

On 23 Mar, Mission 18, Sortie 12, twenty five planes led by Major HOGG and Major LA ROCHE left the base to attack OSNABRUCK, GERMANY. One hundred and forty 500lb GP and 520-100IB's were dropped on the Primary Target while 52-100IB's were dropped on a target of opportunity. No E/A were sighted. Flak was meager along the route, but, on the bombing run north of OSNABRUCK to a point south of MUNSTER, intense Flak was encountered. Our A/C 329 of the 752nd Sq. piloted by HAROLD W. HETZLER, P/O, was hit by a flak burst over MUNSTER. Facts gathered from the crews who last saw this ship were: A/C was hit by flak burst under open bomb bay. Small fire started and spread rapidly throughout entire ship. A/C flew on course for 45 seconds, then fell away. Tail twisted off first. A/C broke up completely on way down. Reports on "chutes" vary from "none seen" to "Two seen". (See diary for names etc)

FORMATION PLAN FOR MISSION # 18

23 March 1944

SECTION IHINCKLEY

| 127

C

KECK

| 721

KOVICH

K20 | 733

GAINES

K21 | 392

CRAGUN

| 352

MARTIN

| 455

PFY-HOGG

|

CLAGGETT

| 311

BUSH-WRIGHT

K21 | 812

SPAVEN

K20 | 705

D

DENEFFE

| 300

UMPHREY

273

HETZLER

| 329

GRANT

K21 | 382

ROUBAL

K-20 | 303

SECTION IIPIERCE-LAROCHE

K21 | 357

C

GLENN - OLLOM

| 425

SCHULZE

| 335

WATSON

| 682

HANHAMAN

| 359

BITTLER

K20 | 407

D

MELTON

| 423

GOLDSMITH

K20 | 295

COUCH

K21 | 363

VOGEL

| 441

McCOULLOUGH

| 709

TAYLOR

| 718

STILSON

K21 | 404

LOGIE

K-20 | 432

1st Section East Side

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| 1. 127-Hanger 2 | 8. 300-18 |
| 2. PFF | 9. 273-15 |
| 3. 812-21 | 10. 733-40 |
| 4. 311-23 | 11. 455-13 |
| 5. 705-49 | 12. 329-19 |
| 6. 721-43 | 13. 303-14 |
| 7. 382-28 | 14. 392-11 |
| | 15. 352-19 |

2nd Section West Side

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| 1. 357-12 | 8. 441-14 |
| 2. 425-26 | 9. 353-7 |
| 3. 359-16 | 10. 295-6 |
| 4. 407-22 | 11. 404-Hanger 2 |
| 5. 335-4 | 12. 432-17 |
| 6. 682-1 | 13. 709-27 |
| 7. 423-18 | 14. 718-30 |

VOGEL
| 441
flew here

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
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	BITTLER	12	7			42-100407	A	J3	3	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	BUSH	12	5	WRIGHT	D1	42-109812	D	7V	7	UNKNOWN 016		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	CLAGGETT	12	4			42-100311	A	7V	7	YOKUM BOY		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	COUCH	12	2			42-52353	J	Z5	10	McNAMARA'S BAND		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	CRAGUN	12	5			41-29352	K	7V	4	WOLVE'S LAIR		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	DeNEFFE	12	6			41-29300	M	J4	10	LORELEI		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	GAINES	12	6			42-52392	O	J4	7	WABBIT TWACKS		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	GLENN	12	5	OLLUM	D2	42-100425	D	J3	4	THE BIRD		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	GOLDSMITH	12	4			41-29295	K	Z5	4	BOMB TOTIN' MAMA		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	GRANT	12	9			42-52382	J	7V	10	WURF'LESS		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	HANNAMAN	12	3			41-29359	J	J3	5	TAIL WIND		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	HETZLER	12	7			41-29329	L	7V	9	FRITZI	FTR	DIRECT FLAK HIT OVER TARGET
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	HINCKLEY	11	1			42-40127	Z	Z5	--	FIRST SERGEANT		B24D ASSEMBLY SHIP ON MISSION??
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	KECK	12	7			41-28721	L	J4	6	DOWNWIND LEG		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	KOVICH	12	5			41-28733	P	J4	5	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	LAMB	12	5	HOGG	L1	41-28673	A	YO	--	389BG/564SQ		LAMB 389TH PILOT (TRFSR IN MARCH)
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	LOGIE	12	6			42-52432	P	J3	10	BACHELOR'S PARADISE		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	MARTIN, J	12	6			42-52455	O	7V	7	PLUTOCRAT		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	McCULLOUGH	12	5			41-28709	I	7V	5	LUCKY STRIKE		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	MELTON	12	6			42-52423	R	J3	4	UNKNOWN 031		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	PIERCE	12	6	LaROCHE	L2	42-100357	D	Z5	6	VALE OREGAN		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	ROUBAL	12	8			41-29303	H	Z5	8	LIBERTY LIB		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	SCHULZE	12	7			42-52335	R	Z5	10	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	SPAVEN	12	5			41-28705	H	J4	11	YE OLDE HELLGATE		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	STILSON	12	4			42-52404	Q	Z5	3	BELLE OF BOSTON		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	TAYLOR	12	7			41-28718	M	7V	11	BO		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	UMPHREY	12	6			41-29273	Q	J4	8	FLAK MAGNET		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	VOGEL	12	5			42-52441	I	J3	9	LAST CARD LOUIE		
23-Mar-1944	OSNABRUCK	WATSON	12	4			41-28682	I	Z5	11	UNKNOWN 003		