

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

458<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp (A)

AFTER ASSEMBLY  
1st SECTION (LEAD)  
MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

|                       |                        |                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                       | <u>RAITER</u><br>  366 |                       |
| <u>WELLS</u><br>  720 | J                      | <u>BRUER</u><br>  682 |

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| <u>PIERCE</u><br>  353  | <u>SLATER-Felling</u><br>  425<br>J | <u>CLAPP-Jamison</u><br>  433<br>J |
| <u>MOPKINS</u><br>  450 | <u>SCHULZE</u><br>  335             |                                    |

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| <u>BRUDAS</u><br>  678 | <u>MATTSon</u><br>  491 |
| <u>HERZIK</u><br>  298 |                         |

2nd SECTION (Low LEFT)

MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

|                         |                      |  |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <u>Kousser</u><br>  733 | <u>KECK</u><br>  705 |  |
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| <u>UMPHREY</u><br>  275 | <u>ONeil-Koman</u><br>  408<br>J | <u>LAMB-ROTH</u><br>  341<br>J |
| <u>SLEWERS</u><br>  392 | <u>SPARKS</u><br>  286           | <u>DUNIFFE</u><br>  300        |

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| <u>MELTON</u><br>  719 | <u>McMAHON-GRIFFITH</u><br>  306 |
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3rd SECTION (High RIGHT)

MIDDLE

HIGH

Low

|                        |                         |  |
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| <u>MARTIN</u><br>  667 | <u>FREEMAN</u><br>  719 |  |
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| <u>BITTLE</u><br>  432 | <u>PETERS-HENSEN</u><br>  277 |
| <u>LYMAN</u><br>  709  | <u>RODAL</u><br>  303         |
|                        | <u>SCRAFF</u><br>  352        |

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| <u>OLSON</u><br>  302 |
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B-24 J's ARE MARKED "J"; OTHERS ARE B-24 Hs.

RECORDED

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US8<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group  
OVER TARGET (AT TURNBACK)

1<sup>st</sup> SECTION (LEAD)

MIDDLE  
SLATON - FRILING

Low

HIGH

BRAUER  
| 682

PIERCE  
| 353

425  
J

GLANN-JANISON  
| 433

HERZIK  
| 298

HOPKINS  
| 450

2<sup>nd</sup> SECTION

MIDDLE (LOW LEFT)

Low

HIGH

ONIEL-TOOMAN

408  
J

UMPHREY  
| 273

LARA-BOOTH  
| 341

SPAVEN  
| 286

DENGERFE  
| 300

MELTON  
| 177

MERRINS-GRIFFITH  
| 306

3<sup>rd</sup> SECTION

MIDDLE (HIGH RIGHT)

Low

HIGH

ROUBAL

303

NYMAN  
| 209

CLUMP  
| 302

B-24 J'S ARE MARKED "J"; OTHERS ARE B-24 HS.

## 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                |     |                             |