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 335th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII
 Group 303RD BOMB GP (H) ; Squadron 427th Bomb (H) Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Chart
 Intended Destination Anklam, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
1/10 to 1/10 cumulus no medium or high cloud. Visibility 20 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 9 Oct. 1945 Time 1220 ; and Location 54°25' N-12°55' 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-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5221
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series -1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-56415
 (b) 43-61937 ; (c) 43-64539 ; (d) 43-56836
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 132805 KHW; 137063 KHW
 (a) 137165 KHW ; (b) 137326 KHW ; (c) 145636 KHW ; (d) 137156 KHW; 359669 FDGM
 (e) 132487 KHW ; (f) 137189 KHW ; (g) 142587 KHW ; (h) 546060 KHW; 133504 KHW
143517 KHW

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 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
1. Pilot	CLIFFORD, Bernard J.	2nd Lt.	0-671890
2. Co-Pilot	JAIN, Charles O.	2nd Lt.	0-741983
3. Navigator & Left Nose Gun.	STATA, Charles M.	2nd Lt.	0-735212
4. Bombardier & Right Nose Gun.	BRUCE, Robert V.	2nd Lt.	0-676546
5. Engineer & Right Waist Gun.	DYKE, Andrew A.	T/Sgt.	32427528
6. Ass't Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.	HORNING, Allen E.	S/Sgt.	35413350
7. Radio Oper. & Radio Gunner	HARTZOG, Foy G.	T/Sgt.	34337554
8. Ass't Radio Oper. & Ball Tur.	GALE, Charles L.	S/Sgt.	32437345
9. Left Waist Gunner	MC LARTY, Jack L.	S/Sgt.	19215956
10. Tail Gunner	HELLER, William O.	S/Sgt.	12198435

- 1. 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. _____						
2. _____						
3. _____						

- 2. 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) _____

- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. CHART ATTACHED
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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 11 October 1945

Jesse M. Barrett
 JESSE M. BARRETT, (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 Major, AC,
 Group S-2.

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TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date 9 Oct. '42

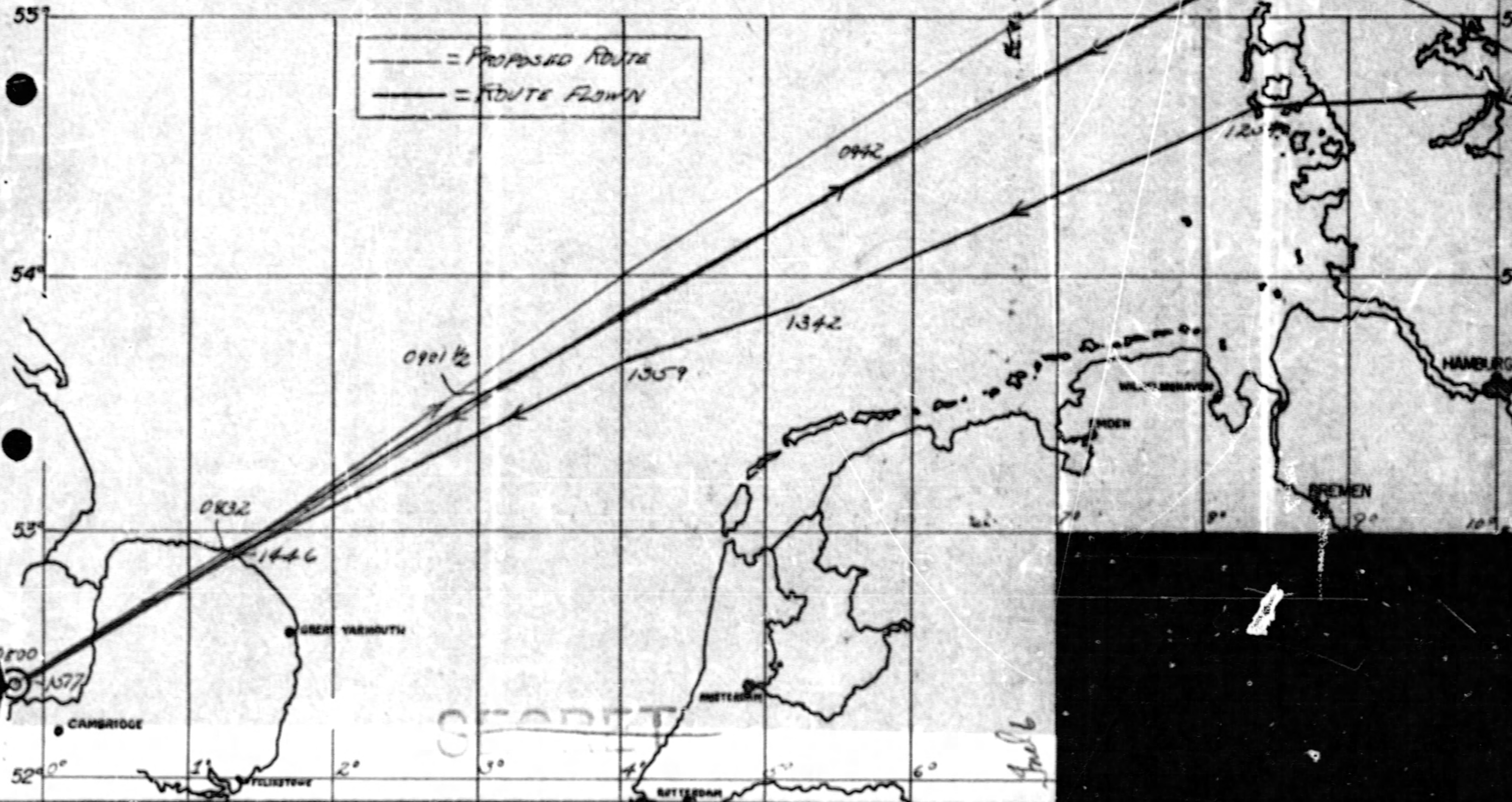
Route followed by

303rd BOMB GROUP (H)

Primary ANKLAM - GERMANY

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____



SECRET

And 6

MACR 874

U 2365-

Bruce, Robert V. Lt.

Ident. Tag: O-676546

(head)

KIA
9 Oct 43

Corpse washed
ashore near Hazendorf.
Buried Nov. 15, 1943 in
Heiligenthafen/Holstein
Cemetery - Row BC I
Grave no. 8

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield - Command A 55/XI (Sea)

PLACE: Grossenbrode / Ostholstein

DATE: 13 November 1943

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: unknownEM. LANDING: AT: -----

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BRUCE

FIRST NAME:

ROBERT V

Robert V

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-676546 T 42

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead, body washed ashore at Dazendorfer beach/Ostholstein

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Heiligenhafen/Ostholstein,
Grave No.: 8, Row B c I
on 15 November 1943Bruce, Robert V. 0676546, 2 Lt. - K 9 Oct 43

Airfield-Command A 55/XI (Sea)
Grossenbrode / Ostholstein
- Salvage Officer -

Grossenbrode, 23 Nov 1943

SUBJECT: Salvage - Equipment
REFERENCE: without
ENCLOSURE: 2

TO:
D u l a g
Oberursel / Frankfurt o/M

Enclosed I send the personal effects found on the body - enemy flyer - ,
which was washed ashore at Dazendorfer beach (directly at the mouth of the
beach-road) on 13 November 1943.

1 identification - tag with cross "Robert V Bruce, O-676546 T 43

1 signet - ring

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Copy to Air-District-Command XI - Ic^o

Name illegible
Captain,
in charge of salvage unit

Bruce, Robert V. 0676546, 2 Lt. - K-

*Case 1664
MIA
found in
grave*
2nd Lt. Bernard J. Clifford

Mrs. Rosemary E. Clifford, (wife)
8921-127 Street,
Richmond Hill, New York.

2nd Lt. Charles O. Jahn

Mrs. Rose Jahn Manska, (mother)
1101 Hyde Street,
St Paul, Minnesota.

2nd Lt. Charles M. Stata

Mrs. Clara L. Stata, (wife)
72 Gardner Street,
Allston, Massachusetts.

*021099-U
MIA
Body was found
along a
Doverdorfer
Cott. Station*
2nd Lt. Robert V. Bruce

*921097
Body was found
along a
Doverdorfer
Cott. Station*
Mrs. Lourens V. Bruce, (mother)
1103 South Main Street,
Anderson, South Carolina.

*buried
Heiligendafen
Germany*
T/Sgt. Andrew A. Dyke

Mrs. Mary Dyke, (mother)
12 Center Avenue,
Lynbrook, New York.

*buried
25 Fort St
Doverdorfer
Cott. Station
375 + 42*
S/Sgt. Allen E. Horning

Mrs. Louise E. Horning, (wife)
307 North Columbus Street,
Crestline, Ohio.

T/Sgt. Foy G. Hartsog

Mrs. Nora L. Hartsog, (mother)
Rural Free Delivery Number Two,
Clayton, Alabama.

S/Sgt. Charles L. Gale

Mrs. Jack Gale, (mother)
1620 Morris Avenue,
Bronx, New York.

S/Sgt. Jack L. McLarty

Mr. Milton D. McLarty, (father)
816 Park Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

S/Sgt. William O. Heller

Mrs. Mary I. Heller, (mother)
318 West Ostrander Avenue,
Syracuse, New York.