

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 58

15 August 1943

Target: Poix & Amiens / Gilsy Airdromes, France

Crews Dispatched: 20

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 10 minutes

Bomb Load: 24 x 100 lb H.E. M43 bombs

Bombing Altitude: 24,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,779 rounds

All aircraft carried twenty-four 100-lb. G.P. bombs for this trip. At the bomb release line, the bomb racks hung up in the lead ship so no bombs were dropped on the Poix airdrome. The formation made an "S" turn to the left, keeping the bomb bay doors open and made an excellent run on the Amiens airdrome with good results. Meager to moderate intense and accurate flak was encountered in the target area. No enemy fighters were seen and the Spitfire escort was excellent, as planned. There were no aborted missions.

Group Air Executive Officer, Maj. **Lyle**, remarked, "Didn't see a fighter, but by gosh, they had nerve enough to throw some flak up at us over the target. It was a milk run you dream about."

Lt. Arthur **Way**, pilot of the 360th *Shangrila Lil* said, "Nothing to it. We didn't see anything but those Spitfires and I'll look at them any day." Lt. James (Ford) **Kelley**, navigator of Capt. **Stalling's Alley Oop** 360th BS added, "We bombed the hell out of the airdrome at Amiens and saw no fighters. Just a ride for the flying time."

The 303rd BG(H) bombers landed at the same time the RAF was going overhead to carry on the round-the-clock bombing of Germany. All aircraft returned safely with no casualties.

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Lyle</u> 931		
	<u>Way</u> 754		<u>Bradbury</u> 434	
		<u>Stallings</u> 854		
	<u>Cogswell</u> 973		<u>Baker</u> 260	
	<u>Strickland</u> 341			<u>Nix</u> 635
<u>Olsen</u> 158		<u>Cardwell</u> 131	<u>Reeder</u> 561	<u>Manning</u> 029
	<u>Cote</u> 221			<u>Mattison</u> 605
<u>Johnston</u> 064		<u>Shelhamer</u> 081	<u>Gamble</u> 524	<u>Loughnan</u> 482
	<u>Monahan</u> 577			<u>Hendry</u> 664

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 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 #42-29664 Jersey Bounce, Jr.

P Hendry, John W., Jr., 1Lt
CP Wise, Calder L., 2Lt
NAV McNamara, Bernard T., 2Lt
BOM Webster, Richard E., 2Lt
ENG Biddle, Loran C., T/Sgt
LWG Doherty, John J., S/Sgt
RO Brown, James J., T/Sgt
BT Hargrave, Alfred J., Sgt
TG Abney, Howard L., S/Sgt
RWG Arasin, John C., S/Sgt

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

P Monahan, William J., 1Lt
CP Clark, Martin L., 2Lt
NAV Maher, William P., 2Lt
BOM Hargrove, Walter, 2Lt
ENG Ignaczewski, Marion D., S/Sgt
RWG Gasser, Walter, S/Sgt
RO Kimotek, Frank, S/Sgt
BT Buinicky, Alfred R., S/Sgt
TG Miller, David, S/Sgt
LWG Comer, James H., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29524 Meat Hound

P Gamble, Donald, 1Lt
CP Kyse, Walter R., 2Lt
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 Schmeltzer, Charles S., Sgt

B-17F #42-3064 Star Dust

CP Johnston, John R., 1Lt
CP Lake, Lester A., Jr., 2Lt
NAV Karraker, William H., 2Lt
BOM Sweet, William D., 2Lt
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 P., S/Sgt
LWG Cobb, Edward N., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Loughnan, Victor J., 1Lt
CP Gredvig, Winfield H., 2Lt
NAV Maxwell, James L., 2Lt
BOM Robinson, John M., 2Lt
ENG High, Eugene W., T/Sgt
LWG Knorpp, Billy F., S/Sgt
RO Daley, Russell M., T/Sgt
BT McGee, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
RWG Barr, Gordon E., S/Sgt
TG McConaghy, Leo R., S/Sgt

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

P Reeder, D.M., 1Lt
CP McLean, Ralph C., 2Lt
NAV Salk, Harvey M., 2Lt
BOM Vermillion, Earl E., 2Lt
ENG Herod, Henry W., T/Sgt
LWG Hayes, James J., S/Sgt
RO Mowery, Ellis D., T/Sgt
RWG Hull, Kenneth W., S/Sgt
BT Wright, Samuel S., S/Sgt
TG Swan, Henry, S/Sgt
PHO Piatek, Casimir P., S/Sgt

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

P Nix, James S., 1Lt
CP McClung, Guy H., 1Lt
NAV Jacobsen, Norman N., 1Lt
BOM Yonkman, Robert J., Capt
ENG Doran, Arnold S., T/Sgt
LWG Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt
RO McGee, Paul P., S/Sgt
BT Joubert, Francis M., S/Sgt
TG Powell, Marvin F., S/Sgt
RWG Kerr, Joseph, S/Sgt
PHO Gordon, LeRoy V., 1Lt

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

P Mattison, Robert L., 1Lt
CP Kalhoefer, Herbert E., Capt
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 Case, Spencer F., 1Lt
TT Vogel, George W., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-3029 *Wallaroo*

P Manning, John P., 2Lt
CP Blossom, George H., 2Lt
NAV Antman, Jack, 2Lt
BOM Pullman, Edward J., 2Lt
ENG Keesling, George R., T/Sgt
RWG Kolling, Arthur J., S/Sgt
RO Fitzsimmons, Kenneth P., T/Sgt
LWG Santella, Albert G., S/Sgt
BT Traylor, Lloyd S., Jr., S/Sgt
TG Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt
PHO Ryan, Francis J., T/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Baker, William T., 1Lt
CP	Gahimer, Loyd D., 2Lt
NAV	McLane, Joseph T., 2Lt
BOM	Fleming, George J., Lt
ENG	Fielder, Neal F., T/Sgt
RWG	Bowman, Vergil E., S/Sgt
RO	Crowder, Gayther B., T/Sgt
BT	Dioquardo, Fred J., Sgt
LWG	Borrer, Norwood D., S/Sgt
TG	Bacon, Charlie M., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-5854 *Alley Oop*

P	Stallings, George V., Jr., Capt
CP	Shayler, Walter K., Capt
NAV	Kelley, James F., Lt
BOM	Kulesa, Frank E., Lt
ENG	Watson, James A., T/Sgt
RWG	Yattaw, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO	Kistulentz, Paul, T/Sgt
BT	Ayres, Arthur B., S/Sgt
TG	Stickler, John J., S/Sgt
LWG	Levin, Meyer, T/Sgt
OBS	Ward, Robert C., Lt

B-17F #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop*

P	Lyle, Lewis E., Maj
CP	Lacey, J.K., Col
NAV	Wright, Howard R., Lt
BOM	Fawcett, Jack B., Lt
ENG	Doss, Carroll P., T/Sgt
LWG	Compo, Anthony, S/Sgt
RO	Morrison, Eugene D., T/Sgt
BT	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt
RWG	Jameson, Jimmie E., S/Sgt
TG	Garvey, John L., Lt
OBS	Villarreal, Rodolfo A., S/Sgt
OBS	Clifton, David S., Capt

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

P	Bradbury, Joseph E., 1Lt
CP	Fyler, Carl J., 1Lt
NAV	Molnar, George 2Lt
BOM	Gibson, Steve M., 2Lt
ENG	Addison, Bill J., T/Sgt
RWG	Fisher, George C., S/Sgt
RO	Jillson, John S., S/Sgt
BT	Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt
LWG	Oxendine, Simeon, Sgt
TG	Kelly, Thomas F., T/Sgt

B-17F #42-29754 *Shangrila Lil*

P	Way, Arthur C., Lt
CP	Jokerst, Leonard E., Lt
NAV	Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM	DeFeis, Robert N., Lt
ENG	Serwa, Alphonse B., T/Sgt
RWG	Stephens, William H., S/Sgt
RO	Cline, Leroy, T/Sgt
BT	Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt
LWG	Wilson, George W., S/Sgt
TG	Appleton, Vernon R., S/Sgt
OBS	Bergeron, Willard H., Lt

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

P	Cogswell, Robert W., Lt
CP	DeWall, Hershel R., Lt
NAV	Kennedy, John D., Lt
BOM	Currie, Herman C., Lt
ENG	Bengston, Gilbert E., T/Sgt
RWG	Etheredge, Alvin, S/Sgt
RO	Deerfield, Eddie, S/Sgt
BT	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt
LWG	Brundage, Augustus V., S/Sgt
TG	Timm, Harold R., S/Sgt
OBS	Sherer, H.A., Maj

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-5221 *Son*

P	Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV	Herman, Charles L., Lt
BOM	Hull, John W., Lt
ENG	Arter, John R., T/Sgt
BT	May, Cecil M., S/Sgt
RO	Reaves, Vaughan, T/Sgt
TG	Humphreys, Robert R., S/Sgt
LWG	Micek, John M., S/Sgt
RWG	Keaton, Joe J., S/Sgt
PHO	Kagey, Martin I., Jr., Sgt

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

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

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

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	Garrett, Frank O., Sgt
RO	Harvie, Warren L., T/Sgt
TG	Abernathy, Paul W., S/Sgt
LWG	Barlow, Elmer O., T/Sgt
RWG	Volz, Robert J., S/Sgt
PHO	Luman, Morton, Sgt

B-17 #42-3131 *Flak Wolf*

P	Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
CP	Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
NAV	Noblin, John D., Lt
BOM	Smith, Abbott M., Jr., Lt
ENG	Scheuerer, Joseph J., S/Sgt
BT	Sink, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Ashworth, George W., S/Sgt
RWG	Barron, Dante G., S/Sgt
TG	Arnold, Robert W., S/Sgt
LWG	Schilling, D.E., S/Sgt
OBS	Lewis, Charles R., Capt

B-17F #42-3158 *Max*

P	Olsen, Curtis M., Lt
CP	Ness, Howard C., Lt
NAV	Brown, Elmer L., Lt
BOM	Witt, Walter E., Lt
ENG	Johnson, Otto D., S/Sgt
BT	Longo, Angelo L., Sgt
RO	Hamilton, A.J., S/Sgt
RWG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt
LWG	Kesky, Leonard A., S/Sgt
TG	Tripp, Jesse E., Sgt
OBS	Swartz, ??, Lt