

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 43A

23 June 1943

Target: Airdrome, Villocoublay, France

Mission Recalled

Crews Dispatched: 22

Length of Mission: 3 hours, 45 minutes

Bomb Load: 10 x 500 lb G.P. bombs

Bombing Altitude: 23,000 ft

The formation reached the target area to find solid overcast skies making it impossible to locate the target. Limited visibility made formation flying difficult. The formation turned back to sea. Due to vapor trails that obscured the leader, only seven B-17s remained in the Group formation. At this time ME-109s and FW-109s attacked from all directions. They were flying in Squadrons of 4, 12 and 20 aircraft. Fifteen minutes after turning back to sea, a cluster of flak was encountered. The formation, having been able to re-form, dropped its bombs when the flak came up. Bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Norden-Osage-Darnum and the Island of Norderney. Several 303rd BG(H) aircraft bombed with another Group, being unable to rejoin their Squadron when the formation scattered.

Two B-17s returned early:

#42-25944 *Winning Run* (**Shelhamer**) - BTG oxygen failure.

#42-5434 *Lady Luck* (**Griffin**) - #4 engine failure.



**S-for-Sugar #41-24619 (427BS) GN-S**

Mission Recalled - weather - Pilot Capt B.B. Southworth / CoPilot G.F. Shumake

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Southworth</u> 619		
		<u>James</u> 124		<u>Strickland</u> 392
			<u>Broussard</u> 158	
		<u>Lipe</u> 131		<u>Shelhamer</u> 944
			<u>Pratt</u> 955	
	<u>Griffin</u> 434			<u>Roller</u> 257
<u>Van Wie</u> 393		<u>Mack</u> 606		<u>Campbell</u> 002
	<u>Stallings</u> 468			<u>Smith</u> 565
<u>Lemmon</u> 571		<u>Palmer</u> 390		<u>McClung</u> 482
	<u>Timken</u> 664			<u>Rogan</u> 192
			<u>Thompson</u> 635	<u>Cline</u> 561
				<u>Mattison</u> 029

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:  
 Lt. Shelhamer in 944  
 Capt. Griffin in 434

### 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 cntry 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 #42-29571 *Charley Horse***

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P Lemmon, John V., 1Lt  
CP Clark, Elmo E., F/O  
NAV Gust, Darrell D., 2Lt  
BOM Stone, Elbert E., 2Lt  
ENG Berzansky, Andrew, T/Sgt  
RWG Beavers, Albert T., S/Sgt  
RO Zeller, Caryl C., T/Sgt  
BT Bagwell, Clayton R., S/Sgt  
TG Brown, Virgil E., S/Sgt  
LWG Briggs, Wayne E., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29635 *Augerhead***

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P Thompson, Frank H., 1Lt  
CP Sumarlidason, Arni L., 2Lt  
NAV McConnen, James R., 2Lt  
BOM Sweet, William T., 2Lt  
ENG Welch, James R., S/Sgt  
TT Fulanovich, Charles J., S/Sgt  
RO McGuire, Robert J., T/Sgt  
BT Nakaniski, Ralph, S/Sgt  
TG Aubrey, Eldred L., S/Sgt  
RWG Wilson, Donald R., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29664 *Jersey Bounce, Jr.***

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P Timken, Jack C., 1Lt  
CP Wright, George E., 2Lt  
NAV Chamberlain, William V., 2Lt  
BOM Solverson, Robert K., 2Lt  
ENG Knuth, Leland M., T/Sgt  
RWG Paiva, Joseph B., S/Sgt  
RO Isham, Lawrence W., S/Sgt  
BT Toy, James E., S/Sgt  
TG Giassullo, Criscienzo N., S/Sgt  
LWG Redhead, George R., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3192 (*No Name*)**

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P Rogan, Dave L., 1Lt  
CP Gamble, Donald, 1Lt  
NAV McSween, William D., 2Lt  
BOM Coburn, Ralph F., 2Lt  
ENG Wagner, Clyde E., T/Sgt  
LWG Vaughn, Norville, S/Sgt  
RO Bland, Hugh N., T/Sgt  
BT Scharch, Richard G., S/Sgt  
TG Gilbert, Bill A., S/Sgt  
RWG Mills, James E., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P Cline, William J., 1Lt  
CP Mulligan, Thomas E., 2Lt  
NAV Street, Benjamin B., 1Lt  
BOM Gordon, LeRoy V., 1Lt  
ENG Doran, Arnold S., T/Sgt  
RO Murray, Robert L., T/Sgt  
TG Milliff, Mike C., S/Sgt  
RWG Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt  
BT Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt  
LWG Kerr, Joseph, Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3002 *The Old Squaw***

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P Campbell, Claude W., 1Lt  
CP Miller, Arthur W., 2Lt  
NAV Ririe, George M., 2Lt  
BOM Boutelle, Winston E., 2Lt  
ENG Hernan, Howard E., T/Sgt  
RO Kraft, Harold A., T/Sgt  
RWG Bachert, Kurt W., S/Sgt  
BT Dioquardo, Fred J., Sgt  
TG Quick, George D., S/Sgt  
LWG Wilson, Benton, Sgt

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

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P Roller, Jack, Capt  
CP Tippet, Paul S., 2Lt  
NAV Henson, Walter C., 1Lt  
BOM Shoup, John R., Jr., 2Lt  
ENG Marcelonis, Joseph G., S/Sgt  
RO Williams, Lemuel T., T/Sgt  
TT Ketron, Frank M., S/Sgt  
BT Beringer, John L., Jr., S/Sgt  
TG Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt  
LWG Gonsalves, John D., Sgt  
PAS Towle, Col (8th A/F)

### **B-17F #42-3029 *Wallaroo***

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P Mattison, Robert L., 1Lt  
CP Case, Spencer F., 2Lt  
NAV Rich, David A., 1Lt  
BOM Shafer, John H., 1Lt  
ENG Green, Frederick J., T/Sgt  
RO Nordyke, Lloyd E., T/Sgt  
TG McEachern, David C., S/Sgt  
BT Schneider, James E., S/Sgt  
LWG Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt  
TT Vogel, George W., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #41-24565 *Idaho Potato Peeler***

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P Smith, Sanford T., Capt  
CP Farrell, Lawrence C., 2Lt  
NAV Summers, Thomas E., 1Lt  
BOM Dwyer, Robert P., 1Lt  
ENG Dougherty, John A., T/Sgt  
RO York, Robert F., T/Sgt  
LWG Adams, Ralph B., S/Sgt  
BT Tibbles, Russell F., S/Sgt  
TG Howard, Earl R., Sgt  
RWG Powell, Marvin F., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5482 *Cat-O-Nine Tails***

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P McClung, Guy H., 1Lt  
CP Pentz, Arthur H., 1Lt  
NAV Stettler, Donald G., 2Lt  
BOM Philpitt, Russell O., 1Lt  
ENG Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt  
BT Edwards, Hurd L., Sgt.  
RO Roberts, Raymond K., T/Sgt  
RWG Traban, James J., S/Sgt  
TG Piatek, Casimir P., S/Sgt  
LWG Ryan, Francis J., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17F #42-5390 *The Avenger***

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P	Palmer, Joseph F., Lt
CP	Sheldon, Robert M., Lt
NAV	Kieffer, Claude M., Lt
BOM	Collins, Harvie L., S/Sgt
ENG	Duffey, Elmer E., S/Sgt
RO	Gullage, Edmund, T/Sgt
LWG	Hornbacher, Norman E., Sgt
BT	Owen, Burl M., S/Sgt
TG	Hodges, Alva E., S/Sgt
RWG	Holder, Samuel A., S/Sgt
PHO	Stringer, James L., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29606 *Butch***

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P	Mack, David W., Lt
CP	Barhaug, Ragnar, Lt
NAV	Smith, Roland M., Lt
BOM	Cox, Charles J., Lt
ENG	Deitch, Daniel T., T/Sgt
LWG	Stewart, Carl C., S/Sgt
RO	Cicinelli, Salvatore J., S/Sgt
TG	Biernacki, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT	Peterson, Andrew C., S/Sgt
RWG	Spitzfaden, Robert E., Sgt
PHO	Kagey, Martin I., Jr., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5434 *Lady Luck***

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P	Griffin, Loyd D., Capt
CP	Swanson, Walter C., Lt
NAV	Preston, William M., Lt
BOM	Taylor, Robert L., Lt
ENG	Eason, William M., T/Sgt
RO	Schwartz, Vernon E., T/Sgt
TG	Swanson, Walter C., Lt
LWG	Edwards, Samuel L., S/Sgt
BT	Wiegand, Lynwood D., S/Sgt
RWG	Henderson, Paul E., S/Sgt
OBS	Schneiderman, Henry G., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5393 *Thumper Again***

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P	Van Wie, John A., Lt
CP	Walsh, James D., Lt
NAV	Blank, Paul, Lt
BOM	Rice, Bernard, Lt
ENG	Hlebasko, Albert, T/Sgt
BT	Morton, Eugene L., S/Sgt
RO	Noll, Robert W., T/Sgt
RWG	Spring, Benjamin F., S/Sgt
LWG	Swanson, Theodore G., S/Sgt
TG	Bridges, Robert C., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5468 Quinine-Bitter Dose**

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P	Stallings, George V., Jr., Lt
CP	Bradbury, Joseph E., Lt
NAV	Kelley, James F., Lt
BOM	Kulesa, Frank E., Lt
ENG	Watson, James A., T/Sgt
LWG	Yattaw, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO	Jones, Dick W., S/Sgt
BT	Stevens, A.S., T/Sgt
TG	Stickler, John J., S/Sgt
RWG	Klasnick, Joseph S., S/Sgt
OBS	Hlastala, Michael S., T/Sgt

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17F #42-3158 *Max***

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P	Broussard, Edward J., Jr., Capt
CP	LeFevre, William G., Lt
NAV	Herman, Charles L., Lt
BOM	Rohrlich, Robert L., Lt
ENG	Smock, Edmund L., T/Sgt
RO	Karanson, William A., Jr., T/Sgt
BT	Storer, Charles R., S/Sgt
LWG	Jurosek, Bernard, S/Sgt
RWG	Koch, Vernon E., S/Sgt
TG	Coomes, Clarence S., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29944 *Winning Run***

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P	Shelhamer, David P., Jr., Lt
CP	Tucker, Frederick W., Lt
NAV	Kotz, Warren C., Lt
BOM	Lewis, William L, Lt
ENG	Willet, John K., S/Sgt
BT	Keaton, Joe J., S/Sgt
RO	Harvie, Warren L., T/Sgt
TG	Vateckas, Coster R., S/Sgt
LWG	Micek, John M., S/Sgt
RWG	Volz, Robert J., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-5392 *Stric Nine***

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P	Strickland, Alexander C., Lt
CP	Olsen, Curtis M., Lt
NAV	Hokans, Carl A., Lt
BOM	Lamme, Edwin G., Lt
ENG	Baart, James C., T/Sgt
BT	Peck, Raymond R., S/Sgt
RO	Martel, Albert E., Jr., T/Sgt
RWG	Strohsack, R.R., S/Sgt
TG	Sherg, Anthony W., S/Sgt
LWG	McGill, Edward E., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29955 *Mr. Five by Five***

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P	Pratt, James H., Lt
CP	Bowling, William A., Lt
NAV	Boner, Allen M., Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG	Scheuerer, Joseph E., Sgt
RO	Royar, Frederick J., S/Sgt
BT	Allen, Glen R., Sgt
TG	Johnston, Walter J., S/Sgt
LWG	Schilling, D.E., Sgt
RWG	Humphreys, Robert R., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3131 *Flak Wolf***

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P	Lipe, Fort W., Lt
CP	Rolfson, Jack G., Lt
NAV	Barnhill, Wilbur R., Lt
BOM	Hinds, Durward L., S/Sgt
ENG	Good, James K., T/Sgt
BT	Sink, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Brandfas, Dale F., T/Sgt
RWG	Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
LTG	Serpa, Joseph E., S/Sgt
RWG	Barron, Dante G., Sgt

### **B-17F #42-3124 *(No Name)***

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P	James, Jacob C., Lt
CP	Ness, Howard C., Lt
NAV	Scroggins, Paul W., Lt
BOM	Witt, Walter E., Lt
ENG	Means, Lucian W., Jr., T/Sgt
RWG	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
RO	Jessee, Jesse J., T/Sgt
LWG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt
BT	Kesky, Leonard A., S/Sgt
TG	Tripp, Jesse E., S/Sgt

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

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P	Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP	Shumake, Glynn F., Capt
NAV	Illgen, Frederick J., Lt
BOM	Smith, Abbott M., Jr., Lt
ENG	Zipfel, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Belk, Jack, S/Sgt
RO	Doughty, Edward J., T/Sgt
TG	Mackin, George T., Lt
RWG	Fleming, William W., S/Sgt
LWG	Hairr, Elwood F., S/Sgt
OBS	Stevens, Kermit D., LtCol