

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 15

14 February 1943

Target: Industrial Targets, Hamm, Germany
(Aborted)

Crews Dispatched: 19

Length of Mission: 3 1/2 to 4 1/4 hours

Bomb Load: 5 x 1000 lbs M44 H.E. & 10 x 500 H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 22,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 8,748 rounds

Enemy Aircraft Claims: 1 Destroyed, 1 Damaged

This day's Field Order No. 99 was the 35th received by the Group. The primary target was Hamm, Germany; the secondary, Osnabruck; and the last resort, any German industrial target. 1000-lb. M44 and 500-lb. M43 bombs were loaded on the nineteen airplanes scheduled for take-off. Breakfast was at 0430, briefing was at 0520, engines started at 0810, taxiing began at 0820, and first take-off was at 0840 by Capt. **Hagenbuch**, 427BS(H) in *S for Sugar*, #41-24619. Capt. **Fredericks**, 360BS(H), in #42-2973 *Iza Vailable*, was the last to take off at 0854.

Two B-17s failed to take off:

#41-24609, *Holy Mackerel*, 359BS(H) (1Lt. **Eyster**). The upper turret guns failed to feed.

#42-2967, *Shak Hak*, 360BS(H) (1Lt. **Bilek**). The aircraft ran off the runway into mud as it was taxiing for take-off.

Capt. **Calhoun** aborted the mission in #41-24635, 359BS(H), *The '8' Ball MK II*, when T/Sgt D. **Fanning**, the engineer, became sick at altitude. 1Lt. **McDonald** aborted in #41-24539, *Jersey Bounce*, when waist gunners, S/Sgt. M. **Murray** and Sgt. R. **Tibbles** became sick with vomiting and clogged ear drums.

Poor visibility and 10/10 cloud cover caused the mission to be recalled between the coast and Dokkum, the Netherlands, without bombing. Some black flak was observed and eleven German aircraft were sighted with one encounter. S/Sgt. R.H. **Smith**, ball turret gunner of 358BS(H), in #42-5264, *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, had a confirmed destroyed claim on this aircraft. All aircraft returned by 1400 hours with no casualties or damage.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

Hagenbuch
619

Hayes
561

Stockton
610

Baldwin
577

Oxrider
264

Austin
558

Calhoun
635

Lyle
559

Bales
243

Johnson
177

Farrar
260

Plecher
262

Roller
605

Fredericks
973

McDonald
539

Morales
562

Dunnica
541

Two (2) aircraft failed to take off:
Lt. Eyster in 609
Lt. Bilek in 967

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. McDonald in 539
Capt. Calhoun in 635

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

CREW POSITIONS			
CMP - Command Pilot	TOG - Toggler	VI - Voice Interpreter	DOW - Died of wounds
P - Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	OBS - Observer	EVD - Evaded the enemy
CP - Co-Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	PAS - Passenger	INT - Interned in neu cntry
NAV - Navigator	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	NG - Nose Gunner		RES - Rescued
MNV - Mickey Navigator	RG - Radio Gunner	RESULTS OF MISSION	ESC - Escaped
ENG - Engineer	WG - Waist Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	BO - Bailed out
BOM - Bombardier	LWG - Left Waist Gunner	WIA - Wounded in action	DCH - Ditched
RO - Radio Operator	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	MIA - Missing in action	CR-L - Crashed on land
	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 Blackman, Richard C., 2Lt
NAV Madsen, Parley W., Jr., 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., Sgt
LWG Weiskopf, Dennis, Sgt
TG Godwin, Harold E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #41-24541 *Spook*

P Dunnica, Lawrence G., 1Lt
CP Pacey, Orson E., 2Lt
NAV Thornton, Leonard E., 1Lt
BOM Fec, A.D., 1Lt
ENG Tucker, Harry W., T/Sgt
RWG Dew, Robert L., Sgt
RO Holland, Bertis W., Sgt
BT Cascio, Philip T., Sgt
TG Taylor, Claude P., Sgt
LWG Harker, Wayne E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Austin, Charles N., 1Lt
CP Feldman, Norbert B., 1Lt
NAV White, Richard G., Jr., 1Lt
BOM Coltrane, Robert A., 1Lt
ENG Snipes, Samuel O., S/Sgt
BT Mikkelson, Delbert, Sgt
RO Davis, Charles B., S/Sgt
TG LeBlanc, Alex, Sgt
RWG Deal, Fred O., Sgt
LWG Eckard, Eugene W., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Morales, Carl H., 1Lt
CP O'Connor, Robert S., 2Lt
NAV Miller, Hubert E., 1Lt
BOM Zasadil, Frank E., 2Lt
ENG Hinds, Francis G., T/Sgt
BT Hardaway, Sidney T., S/Sgt
RO Burns, Francis J., S/Sgt
RWG Hill, John E., Sgt
TG Blake, Robert C., Sgt
LWG Westfall, Max M., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5264 *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

P Oxrider, George J., 1Lt
CP Hurlburt, Donald W., 2Lt
NAV Grant, Donald L., 2Lt
BOM Dwyer, Robert P., 2Lt
ENG Ziemer, Frederick B., T/Sgt
BT Smith, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO Dasher, Everett A., S/Sgt
RWG Maxwell, Samuel P., S/Sgt
TG Bitter, Emile V., Jr., Sgt
LWG Heaps, Theodore C., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P McDonald, James M., 1Lt
CP Rogan, Dave L., 2Lt
NAV Robertson, M.J., Capt
BOM Schieble, Robert O., 1Lt
ENG Fanning, David D., T/Sgt
RWG Hall, Sidney V., 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)

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Calhoun, William R., Jr., Capt
CP O'Connor, Squire T., 1Lt
NAV Strickland, Joseph M., 2Lt
BOM Yonkman, Robert J., 1Lt
ENG Zaorski, Roman R., T/Sgt
LWG Tibbles, Russell F., Sgt
RO Terry, Charles R., T/Sgt
BT Mulgrew, William C., S/Sgt
RWG Howard, Earl R., S/Sgt
TG Murphy, Murel A., Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Roller, Jack, 1Lt
CP Cline, William J., 2Lt
NAV Kelley, James F., 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 Morton, George T., Sgt
TG Gonsalves, John D., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5243 *FDR's Potato Peeler Kids*

P Bales, Ross C., 1Lt
CP Dooley, Walter E., 1Lt
NAV Browning, Richard C., 2Lt
BOM Thomas, Paul M., 2Lt
ENG Winter, Raymond K., Jr., T/Sgt
TT Perkins, Homer T., S/Sgt
BT Zsampar, Joseph G., Sgt
RO McCoy, Gordon K., Sgt
TG Snell, Jack D., S/Sgt
LWG Van Ravenstein, Edward A., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5177 *Fast Worker MK II*

P Johnson, Hans C., 1Lt
CP Gibson, Charles E., 1Lt
NAV McNeely, Robert T., 1Lt
BOM Owen, Jedediah G., 1Lt
ENG Dickinson, Paul A., S/Sgt
RWG Broyles, Harold D., S/Sgt
RO Himes, Albert A., Sgt
LT Chandler, U.M., Sgt
LWG McKagan, Azzon C., S/Sgt
TG Treon, John E., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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 McGiffin, Tom, Sgt
RO Balcombe, Clayton S., S/Sgt
TG Stamper, William B., T/Sgt
BT Rheaume, Louis W., S/Sgt
RWG Edwards, Samuel L., S/Sgt
OBS Vaughan, Thomas S., Lt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Fredericks, Jacob W., Capt
CP Way, Arthur C., Lt
NAV Hoyt, Otis A., Lt
BOM Santerre, Homer N., Lt
ENG Hlastala, Michael S., T/Sgt
LWG Schneiderman, Henry G., S/Sgt
RO Smith, Richard J., T/Sgt
BT Nardine, Howard H., S/Sgt
TG Murray, Gilbert A., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG Collins, Harvie L., Sgt
OBS Tippet, Paul S., Lt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5260 *Yardbird II*

P Farrar, John W., 1Lt
CP Schulstad, Louis M., Lt
NAV Auman, Rictor H., 2Lt
BOM Stewart, Jack W., 2Lt
ENG Hassler, Kenneth C., T/Sgt
RWG Prescott, Paul H., S/Sgt
RO Lindewall, Erick K., T/Sgt
BT Sunderlin, Joseph R., S/Sgt
TG O'Connell, Lincoln T., S/Sgt
LWG Bartlett, Frank W., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5262 *(No Name)*

P Plocher, Martin E., Lt
CP Fitzsimmons, Kent M., Lt
NAV Preston, William M., Lt
BOM Hamilton, Claude A., S/Sgt
RWG Legge, Henry R., T/Sgt
TT Matheson, Edwin L., S/Sgt
RO Friese, Everett E., T/Sgt
BT Swanson, Theodore G., S/Sgt
LWG Stevenson, Robert L., Sgt
TG Tornow, August E., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Capt
CP Barker, John C., Lt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Lt
NAV Anderson, Samuel H., Lt
BOM Dieffenbach, Albert W., Lt
ENG Zipfel, Charles E., T/Sgt
RO Brandfas, Dale F., T/Sgt
BT Choice, Hudson, S/Sgt
TG Henderson, George W., S/Sgt
RWG Bridges, Alvin A., Sgt
LWG Barron, Dante G., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

P Hayes, Ralph S., Jr., Lt
CP Rolfson, Jack G., Lt
NAV Illgen, Frederick J., Lt
BOM Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG Good, James K., T/Sgt
TG Bednarchuk, Antonio, S/Sgt
RO Jessee, Jesse J., S/Sgt
BT Harris, M.L., Sgt
LWG Groves, R.W., S/Sgt
RWG Lentz, R.C., S/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

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

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
RWG Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
TG Koch, Vernon E., S/Sgt
LWG Jurosek, Bernard, Sgt
BT Jenkins, Robert R., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)