

## 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

**E**mden 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)

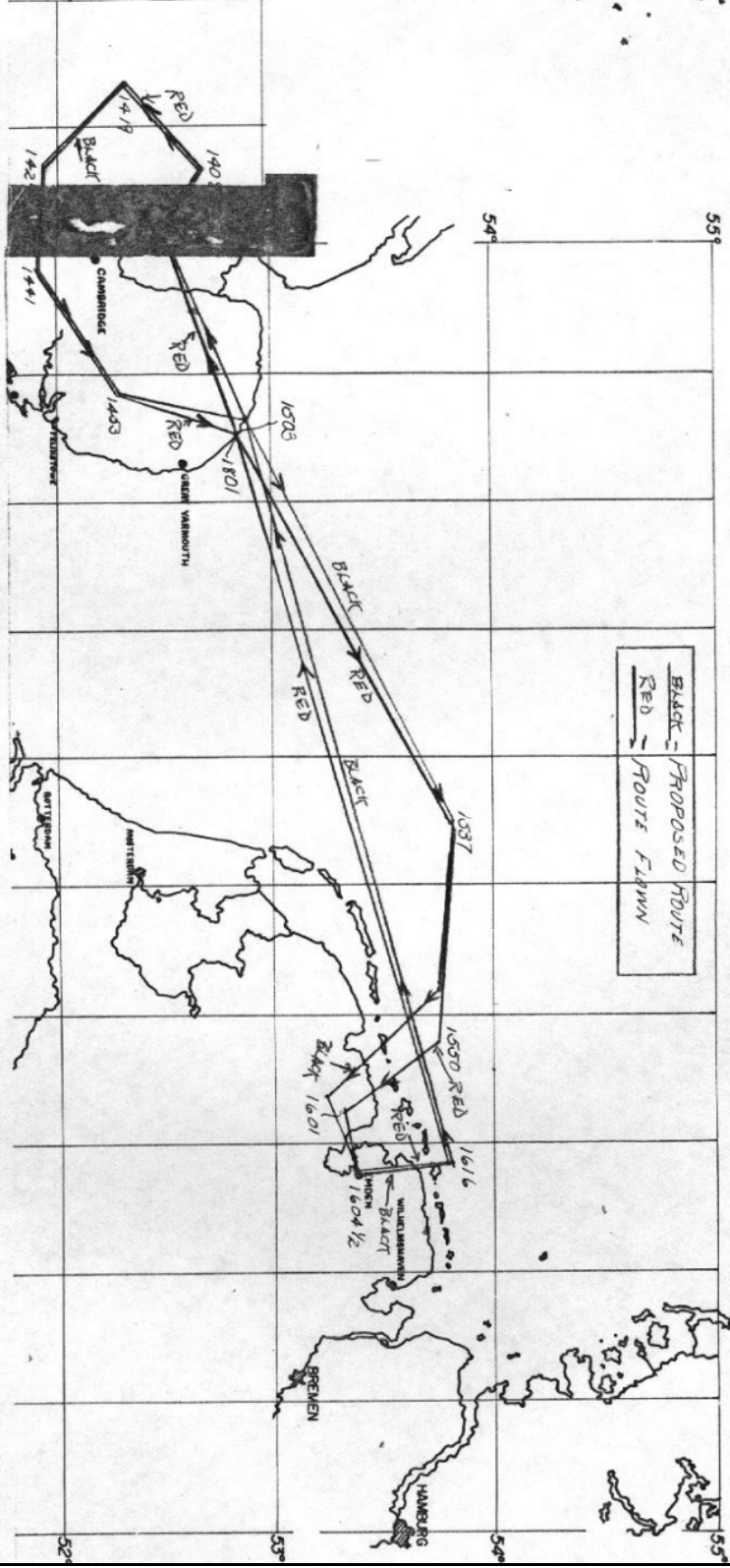
S/Sgt C.J. Fulanovich (E), Sgt R.W. Hoffmann (WG), S/Sgt J. Baxter (R),  
S/Sgt C.R. Bagwell (BT), S/Sgt V.E. Brown (WG), Sgt R.M. Moffett (PHO)

(crewmen are not in order)

303<sup>RD</sup> 10-2-43  
 473 EMDEN  
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**TARGET**  
 Primary EMDEN  
 Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

**TRACK CHART**  
 Date 2 Oct 43

Route followed by 303<sup>RD</sup> BOMB GROUP (H)

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>Ness</u> 158
	<u>Loughnan</u> 846			<u>McClellan</u> 587
		<u>Hanselman</u> 565		<u>Cote</u> 341
<u>Quinn</u> 029			<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

<p><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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VI - Voice Interpreter                  OBS - Observer                  PAS - Passenger                  PHO - Photographer</p> <p><b><u>RESULTS OF MISSION</u></b>                  KIA - Killed in action                  WIA - Wounded in action                  MIA - Missing in action                  POW - Prisoner of war</p>	<p>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</p>
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## 358th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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*)**

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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
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***

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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***

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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***

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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***

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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  
 (Abortive)

### **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)

1Lt Paul S. Tippet (P)(KIA), 2Lt Lewellyn H. Nemitz (CP)(KIA),  
2Lt Edwin E. Mims (N)(KIA), 1Lt Bernard Rice (B)(KIA)

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

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

## 427th Bombardment Squadron Crew Lists

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

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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 #42-5081 *Luscious Lady***

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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 #42-3131 *Flak Wolf***

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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 #42-29955 *Mr. Five by Five***

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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 #42-5341 *Vicious Virgin***

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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 #42-3158 *Max***

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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