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WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON 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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth, Eng. Command or Air Force 8th A.F. Group 303rd B(H); Squadron 427th; Detachment - - - - -
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See Attached Chart. Target or Intended Destination Lutzkendorf, Ger.; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3-4/10ths swelling cumulus, tops 14-17,000. Trace of high cloud 25-26,000. Visibility Good.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 9 Month February Year 1945. Time 1300 Location 50°50'N-11°50'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (X); or information not available ().
5. 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: As a result of a collision with another A/C in the same formation.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 45-39149
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-030104; (b) SW-030516; (c) SW-035708; (d) SW-035598
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1032512 CPFA; (b) 1032665 CPFA; (c) 1032692 CPFA; (d) 1032563 CPFA;
(e) 1032703 CPFA; (f) 1032482 CPFA; (g) 1032899 CPFA; (h) 1033059 CPFA;
(i) 1032446 CPFA; (j) 1032157 CPFA; (k) 1032757 CPFA; (l) ;
(m) ; (n) ; (o) ; (p) ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X of (b) Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Current Status. Includes entries for Pilot BARRAT, ROBERT J., Co-pilot HARVEY, DEAN (NMI), Navigator BEST, SHIRL P., Bombardier KARP, WILLIAM T., Top T Gnr REISS, RAYMOND F., Radio Gnr LAZAROWICZ, MATTHEW (NMI), Ball T Gnr LINHART, LOUIS M., Waist Gnr LINK, HERBERT D., Tail Gnr EMERSON, GEORGE H. JR.

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

Table with columns: Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Contacted by (Radio), Last Sighted, Saw Crash, Saw Forced Landing. Includes entries for Turkovich, C.J. and Lowe, J.W.

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13. 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) _____
Indefinite reports of one parachute seen. See S-2 Summary Attached.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. **See Attached Chart.**
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary attached.**
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT: **None.**

Date of Report 12 February 1945.

Joseph G. Robinson

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Capt., AC,
Ass't Grp S-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary Attached.

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 303rd Bomb (H) SQ 427th A/C # 43-39149 MISSION DATE 9 February 1945.

FIRST PILOT BARRAT, ROBERT J. 2nd Lt O-825552 DESTINATION Lutzkendorf, Ger.
NAME RANK SER#

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates 50°50'N-11°50'E
- (b) Approximate altitude 24,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Going down
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Reported to have hit the ground.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

None.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc): Missing A/C reported to have collided with A/C 42-31060 from the 303rd Group. The rear part of the fuselage from the waist window back was torn off and the A/C went down.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

The missing A/C is reported to have gone down out of control in two sections. It was seen to hit the ground and explode.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? Yes If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). The 303rd Group had fighter escort at time.

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

Indefinite reports of one parachute being seen shortly after the collision. Several other reports that A/C was watched all the way down and no chutes were seen. There are reports on some of the crew bailing out of the other A/C so that may account for the confusion on the point.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Reporting A/C - 42-102411 42-97281 - Reporting A/C

Missing A/C - 43-39149

8. Date of Report 42-51060

Date of Report.
12 February 1945.

EYE-WITNESSES	NAME	RANK	SER #	A/C #
1.	Turkovich, C.J.	Sgt.	16139599	42-102411
2.	Lowe, J.W.	S/Sgt.	37520657	42-97281
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Joseph G. Robinson Capt. 0-904618 Ass't. S-2.
 NAME RANK SER # DUTY

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in ranner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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TRACK CHART

DATE _____

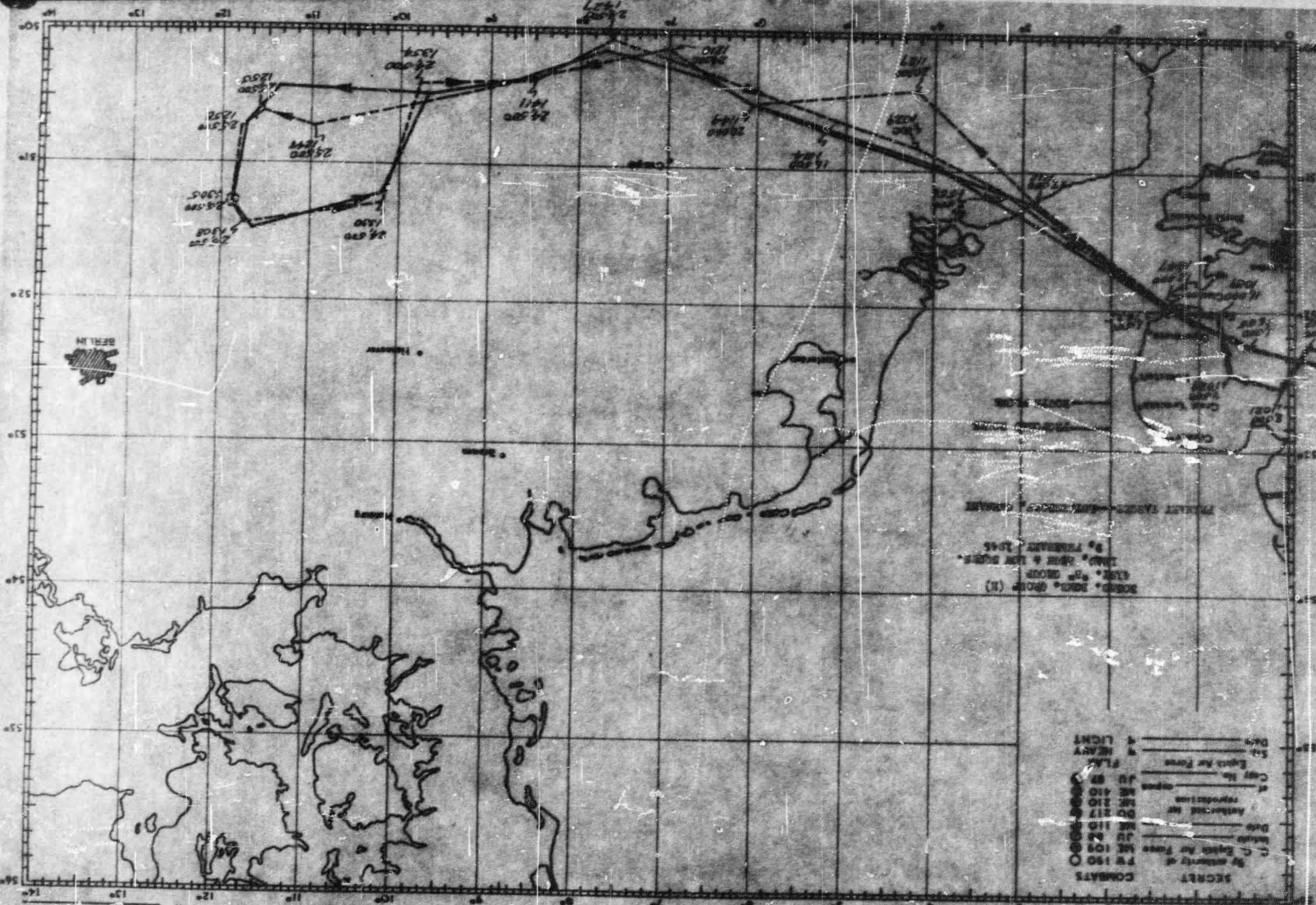
ROUTE FOLLOWED BY _____

PRIMARY
TARGETS

SECRET
COMBATS

By authority of
FR 150
C. C. English Air Force
JUN 25
Date
JUN 110
Authorized by
DO 217
RE 210
RE 410
FLAS
C. C. English Air Force
Date
JUN 25
RE 109
C. C. English Air Force

BOARD, 10th GROUP (K)
13th, 14th & 15th SIGES.
9, FEBRUARY 1945
MARKET GARDEN - AIRBORNE COMBAT



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DATE _____

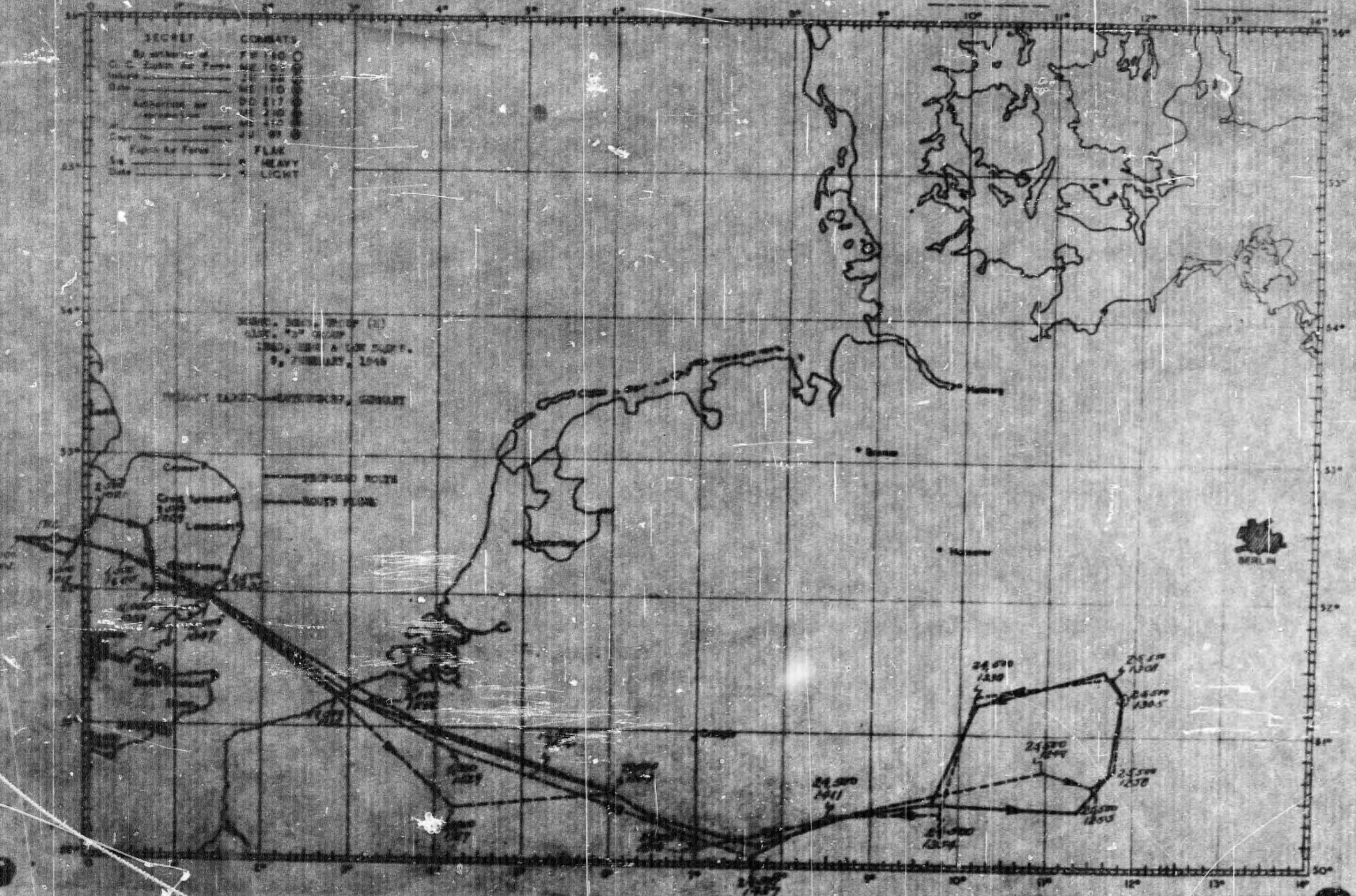
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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

SECRET	COMBAT
By authority of	FM 710 O
C. C. Egan Air Force	ME 100
Date	ME 110
Addressing	DD 217
Approved	ME 210
at	ME 410
Copy to	JJ 99
Explosive Air Force	FLAK
Site	HEAVY
Date	LIGHT

HEAVY TARGET - GERMANY, COMBAT
 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000

PROPOSED ROUTE
 ROUTE FLOW



Final Report Concerning Air Force Personnel

Date and Place of Crash: 9 Feb 45, at 1515 hours, Pfarrmühle near
Eisenberg, 15 km northwest of Gera

Aircraft type: Boeing 17 G, crashed on fire. 98% destruction

Disposition of the Crew

8 men dead

Lt Dean, Harvey, 082920E
Sgt Herbert Link, 38926152
Sgt William Karp, 38710589
Sgt Best Shirl, 36617897
Sgt Linnart Louis, 39725029
Sgt Lazarowitsch M., 329129
2 men not identified

not on 490 fly

Buried in Cemetery Eisenberg, grave row II

1 man captured

Sgt Emerson, George, 39925686, captured 9 Feb 1945, at 1310 hours, Buchlein,
District of Stadtroda, sent to Oberursel

KU 3693

Jena 16 Feb 1945

Subject: Crash of Aircraft 9 Feb 45
Flarmuhle near Eisenberg

To: Airfield Command - Salvage Detachment
Weimar-Nohra

The Salvage Detachment Weimar-Nohra has examined the bodies of
the crew of the crashed aircraft on 9 Feb 45 near Flarmuhle/Eisenberg.

5 bodies carbonized,
1 officer with skull fracture and loss of both thigh (lower)
1 man with skull fracture

The bodies could not be identified and were sent to be interred.

ZU 3693

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

9 February 1945 1315

CASUALTY NO. FI 3693

PLACE OF SHOOTING Pfarrmehle near Eisenberg, District Gers.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Headquarters Weimar

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
EUFESON 1 April 1925 Idaho	George H.	Sgt. 39925686	captured	Dulag Luft West
HARVEY	Dean	KIA 9 Feb 45 2nd Lt. 0-829205	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 11
BEST	Skirl P.	F/O 36617897	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 10
KARP	William T.	Sgt. 39710589	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 10
LAZARONICZ	Matthew	S/Sgt. 32912988	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 8
LINK	Herbert D.	Sgt. 39926152	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 11
LINHART	Louis N.	Sgt. 39728029	dead	Cemetery Eisenberg grave No: 9

Two unknown dead.

1 Barrett, Robert d, 0825552 KIA 9 Feb 45

2 Ross, Raymond, 12053518

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 18 March 1945 v.S.

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9 men

AAF 43-39149

9 Febr. 1945 1315

12 March

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PIAT/Aviano

b/Eisenberg

Gen

Type: Fortress

Markings: ..149

427 HCo Sqd.

303 Group

Target: Airbase

H.Q. Weimar-Nohra

KIA 11 2nd Lt. HARVEY

Dean

0-889205 dead

KIA 11 2nd Lt. BARRET

Robert J

0-825552

Sgt. SWERSON

George H.

39925686 capt

KIA 10 Sgt. KARP

William T.

39710569 dead

KIA 10 Sgt. ~~RETT~~

Shirl P.

36617897 dead

KIA 11 Sgt. LINK

Herbert D.

39926152 dead

KIA 9 Sgt. LINNART

Louis H.

39725029 dead

KIA 8 Sgt. LAZROWICZ

Matthew

32912988 dead

5 dead Cemetery Eisenberg

KIA

Reiss Raymond F

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Mrs. Dorothy L. Harvey (Mother) ✓
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371 S/O Earl B. Best

Mrs. Mary Best (Wife) ✓
Moria, Illinois

S/Sgt William T. Karp

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371 S/Sgt Raymond N. Moise

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371 S/Sgt Matthew Lenzovics

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Newberry, California

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Sgt George E. Morrison, Jr.

Mr. George E. Morrison (Father) ✓
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