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AFPNA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

6341

Name of crew member: STEEL, William A.
Rank: 2nd. Lt.
Serial number: O-819211
Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FROM NOSE HATCH

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I TOLD HIM TO FEATHER #3 ENGINE, WHICH HE PROMPTLY DID

Was he injured? HIS FACE HAD MANY SMALL CUTS FROM FLYING GLASS

Where was he when last seen? IN CO PILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SINCE HIS CHUTE OPENED, I STRONGLY BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED ONTHE GROUND BY GERMANS. THE BALL TURRET GUNNER, SGT. RATERMAN, NARROWLY ESCAPED HANGING BY CIVILIANS. HOWEVER I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP MATTERS ANY, TO TELL AT. SYSELS, (OVER

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: MAY 14, 1944 - SAARBRUCKEN -- MAY 15 - PAS DE CALAIS MAY 22 - KIEL - MAY 23 METZ - MAY 24 BERLIN - MAY 26 MANNHEIM - MAY 27 SAARBRUCKEN MAY 28 COLOGNE MAY 29 POSEN POLAND MAY 30 HALDERSTADT

6-3861, AF

FAMILY HE WAS KILLED ON THE GROUND.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: LEDOGAR, Ralph E.
Rank: S. Sgt.
Serial number: 32766822
Position: ~~Crew (Bombardier, Navigator, Pilot, Co-Pilot)~~: Radio

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FROM WAIST DOOR

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAW HIM IN WAIST OF SHIP BUT DID NOT SPEAK TO HIM.

Was he injured? NOT APPARENTLY

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY KILLED ON GROUND BY ENEMY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. SYSEL'S EXCEPT FOR 1ST MISSION.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

5341

Name of crew member: FORSTNER, William K.
Rank: S.Sgt.
Serial number: 13126702
Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FROM WAIST DOOR

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO CONTACT AT THAT TIME.

Was he injured? NO APPARENT INJURIES

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY KILLED BY ENEMY ON GROUND.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS SGT LEDOGAR

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AFPRA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BARRY, John K.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? FROM WAIST DOOR

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKED TO HIM ON INTERPHONE CONCERNING ATTACKING ENEMY CRAFT.

Was he injured? NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

Where was he when last seen? DID NOT SEE HIM FROM TIME OF TAKE OFF

Any hearsay information: HE BAILED OUT OF WAIST DOOR

Source: SGT. RATERMAN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY KILLED BY ENEMY ON GROUND. ALL CREW MEMBERS UNARMED

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS SGT LEBOGAR.

6-3861, AF

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name OLANDER, PHILIP A. Rank T/SGT Serial No. 19086526

2. Organization 303 BOMB Gp Commander KERMIT D. STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO RICHARD H. COLE Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 31 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, HALBERSTADT GERM. , target, JU-88 ASSEMBLY PLANT & AIR FIELD , target time, APPROX. 11:10 AM , altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? IN TOP GUN TURRET. WE WERE (OVER)

6. Did you bail out? YES. AT APPROX. 20,000 FT.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. ALL CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT & CHUTES OPENED.

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". NO CREW LIST ATTACHED! NAVIGATOR ROBERT SAUMSIEGLE - BAILED OUT OF NOSE HATCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER ORDER WAS GIVEN - HE WAS FOLLOWED OUT BY BOMBARDIER RONALD VINCENT. - URBAN RATERMAN (OVER)

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____

12. What was their condition? _____

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW LT. SYSEL IN CO-PILOTS SEAT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE I LEFT THE SHIP. HE HAD MANY SMALL CUTS ON HIS FACE FROM FLYING GLASS. I DID NOT SEE SGT. BARRY FROM THE TIME WE TOOK OFF. FROM THE COCK PIT I SAW SGTS. FORSYTHE & LEDOGAR IN THE WAIST PREPARING TO BAIL OUT. THEY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WOUNDED.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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#5 CONT. — LEFT BEHIND BY OUR GROUP + LOST OUR FLIGHT POSITION BECAUSE OF FAILURE OF # 1 ENGINE.

#8 CONT. - BALL TURRET GUNNER - BAILED OUT OF SIDE DOOR IN THE WAIST TWO MINUTES LATER OR LESS. THE PILOT, DOUGLAS VAN WEELDEN WAS THE LAST MAN OUT. HE LEFT FROM THE NOSE HATCH. SGT. RATERMAN COUNTED THE CHUTES + SAYS ALL CHUTES OPENED. HE COULD NOT SEE MINE BECAUSE I DELAYED THE OPENING TILL I WAS 300-350 FEET FROM GROUND. NATURALLY I SAW NO OTHER CHUTES.

Report on capture of an airplane of the #8AF

Case No. Mr 2125

Date and time airplane was shot down: May 30, 1944 - 11.30

Place of crash: Bonne,

Type of plane: Fortress

Reporting office: Air Base Command Helmstedt

	NAME	RANK	ASN	CAP'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT NAME OF CAMP
VINCENT	Ronald Jaison	F/O.	T 1946	capt'd	Dulag Luft
VAN WERLDEN	DOUGLAS CLARKE	2/Lt.	O-809 898	"	"
SAMSIEGEL	Robert Walter	2/Lt.	O-TLC 334	"	"
BATEMAN	Urban Leonard	Sgt.	1712 1691	"	"

Case No. Mr 2125. 1st additional report of June 28, 1944

OLANDER	Philip Alfred	S/Sgt.	1901 6526	"	"

Case No. Mr 2125. 2nd additional report of Aug. 28, 1944.

SYKE.	Wm. A.	2/Lt.	O-819 211	dead	Cemetery Lehen, near Helmstedt
LEDOUAR	Ralph E.	S/Sgt.	3276 6823	dead	same cemetery
FORSYTHE	William E.	S/Sgt.	1312 4702	dead	" "
BAKEY	John K.	Sgt.	3298 3857	"	" "

Dulag Luft, June 15, 1944.

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MIXED CREWS

KU 2125

B A R R Y , John K.

32983857 T 43 44 0

downing 30 May 1944 Airdome Helmstedt near Rennau (6 Km W)

dead

KU 2125

L E D O G A R , Ralph E. Sgt. 32766822 T 43 44 AB

downing 30 May 1944 Airdome Holmstedt near Rennau (6 Km W)

dead

[illegible] Mention Book of the following men

1. Vincent,	Ronald J.	T - 1946 T 45 B
2. Ladogan,	Ralph E.	[illegible] T 43-44 AB
3. Forsythe,	William K.	[illegible] T 43-45 AB
4. Sykal,	W.A.	[illegible] T 43-44 A
5. Berry,	John K.	[illegible] T 43-44 O
6. [illegible],	Robert W.	[illegible] T 43-44 O
7. Van Woalden,	D.C.	[illegible] T 43-45 A
8. Clander,	Philip A.	[illegible] T 43-44 A

30 May 44

FORM 1

KU 21.25

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding - Officer airfield Broitzem # A (c) 24/XI

PLACE: Braunschweig - Broitzem

DATE: June 4 , 1944 Time : 1730

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Peine

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Van Woelden

FIRST NAME: D.C.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-809393 T 41-42 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Peine Time : June 4 , 1944 by early morning

NAME OF HOSPITAL: unknown

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ---------

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6-3224, AF(1)

KU 2185

Dulag - Luft Wetzlar
Registration-Office
June 14 , 1944

Feldwebel Heinz NEE was passed through by the following enemy flying personnel.

1. Barry, John K. [illegible]
2. Forsythe, William K. 15116702
3. Lodegar, Ralph E. [illegible]
4. Synal, W.A. 0-813811

FOMCY

XV 2105

Commanding-Officer
Peine

Peine, June 4 , 1944
Tel.: 2705

Dulag-Luft
Wetzlar
Registration-Office
June 14, 1944

To the
Commanding-Officer
Airfield Division

Subject : Capture of the American POW D.C. van Heelden
Reference : Long distance call from Capt. George on June 4 , 1944

In the night from June 3 to June 4 1944 the above mentioned American Prisoner of War was found lying on a bench in a railroad shunting-room(waiting-room) by railroad-official Schrödde. The POW was brought to the police by the Reichsbahn. The police gave him up to the military commanding-officer of Peine.

Herewith the POW is delivered to the commanding-officer airfield division.

signed by Richter
Captain and local commanding-officer

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KU 21.85

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Investigation point West

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar coming-in June 5, 1944 Registration-office

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: June 2 , 1944

TIME: 1650

FROM: [redacted]

THROUGH: HB

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: [redacted]

To the six district commanding-officer XI Hamburg - Mannheim
This distance-message was learned by the commanding-officer air field Wallendorf district IR/XI and delivered by the commanding-officer airfield Neuendorf, district IR/XI, as follows :

In the afternoon of May 31, 1944 the American pilot Robert W. Sammiegle, Serial # 0-710324 ? 45-44 0 was captured in Rauwedel near Olfhorn.

EUS MIA 30/31/5

30 May 44

6-3224,AF(5)

XU 2185

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Local commuting-officer Helmstedt

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ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
DATE:- received 5th June 1944
TIME: Registration-office
TO:

DATE: 3 June 1944

TIME: 0940

FROM: LNDZ

THROUGH: beix

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: None

To Dulag Oberursel near Frankfurt/Main
Subject : Report on shot-down aircraft

30 May ?

Time aircraft was shot-down : about 1130
Date aircraft was shot-down : 30th June 1944
Place of crash: 6 km west to the Helmstedt airfield near Remmen 15 Oct S (3 9./5
Reporting office and type of aircraft: Probably the plane was shot down by
fighters. Boeing fortress 17 F marked in its triangle with white G and with
a yellow number(251215 Z) The permission number of the aircraft (registration
number) could not be constated. The frequency is to be established.
The plane crashed to fire (95 % destroyed). The crew ~~is~~ probably bailed out.

6-3224,AF(5)

KU 41.86

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to Investigation point West -OBERÜRSEL- 12/XI Mellendorf

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding officer airfield Wesendorf
air district XII / XI

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
DATE:- received 6th June 1944
TIME: Registration-office
TO:

DATE: 1st June 1944

TIME: 1320

FROM: LWDB

THROUGH: Nlf.

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Zone

In the afternoon of 30th May 1944 2 American pilots were captured in Bruem near Oldhorst. Date and time aircraft was shot down unknown. Sgt. Urban Lautermann serial number 17121991 and Sgt. A. Olander, serial number 19086384.

AM 30 MAY 44

6-3224,AF(5)

KU 2125

F O R S Y T H E , William K. Sgt. 13126702 T 42 43 B

downing 30 May 1944 6 Km W Airdome Helmstedt near Remmau

dead

XD 2125

S Y S E L , WM. A.

O-819211 = 43 44 A

downing 30 May 1944

Airdome Heidestedt near Rennau (6Km W)

dead

FORM 1

KU 2135

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

RECARDING: CRASH: *(DOWNED)* OF, Boeing 17 F

AT: Remmau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport 15 cet S GE 9/5

NAME: *(LAST OR SURNAME)* S y s e l

FIRST NAME: Wm. A.

SERIAL NUMBER: *(USA)* 0-819411 T 43-44 A

RESULT: *(DEAD OR CAPTURED)* Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ———

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ———

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 May 1944, 1100, at the cemetery of Remmau.

30/May

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft: Oberursel

signed by W o l s s
Major and command-leader

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

6-3224,AF(1)

FORM 1

Ru 2185

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st may 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) / EM. LANDING: OF, Boeing 17 F

AT: Rauxmu, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport
15 ost 8 GE 9/5
B a r r y

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Riley

FIRST NAME: John L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18028857 T 43-44 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ———

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ———

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 may 1944, time: 1100 at the cemetery of Rauhen.

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by Wells
Major and Command-leader

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

6-3224, AF(1)

FORM KU 2/185

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-Officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 F

EM. LANDING: AT: Remlingen, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport
15 east S GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L o d o g a y

FIRST NAME: Ralph E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2[illegible]322 T 43-44 AB

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ------

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ------

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Ruehen - 31st May 1944
time: 1100

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by W o l s
Major and Command-leader

Dulag - Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

6-3224,AF(1)

FORM 1. KU 212C

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-Officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local Command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 F

EN. [redacted] AT: Remmau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport 15 east S'GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) F o r s y t h e

FIRST NAME: William K.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13126702 T 42-43 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ------

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ------

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetary of Ruehen - 31st May 1944 time : 1100

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30 May

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg - Klandenese
Dulag-luft Oberursel

signed by W e i s
Major and Command-leader

Dulag-luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

6-3224,AF(1)

FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Field Hq.

LOCATION: Gardelegen Date: 30 May 44 at 19.00 h

DISTRIBUTOR:

Airdistrict Hq.

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED / EMERGENCY LANDINGS / CRASH — unknown

DATE AND TIME:

AT: NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME / LAST NAME — Vincent

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME / GIVEN NAME — Ronald J.

RANK: F/O

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL / SERVICE — T - 1946 T 43 B C

NATIONALITY:

Result: Dulag (Oberursel)

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: Delivered by police on
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: 30 May 44
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

signed: Henk
Major and Aid.

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Prisoner delivered by police

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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6-3224.AF(3)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 10201 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: May-31-44

TIME: 2250

FROM: LYNX

THROUGH:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

A LYNX May-31 1530

REMARKS: To Airdistrict-Command XI Hamburg

Sent by wire to: Evaluationplace Kost Oberursel

Airdistrict-Command XI Hamburg

Command Airbase-district 12/XI Hollendorf

2 American airforce-members were captured in Bromo Oilborn County on May-30-44 at afternoon. Dowing unknown.

Sgt. Philip A Olander ASN 19036526

Sgt. Urban L Reterman ASN 17121891

Airbase-Hq A 22/XI Wesendorf

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6-3224,AF(5)

Airbase-Hq A 25/ XI
Base-command Helmstedt

Helmstedt, May-31-44

Report of capture of enemy-aircraft.

Post: Airbase-Hq A 25/XI Base-command

Location: Helmstedt

Date: May-31-44 at 1130

MIA 5341
James Weelden Douglas le 2nd Lt
0509898

Location of crash: near Remlingen, 6 km west of airbase Helmstedt 15 east SCB 9/5

Kind of capture: presumably by fighter

Type of plane: Boeing B 17

Markings: white C in triangle, [illegible] in yellow

Admittance-No.: not ascertainable

Photo-equipment: not ascertainable

Radio-frequencies: were reported to Evaluationplace of enemy-equipment

Monitorf by Signal-Corps-unit Helmstedt.

Condition of plane: Crash-fire. 95% damage

Crew: One part of crew parachuted presumably near Koenigslutter.

4 men dead; rest of crew burned.

Distributor:
Command Airbase-district 12/XI Mellendorf/Hannover
Airdistrict-command XI Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

illegible

Major and officer in charge of Command

Visi Sinon: 124217

Wm R Forsythe - 2nd Lt 18126702 v Kia 5/30/44
Ralph E Ledoyen - 2nd Lt 37766?? v Kia 5/30/44
John K Barry - 2nd Lt 32959?57 Kia 5/30/44
Wm A Brydick - 2nd Lt 0-819211 Kia 5/30/44

FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase-Hs A 95 / XI Base-command Helmstedt

DATE: May-31-44

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Sgeal Mn. A.

Not on Le Flieg. Vici record. Shows Stalag 5/357 Lbl.

YEAR OF BIRTH: AGN 0-619211 T 43-44 A

RANK: unknown Y ndG Fl

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: dead found

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) Downing of American bomber by fighter in Remmen 6 km west of airbase Helmstedt 15 east SCB 9/5 on May-30-44 at 1130

TYPE OF CRAFT

~~Boeing b 17~~

REMARKS: Buried on cemetery in Ruehen on May-31-44 at 1100.

Distributor:
Airdistrict-command XI Hamburg "Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

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Major and officer in charge of command.

MACR 5131
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6-3224,AF(2)

KU 2121

Subjects: Air-raids on airfields in north-western Germany and flights to the air district III, dated 30th May 1944.

2.) Crash of a Boeing, time 1130, near Rennau - 6 km nw to Helmstedt- 95 % damaged. Markings of craft: A white C in a triangle and the number 231213 front of insignia. Up to now 4 deads. Instituted search by Helmstedt.

FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase-Fr A 25 / X1 Base-command Helmstedt

DATE: May-31-44

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Berry John K. Von die Tote Visi record shows Kia 5-7 by MPs

YEAR OF BIRTH: ASN 32982807 T 45-44 0

RANK: Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: dead found

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) Downing of American bomber by fighter in Remmet 6 km west of airbase Helmstedt 1½ east SOB 9/5 on May-30-44 at 1130.

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17

REMARKS: Buried on cemetery in Ruehen on May-31-44 at 1100.

Distribution:
Airdistrict-command XI Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

MACR 534

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Major and officer in charge of command

See 124,717

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FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase HQ A 25 / XI Base-command Helmstedt

DATE: May-31-44

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Ledoger Ralph E.

Not on le Files
Via record Sheet Kia
5/30/44

YEAR OF BIRTH: Am. 32766822 T 43-44 AB

RANK: S/Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: dead found

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) Downing of American plane by fighter in Reason 6 km west of airbase Helmstedt 15 east 303 9/5 on May-30-44 at 1150

TYPE OF CRAFT

Boeing B 17

REMARKS:

Buried on foreigner-cemetery Airbase Helmstedt on May-30-44 at 1600.

Distributor:
A/District-command XI Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

MACR 5341

illegible

Major and officer in charge of command.

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FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase-Hq. A 25 / XI Base-command Helmstedt

DATE: May-31-44

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Forsythe William K.

YEAR OF BIRTH: ASN 13126702 T 42-43 B

RANK: 2/Lt Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: dead found

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) Downing of American bomber by fighter in Remmen 6 km west of airbase Helmstedt 15 cent S C B 9/5 On May-30-44 at 1150

TYPE OF CRAFT

Boeing B 17

REMARKS: Buried on foreigner-cemetery airbase Helmstedt on May -30-44 at 1600.

Distributor:

Airdistrict-command XI
Hamburg-Blankenese

Dulag-Luft Oberursel

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Major and officer in charge of command

MACR 5341

See 12421?

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6-3224,AF(2)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: Jun-1-1944.

TIME: 18.30hrs.

FROM: [illegible].

THROUGH: Kop.

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

• A [illegible] 6 [illegible] 08.45hrs.—
To Air District HQ XI, Hamburg-Blankenese.—
Sent by wire: To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.-
To Air District HQ XI, Hamburg-Blankenese.-
To Air Base District HQ 12/XI, Mollendorf.—

AAF-member captured at Harvelsl, County Gelhorn on May-31-1944 west meridian.-
Robert W. SAUNSINGLE, O-710324 2 43-44 O.—

Air Base HQ A22/XI, Wesendorf.*

MIF 30 May 1944
EUS Ship 134050

6-3224, AF(5)

124203

MACR 5341

DATE: 30 May 1944 AT: 1130

PLACE: Remmau, 6 km west of Helmstedt

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 231213

359 (HSo) Sqd - 303 Group

AIRBASE: Molesworth

TARGET: Airbase Hq - Helmstedt

REMARK: 559 a

RANK:	NAME:	MU - 2125
2nd Lt	VAN WEELDEN, Douglas Clarke	p.
	ASN: 0-809898	
2nd Lt	SYKEL, Wm A	dead
	ASN: 0-819211	
2nd Lt	SAUNDERSON, Robert Walter	
	ASN: 0-710324	
F/O	VINCENT, Ronald Judson	
	ASN: T-1946	
S/Sgt	LEDOGAR, Ralph E	dead
	ASN: 32766512	
S/Sgt	GLANDER, Philip Alfred	
	ASN: 19006526	
S/Sgt	FORSYTHE, William K	dead
	ASN: 13126702	
Sgt	BAREK, John K	dead
	ASN: 32993857	
Sgt	WATERMAN, Urban Leonard	
	ASN: 17121891	

4 dead, buried in cemetery Ruehlen

2nd. Lt. William A. Sysel	Mrs. Margaret Sysel, (Mother) 1040 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.
2nd. Lt. Douglas C. Van Weelden	Mrs. Jean Lillian Van Weelden, (Wife) 125 North Highland Avenue, Nyack, New York.
2nd. Lt. Robert W. Saumsiegle	Mrs. Genieve J. Saumsiegle, (Wife) 249 Lowell Street, Waltham, Massachusetts.
F/O Ronald J. Vincent	Mr. Jack J. Vincent, (Father) 1046 Harvard Road, Piedmont, California.
S/Sgt. Philip A. Olander	Mrs. Helga M. Olander, (Mother) 7715 Greenly Drive, Oakland, California.
S/Sgt. Ralph E. Ledogar	Mrs. Louise A. Ledogar, (Mother) 230 North 6th Street, Newark, New Jersey.
S/Sgt. William K. Forsythe	Mr. William R. Forsythe, (Father) 1545 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Urban L. Raterman	Mrs. Regina Mete, Jr., Breese, Illinois.
Sgt. John K. Barry	Mrs. Helen Barry, (Mother) 120 West Ninety Fourth Street, New York, New York.

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303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

. ORGANIZATION: Location **Molesworth** ; Command or Air Force **VIII AF**
Group **303rd** ; Squadron **359th** ; Detachment
. SPECIFY: Point of Departure **Molesworth** ; Course **See attached chart**
Intended Destination **Halberstadt** ; Type of Mission **Bombardment**
. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good - 10 miles at altitude.
. GIVE: (a) Date **30 May 44** Time **1052** ; and Location **Near Nordhausen, Germany.** of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.
. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows **Mechanical Failure.**
. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series **B-17G** , A.A.F. Serial Number **42-31213**
. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series **R-1820-97** A.A.F. Serial Number (a) **SW-007569**
(b) **43-64452** ; (c) **SW-001825** ; (d) **43-61757**
.. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) **24441 CPA 794068 CPA**
(a) **683705 KH** ; (b) **684317 KH** ; (c) **683852 KH** ; (d) **683724 KH 749200 CPA**
(e) **674407 KH** ; (f) **674988 KH** ; (g) **687940 KH** ; (h) **682502 KH**
. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty **X**
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew **9** ; Passengers **0** ; Total **9**
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	
1.	Pilot	Van Woelden, Douglas C.	2nd Lt.	O-809898	RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	Sysel, William A.	2nd Lt.	O-819211	Repat
3.	Navigator	Saumsiegle, Robert W.	2nd Lt.	O-710324	RTD
4.	Bombardier	Vincent, Ronald J.	F/O	T-1946	RTD
5.	Radio	Medogar, Ralph E.	S/Sgt.	32766822	
6.	Top Turret	Olander, Philip A.	S/Sgt.	19086526	RTD
7.	Ball Turret	Raterman, Urban L.	Sgt.	17121891	RTD
8.	Waist Gunner	Forsythe, William K.	S/Sgt.	13126702	
9.	Tail Gunner	Barry, John K.	Sgt.	32983857	Repat
10.					

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column: Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Miller, Theodore G.	S/Sgt.	32796784		x		
2. Stender, Francis H.	T/Sgt.	35431880		x		
3. (See also statement of preparing officers						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) ____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. **See attached chart.**
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See attached statements.**
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE ____

Date of Report **31 May 1944**

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, AC - Group S-2.

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Statement of Preparing Officers

The statements of Sgt. Miller and Sgt. Stender attached are impossible to reconsider. It is the belief of the undersigned that Sgt. Stender is correct as the facts set forth by Sgt. Miller appl. better to one of the other A/C of this group which was also having difficulty. This other A/C did return safely. For this reason the statement of Sgt. Stender has been accepted, but both are attached for information.

Jesse M. Barrett
JESSE M. BARRETT
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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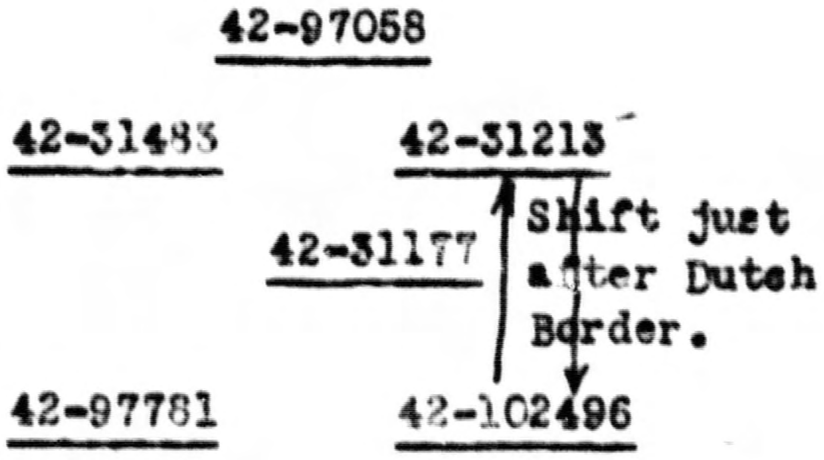
STATEMENT OF S/SGT. THEODORE G. MILLER, 32796784.

On the mission of 30 May 1944, I was tail gunner in A/C 42-31177 which was flying in #4 position in the low squadron of the high group of the 41st "A" Combat Wing. The missing A/C, #42-31213, started out in #2 position in the same squadron, but dropped back to #5 position just after we crossed the Dutch border into Germany. At that time the #2 engine of the missing A/C was smoking slightly. Just after bombs away at Halberstadt, Germany, #2 engine of the missing A/C started to smoke violently. The pilot immediately feathered the propellor. From then on out to the Zuider Zee the missing A/C kept dropping back slowly but seemed to be in good shape. It had fighter escort all the time. By the time we reached the Zuider Zee the missing A/C was about four miles behind and about 2,000 feet below. After we crossed the Zuider Zee I did not see the missing A/C again. The visibility at our altitude was good.

Theodore G. Miller

THEODORE G. MILLER,
S/Sgt., ASN 32796784.



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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 5341

Name of crew member: SYSEL, William A.
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-819211
Position: ~~Crew (Member) or Pilot (Engineer)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE HALBERSTADT AREA

If not, why not? ———

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I TOLD HIM TO GET GOING: HE GAVE ME A SLAP ON BACK + LEFT

Was he injured? CUT ABOUT FACE + HANDS

Where was he when last seen? LEAVING PLANE

Any hearsay information: UPON MY QUESTIONING BY GERMAN MILITARY I WAS TOLD HE HAD BEEN KILLED + FOUND NEAR PLANE. THIS WAS FALSE BECAUSE I STAYED WITH PLANE FOR APROX. FIVE TO EIGHT MIN. + FLEW IT OUT OF AREA WHERE HE BAILED OUT.

Source: MY OWN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED BY GERMAN CIVILIANS - TRYING TO EVADE CAPTURE. MY NAVIGATOR WAS NEARLY KILLED THIS WAY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: TEN EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible:

22	MAY 1944	KIEL
23	MAY 1944	SAARBRUCKEN
24	MAY 1944	BERLIN
25	MAY 1944	~~BLAIN VILLE~~
27	MAY 1944	MANN HEIN
28	MAY 1944	COLOGNE
29	MAY 1944	POSEN
30	MAY 1944	HALBERSTADT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 5341

Name of crew member: LEDOGAR, Ralph E.
Rank: S.Sgt.
Serial number: 32766822
Position: [redacted]: Radio

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN HALBERSTADT AREA

If not, why not? ———

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? READY TO BAIL OUT - BY BALL TURRET GUNNER

Any hearsay information: SAME AS Co-Pilots

Source: MY OWN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS CO-PILOTS

Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible:
22 MAY 1944 KIEL
23 MAY 1944 SAARBRUCKEN
~~24 MAY 1944 BERLIN~~
25 MAY 1944 BLAINVILLE
~~27 MAY 1944 MANNHIM~~
28 MAY 1944 COLOGNE
29 MAY 1944 POSEN
30 MAY 1944 HALBERSTADT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 5341

Name of crew member: FORSYTHE, William K.
Rank: S.Sgt.
Serial number: 13126702
Position: [redacted]: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN HALBERSTADT AREA

If not, why not? ———

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE

Any hearsay information: SAME AS CO PILOTS

Source: MY OWN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS CO-PILOTS

Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible:

22	MAY	1944	KIEL
23	MAY	1944	SAARBRUCKEN
~~24~~	~~MAY~~	~~1944~~	~~BERLIN~~
25	MAY	1944	BLAINVILLE
~~27~~	~~MAY~~	~~1944~~	~~MANNHEIM~~
28	MAY	1944	COLOGNE
29	MAY	1944	POSEN
30	MAY	1944	HALBERSTADT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BARRY, John K.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32983857
Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN HALBERSTADT AREA

If not, why not? ———

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TOLD ME 5 P-51's WERE OVER US TO GIVE US A HAND

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE

Any hearsay information: SAME AS CO-PILOTS

Source: MY OWN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS CO-PILOTS

Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible:

22	MAY	1944	KIEL
23	"	"	SAARBRUCKEN
24	"	"	BERLIN
25	"	"	BLAINVILLE
~~27~~	~~"~~	~~"~~	~~MANNHEIM~~
28	"	"	COLOGNE
29	"	"	POSEN
30	"	"	HALBERSTADT

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DOUGLAS C. VAN WEELDEN Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-809898

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO COLE Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 30 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, HALBERSTADT, target AIRFIELD + FACTORY, target time, 1:00 P.M. APROX., altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, ——— , route flown APPROX. 2 MIN. AFTER HITTING I.P.

5. Where were you when you left formation? APROX. 6 MIN. FROM TARGET ON BOMB RUN

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". ALL CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT IMMEDIATELY UPON MY ORDER TO ABANDON SHIP APROX. 1:00 P.M. IN THE HALBERSTADT AREA

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE - MY ENGINEER COUNTED ALL CHUTES EXCEPT TWO — MY OWN + MY NAVIGATORS NAVIGATOR DELAYED HIS JUMP FOR APROX. 15,000 FT.

11. Where were they in aircraft? ———

12. What was their condition? ———

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ENGINEER - OLANDER
BALL TURRET - RATERMAN
BOMBARDIER - VINCENT
NAVIGATOR - SAUMSIEGLE
} ALIVE + HOME SAFELY

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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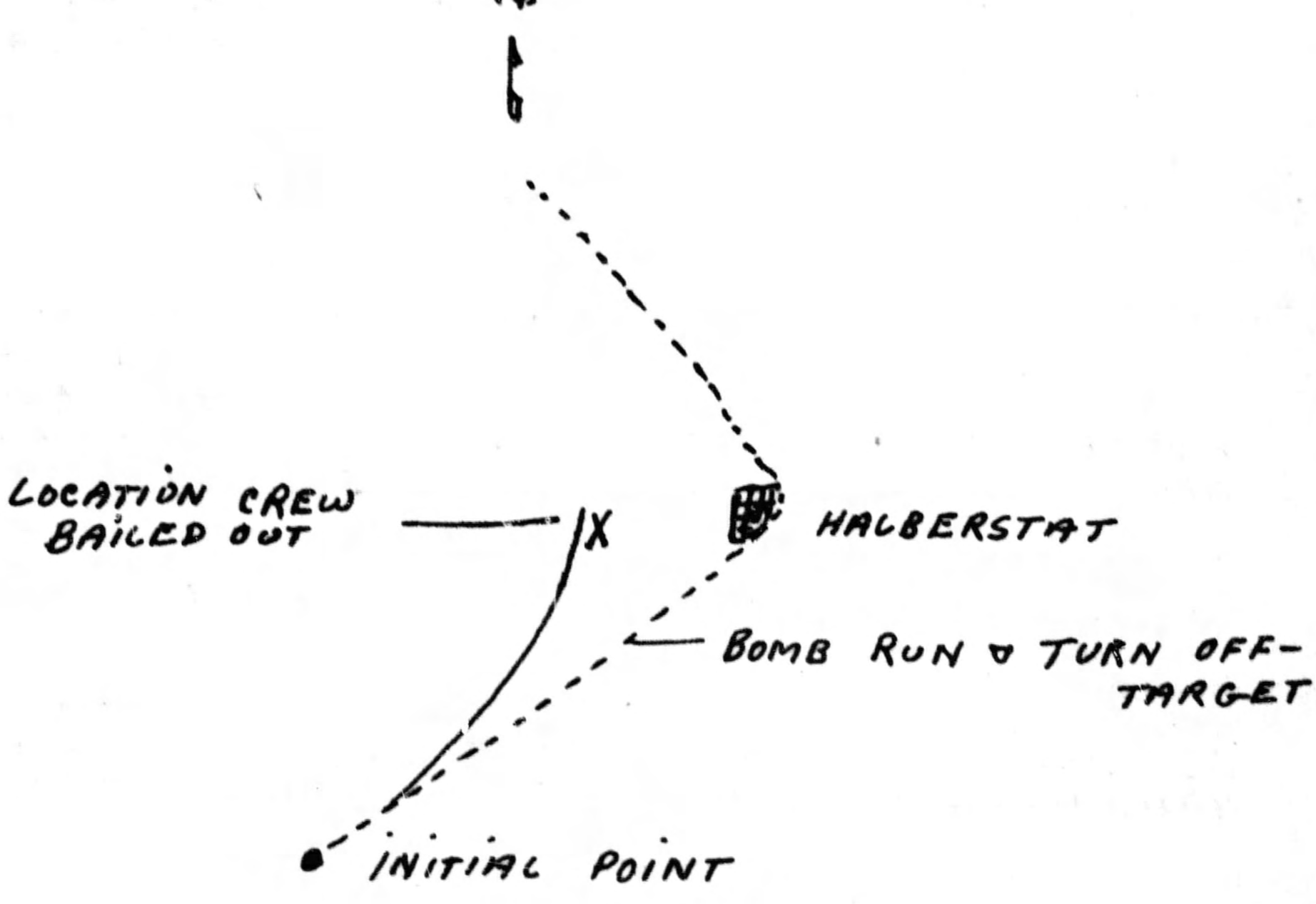
IN REGARD TO POSITION OF ABANDONING AIRCRAFT:-

I DONT RECALL THE HEADING OF THE BOMB RUN BUT WE TURNED LEFT TO CATCH THE GROUP COMING OFF THE TARGET: DIAGRAM BELOW PERHAPS EXPLAINS BETTER AND (X) INDICATES VICINITY I THINK CREW LANDED.



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Identification Tags of the following men

1.	Vincent,	Ronald J.	T - 1946 T 43 B
2.	Ledogar,	Ralph E.	32766822 T 43-44 AB
3.	Forsythe,	William K.	131266822 T 43-45 AB
4.	Sysel,	WM.A.	0-819211 T 43-44 A
5.	Barry,	John K.	32983857 T 43-44 O
6.	Saumsiegle,	Robert W.	0-710324 T 43-44 O
7.	Van Weelden,	D.C.	0-809898 T 41-42 A
8.	Olander,	Philip A.	19086526 T 43-44 A

FORM 1

KU 2125

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding - Officer airfield Broitzem # ▲ (o) 24/XI

PLACE: Braunschweig - Broitzem

DATE: June 4 , 1944 Time : 1730

REGARDING: CRASH: *(DOWNED)* OF, Boeing Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Peine

NAME: *(LAST OR SURNAME)* Van Weelden

FIRST NAME: D.C.

SERIAL NUMBER: *(USA)* 0-809898 T 41-42 A

RESULT: *(DEAD OR CAPTURED)* Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Peine Time : June 4 , 1944 by early morning

NAME OF HOSPITAL: unknown

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ————

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Dulag - Luft Wetzlar
Registration-Office
June 14 , 1944

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar was passed through by the following enemy flying personnel

1.	Barry,	John K.	32983857
2.	Forsythe,	William K.	13126702
3.	Ledogar,	Ralph E.	32766822
4.	Sysel,	Wm. A.	0-819211

KU 2125

Commanding-Officer
Peine

Peine, June 4 , 1944
Tel.# 2793

Dulag-Luft
Wetzlar
Registration-Office
June 14, 1944

To the
Commanding-Officer
Airfield Broitzen

Broitzen near Braunschweig

Subject : Capture of the American POW D.C. van Weelden
Reference : Long distance call from Capt. George on June 4 , 1944

In the night from June 3 to June 4 1944 the above mentioned American Prisoner of War was found lying on a bench in a railroad shunting-room(waiting-room) by railroad-official Schridde. The POW was brought to the police by the Reichsbahn. The police gave him up to the military commanding-officer of Peine.

Herewith the POW is delivered to the commanding-officer airfield Broitzen.

signed by R i c h t e r
Captain and local commanding-officer

KU 2125

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Investigation point West

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
DATE:- coming-in June 5, 1944
TIME: Registration-office
TO:

DATE: June 2 , 1944

TIME: 1850

FROM: LBER

THROUGH: HB

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: none

To the air district commanding-officer XI Hamburg - Blankenese
This distance-message was learned by the commanding-officer air field Mellendorf district 12/XI and delivered by the commanding-officer airfield Wesendorf, district 22/XI.as follwws :

In the afternoon of May 31, 1944 the American pilot Robert W. Saumsiegle, Serial # 0-710324 T 43-44 0 was captured in Barwedel near Gifhorn.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Local commanding-officer Helmstedt

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ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
DATE:- received 5th June 1944
TIME: Registration-office
TO:

DATE: 1 Junge 1944

TIME: 0840

FROM: LWDB

THROUGH: beix

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: none

To Dulag Oberursel near Frankfurt/Main
Subject : Report on shot-down aircraft

Time aircraft was shot-down : about 1130
Date aircraft was shot-down : 30th June 1944
Place of crash: 6 km west to the Helmstedt airfield near Rennau 15 Ost S GB 9./5
Reporting office and type of aircraft: Probably the plane was shot down by fighters. Boeing fortress 17 F marked in its triangle with white C and with a yellow number(231213 Z) The permission number of the camera (registration number) could not be constated. The frequency is to be established.
The plane crashed to fire (93 % destroyed). The crew ~~is~~ probably bailed out.

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FORM 1

KU 2125

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 F

AT: Rennau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport 15 ost S GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S y s e l

FIRST NAME: Wm. A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-819211 T 43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ——

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ——.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 May 1944, 1100, at the cemetery of Ruehen.

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by W e i s s
Major and command-leader

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st may 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 F

BAILING OUT: AT: Rennau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport
15 ost S GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B a r r y

FIRST NAME: John K.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32983857 T 43-44 O

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ------

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ------

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 may 1944, time: 1100 at the cemetery of Ruehen.

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by Weis
Major and Comman-leader

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
Registration-office

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POST: Commanding-Office. airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing 17 F

EM. LANDING: AT: Rennau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport
15 east S GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L e d o g a r

FIRST NAME: Ralph E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32766822 T 43-44 AB

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ------

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ------

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Ruehen - 31st May 1944
time:; 1100

For distribution :
Air district Hamburg-Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by W e i s
Major and Command-leader

Dulag - Luft Wetzlar.
received 6th June 1944
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Helmstedt A 25 / XI, local Command

PLACE: Helmstedt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 F

AT: Rennau, 6 km west to Helmstedt airport 15 east S GB 9/5

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) F o r s y t h e

FIRST NAME: William K.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13126702 T 43 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ------

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ------

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Rueken - 31st May 1944 time : 1100

Fcr distribution :
Air district Hamburg - Blankenese
Dulag-Luft Oberursel

signed by W e i s
Major and Command-leader

Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
received 6th June 1944
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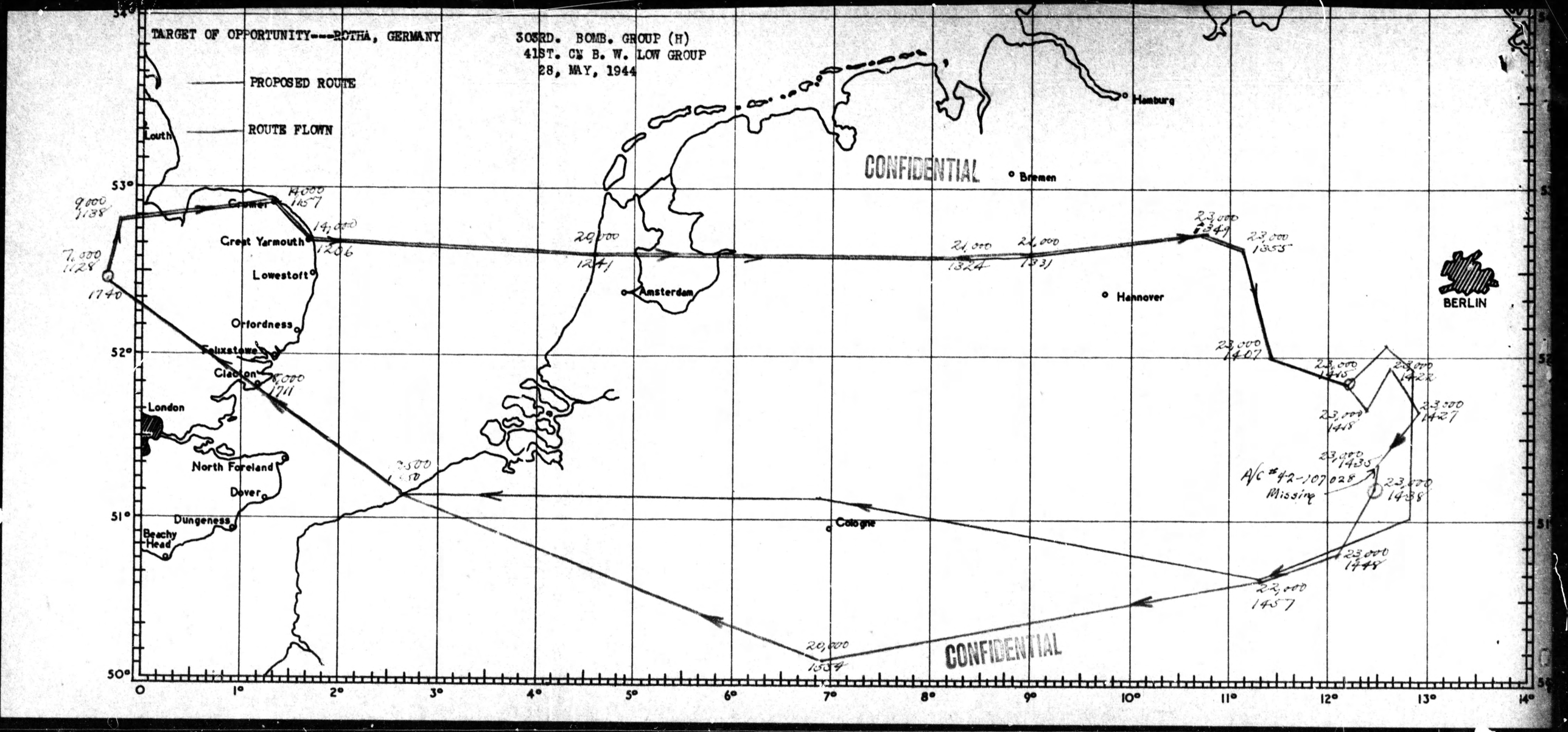
TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY---ROTHA, GERMANY
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305RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. CW B. W. LOW GROUP
28, MAY, 1944
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Lowestoft
Orfordness
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Clacton
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Amsterdam
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Hamburg
Hannover
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BERLIN
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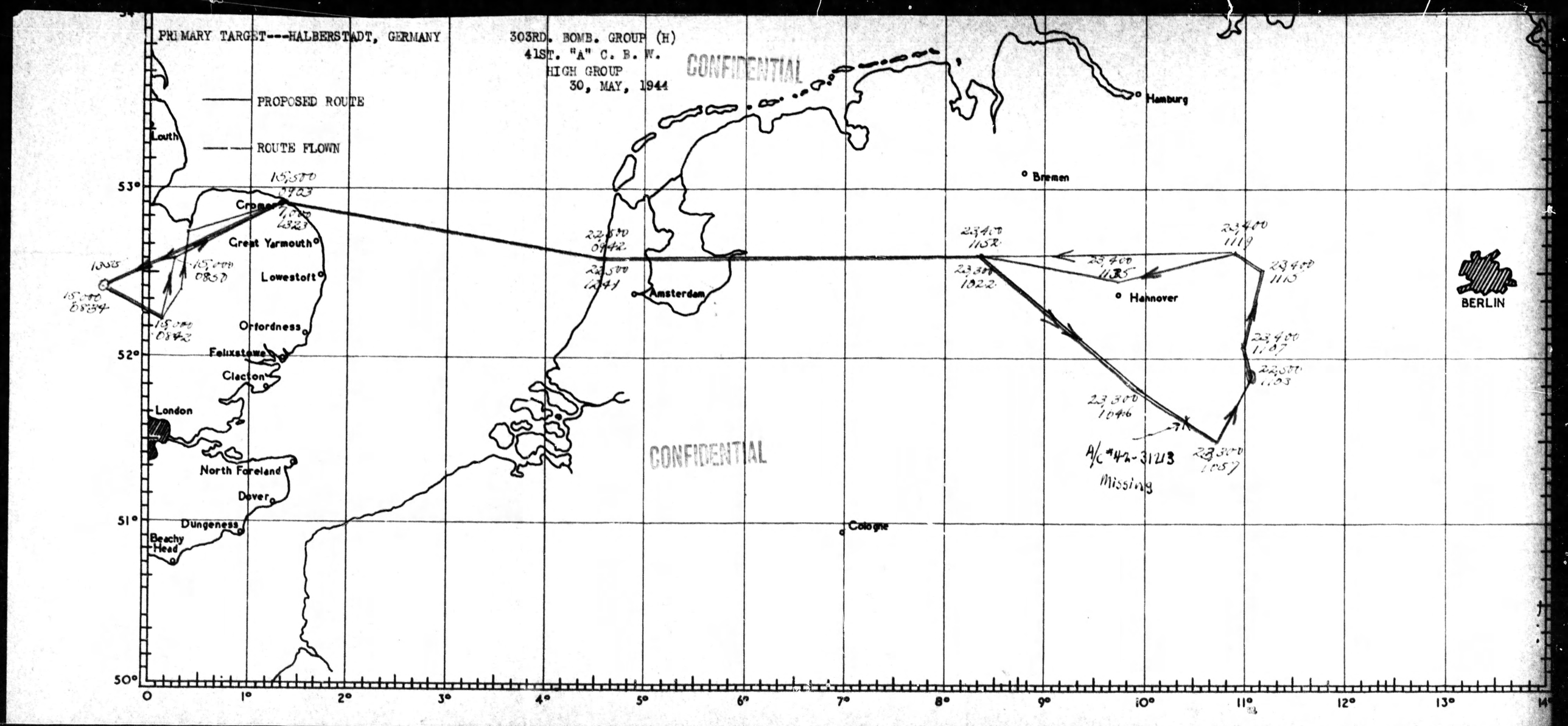
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