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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

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to **RESTRICTED**
by **E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO**
by **F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AO**
Date **15 1946**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

8171

- 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 haze.
- GIVE: (a) Date 15 August 1944 ; Time 1145-1205 ; and Location 50°00'N--06°39'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-17 G; A.A.F. Serial Number 44-6291-E *
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-018585
(b) SW-018803 ; (c) SW-020118 ; (d) SW-019981
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) 112624 S.A.
(b) 252442 Brown. ; (c) 253260 Brown. ; (d) 224735 Brown. ; (e) 31674 Browning
(f) 252429 Brown. ; (g) 251694 Frig. ; (h) 252066 Brown. ; (i) 520622 Browning
(j) 325762 Brown. ; (k) 224869 Frig. ; (l) 1090795 Brown. ; (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)		Rank	Serial Number
	Last Name	First		

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Pilot | <u>SMITH, ALFRED I.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-816304</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>KING, ROBERT G.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-687377</u> | |
| 3. Navigator | <u>JONES, EMERSON (NMI) JR.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-719657</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 4. Bombardier | <u>KEMP, STANLEY A.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-772661</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 5. Top Turret Gunner | <u>HARBARGER, MARTIN M.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>33068447</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 6. Radio Gunner | <u>SWANSON, RICHARD A.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>52723379</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 7. Ball Turret Gunner | <u>FISCHER, JACK D.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>58130455</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>BERRIS, EDWARD (NMI)</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>56355747</u> | |
| 9. Tail Gunner | <u>BRUNO, SAM S.</u> | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>57470007</u> | |
| 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			Check Only One Column		
		by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	Saw Forced Landing	

- No definite information.
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- 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, **AO,**
Group S-2.

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SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF MISSING AIR CREWS
ON MISSION 15 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.

Aircraft flying in #3 position (Goss, A/C #42-31183), was reported as straggling and the first to be attacked by E/A. This aircraft was reported as going down in flames. No chutes were reported coming from this aircraft.

The lead aircraft (Stein-Litman, A/C #43-37838), was observed going down in flames. No chutes reported as having been seen.

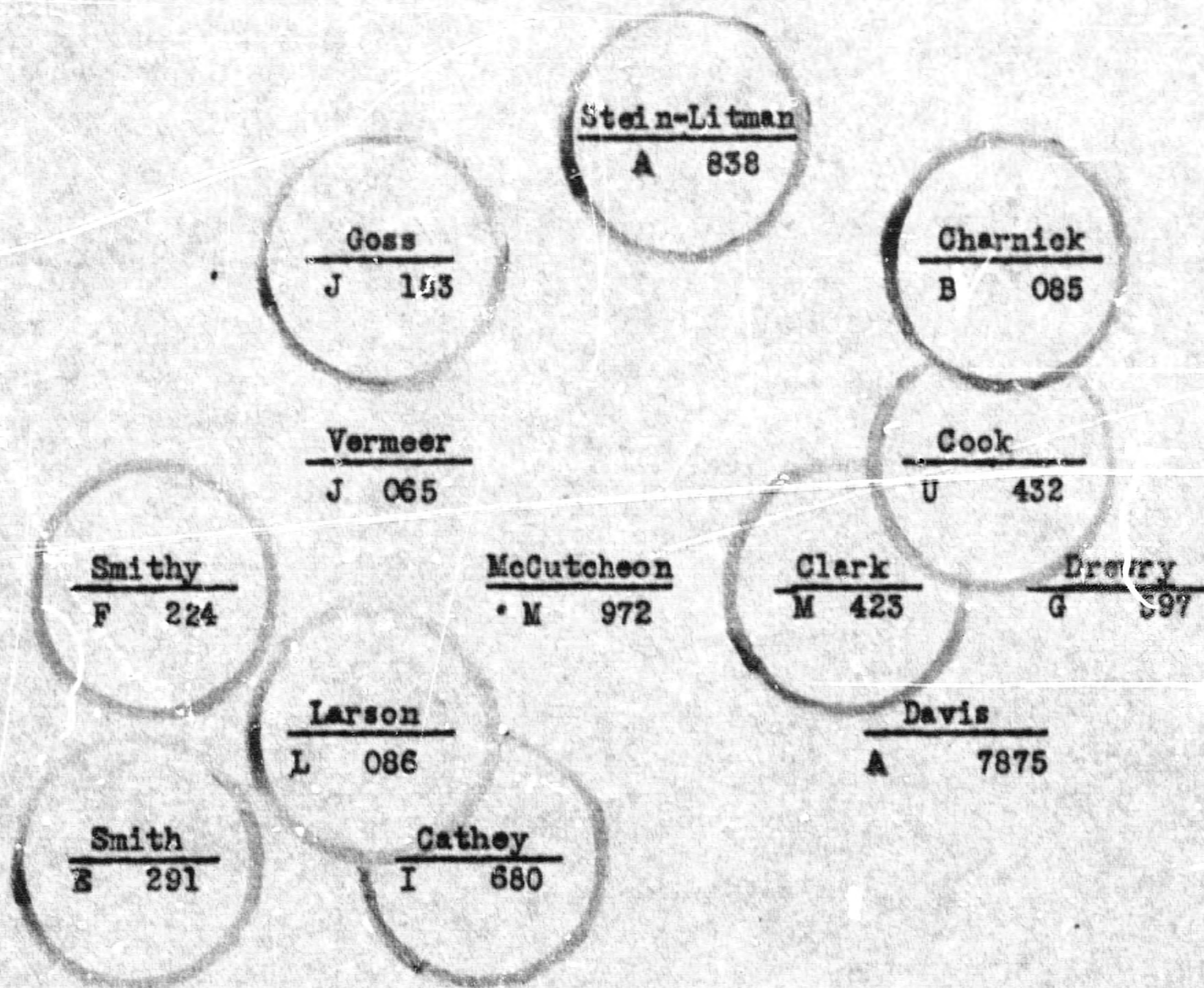
5. Reinterrogation of the four crews that returned as well as selected crew members from the Lead and High Groups did not result in any additional data as to the missing crews."

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Group S-2.

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



○ - Lost Aircraft

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*MACR 8171
B-17
9 men*

DATE: 15 August 1944 **AT:** 1200

PLACE: Grafeld near Bittburg

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 6291

358 (HCo) Sqd - 303 Group

TARGET: Flight - Command Nets

REMARK: was 2776

RANK:	NAME:	ASN:	KU - 2754
2nd Lt	SMITH, Alfred Irving	0-816804	
2nd Lt	^{DEAD} KING, Robert G	0687377	
2nd Lt	KEMP, Stanley Anthony	0-772661	
2nd Lt	JONES, Emerson Jr	0-719837	
S/Sgt	HARBARGER, Martin Marshall	33088447	
Sgt	SWANSON, Richard Axel	32723679	
Sgt	FISCHER, Jack Davis	30430453	
Sgt	BERGER, Edward	—	dead
Sgt	BRUNO, Sam S	—	dead
2nd Lt	BROWN, <i>not his crew</i>	—	
2 dead	<i>this is complete crew plus Brown King seen alive by crew after bail out</i>		

*MACR 8171
no King*

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W.D. Dr. Rinesch
Writing Copy

Gneixendorf, 25 Feb 44

Made with the American prisoner of war Heritage, William, No. 99380, who states as follows:

" I have had only one watch, when I was in Dulag Oberursel, this was a private golden watch (" Gruen "). This watch was confiscated from me. I have got a receipt for it later, that this watch must be confiscated as Army Service watch. I have protested against this at once, for I had no Military Watch, but no result. It is possible that these certificates were changed. I have certainly not had a second watch, besides this above mentioned " Gruen ".

This watch, which arrived here in Stalag is not my property, it must have been changed.

This above mentioned receipt is no real receipt, but only a certificate, that this confiscated watch had to be confiscated as American army property.

red in english language:

Signature:

WM. C. Heritage 99380

2nd Lt Emerson Jones, Jr.

Mr. Emerson Jones, Sr., (Father)
2708 G Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

2nd Lt Robert G. King

Mrs. Rosella H. King, (wife)
Star Route,
Grand, Texas.

2nd Lt Stanley A. Kemp

Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp, (wife)
41-12-1st Street,
Long Island, New York.

2nd Lt Alfred I. Smith

Mrs. Frances V. Smith, (wife)
c/o J. C. Evans,
Buck, Colorado.

S/Sgt Martin M. Harbarger

Mrs. Anna Harbarger, (Mother)
Star Route,
Chantown, Pennsylvania.

Sgt Edward Davis

Mrs. Barbara Davis, (Mother)
2313 South Logan Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sgt Sam S. Evans

Mrs. Sam Evans, (Mother)
1320 South Tenth Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sgt Richard A. Swanson

Mrs. Margaret Swanson, (Mother)
82-39 12th Street,
Kollis, New York.

Sgt Jack D. Fisher

Mrs. Grace D. Fisher, (Mother)
Fairfield, Texas.

MACR 8171

Fisher, Jack D.	38,430,453	POW	15 Aug 44	265127	U
Harbarger, Martin M.	33,088,447	POW	15 Aug 44	265127	U
Jones, Emerson Jr.	0719837	POW	15 Aug 44	265127	U
Kemp, Stanley A.	0772661	POW	15 Aug 44	265127	U
Smith, Alfred I.	0816804	POW	15 Aug 44	265127	U
Swanson, Richard A.	32,723,679	DOW	12 June 44	132	

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KING, Robert G.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-687377**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~Flight (Bomber)~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approx. 60 KM NNE of Luxembourg.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS SEEN BY THE ENGINEER.
Crouching before the escape hatch.

Any hearsay information: THE ENGINEER WENT OUT AFTER HE DID.

THE ENGINEER SAID HE CLEARED THE PLANE.

Source: _____

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

THE CIVILIANS WERE VERY ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD ME.

IF THAT WAS THE GENERAL ATTITUDE THE CIVILIANS COULD HAVE

EASILY HAD KILLED HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: * 9 or 10.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8171

Name of crew member: **BERES, Edward (NMI)**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **368337A7**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____
None

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? in the waist of the plane

Any hearsay information: The radio man told me as he passed
Sgt BERES, he could see
from the plane that he couldn't have been alive.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BRUNO, Sam S.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **37470007**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? ✓

If not, why not? —

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

"They ARE coming in fast sir, theres a whole swarm of them"

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

It is my belief that he was killed as we were
ATTACKED. THE ENEMY PLANES MADE A TAIL ATTACK.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EMERSON JONES Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-719837
2. Organization 303 Bst Gp Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month AUG day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, High Alt bombing, target, Weisbaden, GER, target time, 1130 ± 10 min? altitude, 28,000 feet route scheduled, SEE
back of PAGE, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? 55 km N.W.E. of Luxembourg.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes (Radio man, Bombardier, Pilot, Co pilot, - Engineer, Navigator and Belly turret gun.
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". Due to the fact I was the first man out of the plane I cannot say as to how or when the other men left. My pilot, the last man out did say the above men left the plane
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Beres, Edward
is the only one that I know of.
11. Where were they in aircraft? 1st
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Smith A.I. POW. in good condition (after liberation)
Kemp, Stan. A. POW. in good condition (after liberation)
HARBERGER - POW. in good condition (after liberation)
SWANSON - POW ✓
Fisher - POW ✓
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Beres, Edward
I was told by the radio man that he was dead
having been killed by 20 mm shells. SEVERAL had passed
through his body.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

We flew from Molesworth, England to Holland
and entered that country South East of Haag. We flew
straight in and practically followed the Rhine
River until we were straight east of Luxemburg.
At that time we flew straight to Frankfurt (2 miles
south) and swung up around Frankfurt ~~and~~ to
drop ~~the~~ our load. We were to fly the same route
out. When we were about 55 km NINE of
Luxemburg ^{we} were hit and left the plane soon
after. The plane was on fire and I saw it
explode on my way down.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KING, Robert G.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-687377
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Flight): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR VICINITY OF THE TOWN OF KEILBURG, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

THAT'S THE WAY, KEEP FIRING AT THEM!

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE, BEFORE HE BAILED OUT.

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE CAT-WALK, READY TO BAIL OUT.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

WHILE HIDING OUT IN THE WOODS, FROM SEARCHING GERMANS,
I HEARD RIFLE FIRE, BUT NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT WAS
GOING ON.

Total number of missions of above crew member: TEN MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST RAID ON FRANKFURT (ON THE
MAIN) AIR-FIELD - AUGUST 15, 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8171

Name of crew member: BERES, Edward (NMI)
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 36833747
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): ~~tail gunner~~ waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where? —

If not, why not? APPARENTLY SHOT UP.

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

NO CONTACT WITH SGT. BERES!

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? LYING ON THE FLOOR OF THE PLANE, IN WAIST.

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SGT. BERES WAS APPARENTLY DEAD! THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO ME BY, SGT FISHER BALL TURRET GUNNER, AND RADIO OPERATOR SGT. SWANSON. AS THEY WENT OUT THE WAIST DOOR, THEY SAW SGT BERES, PRETTY WELL SHOT UP IN THE HEAD, SO BAD, THEY BELIEVED HIM DEAD!

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST RAID ON FRANKFURT (ON MAIN) AIR-FIELD - 15 AUGUST 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8171

Name of crew member: BRUNO, Sam S.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37470007
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE!

Where? —

If not, why not? APPARENTLY SHOT UP.

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

NO CONTACT FROM SGT BRUNO!

Was he injured? I THINK HE WAS

Where was he when last seen? IN THE TAIL AT TIME OF ATTACK.

Any hearsay information: WE WERE ATTACKED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF

ENEMY FIGHTERS, FROM SIX O'CLOCK. OUR TAIL SECTION WAS BADLY

SHOT UP. AS BELL TURRET GUNNER AND RADIO OPERATOR WERE

GOING OUT THE WAIST DOOR, THEY SAID THAT THEY COULDN'T SEE

SGT BRUNO. - THEY SUPPOSED HE WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR, IN TAIL.

Source: SGT FISCHER - SGT SWANSON

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

ALL CREW MEMBERS I TALKED WITH, STATED THAT HE

MUST HAVE BEEN SHOT UP, ON THE FIRST FEW PASSES THE

FIGHTERS MADE AT US.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST RAID ON FRANKFURT (ON MAIN)

AIR FIELD 15 AUGUST 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KEMP, Stanley A Rank 1st LT Serial No. 0-772661
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 15th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FRANKFURT (in MAIN), target, AIR-FIELD, target time, 11:30 AM, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN VICINITY OF KEILBURG, GERMANY
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". NO CREW LIST ATTACHED!
BUT ALL OTHER CREW MEMBERS BAILED OUT, ABOUT IN THE SAME VICINITY. BOMB TURRET GUNNER, RADIO OPERATOR BAILED OUT WAIST DOOR. NAVIGATOR, BARBER, PILOT, CO-PILOT AND ENGINEER BAILED OUT NOSE HATCH DOOR.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? VICINITY OF KEILBURG, GERMANY
LT. A. I. SMITH, PILOT CLAIMED, AS HANGING IN CHUTE, HE SAW OUR PLANE BLOW UP! TWO WINGS ON FIRE.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
SGT BERES - SGT BRUND?
11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST POSITION - TAIL POSITION
12. What was their condition? BELIEVED TO BE DEAD!
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
I CAME IN CONTACT WITH ALL CREW MEMBERS - BUT
LT. ROBERT KING, SGT BERES AND SGT BRUND! THIS TOOK PLACE IN THE DIFFERENT PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS. I WAS WOUNDED IN THE HEAD, AND ENGINEER SGT HARBERGER WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG.
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 # 8171

Name of crew member: BRUNO, Sam S.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37470007
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I told him to tell the pilot to jump the ship when the enemy started to fire.

Was he injured? We presumed him to have been killed, because the top turret gunner saw the vertical stabilizer break off because the
 Where was he when last seen? was shot up so No Knowledge

Any hearsay information: The radio operator and I figured he was killed because the tail was shot up so and they had made a tail attack.

Neither of us had time to look back ther to make sure. His escape hatch was still closed. I saw that as I left the ship.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his eleventh mission

Dates and destinations if possible: 25/Jul44--St Lo Area 29/Jul44--Merseburg

3/Aug44--Fresnoy 4/Aug44--Gravelines 5/Aug44--Pas De Calis Area

6/Aug44--Genshagen 7/Aug44--Chartres 8/Aug44--Caen Area 9/Aug44-Pirmasens

11/Aug44--Brest Area 15/Aug44--Wiesbaden

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KING, Robert G.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-687377
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? the bombardier said he saw him jump and he thought he
landed near him.
 Where? At same place we did.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Co-pilot
was flying the plane at the time of attack. I told him to hold
the plane level till they were in range and then jumper. The
tail gunner was to give him the signal when enemy opened fire.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Bombardier said he thought he landed near him.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: After talking
to the pilot and bombardier we figured he had been killed in an
attempt to escape

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his eleventh mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: 25/Jul44--St Lo Area 29/Jul44--Merseburg
3/Aug44--Fresnoy 4/Aug44--Gravelines 5/Aug44--Pas De Calis Area
6/Aug44--Genshagen 7/Aug44--Chartres 8/Aug44--Caen Area 9/Aug44--Pirmasens
11/Aug44--Brest Area 15/Aug44--Wiesbaden

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BERES, Edward (NMI)
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 36833747
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was killed in the attack. Half of his head and shoulder was blown to pieces

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

No conversation

Was he injured? ~~###~~ Same as above

Where was he when last seen? I left him laying in the waist of the ship. I checked to see for sure that he was dead.

Any hearsay information: _____

The radio operator also saw him and we talked about it.

Source: Richard Swanson Radio operator of our ship.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his eleventh mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: 25Jul44--St Lo Area 29/Jul44--Merseburg
3/Aug44Fresnoy 4/Aug--Gravelines 5/Aug--Pas De Calis Area
6/Aug--Genshasen 7/Aug--Chartres 8/Aug--Caen Area 9/Aug44-Birmasens
11/Aug44--Brest Area 15/Aug44--Wiesbaden

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Fischer, Jack D. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 32430453
2. Organization 303BmbGp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO Mackin Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, airfield, target, Weisbaden, target time, approx. noon, altitude, above 22,000 feet route scheduled, by Louxenburg, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Shot down in formation
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".
Radio operator jumped at waist door. The rest left from the hatch by the navigator.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I think our ship blew up
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) After checking with other crew members, all got out except waist gunner and tail gunner. No one knew for sure about the tail gunner.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Yes
12. What was their condition? The waist gunner was ~~###~~ killed. Part of his head was blown off. We presumed tail gunner was killed also.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? On the ground I saw the pilot, bombider, radio operator, and the top turret gunner. The latter two saw the navigator. All were ok except for a few ~~#####~~ bruises and nicks from the enemy.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I saw Lt. Smithys officers and they did not know about their enlisted men and we never did here or see them any more. That is the enlisted men.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 15 August 1944, 12.00

Place of crash: Grafeld near Bittburg

Type of aircraft: Fortress

Reporting Offices: Kofing Nets

KEEF 15 December 1918	Stanley, Anthony Pa.	2nd Lt.	0-772661	capt.	Dulag-Luft
SMITH 1917	Alfred Irving Denver Colo.	2nd Lt.	0-816804	capt.	Dulag-Luft
JONES Jr. 12 Dec. 1924	Emerson	2nd Lt.	0-719837	capt.	Dulag-Luft
HARBANGER	Martin Marshall	S/Sgt.	33088447	capt.	Dulag-Luft
SWANSON	Richard Axel	Sgt.	32723679	capt.	Dulag-Luft
FISCHER	Jack David	Sgt.	38430453	capt.	Dulag-Luft

Dulag-Luft 8 September 1944 To

MACR 8721

KU 2754

Date and time aircraft
was shot down: 15 August 1944, 12.00

Place of crash: Orsfeld near Bittburg

Type of aircraft: Fortress

Reporting Office: Koflug Metz

KEMP 15 December 1918	Stanley, Anthony Pa.	2nd Lt.	0-772661	capt.	Dulag-Luft
SMITH 1919	Alfred Irving Denver Colo.	2nd Lt.	0-416804	capt.	Dulag-Luft
JONES Jr. 12 Dec. 1924	Emerson	2nd Lt.	2-719837	capt.	Dulag-Luft
HARBARGER	Martin Marshall	S/Sgt.	33988447	capt.	Dulag-Luft
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Dulag-Luft 8 September 1944. No

MAOR-8171

Identification tags of the following men.

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|----|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----|
| 1. | K e m p | Stanley, A. | 0 - 772661 | T 41 - 42 | AB |
| | One visiting card | | | | |
| 2. | S w a n s o n | Richard, A. | 32723679 | T 43 - 44 | O |
| 3. | S m i t h | Alfred, I. | 0 - 816804 | T 43 - 44 | A |
| | One Physical Record Card | | | | |
| 4. | F i s c h e r | Jack, D. | 38430453 | T 43 - 44 | O |
| 5. | H a r b a r g e r | Martin, M. | 33088447 | T 41 43 | O |

One extra sheet.

August 15, 1944

12.00

Fortress 17

Orsfeld

O E 6291

9 km. north - eastward of Bittburg

Commander of air base M e t z

98 % crash

2 *DEAD

BB

KU 2782
15 Aug 44

KU 2754 | 4) Orafeld

(1 km north), 9 kms north east of Bitburg,
-Q O 7-, 1200, Boeing, 98 S, identification
marks: fuselage: cockade E,
No: AF 44-6291, 2 dead.

4) Orafeld, (1 km north), 9 kms north east of Bitburg,
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KU 2754

Identification tags of the following men.

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|----|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----|
| 1. | Kemp | Stanley, A. | O - 772661 | T 41 - 42 | AB |
| | One visiting card | | | | |
| 2. | Swanson | Richard, A. | 32723679 | T 45 - 4 | O |
| 3. | Smith | Alfred, I. | O - (K16804 | T 43 - 44 | A |
| | One Physical Record Card | | | | |
| 4. | Fischer | Jack, D. | 30430453 | T 43 - 44 | O |
| 5. | Harberger | Martin, H. | 33088447 | T 41 43 | O |

One extra sheet.

August 15, 1944 22:00 Fortress 17
 Orsfeld O E 6291
 9 km. north - eastward of Wittburg

Commander of air base N e t s

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Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII

Trier, August 18, 1944

Local command Trier - Euren

Reference: D (Luft) 2606 / 07

Subject: American prisoners of war

To

Investigation Point West of the Air - Force

Oberärztel

Enclosed local command forwards 2 forms about the following prisoners:

2.Ltn	S m i t h	Alfred, Irving	O - 816804	T 43 - 44A
2.Ltn	K e m p	Stanley, Anthony	O - 772661	T 41 - 42 AB

The prisoners were taken after the shooting down near Kyllburg on August 15, 1944.

Enclose: 4 closed envelopes.

Penry or Peiery ???

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command**
 PLACE: **Trier - Huren**
 DATE: **August 16, 1944 18.30**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 14.00**
 XXXXXXXXXX AT:
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **HERBARGER**
 FIRST NAME: **Martin, W. Sgt,**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **39086447 T 41 43 A**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **location still not reported - 14.30**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 16, 1944 18.30

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 24.00
~~/W//KVVV/VG/~~ AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Harbarger

FIRST NAME: Martin, W. Sgt,

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33088447 T 41 43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Location still not reported - 14.30

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII**

PLACE: **Trier - Euren**

DATE: **August 16, 1944 16.30**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused, August 15, 1944 11.30**

EV//NNV// AT: _____

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAMS) **Jones**

FIRST NAME: **Emerson 2.Ltn.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 719837 T 43 - 44 A**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Location still not reported. About 12.00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 16, 1944 16.30

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused, August 15, 1944 11.30
~~ENEMY LANDING~~ AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jones

FIRST NAME: Emerson 2.Ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 719837 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Location still not reported. About 12.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command**

PLACE: **Trier - Euren**

DATE: **August 20, 1944 11.35**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 about 12.00**
////// AT: Unknown

NAME: (LIST OR SURNAME) **Fischer**

FIRST NAME: **Jack, D. Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **38430453 T 43 - 44 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured, after wandering around since August 15, 1944**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Schoenneken near Pruen - on August 19, 1944 8.00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 20, 1944 11.35

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Fischer

FIRST NAME: Jack, D. Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 38430453 T 43 - 44 0

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: ~~Commanding officer of air base~~ A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 18, 1944 17.20

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 about 12.00XXXXXXXXXX

AT: Ueberkyll near Kyllburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Smith

FIRST NAME:

Alfred, I. 2.ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O - 816804 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Btteldorf - on August 17, 1944 at 21.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 18, 1944 17.20

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 about 12.00

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AT: Ueberkyll near Kyllburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

S m i t h

FIRST NAME:

Alfred, I. 2.Ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

C - 816804 T 43 - 44 A

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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POST: **Commanding Officer of air base A 18/VII - local command**

PLACE: **Trier - Euren**

DATE: **August 18, 1944 17.00**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 at 12.00**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Kyllburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Kemp**

FIRST NAME: **Stanley, A. 2.Ltn.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 772661 T 41 - 42 AB**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kyllburg - on August 17, 1944 7.00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 18, 1944 17.00

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 at 12.00~~77/1111111111~~

AT: Kyllburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

K e m p

FIRST NAME:

Stanley, A. 2.Ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O - 772661 T 41 - 42 AB

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Kyllburg - on August 17, 1944 7.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. KU 2754

Abschußtag und Zeit: 15.8.44 - 12.00
 Abschlußort: Orsfeld b. Bittburg
 Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
 Meldende Dienststelle: Koflug Metz

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: varw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
KEMP 15.12.18	Stanley Anthony Pa.	2.Lt.	0-772651	gef. Dulag-Luft
SMITH 1919	Alfred Irving Denver Colo.	2.Lt.	0-816804	gef. Dulag-Luft
JONES Jr. 12.4.24	Emerson	2.Lt.	0-719837	gef. Dulag-Luft
PARBARGER	Martin Marshall	S/Sgt.	33088447	gef. Dulag-Luft
SWANSON	Richard Axel	Sgt.	32723679	gef. Dulag-Luft
FISHER 23.11.23	Jack Davis USA	Sgt.	38430453	gef. Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: 8171

DULAG-LUFT, den

8.9.44 Wo.

Fragebögen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name:

Vorname:

Dienstgrad:

Geboren am:

Geboren in:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung:

seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):

Befinden:

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:

b) Unverwundet-Verstorb:

c) Tot:

Todesursache:

Beigesetzt am:

Grablage:

7. Bemerkungen:

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TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date _____

Route followed by _____

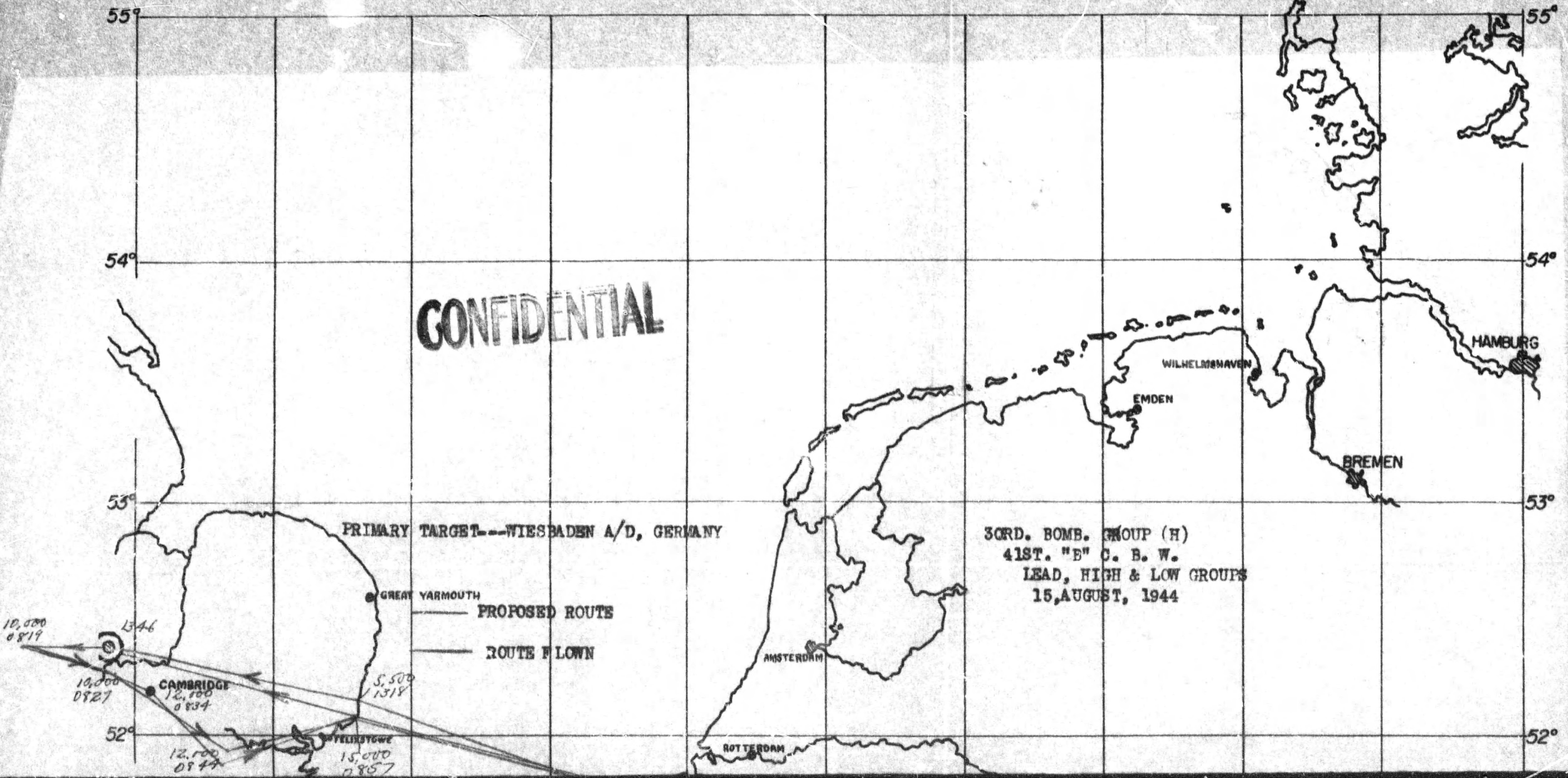
Primary _____

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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PRIMARY TARGET---WIESBADEN A/D, GERMANY

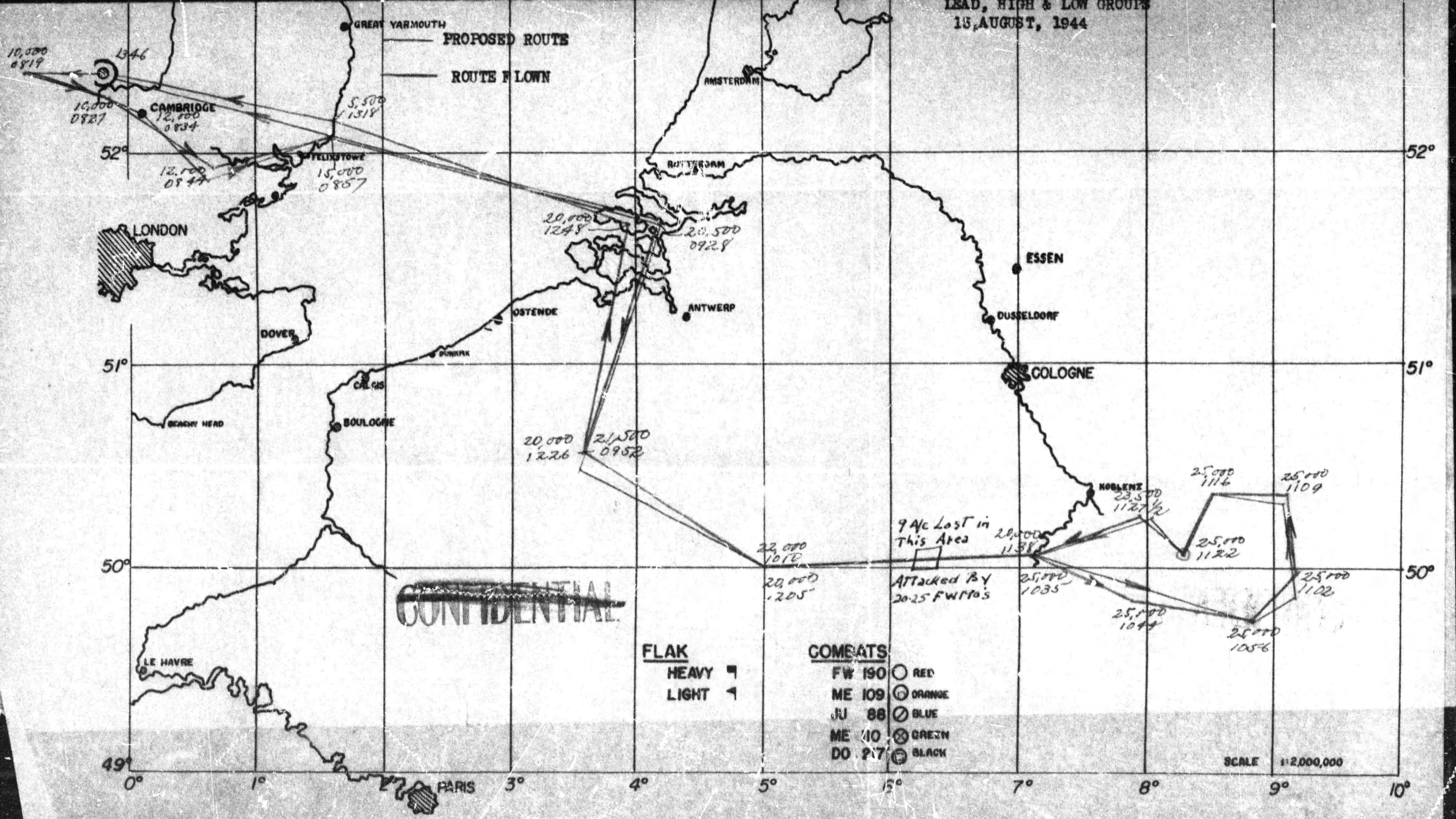
— PROPOSED ROUTE

— ROUTE FLOWN

3CRD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. "E" C. B. W.
LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
15 AUGUST, 1944

10,000 0819
1346
10,000 0927
CAMBRIDGE 12,000 0934
5,500 1318
12,000 0944
FELIXSTOWE 15,000 1357

LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
15 AUGUST, 1944



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FLAK
HEAVY \blacksquare
LIGHT \blacktriangleleft

COMBAT
FW 190 \bigcirc RED
ME 109 \bigcirc ORANGE
JU 88 \bigcirc BLUE
ME 10 \bigcirc GREEN
DO 217 \bigcirc BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000,000