

12th May 1944

1BD 40 CBW 92BG B17s
42-30644 Lt Durwood Marshall

28th May 1944

2BD 2 CBW 445BG B24s
42-50346 Lt John Campbell
389BG
42-110074 Lt Jack Eley

7th July 1944

3BD 13CBW 390BG B17s
42-97983 Lt Larue Cribbs
42-107070 Lt Lawrence Gregor *North Star*

20th July 1944

3BD 4 CBW 447BG B17s
42-31128 Lt G Miller
13 CBW 100BG B17s
42-97564 Capt F Kincannon *Belle of Berlin*

28th July 1944

1BD 1 CBW 398BG B17s
42-102579 W Dwyer *Stinker*
94 CBW 351BG B17s
42-102952 W Long
3BD 13 CBW 100BG B17s
42-97555 Lt J Noble
42-97621 Lt W Stansbury
42-32009 Lt A Spear *Black Cat / 13*
45 CBW 452BF B17s
42-97616 Capt F Boyer/Col A Smith *Hi-Blower*
42-97764 Lt M Franklin

29th July 1944

3BD 4 CBW 385BG B17s
43-37663 Lt A Benefield Jr
13 CBW 100BG B17s
42-31537 Lt W Fitzroy *Randie Lou*
42-31723 Lt J Phelps *Sparky*
42-31903 Lt E Jones *Hard Luck II*
42-107211 Lt C Gustafson
43-37655 M Clark
42-97829 Lt G Steussy *Regal Eagle*
42-102667 Lt R Schomp *Yankee Wahine*
42-107007 Lt W Greiner *She Has-Ta*
13 CBW 390BG B17s
42-102549 Lt H Stewart *Lady Satan*
42-97863 Lt C Norby *Shack Rat*
45 CBW 96BG B17s
42-97262 Lt R Coleflesh *Silver Slipper*
45 CBW 388BG B17s
42-39866 Lt R Boyce
1BD 41 CBW 384BG B17s
43-37870 Lt N Sweeney
94CBW 351BG B17s
42-38146 Lt J Morton

24th August 1944

1BD 40CBW 305BG B17s
42-97533 LtCol C Normand
42-97991 Maj H Von Tungeln
42-102602 H Mockett
42-102976 R Buck
43-37593 O Graham
43-38146 P Dabney
40CBW 92BG B17s
42-31771 S Nagy
41CBW 303BG B17s
42-97291 J R Hillary *Myasis Dragon*
42-97994 T K Eldridge
41CBW 379BG B17s
43-37903 J Connell
44-6004 D Brunns *Ronny Boy*

11th September 1944

1BD 40CBW 305BG B17s
43-38166 G Hogaboam
40CBW 92BG B17s
42-31687 T Andrew *Wabbit*
42-31828 W Kannapin *Junkers Joy*
42-97326 H Potter *Little Lambsy*
Divey
42-102426 W McIlionie *Kidley Divey*
43-37546 L Smith *Rowdy Rebel*
43-38290 J Glasco *Canvas Back IV*
43-38335 H Wallace
44-6084 M Cook *Bucket of Bolts*
41CBW 379BG B17s
42-102675 W Smithdeal
41CBW 384BG B17s
42-107058 J Chadwick *White Angel*
94CBW 401BG B17s
42-31091 M Wingard *Maggie*



13th September 1944

1BD	40CBW	92BG	B17s
42-31250	H Eck		<i>Mag the Hag</i>
42-31995	W Stallings		<i>Heaven's</i>
<i>Above</i>			
42-97848	J Peck		<i>Silver Wings</i>
43-38389	H Donlon		<i>U've 'Ad It</i>
	40CBW	306BG	B17s
42-31726	C Nattier		<i>Duration Plus</i>
	41CBW	303BG	B17s
42-32027	C Heleen		<i>Betty Jane</i>
44-6076	L Walker		<i>Liberty Run</i>
	41CBW	384BG	B17s
43-38213	L Dodson		

28th September 1944

3BD	4 CBW	486BG	B17s
43-38110			
	13CBW	95BG	B17s
43-37801	H Heath		
	13CBW	100BG	B17s
44-6306			
	45CBW	388BG	B17s
43-37520	M Michael		<i>G.I. Jane</i>
42-37878	L Frawley		<i>Millie K</i>
42-97219	V Olson		<i>Revel's Revenge</i>
42-102953	B Lord		<i>Sky Anne</i>
43-38404	J Heimendinger		
	93CBW	34BG	B17s
44-8303	S Schwartz		

7th October 1944

3BD	4 CBW	447BG	B17s
42-102441	R Harwood		<i>TNT Katie</i>
	93CBW	34BG	B17s
43-38188	J Heiby		
44-8328	W Kiley		

**2nd November 1944**

1BD	1 CBW	91BG	B17s
42-31883	H Chouinard		<i>Jub Jub Bird</i>
42-38083	L Hare		<i>Man o' War II</i>
42-98012	J Hamilton		<i>Cannon Ball</i>
<i>Too</i>			
42-97234	J Liekhus		<i>Bomber Dear</i>
42-97563	O Snow		<i>Winged Victory</i>
42-97956	H Rustard		<i>Pard</i>
42-97984	J Faris		<i>Sherries Cherries</i>
43-37625	R Harris		<i>Cheri</i>
43-38202	D Brant		<i>Miss Slipstream</i>
43-38212	T Burnes		<i>Gal o' my Dreams</i>
44-6093	J Askin		<i>USA the Hard Way</i>
44-6298	R Brown		<i>White Cargo</i>
44-8208	R Hammer		
	1 CBW	398BG	B17s
42-102562	H Newman		<i>Knockout</i>
42-107053	R Reed		
43-38670	R Campbell		
	94 CBW	457BG	B17s
42-31923	G Gallagher		<i>Prop Wash</i>
42-106998	G Bow		<i>Paper Doll</i>
43-37532	J Corriher		
43-37556	W Dawson		
43-37766	E Morrow		<i>Dolores</i>
43-37782	W Murdock		<i>Lady Katherine</i>
43-38309	K Guptill		
43-38561	B Harrison		
44-6155	S Schimel		
	94 CBW	401BG	B17s
43-38159	H Oas Jr		<i>Wolf Pack</i>
3BD	4 CBW	94BG	B17s
42-102577	W Peterson		<i>Bouncin' Annie</i>
	4 CBW	385BG	B17s
43-37888	H Keeler		
	4 CBW	447BG	B17s
42-97634	Maj W C Allen		
42-107029	R Johnson		<i>Tail Wind</i>
43-37531	R Wing		
44-6571	C Moses		
43-37936	E Tetreault		<i>Bonnie Baby</i>
	4 CBW	486BG	B17s
43-37883	D Paris		<i>Blue Streak</i>
43-38140	A Pierce		
	13CBW	95BG	B17s
42-102678	Lt Pozolo		<i>Ole Worry Bird</i>
	93CBW	493BG	B17s
43-38284	R Proudfit		<i>Straighten</i>

8th November 1944

1BD	41CBW	379BG B17s
42-31663	G Duffy	<i>Tag-a-Long</i>
42-97282	W Drake	384BG B17s
	94CBW	<i>Rebel</i>
42-38064	A Furr	457BG B17s
		<i>Arf'n'Arf</i>

21st November 1944

1BD	1 CBW	91BG B17s
43-37890	C Whitesell	<i>Fearless Fosdick</i>
43-38545	H DeBolt	
		398BG B17s
42-102600	F Wismer	<i>Zoomeriago</i>
42-107138	P Rich	<i>Witka Tanka Tonk</i>
43-38147	C Howell	<i>Fuddy Duddy</i>
43-38671	R Lehner	
44-8348	K Hastings	<i>Nutty Hussy</i>
	40CBW	303BG B17s
42-102484	A Chance	<i>Heller's Angels</i>
43-38705	P Cureton	
44-6503	L Glass	<i>Lady Alta</i>
44-6600	A Virag	
	94CBW	401BG B17s
44-6104 R Keck		<i>Homing Pigeon</i>
		351BG B17s
43-37727	W Loehndorf	

"In principle, no fighter or bomber pilots brought down are to be saved from the fury of the people."

Albert Hoffmann, Gauleiter and Commissioner for the Defense of the Reich, Gau South of Westphalia.
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**25th November 1944**

3BD	4 CBW	487BG B17s
44-6307	C Shields	<i>Blonde Bomber</i>
42-31154	N Wiggins	447BG B17s
43-37869	H Blair	<i>Shack Happy</i>
	45CBW	<i>Blonde Bomber</i>
44-6612	R Fischer	96BG B17s
42-97534	I Cohen	452BG B17s
		<i>Patches</i>
44-6472	W Wilson	388BG B17s
	93CBW	
43-37886	F Delmerico	490BG B17s
		<i>Pennsy-Belle</i>
43-38232	J Miller	493BG B17s
		<i>Proud Pappy</i>

30th November 1944

3BD	4 CBW	486BG B17s
43-37948	W Cornelison	
44-8499	H Heinz	
		487BG B17s
43-37877	L Kersten	
	13CBW	390BG B17s
42-97407	G Peterson	<i>Aste-Risk</i>
42-107041	D Meigide	<i>Ain't Misbehavin</i>
43-37519	E Booth	<i>Joker (aka De Joker)</i>
43-38053	R Torrance	
43-38456	A Phillips	
44-8080 D Gary		<i>Boogie Baby</i>
44-8325 A Harris		95BG B17s
42-97383	E Payne	
42-102560	C Wicker	<i>Thomper</i>
		100BG B17s
43-38211	V O Anderson	
	45CBW	96BG B17s
44-8109 F Whaley		
43-38133	W Modine	<i>The Reluctant Dragon</i>
	93CBW	34BG B17s
43-38059	O Hanson	<i>Chesty-V</i>
1BD	1 CBW	398BG B17s
43-38463	R Weum	
	40CBW	92BG B17s
43-38611	A Smith	<i>Umbriago</i>

(Note: Additional losses may be attributable to this day. The confused situation on 30th November meant that many aircraft from other groups may have been subjected to and become victims of the flak batteries defending Merseburg. The approach and withdrawal routes for Lutzkendorf, Zeitz and Bohlen brought formations not scheduled to attack Merseburg within their range. The losses shown here are from units known to have attacked Merseburg's Leuna plant.)

Left : Pathfinder smoke bombs curve down towards the target as the signal for other B17s in the formation to drop their bomb loads. (USAAF)

6th December 1944

3BD	4 CBW	385BG	B17s
43-38612	E Findeiss		<i>Lil Lu</i>
43-37927	B Alexander	486BG	B17s
43-37944	R Miller		<i>Mr Tacoma</i>
42-102658	H Demaille	447BG	B17s
			<i>Blanco Diablo</i>

12th December 1944

1BD	41CBW	384BG	B17s
42-102933	K Hale		<i>Queenie</i>
43-37567	M Higgins	457BG	B17s
			<i>Willie III</i>

Merseburg : the human cost

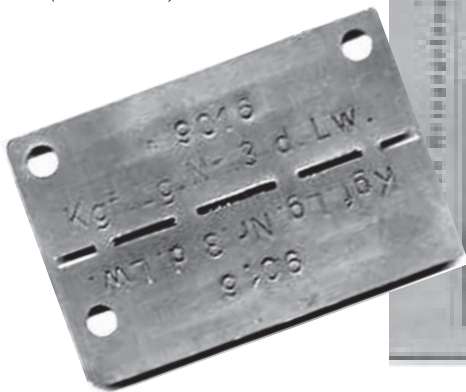
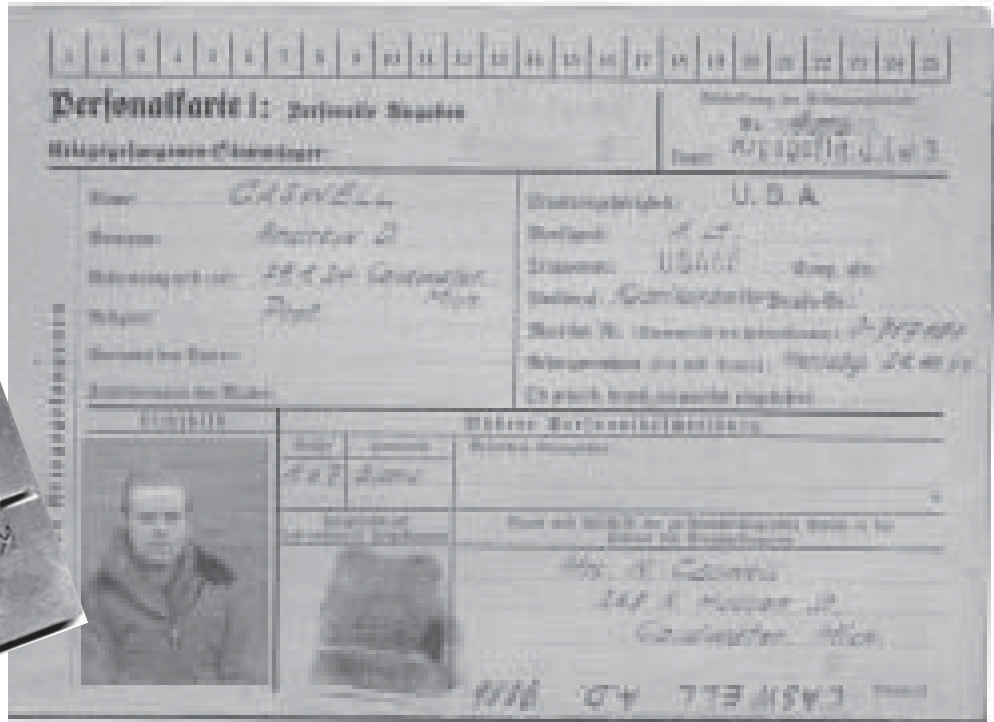
665	Killed or Missing in Action (inc. fighter pilots)
822	Prisoners of War (inc. fighter pilots)
9	Interned
1412	TOTAL
22	Returned or rescued
10	Evaded

German casualties (within the Leuna plant)*

334	Dead
687	Injured (167 seriously + 520 slightly)

* These figures probably do not include forced labourers or POWs within the plant or military or civilians casualties in outlying areas.

Right :
Every prisoner of war had a card like this one and most were also given a Luftwaffe POW dog tag to wear. These belonged to Lt Andy Caswell who was shot down on 21st November while flying in 91BG's Fearless Fosdick.
(A Caswell)



Composition of the 14th Flak Division in October 1944

This was the division primarily responsible for the defence of Leuna's I. G. Farbenindustrie synthetic oil plant :

Regular Luftwaffe personnel	28,000
Labor Service (RAD) personnel	18,000
Male Luftwaffe auxiliaries (Flakhelfers)	6,000
Female Luftwaffe auxiliaries (Flakhelferinnen)	3,050
Hungarian and Italian volunteers	900
Soviet POWs	3,600
Others	3,000
Total	62,550

