

303rd BG (H) Combat Mission No. 73

2 October 1943

Target: Port Area & Dock Facilities, Emden, Germany

Crews Dispatched: 20

Crews Lost: 1Lt. Paul Tippet, 11 crew KIA, 1 minor casualty

Length of Mission: 5 hours, 40 minutes

Bomb Load: 12 x 500 lb G.P. bombs + 16 bundles of nickels

Bombing Altitude: 23,500 ft

Ammo Fired: 10,915 rounds

Enemy Aircraft Claims: 1 Destroyed, 1 Probable

Emden was the target again with a repeat mission. One aircraft aborted: #41-24561 *The Duchess* 359BS (Lt. **Reeder**) - The No. 3 engine had been feathered and would not start again. The ship aborted while the Group was forming.

The bombers flew in perfect formation and made an excellent bomb run on the target. The bombs were dropped through overcast skies in close formation on the lead aircraft of the 384th BG(H). This aircraft was a Pathfinder aircraft whose "Mickey" operator made the bomb run with his H2S radar equipment. Parachute flares came out of the lead Combat Wing B-17, but they were not observed as opening. Fifty-seven tons of H.E. M-43 500-lb. G.P. bombs plus 16 bundles of "nickels" (propaganda leaflets) were dropped from 23,500 feet. This was the first time that the 303rd BG(H) dropped leaflets.

The formations were escorted in from the German coast and back out to the coast again by P-47 "Thunderbolt" fighters. All crews agreed that the fighters gave them perfect cover and kept most of the Nazi fighters out of reach of the bombers. Despite this cover, a few did manage to come through the formation and made several head-on attacks before they were chased away by 8th Air Force fighters. While there were many enemy fighters in the air, not more than six came in to make one of the most vigorous attacks yet seen by our crews. Anti-aircraft gunfire over the target was intense, but not very accurate.

Major **Mitchell**, Lead pilot in #42-29931 *Satan's Workshop* reported, "We were flying perfect formation and when we hit the German coast, the P-47s were right there to meet us. They sure looked good and I might add that if they hadn't been with us we would have had a hell of a tough fight. Anyway, we went on over the target and dropped our bombs in as pretty a pattern as you will ever see. It was really beautiful to watch. Saw lots of Nazi fighters out there, but they were quite a distance away. There were only four that really came in and made a pass at us. I saw them coming, so I told my ball turret gunner [S/Sgt. Clayton R. **Bagwell**] that I was going to lift up the nose when they came in so he could get a good shot at them. I did - and he let them have it. Two went down through the clouds smoking. All in all, it was a pretty good raid." Sgt **Bagwell** claimed an FW-190 as a damaged and 1Lt George E. **Wright**, flying in the tail gunner position, claimed an ME-109 as destroyed.

Maj. Glynn **Shumake** added, "Could see lots of enemy fighters out to one side of us, but our own fighters kept circling and covering us, so I guess they weren't too eager to move in too close, although about half a dozen did try it."

1Lt. Paul S. **Tippet** pilot of #42-5260 *Yardbird II* 360BS, was hit by two ME-109s immediately after the formation left the target. The ship peeled off, went down out of control and exploded above the overcast. One parachute was seen coming out of the ship before it went out of sight. All crew members were later confirmed as killed in action. The lost crew members were: 1Lt. Paul S. **Tippet**, 2Lt. Lewellyn H. **Nemitz**, 2Lt. Edwin E. **Mims**, 1Lt. Bernard **Rice**, T/Sgt. Oaks H. **Smith**, Sgt. Carney C. **Rhodes**, T/Sgt. Thomas L. **Richardson**, S/Sgt. Abraham J. **Rasch**, S/Sgt. Hugh F. **Gibney**, Jr., S/Sgt. William R. **Greason** and S/Sgt. Jack H. **Randall**. S/Sgt. **Gibney** is buried in Ardennes American Cemetery near Liege, Belgium.

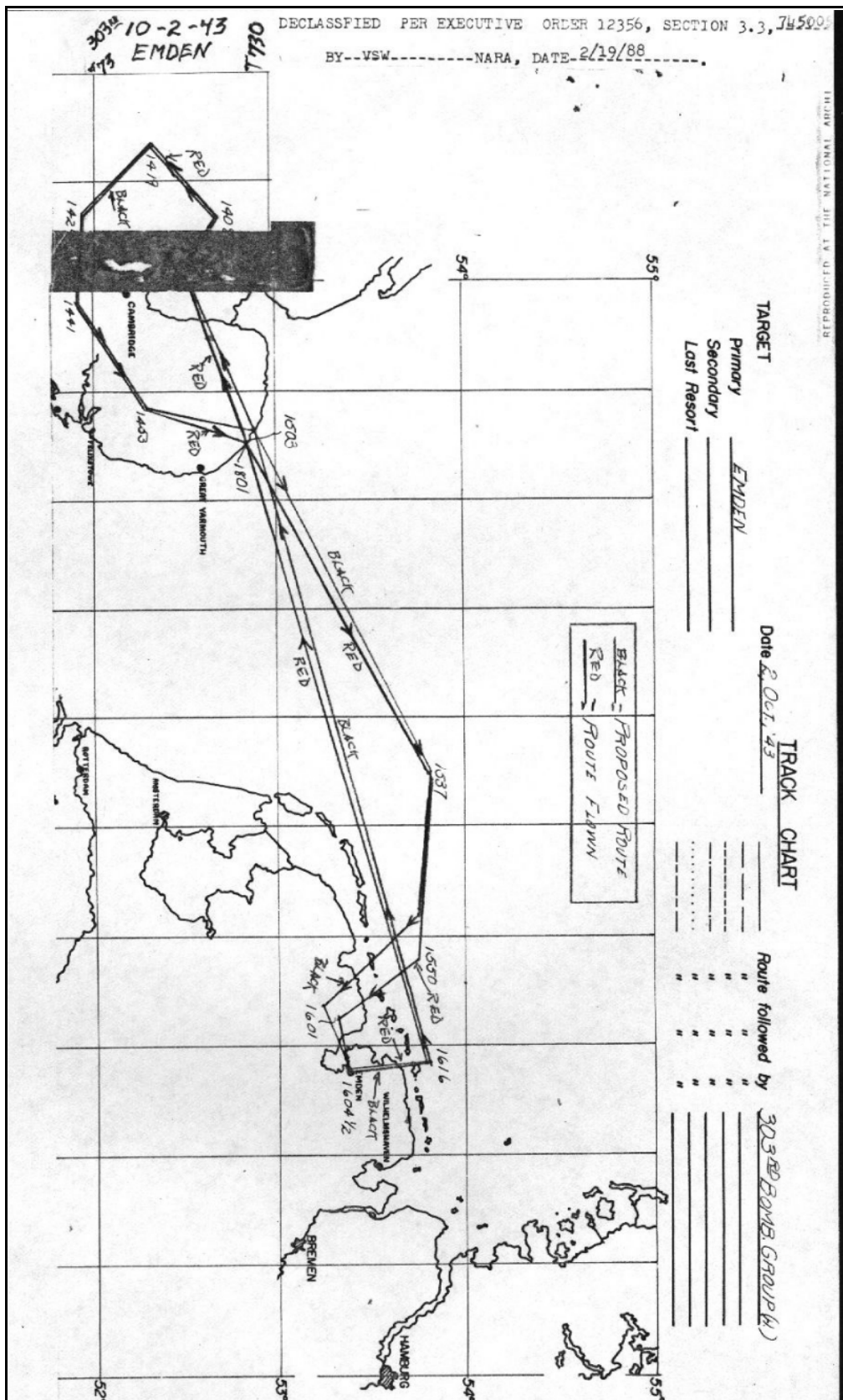


Satan's Workshop #42-29931 (360BS) PU-L
303rd BG Lead - Pilot Maj K.R. Mitchell / CoPilot Maj G.F. Shumake

Maj K.R. Mitchell (P), Maj G.F. Shumake (CP),
1Lt R.E. McElwain (N), Lt R.J. Saiz (B), Lt G.E. Wright (TG-O)

S/Sgt C.J. Fulanovich (E), Sgt R.W. Hoffmann (WG), S/Sgt J. Baxter (R),
S/Sgt C.R. Bagwell (BT), S/Sgt V.E. Brown (WG), Sgt R.M. Moffett (PHO)

(crewmen are not in order)



Route Map

Aircraft Formation at Assembly Point

		<u>Mitchell</u> 931		
	<u>DeCamp</u> 571		<u>Sumarlidason</u> 524	
		<u>Johnston</u> 577		
	<u>Hendry</u> 629		<u>Hartigan</u> 064	
	<u>Manning</u> 605			<u>James</u> 955
<u>Phelps</u> 177		<u>Grant</u> 257		<u>McClellan</u> 587
	<u>Loughnan</u> 846		<u>Ness</u> 158	
				<u>Cote</u> 341
<u>Quinn</u> 029		<u>Hanselman</u> 565	<u>Hullar</u> 081	<u>Woddrop</u> 131
	<u>Reeder</u> 561			<u>Tippet</u> 260

One (1) aircraft aborted this mission:
Lt. Reeder in 561

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

<u>CREW POSITIONS</u> 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 <u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u> 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 #41-24577 *Hell's Angels*

P	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., S/Sgt

B-17F #41-24629 (*No Name*)

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 #42-29571 *Charley Horse*

P	DeCamp, Donald F., 2Lt
CP	Emerson, Aubrey L., 2Lt
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	Witherwax, Leon J., Sgt
TG	Tracy, Richard J., S/Sgt
RWG	McLawhorn, Jerry C., Sgt

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

P	Sumarlidason, Arni L., 1Lt
CP	Clark, Martin L., 2Lt
NAV	Nothstein, John P.D., 2Lt
BOM	Spencer, Charles W., 2Lt
ENG	Backiel, Stanley J., T/Sgt
RWG	Wisniewski, Alexander, Sgt
RO	McGuire, Robert J., Sgt
BT	Brooks, John W., Sgt
TG	Cassidy, Edward J., S/Sgt
LWG	Hoy, James F., Sgt

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

P	Hartigan, William R., 2Lt
CP	Goddard, Edward N., 2Lt
NAV	Douthett, Lorin F., 2Lt
BOM	Dorsey, Bernard F., 2Lt
ENG	Resto, Clement, T/Sgt
LWG	Lowther, John W., S/Sgt
RO	Ward, Robert L., T/Sgt
RWG	Dove, Charles J., S/Sgt
BT	Stoddard, Val F., S/Sgt
TG	Ince, James T., S/Sgt

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

P	Mitchell, Kirk R., Maj
CP	Shumake, Glynn F., Maj
NAV	McElwain, Richard E., 1Lt
BOM	Saiz, Reinaldo J., Capt
ENG	Fulanovich, Charles J., S/Sgt
RWG	Hoffman, Robert W., Sgt
RO	Baxter, Jack, S/Sgt
BT	Bagwell, Clayton R., S/Sgt
LWG	Brown, Virgil E., S/Sgt
TG	Wright, George E., 1Lt
PHO	Moffett, Ralph T., Sgt

359th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	Manning, John P., 1Lt
CP	Mackin, George T., Capt
NAV	Antman, Jack, 2Lt
BOM	Paullman, Edward J., 2Lt
ENG	Keesling, George R., T/Sgt
TG	Jennings, Harley F., S/Sgt
RO	Fitzsimmons, Kenneth P., T/Sgt
LWG	Santella, Albert C., S/Sgt
BT	Mace, LeRoy L., S/Sgt
RWG	McKenna, Robert I., Sgt

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

P	Phelps, Robert L., Jr., 1Lt
CP	Bolsover, Harold S., F/O
NAV	Johnson, Lloyd S., 2Lt
BOM	Rothman, Theodore I., 1Lt
ENG	Powell, Marvin F., S/Sgt
TT	Robb, Charles W., Sgt
RO	McGee, Paul P., S/Sgt
BT	Joubert, Francis M., Sgt
TG	Perryman, Jack L., Sgt
LWG	Robichaud, Joseph E., Sgt
PHO	Mahaffey, William D., Sgt

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

P	Hanselman, Charles F., 2Lt
CP	Calwell, Lucien B., 2Lt
NAV	Ramsey, Elijah W., Jr., 2Lt
BOM	Livermore, William D., 2Lt
ENG	Fouss, Howard E., T/Sgt
TT	Laubert, Robert J., S/Sgt
RO	Zitzler, George A., T/Sgt
RWG	Williams, Walter S., S/Sgt
BT	Armstrong, Keith N., S/Sgt
TG	Tybuszewski, Mitchel J., 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
RWG	Quick, George D., S/Sgt
RO	Mowery, Ellis D., T/Sgt
LWG	Hull, Kenneth W., S/Sgt
BT	Wright, Samuel S., S/Sgt
TG	Swan, Henry, S/Sgt

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

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
TG	Knorpp, Billy F., S/Sgt
RO	Daley, Russell M., T/Sgt
BT	McGee, Kenneth L., S/Sgt
LWG	Barr, Gordon E., S/Sgt
RWG	Robillard, Paul C., Sgt

B-17F #42-3029 *Wallaroo*

P	Quinn, Thomas J., F/O
CP	Eisenhart, William E., F/O
NAV	Howlett, Oscar D., 2Lt
BOM	Van Zandt, Roland, 2Lt
ENG	Holper, Ralph M., T/Sgt
RWG	Kalafut, Joe J., S/Sgt
RO	Vieira, Joseph, T/Sgt
BT	Bergman, Harvey F., S/Sgt
LWG	Reynolds, James B., S/Sgt
TG	Pelkey, Elwood R., S/Sgt
PHO	Hunter, Robert G., Sgt

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

P	Grant, Ambrose G., 2Lt
CP	Hall, Franklin M., 2Lt
NAV	Berger, James F., 2Lt
BOM	Blackburn, Marion D., 2Lt
ENG	Jaouen, Robert F., T/Sgt
RWG	Kujawa, Anthony T., S/Sgt
RO	Sexton, Edward J., T/Sgt
BT	Anderson, Francis D., S/Sgt
LWG	Greenlee, Woodrow W., S/Sgt
TG	Petrosky, Chester, S/Sgt

360th Bombardment Squadron Crew List

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

P	Tippet, Paul S., Lt	KIA
CP	Nemitz, Lewellyn H., Lt	KIA
NAV	Mims, Edwin E., Lt	KIA
BOM	Rice, Bernard, 1Lt	KIA
ENG	Smith, Oaks H., Lt	KIA
RWG	Greason, William R., S/Sgt	KIA
RO	Richardson, Thomas L., T/Sgt	KIA
LWG	Gibney, Hugh F., Jr., S/Sgt	KIA
BT	Rasch, Abraham J., S/Sgt	KIA
TG	Randall, Jack H., S/Sgt	KIA
PHO	Rhodes, Carney C., Sgt	KIA



PAUL S. TIPPET CREW - 360th BS
(crew assigned 360BS: 03 Sep 1943)

(Back L-R) 1Lt Paul S. Tippet (P)(KIA), 2Lt Edwin E. Mims (N)(KIA),
1Lt Bernard Rice (B)(KIA), 2Lt Lewellyn H. Nemitz (CP)(KIA), S/Sgt William R. Greason (RWG)(KIA)

(Front L-R) S/Sgt Jack H. Randall (TG)(KIA), T/Sgt Oaks H. Smith (E)(KIA),
T/Sgt Thomas L. Richardson (R)(KIA), (S/Sgt Hugh F. Gibney, Jr. (LWG)(KIA),
S/Sgt Abraham J. Rasch (BTG)(KIA)

not in photo: Sgt Carney C. Rhodes (PHO)(KIA)

427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

P	McClellan, George S., Jr., Lt
CP	Greenwood, Ernest G., Lt
NAV	Kaliher, John C., Lt
BOM	Cornish, Merlin L., Lt
ENG	Tempesta, David, T/Sgt
RWG	Chiles, Alfred B., Jr., S/Sgt
RO	Callihan, George A., T/Sgt
BT	Yarian, Robert G., S/Sgt
LWG	Heaton, Barnell S., Sgt
TG	Dugan, Charles E., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-29955 *Mr. Five by Five*

P	James, Jacob C., Capt
CP	Barker, John C., Lt
NAV	Hokans, Carl A., Lt
BOM	Witt, Walter E., Lt
ENG	Scheuerer, Joseph E., T/Sgt
TG	Misiak, Frank L., S/Sgt
RO	Hamilton, A.J., Sgt
RWG	Kuehl, Fred T., S/Sgt
BT	Knight, Frederick B., Sgt
LWG	Tripp, Jesse E., 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
RWG	Marson, Charles H., S/Sgt
RO	Hoyt, George F., S/Sgt
BT	Sampson, Norman A., S/Sgt
TG	Miller, Merlin D., S/Sgt
LWG	Fuller, Charles, S/Sgt

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

P	Cote, Addell A., Lt
CP	Eckhart, Alan, Lt
NAV	Barnhill, Wilbur R., Lt
BOM	Hull, John W., Lt
ENG	Arter, John R., T/Sgt
BT	May, Cecil M., S/Sgt
RO	Reaves, Vaughan, T/Sgt
TG	Gunsauls, Paul, S/Sgt
LWG	Micek, John M., S/Sgt
RWG	Gomes, Theodore, S/Sgt

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

P	Woddrop, Edward M., Lt
CP	Henderson, Grover C., Lt
NAV	Iverson, Ingvald M., Lt
BOM	Bierman, Leonard B., Lt
ENG	Watts, William A., Sgt
BT	Allen, Glen R., S/Sgt
RO	Mulholland, John J., T/Sgt
LWG	Baggs, Charles C., S/Sgt
TG	Valis, William, S/Sgt
RWG	Priestly, Van B., S/Sgt

B-17F #42-3158 *Max*

P	Ness, Howard C., 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 L., S/Sgt
RO	Ratliff, Leonard E., T/Sgt
LWG	McGrew, Robert H., S/Sgt
RWG	Hoff, Henry, Sgt
TG	Ferguson, Jack D., Sgt