

Again on 18 March we visited FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, this time to strike at the DORNIER WORKS, and to complete mission 15, Sortie 9. The formation started out led by Maj. O'NEILL and Capt. CHAMBERLAIN. This important target is responsible for the main production of the DO 217's. Nineteen of our A/C attacked with the following results: 70x500GP on Primary Target, 364-100 GP on Secondary. Reported hits directly on buildings in the target area were observed. No strike photos on secondary target, but, crews report hits in target area causing smoke and fire. No fighter attacks were made on our formation, but, intense flak was encountered inflicting minor battle damage to fifteen of our aircraft.

Cosba-O'Neil

C
K21 D 357
Pierce
K20 I 682 ABORTB
~~Heber - ~~Heber~~~~
K21 A 311 No TAKE off

Hansman

K21 441-I

NOT SCHEDULED

Bruder

M 675 ABORT

Schulze

R 335

Gragun

K20 452-K ABORT

Mungerich

L 329

Stewart

K21 P 432

Melton

Q 719

Harris

K21 J 353

Cough

K20 Q 404 ABORT

D

Davis

N 340

Clark - ~~Wright~~
HenslerC
K21 D 408B
Spaven-ChamberlainGrant
I 21 J 302

K21 D 431

Freeman

K20 Q 457

DeNeffe

K20 R 300

Shuman

L 721

Hetzler

M 718

McCallough

455

Cainoa

H 705

Hanker

Q 473

Kovich

P 733 ABORT

Slevers

K21 O 392

Roubal

H 303

D

Nyman

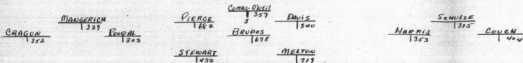
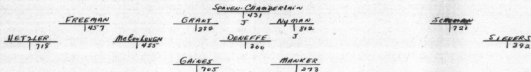
K20 D 812

Order of Take Off

- | <u>WEST</u> | | <u>EAST</u> | |
|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. 357-12 | 19. 340-27 | 1. 400-35 | 13. 303-34 |
| 2. 311-29 | | 2. 431-37 | 14. 842-21 |
| 3. 682-1 | | 3. 382-28 | |
| 4. 678-20 | | 4. 300-38 | |
| 5. 335-4 | | 5. 721-43 | |
| 6. 441-15 | | 6. 457-31 | |
| 7. 719-13 | | 7. 273-45 | |
| 8. 432-14 | | 8. 703-49 | |
| 9. 404- Hanger 2 | | 9. 392-41 | |
| 10. 353-7 | | 10. 732-40 | |
| 11. 329-19 | | 11. 455-30 | |
| 12. 352-33 | | 12. 718-51 | |

FORMATION - DEPARTING ENGLISH COAST

MISSION ITINERARY

FIRST SECTIONSECOND SECTION

NOTE: ALL B-24 J's ARE SO INDICATED. ALL OTHERS ARE B-24 N's.

FIRST SECTION-

MANGESIAN
| 324

HETZLER
| 115

FORMATION-OVER TARGET

COMB. CROSS
| 357
J

ROBERT
| 303

DAVIS
| 340

MELTON
| 717

Mc CONOUGH
| 425

STEWART
| 420

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SCHULZE
| 325

HARRIS
| 223

SECOND SECTION-

FREEMAN
| 457

SPENCER CAMPBELL
| 431
J

GRANT
| 382

NYMAN
| 512
J

DENEREE
| 300

GAINES
| 705

MAWHER
| 273

SCHUMMER
| 721

SIVERS
| 302

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
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	BRUDOS	9	ABT			41-28678	M	J3	--	UNKNOWN 002		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	CLARK	9	ABT	HENSLER	L2	42-100408	D	J4	--	BEASTFACE		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	COMBS	9	4	O'NEILL	L1	42-100357	D	Z5	3	VALE OREGAN		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	COUCH	9	ABT			42-52404	Q	Z5	--	BELLE OF BOSTON		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	CRAGUN	9	ABT			41-29352	K	7V	--	WOLVE'S LAIR		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	DAVIS	9	2			41-29340	N	7V	1	YANKEE BUZZ BOMB		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	DeNEFFE	9	4			41-29300	M	J4	7	LORELEI		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	FREEMAN	9	3			42-52457	Q	7V	3	FINAL APPROACH		ZIMMERMAN CROSSED OUT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	GAINES	9	4			41-28705	H	J4	8	YE OLDE HELLGATE		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	GRANT	9	7			42-52382	J	7V	7	WURF'LESS		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	HANNAMAN	9	2			42-52441	I	J3	6	LAST CARD LOUIE		NOT SCHEDULED
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	HARRIS, T	9	1			42-52353	J	Z5	7	McNAMARA'S BAND		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	HETZLER	9	6			41-28718	M	7V	8	BO		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	KOVICH	9	ABT			41-28733	P	J4	--	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	MANGERICH	9	6			41-29329	L	7V	6	FRITZI		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	MANKER	9	2			41-29273	Q	J4	6	FLAK MAGNET		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	McCULLOUGH	9	3			42-52455	O	7V	4	PLUTOCRAT		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	MELTON	9	5			41-28719	Q	J3	6	PADDLEFOOT		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	NYMAN	9	5			42-109812	D	7V	5	UNKNOWN 016		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	PIERCE	9	ABT			41-28682	I	Z5	--	UNKNOWN 003		ABORT
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	ROUBAL	9	6			41-29303	H	Z5	6	LIBERTY LIB		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	SCHULZE	9	6			42-52335	R	Z5	7	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	SCHUMAN	9	4			41-28721	L	J4	4	DOWNWIND LEG		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	SIEVERS	9	3			42-52392	O	J4	4	WABBIT TWACKS		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	SPAVEN	9	4	CHAMBERLAIN	D2	42-100431	B	J4	4	BOMB-AH-DEAR		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	STEWART	9	3			42-52432	P	J3	7	BACHELOR'S PARADISE		
18-Mar-1944	FRIEDRICHSHAFEN	WEBER	9	NT0	WRIGHT	D1	42-100311	A	7V	--	YOKUM BOY		NO TAKE OFF