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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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M I S S I N G A I R C R E W R E P O R T

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
Group 503rd ; Squadron 427th ; Detachment ----
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached Chart.
Target or Intended Destination Mannheim, Ger. ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 5/10ths low cloud, tops 6,000 ft, Moderate, Persistent contrails above 19,000, Visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Day 13 Month January Year 1945; Time 1327 Location Mannheim, Ger. good.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not available ().
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 43-38689
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-008160 ; (b) SW-027509 ; (c) SW-027563 ; (d) SW-001432
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1046502 -CP ; (b) 1046761-CP ; (c) 1046570-CP ; (d) 1046725-CP ;
(e) 1046844 -CP ; (f) 1046599-CP ; (g) 1046861-CP ; (h) 1046600-CP ;
(i) 1476798-FDGM ; (j) 684103-CP ; (k) 1046673-CP ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____ ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
of (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>EISENHART, OLIVER T.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-2058926</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>MC CULLOUGH, HENRY W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-827881</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>HERRICK, MAURICE R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-2069017</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>JOYCE, HERRING (NMI)</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-131600</u>	<u>MIA KIA</u>
5. Top Turret G.	<u>HINDMAN, SAMUEL M.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>34727889</u>	<u>MIA KIA</u>
6. Radio Gunner	<u>KAUFFMAN, BERNARD S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13125276</u>	<u>MIA KIA</u>
7. Ball Turret G.	<u>KIMBER, WILLIAM V.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>53807589</u>	<u>MIA KIA</u>
8. Waist Gunner	<u>THOMPSON, JACK (NMI) JR.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>18160589</u>	<u>MIA KIA</u>
9. Tail Gunner	<u>CONAWAY, THERMAN F.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>38603844</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.				
11.				

12. 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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>TASKER, RICHARD E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-826029</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>BEAN, JOHN R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-8026354</u>		<u>X</u>		
3.						

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

None

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. See attached chart.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See S-2 Summary attached.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. None



Date of Report 17 January 1945

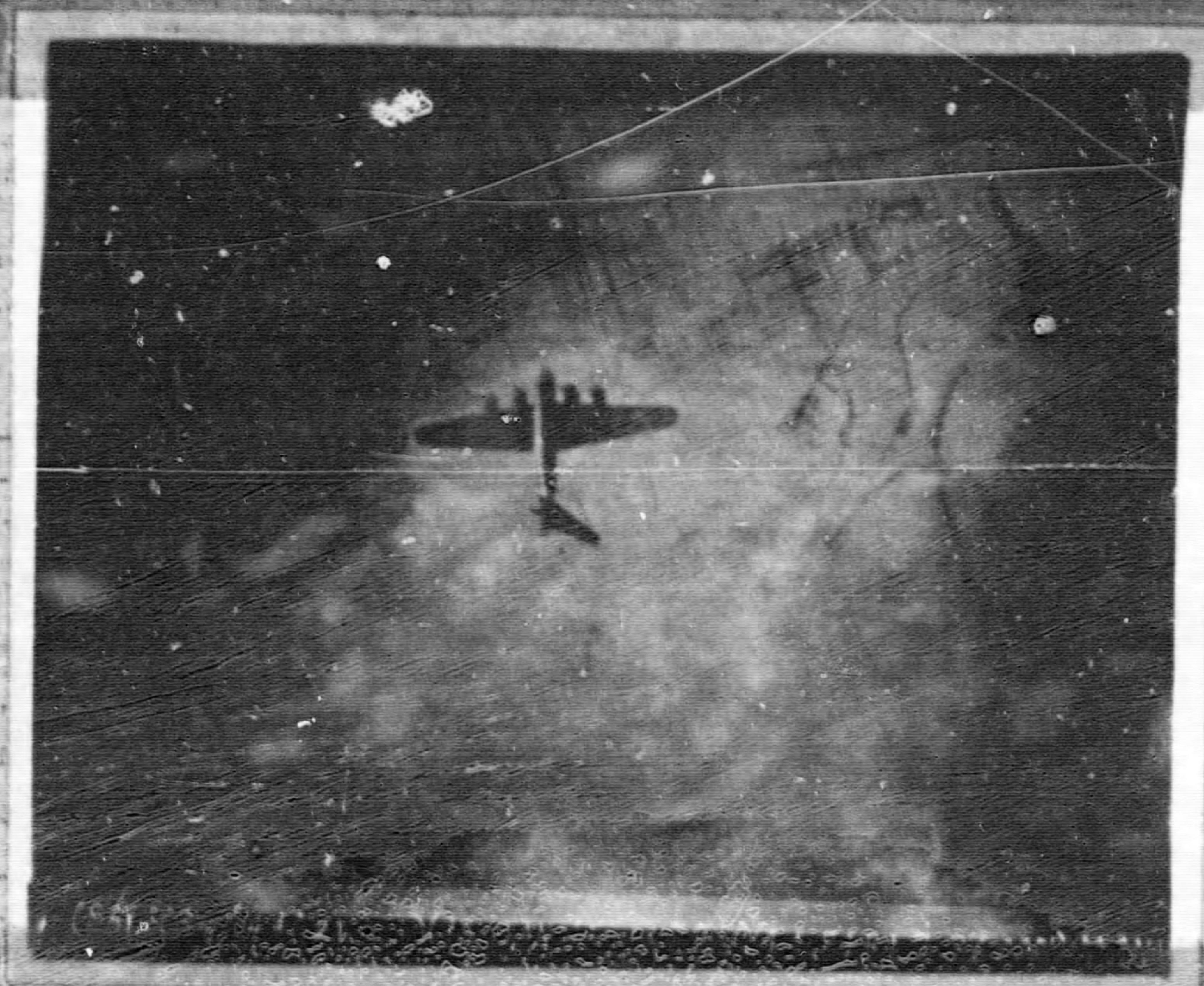
Joseph G. Robinson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Captain, AC,
Ass't S-2.

17. RECAPS OF EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary attached.

The attached picture shows the missing A/C just after being hit.



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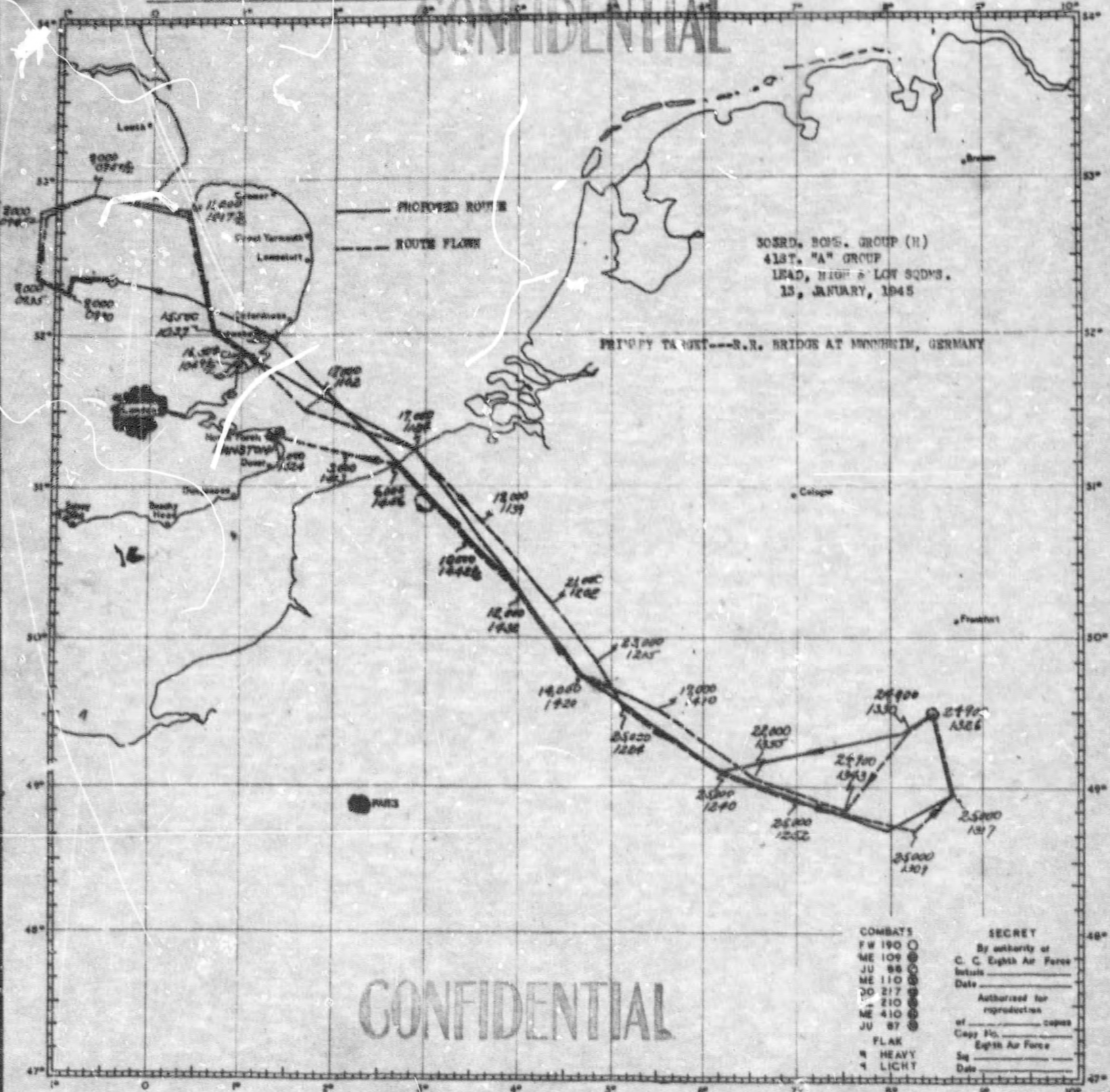
TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGETS
PRIMARY _____

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY _____

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312x201-McCullough, Henry W. (O) 1st Ind
427TH BOMB SQ (H), 303D BOMB GP (H), APO 557, U. S. ARMY, 10 MARCH 1945.

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TO: CO, AAF Sta 107, 303d Bomb. Gp. (H), APO 557.

1. Forwarded per par 12c, Cir 94, Hq ETOUSA, dated 31 Aug 44.
2. According to the records of this organization Second Lieutenant HENRY W. MCCULLOUGH, O-327881, has been missing in action since 13 January 1945.
3. A/C #43-38859 in which Second Lieutenant McCullough was flying as Pilot failed to return from an operational sortie to Mannheim, Germany on 13 January 1945. This A/C received a direct hit in the tail section from enemy A/A gunfire, blowing off the horizontal stabilizer and pulverising the whole tail section. A/C started into a steep dive, then broke up in mid air. No parachutes were seen to leave the aircraft.
4. In accordance with Second Lieutenant McCullough's own instructions his personal effects were shipped to his wife, Mrs. Jean D. McCullough. These effects were delivered to Quartermaster, AAF Station 107 on 17 February 1945.
5. Missing Air Crew Report forwarded to First Air Division on 17 January 1945.

For the Commanding Officers:

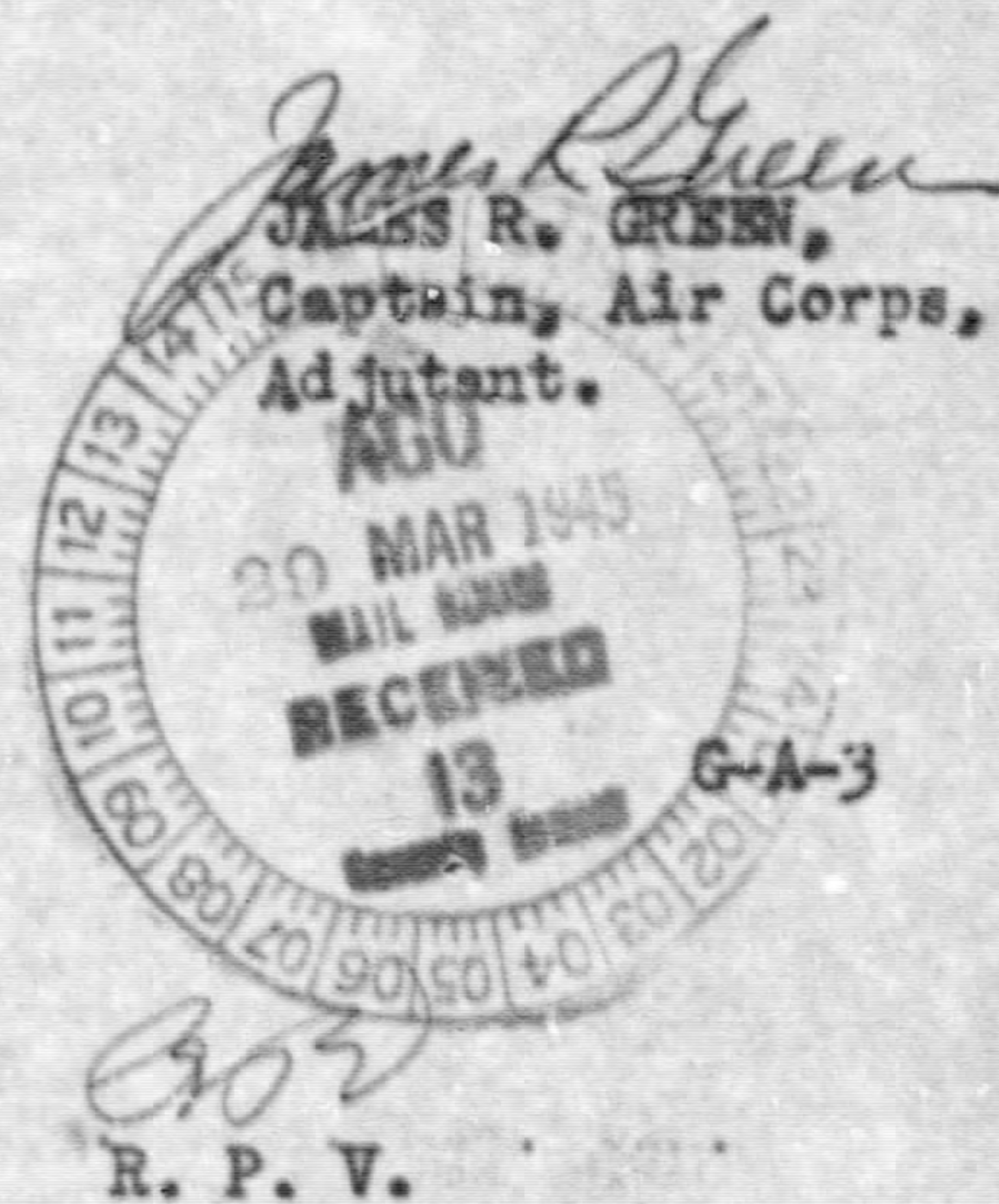
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Incl 1 - Letter from Mrs. Jean D. McCullough.

312 x 201-McCullough, Henry W. (Off) 2d Ind
Hq, AAF Sta 107, APO 557, 12 Mar 45.

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

1 Incl: n/c



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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 303rd Bomb Gp(H)Q 427th A/C # 45-58689 MISSION DATE 13 January 1945

FIRST PILOT EISENHART, OLIVER T. 2nd Lt. 0-2058926 DESTINATION Mannheim, Germany
NAME RANK SER#

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates 49°30'N--08°28'E.
- (b) Approximate altitude 26,000
- (c) Last noted heading A/C was going down in spin.
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 1000 feet below.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

Intense and accurate A/A gunfire.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc): **Missing A/C received a direct hit in the tail by A/A gunfire. The horizontal stabilizer was blown off, and the whole tail was pulverized. A/C then broke up in the air.**

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

A/C started down in a steep dive and then broke up in the air.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). Fighter escort was present.

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

44-8484 -- Reporting A/C
X
X
43-38689--Missing A/C
X
X

8. Date of report 17 Jan. 1945 43-38608--Reporting A/C

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	SER #	A/C #
1.	<u>Tasker, Richard E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-826029</u>	<u>43-38608</u>
2.	<u>Bean, John R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-8028854</u>	<u>44-8484</u>
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Joseph G. Robinson Capt. 0-904616 Asst S-2.
NAME RANK SER # DUTY
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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Date of Crash: 18 Jan 45, at 1230 hours

Place of Crash: Roxheim, Westmark

Aircraft type: Fortress 17

Crew:

2nd Lt Eisenhart, Cliver Dead

F/O Joyce, Herring Jr. Dead

S. Blodow Dead

S. Thompson, Jack Jr. Dead

S. Hindman, Sam M. Dead

S. Kauffman, Bernard Dead

S. Kimber, William Dead

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Identification Tags

William V. Kimber, 33807589

Joyce, Herring Jr., T 131600 (2)

Hindman, Samuel M., 34727889 (2)

Eisenhart, Oliver T., O 2058926 (2)

Jack Thompson Jr., 18160589 (2)

William V. Kimber, 33807589

Kaufman, Bernard S., 13125275

to report of 13. January 1945 attack on traffic targets and Rhine bridges.-
4) Roxheim, 3 km north of Frankenthal - SR 9-; a Fortress at 1330 PM.; 95 %
damage; Identification : A red; Model # 338689; 10 dead .-

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For Air District Command XIV
Chief of the Generalstaff (signed)

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4) On 13. January 1945 at 1230 PM. at Roxheim, 3km north of Frankenthal (SO SR 9) a Boeing B 17 C; damage 98 %; Model # 38689 ; Identification : A under admittance number. Identification at fuselage GN; 10 dead.- Names are listed in closed report of Airbase Command A 24/VII.-

Type of planes: Boeing B 17 G
Date of crash: 13 Jan., 45 1230
Place of crash: Roxheim / Westmark

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✓ THOMPSON, Jack Jr. Sgt. dead
18160589

✓ JOYCE, Herring Jr. dead
T-131600

✓ KAUFFMAN, Bernard Sgt. dead
13125275

✓ KIMBER, William V. dead
33807589

✓ BLODOW, Pv.T. *not on crew* dead
42059736

✓ HINDMAN, Samuel M. dead
34727889

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 B-17
 AAF 43-38687
 9 men

13 Jan. 1945 1220

Roxheim
 Type: Fortress
 Target: Airbase Mannh.-Sandh.

McCullough, Henry W. 0827881
 Herrick, Maurice R. 02069017
 Conway, Therman F. 58003847

KU 3620
 O-2058926 dead
 T-181600 dead
 dead
 18160589 dead
 34727889 dead
 13125275 dead
 33807589 dead

2nd Lt. EISENHART Oliver T
 F/O JOYCE Herring Jr.
 Sgt. BLISS Pv. T. 42059736
 Sgt. THOMPSON Jack Jr.
 Sgt. HIRDVAN Samuel W.
 Sgt. KAUFFMAN Bernard S.
 Sgt. KIMMER William V.

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402 West Lake Street
Horseneads, New York

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Mrs. Jean D. McCullough (Wife)
263 Orchard Street
Elisabeth, New Jersey

2d Lt. Maurice R. Herrick ✓

Mrs. Marian Herrick (Wife)
652 Lynch Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan

F/O Herring Joyce, Jr. ✓

Mrs. Floy G. Joyce (Mother)
4179 Itaska Street
Saint Louis, Missouri

S/Sgt. Bernard S. Kauffman ✓

Mrs. Jacqueline M. Kauffman (Wife)
5459 Lebanon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sgt. Samuel M. Hindman ✓

Mrs. Lillian A. Boas (Sister)
Route 4
Union City, Tennessee

Sgt. William V. Kimber ✓

Mrs. Catherine Kimber (Mother)
2342 North 4th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Sgt. Jack Thompson, Jr. ✓

Mrs. Donna A. Thompson (Mother)
R. F. D. No. B.
Hominy, Oklahoma

Sgt. Therman F. Conaway ✓

Mrs. Lissy Conaway (Mother)
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