

On 27 March, Mission 22, Sortie 15, a beautiful example of precision pin point bombing was observed when we hit BIARRITZ A/F in France. Twenty four aircraft, led by Major HOGG and Major HEMSON dropped 1000 100Lb. M1 Frag Clusters on the airfield. Strike photos show bomb pattern along north and east side of field, includes bomb and fuel dumps, dispersal areas, hangars, barracks, and aircraft in dispersal areas. No E/A were sighted and no battle damage from flak. As the crews remarked, "it was a darn long haul, but well worth it". Weather set in after take-off and continued poorly all day, necessitating our aircraft to land at another base in England. They returned to the base the next day and were then interrogated.

Due to weather, this was to be our last mission for the month of March. As our second month ended in the ETO, we feel proud of the record we have accomplished. As a summary of operations from 1 March to 31st, we point with pride to our record of fifteen sorties on important military and industrial targets in GERMANY and German held territory. Twelve aircraft were lost, five members killed and one hundred and five missing. With the present high standard of morale we should go a long way to make this group the finest combat outfit in the ETO.

SECTION I

Martin
K-20 | 455

Collick
457

Sievers
392

Umphrey
K-21 | 273

Taylor
718

Weber-Hogg
K-21 | 365

Mungerich
K-21 | 352

Tooman-Moore
K-21 | 431

Roubal
383

DeNeffa
300

Schnaf
302

Keck
K-20 | 721

Andrew
K-20 | 706

D Manker
735

Robeson
733

SECTION II

Barton
K-20 | 353

D Loda
423

Goldsmith
738

G Watson
K-21 | 341

Stilson
404

Glenn-Henson
K-21 | 433

Schulze
K-21 | 335

Whitlow-Hinekley
K-21 | 407

Raiter
495

Melton
719

Bittler
K-20 | 359

Brudos
K-20 | 382

Stewart
432

EAST

1. 365 - 25	9. 735 - 44
2. 431 - 37	10. 300 - 38
3. 273 - 45	11. 392 - 41
4. 352 - 29	12. 457 - 31
5. 721 - 43	13. 706 - 36
6. 455 - 33	14. 733 - 40
7. 303 - 34	15. 302 - 32
8. 718 - 30	

WEST

1. 433 - 24	9. 432 - 14
2. 407 - 22	10. 719 - 13
3. 341 - 39	11. 738 - 5
4. 335 - 4	12. 423 - 18
5. 359 - 16	13. 382 - 28
6. 353 - 7	
7. 295 - 6	
8. 404 - 3	

FORMATION - DEPARTING ENGLISH COAST

1st SECTION

<u>Gulick</u> 1457	<u>MARTIN</u> 1455	<u>Siggers</u> 1392	<u>Unpuey</u> 1293	<u>Weger-Hagg</u> J 365	<u>Terman-Morris</u> J 431	<u>KECK</u> 1721	<u>MARKEE</u> 1722
			<u>MANDELCH</u> 1852	<u>SEWAGE</u> 1802	<u>RIVRAI</u> 1800	<u>DEWITTE</u> 1300	<u>RIDGEMAN</u> 1723
			<u>Taylor</u> 1718				

2nd SECTION

<u>COLOSMITH</u> 1708	<u>WATSON</u> 1301	<u>Glean-Heston</u> J 433	<u>WATSON-HINCHAY</u> J 407	<u>BUTLER</u> 1259	<u>STEWART</u> 1432
	<u>LOGIE</u> 1403	<u>SCHULZE</u> 1825	<u>RAITER</u> 1295	<u>MALTON</u> 1719	<u>BRIDES</u> 1382

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

FORMATION - OVER TARGET

1ST SECTION

	<u>MARTIN</u> 1455		<u>WEBER-HOOD</u> J 1345		<u>Tommy-Moore</u> J 1431		<u>KECK</u> 1721	
<u>GULICK</u> 1457		<u>SIEVERS</u> 1392	<u>WADSWORTH</u> 1373				<u>DENEFF</u> 1300	<u>MANKER</u> 1725
			<u>MANGRICH</u> 1352		<u>ROVAL</u> 1303			<u>ROBSON</u> 1723
			<u>Taylor</u> 1718		<u>SCHAFF</u> 1302			

2ND SECTION

			<u>GLAN-HEWSON</u> J 1433					
	<u>ELLSMITH</u> 1723		<u>WATSON</u> 1341		<u>Whitlow-Binley</u> J 1407		<u>BITTLER</u> 1359	
			<u>SCHEER</u> 1335				<u>MELTON</u> 1719	<u>STEWART</u> 1432
			<u>LOEIE</u> 1423		<u>KAITER</u> 1295		<u>BRUDOS</u> 1372	

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
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	ANDREW	15	NTO			41-28706		J4	--	DREAM BOAT/SPARE PARTS		NO TAKE OFF
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	BARTON	15	NTO			42-52353	--	Z5	--	McNAMARA'S BAND		NO TAKE OFF
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	BITTLER	15	9			41-29359		J3	8	TAIL WIND		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	BRUDOS	15	8			42-52382		7V	13	WURF'LESS		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	DeNEFFE	15	7			41-29300		J3	13	LORELEI		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	GLENN	15	6	HENSON	L2	42-100433	--	J3	7	BIG DICK HARD TO HIT		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	GOLDSMITH	15	5			41-28738		Z5	3	MEAT AROUND THE CORNER		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	GULICK	15	5			42-52457		7V	7	FINAL APPROACH		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	KECK	15	10			41-28721	--	J4	8	DOWNWIND LEG		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	LOGIE	15	9			42-52423	--	J3	6	UNKNOWN 031		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	MANGERICH	15	9			41-29352		7V	7	WOLVE'S LAIR		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	MANKER	15	6			41-28735		J4	6	UNKNOWN 005		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	MARTIN, J	15	8			42-52455	--	7V	9	PLUTOCRAT		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	MELTON	15	9			41-28719		J3	8	PADDLEFOOT		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	RAITER	15	11			41-29295		Z5	7	BOMB TOTIN' MAMA		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	ROBESON	15	9			41-28733		J4	8	RHAPSODY IN JUNK		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	ROUBAL	15	10			41-29303		Z5	10	LIBERTY LIB		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	SCHAAF	15	10			41-29302		7V	7	NOKKISH		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	SCHULZE	15	10			42-52335		Z5	13	ADMIRABLE LITTLE CHARACTER		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	SIEVERS	15	7			42-52392		J4	10	WABBIT TWACKS		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	STEWART	15	7			42-52432		J3	13	BACHELOR'S PARADISE		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	STILSON	15	ABT			42-52404		Z5	--	BELLE OF BOSTON		ABORT
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	TAYLOR	15	9			41-28718		7V	14	BO		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	TOOMAN	15	4	MOORE	D1	42-100431	--	J4	7	BOMB-AH-DEAR		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	UMPHREY	15	9			41-29273	--	J4	11	FLAK MAGNET		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	WATSON	15	7			42-100341	--	J4	5	SATAN'S MATE		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	WEBER	15	6	HOGG	L1	42-100365	--	7V	7	WOLFGANG (maybe)		
27-Mar-1944	BIARRITZ	WHITLOW	15	8	HINCKLEY	D2	42-100407		J3	5	LITTLE LAMBSY DIVEY		