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by F. M. B. H. D., Capt., AC
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		Rank:	Name:	AU 919 a
Date:	7/11/44 25 April 44	2nd Lt.	HOFMANN, Raymond	interned
Place:	Duebendorf/ Switzerland	1st Lt.	MINKIEWICZ, Irving	interned
Type of craft:	Fortress	2nd Lt.	ISRAELSON, Elmer P.	interned
Markings:	-----	T/Sgt.	BLAKENEY,	interned
	358(MB)Sqd.	T/Sgt.	BERMAN, Seymour ²⁰¹	: 12192232 .
	303 Group	Sgt.	HICKEY, ^{19 Jul}	interned
		Sgt.	BAHE, John	interned
		Sgt.	GRENSHAW, Ollie G.	interned

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Elmer P. ISRAELSON, 2d Lt., O-752734

(Name) (Rank) ASN

30 Nov 1944

(Date)

358 Bomb. Sqdn., 303 Bomb. Group

(Unit)

B&E 2734

IS9WBA/6/661/2522

24 Apr 44

	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>			<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-801449	2d Lt.	Raymond HOFMANN	INT
CO-PILOT	0-801216	1st Lt.	Robert W. SNYDER	INT
NAVIGATOR	0-803286	1st Lt.	Samuel MINKOWITZ	INT
BOMBARDIER	0-752734	2d Lt.	Elmer P. ISRAELSON	RTD
RADIO OPERATOR	12192232	T/Sgt.	Seymour HERMAN	INT
TOP TURRET GUNNER	38233723	T/Sgt.	William R. BLAKENEY	INT
BALL TURRET GUNNER	14181910	Sgt.	Ollie G. CRENSHAW	INT
WALST GUNNER	10128603	Sgt.	John W. BARR	INT
WAIST GUNNER	19142301	S/Sgt.	Tracy W. LAWSON	INT
TAIL GUNNER	13031369	S/Sgt.	Thomas P. HICKEY	INT

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

DUBENDORF, Switzerland.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Flak damage to No. 4 engine; my interphone shot out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Did not bail out.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

None.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

None.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **We were together.**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No. Never had the opportunity; were hustled into a truck near where the plane came down.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Not given.**

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

By Authority C.G.

Date 5 Dec. 44

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NARRATOR
S/Sgt. Thomas P. Hickey

DATE
Dec. 5, 1944

SQUADRON
358th Bomb Squadron (H)

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER
13031369

GROUP
303rd Bomb Group, 8th A.F.

HOME ADDRESS
R-323 Tioga St Johnstown, Pa.

TYPE AIRCRAFT
B 17 G

EX-REPORT NO.

DATE OF MISSION
April 24th 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW (Name & Rank)	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot	<i>2nd Lt. Hofmann</i>	
Co-Pilot	<i>1st Lt Snyder</i>	
Navigator	<i>1st Lt Minkowitz</i>	
Bombadier	<i>3rd Lt Israelson</i>	
Engineer	<i>T/Sgt Blakony</i>	
Radio Operator	<i>T/Sgt Berma</i>	
Bell turret Operator	<i>S/Sgt Hickey</i>	
R-Waist	<i>Sgt Bahr</i>	
L-Waist	<i>Sgt Lawson</i>	
Tail Gunner	<i>Sgt Crenshaw</i>	

KNOWN INFORMATION

I have seen only the tail gunner in a Swiss concentration camp at Wauwil in the past four months. I have neither seen nor contacted the others since June 27 when we were split up.

HEARSAY INFORMATION

The radio operator was killed trying to escape somewhere in the La Chaux de Fonds area. He was shot in the back by Swiss border guards.

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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.

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- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force 8th AF; Group 305rd (H); Squadron 558th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See attached chart; Intended Destination Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany; Type of Mission Bomber
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear - visibility unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Date 3-4-44; Time 1400; and Location Near Oberpfaffenhofen, 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 Circumstances as follows Note: Loss believed due to A/A gunfire. But it may have been E/A or both.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-51689
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-145591 (b) 42-80027; (c) 43-145590; (d) 42-145723
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) See attached sheets; (h) _____
- 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	HOFFMAN, RAYMOND (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-804449	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	SNYDER, ROBERT W.	1st Lt.	0-801216	RTD
3. Navigator	WINKOWITZ, SAMUEL (NMI)	1st Lt.	0-683286	RTD
4. Bombardier	ISRAELSON, ELMER P.	2nd Lt.	0-752754	RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	BLAKESLEY, WILLIAM R. JR.	T/Sgt.	38238723	RTD
6. Radio Gunner	HERMAN, SEYMOUR (NMI)	T/Sgt.	12192352	RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	GREENSHAW, OLLIE G.	Sgt.	14181910	RTD
8. Right Waist Gunner	BAHR, JOHN W.	Sgt.	16128608	RTD
9. Left Waist Gunner	LAWSON, TRACY W.	S/Sgt.	19142301	RTD
10. Tail Gunner	LICKEY, THOMAS E.	S/Sgt.	13031369	RTD

- 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)	Serial Rank Number	Check Only One Column				
		Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. Maxey, Frank (NMI)	2nd Lt. 0-803837		X			
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. See attached chart
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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 26 Apr 11 1944

Serial 14

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

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INSTALLED WEAPONS, Make, Type and Serial Number of A/C # 42-31609.

892237 -- B.A.
894566 -- B.A.
892765 -- B.A.
892763 -- B.A.
892813 -- B.A.
892287 -- B.A.
862900 -- B.A.
891157 -- B.A.
892321 -- B.A.
894169 -- B.A.
891057 -- B.A.
866580 -- B.A.
893038 -- B.A.

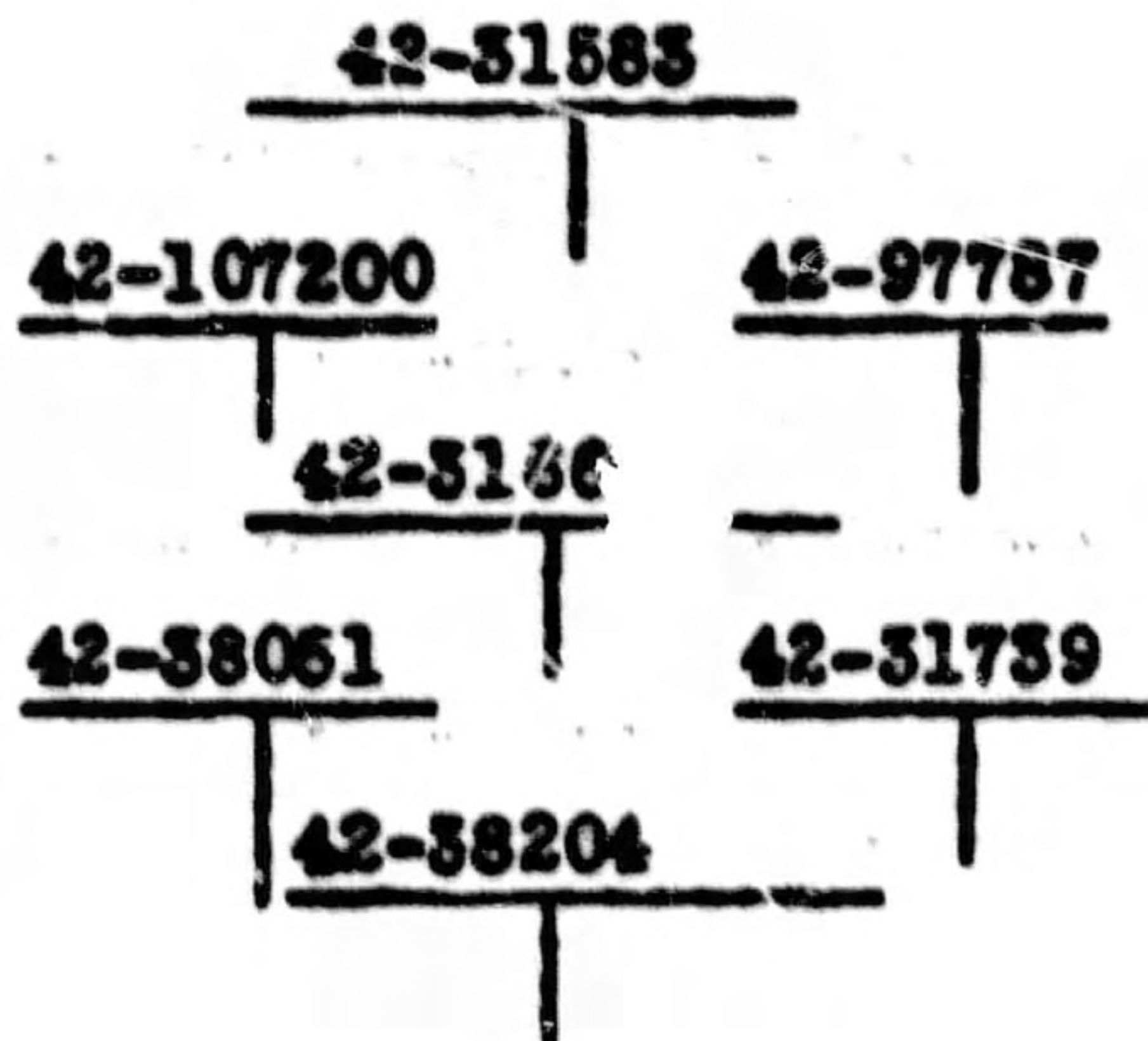
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APO 557 - US ARMY

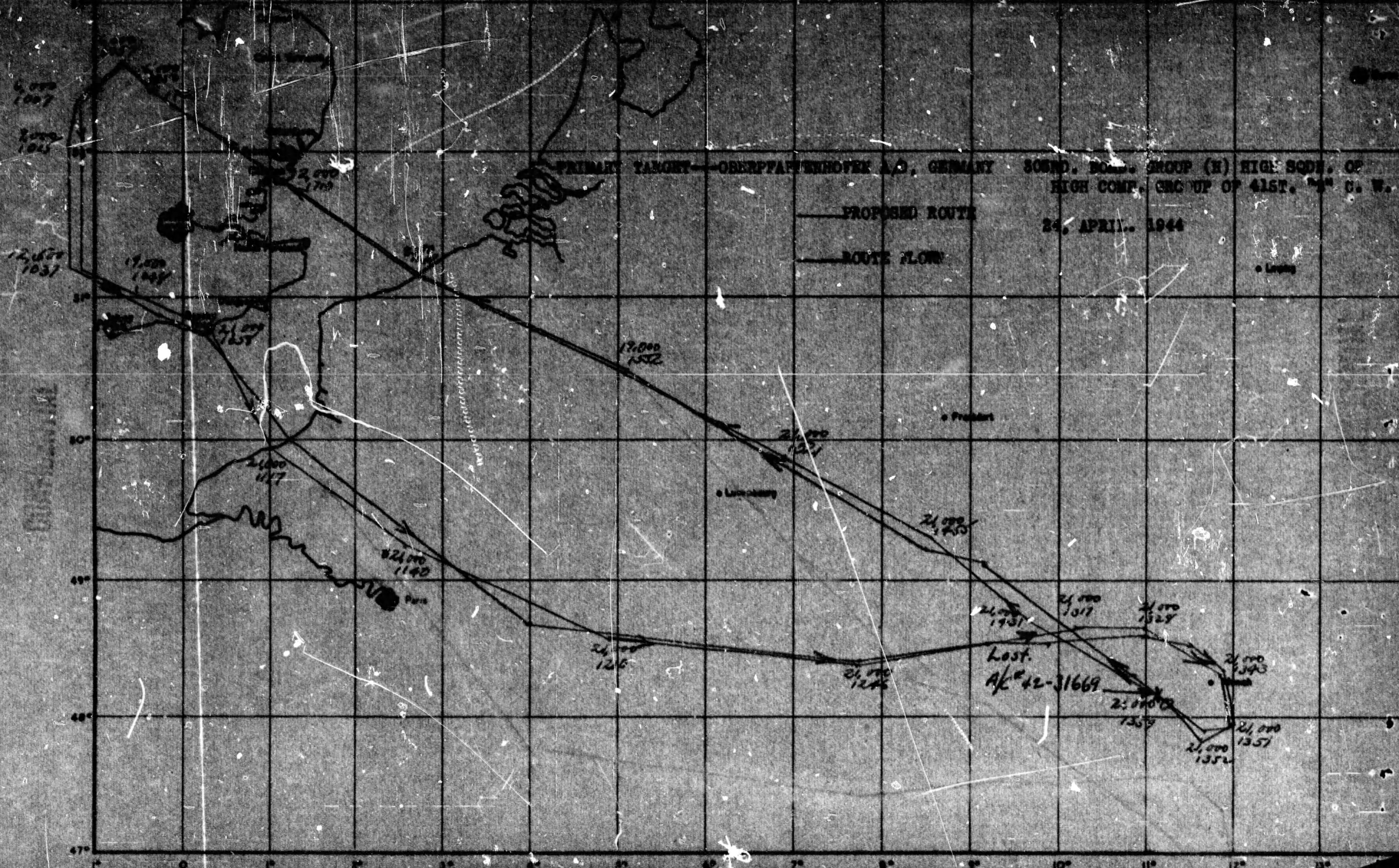
26 April 1944.

Statement of 2nd Lt. Frank (NMI) Maxey, O-805837.

On the mission to Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, on 24 April 1944, I was pilot of A/C 42-31739 which was flying in #5 position in the high squadron of the high Group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. A/C 42-31669, the missing A/C, was flying in #4 position in the same squadron. In the target area A/C 42-31669 was hit by anti-aircraft gunfire, and one of its engines began to smoke. I called the pilot of A/C 42-31669 on the radio and told him about his smoking engine. Shortly thereafter A/C 42-31669 left the formation and headed in the general direction of Switzerland. Due to the fighter attacks at that time and the heavy anti-aircraft gunfire, it was impossible to watch carefully to see what happened to the missing A/C. When last seen, it was heading generally for Switzerland. no parachutes were seen to come out.



Frank Maxey
FRANK (NMI) MAXEY,
2nd Lt., AC.



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