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 Date MAR 1 1946

HEADQUARTERS
 363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) (KIA)
 APO 634 - US ARMY

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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 of Air Force VIII
Group 503rd Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 427th Bomb Sq Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram
 Intended Destination Bremen, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
5/10 cumulus tops to 8000 to 10,000 ft. Visibility somewhat restricted.
- GIVE: (a) Date 26 Nov 45 Time 1230 ; and Location 53°06' N - 05°23' E
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (X) 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) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows A/C dropped out of formation-wheels down and apparently under control. SOS received Grafton-Underwood 1245-Fix 1255 Pos. 53°12'N-04°53'E
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series 3-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29955
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1820-37 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64584
 (b) 43-64572 ; (c) 43-64708 ; (d) 43-64094
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 510903 FCGM; 534072 FCGM
 (a) 510870 FCGM ; (b) 510968 FCGM ; (c) 577631 HEM ; (d) 511117 FCGM; 511096 FCGM
 (e) 511186 FCGM ; (f) 589687 HEM ; (g) 282991 CPF ; (h) 510701 FCGM; 510938 FCGM
- 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
KIA	1. Pilot	Cote, Addell A.	Capt.	0-751851
KIA	2. Co-Pilot	Bixler, Clarence C.	2nd Lt.	0-758514
KIA	3. Navigator	Barnhill, Wilbur R.	1st Lt.	0-670078
RTD	4. Bombardier	Hull, John W.	1st Lt.	0-784462
KIA	5. Engineer & Top Tur. Gunner	Arter, John R.	T/Sgt.	14081251
KIA	6. Ass't Radio Oper. & Ball Tur.	May, Cecil H.	S/Sgt.	34368322
KIA	7. Radio Oper. & Radio Gunner	Reaves, Vaughn (NMI)	T/Sgt.	14060289
KIA	8. Tail Gunner	Gunsanis, Paul (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32462378
KIA	9. Right Waist Gunner	Nicek, John W.	S/Sgt.	36149204
KIA	10. Ass't Eng. & Left Waist Gun	Gomes, Theodore (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32444155

- 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. | | | | | | |
| 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) -
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Diagram attached.
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None.
- 5. 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 28 November 1945

JESSE M. BARNETT (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 Major, AG,
 Group S-2.

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TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date NOV. 26, '43

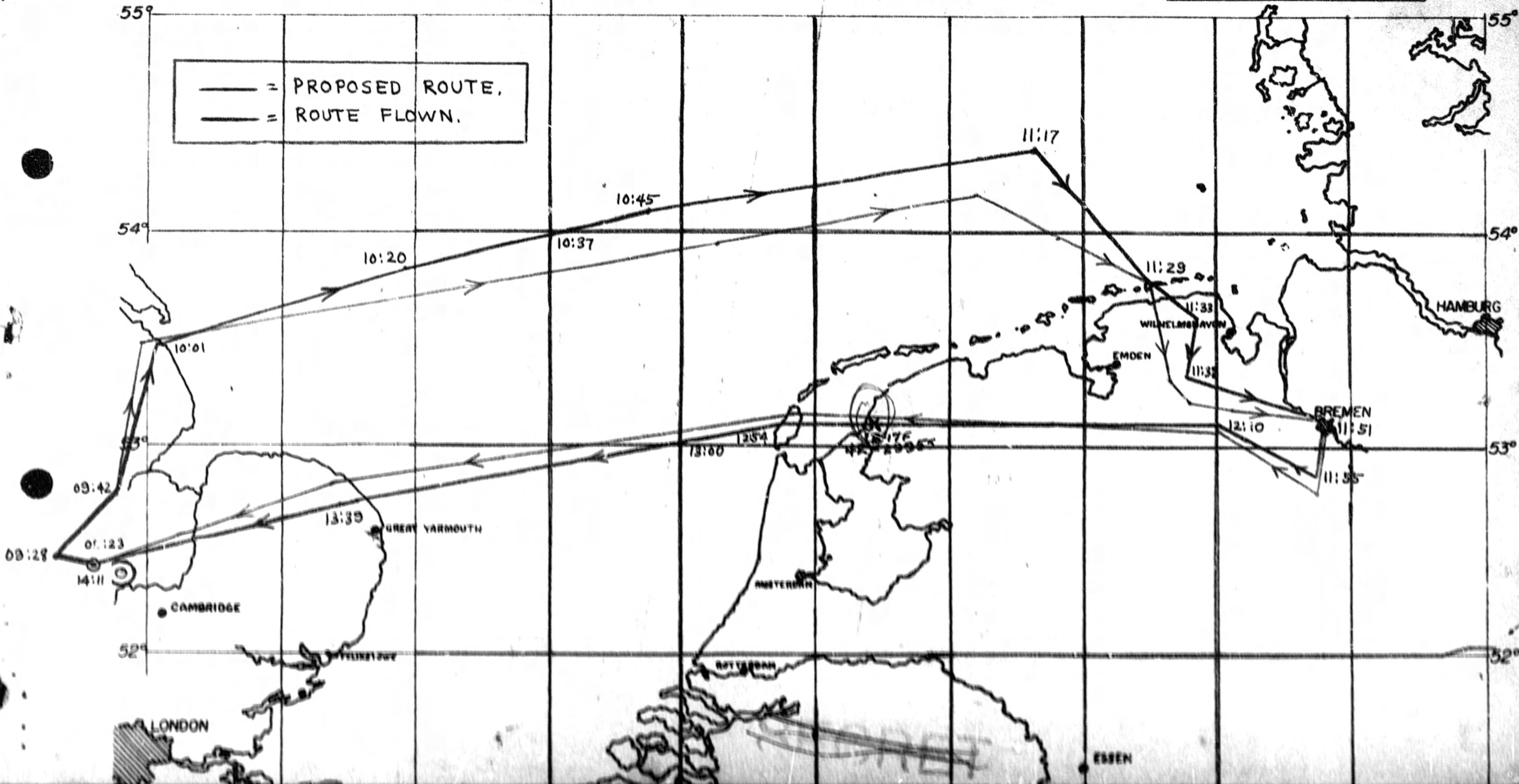
Primary BREMEN, GERMANY
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

Route followed by

303RD BOMB. GROUP (H.) - (LEAD)
303RD BOMB. GROUP (H.) - (HIGH)

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 SECRET

— = PROPOSED ROUTE.
 — = ROUTE FLOWN.



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Mrs. Ima Mixler, (Mother)
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First Lieutenant John W. Hall

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