

8. Luftwaffe losses against Bristol 1940/44

Aircraft Identification Markings

Bomber, Heavy Fighter (Zerstörer) and Reconnaissance units identified their aircraft by a four character coding system painted on the fuselage sides. The first two characters, to the left of the fuselage cross, were an arbitrary identification code peculiar to each Geschwader or independent Gruppe. The third character was the individual aircraft identification letter, and the fourth and final letter in the code identified the Staffel according to a rigid sequence. For example an He 111 coded G1+AH :- The G1 to the left of the fuselage cross was the code for KG 55, while the H on the extreme right indicated that the aircraft belonged to the 1st Staffel (of the 1st Gruppe). The A was the identification letter of the individual aircraft within the Staffel. In addition all aircraft carried throughout their lives their own individual *Werk Nummer* (Wnr.) or airframe serial number which had been allocated by the manufacturer.

Principal Luftwaffe Ranks

Officers

Generalfeldmarschall (Gen. Feldm.) = Marshal of the RAF

Generaloberst (Gen. Oberst.) = Air Chief Marshal

General der Flieger (Gen. d. Fl.) = Air Marshal

Generalleutnant (Gen. Ltn.) = Air Vice Marshal

Generalmajor (Gen. Maj.) = Air Commodore

Oberst (Oberst) = Group Captain

Oberstleutnant (Oberstlt.) = Wing Commander

Major (Maj.) = Squadron Leader

Hauptmann (Hptm.) = Flight Lieutenant

Oberleutnant (Oblt.) = Flying Officer

Leutnant (Ltn.) = Pilot Officer

Leutnant zur See *(Ltn.z.S.) = Sub Lieutenant

* A Naval rank held by some members of mixed Airforce/Navy crewed units e.g. KGr 606, KGr 806.

Non-Commissioned Officers

Stabsfeldwebel (Sfw.) = Warrant Officer

Oberfeldwebel (Ofw.) = Flight Sergeant

Fahnenjunker-Fw. (Fhj-Fw.) = Cadet Sergeant Major

Feldwebel (Fw.) = Sergeant

Unteroffizier (Uffz.) = Corporal

Other Ranks

Obergefreiter (Ogefr.) = Leading Aircraftsman

Gefreiter (Gefr.) = Aircraftman First Class

Flieger (Flg.) = Aircraftman Second Class

Civilians Engaged in Military Activities

Sonderführer (Sdf.) = Kriegsberichter

War correspondents who usually flew as gunners.

Luftwaffe Aircrew Categories

Flugzeugführer (F) = Pilot

Beobachter (B) = Observer (Navigator/BombAimer)

Bordfunker (Bf) = Wireless (W/T) Operator

Bordmechaniker (Bm) = Flight Mechanic

Bordschütze (Bs) = Gunner

Bombenschütze (Bsz) = Bomb Aimer (not fully trained)

Kampfbeobachter (Kb) = Combat Observer (not fully trained)

The Losses

04.07.40: Target BAC Filton: III/KG 54.

He 111P, Wnr.2480, B3+DM (previously used by 4/KG 54)

Ltn. Hans-Heinrich Delfs (F) killed

Uffz. Gerhard Bischoff (B) killed

Uffz. Hermann Krack (Bs) killed

Uffz. Heinz Karwelat (Bf) POW injured

Intercepted on return flight over Weston-s-Mare and severely damaged by Spitfires of *Yellow Section*, 92 Sq. (Pembrey) - P/O. H.D.Edwards, P/O. C.H.Saunders and Sgt. R.H.Fokes. Crashed at 15.25 hrs at Longmoor Farm, Gillingham, Dorset. Saunders and Fokes landed alongside the wreck and assisted in rescue work.

11/12.07.40: Target Avonmouth & Portishead: I/KG 51.

Ju 88A of 3/KG 51

Ofw. Josef Rattel (F) killed

1 NCO injured

2 others uninjured

This aircraft was unable to precisely identify the target because of intense flak. It suffered engine failure on the return flight and crashed and burnt out at Varnevil while on approach to landing.

11/12.07.40: Target Avonmouth & Portishead: I/KG 51.

Ju 88A of I/KG 51

4 NCO's missing

Failed to return and probably crashed into the sea.

21.07.40: Recon. over airfields in Bournemouth, Bristol, Oxford and Portsmouth area: 4(F)/14.

Do 17M, Wnr.780, 5F+OM of 4(F)/14.

Oblt. Georg Thiel (B) POW injured

Fw. Fritz Bohnen (F) POW injured

Uffz. Alfred Werner (Bf) POW injured

Intercepted by the Hurricanes of *A Flight*, 238 Sq. (Middle Wallop); S/Ldr. Harold Fenton, F/Lt. Donald Turner, F/O. C.T.Davies, P/O. J.S.Wigglesworth and Sgt. L.G.Batt. The Dornier was shot down and crash-landed at Nutford Farm, 1 mile north of Blandford, Dorset at 15.00 hrs. During the combat Hurricane P3767, flown by P/O. C.T.Davies, was damaged by return fire.

03/04.08.40: Target Bristol area: III/KG 55.

He 111P G1+IR of 7/KG 55

Ofw. Gerhard Geissler (F) killed

Uffz. Karl Ohmann (B) missing

Uffz. Walter Weber (Bf) missing

Uffz. Werner Thieme (Bm) missing

Uffz. Friedrich Westphal (Bs) missing

Shot down by Flak over the English Coast.

09.08.40: Reconnaissance over Filton and Yeovil: 3(F)/123.

Ju 88 of 3(F)/123.

1 NCO killed

Intercepted and damaged at 06.55 hrs by a Hurricane of 213 Sq. (Exeter) flown by P/O. W.M.Sizer. Aircraft returned to base with 25% damage.

11/12.08.40: Target Bristol Docks: II/KG 27.

He 111H-3, 1G+AC of Stab.II/KG 27

Maj. Friedrich-Karl Schlichting () POW

Ofw. Gunther Löhning () POW

Ofw. Willi Bendrich () POW injured

Ofw. Herbert Frey () POW

Maj. Hans-Jurgen Brehmer () POW injured

Shot down returning from a mission to Bristol Docks (possibly intercepted at 00.19 hrs by a Hurricane of 87 Squadron). Crew all baled out. Aircraft crashed 02.00 hrs at Sturminster Marshall, near Wimborne, Dorset. Schlichting was the Gruppenkommandeur and Brehmer was Adj.Chef Genst.d.Lw.

11/12.08.40: Target BAC Filton: III/KG 55.

He 111P, 1G+HT of 9/KG 55

Uffz. Herbert Schmidt (F) killed

Uffz. Siegfried Held (B) missing

Uffz. Bubel (Bf) injured

Fw. Paulussen (Bm) injured

Both engines damaged in a fighter attack during the outward flight to Bristol. Crashed and burnt at Rambervilliers, France, during return flight.

14.08.40: Target Armed Recon. over West Country: III/KG 27.

He 111P, 1G+NT of 9/KG 27

Oblt. Ernst Ohlenschlager (F) POW

Uffz. Kurt Sulzbach (B) POW

Uffz. Adolf Blumenthal (Bf) POW

Fw. Nikolaus Jug (Bm) POW

Gefr. Kurt Kupsch (Bs) POW

Shot down by Spitfires of *Blue Section*, 92 Sq. (Pembrey). Force landed 18.00 hrs at Charterhouse, near Cheddar, Somerset, having jettisoned its bombs at Edington Burtle. Kupsch was promoted to Uffz. via the Red Cross 1/7/42.

14.08.40: Target Armed Recon. over West Country: III/KG 27.

He 111P, 1G+OT of 9/KG 27

Ltn. Otto Uhland (F) POW

Uffz. Josef Krenn (Bm) POW

Obgefr. Hans Ramsetter (B) POW

Gefr. Gerhard Rother (Bs) POW

Uffz. Edo Flick (Bf) POW injured

Shot down by Spitfires of *Blue Section*, 92 Sq. (Pembrey). Crashed 18.05 hrs at Cann's Farm, near Puriton, Somerset, having jettisoned bombs in the Burnham-on-Sea area.

14.08.40: Target Armed Recon. over West Country: III/KG 27.

He 111P of 9/KG 27

Hptm. Josef Riedel (F) missing

Uffz. Adelhard Witt (B) missing

Fw. Ernst Haumann (Bm) missing

Gefr. Emil Wolf (Bs) missing

Uffz. Hans Dolata (Bf) killed

Shot down by Spitfires of *Blue Section*, 92 Sq. (Pembrey). Crashed into the sea between Barry and Steep Holm Island at 18.00 hrs. Dolata's body was washed up at Portishead on September 12th 1940 and is buried at Weston-s-Mare Cemetery.

22.08.40: Reconnaissance over Filton: 3(F)/123.

Ju 88A-1, 7A+AL, of 3(F)/121

Ogefr. W.Kuhweide () killed

Ltn. R.Pfundtner () POW injured

Oblt. Baudler () POW injured

Flg. A.Leber () POW injured

Crashed at 16.00 hrs at Upcott Farm, Beaford, nr. Okehampton, Devon. Shot down by Spitfires of *Green Section*, 152 Sq. (Warmwell) following an attack by P/O. W.Beaumont.

29/30.08.40: Target Bristol as alt. for Liverpool: I/KG 27.

He 111H, Wnr.3438, 1G+EL of 3/KG 27

Oblt. H-J. Hünnerbein () POW

Uffz. J. Schlosser () POW

Uffz. D. Siebers () POW

Obgefr. P. Walpert () POW died later

Caught in searchlights over Bristol and shot down by a Spitfire of *A Flight*, 92 Sq. (Bibury) flown by F/L. A.R. Wright. The abandoned aircraft crashed onto a house at Downton, Hale, near Fordingbridge, Hants. at 23.45 hrs.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: I/KG 55.

He 111P, Wnr.6305, G1+BH of 1/KG 55

Fw. Fritz Jürges (F) POW injured

Hptm. Karl Köthke (B) POW

Gefr. Rudolf Weisbach (Bf) POW

Fl. Otto Müller (Bs) POW injured

Uffz. Josef Altrichter (Bm) POW died same day

Attacked by P/O. J.S. Wigglesworth in a Hurricane of 238 Sq. (Middle Wallop) and P/O. J. Curchin in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Force-landed at Westfield Farm, Studland, near Swanage, Dorset at 12.10 hrs.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: II/KG 55.

He 111P, Wnr. 2126, G1+DN of 5/KG 55

Oblt. Gottfried Weigel (F) POW

Ofw. Alfred Narres (B) POW

Uffz. Karl Gerdsmeyer (Bm) POW

Gefr. Karl Geib (Bs) POW

Fw. Georg Engel (Bf) POW injured

Shot down by A.A. fire from Portbury gunsight (237 Battery, 76th HAA Rgt.). Aircraft abandoned by crew and crashed at Racecourse Farm, Failand, near Bristol at 11.50 hrs.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: II/KG 55.

He 111P, Wnr.1525, G1+EP of 6/KG 55

Hptm. Helmut Brandt (F) POW injured

Ofw. Günter Wittkamp (B) killed

Ofw. Rudolf Kirchoff (Bf) killed

Uffz. Hans-Fritz Mertz (Bm) killed

Gefr. Rudolf Beck (Bs) killed

Starboard engine hit and aircraft severely damaged in attacks by F/O. I.N. Bayles and Sgt. K.C. Holland in Spitfires of 152 Sq. (Warmwell), as well as P/O. J.R. Urwin-Mann and Sgt. R. Little in Hurricanes of 238 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed at Church Farm, Woolverton, near Frome, Somerset at 12.02 hrs. Hptm. Brandt was Staffelkapitain.

25.09.40: Target Filton: II/KG 55.

He 111P, Wnr.1579, G1+AP of 6/KG 55

Oblt. Helmut Kindor (B) injured

Uffz. Erich Turek (Bs) injured

Damaged by fighters in combat over England. Crash-landed at Caen, France 50% damaged.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: III/KG 55.

He 111P, Wnr.2803, G1+LR of 7/KG 55

Oblt. Hans Bocker (F) killed

Oblt. Heinz Harry Scholz (B) killed

Uffz. Kurt Schraps (Bm) POW

Uffz. Josef Hanft (Bs) killed

Uffz. Günter Weidner (Bm) killed

Attacked by P/O. N.le C. Agazarian in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. (Middle Wallop) and P/O. J.R. Urwin-Mann in a Hurricane of 238 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Also engaged by P/O. R.F.G. Miller in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. Crashed on "Chatsworth", Westminster Road, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset at 12.08 hrs. Oblt. Bocker was Staffelkapitain.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: III/ZG 26.

Bf 1Bf 11010C-4, (GF+KV) Wnr.3591, 3U+GS of 8/ZG 26

Gefr. Heinz Schumacher (Bf) killed

Fw. Walter Scherer (F) POW injured

Port engine set on fire in attacks by P/O. W.D. Williams in a Spitfire of 152 Sq. (Warmwell) and P/O. H.C. Mayers in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. (Middle

Wallop). Crash-landed at Well Bottom, near Boyton, Wilts at 12.15 hrs.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: III/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, **(DE+ME)** Wnr.3263, of III/ ZG 26

Crew rescued unhurt by Seenotdienst.

Ditched in the English Channel following combat with RAF fighters over Weymouth.

25.09.40: Target BAC Filton: III/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, **(TG+FT)** Wnr.2194, of III/ZG 26

Crew unhurt

Damaged by fighters over English Channel. Crash-landed at Theville airfield, France. Aircraft 60% damaged.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: Epr Gr 210.

Bf 110D-3, **(CG+OT)** Wnr.3378, S9+DH of St/Epr Gr 210

Hptm. Martin Lutz (F) killed

Uffz. Anton Schön (Bf) killed

Attacked and badly damaged by a number of pilots. Believed finally shot down by F/L. A.H. Rook in a Hurricane of 504 Sq. (Filton). Crashed at Busseys Stool Farm, Tarrant Gunville, Dorset at 12.00 hrs. Hptm. Lutz was Gruppenkommandeur.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: Epr Gr 210.

Bf 110D-0, **(DD+XJ)** Wnr.4270, S9+DU of 2/Epr Gr 210

Fw. Friedrich Ebner (F) POW injured

Gefr. Werner Zwick (Bf) POW injured

Port engine disabled in attacks by F/L. A.H. Rook in a Hurricane of 504 Sq. (Filton); and starboard engine damaged in attacks by P/O. M.H. Constable-Maxwell in a Hurricane of 56 Sq. (Boscombe Down). Force-landed at The Beeches, Preston Hill, Iwerne Minster, Dorset at 12.00 hrs.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: Epr Gr 210.

Bf 110D-3, **(VM+EJ)** Wnr.3888, S9+JH of 1/Epr Gr 210

Ltn. Gerhard Schmidt (F) killed

Fw. Gerhard Richter (Bf) killed

Engaged by Hurricanes of 504 Sq. (Filton), finally shot down by P/O.

B.E.G. White. Dived vertically into the ground and burned out at Bradle Row, Kimmeridge, Dorset c.12.00 hrs.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: Epr Gr 210.

Bf 110D-0, Wnr.2248, S9+GK of 2/Epr Gr 210

Oblt. Wilhelm Rössiger (F) missing

Ofw. Hans Marx (Bf) missing

Crashed into the sea off the Dorset coast following combat with RAF fighters c.12.00 hrs. Oblt. Rössiger was Staffelkapitan.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: I/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, Wnr.2162, U8+FK of 2/ZG 26

Ofw. Hans Tiepelt (F) killed

Uffz. Herbert Brosig (Bf) killed

Both engines set alight in an attack by F/O. M.E.A. Royce in a Hurricane of 504 Sq. (Filton). Exploded at the Stapleton Institution, Fishponds, Bristol at 11.45 hrs. Tiepelt and Brosig are buried in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: I/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, Wnr.3352, U8+GL of 3/ZG 26

Ltn. Joachim Koepsell (F) POW

Uffz. Johann Schmidt (Bf) killed

Engaged head-on and petrol tank set on fire. Probably that attacked by Sgt. H.D.B. Jones in a Hurricane of 504 Sq. (Filton) but possibly that claimed by F/O. T.H.T. Forshaw in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Abandoned aircraft crashed at Haydon Farm, Radstock, Somerset at 11.45 hrs.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: II/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-7, Wnr.3629, 3U+IM of 4/ZG 26

Oblt. Artur Niebuhr (F) killed

Obgfr. Klaus Theisen (Bf) killed

Both engines disabled in attacks by P/O. M.E. Staples in a Spitfire of 609 Sq. (Middle Wallop); further attacked by P/O. A.R. Watson in a Spitfire of 152 Sq. (Warmwell). Exploded over Salters Wood, Middle Bere Farm, near Arne, Dorset at 11.45 hrs. Oblt. Niebuhr was Staffelkapitan.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: III/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, Wnr.3297, 3U+FT of 9/ZG 26

Gefr. Georg Jackstedt (F) POW injured

Gefr. Emil Lidtke (Bf) killed

Collided with Spitfire X4107 of 609 Sq. (Middle Wallop) which crashed at Chesilbourne near Piddlehinton, Dorset killing P/O. R.F.G. Miller. The Bf 110 came down at Bellamy's Farm, Piddletrenthide, Dorset at 11.45 hrs.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: III/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, Wnr.2168, 3U+BD of St.III/ZG 26

Oblt. Hans Barschel (F) missing

Uffz. Klose (Bf) missing

Shot down into the sea off the Dorset coast during fighter combat at 11.50 hrs.

27.09.40: Target Parnall Yate: III/ZG 26.

Bf 110C-4, Wnr.3290, 3U+DS of 8/ZG 26

Uffz. Fritz Schupp (F) POW injured

Gefr. Karl Nechwatal (Bf) POW injured

One engine disabled and set alight in attacks by P/O. A.R. Watson in a Spitfire of 152 Sq. (Warmwell). Force-landed 1 mile SW of Kimmeridge, Dorset at 11.45 hrs.

24/25.11.40: Target Bristol: KGr 606.

Do 17Z, Wnr.2796, 7T+HT of 1/KGr 606

Obgfr. Albert Hoferichter (F) POW

Ltn.z.See Martin Saueracker (B) POW

Uffz. Heinrich Weiss (Bf) POW

Uffz. Kurt Eislet (Bm) POW injured

After dropping 10 SC 50 on Bristol aircraft flew into balloon barrage site 64/11 at Plymouth Harbour having becoming lost due to British *Meacon* countermeasures (St. Malo beacon was being *Meaconed* by Templecombe). Crashed on Penlee Point, Cornwall at 22.40 hrs.

24/25.11.40: Target Bristol: II/KG 55.

He 111H-4, Wnr.3092, G1+KN of 5/KG 55

Ofw. Werner Müller (F) missing

Ltn. Gerhard Heiland (B) missing

Sfw. Heinrich Heidt (Bm) killed

Sdf.(PK2) Emil Weihmüller (Bs) missing

Fw. Heinrich Gaick (Bf) missing

Shot down by Portsmouth AA guns while on return flight from Bristol.
Crashed into the sea off St.Catherine's Point, Isle of Wight at 19.40 hrs.

02/03.12.40: Target Bristol: KGr 606.

Do 17Z, Wnr.3618, 7T+KL of 3/KGr 606

Ltn. Helmut Anders (F) missing

Ltn.z.See Karl Ganske (B) killed

Ogefr. Willi Dembeck (Bf) killed

Uffz. Paul Tüsselmann (Bm) killed

Crashed near Brest soon after take-off. Probably came down in the sea.

06/07.12.40: Target Bristol: III/KG 77.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.5149, of III/KG 77

Oblt. Otto Tüdemann (F) injured

Fw. Johann Merz (B) injured

Fw. Gerhard Wähler (Bf) injured

Uffz. Gerhard Röhmisches (Bs) injured

Crew baled out near Bieberach am Rhein, aircraft crashed at Dijon, France
on the return flight from Bristol.

06/07.12.40: Target Bristol: II/KG 27.

He 111P-2, Wnr.1415, 1G+BP of 6/KG 27

Ltn. Manfred Enderlein (F) killed

Fw. Gunther Erwin (B) missing

Fw. Paul Tappe (Bf) killed

Uffz. Werner Pattke (Bm) killed

Failed to return. Later found crashed near Champagnale. Crew deaths
confirmed 2.2.41.

06/07.12.40: Target Bristol: I/KG 51.

Ju 88A-1, Wnr.5048, of I/KG 51

Ofw. Arnim Baussert (F) killed

Ofw. Hugo Helms (B) killed

Fw. August Konrad (Bf) injured

Gefr. John Henry (Bs) injured

Crashed near Melun, France following an engine failure on the return flight from Bristol. Konrad and Henry baled out.

12/13.12.40: Target Bristol: III/KG 27.

He 111 of III/KG 27

Uffz. Martin Peper (Bm) killed

Uffz. Rudolf Kraner (Bs) injured

At 00.30 hrs F/Lt. H.Speke flying a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop) was vectored onto a bomber flying at about 5200 metres over Ringwood in Hampshire. The enemy aircraft was identified as a Heinkel but, as Speke closed in, he discovered that the dimmer on his gunsight had failed. Despite being dazzled, he opened fire and saw strikes made on the bomber before it dived away.

03/04.01.41: Target Bristol: III/KG 3.

Do 17Z-2, Wnr.3328, of 8/KG 3

Crash-landed at St.Trond-Brusthem at 04.53 hrs with 55% damage. No crew casualties.

16/17.01.41: Target Avonmouth: I/LG 1.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.6123, L1+LK of 2/LG 1

Ltn. Max Zodrow (F) killed

Uffz. Engelbert Lipps (B) killed

Fw. Paul Gölzow (Bf) killed

Uffz. Bruno Finke (Bs) killed

Last contact was when it made a W/T transmission at 05.21 hrs to advise that it was on its return flight. Presumed crashed into the sea. This could be the aircraft claimed destroyed by the Cardiff AA guns.

16/17.01.41: Target Avonmouth: KGr 100.

He 111H-2, Wnr.5441, 6N+CL of 3/KGr 100

Fw. Erwin Schul (F) missing

Uffz. Heinz Bolle (B) missing

Fw. Engelbert Buck (Bf) missing

Gefr. Karl-Heinz Kayser (Bs) missing

Last reported at 20.46 hrs on the return flight that it was estimating radio beacon *Max* near Caen in ten minutes. Presumed crashed into the sea.

22.02.41: Target Parnall Yate: II/KG 27.

He 111H-3, Wnr. 3247, 1G+GM of 4/KG 27

Ltn. Berndt Rusche (F) POW

Fw. Georg Jankowaik (Bf) missing

Gefr. Erich Steinback (Bs) missing

Uffz. Heinrich de Wall (Bm) killed

Fw. Albert Ranke (B) killed

Probably crippled by AA fire from *A Troop*, 236 Battery, 76 HAA Rgt. from the Markham Farm, Easton in Gordano, gun site it then struck the cable of barrage balloon 27/29 which tore off its port wing, before crashing on the water's edge at Portbury Wharf, Portbury, Somerset, at 14.12 hrs. Ranke and de Wall are buried in Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol.

16/17.03.41: Target Avonmouth: I/KG 51.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.7134, of I/KG 51

Uffz. Karl Lindemeyer (F) killed

Gefr. Fritz Ettig (Bf) killed

Uffz. Willi Maurer (B) killed

Gefr. Josef Stadler (Bs) killed

Crashed near Villaroche due to faulty servicing.

16/17.03.41: Target Avonmouth: I/KG 51.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.8124, 9K+AK of 2/KG 51

Ltn. Egon Arz (F) POW

Obfw. Oskar Reimer (B) POW

Fw. August Konrad (Bf) POW

Fw. Otto Hoferrichter (Bm) POW

Suffered double engine failure. Last radio call "Emergency landing in England". Crashed at RAF Chilmark, Dinton, Wilts at 23.40 hrs.

16/17.03.41: Target Bristol: II/KG 1.

Ju 88A-1, Wnr.6255, of II/KG 1

Fw. Heinrich Hoben (F) killed

Uffz. Hans Kugelsetter (Bf) killed

Uffz. Helmut Wetzel (B) killed

Fw. Heinrich Brunstein (Bs) killed

Crashed between Beaumont and Cherbourg due to fuel shortage.

16/17.03.41: Target Bristol: II/KG 76.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.241, of II/KG 76

Fw. Heinz Richter (F) killed

Ofw. Dietrich Mertens (B) killed

Fw. Rudolf Bloch (Bf) killed

Fw. Hans Gorke (Bs) killed

Crashed near Le Havre soon after take-off.

16/17.03.41: Target Bristol: II/KG 76.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.2213, of II/KG 76

Ogefr. Karl Ronzinski (Bf) injured

Gefr. Hans Müller (Bs) injured

2 other crewmen unhurt.

Ran out of fuel returning from Bristol, crew baled out over France. Aircraft crashed near Chartres.

16/17.03.41: Target Bristol: II/KG 76.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.542, of II/KG 76

Uffz. Wilhelm Batels (F) injured

Gefr. Hermann Model (B) injured

Ogefr. Heinrich Hanss (Bf) injured

Gefr. Wilhelm Baszik (Bs) injured.

90% damaged in crash landing near Châteaudun.

03/04.04.41: Target Avonmouth: III/KG 1.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.4224, V4+AR of 7/KG 1

Ltn. Ernst Menge (F) missing

Uffz. Wilhelm Hahn (Bf) missing

Uffz. Robert König (B) missing

Uffz. Wilhelm Schreiber (Bs) missing

Believed that shot down by F/Lt. J.Cunningham and Sgt. C.F.Rawnsley in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop) following an AI attack. Aircraft disintegrated and pieces hit the Beaufighter. Crashed into the sea south of the Needles, Isle of Wight at 00.50hrs.

04/05.04.41: Target Avonmouth: III/KG 26.

He 111H-5, Wnr.3595, 1H+ED of Stab.III/KG 26

Ofw. Erich Blüher (Bf) killed.

Gefr. Mathias van Kaldenkerken (Bs) killed.

Ofw. Herbert Rose (F) POW

Fw. Georg Fietzek (B) POW

Uffz. Ernst Groschle (Bm) POW

Target Avonmouth, bomb load 1 SC 500 and 16 AB. Shot down during run-in to target by F/O. Edward Crew and Sgt. Norman Guthrie following an AI attack by Beaufighter R2252 of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed at Reading's Farm, St Lawrence Wick Road, Hewish, near Weston-s-Mare, Somerset at 22.25 hrs. Blüher and van Kaldenkerken are buried at Weston-s-Mare.

11/12.04.41: Target Bristol area: III/KG 27.

He 111P-2, Wnr.2002, 1G+HT of 9/KG 27

Uffz. Leo Röth (F) killed

Ofw. Wilhelm Franke (B) killed

Uffz. Walter Rüggeberg (Bm) killed

Uffz. Fritz Unterrieser (Bf) killed

Shot down en route to the target by Sq.Ldr. J.Cunningham and Sgt. C.F.Rawnsley in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Also claimed by Sgt. F.O. Jankowiak and Sgt. J.Lipinski in a Defiant of 307 Sq. (Colerne). Crashed at Prowers Farm, Lydlinch, Dorset at 01.35 hrs.

11/12.04.41: Target Bristol area: III/KG 1.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.6304, of III/KG 1

Ofw. Friedrich Greiner (F) killed

Uffz. Karl Grauber (Bf) killed

Obltn. Richard Sayk (B) killed

Fw. Franz Grys (Bs) killed

Crashed on return and burnt out on Abbeville airfield.

11/12.04.41: Target Bristol area: III/KG 26.

He 111H-5, Wnr.3629, 1H+GD of Stab.III/KG 26

Obfw. Hans Büttner (F) unhurt

Obfw. Heinz Tiemann (B) injured

Uffz. Anton Ehm (Bf) injured

Fw. Arthur Balken (Bm) killed

Failed to return. Crew baled out over occupied territory. Aircraft probably crashed into the sea.

11/12.04.41: Target Bristol area: II/KG 54.

Ju 88A-5, B3+GN of 5/KG 54

Uffz. Karl Funke (F) missing

Fw. Josef Höhnhorst (Bf) missing

Gefr. Heinz Bretschneider (Bs) missing

Gefr. Horst Heller (B) missing

Failed to return, probably crashed into the sea.

11/12.04.41: Target Bristol area: III/KG 55.

He 111P-2, G1+GS of 8/KG 55

Gefr. Bruno Rode (F) missing

Uffz. Erich Rähse (B) missing

Uffz. Walter Ulbricht (Bf) missing

Gefr. Karl Berger (Bm) missing

Ditched in the Channel north of Cherbourg as a result of engine failure following combat with a nightfighter on return flight.

14/15.06.41: Target BAC Filton: KGr 100.

He 111H, Wnr.3248, 6N+DK of 2/KGr 100

Ofw. Adalbert Knier (F) killed

Uffz. Werner Kuhnert (B) killed

Uffz. Werner Schmalfuss (Bf) killed

Fw. Heinrich Laubesheimer (Bm) killed

Uffz. Gunter Muller (Bs) killed

This aircraft which took off at 23.19 hrs was shot down by F/O. K.I. Geddes and Sgt. A.C. Cannon in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed at Plumber, near Sturminster Newton, Dorset, at 00.55 hrs.

04/05.07.41: Target Filton Airfield: III/KG 27.

He 111H-5, Wnr. 4087, 1H+FR of 7/KG 26

Ltn. Siegfried Baden (F) POW

Fw. Ernst Witt (B) POW

Gefr. Ludwig Kügel (Bf) POW

Ogefr. Eduard Köppel (Bm) killed

Shot down by F/Lt. Patten and F/Sgt. Moody in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed 01.25 hrs at Vallis Farm, Great Elm, Murdercombe Bottom, near Frome, Somerset.

08/09.07.41: Target Filton Airfield: KGr 100.

He 111H-3, Wnr.5725, of KGr 100

Oblt. Ferdinand Cartes (Bm) killed

Uffz. Alosius Menzel (Bs) POW died later

Damaged 60% following night-fighter attack over the Bristol Channel.

26.08.41: Reconnaissance over Bristol & Birmingham: 1(F)/123.

Ju 88D-2, Wnr.0369, 4U+HH, of 1(F)/123

Ltn. Rudolf Lauer (B) interned

Ltn. Ludwig Stockbauer (F) interned

Gefr. Herbert Schulze (Bf) interned

Gefr. Gerhard Drechsel (Bs) interned

Crashed at 18.34 hrs at Belgooly, Old Head of Kinsale, Co. Cork, Eire. Shot down by F/O. R.G.O.J. Mouchette and Sgt. Hamilton in Hurricanes of 615 Sq. (Valley).

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 2.

Do 17Z-1, Wnr.2507, U5+GW of 12/KG 2

Uffz. Siegfried Kukla (F) missing

Gefr. Karl Küsters (B) missing

Uffz. Karl Graf (Bf) killed

Uffz. Hans Jansen (Bm) killed

This aircraft appears to have become lost probably due to "Meacom" activity. It sent an "SOS" at 22.26 hrs and at 23.45 hrs was intercepted and attacked 40 miles south of Worthing by S/L J.G. Topham DFC and F/L Strange on Beaufighter II X7690 of 219 Sq. (Tangmere). At 00.16 hrs it received a D/F fix from Paris-Villacoublay giving a position 40 miles NE of Cherbourg. It then homed on Caen from the NW and at 00.34 hrs signalled "Landing - Pankcake Landing", but appears to have crashed into the sea as it was called between 00.35 and 00.59 hrs without reply. The bodies of Graf and Jansen were subsequently recovered from the sea.

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 3.

Ju 88A-6, Wnr. 3459, 5K+DW of 12/KG 3

Oblt. Günther Brixius (F) killed

Ofw. Walter Kreinenbrock (B) POW

Gefr. Paul Kochon (Bf) POW

Fw. Adolf Leidig (Bm) killed

This aircraft took off at 21.36 hrs from Brussels-Evere briefed to intrude over night fighter airfields in the Wiltshire area to disrupt night flying. The crew subsequently became lost over England due to "Meacon" activity and at 22.35 hrs was claimed damaged by Cardiff HAA gun site J16B on Flat Holm Island in the Mouth of the River Severn (351/112 HAA Rgt). It was initially picked up by the Gun Laying Radar at a range of 42,000 yards and engaged with 6 rounds of 4.7" at a height of 8000 feet. The target, which was tracked through 180 degrees, then lost height disappearing at an altitude of 6000 feet and a distance of 1900 yards before crossing the coast near Chepstow. The Junkers then flew up the Wye Valley before being shot down by F/O Wyrill and Sgt Willins in Beaufighter X7933 of 255 Sq (High Ercall), crashing at 23.50 hrs at Lan-haylo Farm, Gwaunceste Hill, Builth Wells, Brecon. The crew, originally buried in Glascwm churchyard were later moved to the German Military Cemetery at Cannock Chase.

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: Kü Fl Gr 506.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr. 1540, S4+MH of 1/Kü Fl Gr 506.

Uffz. Michael Bartl (F) missing

Ltn. Joachim Ritzmann (B) missing

Uffz. Fritz Schmidt (Bf) missing

Fw. Max Burdenski (Bs) missing

Shot down by F/L Neyder and Sgt Wozney in Beaufigher II T3358 of 307 Sq (Exeter). Crashed into the sea 15 miles south of Beer Head about 22.20 hrs. Four parachutes seen before the aircraft went down in flames and its destruction was confirmed by the Royal Observer Corps and Convoy "Stencil".

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: II/KG 40.

Do 217E-3, Wnr.5090.

Crashed and destroyed at Courseulles sur Mer, near Caen, due to engine failure after crew had successfully baled out. Probably the aircraft claimed destroyed by Portland 4 (Southwell) HAA gun site (418/140 HAA Rgt) at 23.38 hrs and called without reply at 00.22 hrs.

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: III/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.1165.

Signalled "Engine Damaged" at 23.31 hrs and later homed on Caen-Carpique airfield from the NW before crash-landing there, 50% damaged.

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: II/KG 40.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.5361.

Crash-landed (30% damaged) at Rennes airfield due to engine troubles and was probably the aircraft ordered to jettison its bombs on the emergency dumping ground at 04.44 hrs.

25/26.04.42: Target Bath: II/KG 40.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.1120, F8+EM of 4/KG 40

Fw. Herbert Gregs (F) killed

Obgfr. Helmut Tomschi (Kb) killed

Uffz. Karl Kainzinger (Bf) killed

Uffz. Adolf Lenz (Bs) killed

Pilot dazzled by searchlight at Site MPB 9 on Pentridge Hill, Handley, Dorset (4/2 SL Rgt). Crashed 05.05 hrs at Bottlebush Down, Handley Cross. Tomschi, Kainzinger and Lenz subsequently buried in Cranborne Cemetery. This aircraft appears to have already been in difficulty having first been called by Rennes, without reply, from 04.42 hrs, and they continued until 07.58 hrs, while Nantes also tried unsuccessfully between 06.57 and 07.10 hrs.

26/27.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 2.

Do 217Z-3, Wnr.4236, U5+BW of 12/KG 2

Ltn. Helmut Schobbert (F) missing

Gefr. Kurt Motz (B) missing

Uffz. Heinrich Stadler (Bf) missing

Gefr. Johann Plschek (Bm) missing

Damaged at about 01.40 hrs by Hurricane IIC Z3778 of 87 Sq (Charmy Down) flown by P/O Grantham whilst at between 1500 and 2000 feet over Lansdown, near Bath. Called on the Tactical Frequency between 02.59 and 04.14 hrs but without reply and appears to have crashed into the English Channel during the return flight.

26/27.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 4.

He 111H-5, Wnr.3590.

Damaged whilst northbound near the northern edge of the Portland Gun Defended Area by Beaufighter I X7571 of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop) flown by F/L Crew and P/O Duckett at 01.05 hrs. The aircraft was followed back by GCI until it faded losing height. It was probably the aircraft which reported "Flying on One Engine" and is known to have subsequently forced landed at Avord airfield 30% damaged.

26/27.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 30.

Ju 88A-5.

Probably damaged near Bridport by Beaufighter II T3358 of 307 Sq (Exeter) flown by F/L Neyder and Sgt Wozny. At 00.47 hrs, outward bound to Bath, this aircraft signalled "Engine Damaged" and at 01.07 hrs "Port engine out of action - intermittently jettisoning bombs". Returned safely.

26/27.04.42: Target Bath: IV/KG 55.

He 111H-5, Wnr.5319.

Ofw. Willi Schulz (Bm) killed

At 02.15 hrs whilst returning from Bath at 4500 feet the aircraft was intercepted near Bristol by Defiant I N3370 of 125 Sq. (Colerne) flown by P/O White and P/O Gavegen. This was probably the aircraft which was initially controlled by Caen and signalled it intended landing there due to a damaged engine, but later homed on Rennes from the NW where it finally put down.

26/27.04.42: Target Bath: Kü Fl Gr 106.

Ju 88D-1, Wnr.1293.

Uffz. Leo Peier (Bs) killed

Intercepted at about 01.14 hrs flying at 11,000 feet and 10 miles south of Exmouth by Beaufighter II T3382 of 307 Sq. (Exeter) flown by F/O Pietrzyk and F/O Krawiecki. This was probably the aircraft which was

plotted in the Casquets area, west of Alderney, at 01.30 hrs. It then made an emergency landing at Dinard-St.Briac airfield 60% damaged.

23.05.42: Target Avonmouth: Erprobungs und LehrKommando 17.

He 111H-6, Wnr.4627, 6N+FR of Ergr.u.Lehr Kdo 17.

Hptm. Siegfried Langer (F) killed

Oberfw. Gerhard Schmidt (Bf) killed

Fw. Dietrich Hoffmann (Bm) killed

Fw. Paul Gaidies (Bf) killed

Gefr. Willi Worrning (Bs) killed

Forced down by W/Cdr. J.Cunningham DSO, DFC and Bar and F/Lt. C.F.Rawnsley, DFC, DFM and Bar, in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed at Elcombe Farm, Alvediston, near Shaftesbury, Dorset, at 17.05 hrs. Hptm. Langer was the Staffelkapitan.

27/28.06.42: Target Weston super Mare: I/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.4207 of I/KG 2.

Technical fault. Crash-landed west of Evreux airfield 45% damaged.

27/28.06.42: Target Weston super Mare: I/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr. 5473, U5+CL of 3/KG 2

Fw. Wilhelm Schludecker (F) injured

Oblt. Hans Reiss (B) injured

Uffz. Alfons Bemelmans (Bf) injured

Fw. Heinrich Buhr (Bs) injured

Engine failure on take-off, crash-landed Evreux-Fauville, 60% damaged. Oblt. Reiss was the Staffelkapitan.

28/29.06.42: Target Weston super Mare: II/KG 2.

Do 217E-2, Wnr.5365, U5+BP of 6/KG 2

Uffz. Rudolf Blankenburg (F) uninjured

Uffz. Horst Schwandt (B) uninjured

Uffz. Heinrich Depping (Bf) uninjured

Uffz. Max Feiget (Bm) uninjured

Intercepted near Taunton by Mosquito DD638 of 264 Sq (Colerne) flown by F/O. Hodgkinson and Sgt.Roe. Crash-landed near Creil at 03.05 hrs.

28/29.06.42: Target Weston super Mare: III/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.5379, of 7/KG 2

Uffz. Michael Peters (F) killed

Fw. Josef Prinzensing (B) killed

Uffz. Peter Schwab (Bf) injured

Gefr. Konrad Bierl (Bm) killed

Intercepted by Hurricane II BE581 of 1 Sq (Tangmere) flown by F/Lt. Kuttelwascher. Crashed at Trevieres near Caen. 100% destroyed.

28/29.06.42: Target Weston super Mare: III/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.5490.

Suffered engine failure and force-landed at Montdidier. 60% damaged.

01/02.07.42: Target Bristol: II/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.4268 of 4/KG 2

Uffz. Josef Hesch (B) killed

Ofw. Alwin Kuhlmann (Bm) injured

This aircraft was intercepted near Coutances by a Hurricane of 1 Sq (Tangmere). 2 crewmen baled out one being killed and one injured. The aircraft was then safely landed at St.André with 10% damage.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 2.

Ju 188E-1, Wnr.260219, U5+EN of 5/KG 2

Ltn.Werner Siebert(F)POW injured

Uffz. Klaus Holst (Kb) POW

Uffz. Matthias Josephs (Bf) POW

Fw. Hermann Sagel (Bm) POW

Gefr. Marcel Rozycki (Bs) POW

This aircraft loaded with 2 AB 1000, 4 BC 50 and 6 LC 50 took-off at 22.32 hrs and was shot down en-route for Bristol by F/O. Russell and F/Lt. Weir in a Beaufighter VI, MM 850, of 68 Sq. (Fairwood Common). Crashed 00.10 hrs at Walnut Farm, Coxley, Wells, Somerset.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217K-1, Wnr.4497, U5+GR of 7/KG 2

Fw. Emil Krings (F) missing

Uffz. Hermann Erich (B) missing

Ogefr. Reinhold Braczyk (Bf) missing

Uffz. Willi Grossmann (Bd) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217 of III/KG 2

Caught fire after landing at Nantes, crew uninjured.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 6.

Ju 88 of 6/KG 6

Fhj.Fw. Günther Tobor (F) missing

Ogefr. Karl-Heinz Menzel (B) missing

Uffz. Theodor Burkard (Bf) missing

Fw. Gerhard Thon (Bd) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 6.

Ju 88 of 7/KG 6

Ltn. Herbert Blass (F) killed

Ogefr. Helmut Spaltmann (B) missing

Fw. Richard Roth (Bf) missing

Uffz. Gerhard Schiller (Bs) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 6.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.144551, 3E+FT of 9/KG 6

Uffz. Günter Blaffert (F) POW injured

Ogefr. Gerhard Hartung (B) killed

Ogefr. Josef Helm (Bf) missing

Gefr. Adam Kurz (Bs) missing

This aircraft took-off at 21.30 hrs loaded with 1 AB 1000 and 1 500kg H.E. to bomb a factory on the banks of the River Severn on the western outskirts of Bristol. It was shot down by W/Cdr. K.M.Hampshire DSO and F/O.

T.Condon in a Mosquito XVII of 456 Sq. RAAF (Ford). Crashed 23.45 hrs at Beer, Devon.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 6.

Ju 88 of 9/KG 6

Uffz. Alfred Hahn (Bs) killed

This aircraft was claimed damaged by AA fire over Yeovil at 00.01 hrs. Hahn was killed when he baled out near Chelborough, Dorset without the aid of a parachute which was found at Halstock. The remaining crew returned safely to base.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.550241, 4D+EP of 6/KG 30

Uffz. Walter Tutschek (F) POW

Ogefr. Otto Bauch (B) POW

Uffz. Hans Wirth (Bf) POW

Ogefr. Karl Wiedner (Bs) POW injured

This aircraft loaded with 1 AB 500 and 1 500kg H.E. and 10 50kg H.E.'s was shot down by F/Lt. H.D.McNabb and P/O. J.L.N.Hall in a Beaufighter VI, KW 981, of 406 Sq. RCAF (Exeter). Crashed at 23.50 hrs at Willis Farm, Clapton, near Berkeley. Gloucestershire. Maps recovered from the wreckage showed the turning point at the mouth of the Usk ringed in red together with the time 23.58 hrs.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 30.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.301518, 4D+AR of 7/KG 30

Uffz. Helmut Heimpel (F) killed

Uffz. Ernst Schmidt (B) killed

Uffz. Matthias Berg (Bf) killed

Uffz. Werner Neubert (Bs) killed

Shot down by an *Intruder*. Crashed at Nessy, near Cherbourg.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: St/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.141211, B3+UA of Stab/KG 54

Ltn. Wolfgang Fritz (F) POW

Ogefr. Gunter Bärmann (B) POW

Gefr. Heinrich Schwenzer (Bs) POW

Uffz. Heinrich Schink (Bf) killed

This aircraft loaded with 2 AB 1000's was accredited to the Weston-super-Mare AA guns but said by crew to have suffered a fire in the faulty left engine after attacking the target. The smoke filled aircraft was abandoned and crashed at 23.55 hrs at Delean Peat Works, Blakeway, Westhay, near Wedmore, Somerset. Schink is buried at Weston-s-Mare.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr. 142276, B3+KL of 2/KG 54

Ofw. Werner Goertz (F) killed

Fw. Ferdinand Fuchs (B) killed

Uffz. Walter Lindner (Bf) injured

Uffz. Franz Sitzwohl (Bs) killed

Crashed in the Aisne Canal, near Juvincourt, on return from Bristol. Lindner baled out.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.550401, B3+FK of 2/KG 54

Ltn. Friedrich Kerkhof (F) killed

Uffz. Gunter Pfaunder (B) POW injured

Uffz. Rudolf Teismann (Bf) POW injured

Ogefr. Werner Decho (Bs) POW

This aircraft loaded with 2 AB 1000's took-off at 21.30 hrs and was shot down en-route for Bristol by S/Ldr. H.V.Ellis and F/Lt. J.M.Craig in Mosquito XVII, HK260, of 219 Sq.(Colerne). Crashed at 23.57 hrs at Hestercombe Manor House, Upper Cheddon, near Taunton.

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.144551, B3+BL of 3/KG 54

Ofw. Hans Brautigam (F) POW

Ogefr. Kurt Chalon (B) POW

Ogefr. Alfred Maleztki (Bm) POW

Uffz. Robert Belz (Bf) killed

This aircraft loaded with 3 AB 500's was shot down by W/Cdr. K.M.Hampshire DSO and F/O. T.Condon on Mosquito XVII of 456 Sq. RAAF (Ford). Crashed at 23.50 hrs at Walrond's Park Farm, Isle Brewers, near Ilminster, Somerset. Belz's body was found at Isle Brewers 13/4/44

27/28.03.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 66.

Ju 88S-1, Wnr.301509, Z6+FN of 5/KG 66

Fw. Wilhelm Schmidt (F) missing

Uffz. Heinz Kunczak (B) missing

Uffz. Franz Kraus (Bf) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 2.

Ju 188, Wnr.180413, U5+LH of 1/KG 2

Ofw. Georg Rösler (F) missing

Uffz. Friedrich Kreihisel (B) missing

Uffz. Rudolf Fietz (Bf) missing

Fw. Günter Hosters (Bs) missing

Ogefr. Emil Weissbrich (Bsz) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 2.

Ju 188E-2, Wnr. 180414, U5+GH of 1/KG 2

Ltn. Wolfgang Christoff (F) killed

Fw. Horst Huffaky (Bs) killed

Ogefr. Theophil Joretzki (Bs) killed

Uffz. Heinrich Schnuer (B) killed

Ogefr. Wolfgang Biegerl (Bf) killed

Shot down by 3.7 inch AA guns from 17,000 feet and crashed at 02.15 hrs at Salterns Wood, Arne, near Wareham, Dorset.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217M-1, Wnr.6324, U5+HS of 8/KG 2

Uffz. Klaus-Dieter Bohm (Bf) injured

Engine fire south-west of Caen, crew baled out.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217M-1, Wnr.6256, U5+IT of 9/KG 2

Uffz. Heinrich Rosemann (F) killed

Ogefr. Kurt Deutrich (B) killed

Ogefr. Franz Harnoth (Bf) killed

Uffz. Willi Tettschlag (Bd) killed

Crashed near Savigny, France 00.30 hrs en-route for Bristol.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 6.

Ju 88 of 5/KG 6

Uffz. Karl Geher (F) missing

Gefr. Franz Hartmann (B) missing

Uffz. Josef Getzinger (Bf) missing

Uffz. Alfred Stenzel (Bd) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88, Wnr.142570, 4D+OM of 4/KG 30

Uffz. Alwin Schlemm (F) missing

Gefr. Gerhard Klinger (B) missing

Gefr. Horst Steinmetz (Bf) missing

Uffz. Franz Rametsheiner (Bs) missing

Failed to return and was probably lost at sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88A-14, Wnr.144501, 4D+FM of 4/KG 30

Uffz. Rudolf Detering (F) POW injured

Uffz. Johann Agten (B) POW injured

Uffz. Walter Kempter (Bf) POW

Uffz. Helmut Trauwald (Bs) killed

This aircraft loaded with 1 AB 1000 and 10 50 kg Phosphorous I/B's was shot down en-route for Bristol by S/Ldr. E.G.Barwell DFC and F/Lt. D.Haige in a Mosquito XVII of 125 Sq. (Hurn). Crashed at Manor Farm, Hill Deverill, Wiltshire, at 02.10 hrs. Trauwald is buried at Haycombe Cemetery, Bath.

23/24.03.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88 of 4/KG 30

Uffz. Karl Wenzhann (F) injured

Wenzhann was injured bailing out following being shot down by a night fighter. The rest of the crew were uninjured.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88, Wnr.800939, B3+KH of 1/KG 54

Uffz. Günter Fedler (F) missing

Uffz. Walter Marke (B) killed

Uffz. Heinz Reinecke (Bf) missing

Ogefr. Franz Woznick (Bs) missing

Failed to return and crashed into the English Channel.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88, Wnr.1226, B3+GL of 3/KG 54

Ltn. Gerhard Jandke (F) injured

Uffz. Bernhard Frank (B) injured

Uffz. Horst Seeck (Bf) injured

Uffz. Karl Wolle (Bs) killed

Crashed force landing 2 km SW of Tour en Bessin, near Caen, France, on return from Bristol.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, B3+HR of 7/KG 54

Uffz. Heinz Strobel (F) missing

Uffz. Maximilian Brachtel (B) missing

Uffz. Werner Holl (Bf) missing

Uffz. Josef Götz (Bs) missing

Failed to return presumed crashed into the sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, B3+FS of 8/KG 54

Ltn. Stephan Pauli (F) missing

Uffz. Werner Perlik (B) missing

Uffz. Karl-Heinz Behling (Bf) missing

Uffz. Walter Wickborn (Bs) killed

Failed to return crashed into the sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, B3+DT of 9/KG 54

Ltn. Erhard Uebel (F) missing

Fw. Josef Lichtl (B) missing

Uffz. Erhard Granow (Bf) missing

Fw. Hans Adam (Bs) missing

Failed to return probably crashed into the sea.

23/24.04.44: Target Bristol: IV/KG 101.

Ju 88 of Ergänzungs-Staffel IV/KG 101

Uffz. Hans Bauer (F) killed

Uffz. Josef Krekeller (B) missing

Uffz. Eugen Ritz (Bf) missing

Uffz. Karl Bachus (Bs) missing

Failed to return crashed into the sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 2.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.160089, U5+HH of 1/KG 2

Fw. Heinz Mühlberger (F) POW injured

Fw. Werner Heinzelmann (Bs) killed

Ogefr. Ewald Steinbeck (Bs) killed

Uffz. Artur Krüger (Bf) killed

Ogefr. Willi Eberle (B) killed

Shot down en-route to Bristol by F/O. A.S.McEvoy and F/O. M.N.Austin in Mosquito XVII HK 246 of 456 Sq. (Ford). Crashed at 02.00 hrs at Greenlands Artillery Range, Larkhill, Wilts.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 2.

Ju 188A-2 of I/KG 2

Crashed into the sea off Guernsey. Crew baled out and rescued unhurt. Possibly shot down by a Beaufighter of 406 Sq. (Winkleigh).

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 2.

Ju 188E-1 of II/KG 2

Crashed on return to Vannes. Crew unhurt.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217M-1, Wnr.6396, U5+DR of 7/KG 2

Uffz. Günter Zimmermann (F) missing

Ogefr. Johann Grabner (B) killed

Uffz. Heinz Steigemann (Bf) missing

Gefr. Johannes Priebs (Bs) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217K-1, Wnr.4421, U5+BR of 7/KG 2

Uffz. Helmut Dahm (F) missing

Ogefr. Kurt Weprek (B) missing

Ogefr. Friedrich Fischer (Bf) missing

Ogefr. Günther Schiewe (Bd) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea. Possible shot down by F/Lt. Surman in a Mosquito of 604 Sq. (Hurn).

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217K-1, Wnr.4410, U5+MR of 7/KG 2

Ltn. Johannes Domschke (F) killed

Uffz. Emil Chmielewski (B) POW injured

Uffz. Waldemar Jungke (Bf) POW injured

Uffz. Otto Schott (Bs) POW injured

Took-off at 00.40 hrs loaded with 4 500 kg H.E.'s and was shot down en-route for Bristol by F/O. R.G.Jeffs and F/O. E.Spedding in a Mosquito of 488 Sq. (Zeals). Crashed at 02.04 hrs at Camel Cross Cafe, West Camel, near Yeovilton, Somerset.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: III/KG 2.

Do 217K-1, Wnr.4454, U5+FR of 7/KG 2

Uffz. Franz Hildebrandt (Bs) POW

Shot down into the sea 30 km south of Torquay probably by S/Ldr. Mansfield in a Beaufighter of 68 Sq. (Fairwood Common).

14/14.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 6.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.180441, 3E+DH of 1/KG 6

Uffz. Gottfried Biedermann (F) missing

Uffz. Georg Malek (B) missing

Uffz. Walder Ziener (Bf) missing

Fw. Karl Hartmaier (Bs) missing

Gefr. Franz Hense (Bs) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 6.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.180440, 3E+MH of 1/KG 6

Oblt. Karl von Manowarda (F) POW injured

Ofw. Ernst Fröhlich (Bf) POW injured

Fw. Heinrich Kaiser (B) killed

Fw. Holf Wolf (Bm) killed

Ofw. Paul Schmalzer (Bs) killed

Shot down by a Mosquito of 264 Sq. (Hartford Bridge) which was lost in the combat. F/Lt. C.M.Ramsay DFC baled out, F/O. Edgar DFC killed. The Ju 188 crashed at 02.25 hrs at Manor Farm, West Woldham, Selbourne, Hampshire.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 6.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.180436, 3E+BK of 2/KG 6

Uffz. Ernst Holst (F) missing

Ofw. Walther Hielschem (B) missing

Uffz. Emil Machwart (Bf) missing

Uffz. Kurt Wieners (Bs) missing

Gefr. Siegmund Urban (Bs) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 6.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.160069, 3E+LK of 2/KG 6

Ltn. Gerhard Wentz (F) POW

Uffz. Karl Fritsch (Kb) POW

Uffz. Hilmar Korf (Bf) killed

Uffz. Karl Hoyer (Bs) killed

Gefr. Gerhard Büttner (Bs) killed

Took-off at 00.30 hrs loaded with 2 1000 kg H.E.'s and was shot down en-route for Bristol. Although the destruction of this aircraft was officially credited to F/Lt. J.A.S.Hall and F/O. J.P.Cairns in a Mosquito of 488 Sq. (Zeals) it seem more likely that F/O. R.G.Jeffs and F/O. E.Spedding were the victors, also in a Mosquito of 488 Sq. The Ju 188 crashed in the grounds of Inwood House, Temple Combe, near Henstridge, Somerset at 02.00 hrs. Korf and Büttner are buried in Haycombe Cemetery in Bath.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 6.

Ju 188A-2, Wnr.180411, 3E+ML of 3/KG 6

Fw. Hans Pax (F) killed

Uffz. Heinz Schwöbel (Bf) killed

Suffered engine failure over the Channel coast and crashed at St.Hellier, Jersey. Schwöbel baled out but was killed, other crew members baled out over France.

14/15.04.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88, Wnr.301324, 4D+AC of Stab.II/KG 30

Fw. Walter Hallen (F) missing

Gefr. Guido Frauscher (B) missing

Uffz. Hans Ueckermann (Bf) missing

Uffz. Peter Ostler (Bs) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: II/KG 30.

Ju 88, Wnr.550449, 4D+BN of 5/KG 30

Ltn. Walter Bierbrauer (F) missing

Oblt. Rolf Sellmann (B) missing

Uffz. Alois Krebs (Bf) missing

Uffz. Helmut Bierle (Bs) missing

Failed to return, probably lost at sea.

14/15.05.44: Target Bristol: I/KG 54.

Ju 88A-4, Wnr.088560, B3+NH of 1/KG 54

Uffz. Drago Verhove (F) missing

Uffz. Heinrich Schumann (B) missing

Uffz. Robert Schneider (Bf) missing

Ogefr. Georg Fellner (Bs) missing

Failed to return probably lost at sea.

Other German Aircraft Brought Down Locally

14/15.03.41: Target Glasgow: II/KG 55.

He 111P-4, Wnr.3096, G1+IP, of 6/KG 55

Oblt. Eckehardt Henschke (F) killed

Fw. Franz Harter (B) killed

Fw. Heinz Krüger (Bf) killed

Fw. Willi Smolinski (Bm) killed

Intercepted in the vicinity of Codrington by F/O. Keith Geddes and Sgt. A.C.Cannon in a Beaufighter of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Shot down and crashed with full bomb load at Brinkmarsh Farm, Whitfield, nr. Falfield, Glos. at 21.40 hrs. Crew all buried at Greenbank Cemetery, Bristol.

07/08.05.41: Target Liverpool: St/KG 27.

He 111P, Wnr. 1647, 1G+NA of Stab/KG 27

Oblt. Johannes Maron (B) POW

Ofw. Heinrich Ronge (F) POW

Fw. Heinz Dietrich (Bf) POW

Uffz. Heinrich Eggert (Bm) POW

Ogfr. Helmut Hilger (Bs) POW

Shot down by F/O. G.Howden in a Beaufighter of 600 Sq. (Colerne). Crashed at Stock Lane, Langford near Weston-s-Mare, at 22.55 hrs en-route for Liverpool.

16/17.06.41: Target Gloster Aircraft Hucclecote: KGr 100.

He 111H-2, Wnr.5462, 6N+CH of 1/KGr 100

Uffz. Franz Koster (B) killed

Oberfw. Heinz Ittner (F) killed

Gefr. Wolfgang Porada (Bf) killed

Gefr. Heinz Keul (Bs) killed

Uffz. Heinz Berwig (Bm) killed

Shot down en-route to Hucclecote by P/O. W.M.Gosland and Sgt. Phillips in Beaufighter R2085 of 604 Sq. (Middle Wallop). Crashed 01.20 hrs at Home Farm, Maiden Bradley, Wilts. Body of Uffz. Berwig not discovered until 11/3/44 and subsequently buried at Haycombe Cemetery, Bath.

23/24.07.41: Target Birkenhead: I/KG 30.

Ju 88A-5, Wnr.3457, 4D+DL of 3/KG 30

Uffz. Wolfgang Hosie (F) POW

Fw. Paul Zimmermann (B) POW

Ogefr. Franz Sander (Bf) POW

Ogefr. Robert Riemann (Bs) POW

Took off from Lanveoc-Poulmic at 23.35 hrs to bomb the docks at Birkenhead. On return it was mislead by the *Meacon* transmitter at Lymphsham, Somerset, and low on fuel landed intact at RAF Broadfield Down (Lulsgate Bottom), Wrington, Somerset at 06.20 hrs.

17/18.05.43: Target Cardiff: I/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.5497, U5+EK of 2/KG 2

Uffz. Joachim Tröger (F) POW

Uffz. Wilhelm Schmidt (B) killed

Uffz. Werner Grothe (Bf) killed

Uffz. Erich Gratz (Bm) killed

Collided with Do 217 U5+DL at 03.10 hrs. Crashed in the sea off Woodspring Bay, Somerset. Werner Grothe is buried at Weston-s-Mare.

17/18.05.43: Target Cardiff: I/KG 2.

Do 217E-4, Wnr.5305, U5+DL of 3/KG 2

Ltn. Emil Holthaus (F) missing

Uffz. Fritz Richter (B) killed

Uffz. Heinrich Schumacher (Bf) killed

Uffz. Willi Petzke (Bm) killed

Collided with Do 217 U5+EK at 03.10 hrs. Crashed in the sea off Woodspring Bay, Somerset. Richter is buried at Greenbank, Bristol.

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