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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth, Eng. Command or Air Force 8th A.F.  
Group 303rd B; Squadron 427th; Detachment ----
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth; Course See attached chart  
Target or Intended Destination Leipzig, Germany; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 9-10/10ths cloud, tops 12-13,000 feet. Visibility aloft unrestricted, except for dense persis-
4. GIVE: (a) Day 6 Month April Year 1945; Time 0947 Location 54°40'N-13°00'E. tent  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. contrails.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); 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: Collision with another A/C.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 43-38958
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any Green Hill Belle
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-002354; (b) SW-023973; (c) SW-023728; (d) SW-024020
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) 076322 - H.S.; (b) 210514 - H.S.; (c) 016263 - CPA; (d) 235106 H.S.; (e) 113582 S.A.; (f) 409623 FDGM; (g) 475512 SA; (h) 76457 FDGM; (i) 356871 FDGM; (j) \_\_\_\_\_; (k) \_\_\_\_\_; (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 8; Passengers 0; Total 8  
(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
DED 1. Pilot	ALDERMAN, MELVIN (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-774916	MIA
DED 2. Co-Pilot	LEY, ROMAN M.	2nd Lt.	0-783481	MIA
DED 3. Navigator	THOMAS, GEORGE S.	F/O	T-137816	MIA
DED 4. BOMBARDIER	WEINBERG, HOWARD G.	2nd Lt.	0-930953	MIA
DED 5. Top Turret G.	PRIETO, ROAUL R.	Sgt.	392853	MIA
DED 6. Radio Gunner	TOLER, WILLIAM M.	Sgt.	35763558	MIA
DED 7. Ball Turret G.	BEEBE, DON M.	Sgt.	18109142	MIA
DED 8. Tail Gunner	MOORE, JESSE M.	Sgt.	35912770	MIA
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. KROUSE, THOMAS R.	SGT.	39142724		X		
2. DANIELSON, STANLEY K.	s/Sgt.	39340292		X		
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) -----
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 12 April 1945

*Joseph G. Robinson*  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,  
Captain, AC.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary attached.



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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 303 Bomb SQ 427th A/C # 43-38958 MISSION DATE 6 April 1945

FIRST PILOT ALDERMAN, MELVIN (NMI) 2nd Lt. O-774916 DESTINATION Leipzig, Germany  
NAME RANK SER.#

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

(a) By coordinates 50°40'N--13°00'E.

(b) Approximate altitude 25,000

(c) Last noted heading Exploded in air.

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Not applicable

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

**None**

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

**Missing A/C exploded in the air after colliding with another A/C in formation.**

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

**Missing A/C broke up into small parts, some of which were on fire.**

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? Yes If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). Not applicable

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):  
None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:  
See Missing Air Crew report on A/C 44-8647.

8. Date of report 12 April 1945.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	<u>KROUSE, THOMAS R.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39142724</u>	<u>43-38532</u>
2.	<u>DANIELSON, STANLEY R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39340292</u>	<u>43-38532</u>
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u><i>Joseph G. Robinson</i></u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-904618</u>	<u>Ass't 7-2</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

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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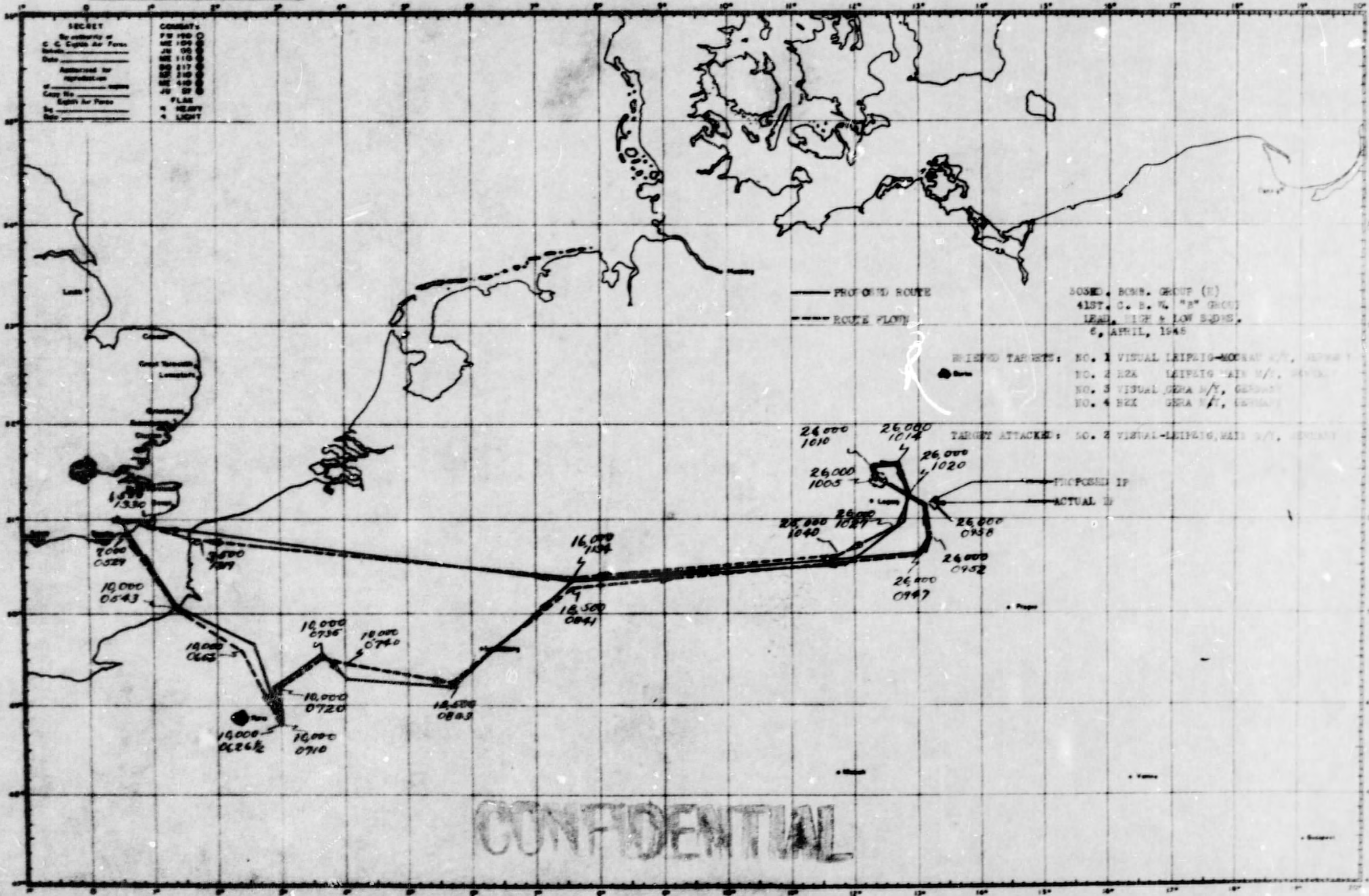
TARGETS

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ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

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PROPOSED ROUTE  
 ROUTE FLOWN

BOMB. GROUP (H)  
 41ST. C. B. W. "B" GROUP  
 LEAD, HIGH & LOW BOMBS.  
 6, APRIL, 1945

DESIGN TARGETS:  
 NO. 1 VISUAL LEIPZIG-MOCKAU A/F, GERMANY  
 NO. 2 RZA LEIPZIG MAIN A/F, GERMANY  
 NO. 3 VISUAL GERA A/F, GERMANY  
 NO. 4 RZI GERA A/F, GERMANY

TARGET ATTACKS: NO. 2 VISUAL-LEIPZIG, MAIN A/F, GERMANY

PROPOSED IP  
 ACTUAL IP

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~~(Parents)~~  
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