**Name:** Isa Brandt

**Born:** In Labiau, 1936 (subsequently known as Polessk since 1946)

She fled westwards with her mother and her brothers from the Curonian Lagoon, first on foot but also by train. She reached Świnoujście in March. The family was bombed out on 12th March. Only Isa survived, but she was seriously injured. She was then cared for in the military hospital and taken to a refugee camp. Her father was tracked down in 1946; he survived the war and Isa moved in with him.

**Why**:

We chose Isa Brandt because her story is interesting given that she survived the bombing. She was very lucky.

**Name:** Anton Felten

**Age:** 24 years old

He came from Guebwiller in Upper Alsace. He was a French soldier and captured by the Germans as a prisoner of war. He was released in April 1941. He trained as a Marine in 1943. He was transferred to Cammin in Pomerania in July 1944 and deserted from here on 21st September 1944. His escape came to an end on 30th October 1944; he was condemned to death for desertion and shot at sea off the coast of Świnoujście.

**Why:** We chose Anton Felten because he never gave up trying to escape and his story came to a surprising end.

**Name:** Hermann Picht

**Born:** 16th April

He was a non-commissioned officer (pilot) from Herzberg and died shortly before the war ended. He flew in the

6th Fighter Squadron. He set off in an easterly direction but then turned southwards over the Piast Canal. Here, he was targeted by his own air defence and shot at. While he was still able to land the burning aircraft on the runway at Garz air base, the plane exploded during the crash landing.

**Why**: We chose Hermann Picht because he still died, despite making it all the way back to the runway.

Source: Digital cemetery (biography)