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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 587 - US ARMY

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 8169

Classification change

RESTRICTED

by W. M. MURPHY, AC
Date 1944 8 19

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- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached chart
Intended Destination Wiesbaden, Germany ; Type of mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: No low or middle clouds. 3/10ths cirrus at 25000. Air to ground visibility 10-15 mi. in base.
- GIVE: (a) Date 15 August 1944 ; Time 1145-1205 ; and Location 50°00'N-05°30'E
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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31224-F
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 45-56700
(b) SW-001665 ; (c) SW-016906 ; (d) 42-30178
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) 675301 F
(b) 681486 F ; (c) 683352 KHW ; (d) 683710 KHW ; (e) 684187 KHW
(f) 683742 KHW ; (g) 675329 F ; (h) 647770 F ; (i) 684057 KHW
(j) 684092 KHW ; (k) 684786 KHW ; (l) 685159 KHW ; (m) _____
- 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:

Crew Position	(Name in Full) Last Name First	Rank	Serial Number
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|-----------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Pilot | <u>KU 559</u> <u>SMITHY, SAMUEL C.</u> | <u>RVS</u> 2nd Lt. | <u>0-815574</u> <u>RTO</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>2702</u> <u>BOLT, ERNEST P.</u> | <u>RMC</u> 2nd Lt. | <u>0-695298</u> <u>RTO</u> |
| 3. Navigator | <u>JONASMON, LANSING L.</u> | <u>RMC</u> 2nd Lt. | <u>0-718528</u> <u>RTO</u> |
| 4. Bombardier | <u>KLEIN, ROBERT J.</u> | <u>RVS</u> 2nd Lt. | <u>0-772665</u> <u>RTO</u> |
| 5. Top Turret | <u>FISHER, RAYMOND E.</u> | <u>3650?</u> S/Sgt. | <u>DAD 16057548</u> <u>KIA</u> |
| 6. Radio Gunner | <u>SHODDY, ARCHIE E.</u> | Sgt. | <u>DAD 17005856</u> <u>KIA</u> |
| 7. BALL TURRET Gunner | <u>POLITYLO, ROMAN S.</u> | Sgt. | <u>DAD 32737611</u> <u>KIA</u> |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>BAZO-FONTANELL, JUAN A.</u> | Sgt. 0 | <u>DAD 17074358</u> <u>KIA</u> |
| 9. Tail Gunner | <u>BIERAKOSKI, WALTER J.</u> | Sgt. 0 | <u>DAD 33441255</u> <u>KIA</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	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column Saw:	
					Crash	Forced Landing

- No definite information.
- _____
- _____

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) No additional information.
- 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. See attached summary.
- 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 19 August 1944

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature) of Preparing Officer

JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF MISSING AIR CREWS
ON MISSION 13 AUGUST 1944.

All eyewitness descriptions pertaining to the missing aircraft are being consolidated and the following circumstances surrounding the loss of these aircraft are summarized below:

1. Attached is a formation diagram showing the position of all aircraft in the Low Group. Also shown are the missing aircraft as well as aircraft that returned to base.

2. Due to the position in the Combat Wing, namely, Low Group position, there were few observations by crew members in the Lead and High Group positions pertaining to the missing aircraft.

3. Statements vary as to the number of chutes seen. The greatest number of chutes observed by any one crew was fifteen (15). Other reports by returning crews stated the number of chutes seen as being 1, 4, 6, 8, and 9.

4. Incomplete reports by crew members makes it difficult to determine the condition of many of the lost aircraft. Some were reported as exploding in air, others observed going down in flames. The aircraft flying in #2 position (Charnick, A/C #42-97085), was reported as having 4 engines on fire. Two chutes were observed coming from this aircraft.

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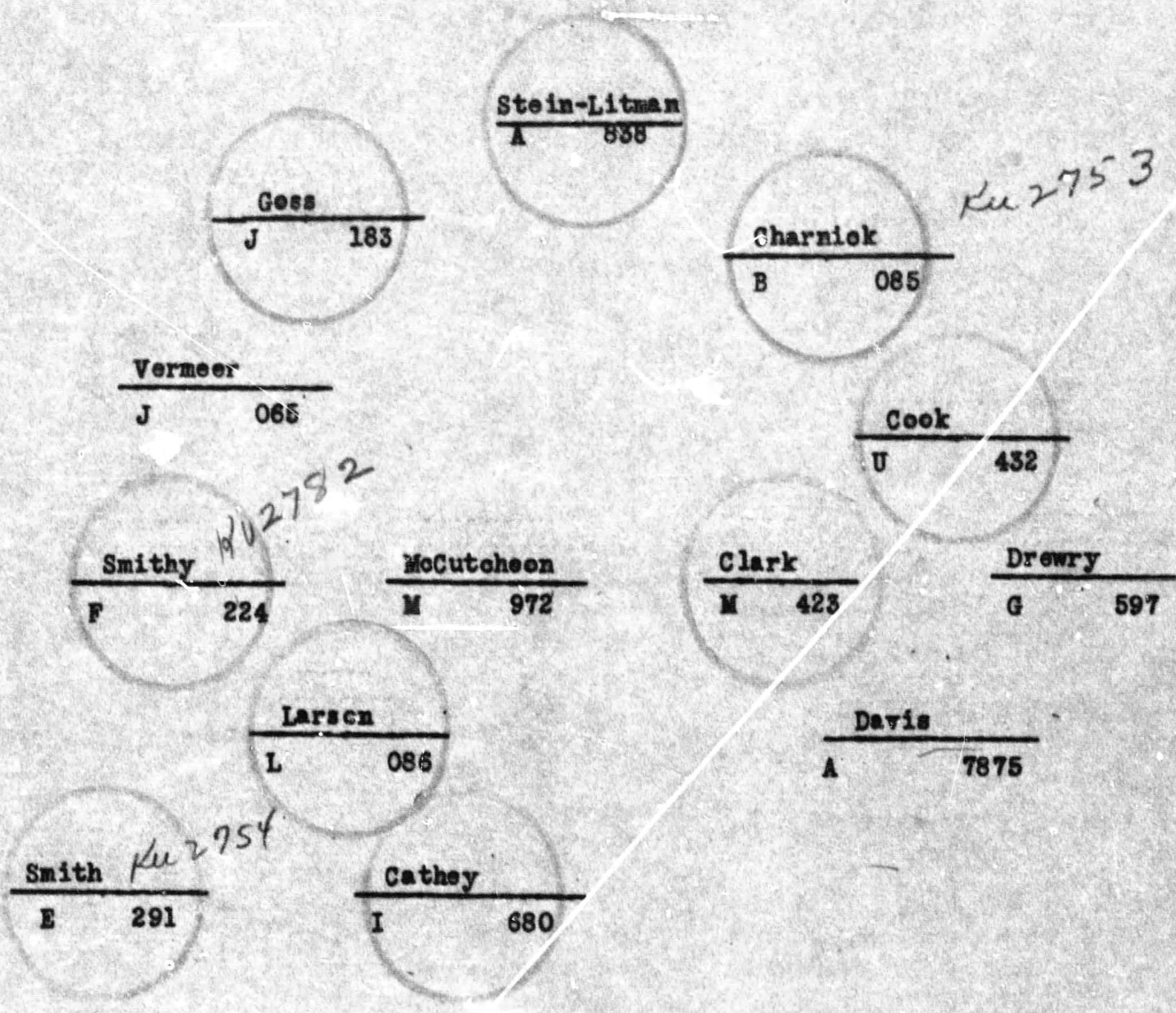
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Major, AC,
Group 8-2.

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FORMATION OF LOW GROUP - MISSING AIR CREW
REPORT FOR 15 AUGUST 1944



○ - Lost Aircraft

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2° 1° 0° 1° 2° 3° 4° 5° 6°

56°

55°

54°

53°

52°

51°

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LONDON

Bover

Calais

Boulogne

Bruges

Antwerp

Brussels

Aachen

Gerry W. Fenwick



(Lost this Area)

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JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, A.C.
Group S-2

J.L.

MAILR-8196

Nationality: USA

Name: 4 Unknown (together with Boat, Ernest captured)

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 15 Aug 44, at 1130 hours, 1 km northeast of Adenau,

District Ahrweiler

Place of Grae: 16 Aug 44, Community Cemetery in Adenau

Reported by: Command of Air Force Ubgs Pl. Ahrbruck, loss No. 6

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A.V. 1263/44

Dead List No. 40

Serial No. 129-132

KU 2782

Dilag - Luft
Wetzlar.
Received: 8 October 44

Report on Leases Nos 6

To: Air Force Ministry.
L P (A) 3
Berlin

Air Force Ministry
Received: 30 August 44
A.M.

continued:

KU 2782

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Following information from German Secret Service file

No.: Date of Loss: Rank, Name and first Name:

- 1. 15 August 44 not identifiable.
- 2. _____ " _____ " _____
- 3. _____ " _____ " _____
- 4. _____ " _____ " _____

Remarks:

On 15 August 1944 at 1130 an American bomber crashed about 1 km north east of "Adenau", district "Ahrweiler". On hitting the ground the plane exploded and burnt out completely. From under the debris two burnt dead were recovered. In spite of thorough searching no identification tags were found, thus no information on dead could be obtained. The dead were buried on 16 August 44, in the cemetery of Adenau, by order of Headquarters Air Force Training Center Ahrbrueck. The graves are marked.

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Ahrbrueck 17 August 44

Headquarters
Air Force Training Center

signed: illegible
Lt./Colonel

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Ahrbrueck 17 August 44

Headquarters
Air Force Training Center

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Lt./Colonel

KU 2782

15 August 44 at 1130
1 km north east of Adenau
45 kms west of Koblenz

Air District (Brasselman)

Fortress 17
99 % Damage

5 burnt up ?
remaining prisoner ?

Dulag Luft , Wetzlar
Received: 22 August 44

KU 2782

15 August 44 at 1130
1 km north east of Adenau
45 kms west of Koblenz

Air District (Brasselman)

Fortress 17
99 % Damage

5 burnt up ?
remaining prisoner ?

Dalag Luft , Netalar
Received: 22 August 44

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
 Received: 26 August 44

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE No. 522

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L S Q U

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

24 August 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

1550

ROLL:

FROM:

L S G L

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

Message corresponds with the preceding telegram, except:

- Paragraph 1) The time changes from 1130 to 1730
- 2) Map grid - Q O 7 - changes to - Q O 177 -
 - 5) Halberg changes to Malburg.
 - 7) 98 % changes to 92 %.
 - 8) Gesiden changes to Gerlingen.

KW 2782

TO:

Any information received for war casualties and prisoners of war - Berlin H 30

47/48 Hohenzollern Str.

1. - 2. - 3. - 4. loss on 8/15/44 - Nothing to establish.

Incident On 8/15/44 at 11.30 an American bomber crashed about 1 km. north - east of Adman Altvoller County. The plane exploded at crash and burnt out completely. 4 burnt corpses were recovered out of the wreckage. In spite of thorough search no identification tag was found, therefore the personalities of the 4 found crew members could not be established.

The corpses were buried at the community cemetery of Adman on 8/16/44 by order of the commander of the air-force training field Altvoller. The graves are marked.

To the crew of the plane belongs Lt. Ernest B O A T - born on 4/7/22

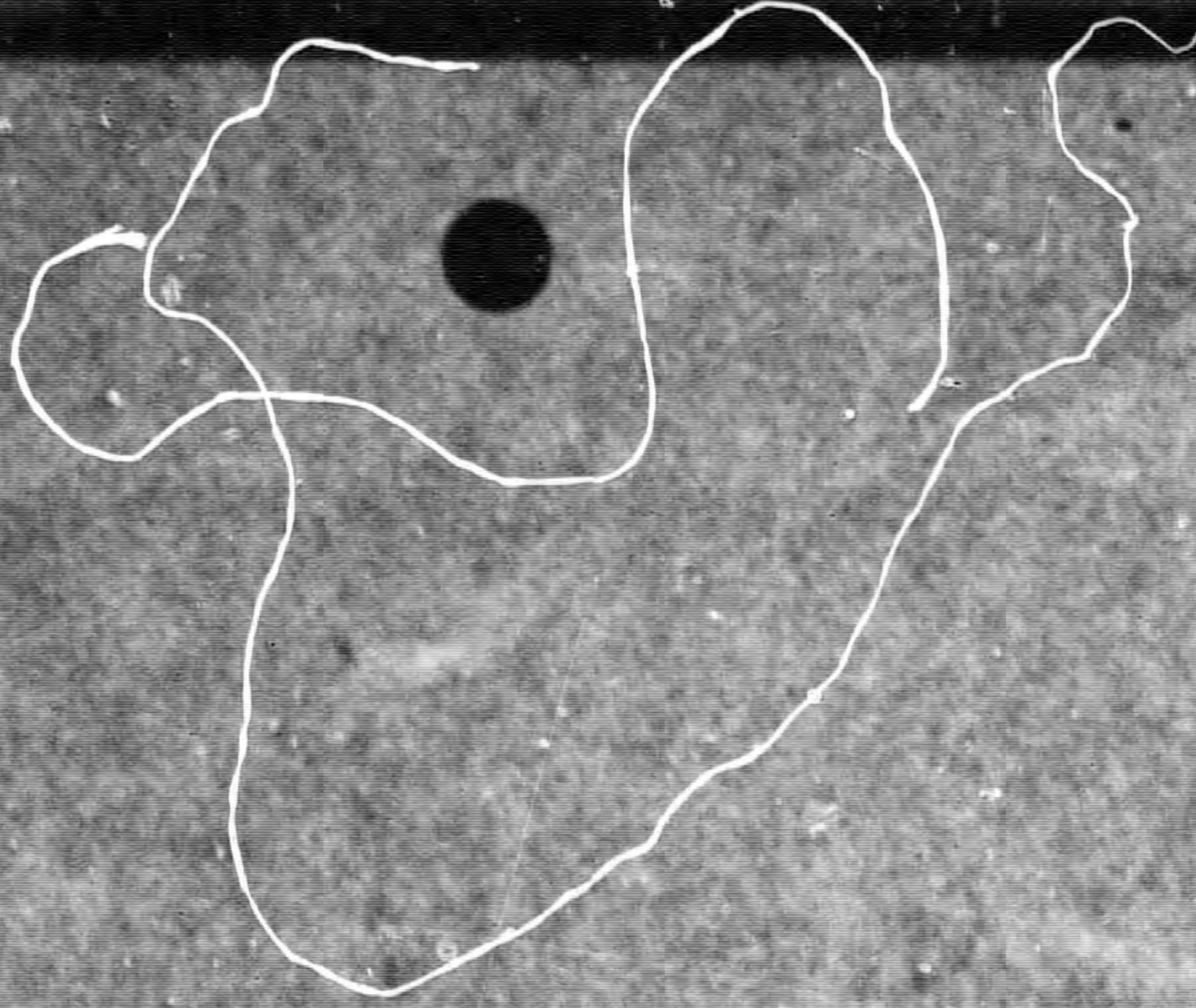
ASN O - 695298 T 42 - 44 A/P, who was bailed out and transferred to Dulag Luft Garbusch.

Date: 8/27/44

Commander of the air-force training field of Altvoller

/s/ illegible

Lt. Col.



KW 2782

Highest Priority | L S K U 1581 23 August 1125

CM 5904

To evaluation Center West Oberursel.

Final Report on downings from 15 August 44
(dayb raid over Frankfort/Main-river - Hochst).

- 1) Adensau / Eifel, 1 km north east, P O 6, at 1130, Boeing, 99 %, identification marks and numbers: not identifiable. 5 dead, remaining captured.

KW 2782 1) Adensau / Eifel, (1 km north east), - P O 6 - 1130/, Boeing, 99 %, identification marks and numbers not identifiable, 5 dead, remaining captured.

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B-17

9 men

DATE: 15 August 1944

AT: 1130

RANK
2nd Lt.

NAME
BOAT, Ernest Paul (was 559 A)
ASN: O-695298

K U 2792

PLACE: Adenau near Koblenz

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

TARGET: Airforce Training Ground
Ahrbrueck

Com 5-904
Gulley

MACR 8169

5- SEE KURT 781-2810
#344

unknown dead buried in cemetery
Adenau.

Interrogation Center West
Oberursel/Taunus
Pr. No. 3980/43 L.O.A.

Oberursel, 1 Dec 1943

Subject: Personal property of prisoners in Reserve Hospital Command 1170.

Ref.: Letter of Sgt Simpson, British man of confidence on 26 Oct 43.

To Reserve Hospital Command 1170, Stalag IX C
Est. 170

We send you back the original letter mentioned above, and inform you as follows:

S/Lt. Davis, P.H.C. That horse-shoe, which was at confiscated key-ring, can not be found, resp. send back.

T/Lt. Scott, L. J 47 Only escape package, food package and so on which must be confiscated, were the items, sent here till now. There was no cigarette case and no golden collar button among these items.

T/Lt. Bell, A. No personal property of this prisoner arrived here from Reserve Hospital Busche, Berlin.

2nd/Lt. Wentworth, W. and 2nd/Lt. Holland, W. KU 162
KU 49

Cigarette lighters were not among the personal properties of these two prisoners transferred here.

Name of crew member: FISHER, Raymond E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 16067548
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot~~ (Fighter): Top Turret.

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I WENT TO NOSE TO AID NAVIGATOR TO OPEN ESCAPE HATCH AND
~~WAS~~ WHEN I RETURNED SECONDS LATER, HE WAS GONE FROM POSITION.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST CONVERSATION

HE WAS FIRING AT ATTACKING PLANES AND REPORTED EXPLODING ONE
 FW-190.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE AT TIME OF DISAPPEARANCE.

Where was he when last seen? OPERATING HIS TURRET.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE COULD HAVE
JUMPED THRU BOMB BAY - HOWEVER THERE WAS A LARGE HOLE IN PLANE
WHERE HE USUALLY LEFT HIS CHUTE. HIS JUMPING IS WHOLLY SUPPOSITION

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 29 FIRST MISSION

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: **SHODDY, Archie E.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **17005856**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): ~~Radio Gunner~~ **Radio Gunner**

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE REPORTED LEAVING RADIO TO MAN WAIST GUN

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? RADIO ROOM.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate used in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 29 FIRST MISSION

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: **POLITYLO, Roman W.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **32737611**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: FIRING AT

ATTACKING PLANES

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 29 FIRST MISSION

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: **BAZO-PONTANEIL, Jean A.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **17074338**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Waist Gunner,**

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? ---

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: FIRING AT

ATTACKING PLANES

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? AT WAIST GUN

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: ---

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 29 FIRST MISSION

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: **BIERANOSKI, Walter J,**
Rank: **Sgt1**
Serial number: **33441255**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: REPORTED

BEING WOUNDED

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? TAIL TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 29 FIRST MISSION.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SAMUEL C. SMITHY Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-815574
2. Organization 303 BOMB GR Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, # 11, target, FRANKFURT, GMY., target time, 11:45, altitude, APP 27,000 route scheduled, _____? _____, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 30 MIN. FROM TARGET ON WAY HOME.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". BOMBARDIER, NAVIGATOR AND CO-PILOT BAILED OUT UPON "ABANDON SHIP" ORDER VIA REGULAR BAIL-OUT POSITIONS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) WITNESSES STATED SHIP EXPLODED IN MID-AIR. NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? BEFORE I BAILED OUT, I LOOKED TOWARD TAIL OF SHIP AND COULD SEE NOTHING BUT FIRE FROM BOMB-BAY ON TOWARD REAR
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

AFTER "ABANDON SHIP" ORDER, INTER-COM WAS SHOT OUT AND I WAS UNABLE TO GET TO REAR OF PLANE BECAUSE OF FIRE, I HAD BEEN WOUNDED AND WAS ASSISTED TO NOSE HATCH BY CO-PILOT & BOMBARDIER. I WAS LATER TOLD BY WINGMAN THAT HE SAW THE PLANE EXPLODE AS IT SWERVED FROM FORMATION. AFTER BAILING OUT, I MADE A DELAYED JUMP, AS ENEMY FIGHTERS WERE FIRING ON OPENED CHUTES. AFTER I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS ON GROUND SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, THERE WERE NO PLANES IN THE AIR, NOR COULD I SEE ANY ON THE GROUND. FOUR DAYS LATER, AFTER BEING TAKEN, I MET MY CO-PILOT GOING TO DULAG LUFT AT FRANKFORT.

Samuel C. Smith

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **FISHER, Raymond E.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **16047548**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Top Turret.**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? North of Trier, Gr.

If not, why not? -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: On the

Initial attack by enemy fighter planes our Interplane system was
Knocked out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Bailing out of ~~the~~ Bombay. Doors were open

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Copilot

claims there were no fighters around when he bailed
out. Plane was below 15,000 ft. when he jumped. It seems
only one of two possibilities could happen, either his parachute
didn't open or he was killed on the ground.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: July 25, 50th Lo, Fr; Gian, Fr; Munich, Gr
V-1 Installation, Fr; Cherbourg, Fr; Paris, Fr; Stuttgart,
Gr; Metz, Fr; Pirmasens, Gr; Frankfurt, Aug. 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **SHODDY, Archie E.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **17005356**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Radio Gunner**

Did he bail out? I Don't Know

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone system was knocked out on initial attack of enemy planes

Was he injured? I Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? Waist gun position

Any hearsay information: No

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He is believed to have been killed in the plane during attack

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: July 25 - St Lo, Fr; Gian, Fr; Munich, Gr. V-1 Installation, Fr; Cherbourg, Fr; Paris, Fr; Stuttgart, Gr. Metz, Fr; Pirmasens, Gr; + Frankfurt, Gr. Aug 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **POLITYLO, Roman W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32737611**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Instructor~~ **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? I Don't Know

Where? -

If not, why not? -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone system knocked out on initial attack of enemy planes

Was he injured? I Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? In the Ball Turret

Any hearsay information: No

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to have been killed in the plane during attack

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Name of crew member: **BAZO-POITANEIL, Juan A.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **17074331**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Other (Specify)~~: **Waist Gunner,**

Did he bail out? I Don't Know

Where? -

If not, why not? -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter phone

system knocked out on initial attack of enemy planes. But he was
seconds ~~to~~ to see enemy planes.

Was he injured? I Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? I Don't Know I think in the waist

Any hearsay information: No

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to

have been killed in the plane during attack

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

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U-1 installation, Fr; Cherbourg, Fr; Paris, Fr; Stuttgart, Gr

Metz, Fr; Pirmasens, Gr; + Frankfurt, Gr. Aug. 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BIERANOSKI, Walter J,
 Rank: Sglt
 Serial number: 33441255
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I Don't Know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone

system knocked out on initial attack by enemy planes. He was first

Was he injured? I Don't Know To see & report enemy planes

Where was he when last seen? I Don't Know, I think he was in the tail
position

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to
have been killed very soon after reporting enemy planes
attacking.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: July 25 - St. Lo, Fr; Gian, Fr; Munich, Gr.
V-1 Installation, Fr; Cherbourg, Fr; Paris, Fr; Stuttgart, Gr.
Metz, Fr; Pirmasens, Gr; Frankfurt, Aug. 15, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert J. Klein Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0772663
302 BG.
2. Organization 352 B.G. Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO Mackin Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 8 Hick field ATU target, Main, target
time, About 11:45, altitude, 25,000 ft. route scheduled, Filmait direct
to Frankfurt, flew route from Hick field to target.
5. Where were you when you left formation? East & a little north of Thier, Gr
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Pilot was first to go out front escape hatch. About 2 minutes later Navigator shortly after that I bailed out. Then the Co-pilot left a few moments after me.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I Do Not Know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I Do Not Know
11. Where were they in aircraft? —
12. What was their condition? —
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Just before enemy fighters attack I saw Leonard Fisher in the cockpit with Pilot & Co-pilot. He was okay then.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. LT. Robert King, Co-pilot was seen leaving aircraft by Alfred Smith, Pilot, Stanley Kemp, Bombardier, & Emerson Jones, Navigator. He was uninjured. He was from 302 B.G., 352 B. Sqn. & his whereabouts was unknown by any of us & I believe is still unknown.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #169

Name of crew men FISHER, Raymond E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16047548
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Instructor~~: Top Turret.

Did he bail out? Not Known

Where? East of Trion

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: See
below

Was he injured? Not Known

Where was he when last seen? see below

Any hearsay information: The pilot had given the order to bail out & he had left. Sgt. Fisher was standing behind the co-pilot & the co-pilot told him to jump. When the co-pilot left the ship (from the tower) Sgt Fisher was not to be seen.

Source: co-pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: chute failure
or unaided

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #169

Name of crew member: **SWODDY, Archie E.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **17005856**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Radio Gunner**

Did he bail out? Not known

Where? East of Trier

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen
check.

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? see below

Any hearsay information: Thought to have been seen in
radio room putting on chute.

Source: Co-pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Chute
failure or anoxia

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #169

Name of crew member: **POLITILLO, Roman W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32737611**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Engineer~~ **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? Not known

Where? East of Trion

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Organ

check

Was he injured? Not known - likely

Where was he when last seen? Not seen since start of mission.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Ball turret

mechanism shot out or personally incapacitated.

The inter phone was destroyed & perhaps the

rear oxygen system.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8159

Name of crew member: BAZO-FONTANEIL, Juan A.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 17074338
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer/Navigator~~: Waist Gunner,

Did he bail out? Not Known

Where? East of Truro

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 0 + 1/2 hr
back

Was he injured? Not known - likely

Where was he when last seen? Not seen by ~~Truro~~ since beginning of

Any hearsay information: No. J A reference

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Severely
wounded or killed in plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: **BIERANOSKI, Walter J,**
 Rank: **Sgt1**
 Serial number: **33441255**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Not known - not likely

Where? East of River

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He reported
the FW190 coming in

Was he injured? Probably

Where was he when last seen? Not seen by survivors since start of mission.

Any hearsay information: The pilot says Sgt Bieranoski was
reporting the number of fighters when he broke off
in the middle of a sentence

Source: Pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It seems
likely that he was killed at his gun as the attack
was quite strong and directly from the rear

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JORALEMON, LANSING L Rank 1LT Serial No. 0-719329
2. Organization 3AF Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month AUGUST day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, STRATEGIC, target, FRANKFURT, target time, 1205, altitude, 27000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? EAST OF TRIER
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 3 OTHERS KNOWN
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". PILOT FIRST, OUT
NOSE - NAVIGATOR, OUT NOSE - BOMBARDIER, OUT
NOSE - CO-PILOT, OUT NOSE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NOT KNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NOT KNOWN
11. Where were they in aircraft? NOT KNOWN
12. What was their condition? NOT KNOWN
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SEE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: FISHER, Raymond E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 16047548
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Engineer~~: Top Turret.

Did he bail out? HE WAS LAST SEEN STANDING IN THE bomb bay with his PARACHUTE ON AND APPARENTLY UNHURT. SUPPOSEDLY BAILED OUT.
 Where? NO KNOWLEDGE.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ORDERED him to bail out.

Was he injured? APPARENTLY NOT.

Where was he when last seen? STANDING IN THE bomb-bay.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES UNKNOWN. SOME OF THE MISSIONS WERE MERSBURG, PARIS, STUTTGART, ORLEANS (FRANCE), FRANKFURT, AND ONE JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES NEAR NORMANDY.

DATES THAT ARE KNOWN

{	MERSBURG	-	July 29, 1944
{	STUTTGART	-	August 14, 1944
{	FRANKFURT	-	August 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: SNODDY, Archie E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 17005856
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN
 Where? UNKNOWN
 If not, why not? UNKNOWN
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ORDERED
THE CREW TO BAIL OUT BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.
 Was he injured? UNKNOWN
 Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM JUST PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF.
 Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONETotal number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES UNKNOWN. SOME OF THE MISSIONS
WERE MERSEBERG, PARIS, STUTTGART, ORLEANS (FRANCE), FRANKFURT, AND ONE
JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES NEAR NORMANDY.

DATES THAT ARE KNOWN { MERSEBERG - July 29, 1944
 STUTTGART - August 14, 1944
 FRANKFURT - August 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

Name of crew member: POLITYLO, Roman W.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32737611
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN
 Where? UNKNOWN
 If not, why not? UNKNOWN
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ORDERED
THE CREW TO BAIL OUT BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.
 Was he injured? UNKNOWN
 Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM JUST PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF.
 Any hearsay information: NONE.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES UNKNOWN. SOME OF THE MISSIONS
WERE MERSBERG, PARIS, STUTTGART, ORLEANS (FRANCE), FRANKFURT, AND ONE
JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES NEAR NORMANDY.

DATES THAT ARE KNOWN { MERSBERG - July 29, 1944
 { STUTTGART - August 14, 1944
 { FRANKFURT - August 15, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8169

of crew member: BAZO-FONTANEIL, Juan A.
Sgt.
number: 17074338
: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~ (Fighter): Waist Gunner,

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ORDERED

THE CREW TO BAIL OUT BUT GOT NO ANSWER.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN.

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM JUST PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES UNKNOWN. SOME OF THE MISSIONS WERE MERSBERG, PARIS, STUTTGART, ORLEANS (FRANCE), FRANKFURT, AND ONE JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES NEAR NORMANDY.

DATES THAT ARE KNOWN { MERSBERG - July 29, 1944
STUTTGART - August 14, 1944
FRANKFURT - August 15, 1944

Name of crew member: **BIERANOSKI, Walter J,**
 Rank: **Sgt1**
 Serial number: **33441255**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ORDERED THE CREW TO BAIL OUT BUT RECEIVED NO ANSWER.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN BUT CEASED FIRING SHORTLY AFTER WE WERE ATTACKED

Where was he when last seen? by FW-190s, I LAST SAW HIM JUST PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: DATES UNKNOWN. SOME OF THE MISSIONS WERE MERSBERG, PARIS, STUTTGART, ORLEANS (FRANCE), FRANKFURT, AND ONE JUST BEHIND THE GERMAN LINES NEAR NORMANDY.

DATES THAT ARE KNOWN

}	MERSBERG -	July 29, 1944
	STUTTGART -	August 14, 1944
	FRANKFURT -	August 15, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name ERNEST PAUL BOAT Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-695298
2. Organization 383 Gp Commander Rank MAJOR Sqn CO Mackin Rank MAJOR
338 Sqn. (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, UNKNOWN, target, Airport at Frankfurt, target time, UNKNOWN, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? UNKNOWN
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know say: "No Knowledge". Bombardier Robert Klien, Navigator Lansing Jorhman, Pilot Samuel Smith, and myself all bailed out of the forward escape hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ENGINEER Raymond Fisher I last saw standing in the bomb bay with his parachute on and apparently unhurt. I also saw some other crew member going toward the back door but did not recognize him at all I could see was his legs.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back) A-1

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6 June 45 →

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not - 2 June 45

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Still MIA
10 June
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MIA

German records already
written on Politylo.

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TARGET

Date _____

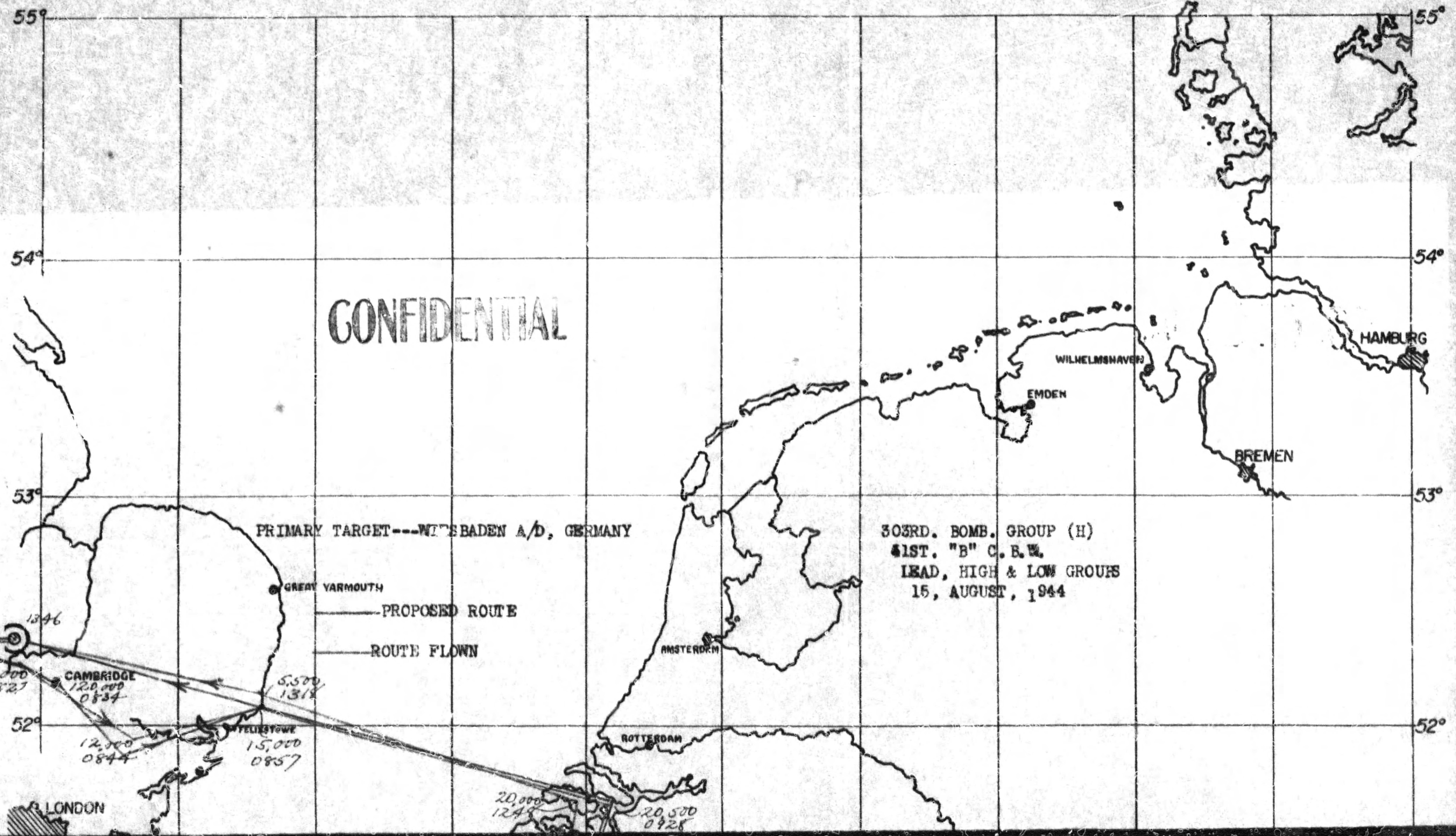
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Last Resort _____

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PRIMARY TARGET---WITTEBADEN A/D, GERMANY

GREAT YARMOUTH

PROPOSED ROUTE

ROUTE FLOWN

AMSTERDAM

ROTTERDAM

WILHELMSHAVEN

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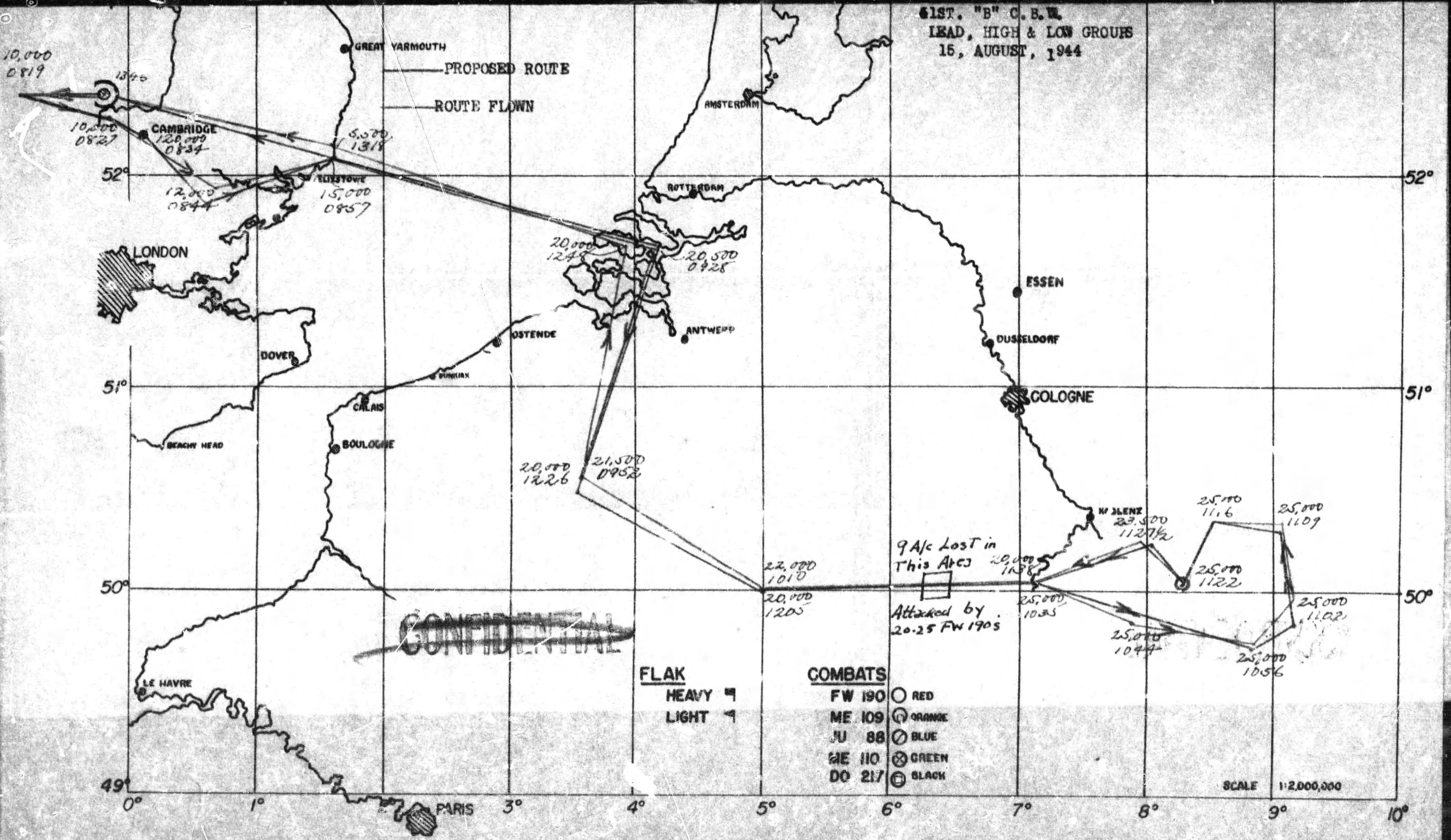
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 LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
 15, AUGUST, 1944

LONDON

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 HEAVY
 LIGHT

COMBATS
 FW 190 RED
 ME 109 ORANGE
 JU 88 BLUE
 HE 110 GREEN
 DO 217 BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000,000