

On 3 March we again took off to hit the DAIMLER-BENZ A/C works at ORANIENBURG, GERMANY. The formation of twenty planes was led by Major FEILING, followed by Major O'NEILL leading the Low section with Major HENSON leading the high. Jupiter Pluvius favoured the enemy this day, with the resultant record: No bombs dropped. It was a bitter pill to swallow to lose one plane without showing any material damage to the enemy to compensate for our loss, but we recorded: Missing in Action, Plane 298G, 755th Sq. Pilot FRANK W. HERZIK and crew. (See diary for names etc.)

From then on it seemed to be the accepted story "Alerted for Tonight" We might say at this time we feel sure we hold the record for men who have attended a movie only to sit through half of it then to be called away to load bombs. The less said about their remarks the better.

3 MAR 1944

458th Bomb Gp (A)

AFTER ASSEMBLY
1st SECTION (LEAD)
MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

<u>WELLS</u> 720	<u>RAITER</u> 366 J	<u>BRUER</u> 682	<u>PIERCE</u> 353	<u>SLATER-Felling</u> 425 J	<u>CLARK-Jamison</u> 433 J	<u>BRUDAS</u> 678	<u>MATTSON</u> 491
			<u>MORRIS</u> 450	<u>SCHULZE</u> 335		<u>HERZIK</u> 298	

2nd SECTION (Low LEFT)

MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

<u>KOOPER</u> 733	<u>KECK</u> 705		<u>UMPHREY</u> 275	<u>ONeil-Koman</u> 408 J	<u>LAMB-ROTH</u> 341 J	<u>MELTON</u> 719	<u>McMAHON-GRIFFITH</u> 306
			<u>SLIVERS</u> 392	<u>SPARKS</u> 286	<u>DUNIFFE</u> 300		

3rd SECTION (High RIGHT)

MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

<u>MARTIN</u> 667	<u>FREEMAN</u> 719		<u>BITTLE</u> 432	<u>PETERS-HENSEN</u> 277		<u>OLSON</u> 302
			<u>LYMAN</u> 709	<u>RODAL</u> 303	<u>SCRAFF</u> 252	

B-24 J's ARE MARKED "J"; OTHERS ARE B-24 Hs.

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4/4/43

US8th Bomb Group
OVER TARGET (AT TURNBACK)

1st SECTION (LEAD)

MIDDLE

SLATON - FRILING

<u>PIERCE</u> 353	<u>425</u> J	<u>GLENN-JANISON</u> 433
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BRAUER
| 682

HOPKINS
| 450

HERZIK
| 298

Low

HIGH

Low

2nd SECTION

MIDDLE (LOW LEFT)

<u>UMPHREY</u> 273	<u>ONIEL-TOOMAN</u> 408 J	<u>LARA-BOOTH</u> 341 J
<u>SPAVEN</u> 286		

MELTON
| 177

MERRINS-GRIFFITH
| 306

HIGH

Low

3rd SECTION

MIDDLE (HIGH RIGHT)

<u>NYMAN</u> 709	<u>ROUBAL</u> 303	<u>CLUMP</u> 302
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DENGERFE
| 300

HIGH

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458th Pilots and Aircraft as listed on Formation Plans

DATE	TARGET	PILOT	458th Msn #	Pilot Msn#	Cmd Pilot	LD	Serial	RCL	Sqdn	A/C Msn #	A/C Name	MIA	Notes
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	BITTLER	2	2			42-52432	--	J3	1	BACHELOR'S PARADISE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	BRAUER	2	2			41-28682	--	Z5	2	UNKNOWN 003		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	BRUDOS	2	1			41-28678	--	J3	1	UNKNOWN 002		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	DeNEFFE	2	1			41-29300	--	J4	1	LORELEI		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	FREEMAN	2	1			41-28718	--	7V	2	BO		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	GLENN	2	1	JAMISON	D1	42-100433	--	J3	1	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	HERZIK	2	1			41-29298	G	J3	2	OLE SATAN	FTR	FAILED TO RETURN ALL 10 MIA
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	HOPKINS, T	2	1			42-52450	--	Z5	1	UNKNOWN 032		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	KECK	2	2			41-28705	--	J4	2	YE OLDE HELLGATE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	LAMB	2	1	BOOTH	D2	42-100341	--	J4	2	SATAN'S MATE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	MARTIN, J	2	1			41-28667	--	7V	2	JAYHAWKER		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	MATTSON	2	1			42-52441	--	J3	2	LAST CARD LOUIE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	McMAINS	2	1	GRIFFITH	L	42-52306	--	J4	2	UNKNOWN 030		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	MELTON	2	2			41-28719	--	J3	2	PADDLEFOOT		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	NYMAN	2	1			41-28709	--	7V	1	LUCKY STRIKE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	OLLUM	2	1			41-29302	--	7V	1	NOKKISH		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	PETERS	2	2	HENSEN	L3	41-29288	--	J3	1	BIG-TIME OPERATOR		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	PIERCE	2	1			42-52353	--	Z5	2	McNAMARA'S BAND		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	RAITER	2	2			42-100366	--	Z5	2	MIZPAH		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	ROUBAL	2	1			41-29303	--	Z5	1	LIBERTY LIB		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	SCHAAF	2	1			41-29352	--	7V	1	WOLVE'S LAIR		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	SCHULZE	2	2			42-52335	--	Z5	2	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	SIEVERS	2	1			42-52392	--	J4	1	WABBIT TWACKS		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	SLATON	2	1	FEILING	L1	42-100425	--	J3	1	THE BIRD		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	SPAVEN	2	1			41-29286	--	J4	1	UNKNOWN 011		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	TOOMAN	2	1	O'NEILL	L2	42-100408	--	J4	2	BEASTFACE		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	UMPHREY	2	2			41-29273	--	J4	2	FLAK MAGNET		
3-Mar-1944	BERLIN	WELLS	2	1			41-28720	--	J3	2	UNKNOWN 004		