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

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by P. B. MUNICH, Capt., AC
Date by each Army Air Force

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 Air Force Group 303rd Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 359th ; Detachment --

. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached Diagram Intended Destination Oschersleben, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment

. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear - Visibility Unlimited

. GIVE: (a) Date 11 Jan'44 Time 1117 ; and Location 52°15'N, 09°05'E Heading 115° Mag. 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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows ------

. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29894

. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-81038 (b) 41-57331 ; (c) 41-57628 ; (d) 42-137582

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 456146 KHW; 456226 KHW (a) 381237 FCGM ; (b) 380917 FCGM ; (c) 55777 KHW ; (d) 455728 KHW; 310715 FCGM (e) 310495 FCGM ; (f) 310440 FCGM ; (g) 742260 CPFA ; (h) 489472 SAC; 455768 KHW

. 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	PURSELL, WILLIAM A.	2nd Lt.	0-801205	K/A
2.	Co-Pilot	KROHN, FRANCIS D.	2nd Lt.	0-683723	K/A
3.	Navigator & Left Nose G.	MUSSETT, MARVIN H.	2nd Lt.	0-809690	K/A
4.	Bombardier & R. Nose G.	KYNE, JOSEPH B.	2nd Lt.	0-688536	K/A
5.	Engineer & Top Tur.Gun.	CASTRICIANO, PETER C.	S/Sgt.	31190922	K/A
6.	Ass't Eng. & L.W.G.	NYE, KERMIT W.	Sgt.	33366289	K/A
7.	Radio Operator & R.G.	BEENY, JAMES C.	S/Sgt.	12092127	K/A
8.	Right Waist Gunner	EASTBURN, HARLEY R.	Sgt.	39320610	K/A
9.	Ball Turret Gunner	FANER, LEONARD N.	Sgt.	32605317	K/A
10.	Tail Gunner	SWANSON, JOHN W.	Sgt.	32537139	K/A

. 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	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
						Check Only One Column	
1.							
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) --

3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Diagram attached

4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. --

5. 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 13 January 1944

Incl 15

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

MACR No. 1928

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 8

Time covered by report: 24 November 1943 - 14 January 1944
Distributed to Army Information Center, Berlin W 30

Rank	Surname	First Name	A S No.	Date of burial	Location of Grave	Place and Time Aircraft was downed
Unkn	Clarke	-unknown	1867619	17 Jan. 1944	Community of Kellerbeck; Row # 1 Grave No. 1	Engl. Halifax; Kellerbeck, 6 Km southeast of Schwellenberg/Lippe 14 Jan. 1944 at 19,45
"	Bareley	"	1569993	17 Jan. 1944	Same; Grave No. 2	"
"	Jackson	"	1494500	17 Jan.1944	Same; Grave No. 3	"
"	Aimer	B.	unknown	17 Jan. 1944	" Grave No. 4	"
"	unknown	——	"	17 Jan. 1944	" Grave No. 5	"
"	Swanson	John W.	32587139	13 Jan. 1944	Community Cemetery Lemgo/Lippe; Southwest Corner, Grave No. 1	Engl. B F 17; at Lauhke, near Lemgo-Lippe 11 Jan. 1944 at 10,30
"	Hassett	Marvin H.	0.807690	13 Jan. 1944	Same as above Grave No. 2	"
"	Eastburn	Harley	39320810	"	Same; Grave No. 3	"
"	Beeny	James C.	12092128	"	" Grave No. 4	"
"	Faner	Leonard H.	32605317	"	" Grave No. 5	"
"	Kyne	Joseph. B.	0.688536	"	" Grave No. 6	"
"	Kermit-wilfert	Rye	unkown	"	" Grave No. 7	"
"	unknown	unkown	"	"	" Grave No. 8	"

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Sgt. Kermit W. Nye	Mrs. Erna A. Krick, (mother) 45 South Wyomissing Avenue, Shillington, Pennsylvania.	K-3-57
S/Sgt. Peter C. Castriciano	Mrs. Alice Castriciano (wife) 107 Love Lane, Hartford, Connecticut.	J 5-124
Sgt. Harley R. Eastburn	Mrs. Virginia L. Eastburn, (wife) Disston Route, Cottage Grove, Oregon.	J 5-121
Sergeant Leonard N. Faner	Mrs. Evelyn Faner, (wife) Faner Road, Midland Park, New Jersey.	J 5-125
Sgt. John W. Swanson	Mrs. Elizabeth Swanson, (mother) Mail Delivery Number 14, New Windsor, New York.	J-8-176
2nd Lt. William A Prusell	Mrs. Ida Margaret Pursell, (mother) 7 East Laurel Street, Pickneyville, Illinois.	K 3-55
2nd Lt. Francis D. Krohn	Mrs. Agnes I. Krohn, (mother) 1800 9th Street, Port Arthur, Texas.	Temp. Inter K 3-55
S/Sgt. James C. Beeny	Mrs. Marion Martin (mother) 165-36 134th Road, Jamaica, New York.	J 5-123 P-E-C
2nd Lt. Marvin H. Mussett Serial No. 0-809620	Mrs. Mary M. O'Byrnes, (mother) 1031 North Avalon Street, Memphis, Tennessee.	K-3-54
2nd Lt. Joseph B. Kyne	Mr. Arthur S. Kyne, (father) 5149 Bakman Avenue, North Hollywood, California.	J-5-122

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VIII BOMBER COMMAND — PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGET

Primary _____

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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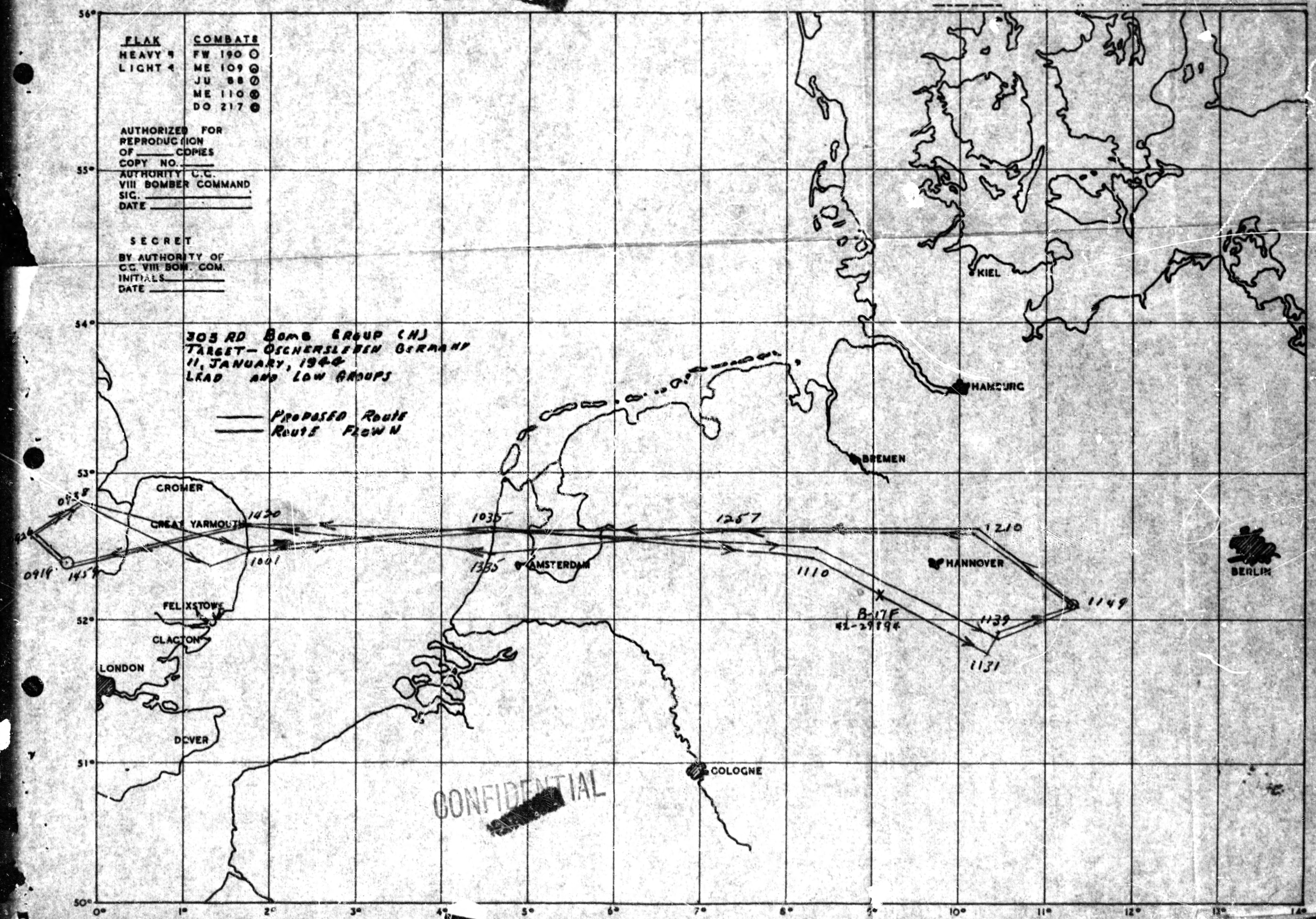
Route followed by _____



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