

303rd BG(B) Combat Mission No. 46

28 June 1943

Ammo Dump west of Beaumont-Le Roger Airfield, France

Crews Dispatched: 18

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 15 x 300 lb H.E. M31 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 22,450 ft

Ammo Fired: 2,066 rounds

Beaumont-Le Roger Airdrome was today's target. It was located about 70 miles northwest of Paris. No aircraft aborted the mission. The Forts dropped 35 1/2 tons of 300-lb. M-31 bombs from 22,000 feet through a cloudless sky. All B-17s dropped their bombs well inside the target area. Great clouds of smoke rose where direct hits on the ammunitions and gasoline dumps caused tremendous explosions. The dispersal areas and airdrome buildings were leveled as a result of the excellent aim of the bombardiers.

Weather for the trip was perfect. Very little flak was seen. Only two enemy fighters were observed and they did not come in to attack. Spitfire IXs gave escort all the way to the target and on the return.

Crews were more than enthusiastic about the mission. Maj. **Hagenbuch** summed up the trip in his statement, "It was a wizard show. Everything was nearly perfect. We had one of those bomb runs that you dream about. The aiming point and the whole target area caught hell. We did see a couple of fighters, but they didn't want to play. **Yonkman** certainly let out a howl when our bombs hit that ammunition storage dump. They were right on the nose."

Capt. Jack **Roller** was making his last operational flight. He said, "To me, it was a lot of fun. I just sat there taking in the scenery and taking pictures. A swell show." 1Lt. Mel **Schulstad** was riding as the tail gunner observer in the lead ship. He stated, "A perfect pattern of bombs on the whole target."

One of the planes, *Stric Nine*, piloted by 1Lt. Jacob C. **James**, had to turn back because of engine failure. He got into another plane, took off again, and rejoined the formation in time to bomb the target with the rest of the Group. The story, as he told it, was, "We had trouble with the No. 3 engine. I tried to feather it, but it wouldn't work. Right then oil started spurting, so I pulled out of formation and came back to the field. We all jumped out and ran over to another plane that was all loaded and ready to go. This was about an hour after take-off, but we knew that if we hurried we could catch up with the rest at the rendezvous. We got up all right and started climbing. We were about 700 feet higher than the rest of the planes, so that when we did see them, we could dive right down into position. We arrived five minutes ahead of everyone. When they came along we dove into our former position in the formation and went along. We really wanted to get this one in. It looked too good to miss. Our bombing was perfect, so it came out all right."



Knockout Dropper #41-24605 (359BS) BN-R

103rd PBCW #2 Low (359BS) - Pilot Capt G.E. Hagenbuch / CoPilot Capt J. Roller

Capt G.E. Hagenbuch (P), Capt J. Roller (CP), 1Lt W.C. Henson (N).
Capt R.J. Yonkman (B), 1Lt L.M. Schulstad (TG-O)

T/Sgt R.A. Coykendall (E), S/Sgt L.R. Williams (R), S/Sgt R.F. Tibbles (BT),
S/Sgt M.F. Powell (WG), S/Sgt R.B. Adams (WG), S/Sgt A.L. Burnham (photo)

crewmembers are not in order

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

<u>Hagenbuch-Roller</u>				
605				
	<u>Campbell</u>		<u>Cline</u>	
	565		640	
		<u>Nix</u>		
		257		
	<u>Van Wie</u>		<u>Mattison</u>	
	260		177	
	<u>Timken</u>		<u>Southworth</u>	
	664		619	
<u>Swaffer</u>		<u>Lemmon</u>		<u>Cote</u>
360		571		944
	<u>O'Conner</u>		<u>Lipe</u>	
	792		131	
			<u>Broussard</u>	
			341	
<u>Casello</u>		<u>Thompson</u>		<u>James</u>
483		791		392
				<u>Shelhamer</u>
				955

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 #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 #42-5360 *Old Faithful*

P Swaffer, Calvin A., 1Lt
CP Johnston, John R., 1Lt
NAV Karraker, William H., 2Lt
NG Zioance, John C., S/Sgt
ENG Lopez, Rudolph S., T/Sgt
RWG Mills, James E., S/Sgt
RO Matthews, James O., T/Sgt
BT Griffin, Edward W., S/Sgt
TG Moody, John F., S/Sgt
LWG Cobb, Edward N., 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 #42-5792 *The Mugger*

P O'Connor, Robert S., 2Lt
CP Manifold, Donovan B., 2Lt
NAV Halioris, Andrew N., F/O
BOM Sweet, William T., 2Lt
ENG Koenig, Bernard H., T/Sgt
LWG Goff, James P., S/Sgt
RO Hogue, Earl, T/Gt
BT Carroll, Albert V., S/Sgt
TG Sadler, James K., S/Sgt
RWG Martin, James C., S/Sgt
PAS White, James I., 1Lt

B-17F #42-29791 *Memphis Blues*

P Thompson, Frank H., 2Lt
CP Sumarlidason, Arni L., 2Lt
NAV McConnen, James R., 2Lt
BOM Thompson-Brundidge, Harry, Sgt.
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

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29640 *Old Ironsides*

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 York, Robert F., T/Sgt
TG Howard, Earl R., Sgt
RWG Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt
BT Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt
LWG Kerr, Joseph, Sgt
PAS Farrell, Lawrence C., 2Lt

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

P Hagenbuch, Glenn E., Maj
CP Roller, Jack, Capt
NAV Henson, Walter C., 1Lt
BOM Yonkman, Robert J., Capt
ENG Coykendall, Ralph A., T/Sgt
RO Williams, Lemuel T., T/Sgt
BT Tibbles, Russell F., S/Sgt
LWG Adams, Ralph B., S/Sgt
RWG Powell, Marvin F., Sgt
TG Schulstad, Louis M., 1Lt
PHO Burnham, Arthur L., S/Sgt

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

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 McCauley, Patrick N., Sgt
TG Quick, George D., S/Sgt
LWG Wilson, Benton, Sgt

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

P Nix, James S., 1Lt
CP Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt
NAV Stettler, Donald G., 2Lt
BOM Cargill, William D., 1Lt
ENG Zaorski, Roman R., T/Sgt
RWG Traban, James J., S/Sgt
RO Terry, Charles R., T/Sgt
TG Stephen, Willard W., S/Sgt
BT Mulgrew, William C., S/Sgt
LWG Fortunak, Richard C., S/Sgt
PAS Newell, Robert H., Capt

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

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 McEachen, David C., S/Sgt
BT Schneider, James E., S/Sgt
LWG Rettinhouse, Robert A., S/Sgt
TT Vogel, George W., S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5483 *Red Ass*

P Casello, John J., Lt
CP Huguenin, Wesley V., Lt
NAV Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM Fawcett, Jack B., Lt
ENG Carnathan, Hugh S., T/Sgt
RWG Gray, Johnnie E., S/Sgt
RO Calco, Anthony, T/Sgt
LWG Frost, Carlyle A., S/Sgt
BT Ponder, Truly S., S/Sgt
TG Stout, Otis T., S/Sgt
PHO Kagey, Martin I., Jr., S/Sgt

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

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 Kelly, Thomas F., T/Sgt
TG Bridges, Robert C., S/Sgt

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5341 *Vicious Virgin*

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., T/Sgt
BT	Storer, Charles R., S/Sgt
LWG	Jurosek, Bernard, S/Sgt
RWG	Koch, Vernon E., S/Sgt
TG	Bourdon, Louis F., S/Sgt

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

P	Southworth, Billy B., Jr., Capt
CP	Barker, John C., Lt
NAV	Illgen, Frederick J., Lt
BOM	Peterson, Richard W., Lt
ENG	Zipfel, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Johnson, Otto D., S/Sgt
RO	Ashworth, George W., T/Sgt
TG	Bednarchuk, Antonio, S/Sgt
RWG	Fleming, William W., S/Sgt
LWG	Bryant, Carson, S/Sgt
OBS	Dubell, Richard P., Lt

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

P	Lipe, Fort W., Lt
CP	Rolfson, Jack G., Lt
NAV	Smith, Abbott M., 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
LG	Hairr, Elwood F., S/Sgt
TG	Serpa, Joseph E., S/Sgt
RWG	Barron, Dante G., Sgt

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

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

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

P	Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV	Barnhill, Wilbur R, Lt
BOM	Hull, John W., Lt
ENG	Arter, John R., T/Sgt
BT	May, Cecil M., S/Sgt
RO	Reaves, Vaughan, T/Sgt
TG	Gunsauls, Paul, S/Sgt
LWG	Micek, John M., S/Sgt
RWG	Cooney, Robert M., S/Sgt

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

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	Hamilton, A.J., S/Sgt
LWG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt
BT	Keaton, Joe J., S/Sgt
TG	Tripp, Jesse E., S/Sgt