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by F. W. MUENCH, Capt., AO
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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

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by E. A. BRADNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MOENCH, Capt., AG
date

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

- 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. 5/10th cirrus at 2000. Air to ground visibility 10-15 mi. in haze
- GIVE: (a) Date 15 August 1944 ; Time 1145-1205 ; and Location 50°00'N-06°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 45-37838 A
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-019917
(b) SW-020122 ; (c) SW-020280 ; (d) SW-020408
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) 1215752 S.A.
(b) 1215865 S.A. ; (c) 1302859 B.A. ; (d) 1215824 S.A. ; (e) 1302832 B.A.
(f) 1215560 S.A. ; (g) 1215593 S.A. ; (h) 1215912 S.A. ; (i) 1215908 S.A.
(j) 1215711 S.A. ; (k) 1218951 S.A. ; (l) 1215659 S.A. ; (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	
1. Pilot	LITMAN, ARNOLD S.	Captain	0-800906	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	STEIN, LAWRENCE J.	1st Lt	0-759733	RTD
3. Navigator	KROUSKUP, WAYNE E.	1st Lt	0-707070	RTD
4. Bombardier	WOLF, LAWRENCE M.	2nd Lt	0-705548	RTD
5. Top Turret	CARD, HARRY R.	T/Sgt	37504094	RTD
6. Radio Gunner	MEYER, FRED R.	T/Sgt	17073835	RTD
7. Ball Turret	TRUSEDELL, WILLIAM P.	S/Sgt	36748492	RTD
8. Waist Gunner	GRISSON, MANLEY E.	S/Sgt	34720185	RTD
9. Tail Gunner	WILLIAMS, CLARENCE J.	S/Sgt	37536283	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)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column		
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forcing 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 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 of 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 of 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, #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 being 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.

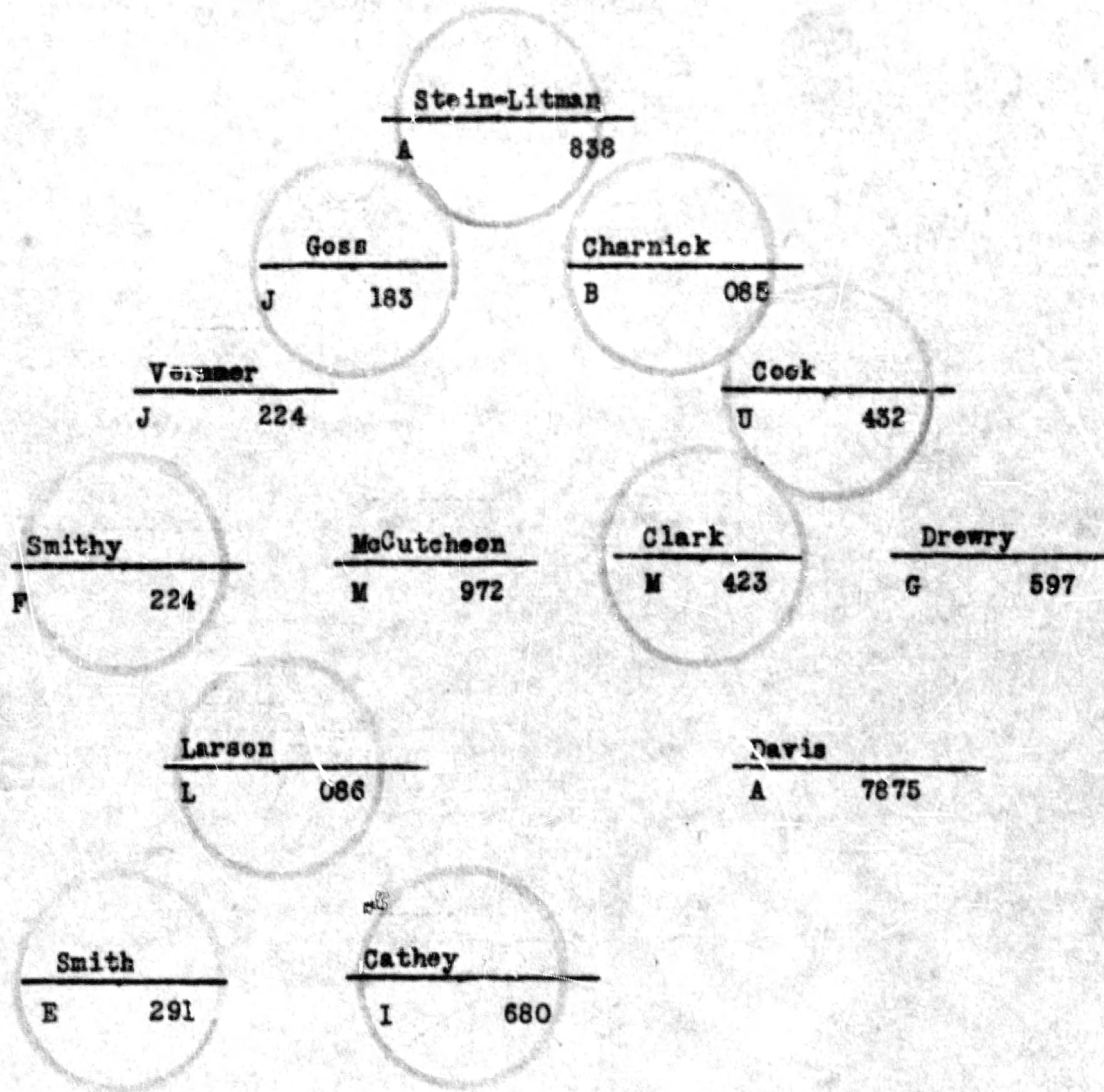
5. Reinterrogation of the four crews that returned as well as selected crew members from the Lead and High groups did not result in any additional data as to the missing crews.

Jesse M. Barrett
JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,
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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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General

(ZA-G-2)

319.1


29 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.
(Thru: Commanding General, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, APO 871).

Missing Air Crew Reports are transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, War Department, TAGO, AG 704 (5 Jul 44) OB-S-AAF-M, 7 July 1944, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report".

For the Commanding General:


H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adj. General.

21 Incls:

- Incl 1. Missing Air Crew Report, 303rd Bomb Gp
B-17G, 43-37838, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 2. Missing Air Crew Report, 303rd Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-97085, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 3. Missing Air Crew Report, 303rd Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102432, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 4. Missing Air Crew Report, 303rd Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102688, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 5. Missing Air Crew Report, 305th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 44-6304, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 6. Missing Air Crew Report, 305th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102609, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 7. Missing Air Crew Report, 306th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102669, 8 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 8. Missing Air Crew Report, 388th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 44-5123, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 9. Missing Air Crew Report, 445th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-51098, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 10. Missing Air Crew Report, 445th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-52447, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 11. Missing Air Crew Report, 466th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 41-28932, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 12. Missing Air Crew Report, 466th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 41-29449, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 13. Missing Air Crew Report, 466th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-52597, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 14. Missing Air Crew Report, 466th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-95157, 15 Aug 44 (in dup)



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(Ltr Hq Eighth AF, subj: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports")

- Incl 15. Missing Air Crew Report, 448th Bomb Gp
· B-24J, 42-50459, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 16. Missing Air Crew Report, 452nd Bomb Gp
· B-17G, 42-97852, 14 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 17. Missing Air Crew Report, 453rd Bomb Gp
· B-24J, 42-110138, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 18. Missing Air Crew Report, 467th Bomb Gp
· B-24J, 42-50481, 16 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 19. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
· B-24D, 42-40172, 14 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 20. Missing Air Crew Report, 493rd Bomb Gp
· B-24H, 42-94745, 18 Aug 44 (in dup)
- Incl 21. Missing Air Crew Report, 493rd Bomb Gp
· B-24H, 41-29473, 18 Aug 44 (in dup)

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U S ARMY, 23 September 1944

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)
OB-S-AAF-M, dated 7 July 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund

H. M. RUND,

Lt. Col, AGD, *[initials]*

Asst. Adjutant General.

lo 20 Incls:
Withdrawn 1 incl - Incl 21
(dup w/d)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Wolf, Lawrence H.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt**
 Serial number: **0-703548**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot/Fighter~~: **Bombardier**

File #440

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: He died
as I was administering first aid

Was he injured? Dead

Where was he when last seen? He left body in place after crash landing

Any hearsay information: The Germans took the body from
the airplane after my crew had escaped.

Source: French family who I was hiding with.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I know for
a fact that Lt. Wolf was dead at the time
I last saw him. When I returned to my unit, I
made certified statements to this effect to our
group intelligence officer.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown.

Dates and destinations if possible: —

Wayne C. Tronstap
2915 Sierra Way
San Bernardino, Calif.



Commanding General, Army Air Forces
Attention: AFPPA-8
Washington 25, D.C.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Welf, Lawrence K.** File 8440
 Rank: **2nd Lt**
 Serial number: **0-70351A**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on aircraft (Fighter):~~ **Barboard/ler**

Did he bail out? No

Where? ✓

If not, why not? WAS NOT ABLE TO

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

HE WAS DESCRIBING FIGHTER ATTACK

Was he injured? (YES) 20 M.M. ~~shell~~ shell in LEFT KIDNEY

Where was he when last seen? LAYING ON PASSAGEWAY UNDER PILOT & CAPTAIN

Any hearsay information: THAT HE WAS BURIED UNDER WING OF PLANE ALSO THAT HE WAS CARRIED AWAY BY GERMANS IN A COFFIN.

Source: FRENCH MAN OF VICINITY OF CRASH

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO

I AM POSITIVE HE WAS DEAD BECAUSE I KEPT TRYING TO GIVE HIM OXYGEN & OUR PRESSURE SYSTEM WAS SHOT OUT SO THE INDICATOR ON THE BOTTLE STAYED THE SAME

Total number of missions of above crew member: I THINK 12

Dates and destinations if possible: WEISBADEN GERMANY AUG 15

1944 CRASH TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE "NORTH WEST OF"

MAY BE MISPELLED (BEANE OR BANE) FRANCE ABOUT 1/2 MILE OR MORE

THIS TOWN IS IN VICINITY OF VERNAY, VERZENAY

BRUNAY, 3 CLOSE TOWNS ALL SMALL.

THE BIGGEST AND CLOSEST TOWN IS RHEIMS 6-3861, AF
 (about 10 miles from crash) (OVER)

NO PULSE OF HEART BEAT

West
 South → North
 ↓ EAST

TOWN OF PRUNY

TOWN OF MERRISNAI

PLANE WAS
 HEADING DW. WEST
 WHEN SET DOWN

MY GUESS
 1/4 MILE

CRASH

slightly higher ground

FENCE

Thick Woods

DIRT OR GRAVEL ROAD

HARD ROAD

Can not see scene of crash from Road

Trenches was dug all over this territory covered by circles

TOWN OF BEANE

I may have my direction mixed up as I was not back to the scene of the crash to verify my belief in directions.

By: Harry R. Card T/Sgt
 1927 Hardy
 Independence, Mo.



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Welf, Lawrence H.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-70348
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~in Fighter (Fighter)~~: bombardier

File 210

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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: _____

JUST JOKING AMONG THE CREW

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PLANE

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

KILLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER WE LEFT
THE TARGET AREA

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Wolf, Lawrence N.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-703548
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~DE WITNESS (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

File 8440

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Crash Landing - 15 miles out of Rhein

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

check before attack by hostile fighters.

Was he injured? yes - fatally by 70 mm Cannon Shell

Where was he when last seen? lying on floor of crashed B-17

Any hearsay information: Buried by French. Recent correspondence with his wife reports friend having visited his grave.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: no

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Welf, Lawrence M.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt**
 Serial number: **0-733548**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Bombardier**

File 8440

Did he bail out? No.

Where? _____

If not, why not? KILLED BY ENEMY FIGHTER ACTIONLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ON BOMBRUN 25 MIN. PRIOR TO ATTACK.Was he injured? HIT BY 20MM SHELL - KILLED INSTANTLY.Where was he when last seen? ON CATWALK IN PLANE.Any hearsay information: HE WAS HIT BY SHELL FROM
ENEMY FIGHTER. GIVEN FIRST AID BY NAVIGATOR.
NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AND PRONOUNCED
DEAD BY NAVIGATOR. HE WAS LEFT ON CATWALK
AFTER WE CRASHED - LANDED IN FRANCE.Source: FROM NAVIGATOR AND AS EYE-WITNESSAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I WAS
TOLD BY FRENCH THAT HIS BODY WAS TAKEN
FROM PLANE BY GERMANS. THAT WAS
LAST INFORMATION I HAD OF HIS
DECEASEDTotal number of missions of above crew member: 13.Dates and destinations if possible: KNOW OF LAST ONLY. AIRFIELD
WEST OF FRANKFURT (ON MAIN) GERMANY.

SIGNED:

Lawrence J. Stein

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Wolf, Lawrence M.
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: O-703548
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Bombardier

File 8440

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? KILLED WHILE STILL AIRBORNE (CRASH-LANDED PLANE)Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: KILLED ALMOST INSTANTLY BY EXPLODING 20 MM. SHELL - FIRST AID IMPOSSIBLE.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? NOSE SECTION - B-17 TYPE AIRCRAFT.

Any hearsay information: LOCAL FRENCH TOWNS PEOPLE STATED HE WAS BURIED UNDER ^{RIGHT} ~~LEFT~~ WING OF CRASHED PLANE. (ENCLOSED PICTURE SHOWS THIS PLAINLY) BUT, MORE INFORMATION FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS STATED THAT HE WAS LATER EXHUMED BY THE ENEMY, AND STRIPPED OF HIS POSSESSIONS, AND CARRIED OFF.

Source: FROM LOCAL TOWNS PEOPLE AFTER BEING LIBERATED BY ALLIED FORCES.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWNDates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

By: Paul R. Meyer
7629 S. BROADWAY
ST. LOUIS 11, MO.



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: 1. Lt. Lawrence J. Stein

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices, to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

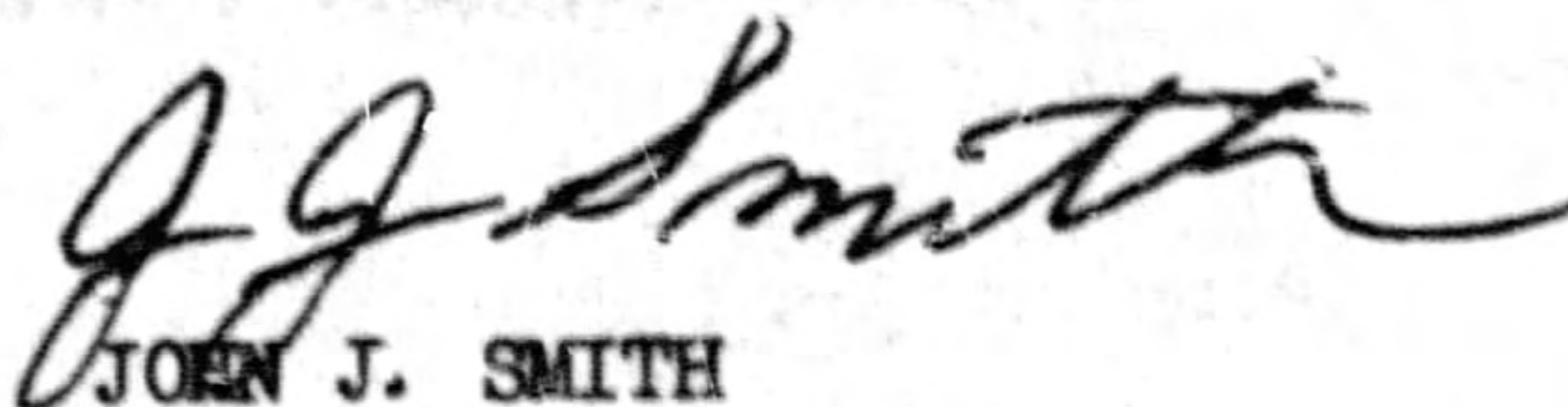
3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Incls

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B-17

9 men

DATE: 15 August 1944

AT: 1300

RANK:

NAME:

KU - 2744

PLACE: Seine near Reims

~~1st~~

WOLF, Lawrence M

dead
ASN: G-703548

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

Sgt

TRUESDELL, William

escaped
ASN: 36746472

MARKINGS: 337383 H

*all crew
AT D base
21/8/44*

TARGET: Flight Command Laon

1 dead

REMARK: 2767 ?

Prisoner of war Camp No. 3 (Air Force (
Command group V
Diary No. 498/ 42
File No. Gr. V. / E 12

Sagan, 28 Feb 44

Subject: Receipts about confiscated items of prisoners of war.

Ref.: Your letter of 21 Jan 44 No. 249/44
" " " 30 Nov 43 " 39 72/43 L.O.A.
" " " 20 Feb 44 " 792/44 L.O.A.
" " " 17 Dec 43 " 4194/43 L.O.A.

To Interrogation Center West
General / Tammus

We send back enclosed 9 receipts, concerning personal property of prisoners of war. These items were confiscated at Interrogation Center and were sent here in order to hand them over.

Enclosures.

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See K 2744

26 American Officer LAWRENCE, M. Wolf,
killed 15 Aug. 44, 1 km south of Seins,
15 km east of Reims.
ASN.: O-703548 T 43-44 AV 12-83/44

signed: Signature.

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MIA 15 Aug 44
KIA 15 Aug 44
ac

[KB 2744 Emergency (1300 1 km south of B 17 G
Landing (Beine, 13kms east of
Beins..(U J 2)

1 Man: Post missing.
Wolf
Laurende
0-703548]

KW 2784
15 Aug 44

K U 2744

Part of an original of a long distance - message.

12.) On August 15, 1944 at 13.00 (I write it down as I think it is right)
a Fortress 17 G downed - place of crash 1 km. south of Beira, 13 km.
east of Beira. 100 % crash - identifications: A Star V X G - admit-
tance No. A (below I G) - one dead man, named Wolf, Laurence O - 7039
clear ? - rest of the crew still running away. 44 yes (maybe pre

K U 2744
MACR-82140

Identification tags of the following men.

L. Wolf Lawrence, M. O - 703548 T 43 - 44 O P
one extra.

K U 2744

One Sheet

August 15, 1944 13.00 Fortress 17
Beine A O V K 337383 - A
13 km. east of Reims

Commander of air base L a o n (France)

Emergency landing

Lt. Wolf Lawrence, M. A. *
1 * (dead)

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR: Air district command Belgium - Northern France

OFFICE OR STATION: Air base command Reims

Investigation Point West, station Oberursel 1/T. via POW concen-

LOCATION: Reims - August 16, 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES: tation center.

REGARDING: ~~DOWNED~~) Fortress
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) B' 17
~~DOWNED~~) G 70 80 DATE AND TIME: August 15, 1944 13.00

AT: 1 km. south of NEAR: 15 km. east of Reims
Beine

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) W o l f

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Lawrence, M.

RANK: officer

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL)
SERVICE) O - 703548 T 43 - 44

NATIONALITY: U.S.A. Air Corps

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Date on the original: July 15.

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: At the

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: plane on

CONDITION OF BODY: August 15, 1944 15.00

Shot in the back

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Function signs: none - as mentioned in the plan for escape - he was a bombardier.

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD IDENTIFIED: Iden. tag

ASCERTAINED: Lawrence, M. Wolf O - 703548

T 43 - 44

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: West-cemetery of

GRAVE LOCATION: on August 16, 1944 Reims - line III, grave 26

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: continued (look please below) name of Meyer, Fr. 3581937. (it is possible that the photos do not belong to Wolf)

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD: F/Sgt and leader of the receiving command.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: 1 emergency food bag, 2 I. Tags with chain - 2 medals with chain - several photos with the

Part of an original of a long distance - message.

11.) On August 15, 1944 at 13.00 (I write it down as I think it is right)
 a Fortress 17 3 downed - place of crash 1 km. south of Beine, 13 km.
 east of Reims, 100 % crash - identifications: A Star V K G - admit-
 tance No. A (below I C) - one dead man, named Wolf, Lawrence O - 703548
 clear ? - rest of the crew still running away. 44 yes (maybe private

12.) On August 16, 1944 at 08.10 a Spitfire downed (J 1963) - place of crash
 Rooul - 8 km. east of Arras - 100 % crash - identifications: 4 D
 cockade R - admittance No. N H 344 - one dead man, named ????
 Roman d c - identification No. N E 404389

-()-A? mom I just found out that the admittance No. is not right -- here
 it is: admittance No. N H 344

clear ? 4 yes

Thank God - then I ask you for the numbers and for now skskksksk.

TELEGRAM FORM

S S D LLIN No. 187 26.8. 13.50

DISTANCE - MESSAGE To investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air force district command I C Laon

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: August 27, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 12.50

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Farp ???

REMARKS:

S/Sgt. William T r u e s d e l l No. 36714492 was arrested in civilian clothes with a bicycle by the military police of Reims at the outskirts of Reims on August 16, 1944 at 09.30 and after transfer to the military police office in Reims, he was received by the military prison of Laon on August 24, 1944. Between 07.00 and 07.30 he broke out and is running away since that time. Till the present time the search was ineffectual. Truesdell probably belongs to the emergency landed Boeing which must land near Beine, 13 km. east of Reims on August 15, 1944 13.00.

K U 2744

TELEGRAM FORM

S S D LLIN 68 16.8 19.20

DISTANCE - MESSAGE To investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air force district command 11/III (Laon) I C

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DATE:-

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August 17, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

16.55

ROLL:

FROM:

LSEB

THROUGH:

Paul

REMARKS:

Emergency landing of a Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 13.00

1 km. south of Peine, 13 km. east of Reims. Identifications: A Star V K
admittance No. 337383 - on the tail unit: A below 1 C - 100 % crania
1 dead man: Lawrence, M. A. W o l f ASN O - 703548. Rest of the crew
run away

6-3234 (AF (C))

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: High command of the airforce TLR (maybe Tuilerien in Paris) Street - wireless station 5

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REMARKS:

Boeing 17 G Beine, 15 km. east of Reims on August 15, 1944 13.00

Identifications: A Star V K - letters on the tail unit: a white C in a black triangle, below 337838, below A

F.T. Frequencies: Not established

1 man of the crew is dead. Rest of them run away.

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7th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army.

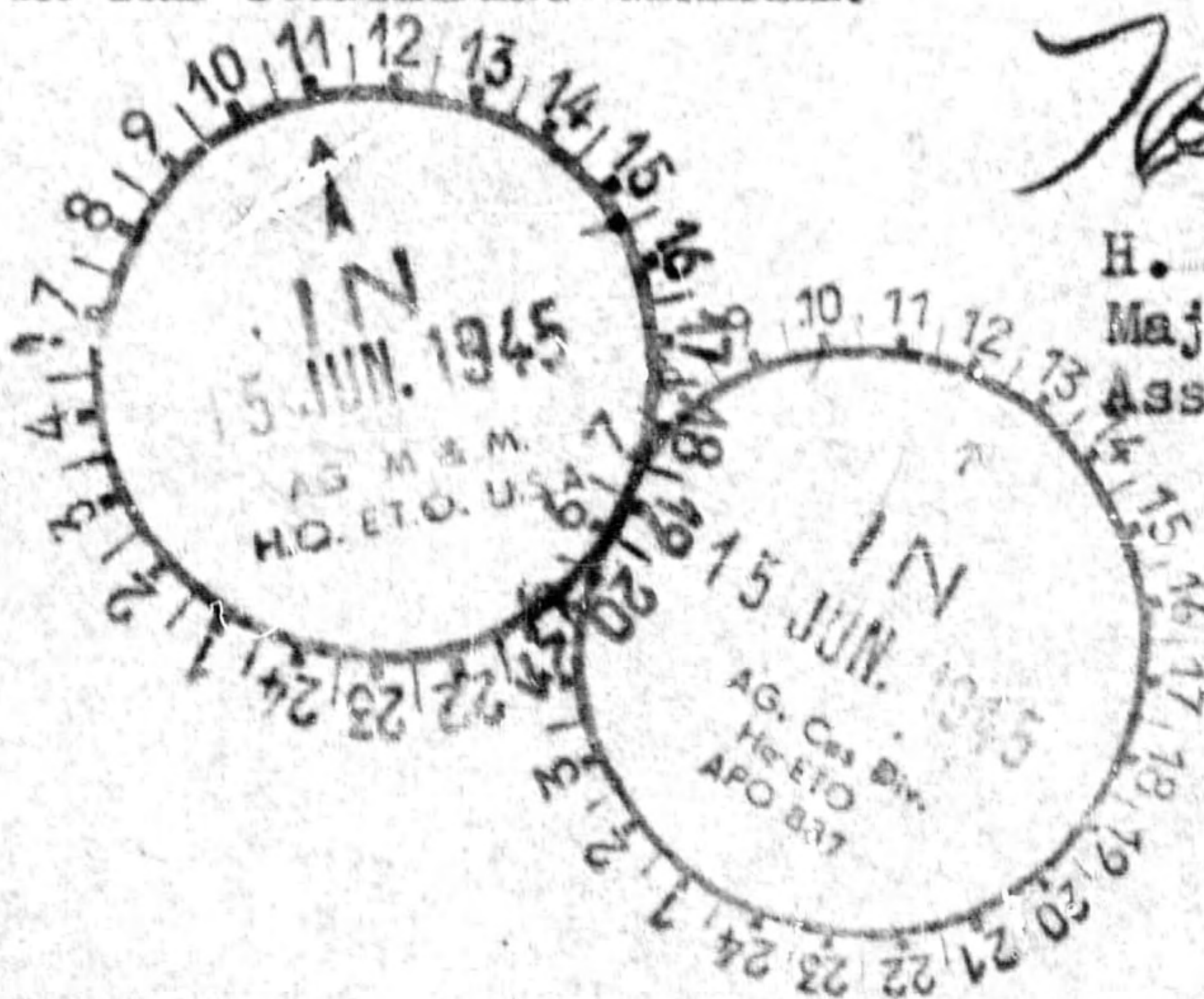
JUN 13 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887,
US Army. (Attn: AG Casualty Division)

Attention invited to 4th Indorsement and inclosure hereto.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major. A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.



1 Incl: n/c.

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8th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U. S. ARMY, 20 June 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Records this headquarters indicate status of subject officer as Killed in Action 15 August 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

V. J. HORVATH
1st Lt. AGD
Assistant Adjutant General



1 Incl: n/c

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Assistant Adjutant General

3 Incl: n/e

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

5 May 1945
not just

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant Lawrence M. Wolf, 0703548
TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details of the death of Second Lieutenant Lawrence M. Wolf, 0703548, 358th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group, bombardier of aircraft, B-17 G, 43-37838A, reported lost on 15 August 1944. Officer was only member of crew killed, all others having been returned to duty.

2. Request details of death.

3. The family of this officer state that they have never received a letter from their son's Commanding Officer or Chaplain, and that they had written to the Chaplain, but did not receive any reply.

4. Request condolence letters be sent to family and copies be furnished to this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Assistant Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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1st Ind.

G-G-3

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

MAY 16 1945

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557, US Army.

1. For compliance with basic communication, special attention being given to Paragraph 4.

2. Letter of condolence will be forwarded as inclosure hereto.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEPNER:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.

H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, AGD
Asst Adj General.

BASIC: Ltr, Hq. AAF, Wash, DC, 5 May 45, Subj: 2nd Lt. Lawrence M. Welf.

312.1

2nd Ind.

(G/D/19)

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 17 May 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

For compliance with Paragraph 2 and 4, basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TURNER:

John S. Griffin

JOHN S. GRIFFIN
Captain, A.C.D.,
Ass't Adjutant General

312.1

3rd Ind.

G-A-4

Hq, AAF Station 107, APO 557, 18 May 1945.

TO: CO, 358th Bomb Sq (H), AAF Station 107.

For immediate compliance and return through this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SIPES:

Richard P. Vinal

RICHARD P. VINAL,
Major, AC,
Adjutant.

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4th Ind.

358th BOMB SQUADRON (H), 303rd Bomb Gp (H), APO 557, U.S. Army, 5 Jun 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq, AAF Station 107, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. Files of this organization reveal no communication from family of 2nd Lt. Lawrence M. Wolf, 0703548, ~~missing~~ ^{killed} in action on 15 August 1944.

2. Group Chaplain states that he wrote to the family of above officer on more than one occasion.

3. In accordance with par 2, 1st Ind., letter of condolence in quadruplicate is inclosed.

For the Squadron Commander:



Horace J. Brooks
HORACE J. BROOKS,
1st Lt., QMC,
Adjutant.

1 Incl;
Incl 1 - Ltr of Condolence (4 copies)

312.1
Hq, AAF Sta 107, APO 557, 9 Jun 45.

TO: CG, 1st Air Div, APO 557.

R.P.V.
R. P. V.

G-A-3

1 Incl: n/c

BASIC: Ltr, Hq. AAF, Wash, DC, 5 May 45, subj: 2nd Lt. Lawrence M. Wolf.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 10 June 1945.

6th Ind.

(G/D/19)

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Attention invited to 4th Indorsement and attached letter of condolence.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl: n/c

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352nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
303rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (K)
APO 567, U.S. ARMY

5 June 1945.

Mrs. Virginia E. Wolf,
3124 Greenbriar Drive,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Wolf:

We are in receipt of a letter from the War Department, advising us that you had never been written regarding your husband, 2nd Lt. Lawrence M. Wolf, O705548, who was killed in action over enemy occupied territory on 15th August 1944. The letter further stated that you had written to the Chaplain of this Group. He has advised me that he did write on more than one occasion. However, I am writing to give you the rather scanty information which we have.

The only information we have about your husband, is that he flew as a Bombardier with Captain Litsman's crew. On August 15, 1944, he was sent on a mission to Germany; his ship was badly shot up by flak and he himself was mortally wounded; the aeroplane had to crash land in France, which at the time was still occupied by German soldiers. The crew's first concern was your husband; when they realized he was dead, and there was nothing more they could do for him, they left his body in the aeroplane and sought refuge from the Germans. After several weeks, our own American soldiers rescued them. Eventually they reached England. This is the information they have given to us. This is all the information we have.

I realize how trying these past months must have been for you and am sincerely sorry that you had not heard from the Chaplain when he wrote.

I hope that the knowledge that your husband gave his life for his Country, rather than losing it to the enemy, will help you to bear the grievous loss of his passing.

For the Squadron Commander:

Horace J. Brooks
HORACE J. BROOKS,
1st Lt., GMC,
Adjutant.

SOS, Casualty Branch

TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date _____

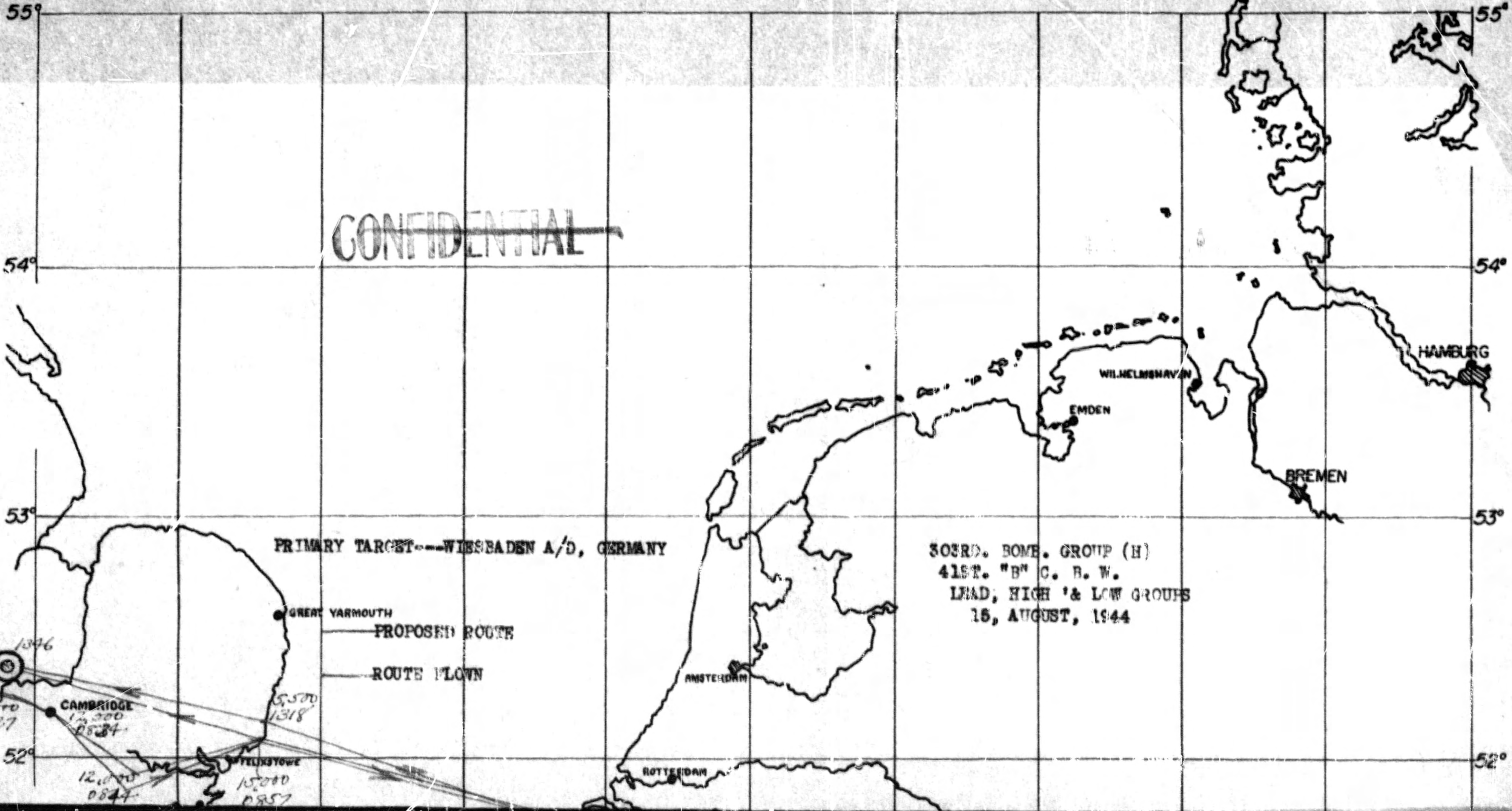
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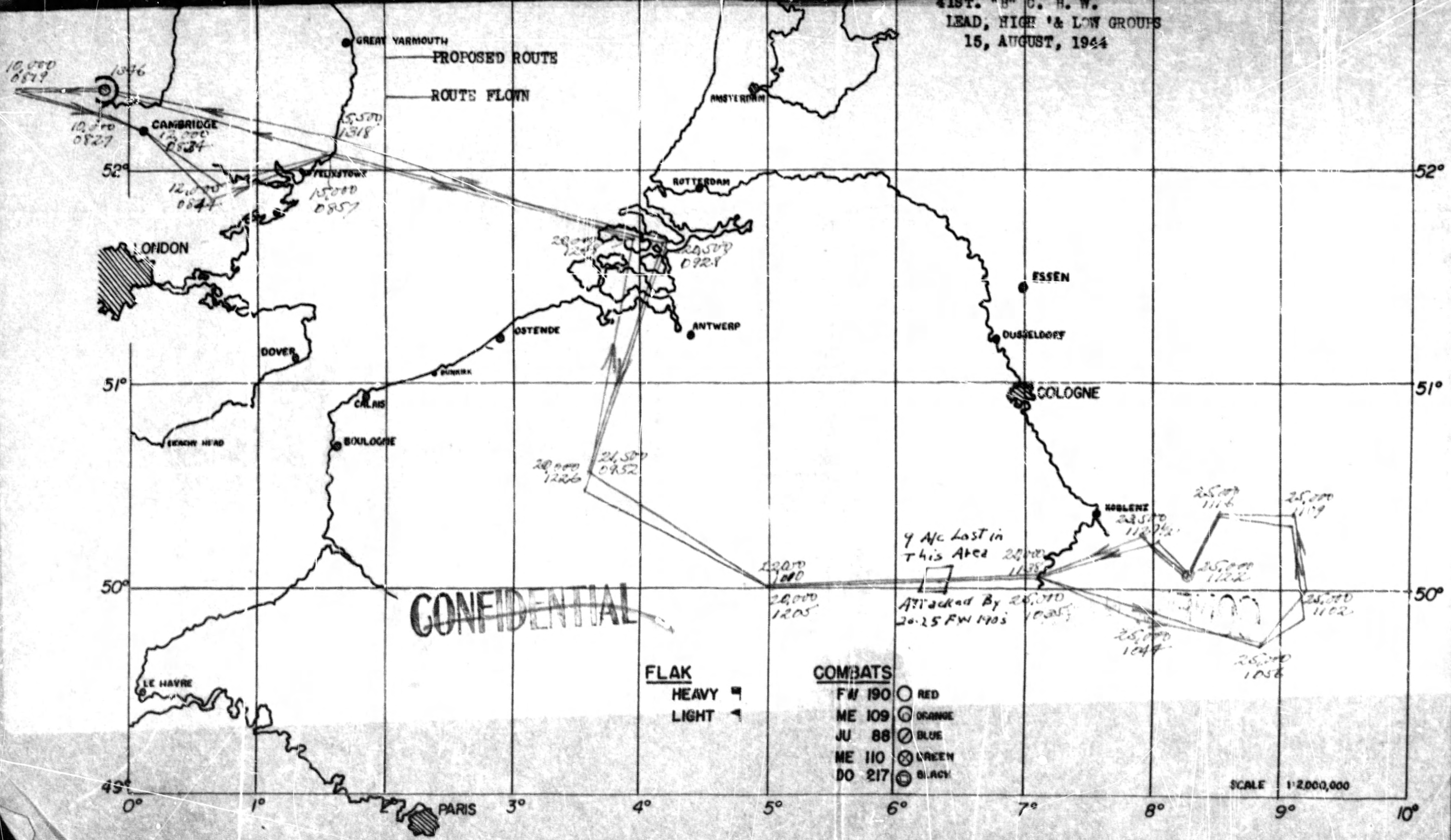
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Last Resort _____

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41ST. B. C. R. W.
 LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
 15, AUGUST, 1944



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FLAK
 HEAVY
 LIGHT

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

4 Mc Lost in
 This Area
 Attacked By 26,000
 20-25 FW 190s

SCALE 1:2,000,000