - Radio Gunner | RESULTS OF MISSION | ESC - Escaped |
| MNV - Mickey Navigator | WG - Waist Gunner | KIA - Killed in action | BO - Bailed out |
| ENG - Engineer | LWG - Left Waist Gunner | WIA - Wounded in action | DCH - Ditched |
| BOM - Bombardier | RWG - Right Waist Gunner | MIA - Missing in action | CR-L - Crashed on land |
| RO - Radio Operator | GUN - Gunner | POW - Prisoner of war | CR-S - Crashed at sea |

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Baldwin, Irl E., Capt
CP Pacey, Orson E., 2Lt
NAV Thornton, Leonard E., 1Lt
BOM Bone, Donald R., 1Lt
ENG Rodriguez, James E., Jr., T/Sgt
RWG Meddaugh, Allerton F., Sgt
RO Warren, Russell M., Sgt
BT Brody, Harry J., S/Sgt
LWG Weiskopf, Dennis, Sgt
TG Godwin, Harold E., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #41-24558 *Hunga Dunga*

P Nolan, Robert J., 1Lt
CP Kruse, Richard L., 2Lt
NAV Anderson, William J., 1Lt
BOM Hopper, Richard R., 2Lt
ENG Hively, Roy J., T/Sgt
BT Kinney, Jesse R., Sgt
RO Hamill, Milton, S/Sgt
RWG Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt
LWG Isham, Lawrence W., Sgt
TG Bitter, Emile V., Jr., Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #42-5360 *Old Faithful*

P McDonald, James M., 1Lt
CP Rogan, Dave L., 2Lt
NAV Grant, Donald L., 2Lt
BOM Schieble, Robert O., 1Lt
ENG Fanning, David D., T/Sgt
RWG Haney, James E., S/Sgt
RO Carpenter, Glenn S., S/Sgt
BT Bruskotter, James E., S/Sgt
TG Sterling, Robert W., S/Sgt
LWG Martin, James C., Sgt
(Abortive)

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., S/Sgt
LWG Westfall, Max M., SGt
PHO Stringer, James L., Sgt
(Abortive)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #41-24635 *The '8' Ball MK II*

P Calhoun, William R., Jr., Capt
CP Nix, James S., 2Lt
NAV Strickland, Joseph M., 2Lt
BOM Yonkman, Robert J., 1Lt
ENG Zaorski, Roman R., T/Sgt
LWG Adams, Ralph B., 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
(Abortive)

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 York, Robert F., S/Sgt
BT Beringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt
GUN Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Eyster, Ercil F., 1Lt
CP Hayward, Fred H., 2Lt
NAV Shanks, John D., 2Lt
BOM Cargill, William D., 2Lt
ENG Nicosia, Eugene A., 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
RWG Altizer, Robert C., T/Sgt
GUN Howard, Earl R., Sgt
(Abortive)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew List

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

P Lyle, Lewis E., Capt
CP Bartlett, Keith O., 1Lt
NAV Moore, Paul G., Capt
BOM Saiz, Reinaldo J., Lt.
ENG Smith, Gene K., T/Sgt
LWG Bradford, Edward A., Sgt
RO Balcombe, Clayton S., S/Sgt
BT Sangster, Robert A., S/Sgt
TG Bartlett, Frank W., Sgt
RWG McGiffin, Tom, Sgt
(Abortive)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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., T/Sgt
RO Miller, Gordon D., T/Sgt
RWG Callery, Phillip J., Sgt
BT Witte, Arch, Jr., S/Sgt
LWG Coomes, Clarence S., S/Sgt
TG Jurosek, Bernard, Sgt
(Abortive)

B-17F #42-2966 (*No Name*)

P Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Lt
CP Le Fevre, William G., Lt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Lt
BOM Dieffenbach, Albert W., Lt.
ENG Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO Karanson, William A., Jr., S/Sgt
BT Choice, Hudson, S/Sgt
LWG Bridges, Alvin A., Sgt
TG Harmon, Edward Z., Sgt
RWG Henderson, George W., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Stockton, Donald E., 1Lt
CP Lipe, Fort W., 2lt
NAV Grant, Lawrence H., 2Lt
BOM Shirley, Lloyd A., 2Lt
ENG Smith, Roy Q., T/Sgt
RO Amos, Lee H., S/Sgt
BT Pennington, James L., S/Sgt
TG Koch, Vernon E., Sgt
RWG Jenkins, Robert R., Sgt
LWG Barron, Dante G., Sgt
(Abortive)