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BY F. A. BRADUNAB, Lt. Col., AG  
BY F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG  
Date MAR 1 1968

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Basic: Ltr, Hqs, Bowman Field, Louisville 5, Ky, 15 November 1945, sub:  
Casualty Information.

e. Amsterdam.

f. Plane was hit by flak and caught on fire. Part of the crew bailed out and the plane crashed into the Channel.

a. William Irish, 2nd Lt, ASN unknown.

b. Bombardier.

c. 427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

d. 19 August 1945.

e. Amsterdam.

f. Plane was hit by flak and caught on fire. Part of the crew bailed out and the plane crashed into the Channel.

g. According to report, subject's body was later washed up on shore of Holland.

a. (First name unknown) Colby, 2nd Lt, ASN unknown.

b. Navigator.

c. 427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

d. 19 August 1943.

e. Amsterdam.

f. Plane was hit by flak and caught on fire. Part of the crew bailed out and the plane crashed into the Channel.

a. Alvin Richter, T/Sgt, ASN unknown.

b. Engineer.

c. 427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

d. 19 August 1943.

e. Amsterdam.

f. Plane was hit by flak and caught on fire. Part of the crew bailed out and the plane crashed into the Channel.

11. Reporter: S/Sgt Arthur K. Sauer, ASN 35497544, 427 Bomb Squadron,  
303 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

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a. Lawrence H. Quillan, 2nd Lt, ASN unknown.

b. Pilot.

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e. Amsterdam.

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shore of Holland.

U 1962 Richter, Eldon F., Sgt.

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Ident. Tag. 17031113.

KIA

~~19 Aug 43~~

Dead. Corpse washed  
ashore near Wyke am  
See, 31 Aug. 1943.

Air Base Headquarters (S) 28/VI  
 Field Post Nr. 1 23361  
 P.O. Amsterdam /Netherlands

**REPORT ON CASUALTY NO. 115**  
 (Members of Enemy Forces)

Time Of Reports 31 August 1943 - 1 September 1943

**DISTRIBUTION:** Army Information Center for Casualties and POW  
 Air Fleet Command's Gen. Staff. G-6 Dept.  
 Command Air Base District 2/III  
 Project

SR.	DATE AND PLACE.	NAME.	RESULT.	REMARKS.
1.	Nykn, Soc. Kn stone 50,5 31 August 1943 at 1645 has been washed ashore	<b>RIGLER</b> Billie F. Rigler Air Corps USA Billie F. Rigler A.S.N. 1703113		INTERMENT: Grave Nr. 301  The Burial has been on 1 September 1943 at 1100 on Community Cemetery in Nieuwsherk with all milit. honors.

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Local Quarters, 3 September 1943

(signed)....., Capt.  
and Grave Officer

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HEADQUARTERS AIR STATION 107  
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 634, U.S. ARMY

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to **RESTRICTED**

by E. A. BR  
by 7. M. MUEN  
Date MAR 1 1949

## 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 8th Group 303rd Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 427th Bomb (H); Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course As shown on chart attached  
Intended Destination Gilse/Rijen, Holland ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear-vertical visibility practically nil.
- GIVE: (a) Date 19.8.43 Time 1832 ; and Location See chart attached.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or (X) 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 Cause unknown.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5592
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1820-67 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-42153  
(b) 41-42262 ; (c) 41-42337 ; (d) 41-42279
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 590051 H.S., 590619 H.S., 590663 H.S., 590213 H.S., 590403 H.S., 591802 H.S., 591522 H.S., 592046 H.S.
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10  
(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	<u>371 Quillen, Lauren H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-788242</u>	<u>KIA</u>
2. Co-pilot	<u>Homan, John R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-745348</u>	<u>KIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Colby, Bevan W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-797269</u>	<u>KIA</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Irish, William N.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-741527</u>	<u>KIA</u>
5. Engineer-TT Gunner	<u>Richter, Eldon F.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>17081113</u>	<u>KIA</u>
6. Asst. Eng.-L.W. Gunner	<u>Brown, Joe H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18083590</u>	<u>RACD</u>
7. Radio Gunner	<u>DiCosmo, Salvador J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>38210049</u>	<u>KIA</u>
8. Right Waist Gunner	<u>Abernathy, Paul W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>14165828</u>	<u>RMC</u>
9. Tail Gunner	<u>Sauer, Arthur K.</u>	<u>E/Sgt.</u>	<u>85487544</u>	<u>RMC</u>
10. Ball Turret Gunner	<u>Price, Ilbert O.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>15532265</u>	<u>RMC</u>

- 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.			<u>NOT APPLICABLE</u>			
2.						
3.						

- 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)
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Chart attached.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 20 August 1943

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Jesse M. Barnett  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JESSE M. BARNETT,  
Capt., AC,  
Intelligence Officer.

*Incl #1*

TRACK CHART

TARGET



Date 19 Dec 1943

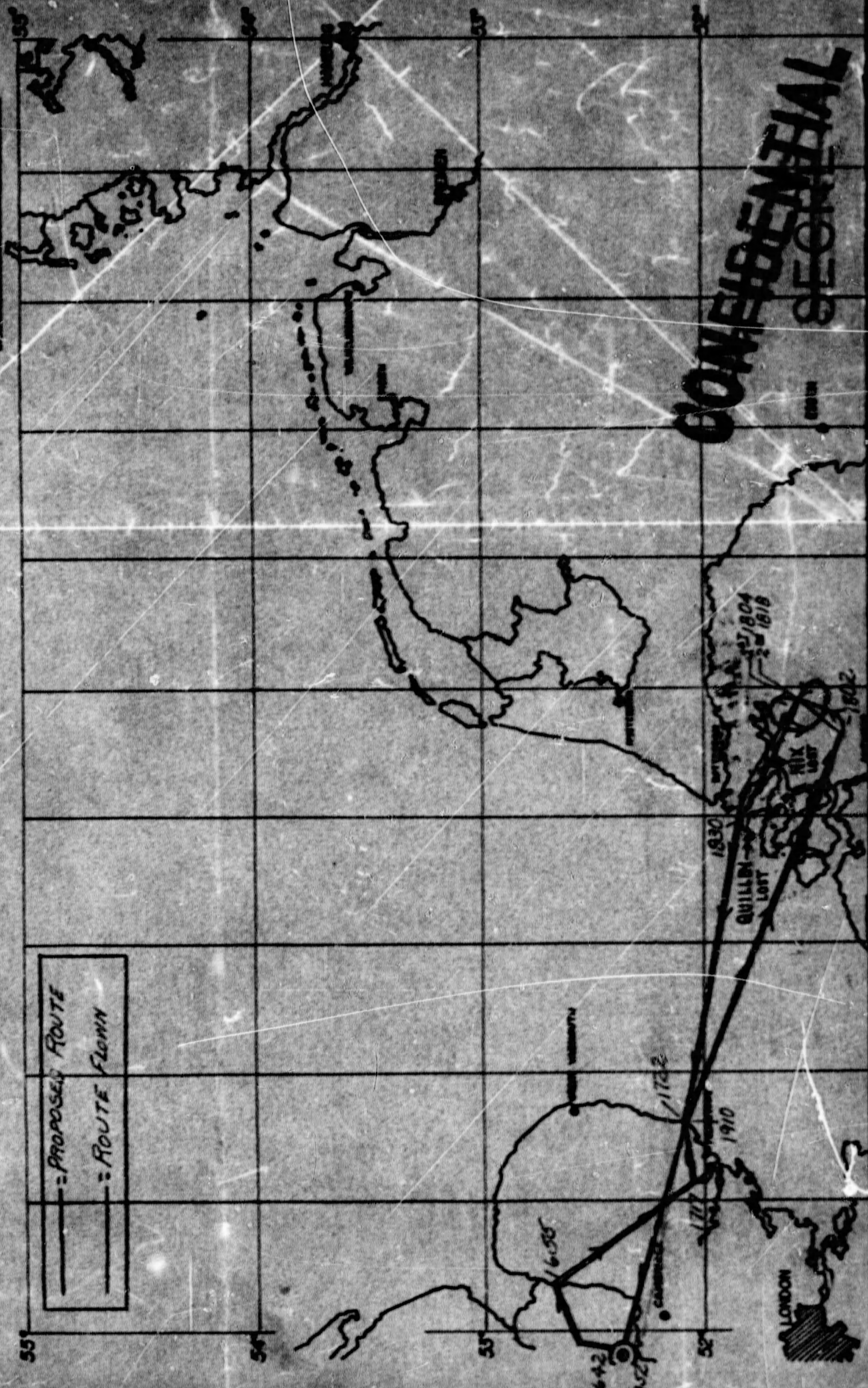
Route followed by 2258 Bom Group (B)

ILZEN-BIJEN Abd

Primary  
Secondary  
Last Resort

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	= PROPOSED ROUTE
	= ROUTE FLOWN



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