

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 60

17 August 1943

Target: V.K.F. Ball Bearing Works #1, Schweinfurt, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 30

Crews Lost: S/Sgt. L.A. Kesky (KIA), 1Lt. L.E. McCord (WIA),  
3 others wounded

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 55 min. (303), 6 hours, 15 min. (Comp)

Bomb Load: 16 x 250 lb British incendiary bombs

Bombing Altitudes: 20,000 ft (303), 22,000 ft (Composite)

Ammo Fired: 98,090 rounds (303), 48,060 rounds (Composite)

Enemy Aircraft Claims: 15 destroyed, 14 probable, 6 damaged (303rd) 18  
destroyed, 7 probable (Composite)

**M**ission No. 60 for the 303rd BG(H), 8th Air Force Mission No. 84, was unforgettable. In March 1943 General **Arnold** suggested a mission against German ball-bearing plants. The "Casablanca Directive" of 21 January 1943 listed priority targets in the air offensive against Germany and was further modified by American and British experts. First on this list was the aircraft industry (both airframes and engines) and second was ball-bearing manufacturers. It was believed that destruction of ball-bearing production would cause an insurmountable bottleneck in German industry. During this planning period, the 8th Air Force Bomber and Fighter Group strength had been expanded and the planners felt that a mission against Schweinfurt was practical, despite the long distance to the target. The 8th Air Force mission plan was complex and required close timing.

The 1st Air Task Force, led by Col. Curtis **LeMay** of the 4th Bomb Wing, consisted of 146 aircraft divided into three Combat Wings which took off at three minute intervals between Wings.

Wing	Lead Group	Low Group	High Group
403CW (60)	96 BG (21)	388BG (21)	390BG (20)
401CW (42)	94BG (21)	385BG (21)	
402CW (42)	95BG (21)	100BG (21)	

The 1st Air Task Force was to take off first, going to Regensburg to bomb the Messerschmitt aircraft factory that was producing BF-109Gs (approximately 25 to 30% of German single-engine aircraft production). They would then proceed to bases in North Africa. It was hoped that this task force would lure German fighters away from the 1st Air Division mission to Schweinfurt.

The 1st Bomb Division was led by B/Gen Robert **Williams**. The 2nd Air Task Force, led by Col. William M. **Gross**, consisted of 116 aircraft divided into two Combat Wings, which took off at five minute intervals between Wings.

Wing	Lead Group	Low Group	High Group
101CW (57)	91BG (18)	381BG (20)	Composite A (19)
Composite (59)	351BG (21)	384BG (18)	Composite B (20)
	A - 306BG (7), 91BG (6), 381BG (6)		
	B - 306BG (9), 305BG (9), 92BG (2)		

The 3rd Air Task Force, led by Col. Howard M. **Turner**, consisted of 114 aircraft divided into two Combat Wings, which took off at five minute intervals between Wings. There were twelve minute intervals between Task Forces.

<b>Wing</b>	<b>Lead Group</b>	<b>Low Group</b>	<b>High Group</b>
102CW (61)	306BG (21)	92BG (20)	305BG (20)
103PBCW (53)	379BG (18)	303BG (18)	Composite C (17)
	C - 303BG (10), 379BG (6), 384BG (1)		

The 2nd and 3rd Task Forces of the 1st Air Division were scheduled to take off shortly after the 1st Air Task Force and bomb the ball-bearing factories at Schweinfurt. The 386BG(M), 387BG(M) and 323BG(M) were scheduled to dispatch 108 B-26s to bomb airfields at Bryas/Sub and Poix/Nord as a diversion mission.

### **Fighter Coverage:**

The 4FG, 56FG, 78FG and 353FG were scheduled to dispatch 240 P-47s to protect the bomber stream on the inbound journey. RAF Squadrons would provide 96 Spitfires for "penetrations support." On the return journey the 56FG and 353FG would provide 93 P-47s and eight RAF Squadrons would provide 85 Spitfires for "withdrawal support."

With the VIII Bomber Command's planning complete and Group briefings over, take-off time approached. Very bad weather over the American bomber Bases was the one factor that couldn't be predicted with certainty in advance. Planning called for the 1st Air Task Force of 146 B-17s to take off first, followed ten minutes later by the 1st Air Division force of 230 B-17s. Both would fly identical courses out of England and deep into Germany. It was hoped that most of the German fighters would try to stop the leading task force on the way in with the expectation of beating them up on the way back. Gen. **LeMay's** force, however, would not do the expected but would fly on to North Africa. While the Luftwaffe was on the ground refueling, Gen. **Williams'** 1st Bomb Wing would suddenly turn off to the east, bomb Schweinfurt and then quickly head for home with little fighter opposition.

Col. **LeMay's** seven Groups had been specially trained on instrument take-offs and were able to take off on schedule, fly through the overcast and clouds, assemble and head for Germany. **Williams'** 1st Bomb Wing, not as well trained in instrument take-offs, decided to sit on the ground for one-and-one-half hours waiting for the fog to lift. The plan for mission deception was then lost. Each task force was on its own to be subjected to full German fighter attacks.

### **The 303rd Bombardment Group (H) Effort:**

Thirty 303rd BG(H) B-17s were dispatched to bomb Schweinfurt. One aircraft, #41-24565, *Idaho Potato Peeler* 359BS (**Manning**), failed to take off due to a burned-out tube leaving 29 aircraft airborne. Another, #42-5257 *Miss Bea Haven* 359BS (**Brown**), turned back at the English coast with a leaking ball turret oxygen regulator. When nearing Antwerp #42-29635 *Augerhead* 358BS (**Thompson**), had its No. 3 engine knocked out by anti-aircraft fire. Lt. **Thompson** then turned back and jettisoned his bombs just off the French coast. He flew back to England and crash-landed at Sutton-Herth.

The 303rd BG(H) formation was led by Maj. Kirk R. **Mitchell** and Col. **Stevens** in #42-3192 (*No Name*). They had no problem in reaching their 20,000 ft. bombing altitude before reaching the enemy coast. Almost in the middle of the bomb run the lead ship bombardier, 1Lt. Lawrence E. **McCord** was seriously hit by flak. He was not able to finish sighting. The navigator, 1Lt. Richard E. **McElwain** salvoed the bombs a little late. The assistant navigator, 2Lt. Dwight M. **Curo** administered first aid to the bombardier. After bombing, engineer T/Sgt. Frank G. **Krajacic** hand-cranked the bomb bay doors when the electric controls malfunctioned. The flak was chiefly of the tracking type and was seen intermittently throughout the route. Over the target flak was meager, but generally accurate. Fighters hit the formation just after the escorting P-47s left and made intermittent attacks until leaving the enemy coast. Approximately 75 single-engine and 25 twin-engine fighters were seen.



S/Sgt Leonard A. Kesky

S/Sgt. L.A. **Kesky**, right waist gunner of Lt. **Olsen's** crew on #42-3131 *Flak Wolf*, was killed and is buried in the Cambridge American Cemetery in England. Three other men were wounded. S/Sgt. C.M. **Bacon** 360th BS tail gunner in *Yardbird II* was wounded by gunfire. A shot hit him in the shoulder, coming in the back and out the front. S/Sgt. D.G. **Barron**, tail gunner on the 427th BS ship *Son* piloted by Lt. **Shelhamer** suffered a deep flesh wound in his right thigh. Bleeding, he stayed at his post and shot down a JU-88. The crew strongly praised his heroic stand. T/Sgt. E.O. **Barlow**, right waist gunner on *Son* had a badly shattered left arm and elbow. S/Sgts **Bacon** and **Barron** were awarded the Silver Star Medal for their heroic actions in manning their guns despite their wounds.

Major Lewis E. **Lyle**, 303rd BG(H) Air Executive Officer, led the composite Group of ten 303rd BG(H) B-17s with six from the 379th BG and one from the 384th BG. He flew as pilot in #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop* 360th BS, with Capt. D.S. **Clifton** as co-pilot. The composite Group formed with the 102nd Provisional Combat Wing and climbed to its assigned 21,000 ft. altitude. Flak was meager but accurate over the target area. Enemy fighters hit the composite Group, which was flying high on the main 303rd BG(H) Group formation a short time after passing over the enemy coast. They shot down four aircraft of the 379th BG(H), which was flying as the high Squadron, on their first attack. Three of the four ships shot down left the formation when they were unable to fly formation on three engines. The other aircraft of the high Squadron peeled off and joined the lead Group. During this first fighter attack, the No. 3 engine on Maj. **Lyle's** lead ship was knocked out. He didn't feather the engine but allowed the props to spin. He then completed the mission on three engines and had no exceptional trouble with the other overworked engines. The bomb run was reported as perfect, but the formation speed was reduced to 150 mph due to Maj. **Lyle's** No. 3 engine malfunction. He landed *Satan's Workshop* with the right tire flat with no difficulty. Fighter support met the formation as scheduled and provided excellent cover. Four of the six 526BS/379BG B-17s, flying in the high Squadron of Maj. **Lyle's** composite Group, were shot down by FW-190s who made a head-on attack before reaching the target.

Major **Mitchell**, pilot of the lead aircraft in the main 303rd BG(H) formation, summed up the mission: "I am not making any excuses for that one. We really knocked holy hell out of the place. The target was visible for about 20 miles and despite the fact that my bombardier [1Lt. Lawrence **McCord**] was hit by flak while sighting on the bomb run, we made them know it. 'Pip Squeak' [1Lt. **McElwain**], my navigator, took over and dropped the bombs for Mac. There was a smoke screen, but it wasn't very effective. We saw something I never saw before. Every time I looked down, I saw a fighter burning on the ground. There were well over 100 knocked down, I'll bet. They were dropping like flies."

Lt. **McElwain**, when questioned concerning the bombing, added, "It was okay, I guess. I had to do the bombing. Poor Mac was in pretty bad shape and after I threw the bombs, I went back to help take care of him." Lt. Col. Kermit **Stevens**, Group Commander, said, "Been on some pretty rough ones, but I guess this tops 'em. It was worse than trying to watch Barnum and Bailey's three-ring circus, there was so much action."

Maj. Lewis **Lyle**, commanding the composite 303rd/379th Group remarked, "I won't say it was the roughest, but it was more action than I have ever seen before. Those P-47s that came way in to meet us certainly made a lot of difference." Maj. **Lyle** was flying his 29th mission.

T/Sgt. Martin **Kagey**, official Group photographer in *Satan's Workshop* and the only 8th Air Force photographer to have completed 25 missions remarked, "I'm certainly glad to be through. We hit the only open spot in town. It was a great show. Those Germans were even sending up training planes after us." S/Sgt. Otto D. **Johnson**, top turret gunner on the *Flak Wolf* also finishing 25 missions said, "At least I ended up by shooting up two fighters. Our Squadron got plenty of attacks but we bombed and got back - that's what counts." S/Sgt. Jimmy **Toy**, *Sky Wolf's* tail gunner, another man finishing 25 missions, added, "Today is the first time that I have had any real fun. I fired a lot of ammunition and shot down four fighters, although I'm only claiming three because I saw them hit the ground and not the fourth. They were coming on us on-and-off for two-and-one-half hours. I'm certainly happy to be finished." 2Lt. William H. **Karraker**, flying in the 358th BS *Star Dust*, said, "If Hollywood with all of their props tried to put on a better show, they couldn't have. I saw everything today. Wonderful bombing and lots of action." 1Lt. Claude **Campbell**, pilot of *Old Squaw* explained that things were a little bit different at Molesworth. Other Groups lost a lot of B-17s, but for some reason, there were no 303rd BG(H) B-17 losses.

Other crewmen voicing an opinion on the mission included 1Lt. Jack C. **Timken**, pilot of the 358th BS *Sky Wolf*, who finished his 25th mission and said, "There was a big air battle going on. I saw my first enemy plane go down and there were plenty of them going down. It wasn't any rougher than the Ruhr for me, thank God." Capt. Kenneth W. **Davey**, a gunnery officer flying as tail gunner and observer on *Satan's Workshop* said, "Those fighters were just coming in and coming in. I thought that they would never stop. For a while I really thought that we had it. When they knocked out one of our motors I started looking for my parachute, but we kept right on going and I kept on shooting." *Satan's Workshop* navigator, 1Lt. Nathan **Rosenblum** voiced one of the most expressive battle descriptions: "Gulp."

## **Aftermath:**

The "Double Strike" Schweinfurt/Regensburg mission proved to be the greatest air battle yet staged over the European continent. It also marked the first anniversary of daylight precision bombing from bases in England. The air battle brought practically every type of plane in use by the Luftwaffe into the sky: FW-190s, ME-109s, ME-110s and JU-88s. Some trainer planes were also used.

Of the 230 B-17s on the Schweinfurt target mission, 183 attacked Schweinfurt, 1 attacked Frankfurt and 4 attacked targets of opportunity. Thirty-six B-17s were lost. The casualties included 3 crewmen killed in action, 12 wounded in action and 353 missing in action. There were 148 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed, 18 probables and 63 damaged.

Of the 146 B-17s on the Regensburg target mission, 126 attacked Regensburg and 1 bombed a target of opportunity. Twenty-four B-17s were lost. The casualties included 4 crewmen killed in action, 9 wounded in action and 200 missing in action of which two crews (20 men) also interned after landing in Switzerland. There were 140 enemy aircraft claimed destroyed, 19 probables and 36 damaged.

The total of 552 missing in action reports included 102 killed in action, 381 prisoners of war, 39 evaders, 20 interned in Switzerland and 60 rescued after their B-17 ditched in the English Channel on the return trip.

The fighter escort flew 456 sorties with 5 aircraft lost and 38 enemy aircraft destroyed. The diversionary force flew 499 sorties with 2 aircraft lost and 1 enemy aircraft destroyed.

In all, 67 aircraft were lost. An estimated 11 other B-17s were so badly damaged that they were written off.

Post-war German records revealed that the B-17 gunners' claims for 288 aircraft destroyed was highly exaggerated. Losses, as recorded by the Germans, were 21 shot down, an additional 21 shot down by USAAF and RAF fighters and five on take-off and landing accidents for a total of 47. Sixteen German crewmen were killed and nine wounded.

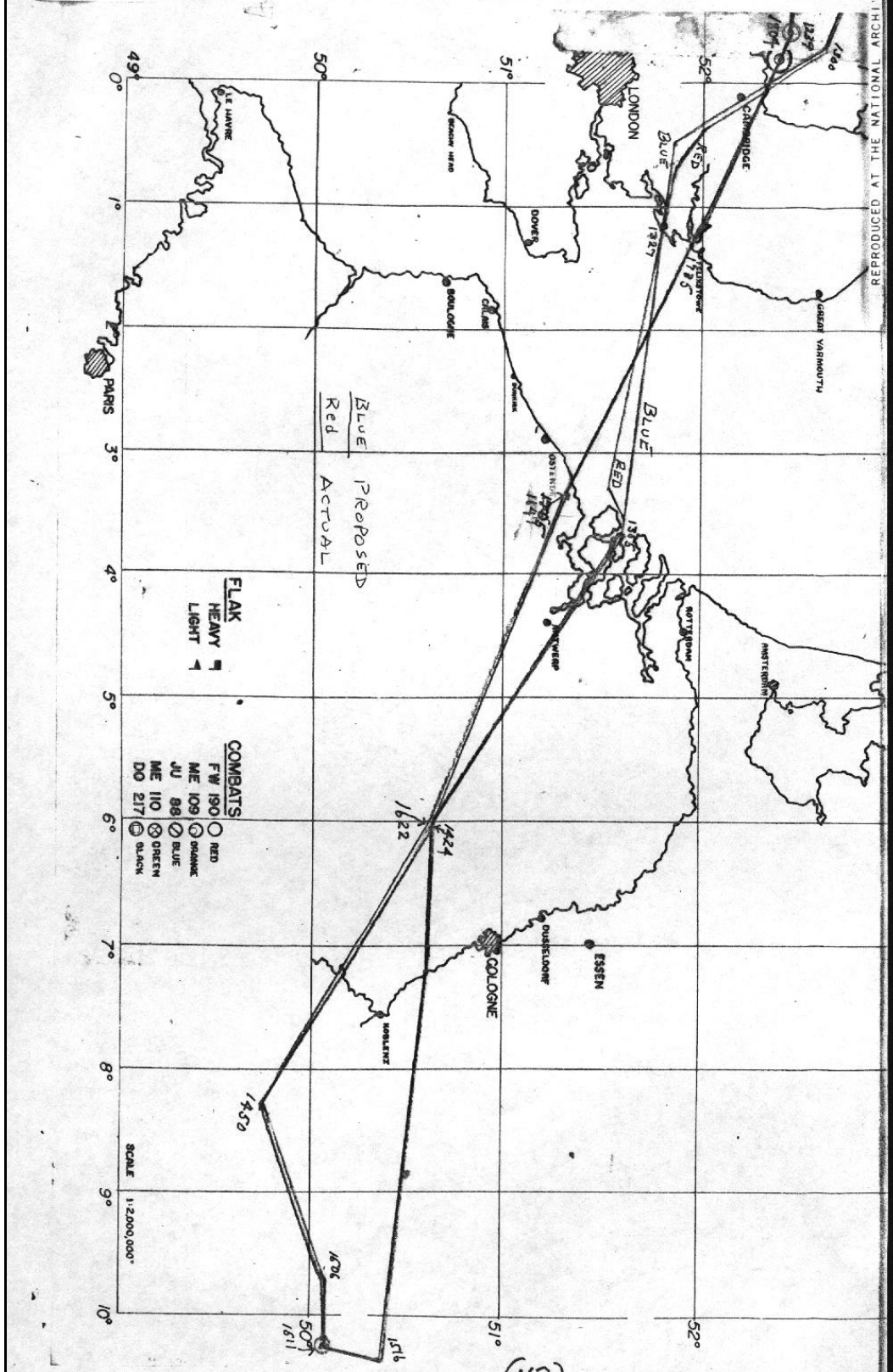
### **Crew Reports of Enemy Aircraft Destroyed or Damaged**

S/Sgt. R.R. Humphreys (158)	ME-110	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. Richard G. Scharch (002)	ME-109	Destroyed
T/Sgt. Clyde E. Wagner (002)	ME-110	Destroyed
T/Sgt. Clyde E. Wagner (002)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/St. James E. Toy (562)	ME-110	Destroyed
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S/St. James E. Toy (562)	FW-190	Destroyed
Sgt. Wilmer G. Raesley (562)	ME-110	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. Bill A. Gilbert (002)	ME-110	Destroyed
T/Sgt. Leland M. Knuth (562)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. V.E. Bowman (260)	ME-110	Destroyed
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T/Sgt. Morris Tepper (754)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. E.F. Williams (754)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. R.H. Yattaw (854)	ME-109	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. J.J. Stickler (854)	ME-109	Destroyed
S/Sgt. A. Etheredge (973)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. P.J. Davis (973)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. A.V. Brundage (973)	ME-109	Destroyed
Lt. R.N. DeFeis (434)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. F.J. Dioquardo (260)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. F.J. Dioquardo (260)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. R.D. Ford (393)	ME-110	Destroyed
Capt. K.W. Davey (931)	ME-110	Damaged
T/Sgt. N.F. Fielder (260)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. N.D. Borrer (260)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. W.E. Martin (416)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. James H. Comer (577)	FW-190	Destroyed
T/Sgt. William T. Hembree (577)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. Walter Gasser (577)	FW-190	Possible destroyed
T/Sgt. Loran C. Biddle (524)	ME-110	Destroyed
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S/Sgt. Howard L. Abney (524)	ME-110	Destroyed
Sgt. Alfred J. Hargrave (524)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. Frank M. Mathews (264)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. David Miller (577)	ME-110	Destroyed
Sgt. Edward N. Cobb (064)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. Edward W. Griffin (064)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. Edward W. Griffin (064)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. James E. Mills (064)	ME-110	Probable
S/Sgt. Frank Kimotek (577)	ME-110	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. K.L. McGee (482)	JU-88	Destroyed
S/Sgt. K.L. McGee (482)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. K.L. McGee (482)	ME-109	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. M.F. Powell (605)	FW-190	Destroyed
Sgt. H. Swan (561)	FW-190	Destroyed
Sgt. H. Swan (561)	JU-88	Destroyed
S/Sgt. L.R. McConaghy (482)	JU-88	Destroyed
Sgt. J.J. Hayes (561)	JU-88	Destroyed
Sgt. J.J. Hayes (561)	JU-88	Destroyed
2Lt. J.L. Maxwell (482)	JU-88	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. S.S. Wright (561)	ME-110	Possible destroyed
T/Sgt. F.J. Green (177)	FW-190	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. J.E. Tripp (131)	FW-190	Destroyed
Sgt. F.O. Garrett (221)	FW-190	Probable
T/Sgt. B. Barlow (587)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. R.M. Cooney (587)	ME-110	Destroyed
S/Sgt. R.M. Cooney (587)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. R.K. Sink (587)	FW-190	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. D.G. Barron (221)	JU-88	Possible destroyed
S/Sgt. R.R. Strohsack (341)	JU-88	Probable
S/Sgt. A.W. Sherg (341)	FW-190	Destroyed
S/Sgt. M.D. Miller (081)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. R.R. Peck (341)	FW-190	Destroyed
T/Sgt. D.W. Rice (081)	ME-110	Damaged
S/Sgt. O.D. Johnson (131)	ME-110	Destroyed

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Route Map

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## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

<b><u>Stevens-Mitchell</u></b> 192				
<b><u>Hendry</u></b> 524		<b><u>Monahan</u></b> 577		
<b><u>Lemmon</u></b> 664				
<b><u>Johnston</u></b> 064		<b><u>Sumarlidason</u></b> 264		
<b><u>Strickland</u></b> 341		<b><u>Nix</u></b> 605		
<b><u>Olsen</u></b> 131	<b><u>Hullar</u></b> 081		<b><u>Mattison</u></b> 177	<b><u>Brown</u></b> 257
<b><u>Shelhamer</u></b> 221		<b><u>Campbell</u></b> 846		
<b><u>Cote</u></b> 158	<b><u>Cardwell</u></b> 587	<b><u>Loughnan</u></b> 482	<b><u>Reeder</u></b> 561	

Two (2) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Brown in 257

Lt. Thompson in 635

### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<b><u>CREW POSITIONS</u></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><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></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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# 303rd Aircraft Which Flew in Composite Group With 379th BG (H)

		<u>Lyle-Clifton</u> 931		
	<u>Jokerst</u> 434		<u>Crockett</u> 754	
		<u>Stallings</u> 854		
	<u>Bradbury</u> 393		<u>Baker</u> 260	
	<u>Timken</u> 562			<u>379</u>
<u>Gamble</u> 002		<u>Thompson</u> 635	<u>379</u>	<u>379</u>
	<u>Cogswell</u> 973			<u>379</u>
<u>379</u>		<u>384</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>379</u>
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*T/Sgt Eddie Deerfield, Radio Operator on 360BS Robert W. Cogswell Crew, prepares for take-off in B-17F #42-2973 Iza Vailable on the 17 August 1943 mission to Schweinfurt.*

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### **B-17F #42-29524 *Meat Hound***

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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 #41-24562 *Sky Wolf***

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P	Timken, Jack C., 1Lt
CP	Shebeck, Daniel A., 2Lt
NAV	Chamberlain, William V., 2Lt
BOM	Solverson, Robert K., 2Lt
ENG	Knuth, Leland M., T/Sgt
LWG	Redhead, George R., S/Sgt
RO	Baxter, Jack, Sgt
BT	Toy, James E., S/Sgt
TG	Giassullo, Criscienzo N., S/Sgt
RWG	Raesley, Wilmer G., Sgt

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

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P	Monahan, William J., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Martin L., 2Lt
NAV	Maher, William P., 2Lt
BOM	Hargrove, Walter, 2Lt
ENG	Hembree, William T., T/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 #42-29664 *Jersey Bounce, Jr.***

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P	Lemmon, John V., 1Lt
CP	Harper, William B., 2Lt
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 #42-3002 *The Old Squaw***

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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	McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists Cont'd.

### **B-17F #42-5264 *Yankee Doodle Dandy***

P	Sumarladason, Arni L., 2Lt
CP	Benepe, Louis M., 1Lt
NAV	Haddock, Ralph M., 2Lt
BOM	Sager, Richard A., 2Lt
ENG	Backiel, Stanley J., T/Sgt
RWG	Stender, Francis H., S/Sgt
RO	Grimm, Richard C., S/Sgt
BT	Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt
LWG	Cassidy, Edward J., S/Sgt
TG	Buske, George W., S/Sgt

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

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

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### **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

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

P	Mitchell, Kirk R., Maj	
CP	Stevens, Kermit D., LtCol	
NAV	McElwain, Richard E., 1Lt	
NAV	Curo, Dwight M., 2Lt	
BOM	McCord, Lawrence E., 2Lt	WIA
ENG	Krajacic, Frank G., T/Sgt	
RWG	Gross, Joseph, S/Sgt	
RO	Brooke, Curtis O., T/Sgt	
BT	Perez, Frank F., S/Sgt	
TG	Schulstad, Louis M., Capt	
LWG	Buck, Fred W., S/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
RWG	Knorpp, Billy F., S/Sgt
RO	Daley, Russell M., T/Sgt
BT	McGee, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
LWG	Barr, Gordon E., S/Sgt
TG	McConaghy, Leo R., S/Sgt

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

P	Nix, James S., 1Lt
CP	Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 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	Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt
TG	Powell, Marvin F., S/Sgt
RWG	Kerr, Joseph, 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

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

P	Mattison, Robert L., 1Lt
CP	Case, Spencer F., 1Lt
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	Boling, Shuble A., Sgt
TT	Vogel, George W., S/Sgt

### **B-17F #42-29846 *(No Name)***

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, S/Sgt

### **B-17F #41-24416 *Black Diamond Express***

P	Ogilvie, D.P., 1Lt	(384th BG)
CP	Kilmer, R.B., 2Lt	"
NAV	Barkley, J.W., 2Lt	"
BOM	Wilson, W.H., 2Lt	"
ENG	Hood, E.A., T/Sgt	"
RO	Murray, J.R., T/Sgt	"
BT	McKeen, J.W., S/Sgt	"
LWG	Martin, W.E., S/Sgt	"
RWG	Ratkiewicz, L.L., S/Sgt	"
TG	Sylvia, L.R., Sgt	"

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

P	Brown, Malcolm E., 2Lt	
CP	Szelwian, Felix T., 2Lt	
NAV	Alloway, Hillard C., 2Lt	
BOM	Schreidell, Matthew, 2Lt	
ENG	Kress, Beryl W., T/Sgt	
RO	Cirello, Ralph T., T/Sgt	
LWG	Boucher, Henry C., S/Sgt	
BT	Wernet, Charles E., Sgt	
TG	Boggs, Calvin E., S/Sgt	
RWG	Wright, Malcolm, S/Sgt	
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### **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	WIA

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

P	Stallings, George V., Jr., Capt	
CP	Ward, Robert C., Lt	
NAV	Effinger, Lawrence E., 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	Villarreal, Rodolfo A., S/Sgt	

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

P	Jokerst, Leonard E., Lt	
CP	Bergeron, Willard H., Lt	
NB	DeFeis, Robert N., Lt	
NG	Sawicki, Joseph R., S/Sgt	
ENG	Serwa, Alphonse B., T/Sgt	
RWG	Stephen, 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	

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

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	
LWG	Fisher, George C., S/Sgt	
RO	Jillson, John S., S/Sgt	
BT	Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt	
RWG	Oxendine, Simeon, Sgt	
TG	Kelly, Thomas F., T/Sgt	

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

P	Cogswell, Robert W., Lt	
CP	DeWall, Hershel R., Lt	
NAV	Kennedy, John D., Lt	
BOM	Stamper, William B., M/Sgt	
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	

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

P	Crockett, George W., Jr., Lt	
CP	Barsam, Merian A., Jr., Lt	
NAV	Millner, Israel, Lt	
BOM	Cransie, William J., Lt	
ENG	Tepper, Morris, T/Sgt	
RWG	Homer, Eddie D., Sgt	
RO	Jaynes, Allen D., T/Sgt	
BT	Clarke, Benjamin, Jr., S/Sgt	
LWG	Williams, Eugene F., S/Sgt	
TG	Burke, James C., S/Sgt	

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

P	Lyle, Lewis E., Maj	
CP	Clifton, David S., 1Lt	
NAV	Rosenblum, Nathan J., Lt	
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	Davey, Kenneth W., Capt	
PHO	Kagey, Martin I., Jr., T/Sgt	

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

P	Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV	Colby, Bevan W., 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

### **B-17F #42-5221 *Son***

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	
RO	Harvie, Warren L., T/Sgt	
BT	Garrett, Frank O., Sgt	
TG	Barron, Dante G., S/Sgt	WIA
RWG	Barlow, Elmer O., T/Sgt	WIA
LWG	Volz, Robert J., S/Sgt	
PHO	Luman, Morton, S/Sgt	

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

P	Olsen, Curtis M., Lt	
CP	Ness, Howard C., Lt	
NAV	Doyle, Robert V., 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	KIA
TG	Tripp, Jesse E., Sgt	

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

P	Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
CP	Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
NAV	Noblin, John D., Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG	Barlow, Benjamin, T/Sgt
BT	Sink, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Mulholland, John J., T/Sgt
LWG	Cooney, Robert M., Sgt
TG	Arnold, Robert W., S/Sgt
RWG	Baggs, Charles C., S/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, Ralph 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	Hullar, Robert J., Lt
CP	Klint, Wilbur, Lt
NAV	Brown, Elmer L., Lt
BOM	McCormick, James E., Lt
ENG	Rice, Dale W., S/Sgt
LWG	Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt
BT	Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt
TG	Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt
RWG	Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt