

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

<p>CREW POSITIONS</p> <p>CMP - Command Pilot P - Pilot CP - Co-Pilot NAV - Navigator ANV - Ass't. Navigator MNV - Mickey Navigator ENG - Engineer BOM - Bombardier RO - Radio Operator</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter OBS - Observer PAS - Passenger PHO - Photographer</p> <p>RESULTS OF MISSION</p> <p>KIA - Killed in action WIA - Wounded in action MIA - Missing in action POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
---	--	--	--

358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29571 *Charley Horse*

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*

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.*

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*)

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*

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*

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*

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, John D., S/Sgt
LWG Gonsalves, John D., Sgt
PAS Towle, Col (8th A/F)

B-17F #42-3029 *Wallaroo*

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*

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*

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*

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 #42-5434 *Lady Luck*

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 #42-29606 *Butch*

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 #42-5393 *Thumper Again*

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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-3158 *Max*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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)*

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*

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