

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 68

7 September 1943

Target: Evere Airdrome at Brussels, Belgium

Crews Dispatched: 14

Length of Mission: 4 hours, 35 minutes

Bombing Altitude: 24,000 ft

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb H.E. M-43 G.P. bombs

Ammo Fired: 5,330 rounds

High Group of the 103 PBCW was comprised of a composite Group provided by the 102 PBCW. Both 303rd BG(H) Squadrons were forced to fly through an overcast sky to form their Groups. Lt. **Baker** in 358BS #42-29664 *Jersey Bounce, Jr.* aborted the mission when he was unable to find the formation after climbing through the overcast.

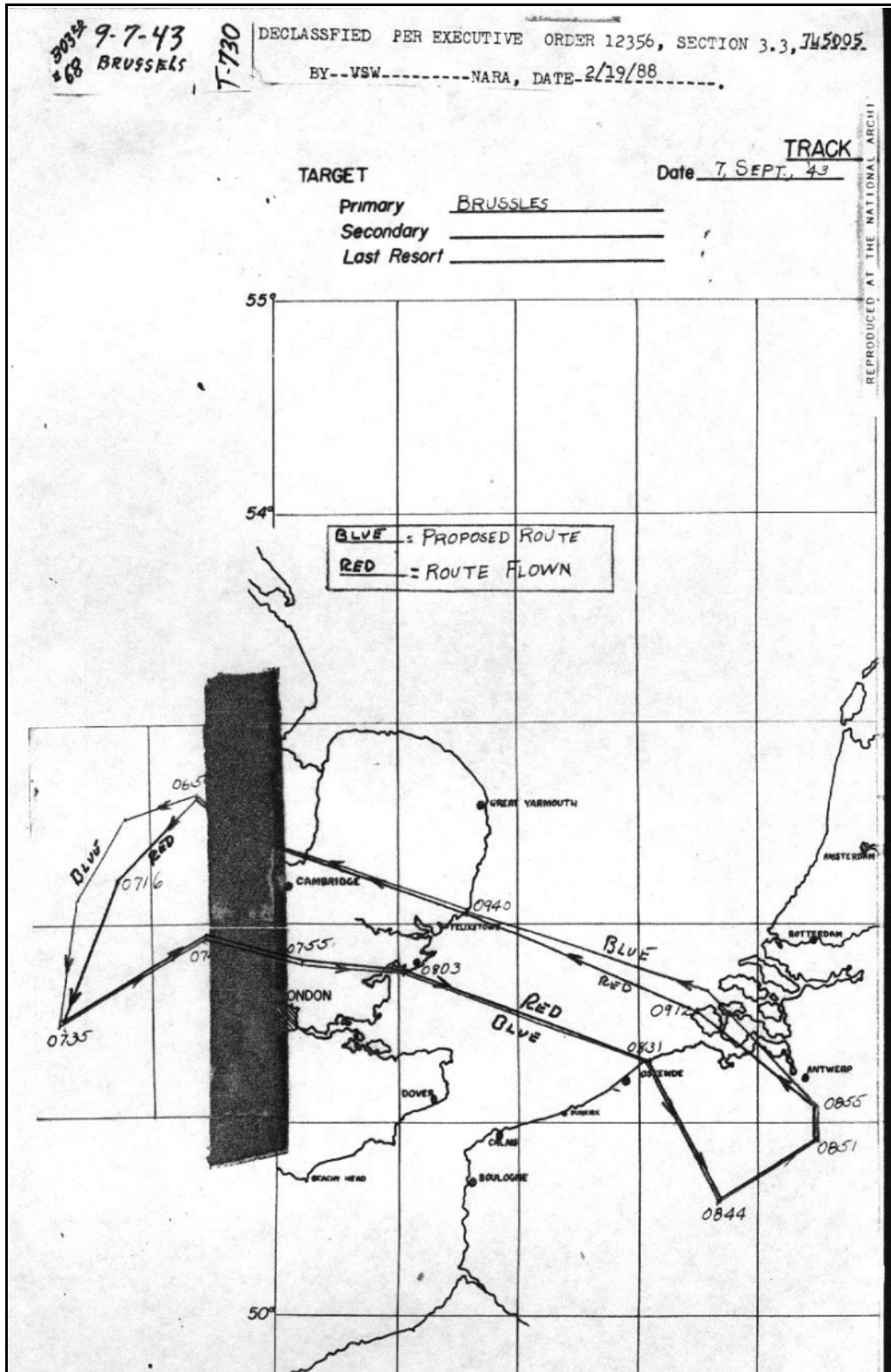
All aircraft released their 500-lb. M-43 bombs on seeing their respective Group lead B-17s drop their bombs. Bombing results were reported as good. Meager, inaccurate flak was reported. 1Lt. **Casello's** Squadron saw approximately 20 enemy fighters with four tail attack encounters. Lt. **Mattison's** Squadron reported seeing three enemy fighters with no attacks. The P-47s provided excellent cover. There were no casualties and one aircraft sustained minor damage.

Colonel Stuart **Porter** of VIII Bomber Command flew as a passenger on Lt. **Mattison's** *The '8' Ball MK II*. He remarked, "The target was hit and smashed badly. There were a few fighters, but the P-47s took care of them. There was some flak but it didn't bother any of us." Lt. **Mattison** confirmed Col. **Porter's** version when he said, "It was a perfect raid. Just swarms of P-47s and they were really working and doing a beautiful job. The bombing was perfect."

Capt. Glynn F. **Schumake**, 303rd BG(H) Operations Officer, flew as co-pilot with Lt. **Casello** in *Satan's Workshop*. He remarked, "We really did that target up good today. The weather was perfect. You could see for miles. We had a couple of fighters that made a direct attack, but not too eagerly. The P-47s took care of everything." S/Sgt. Glenn **Allen**, *Luscious Lady's* ball turret gunner said, "It was just a good ride today. If it hadn't been for the P-47s, we might have been kicked around a bit. They are doing a swell job of protection." S/Sgt. A.C. **Santella**, waist gunner on *Walleroo* 359BS, got a good look at the target after the bombing run. He noted, "We really plastered the target today. Smoke and flames were shooting out from all of the buildings on the field."

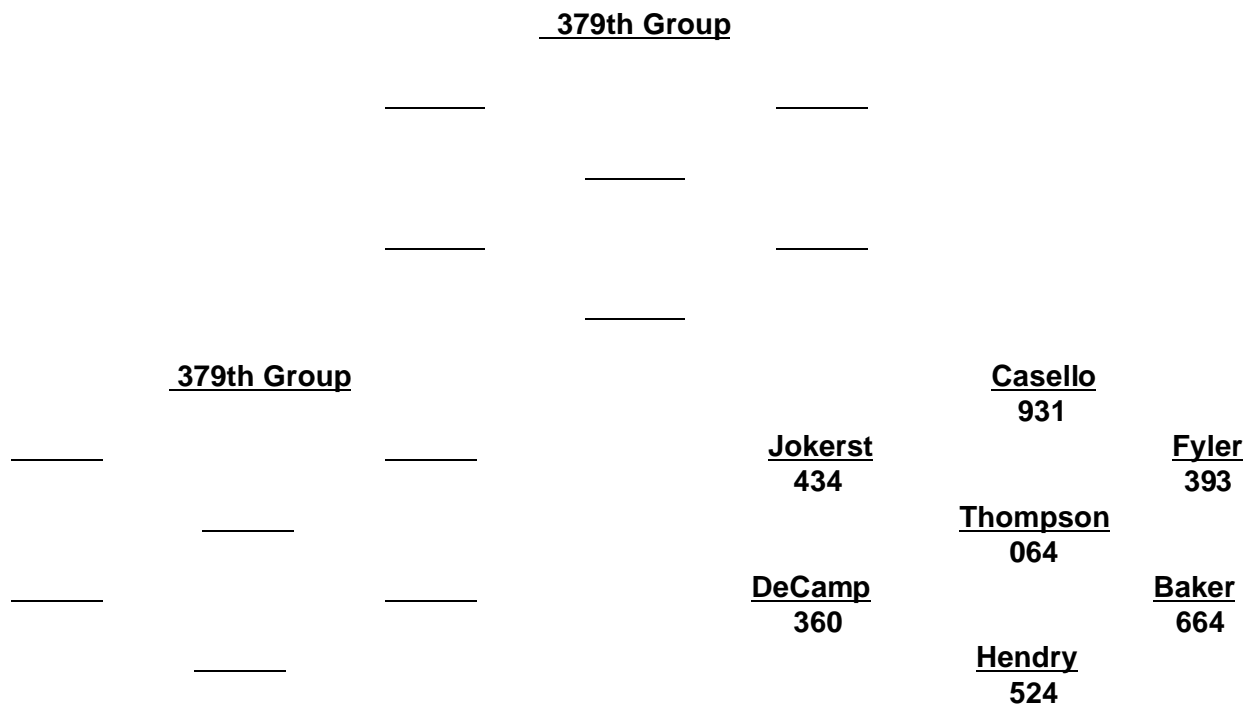
Several men completed their 25 mission operational tours. S/Sgt. Frank M. **Matthews**, ball turret gunner on *War Bride* 358BS who has three enemy fighters to his credit said, "It was a swell raid to finish up on. Now I hope that they send me to the Pacific area to get a crack at the Japs." Lt. Burt J. **Cardwell**, pilot of *Flak Wolf* 427BS, buzzed the control tower on his return signifying his final mission. He also threw out a white towel. After landing he remarked, "Not much to it. Five or ten fighters and a little flak. That's all there was." Lt. Edwin **Lamme**, bombardier on *Flak Wolf* calmly added, "No use sweating

'em out. Easy raid. Lots of fighter cover and good bombing." Lt. James R. **McConnen**, navigator on *Star Dust* 358BS said, "Not much to talk about on this one, but I'm glad to be finished for a while."



Route Map

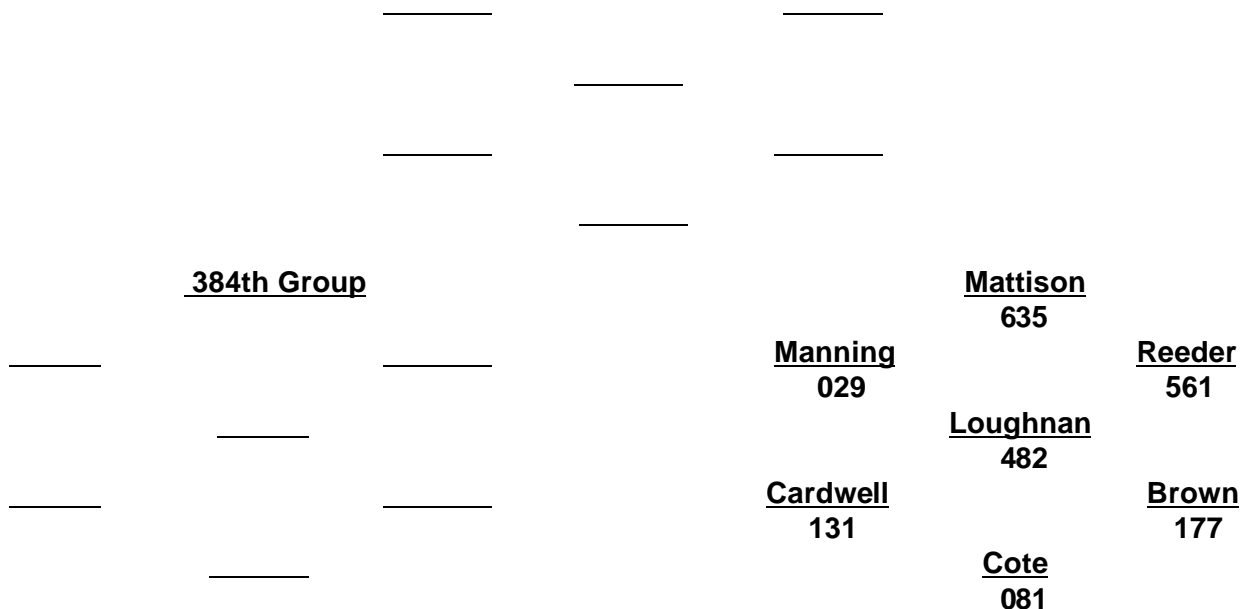
379th-303rd Composite Group Formation at Assembly Point



One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Baker in 664

384th-303rd Composite Group Formation at Assembly Point

384th Group



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 #42-29524 *Meat Hound*

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
TG Doherty, John J., S/Sgt
RO Brown, James J., T/Sgt
BT Hargrave, Alfred J., Sgt
RWG Raesley, Wilmer G., Sgt
LWG Arasin, John C., S/Sgt

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

P Thompson, Frank H., 1Lt
CP Kyse, Walter R., 2Lt
NAV McConnen, James R., 2Lt
BOM Spencer, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG Welch, James R., T/Sgt
TT Fulanovich, Charles J., S/Sgt
RO Baxter, Jack, Sgt.
RWG Wilson, Donald R., S/Sgt
BT Nakaniski, Ralph, S/Sgt
TG Aubrey, Eldred L., S/Sgt

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

P DeCamp, Donald F., 2Lt
CP Sumarlidason, Arni L., 1Lt
NAV Haddock, Ralph M., 2Lt
BOM Galbraith, Robert E., 2Lt
ENG Hembree, William T., T/Sgt
RO King, Robert E., Sgt
LWG Hitt, William T., Sgt
BT Mathews, Frank M., S/Sgt
TG Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt
RWG McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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 Newman, John F., S/Sgt
BT McCauley, Patrick N., Sgt
TG Boggs, Calvin E., S/Sgt
RWG Wright, Malcolm, S/Sgt
PHO Luman, Morton, S/Sgt

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 #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
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

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 Robichaud, Joseph E., 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 #41-24635 *The '8' Ball MK II*

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 Boling, Shuble A., Sgt
RWG Robillard, Paul C., Sgt
PAS Porter, S.M., Col

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

B-17F #42-29664 *Jersey Bounce, Jr.*

P 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 Borrer, Norwood D., S/Sgt
LWG Pierson, Lawrence C., Sgt
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B-17F #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop*

P Casello, John J., Lt
CP Shumake, Glynn F., Capt
NAV Effinger, Lawrence E., Lt
BOM Rice, Bernard, 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 #42-5393 *Thumper Again*

P Fyler, Carl J., 1Lt
CP Tippet, Paul S., Lt
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
BT Ford, Ray D., S/Sgt
TG Sawicki, Joseph R., S/Sgt
LWG Stachowiak, Martin G., Sgt

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

P 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 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

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV Iverson, Ingvald M., Lt
BOM Hull, John W., Lt
ENG Arter, John R., T/Sgt
BT Allen, Glen R., 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 #42-3131 *Flak Wolf*

P Cardwell, Burt J., Lt
CP Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
NAV Lamme, Edwin G., Lt
BOM Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG Barlow, Benjamin, T/Sgt
BT Tambe, Angelo J., S/Sgt
RO Mulholland, John J., T/Sgt
LWG Cooney, Robert M., Sgt
TG Arnold, Robert W., S/Sgt
RWG Priestly, Van B., S/Sgt