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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
 Group 303rd Bomb. Gp. (H) ; Squadron 360th ; Detachment - - -
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See attached chart.
 Intended Destination _____ ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 10/10
stratus, tops 7,000, occasional breaks, visibility good above clouds.
- GIVE: (a) Date 13 July 1944 Time 0942 ; and Location Munich, 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 _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 45-97906 X
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____ ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW - 014124
 (b) SW - 013618 ; (c) SW - 014171 ; (d) SW - 014191
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) See attached sheet.
 (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
 (e) _____ ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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	<u>LONG, PAUL H.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-753902</u> RTD
2. Co-Pilot <u>Carlman</u>	<u>CARDMAN, HAROLD L. JR.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-820715</u> RTD
3. Navigator	<u>SHAW, MARVIN E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-703808</u> RTD
4. Bombardier	<u>CASSIDY, CHARLES F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-751591</u> RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	<u>MOURS, JOHN D.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>13156085</u> RTD
6. Radio Gunner	<u>HABICH, ARTHUR L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>16037083</u> RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	<u>FLANNIA, JOSEPH E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>32482257</u> RTD
8. Waist Gunner	<u>ABBOTT, WESLEY C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>13071204</u> RTD
9. Tail Gunner	<u>OLSON, KEITH R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>7007188</u> 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:

Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted			Saw	
		By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
1. <u>COHL, JULES R.</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-813859</u>		<u>X</u>			
2. <u>FETRIE, JOE D.</u>	<u>S/Sgt 19045433</u>					
3.						

- 12. 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) A/C under control
- 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 statement.
- 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 15 July 1944

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

Handwritten initials

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Installed weapons on A/C # 42-97905:

1197443	Savage
1197873	Savage
1182864	Savage
1182726	Savage
1196433	Savage
1196254	Savage
1196295	Savage
1196171	Savage
1196238	Savage
1196353	Savage
1197843	Savage
1196334	Savage

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Statement of 1st Lt Jules R. Cohl, O-813859

On the mission to Munich on 13 July 1944, I was tail gunner of A/C #592 (from the 305th Bomb. Gp.) which was the lead A/C, lead squadron, lead group, 41st "A" Combat Wing. The missing A/C, #42-97905, was flying in #4 position in the same squadron. The relative position of the two A/C is shown below. I first noticed that the missing A/C was in difficulty just after bombs away. At that time the formation made a sharp turn to the right, but I do not think the missing A/C made the turn. I then noticed a big hole in the wing between #1 and #2 engine. It then came back almost into position, stayed there momentarily, and then went off to the right in the direction of Switzerland. When I last saw the missing A/C it was definitely under control.



JULES R. COHL,
1st Lt. AC,

O-813859

A/C 592
(305th B.Gp.)

42-37841 42-32027

42-97905

42-97893 42-97861



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Statement of S/Sgt Joe D. Petrie, 19045433

On the mission to Munich, Germany, on 13 July 1944, I was tail gunner on A/C #42-37841 which was flying in #3 position, lead squadron lead group, 41st "A" Combat Wing. The missing A/C, #42-97905, was flying in #4 position in the same squadron. The relative position of the two A/C is shown below. As we left the target, the missing A/C pulled up close to our A/C, and I could see a large hole in the wing between #1 and #2 engines. Apparently it had been hit by A/A gunfire. Gasoline was leaking out of the wing. The missing A/C pulled off to the right of our A/C and flew there for about a minute. Then it swung down underneath our A/C and headed in the direction of Switzerland. When I last saw it in the distance the missing A/C was under good control, and the pilot seemed to be able to maintain altitude (25,000) very well. It was about two minutes after bombs away that I first noticed the missing A/C was in difficulty.

A/C 629
(305th Bomb. Gp.)
42-37841 42-32027

42-97905

42-97893 42-97861

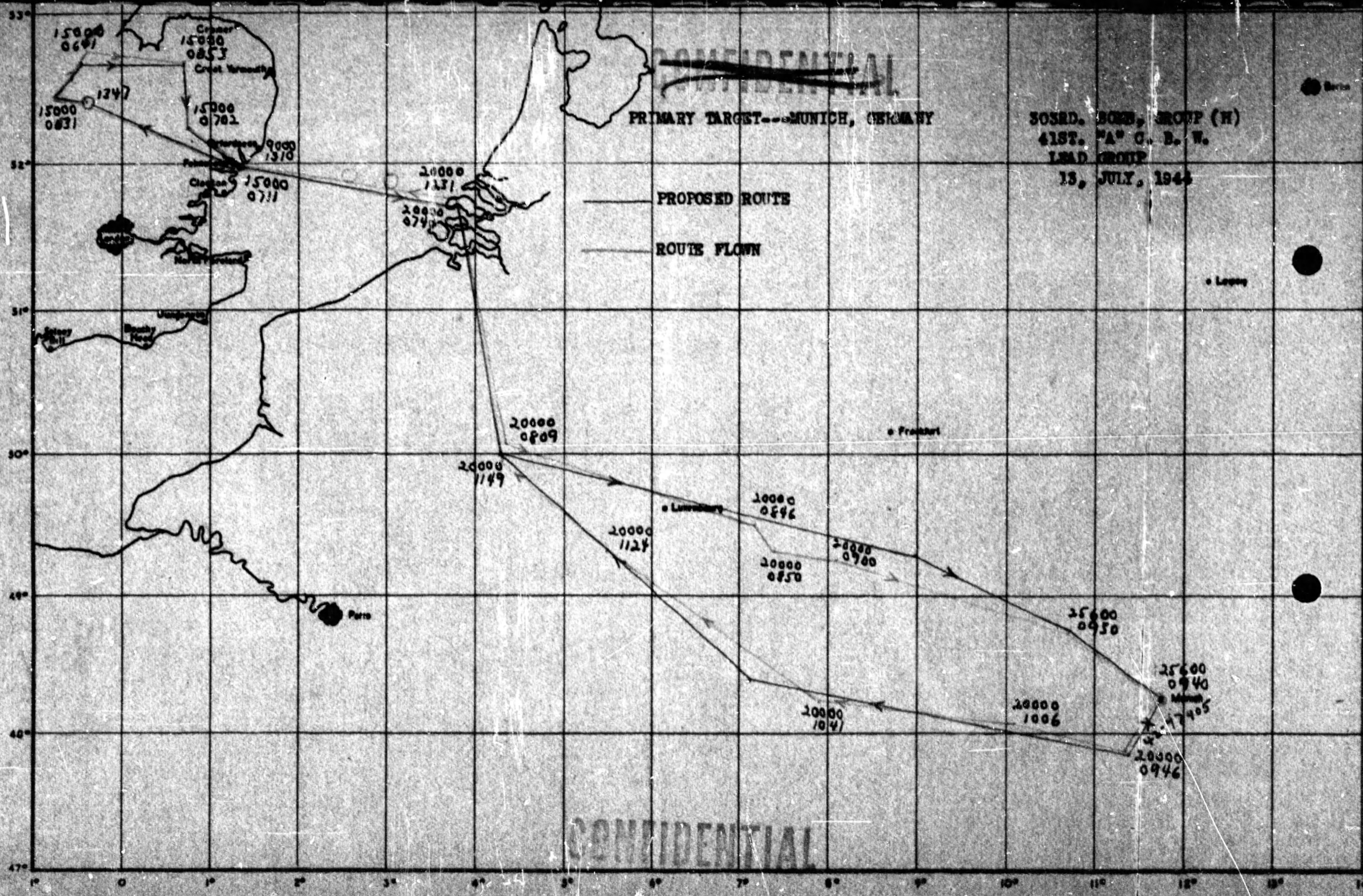
Joe D. Petrie
S/Sgt Joe D. Petrie
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PRIMARY TARGET--MUNICH, GERMANY

30SRD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. "A" C. B. W.
LEAD GROUP
13, JULY, 1944



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