# 303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 66

3 September 1943 Target: German A/F Aircraft Repair Depot, Romilly-Sur-Seine, France Crews Dispatched: 19 Length of Mission: 5 hours, 25 minutes Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb H.E. M-43 G.P. bombs Bombing Altitude: 22,000 ft Ammo Fired: 15,056 rounds Enemy Aircraft Claims: 1 Destroyed

ajor **Walter K. Shayler**, 360BS Commanding Officer again flew on the mission as co-pilot in Capt. **Stalling's** 360BS #42-5854 *Alley Oop.* 

Four aircraft were abortive:

#41-24587 Bad Check 427BS (Hullar) - supercharger failed.
#42-5221 Son 427BS (Cardwell) - No. 3 engine failed.
#42-5257 Miss Bea Haven 359BS (Brown) and #42-5434
Lady Luck 360BS (Cogswell) - Waist gunners became ill.



Major Walter K. Shayler

Major Kirk R. **Mitchell** proceeded to the target with his 15 remaining B-17s and dropped 45 tons of M-43 500-lb. bombs on the target from 22,000 ft. Weather was fair with two to five miles visibility and 8/10 to 9/10 cloud cover over the target. The bombardier 1Lt. Jack B. **Fawcett** had a good bomb run. He reported, "I saw the target all right and set my sight on it. Just as I was to release our bombs, a cloud rolled right under us and I dropped the bombs right through the middle of it. I had plenty of time to aim however, so there wasn't any reason why we shouldn't have hit." Maj. **Mitchell** commented, "The mission was only fair. We went in with P-47s all the way and nothing bothered us much. We had a three-minute bomb run."

P-47 Thunderbolts gave perfect escort all the way to the target and on the return. Crews expressed admiration for the fighter cover and claimed that they saved a lot of casualties. S/Sgt. Kenneth W. **Hull** on *The Duchess* claimed one FW-190 destroyed.

Several aircrews finished their operational tours: Capt. Alexander **Strickland**, pilot of *Winning Run* stated, "There was nothing to it. A good way to finish up." 1Lt. Joe **Bradbury**, pilot of *Thumper Again* added, "I've had it. But it wasn't too bad. Flak was accurate but we didn't get hit. A few fighters attacked us but didn't hurt us. Those P-47s really saved the day." T/Sgt. Arnold **Doran**, top turret gunner on *The '8' Ball MK II* said, "It was a good trip but I kind of wondered about making it back when I saw all those fighters come after us before we hit the coast. But they peeled off and went after the Group behind us."

S/Sgt. William **Fleming**, waist gunner on *Winning Run* said, "It wasn't too rough and not too easy and the bombing was pretty good. Three fighters that I saw were eager beavers. They came in to about 50 yards but didn't stay around." S/Sgt. Edward **McGill**, the other waist gunner on *Winning Run* added, "It wasn't so bad. A few fighters made a pass at us but the P-47s kept them pretty busy." S/Sgt. Anthony **Sherg**, tail gunner on *Winning Run* said, "We had one pretty vicious attack but they looked like they were more scared than I was."

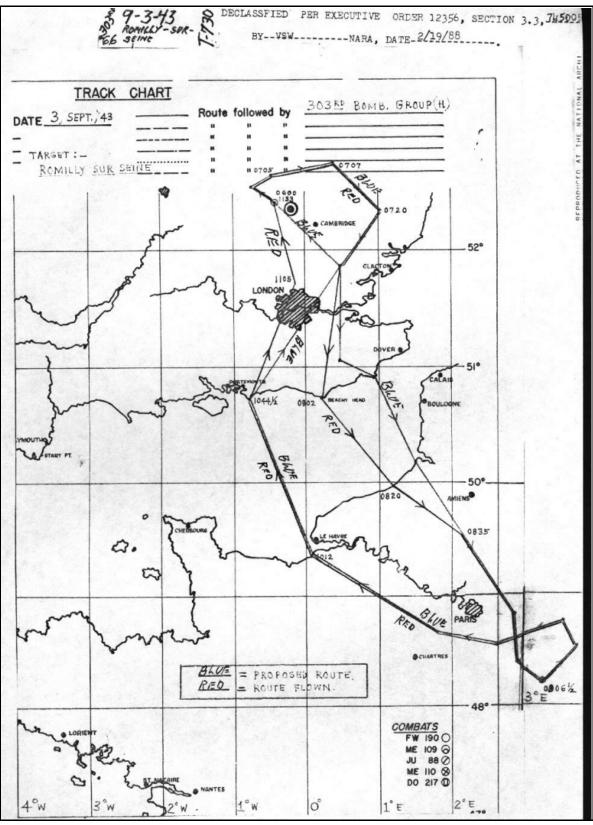


Satan's Workshop #42-29931 (360BS) PU-L 103rd PBCW Low - Pilot Maj K.R. Mitchell / CoPilot Capt M.R. Hungerford

Maj K.R. Mitchell (P), Capt M.R. Hungerford (CP), 1Lt R.E. McElwain (N), 1Lt J.B. Fawcett (B), 2Lt G.E. Wright (TG-O)

T/Sgt A. Berzansky (E), S/Sgt A.T. Beavers (RW), T/Sgt C.C. Zeller (R), S/Sgt C.R. Bagwell (BT), S/Sgt W.E. Briggs (WG)

(crewmen are not in order)



**Route Map** 

# Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

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Four (4) aircraft aborted this mission:

Lt. Hullar in 587	Lt. Cardwell in 221
Lt. Brown in 257	Lt. Cogswell in 434

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS			
CREW POSITIONS	TOG - Togglier	VI - Voice Interpreter	DOW - Died of wounds
CMP - Command Pilot	BT - Ball Turret Operator	OBS - Observer	EVD - Evaded the enemy
P - Pilot	TT - Top Turret Operator	PAS - Passenger	INT - Interned in neu cntry
CP - Co-Pilot	TG - Tail Gunner	PHO - Photographer	REP - Repatriated
NAV - Navigator	NG - Nose Gunner		RES - Rescued
ANV - Ass't. Navigator	RG - Radio Gunner	RESULTS OF MISSION	ESC - Escaped
MNV - Mickey Navigator	WG - Waist Gunner	KIA - Killed in action	BO - Bailed out
ENG - Engineer	LWG - Left Waist Gunner	WIA - Wounded in action	DCH - Ditched
BOM - Bombardier	RWG - Right Waist Gunner	MIA - Missing in action	CR-L - Crashed on land
RO - Radio Operator	GUN - Gunner	POW - Prisoner of war	CR-S - Crashed at sea

## KEY TO APPREVIATIONS

## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

### B-17F #42-5360 Old Faithful

Р	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
ΒT	Hargrave, Alfred J., Sgt
TG	Raesley, Wilmer G., Sgt
RWG	Arasin, John C., S/Sgt

### B-17F #42-3002 The Old Squaw

Р	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	Hitt, William T., Sgt
BT	Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt
TG	Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt
LWG	McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt

## B-17F #42-3064 Star Dust

Gamble, Donald, 1Lt
Campbell, Paul W., 2Lt
McSween, William D., 2Lt
Coburn, Ralph F., 2Lt
Wagner, Clyde E., T/Sgt
Vaughn, Norville, S/Sgt
Bland, Hugh N., T/Sgt
Scharch, Richard G., S/Sgt
Gilbert, Bill A., S/Sgt
Schmeltzer, Charles S., S/Sgt

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

- CPJohnston, John R., 1LtCPLake, Lester A., Jr., 2LtNAVKarraker, William H., 2LtBOMSweet, William D., 2LtENGLopez, Rudolph S., T/SgtRWGMills, James E., S/SgtROMatthews, James O., T/SgtBTGriffin, Edward W., S/Sgt
- TG Moody, John P., S/Sgt
- LWG Cobb, Edward N., S/Sgt

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

- PMitchell, Kirk R., MajCPHungerford, Merle R., CaptNAVMcElwain, Richard E., 1LtBOMFawcett, Jack B., 1LtENGBerzansky, Andrew, T/SgtRWGBeavers, Albert T., S/SgtROZeller, Caryl C., T/SgtBTBagwell, Clayton R., S/Sgt
- LWG Briggs, Wayne E., S/Sgt
- TG Wright, George E., 2Lt

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

Ρ	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	Robichaud, Joseph E., Sgt
RO	Mowery, Ellis D., T/Sgt
RWG	Hull, Kenneth W., S/Sgt
ΒT	Wright, Samuel S., S/Sgt
TG	Swan, Henry, S/Sgt

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

Р	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	Joubert, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Boggs, Calvin E., S/Sgt
RWG	Wright, Malcolm, S/Sgt
(Aborti	ve)

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

- Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt Ρ CP Bolsover, Harold S., F/O Johnson, Lloyd S., 2Lt NAV Gordon, LeRoy V., 1Lt BOM Doran, Arnold S., T/Sgt ENG Jordan, Lloyd L., S/Sgt TΤ McGee, Paul P., S/Sgt RO Lemann, Paul C., S/Sgt ΒT Perryman, Jack L., Sgt ΤG LWG Kerr, Joseph, S/Sgt
- PHO Luman, Morton, Sgt

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

- 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
- LWG McKenna, Robert I., Sgt
- RO Fitzsimmons, Kenneth P., T/Sgt
- RWG Santella, Albert G., S/Sgt
- BT Mace, LeRoy L., Sgt
- TG Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt

## 360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

# B-17F #42-5260 Yardbird II B-17F #42-5854 Alley Oop

Р	Baker, William T., 1Lt
CP	Gahimer, Loyd D., 2Lt
NAV	McLane, Joseph T., Lt
NG	Huddleston, D.O., Sgt
ENG	Fielder, Neal F., T/Sgt
RWG	Bowman, Vergil E., S/Sgt
RO	Bonn, Charles J., Sgt
BT	Dioquardo, Fred J., Sgt
TG	Borror, Norwood D., S/Sgt
LWG	Pierson, Lawrence C., Sgt

Р	Bradbury, Joseph E., 1Lt
CP	Fyler, Carl J., 1Lt
NAV	Davis, Darius R., Lt
BOM	Gibson, Steve M., Lt
ENG	Addison, Bill J., T/Sgt
RWG	Fisher, George C., S/Sgt
RO	Jillson, John S., S/Sgt
ΒT	Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt
TG	Sawicki, Joseph R., S/Sgt
LWG	Stachowiak, Martin G., Sgt

Р	Jokerst, Leonard E., Lt
CP	Bergeron, Willard H., Lt
NAV	Noland, James B., Lt
BOM	DeFeis, Robert N., Lt
ENG	Tharp, Willard L., S/Sgt
RWG	Stephens, William H., S/Sgt
RO	Cline, Leroy, T/Sgt
ΒT	Hemmings, Norman A., S/Sgt
LWG	Wilson, George W., S/Sgt
TG	Appleton, Vernon R., S/Sgt

Ρ	Stallings, George V., Jr., Capt
CP	Shayler, Walter K., Capt
NAV	Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM	Rice, Bernard, Lt
ENG	Watson, James A., T/Sgt
RWG	Yattaw, Robert H., S/Sgt
RO	Kistulentz, Paul, T/Sgt
ΒT	Mitchell, John B., S/Sgt
TG	Stickler, John J., S/Sgt
LWG	Levin, Meyer, T/Sgt

## B-17F #42-5393 Thumper Again B-17F #42-5788 A.O.G. Not in Stock

Р	Casello, John J., Lt
CP	Garvey, John L., Lt
NAV	Molnar, George, Lt
BOM	Kulesa, Frank E., Lt
ENG	Carnathan, Hugh S., T/Sgt
RWG	Gray, Johnnie E., S/Sgt
RO	Calco, Anthony, T/Sgt
LWG	Frost, Carlyle A., S/Sgt
ΒT	Ponder, Truly S., S/Sgt
TG	Stout, Otis T., S/Sgt

## B-17F #42-5483 *Red Ass* B-17F #42-5434 *Lady Luck*

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Р	Cogswell, Robert W., Lt
CP	DeWall, Hershel R., Lt
NAV	Kennedy, John D., Lt
BOM	Cobb, Edward L., Lt
ENG	Bengston, Gilbert E., T/Sgt
RWG	Oxendine, Simeon, Sgt
RO	Deerfield, Eddie, S/Sgt
BT	Stevens, A.S., T/Sgt
LWG	Peterson, Elmer L., Sgt
ΤG	Deffinger, John P., Sgt
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## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

Р	Hullar, Robert J., Lt	
CP	Klint, Wilbur, Lt	
NAV	Brown, Elmer L., Lt	
BOM	McCormick, James E., Lt	
ENG	Rice, Dale W., S/Sgt	
RWG	Fullem, Charles, S/Sgt	
RO	Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt	
BT	Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt	
TG	Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt	
LWG	Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt	
(Abortive)		

# B-17F #42-29944 Winning Run B-17F #41-24619 S for Sugar

Ρ	Strickland, Alexander C., Capt
CP	Dubell, Richard P., Capt
NAV	Scroggins, Paul W., Lt
BOM	Lamme, Edwin G., Lt
ENG	Baggs, Charles C., S/Sgt
BT	Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt
RO	Martel, Albert E., Jr., T/Sgt
TG	Sherg, Anthony W., S/Sgt
RWG	McGill, Edward E., S/Sgt
LWG	Fleming, William W., S/Sgt

## B-17 #42-5221 Son

Ρ	Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
CP	Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
NAV	Iverson, Ingvald M., Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG	Barlow, Benjamin, T/Sgt
ΒT	Sink, Robert K., S/Sgt
RO	Mulholland, John J., T/Sgt
LWG	Cooney, Robert M., Sgt
TG	Arnold, Robert W., S/Sgt
RWG	Jessee, Jesse J., T/Sgt
(Abortive Sortie)	

Ρ	Shelhamer, David P., Jr., Lt
CP	Tucker, Frederick W., Lt
NAV	Kotz, Warren C., Lt
BOM	Lewis, William L., Lt
ENG	Willett, John K., S/Sgt
RO	Harvie, Warren L., T/Sgt
BT	Garrett, Frank O., Sgt
RWG	Knight, Frederick B., S/Sgt
ΤG	Valis, William, Sgt
LWG	Volz, Robert J., S/Sgt