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to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADURAS, Lt. Col., AC
by P. H. MERCER, Capt., AC
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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

Classification changed to RESTRICTED

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

by B. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate HAAR 405 1942 Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth, England ; Command or Air Force 8th A. F.
Group 303rd B. Gp (H) ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment ----------
. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached Sheet
Intended Destination Berlin, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
2-4/10ths Cumulus, Tops 3,000, 6-7/10th Cirrus, 27,000 Dense Persistent Contrails.
. GIVE: (a) Date 21 June 44 Time 1017 ; and Location Berlin, 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstance as follows

. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107002
. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-009022
(b) SW-008826 ; (c) SW-008940 ; (d) 43-62443
. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d)
(e) ; (f) See Attached Sheet (g) ; (h)
. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
9. 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	MORNINGSTAR, THOMAS H.	2nd Lt.	0-757244	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	PATTERSON, FRED H.	2nd Lt.	0-818298	RTD
3. Navigator	KINDER, RICHARD O.	2nd Lt.	0-708484	RTD
4. Bombardier	DOOLEY, BERNARD D.	2nd Lt.	0-762738	RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	SCHUTZ, TED J.	S/Sgt.	39856371	RTD
6. Radio Gunner	HARTMAN, FRED G.	S/Sgt.	15108490	RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	GROB, JOHN H.	Sgt.	33562490	RTD
8. Waist Gunner	SCHUSTER, ROBERT G.	Sgt.	35682733	RTD
9. Tail Gunner	CASILLAS, BART M.	Sgt.	19003181	RTD
10.				

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. KARNERT, NICHOLAS F.	Sgt.	39706111		X		
2. JOYCE, JESS (NMI)	Sgt.	37660786		X		
3. KAIL, NICHOLAS F.	Sgt.	33431410		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (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 23 June 1944.

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

Incl 9

INSTALLED WEAPONS ON A/C #42-107002

156723	-	C.P.A.
953097	-	S.A.
953098	-	S.A.
953086	-	S.A.
952567	-	S.A.
156537	-	C.P.A.
711867	-	C.P.A.
158592	-	C.P.A.
953121	-	S.A.
953086	-	H.S.
952659	-	S.A.
716941	-	F.D.G.M.
716887	-	C.P.A.

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Statement of Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert, Jr., 39706111

On the mission to Berlin, Germany on 21 June 1944, I was tail gunner on A/C #42-102569 which was flying in #3 position in the low squadron of the low group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. The two missing A/C, #42-32037 and #42-107002, were flying in #3 and #4 positions, respectively, as shown in the diagram of the formation below. Just after bombs away the two missing A/C broke formation and went down to the left. Then the pilot apparently got them under control as they pulled up. I believe they were both hit by A/A gunfire at the same time. I could see no fire or any apparent damage such as feathered propellors on either A/C. A total of three parachutes came out but I cannot say from which A/C. Since visibility was extremely poor due to clouds and dense persistent contrails, it was only possible to observe the missing A/C for about a minute after they got into trouble.

42-97096

42-102569 42-32027

42-32037

No A/C here 42-107002

Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert Jr.

Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert, Jr.
39706111

Statement of Sgt. Nicholas F. Kail, 33431410 and
Sgt. Jess (NMI) Joyce, 37660786

On the mission to Berlin, Germany, on 21 June 1944, we were ball turret and tail gunner respectively of A/C #42-32027 which was flying in #2 position in the low squadron in the low group in the 41st "B" Combat Wing. The missing A/C, #42-107002, was flying in #5 position in the same squadron as shown in the diagram below. We both noticed that A/C #42-107002 was not with us on the bomb run. When it left the formation or what caused it to leave, we cannot say as poor visibility made observation extremely difficult.

42-97096

42-102569 42-32027

42-32037

No A/C here 42-107002

Nicholas F. Kail
Sgt. Nicholas F. Kail
33431410

Jess Joyce
Sgt. Jess (NMI) Joyce
37660786

+ A LFSS NR 211 22/6 (1445) =

AN LUFTGAUKDO ROEM ELF * ROEM EINS C / ASS -HAMBURG BLANKENESE.

—BETR: —ABGESCHOSSENE FEINDFLUGZEUGE AM 20/6.44.-

1) 09.42 UHR BEI SCHENEFELD, 5 KM NW HAMBURG BU 6 - B OEING B 17, KZ NICHT MEHR FESTSTELLBAR, BRUCH: 100 PROZ. (AUFSCHLAGBRAND) 5 TOTE BERGUNG: LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE.-

2.) 09.32 UHR EIDELSTEDT B HAMBURG- BA 4 - BOEING B 17 KZ AM LEITWERK SCHWARZES DREIECK MIT WEISZEM H. DARUNTER 297250, DARUNTER G (SCHWARZ) BRUCH: 100 PROZ. 4 TOTE, BERGUNG; LUEBECK-BLANKENSEE. ZU 1) UND 2) 13 GEFANGENE (WERDEN VON HBG FU NACH OBERURSEL UEBERFUEHRT. ABSCHUSZ AM 21/6.44: 11.10 UHR BAD SCHWARTAU BEI LUEBECK- AB 2 - BOEING B 17 G KZ: AM RUMPF A KOKARDE V Y (SCHWARZ): AM

— WENDEN —

3. Shot down Aircraft 21 Jun 44, at 1110 hours, Bad Schwartau near Luebeck - AB 2- Boeing B 17 G. On the fuselage A Kokarde V Y (Black), salvaged: Luebeck-Blankensee

Kdo Flug 3/Roem Eleven - Roem One B 1 Schleswig

MACR 6538
B-17
9 men

Rank: Name: KU 824 a 9

Date:	21 June 44, at 1145	2nd Lt	MORNINGSTAR, Th,Howard	: 0-757244 .
Place:	Techin, south east of Katzeburg/Luebeck	2nd Lt	PATTERSON, Fred	: 0-818298 .
		2nd Lt	KINDER, Richard O.	: 0-708484 .
Type of craft:	Fortress	2nd Lt	DOOLEY, Bernard, Downs	: 0-762738 .
		S/Sgt	SCHUTZ, Ted J.	: 39856371 .
Markings:		S/Sgt	HARTMAN, Fred, G.	: 15108490 .
	358 (HBO) Sqd	Sgt	GROB, John, Howard	: 33562430 .
	303	Sgt	CASSILAS, Bart, M.	: 19003181 .
		Sgt	SCHUSTER, Robert, George	: 35682733 .

AFPPA TEMPORARY

REPORT on CAPTURE of an AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. KU 2324

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: Jun.21, 1944 - 11,45

PLACE of CRASH: Bad Schwartau near Luebeck

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

REPORTING STATION: Air Base Command Luebeck

CREW:

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
PATTERSON Fred H.	2/Lt.	0-818 298	captured	Dulag Luft
DOOLEY Bernard Downs	2/Lt.	0-762 738	"	"
KINDER Richard O.	2/Lt.	0-705 484	"	"
SCHUTZ Ted J. Humboldt Ariz. Aug.23.	S/Sgt.	3985 6371	"	"
SCHUSTER Robert George Feb.16,07	Sgt.	3568 2733	"	"
CASILLAS Bart M.	Sgt.	1900 3181	"	"
GROB John Howard	Sgt.	3956 2430	"	"
HARTMAN Fred G.	S/Sgt.	1510 8490	"	"
Case No. KU 824 A 1.additional report. of Jul.21. 1944.				
MORNINGSTAR Thomas Howard	2/Lt.	0-757 244	"	"
Case No. KU 824 A. 2.additional report. of Oct.11.44.				

REMARK: Request to change the case-no. KU 824 into KU 2324.

Date and time aircraft was shot down: Jan.21,44 - 11,45 - Place of crash: Bad Schwartau near Luebeck.

DULAG-LUFT
Date Jul. 1, 1944. Wo.

6-28.AF

I D E N T I F I C A T I O N T A G S O F :

1. Robert G Schneider	35663726 ? 43 44	A3	0
2. Richard Kinder	0-706494 ? 43 44	0	P
3. Fred H Patterson	0-612526 ? 42 43	0	P

IT ARRIVED:

1 Identification of Fred G Hartmann 15109490 ? 43 44 A P
and
1 Immunization Register
1 Physical Record Card of Fred G Hartmann

1 Soldier's Individual Pay Record of Robert G Schneider
and 1 Physical Record Card and 1 Immunization Register

1 Envelope:

Air Base Headquarters A S/XI 21 June 1944
Inchech-Klamkensee

List on Confiscated Pers. Property of
POW S/Sgt Hartmann Fred G.
Ser.Nr. 15109490 ? 43 44
Crash: Boeing B 17 G 21 June 1944 Bad Schwartau (Holstein)
1 Rubber [redacted]
1 Pocket Book with Fote
2 1 Pound Bills
1 Package Fotos
1 Language-Instructor
1 Pilot-Certificate

Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Chief Officer
File No. 42 p

(24) Schleswig, 30 June 1944
Stadtfeld
Call 3541

AMERICAN

Miss 21 Jan 44
EWS
Air Corps

1. Thomas H. Heringstar
2. 2nd/Lt
3. refuses to comment
4. 0-797244
5. refuses to comment
6. Shot through left thigh, shot-wound right thigh
7. about 4 weeks
8. Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig-Stadtfeld, Station: Schleswig
9. 28 June 1944
10. 28 June 1944

PROGRESS OF DISEASE: normal
COMPLICATION: none
TREATMENT: dry bandage
CONDITION: well
DEAD: ———

(signed)

Major (med. Corps)

Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Chief Officer
File Nr. 42p

(24) Schleswig, 12 July 1944
Stadtfeld
Call 3341

Subject: Transfer of one captured American POW

To
Transit Camp/Air
Oberursel

The further down mentioned American Flyer was transferred to there on 12 July for further treatment.

The mentioned Flyer has been provided with food till to the 12 July 1944 inclusively by Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig.

American Flyer

2nd/Lt M o r n i n g s t a r Thomas 0-757244

(signed)

Major (Med. Corps)

Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Chief Officer
File Nr. 49p

(24) Schleswig, 30 June 1944
Stadtfeld
Call 3341

Subject: County Med. Officer X Sect. 3 File Nr. 49p from 16 July 1941
and 17 July 1941
Entrance of POW after Eight. American POW in Hospitals.

To
Med.Officer of Service Command X
Hamburg 13

According to above-mentioned subject it will be reported that the further down mentioned American POW has been delivered to the Garrison-Hospital II (Sect. For POW) Schleswig on 28 June 1944 at 2100.

The mentioned POW flew over the Reich's territory, was downed, safed his life by parachute descend and was wounded while escaping.

The Army Headquarters - Chief of Med.Dpt. - XXX received knowledge on 30 June 1944

1. NATIONALITY: American
2. FIRST NAME: Thomas
3. NAME: Norringster
   SER.NR. 0-757344
4. RANK: 2nd/Lt
5. PLACE OF BIRTH: -------
6. DATE OF BIRTH: -------
7. DIAGNOSIS: Shot through left thigh.-
   Shot wound right thigh.-

Communicated to
Transit Camp, Oberursel/Taunus

P.S. A transfer to there may be done in about 1 week.

(signed)

Major (Med.Corps)

THE LOCAL COMMANDER
PARCHIM

Ratzeburg, 22 June 1944

To

POW-Camp (for officers)

Oberursel

Subject: Capture of one American Pilot.

In the morning of 21 June 1944 one American Pilot was captured by numbe of Gendarmery near Parchim, 18 Km south-east of Ratzeburg. According to the Identification Tag it is: Lt Richard Kinder. He probably belongs to a plane downed KK in Mecklenburg. The captured has been put into the Army-Penitentiary Ratzeburg according to my orders.

In agreement with the Air Base Headquarters Luebeck-Blankensee the transfer to the there POW-Camp will be on 23 June 19 44.

According to one member of the G ndarmery the Prisoner has shot with hi pistol after parachute descend.

The pistol is still searched.

The report of the Gendarmery follows.

(signed)

Lt.Col.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU No. 1427

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 26 Jun 44

TIME: 07.50 h

FROM: LSYK

THROUGH: Frank

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

Urgent LBGE No. 1179 (Wireless Message) 24 Jun 01.00 h
TO : Dulag (Luft) OBERURSEL
Subject : Captured aircraft, Air Base HQ LUEBECK-BLANKENESE, Time : 22 Jun 44
Downing : 21 Jun 44 11.10 h. Place of crash: Northern town limit, BAD SCHWARTAU, Road to GROSS PARIN. Kind of capture: Shot down by anti aircraft gun.
Type of Aircraft: B 17 G, Markings of Aircraft: on the fuselage A Star V S on the rudder: G 0700 AF 42 107002. Photo equipment: Aircraft camera type: K 21, Serial No. AC 42/11959 F2/F 59 FT / Frequencies: -----, Condition of aircraft: burnt after crash 98 %. Crew: 6 men captured by Air Base HQ LUEBECK-BLANKENESE, Other members of the crew presumable hurt.

Aircraft Repair Shop (B) 5/XI First Echelon.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSCU No. 1336

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 22 Jun 44

TIME: 22.50 h

FROM: LSEP

THROUGH: Emag

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

LFSS 211 22 Jun 44 14.45 h

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL
SUBJECT : Shot down Enemy Aircrafts 21 Jun 44

3.) Crash 21 Jun 44 11.10 h BAD SCHWARTAU near LUEBECK AB 2 (refers to German Grid System). Boeing B 17, Markings: on fuselage A - INSIGNIA - VY (black) on tail assembly C, underneath 07002, underneath A (black) , 100 % burnt after crash. 6 PW's transferred from LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE to OBERURSEL. Rest of the Crew was probably burnt. Salvaged by LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE.

Air Base HQ 3/XI, Ib.

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B-17
9 men

KU 2326
FJ 824a

DATE: 21 June 1944 AT: 1110

PLACE: Bad Schmerfeld near Lubbock

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

RANKINGS: 107002

356 (BBo) Sqd - 303 Group

AIRBASE: 107

TARGET: Airframe HQ - Lubbock - Bloomington

REMARK: was 824 A

RANK:	NAME:	SN - 2326
2nd Lt	MONTINGSTAR, Thomas Bernard	Bomb Pl. ASN: 0-757[illegible]
2nd Lt	PATTERSON, Fred H	ASN: 0-[illegible]
2nd Lt	KINNER, Richard O	ASN: 0-70[illegible]
2nd Lt	BOOLEY, Bernard Dennis	ASN: 0-76[illegible]736
S/Sgt	SCHUTZ, Ted J	ASN: 39[illegible]571
S/Sgt	HARTLAN, Fred G	ASN: 15[illegible]90
Sgt	GROB, John Bernard	ASN: 33962430
Sgt	CRESSILAS, Bert H	ASN: 19003181
Sgt	SCHUSTER, Robert George	ASN: 35682733

File
MACR 6538

Report Concerning Shot down Aircraft 21 Jun 1944

zu 9). Air Base Lubeck-Blankensee reports:

Place of Crash Bad Schwartau near Lubeck, AB 2,

at 1110 hours, Boeing, Serial No. A Star V Y.

On the fin C 07002/A. Serial No. AF 42 10 70 02,

98% destruction. Crashed on fire. 6 dead, 6

captured.

MACR 6538

Bemerkungen und Ergänzungen zum Abschuß
vom 21.6.1944.

zu 9) Fliegerhorst Lübeck-Blankensee meldet:
Absturzort Bad Schwartau n.Lübeck, AB 2 ,
um 11.1o Uhr, Boeing, Kennzeichen A ein Stern
V Y. An Seitenflosse C 07002 darunter A.
Werknummer AF 42/ 10 70 02, 98% Bruch.
Aufschlagbrand. 6 Tote, 6 Gefangene.

TARGETS:
PRIMARY BERLIN, GERMANY

TRACK CHART

DATE 21, JUNE, 1944

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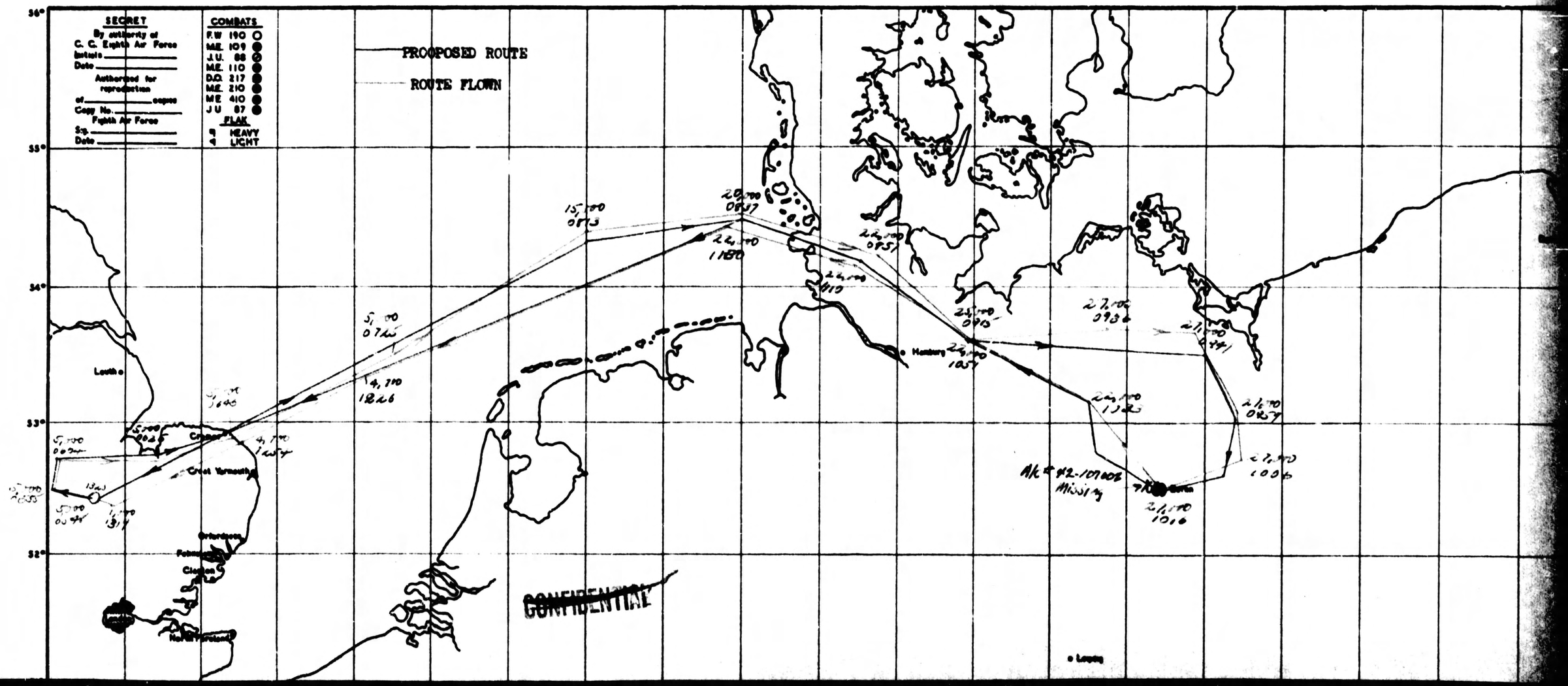
305RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. "B" C. B. W.
LOW GROUP

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY



TRACK CHART

DATE 21, JUNE, 1944

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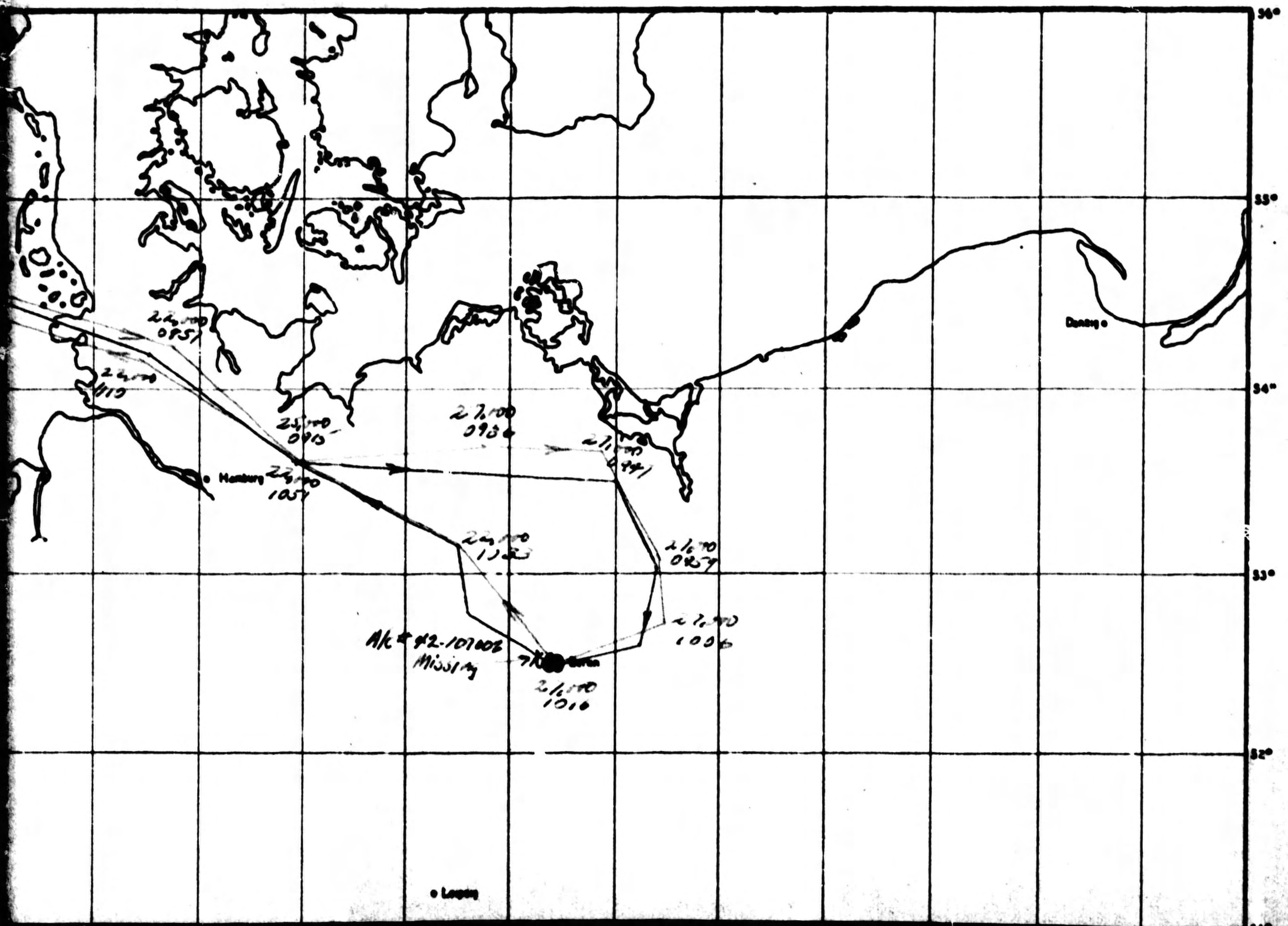
41ST. "B" C. B. W.
LOW GROUP

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY



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Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Section for POW

Schleswig, 12 July 1944.

Sect.VI

Report on Escape Kit of the American POW
2nd/LT M o r n i n g s t a r, Thomas. Ser.Nr. 0-757244.

1 Escape Kit containing:
1) German Money (8 coins to 10 Pfennig)
) 12 " " 5 "
(10 " " 1 "
2) French Money (1 Bill to 100 frs)
(1 " " 500 ")
(10 " " 50 ")
3) 3 Maps (silk)
4) Fotos
5) 1 Luebecker Newspaper and a part of an unknown paper

1 celloloid box containing
1. Compass
1 Metal Saw
1 Shaving Equipment
Miscellenious

Above-mentioned objects received certificats:

Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Chief Officer
File Nr. 43b

(24) Schleswig, 12 July 1944
Stadtfeld
Call 3641

Subject: Transfer of one captured American POW

To
Transit Camp/Air
Oberursel

The further down mentioned American Flyer was transferred to there on 12 July for further treatment.

The mentioned Flyer has been provided with food till to the 12 July 1944 inclusively by Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig.

American Flyer

2nd/Lt M o r n i n g s t a r Thomas 0-757244

(signed)

Major (Med.Corps)

KU 824 A

Garrison-Hospital II Schleswig
Chief Officer
File Nr. 49p

(24) Schleswig, 30 June 1944
Stadtfeld
Call 3341

Subject: County Med. Officer X Sect. 3 File Nr. 49p from 16 July 1941
and 17 July 1941
Entrance of POW after Eight. American POW in Hospitals.

To
Med.Officer of Service Command X
H a m b u r g 13

According to above-mentioned subject it will be reported that the further down mentioned American POW has been delivered to the Garrison-Hospital II (Sect. For POW) Schleswig on 28 June 1944 at 2100.

The mentioned POW flew over the Reich's territory, was downed, safed his life by parachute descend and was wounded while escaping.

The Army Headquarters - Chief of Med.Dpt. - ~~XXX~~ received knowledge on 30 June 1944

1. NATIONALITY:	American
2. FIRST NAME:	Thomas
3. NAME:	Morningstar
SER.NR.	O-757244
4. RANK:	2nd/Lt
5. PLACE OF BIRTH:	-------
6. DATE OF BIRTH:	-------
7. DIAGNOSIS:	Shot through left thigh.- Shot wound right thigh.-

Communicated to,
Transit Camp, Oberursel/Taunus

P.SP A transfer to there may be done in about 1 week.

(signed)

Major (Med.Corps)

KU 824 A

THE LOCAL COMMANDER
RATZEBURG

Ratzeburg, 22 June 1944

To

POW-Camp (for officers)

Oberursel

Subject: Capture of one American Pilot.

In the morning of 21 June 1944 one American Pilot was captured by member of Gendarmery near Techin, 18 Km south-east of Ratzeburg. According to the Identification Tag it is: Lt Richard Kinder. He probably belongs to a plane downed AK in Mecklenburg. The captured has been put into the Army-Penitentiary Ratzeburg according to my orders.

In agreement with the Air Base Headquarters Luebeck-Blankensee the transfer to the there POW-Camp will be on 23 June 19 44.

According to one member of the Gendarmery the Prisoner has shot with his pistol after parachute descend.

The pistol is still searched.

The report of the Gendarmery follows.

(signed)

Lt.Col.

KU 2324

MACR 65-38

2 Identification tags

1.) Ted J. SCHUTZ
39856371 T 43 - 44 A P

2.) John H. GROB
33562430 T 43 - 43 O C

am

Air Base HQ A 5/XI
LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE

KU 2324

Luebeck - Blankensee 21 Jun 44

Record on captured items, belonging to PW Sgt. John H. GROB
ASN 33562430.

Downing of: Boeing B 17 G
21 Jun 44
BAD SCHWARTAU (Holstein)

1.) 1 identification tag
2.) Several passport photos
3.) 1 lighter
4.) 1 photo billfold (leather)
5.) 1 rubber bag Mark III

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU No. 1334

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 25 Jun 44

TIME: 19.00 h

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: HAAG

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Carried under KU 2324

Very urgent LFGK 6337 25 Jun 11.25 h
To: Evaluating Center West, Oberursel.
Subject: Crash places of 21 Jun 44 (Daylight Raid on Berlin)

1.) 09.35h near RUHLOW 10 km East of NEUBRANDENBURG BG 9 (refers to German Grid system), 4 engines, 95 % destroyed, Markings: A 210252 PN, 4 PW's, 6 dead bodies, salvaged by NEUBRANDENBURG.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU No. 1334

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 25 Jun 44

TIME: 19.00h

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Haag

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Carried under KU 2324

Very urgent LFGK 6337 25 Jun 44 11.25 h

TO : Evaluating Center West, OBERURSEL
SUBJECT: Crash places of 21 Jun 44 (Daylight Raid on Berlin)

2.) 10.48h East bank of the MJERITZ LAKE on the opposite side of the village KLINK CF 24 (refers to German Grid System), Liberator, 7 dead, 2 PW's captured. Salvaged by RECHLIN.

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KU 2324

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Very urgent LFGK 6337 25 Jun 44 11.25 h

TO : Evaluating Center West OBERURSEL
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3.) 11.10 h BAD SCHWARTAU North of LUEBECK AB 2 (refers to German Grid System), Boeing, 100 % destroyed, Markings: A INSIGNIA WY, 6 dead, 6 PW's captured. Salvaged by LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE.

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4.) 11.15h near SCHLICHT, 4 km North of FELDBERG / Mecklenburg CG 6 (refers to German Grid System), Liberator, 95 % destroyed, Markings: D INSIGNIA B No. 2100411, 6 PW's captured, Rest unknown. Salvaged by NEUBRANDENBURG.

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5.) 0118 h ALDHUP, South of WILDESHAUSEN ER 6 (refers to German Grid System), Liberator, 40 % damaged, Markings: ∅ C 7 INSIGNIA E No. 2110027, 7 men captured, 1 wounded, 1 escaped. Salvaged by DELMENHORST.

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6.) 11.30h between ALTMETELN and KLEIN TREBBOW, North of SCHWERIN BC 31 (refers to German Grid System), Liberator, 80 % damaged, Markings: INSIGNIA C T No. 295186, 6 men dead, 1 wounded. Salvaged by SCHWERIN.

Air Force District HQ XI, Ic

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Urgent LBGE No. 1179 (Wireless Message) 24 Jun 01.00h
TO : Dulag (Luft) OBERURSEL
Subject : Captured aircraft, Air Base HQ LUEBECK-BLANKENSEE, Time : 22 Jun 44
Downing : 21 Jun 44 11.10h, Place of crash: Northern town limit, BAD SCHWARTAU, Road to GROSS PARIN. Kind of capture: Shot down by anti aircraft gun.
Type of Aircraft: B 17 G, Markings of Aircraft: on the fuselage A Star V S on the rudder: C 0700 AF 42 107002. Photo equipment: Aircraft camera type: K 21, Serial No. AC 42/11959 FT/F 59 FT / Frequencies: -----, Condition of aircraft: burnt after crash 98 % . Crew: 6 men captured by Air Base HQ LUEBECK-BLANKENSEE. Other members of the crew presumable hurt.

Aircraft Repair Shop (B) 5/XI First Echelon.

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LFSS 211 22 Jun 44 14.45 h

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL
SUBJECT : Shot down enemy aircrafts 2o Jun 44

2.) 09.33 h EIDELSTEDT near HAMBURG, BA 4 (refers to German Grid System), Boeing B 17, Markings on tail assembly: black triangle with white H. underneath 297250, underneath black G, 100 % destroyed, 4 men dead. SALVAGED by LUEBECK-BLANKENSEE

To 1. and 2.) (lsee KU 2265) 13 PW's were transferred from HAMBURG - FUHLSBUETTEL to OBERURSEL.

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LFSS 211 22 Jun 44 14.45 h

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL
SUBJECT : Shot down Enemy Aircrafts 21 Jun 44

3.) Crash 21 Jun 44 11.10 h BAD SCHWARTAU near LUEBECK AB 2 (refers to German Grid System), Boeing B 17, Markings: on fuselage A - INSIGNIA - VY (black) on tail assembly C, underneath 07002, underneath A (black) , 100 % burnt after crash. 6 PW's transferred from LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE to OBERURSEL. Rest of the Crew was probably burnt. Salvaged by LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE.

Air Base HQ 3/XI, Ib.