

303rd BG(H) Combat Mission No. 22

12 March 1943

Target: Marshalling Yards, Rouen, France

Crews Dispatched: 18

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 10 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 23,900 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,096 rounds

Eighteen 303rd BG(H) B-17s took off to attack the marshalling yards at Rouen. Six aircraft were forced to abort:

#41-24558, *Hunga Dunga*, 358BS (Lt. **Nolan**). The left side of the flexible oxygen line was cut off by the ball turret mechanism. The aircraft lost all oxygen.

#42-5432, *The Hunting Club*, 358BS (Lt. **McDonald**). The oxygen system on the right side froze from the bomb bay to the tail.

#41-24562, *Sky Wolf*, 358BS (Lt. **Morales**). Two electrical suits malfunctioned.

#42-5430, *Pappy/Good Snuf*, 359BS (Lt. **Oxridner**). The tail gunner's electric flying suit went out and his feet were frostbitten.

#41-24609, *Holy Mackerel*, 359BS (Lt. **Eyster**). The No. 3 supercharger induction line blew out at 10,000 feet and the engine overheated.

#41-24619, *S for Sugar*, 427BS (Lt. **Broussard**). The oil pressure was down on the No. 4 engine.

The remaining twelve B-17s, led by Maj. **Romig**, attacked the target through 4/10 to 6/10 broken clouds at 23,900 feet. Bombing, with 30 tons of 500-lb. H.E. M43 bombs, was reported to be very good. Five aircraft reported very slight black flak. Only two aircraft reported enemy aircraft with no encounters. Fighter coverage was excellent. There was no battle damage and no casualties. All aircraft landed safely between 1405 and 1420 hours.

B/Gen. **Hansell**, of the 1st Bombardment Wing, visited the base regarding the day's mission. He was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, 1Lt. **Berkely**, a former S-2 (Intelligence) officer of the 359th BS. Gen. **Hansell** flew in the 305th BG(H) formation.

1Lt. Donald **Bone**, 26, of Temple, Oklahoma was the bombardier in #41-24577 *Hell's Angels*, piloted by Capt. **Baldwin**, 22, of Yakima, Washington. Lt. **Bone** stated, "We got a good run out to the target. Some of the bombs were short, but they landed in the yards. I should say at least two-thirds of them did a lot of critical damage."

2Lt. Reinaldo J. **Saiz**, Segundo, Colorado, bombardier for Capt. Lewis **Lyle's** plane, #41-24559 *Ooold Soljer*, said, "Our Squadron's bombs went right down the middle. A mighty explosion followed by fire was visible as we left the target."

Maj. **Romig** stated, "There were no enemy aircraft in sight. It was the best fighter support yet seen." "'Supero' was the word for it," added the navigator, 1Lt. Joseph M. **Strickland**, 22, of Liberty, Mississippi.

"Those Spitfires were as thick as flies on old cheese," was the way 1Lt. Ross C. **Bales**, 22 of Caldwell, Idaho described the assistance rendered by the RAF and the 4th Fighter Group.

Regarding the flak, 1Lt. Jesse H. **Elliott**, 21, of Jacksonville, Florida, veteran of fifteen missions, said, "I wish all of our raids were like this one. I'd never become 'Flak Happy.'"

S/Sgt. Harry T. **Brody**, 24, an ex-horse breaker from Circle, Montana and veteran of 16 raids, appeared peeved at the excellence of the fighter support. He said, "I ran that ball turret around until my back was breaking and never fired a shot. If this keeps up, I'm going to apply for cadet training."



SOUTHWORTH CREW - 427th BS
B-17F Bad Check #41-24587 (GN-P)
(original crew assigned 427BS: 01 May 1942 - photo: 12 Oct 1942)
(Back L-R) Capt Billy B. Southworth (P), 2Lt John L. Dillinger (CP), 1Lt Jon R. Schueler (N),
2Lt Milton K. Conner (B) - (Front L-R) T/Sgt Lucien W. Means Jr., SSgt Edward J. Doughty,
Sgt Waldo B. Brandt, Sgt William W. Fleming, Sgt Jack Belk

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Romig</u> 635		
		<u>Eyster</u> 609		<u>Bales</u> 243
			<u>Roller</u> 605	
		<u>Broussard</u> 619		<u>McClung</u> 257
	<u>Lyle</u> 559			<u>Baldwin</u> 577
<u>Fredericks</u> 973		<u>Farrar</u> 260		<u>Nolan</u> 558
	<u>Southworth</u> 587			<u>Morales</u> 562
<u>Shaeffer</u> 081		<u>Burch</u> 540		<u>Oxriders</u> 430
			<u>Hayes</u> 612	<u>McDonald</u> 432

Six (6) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. McDonald in 432	Lt. Oxriders in 430
Lt. Morales in 562	Lt. Nolan in 558
Lt. Eyster in 609	Lt. Broussard in 619

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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358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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

B-17F #42-5432 *The Hunting Club*

P McDonald, James M., 1Lt
CP Rogan, Dave L., 2Lt
NAV Clement, Richard W., 1Lt
BOM Montgomery, James H., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Fanning, David D., T/Sgt
RWG Hall, Sidney V., Sgt
RO Carpenter, Glenn S., T/Sgt
BT Bruskotter, James E., S/Sgt
TG Sterling, Robert W., S/Sgt
LWG Martin, James C., S/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., T/Sgt
RWG Hill, John E., S/Sgt
TG Blake, Robert C., S/Sgt
LWG Westfall, Max M., Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)

B-17F #42-5430 *Pappy/Good Snuf*

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
BT Smith, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO Dasher, Everett A., T/Sgt
RWG Maxwell, Samuel P., S/Sgt
TG Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
LWG Raesley, Wilmer G., Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Baldwin, Irl E., Capt
CP Joy, Ripley W., 2Lt
NAV Madsen, Parley W., Jr., 1Lt
BOM Bone, Donald R., 1Lt
ENG Rodriguez, James E., Jr., T/Sgt
RWG Meddaugh, Allerton F., S/Sgt
RO Warren, Russell M., S/Sgt
BT Brody, Harry J., S/Sgt
LWG Weiskopf, Dennis, Sgt
TG Godwin, Harold E., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5257 *Miss Bea Haven*

P McClung, Guy H., 2Lt
CP Roseberry, William E., 2Lt
NAV Stettler, Donald G., 2Lt
BOM Rothman, Theodore I., 2Lt
ENG Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt
RWG Traban, James J., S/Sgt
RO Gentry, Robert, T/Sgt
TG Piatek, Casimir P., S/Sgt
LWG Ryan, Francis J., Sgt
BT Phillips, Carl W., S/Sgt

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
RG O'Reilly, Francis W., Sgt
RO Kilgore, Raymond H., T/Sgt
BT Garriott, John A., S/Sgt
TG Snell, Jack D., S/Sgt
RWG Van Ravenstein, Edward A., S/Sgt

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

P Roller, Jack, Capt
CP Cline, William J., 2Lt
NAV Henson, Walter C., 2Lt
BOM Shoup, John R., Jr., 2Lt
ENG Marcelonis, Joseph G., T/Sgt
BT 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

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

P Romig, Eugene A., Maj
CP Calhoun, William R., Jr., Capt
NAV Moore, Paul G., Capt
NAV Strickland, Joseph M., 1Lt
BOM Mathis, Jack W., 1Lt
ENG Zaorski, Roman R., 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., S/Sgt

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 Dunham, Harold J., T/Sgt
RO York, Robert F., Sgt
LWG Morton, George T., Sgt
BT Nicosia, Eugene A., Sgt
NG Brown, Houston B., Jr., S/Sgt
RWG Altizer, Robert C., T/Sgt
TG Owen, Calvin H., S/Sgt
(Abortive)

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Fredericks, Jacob W., Capt
CP Way, Arthur C., Lt
NAV Hoyt, Otis A., Lt
BOM Fonorow, Milton S., 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

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

P Lyle, Lewis E., Capt
CP Bartlett, Keith O., Lt
NAV Elliott, Jesse H., Lt
BOM Saiz, Reinaldo J., Lt
ENG Smith, Gene K., T/Sgt
RWG Bradford, Edward A., S/Sgt
RO Balcombe, Clayton S., T/Sgt
BT Sangster, Robert H., S/Sgt
LWG Semonick, Martin A., S/Sgt
TG McGiffin, Tom, Sgt

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

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Lt
CP Le Fevre, William G., Lt
NAV Roberts, Sumner L., Lt
BOM Sherwood, Lyle D., Lt
ENG Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO Amos, Lee H., T/Sgt
BT Choice, Hudson, S/Sgt
LWG Bridges, Alvin A., Sgt
RWG Harmon, Edward Z., S/Sgt
TG Jurosek, Bernard, Sgt
(Abortive)

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

P Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP Dillinger, John L., 2Lt
NAV Soha, Walter M., Capt
BOM Dieffenbach, Albert W., Capt
ENG Means, Lucian W., Jr., T/Sgt
RO Doughty, Edward J., S/Sgt
RWG Brandt, Waldo B., Sgt
BT Belk, Jack, S/Sgt
LWG Hinds, Durward L., S/Sgt
TG Henderson, George W., Sgt

B-17F #42-5081 *Luscious Lady*

P Shaeffer, Earl A., Lt
CP Stone, Arthur M., Lt
NAV Stugard, F., Jr., Lt
BOM Fec, A.D., Lt
ENG Murray, G.F., T/Sgt
BT Harris, M.L., Sgt
RO Penley, D.B., T/Sgt
TG Vance, F.S., S/Sgt
LWG Groves, R.W., S/Sgt
RWG Lentz, R.C., S/Sgt

B-17 #42-29540 *Shooting Star*

P Burch, Armand F., Lt
CP Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
NAV Noblin, John D., Lt
BOM Butt, Byron K., Lt
ENG Barlow, Benjamin, T/Sgt
RWG Bourdon, Louis F., S/Sgt
RO Ashworth, George W., S/Sgt
LWG Arnold, Ronald W., S/Sgt
TG Brown, Howard T., S/Sgt
RWG Tibbles, Russell, Sgt

B-17F #41-24612 *The Devil Himself*

P Hayes, Ralph S., Jr., Lt
CP Rolfson, Jack G., Lt
NAV Illgen, Frederick, J., Lt
BOM Smith, Abbott M., Jr., Lt
ENG Good, James K., T/Sgt
TG Bednarchuk, Antonio, S/Sgt
RO Jessee, Jesse J., S/Sgt
BT Kirkpatrick, Ward M., Sgt
RWG Hairr, Elwood F., Sgt
LWG Barron, Dante G., Sgt