

# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 63

24 August 1943

Target: Diversion Mission over North Sea

Crews Dispatched: 18

Length of Mission: 6 hours, 25 minutes

Bombing Altitude: 15,000 ft

Ammo Fired: 1,153 rounds

**F**or mission No. 63, the 103 PBCW flew its first "diversion mission." The diversion was in support of attacks on French airfields. The 101st and 102nd PBCWs of the 1st BW attacked the Villacoublay Airfield and B-17s of the 4th BW attacked the Conches and Evreux/Fauville Airfields.

The diversion mission was flown at 16,000 ft. The 103 PBCW formations carried no bombs. No flak or enemy aircraft were encountered. All 303rd BG (H) Fortresses returned safely with no casualties.

## Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Stallings</u> 260		
	<u>Cogswell</u> 973		<u>Crockett</u> 754	
		<u>Casello</u> 434		
	<u>Fyler</u> 605		<u>Jokerst</u> 483	
	<u>Campbell</u> 846			<u>Strickland</u> 341
<u>Manning</u> 561		<u>Phelps</u> 177		<u>Olsen</u> 081
	<u>Loughnan</u> 482			<u>Cardwell</u> 131
				<u>James</u> 619
<u>Clark</u> 571		<u>Brown</u> 257		<u>Shelhamer</u> 002

### 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 List

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

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P Clark, Elmo E., F/O  
CP DeCamp, Donald F., 2Lt  
NAV Haddock, Ralph M., 2Lt  
BOM Galbraith, Robert E., 2Lt  
ENG Hembree, William T., T/Sgt  
RO King, Robert E., Sgt  
RWG Doback, Charles R., S/Sgt  
BT Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt  
TG Jenkins, William H., S/Sgt  
LWG Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt

## 359th Bombardment Squadrons Crew Lists

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

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P Brown, Malcolm E., 2Lt  
CP Halpin, Robert H., F/O  
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

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

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P Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt  
CP Bolsover, Harold S., F/O  
NAV Karraker, William H., 2Lt  
BOM Gordon, LeRoy V., 1Lt  
ENG Doran, Arnold S., T/Sgt  
TT Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt  
RO McGee, Paul P., S/Sgt  
BT Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt  
TG Perryman, Jack L., Sgt  
LWG Kerr, Joseph, S/Sgt

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

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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 #41-24561 The Duchess**

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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 Mace, LeRoy L., Sgt  
TG Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt

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

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P Campbell, Claude W., 1Lt  
CP Miller, Arthur W., 2Lt  
NAV Ririe, George M., 1Lt  
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

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Stallings, George V., Jr., Capt
CP	Shayler, Walter K., Capt
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	Stevens, A.S., T/Sgt
TG	Ward, Robert C., Lt
LWG	Levin, Meyer, T/Sgt

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

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P	Crockett, George W., Jr., Lt
CP	Barsam, Merian A., Jr., Lt
NAV	Millner, Israel, Lt
BOM	Cramsie, 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 #42-2973 *Iza Vailable***

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P	Cogswell, Robert W., Lt
CP	DeWall, Hershel R., Lt
NAV	Cobb, Edward L., Lt
BOM	Kennedy, John D., Lt
ENG	Bengston, Gilbert E., T/Sgt
RWG	Etheredge, Alvin, S/Sgt
RO	Deerfield, Eddie, S/Sgt
BT	Davis, Paul J., S/Sgt
LWG	Peterson, Elmer L., Sgt
TG	Timm, Harold R., S/Sgt

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

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P	Fyler, Carl J., 1Lt
CP	Tippet, Paul S., Lt
NAV	Gibson, Steve M., 2Lt
NG	Stamper, William B., M/Sgt
ENG	Addison, Bill J., T/Sgt
LWG	Fisher, George C., S/Sgt
RO	Jillson, John S., S/Sgt
BT	Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt
TG	Kelly, Thomas F., T/Sgt
RWG	Stachowiak, Martin G., Sgt

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

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P	Casello, John J., Lt
CP	Huguenin, Wesley V., Lt
NAV	Molnar, George, 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

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

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P	Jokerst, Leonard E., Lt
CP	Bergeron, Willard H., Lt
NAV	Noland, James B., 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

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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P	Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV	McSween, William D., 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 #42-3002 *The Old Squaw***

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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
RO	Harvie, Warren L., T/Sgt
BT	Garrett, Frank O., Sgt
TG	Serpa, Joseph E., S/Sgt
RWG	Valis, William, Sgt
LWG	Volz, Robert J., S/Sgt

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

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P	Olsen, Curtis M., Lt
CP	Ashwell, Silas B., Lt
NAV	Doyle, Robert V., Lt
BOM	Reeder, John J., Lt
ENG	Walsh, Charles E., T/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt
RO	Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt
RWG	Watts, William A., S/Sgt
LWG	Priestly, Van B., Sgt
TG	Knight, Frederick B., Sgt

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

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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***

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P	Strickland, Alexander C., Lt
CP	Snyder, Edgar E., Jr., Maj
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
TG	Smith, Delvyn, S/Sgt
LWG	McGill, Edward E., S/Sgt
RWG	Baart, James C., T/Sgt

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

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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	Scheuerer, Joseph E., T/Sgt
BT	Allen, Glen R., S/Sgt
RO	Hamilton, A.J., S/Sgt
RWG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt
LWG	Schilling, D.E., S/Sgt
TG	Tripp, Jesse E., Sgt