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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

Classification changed to RESTRICTED by [redacted], Lt. Col., AC
by [redacted], Capt., AC

# MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

by [redacted], Capt., AC

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
   Group 303rd Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 427th ; Detachment --
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Chart attached
   Intended Destination Oschersleben, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   Clear - Visibility Unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Date 1 Jan 44 Time 1149 ; and Location Vicinity Oschersleben
   of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether (X) 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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows A/C is believed to have gone down during the heavy fighter attack which took place between Dummer Lake and Minden, between 1110 hours and 1125 hours.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-24587
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64599
   (b) 43-64844 ; (c) 41-57494 ; (d) 43-60917
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number 582146 HSM; 583194 HSM
   (a) 589950 HSM ; (b) 590622 HSM ; (c) 590812 HSM ; (d) 590789 HSM; 590141 HSM
   (e) 590152 HSM ; (f) 590544 HSM ; (g) 590761 HSM ; (h) 590537 HSM; 310207 FCGM
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
   or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. 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 | MC CLELLAN, JR., GEORGE S. | 1st Lt. | O-792341 |
| 2. | Co-Pilot | FISHER, WILLIAM A. | 2nd Lt. | O-677472 |
| 3. | Nav. & Left Nose Gun. | MALIHER, JOHN C. | 2nd Lt. | O-667301 RTD |
| 4. | Bombardier & R. N. G. | CORNISH, MERLIN L. | 2nd Lt. | O-735279 RTD |
| 5. | Engineer & Top Tur. Gun. | TEMPESTA, DAVID (NMI) | T/Sgt. | 33276214 |
| 6. | Ass't Eng. & R.W.G. | CHILES, JR., ALFRED B. | S/Sgt. | 33224996 RTD |
| 7. | Radio Oper. & Radio Gun. | CALLIHAN, GEORGE A. | T/Sgt. | 18130833 |
| 8. | Ass't Rad. Oper. & B.T.G. | YARIAN, ROBERT G. | S/Sgt. | 15330356 RTD |
| 9. | Left Waist Gunner | HEATON, BERNELL S. | S/Sgt. | 6662350 RTD |
| 10. | Tail Gunner | DUGAN, CHARLES E. | S/Sgt. | 13132359 RTD |

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 | Check Only One Column: Contacted By Radio | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
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| 1. | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | |

12. 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) --
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See Chart Attached
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. --
15. 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 13 January 1944

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

MACR - 1922 - 11 - Jan. '44 -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Callihan, George A. | T-Sgt. | 18,130,833 - K/A |
| Chiles, Alfred B. Jr. | S-Sgt. | 83224996 - EUS |
| Cornish, Merlin L. | 2"Lt. | O-735279 - EUS |
| Dugan, Charles E | S-Sgt. | 13132359 - EUS |
| Fisher, William A. | 2"Lt. | O-677472 K/A |
| Heaton, Bernell S. | S-Sgt. | 6,662,350 EUS |
| Kalicher, John J. | 2"Lt. | O-667,301 EUS |
| McClellan, George S. Jr. | 1"Lt. | O-792,341 K/A |
| Tempesta David-NMI- | T-Sgt. | 33276214 K/A |
| Yarian, Robert G. | S-Sgt. | 15390356 EUS |

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Heaton, Sevier Bancell, S/Sgt -
Ident. Tag: 862 350 -
Taken Prisoner

Sugan, Charles E., S/Sgt -
born March 5, 1924
Ident. Tag: 13 132 359
Taken Prisoner

Chiles, Alfred Bryan, S/Sgt -
born Aug. 31, 1920
Ident. Tag: 33 022 496
Taken Prisoner

Kalicher, John Cummings, 2nd Lt.
born June 24, 1920
Ident. Tag: 0-667 301
Taken Prisoner

Cornish, Merlin Floyd, 2nd Lt -
born Aug. 4, 1917
Ident. Tag: 0-735 269
Taken Prisoner

McClellan, George D., 1st Lt -
Ident. Tag: 0-792 341
Dead

Fisher, Williams, Lt,
Ident Tag: 0-677 472
Dead

Tempesta, David
MIA 9 2 -
T/Sgt; Ident. Tag:
33 276 214

March 1922

Kia 676 Jan. 11, 1944 Yorkes

Yarian, Robert George, S/Sgt.
born July 12, 1923
Identification # 15-338 356
Taken Prisoner

KU 676

Boeing Fortress, downed 11 Jan. 1944, 1130, at Lienen, district Tecklenburg.

KIA

FISHER, William A. ASN: 0-677472

CALLIHAN, George A. ASN: 18130633

TEMPESTA, David ASN: 33276214

GLEELAN, George E. Jr. Rank: 2nd Lt. ASN: 0-792341

All dead

See AV 512

Rec 3445

Callihan, George A., T/Sgt.
Idend. Tag: 18130833

Dead

The dead was buried
on Jan 13, 1944 in Cemetery
MACR 1922 Lienen
Germany

Date commander Hanover - Bradford
Bradford via Hanover(Jewell Island) 2
AAFSC-Grand Meridian Battalion, 21 Dec 44

A.G. 370.2/44

Personal Casualty Report No. 11 - Period: 11/12/43 to 1/11/44 - Distribution: As usual.

Shooting down Boeing F 17 at Hamm, Recklenburg County, peasant's community Northwest on 1/21/44 at 11.30. Buried at the cemetery of Hamm in Westfalen on 1/23/44 at 16.30. Grave location: Westward 2.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | FISHER | William A. | 0 - 677472 / KIA Killed in action(wounds) | Grave No. 5 |
| 2. | THOMPSON | David | 33276214 - KIA " | Grave No. 6 |
| 3. | MC CLELLAN | George S. | 0 - 792342 - KIA " | Grave No. 7 |
| | 2. Lieut. | | | |
| 4. | CALHAN | George A. | 16130833 - KIA " | Grave No. 8 |

CALLIHAN,

Date commander Hanover - Bradford
1/14/44

/s/ Illegible
Major.

MACR 1922
10 man crew

KU 676

Form 1A

## REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Hq. Air Base A e h m e r

DATE: 11 Jan. 1944

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: CHILES, Alfred B., Jr. E U S

YEAR OF BIRTH: 31 Aug. 1920 Ser.Nr.: 33224996

RANK: S/Sgt. Last Address: Richmond Va. 105 N. Rowland St.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: In Hilter 1/11/44

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PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
*(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)* Membership of crew cannot be found out. Was shot down 1/11/44 with Boeing B 17.

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17

REMARKS:

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Lt. Colonel and Commander

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|---|---|
| First Lt. George S. McClellan,Jr. | Mr. George S. McClellan, Sr., (Father)<br>Pompano, Florida. |
| Second Lt. William A. Fisher | Mrs. Carey L. Fisher, (Mother)<br>791 University Place,<br>Grosse Pointe, Michigan. |
| Second Lt. Merlin L. Cornish | Mrs. Millard C. Chilcote, (Sister<br>2235 30th,<br>San Diego, California. |
| Second Lt. John G. Kalliher | Mrs. Elaine A. Kalliher, (Wife)<br>8209 South Ingleside Avenue,<br>Chicago, Illinois. |
| Technical Sergeant David Tempesta | Mr. Falco Tempesta, (Father)<br>551 McMasters Avenue,<br>Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. |
| Technical Sergeant George A. Callihan | Mrs. Mildred B. Callihan, (Wife)<br>1628 Northeast Thirteenth,<br>Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. |
| Staff Sergeant Alfred B. Chiles, Jr. | Mr. Alfred B. Chiles, (Father)<br>105 North Rowland,<br>Richmond, Virginia. |
| Staff Sergeant Robert G. Yarian | Mrs. Hazel C. Yarian, (Mother)<br>General Delivery,<br>Sarasota, Florida . |
| Staff Sergeant Charles E Dugan | Mrs. Margaret R. Dugan, (Mother<br>7640 Susquehanna Street,<br>Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. |
| Sergeant Darnell S. Heaton | Mrs. Verda L. Heaton, (Mother)<br>Science Hill, Kentucky. |

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC CLELLAN ,Jr., George S. 1922
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: O-792341
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? xxxxxxxxxxxx

If not, why not? Unknown

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

Just prior to loss of plane, App. 11:20 A.M.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? In pilot's seat to the left of co-pilot.

Any hearsay information: Yes. 'ohn C. Kaliher, Navigator, spoke to him just prior to bailing out, and, at that time, pilot was not wounded. Later at Dulag Luft, Interrogation officer told me that our pilot was killed when he and the co-pilot tried to crash land the aircraft.

Source: John C. Kaliher 2nd Lt. A.C. Navigator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that pilot and co-pilot were killed while trying to crash land aircraft with bombs still in bomb bay. German interrogation officer informed me that the aircraft struck the ground near the town of Linden. Where this town is I do not know nor do I whether this is true.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eighteen (18)

Dates and destinations if possible: Cannot reccolect.

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FISHER , William A. 1922
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-677472
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~ Co-pilot.

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? xxxxxxxx

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Cannot recall

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In co-pilot's seat to the right of pilot.

Any hearsay information: Yes. Navigator spoke to him just before bailing out and, at that time, co-pilot was not wounded. Later, at Dulag Luft, Interrogation Officer told me that our co-pilot was killed trying to crash-land the plane. He was accompanied by the pilot.

Source: John C. Kaliher 2nd. Lt. A.C. Navigator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe that pilot and co-pilot were killed while trying to crash-land aircraft with bombs still in bomb bay. German Interrogation officer informed me that the aircraft struck the ground near the town of Linden. Whether this is true or not I do not know. Nor do I know where this town is located.

Total number of missions of above crew member: One (1)

Dates and destinations if possible: Oscherleben, Germany January 11, 1944

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TEMPESTA , David (NMI) 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33276214
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fright (Fighter)~~ : Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.

Did he bail out? No.

Where? xxx xxxxxxx

If not, why not? Killed due to enemy action in aircraft.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just prior to loss of plane. App. 11:15 A.M.

Was he injured? xxxxxxxxx

Where was he when last seen? In top turret dead due to action of enemy aircraft.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seventeen (17)

Dates and destinations if possible: Cannot Reccolect.

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CALLIHAN , George A. 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 18130833
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter (Fighter)~~: Radio Oper.& Radio Gun.

Did he bail out? No

Where? xxxxx

If not, why not? Killed in plane due to enemy action

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

Cannot reccollect.

Was he injured? xxxxxxxxxxxx

Where was he when last seen? In Radio Room

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seventeen (17)

Dates and destinations if possible: Cannot reccolect.

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# CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DUGAN, CHARLES EDWARD Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 13132359

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Kermit D. Stevens (full name) Rank Colonel Sqn CO Edgar E. Snyder Jr. (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

3. What year 1944 month January day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bomber, target, Oscherleben, Germany, target time, App. 12:15 P.M., altitude, 19,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the Holland-German Border

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Six members bailed out. Engineer and Radio Operator were already killed. Pilot and co-pilot were alive.

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Waist Gunner: Bernell S. Heaton: App. 11:20 A.M. through escape door in waist over the the Holland-German border. Ball turret gunner; Robert G. Yarian; App. 11:22 A.M. through escape door in waist over Holland-German border. Tail-gunner; Charles E. Dugan; App. 11:24 A.M. through escape hatch in tail over the Holland-German border.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) David Tempesta, Engineer & Top Tur. Gunner; George A. Callihan, Radio Oper. and Radio Gunner. (See crew list for further information and Hearsay.)

11. Where were they in aircraft? David Tempesta in top turret and George A. Callihan in Radio Room.

12. What was their condition? Dead due to 20 MM shells from enemy aircraft

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No other information.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CALLIHAN, George A. 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 18130833
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxx Flight xx (Fighter)~~: Radio Oper. & Radio Gun.

Did he bail out? I DO NOT KNOW

Where? X

If not, why not? I DO NOT KNOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? I DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: WAIST-GUNNER S/S ALFRED CHILES TOLD ME HE THOUGHT HE SAW SGT. CALLIHAN REACHING FOR A PARACHUTE. (IN RADIO ROOM)

Source: WAIST GUNNER S/S ALFRED CHILES

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: I BELIEVE 17 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: BREMEN, KIEL, AUSTERSCHLAGEN (JAN. 11, 44) ANKHAM (OCT. 43) GERMANY
2 MISSIONS TO NANTES, FRANCE IN SEPT. 1943

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TEMPESTA, David (NMI) 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33276214
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer & Top Tur.Gun.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? X

If not, why not? KILLED WHILE FIRING TOP-TURRET GUNS.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAW SGT. TEMPESTA LYING DEAD, TWICE BEFORE I BAILED-OUT.

Was he injured? DEAD

Where was he when last seen? LYING UNDER HIS TURRET (GUNS)

Any hearsay information: NO — EXCEPT STATEMENT FROM GERMAN INTERROGATORS THAT 4 MEN WERE FOUND DEAD IN THE FORE-PART OF OUR PLANE, AND THAT 1 MAN'S PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN AND THUS WAS KILLED.

Source: X GERMANS WHO CAPTURED ME.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 MISSIONS — I BELIEVE

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS T/S CALLIHAN ON PRECCEDING PAGE.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FISHER , William A. 1922
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-677472
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxFighterxx(Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I DO NOT KNOW

Where? X

If not, why not? I DO NOT KNOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BEFORE BAILING OUT, I PLACED HIS PARACHUTE IN HIS LAP.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? SITTING IN CO-PILOT'S SEAT

Any hearsay information: SAME AS PRESCEDING PAGE

Source: GERMANS WHO CAPTURED ME

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PLANE MAY HAVE GONE INTO SPIN BEFORE HE REACHED, ~~OR~~ ESCAPE HATCH, OR HE AND THE PILOT ATTEMPTED TO SEARCH SHIP FOR WOUNDED MEN BEFORE BAILING OUT—YET, PILOT SAID HE AND CO-PILOT WERE FOLLOWING ME OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: AUSTERSCHLAGEN, GERMANY JAN. 11, 1944

I, AND THE BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. MERLIN L. CORNISH, BOTH ASSUMED THAT THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT FOLLOWED US OUT OF THE PLANE AND WERE ALIVE IN A DIFFERENT PRISON CAMP. PILOT SAID, "WE'RE FOLLOWING YOU— BAIL OUT"

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC CLELLAN, Jr., George S. 1922
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: O-772341
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Crew (Fighter)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? I DO NOT KNOW

Where? X

If not, why not? I DO NOT KNOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ASKED ME TO FIND HIS PARACHUTE — I HELPED HIM FASTEN HIS PARACHUTE.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? STANDING - ONE FOOT BACK OF SEAT; OTHER ON TURRET PLATFORM

Any hearsay information: SAME AS PRECCEDING PAGE

Source: GERMANS WHO CAPTURED ME

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS PRECCEDING PAGE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS PRECCEDING PAGES.

I, AND THE BOMBARDIER 2ND LT. MERLIN L. CORNISH, BOTH ASSUMED THAT THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT FOLLOWED US OUT OF THE PLANE AND WERE ALIVE IN A DIFFERENT PRISON CAMP. PILOT SAID; "WE'RE FOLLOWING YOU - BAIL OUT"

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# CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN C. KALIHER Rank 1ST LT. (ON TERMINAL LEAVE) Serial No. O-667301
8TH A.F.
2. Organization 303 BOMB WNG. K. STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO _____ Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JANUARY day 11TH did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MY 18TH MISSION, target, {OSTERSCHLAGEN OR AUSTERSCHLAGEN', GERMANY, target time, 11:45 ?, altitude, 18,500 route scheduled, DIRECT ENGLAND TO TARGET, route flown SAME LOW SQN - LOW GRP.
5. Where were you when you left formation? #7 POSITION "TAIL END CHARLEY"
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". 2ND LT. M.L. CORNISH AND I BAILED OUT TOGETHER ALTITUDE 6,500' TIME 11:09, SGTS. HEATON, CHILES, DUGAN AND YARIAN BAILED OUT BETWEEN 17,000' AND 10,000' APPROX. TIME 11:06
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? JUKERST, GERMANY (NEAR)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I DO NOT KNOW
11. Where were they in aircraft? I DO NOT KNOW
12. What was their condition? I DO NOT KNOW
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW 2ND LT. M.L. CORNISH 5 HOURS AFTER I HIT THE GROUND IN GERMAN POLICE STATION. I SAW SGTS. DUGAN AND HEATON IN FRANKFORT, GERMANY (TEMP. P.O.W CAMP) JAN. 17, 1999
I SAW SGT. ALFRED CHILES IN P.O.W CAMP STALAG LUFT #1 DECEMBER, 1944.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. IMMEDIATLY AFTER WE WERE SHOT OUT OF FORMATION BY GERMAN FIGHTERS; I SAW TWO OF THE PLANES AHEAD OF US BEGIN TO STREAM SMOKE FROM SEVERAL ENGINES AS A RESULT OF THE SAME GERMAN FIGHTER ATTACK. BOTH PLANES WERE 8TH AIR FORCE B-17's 303 BOMB GRP. 427 SQDRN. TIME. 11:19 JAN. 11, 1944

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Our plane was attack, first by 3 waves of 4 single-engine german fighter-planes. This first attack put out both our top and ball-turrets; started a fire in #1 engine and dumped much of our ammunition out of holders due to violent evasive action. We lost about 1500 ft. altitude and were immediatly attacks again, both from the front and rear. A large shell or rocket from one of these rear attacks destroyed most of our oxygen containers; tore off the right side of the plane from the bomb bays to the rear escape hatch; also tore away most of the right wing root and part of #3 engine so that the propellor wind-milled. We ended up flying in a banked circle with no flying speed and constantly loosing altitude. We received the order to prepare to bail-out before the inter-phone was shot away. I made 2 trips from the nose to the pilots cockpit and on the last trip was told to bail out. I believe our plane crashed before I reached the ground in my chute.

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CALLIHAN , George A. 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 18130833
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Oper.& Radio Gun.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BEFORE TAKE OFF

Was he injured? UNKNOWN KILLED

Where was he when last seen? IN THE AIRCRAFT (RADIO ROOM)

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: (2) MISSIONS NANTES, F. (2 MISSIONS) EMDEN, GER (1 MISSONS) BREMEN, GER
(1) FRANKFORT, (1) GELSENKIRCHEN (1) MUNSTER (1) DUREN (1) BORDAUX, F
(1) ANKLAM (1) OSCHERSLIEM (1) KIEL (1) UNKNOWN

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FISHER , William A. 1922
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-677472
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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SAME AS CALLIHAN

Source: _____ _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC CLELLAN ,Jr., George S. 1922
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: O-792341
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~. Pilot

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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SAME AS CALLIHAN

Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TEMPESTA, David (NMI) 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33276214
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

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Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

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SAME AS CALLIHAN

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Source: _____

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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# CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name YARIAN, ROBERT G. Rank T/SGT Serial No. 15330356

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander COL. [redacted] Rank ___ Sqn CO SNYDER Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month JAN day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OSCERHBLEM, GER, target time, 12.05 P.M., altitude, 20,000 Ft. route scheduled, ———, route flown ———

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER OSNABROOK, GER.

6. Did you bail out? YES.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". ALL BAILED OUT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME, ALL BUT PILOT, CO-PILOT, RADIO, ENGINEER.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM ME.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PILOT, CO-PILOT, ENGINEER, RADIO OP.

11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE

12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? BEFORE WE HIT THE COAST GOING IN. ALL O.K.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ———

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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# CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1922

1. Your name BERNELL S. HEATON Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 6662350
8th. AAF. K.D. STEVENS - Col. LT. SNYDER
2. Organization 303rd BOMB. GP Gp Commander [redacted] Rank [redacted] Sqn CO [redacted] Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year '44 - [redacted] month JAN. day 11th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OSCHERSLEBEN, target, F.W. FACTORIES, target time, 12:25 P.M., altitude, 19000 Ft. route scheduled, TOWARD BERLIN, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? HOLLAND BORDER NEAR GER.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - FIVE OTHERS
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". TAIL GUNNER, DuCAN BAILED OUT FIRST, CHILES, WAIST GUNNER AND BALL GUNNER FOLLOWED ME OUT WAIST DOOR.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? EAST OF OSNABROCK, GER.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) T. SGT. DAVID TEMPESTA T. SGT. GEORGE CALLIHAN, LT. WILLIAM FISHER AND 1ST LT. GEORGE MCCLELLAN
11. Where were they in aircraft? MCCLELLAN & FISHER IN PILOT COMPARTMENT TEMPESTA IN TOP TURRET, CALLIHAN IN RADIO RM.
12. What was their condition? TEMPESTA AND CALLIHAN DEAD, MCCLELLAN AND FISHER UNKNOWN -
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? S/SGT CHILES AND S/SGT VARIAN WAIST DOOR READY TO LEAVE SHIP. CALLIHAN DEAD IN RADIO ROOM FROM 3 20 MM HITS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CALLIHAN , George A. 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 18130833
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ (Fighter): Radio Oper.& Radio Gun.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? —

If not, why not? Killed in plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Over the English Channel (Interphone until 1st fighter att. 2nd or Checks on the

Was he injured? Was Killed Instantly by 20mm Fire

Where was he when last seen? Lying on the floor in the Radio Rm.

Any hearsay information: None.

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Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I, Personally Saw Callihan Hit By By 20mm. Burst, in Shoulder, Mid-section (Stomach) and Legs. There were 3 or more of These Burst

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: REF MAJ SNYDER, E.E. SQDN CO. 427th, 303. BombGr.

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TEMPESTA , David (NMI) 1922
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33276214
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Eighteen (Eighteen)~~: Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.

Did he bail out? No

Where? ——

If not, why not? Killed by 20 m.m. Burst in Chest.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Routine Checks By Bomb-D. CORNISH

Was he injured? FATELY

Where was he when last seen? Lying on Base of Top Turret.

Any hearsay information: NAVIGATOR, Lt. KALLIHER SAW TEMPESTA Before Bailing out, said, "20 MM. SHELL BURST INSIDE TEMPESTA Chest, Killing SGT TEMPESTA INSTANTLY," AND that he Was Lying At Base of the Top TURRET. "HE WAS INJURED PRIOR To THIS BY 20 MM BURST AND KNOCKED To cat Walk Leading To Nav. Compartment But Climbed Back to turret and CONTINUED To FIRE at FIGHTERS!"

Source: Lt Kalliher, Nav. - ON SHIP (Bad Check) (SGT)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE - REFER To Lt. Kalliher, OUR NAVIGATOR FOR MISSION. His State To me describe above

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: REF. 303. Bomb Group, 427th Sqdn Commander Maj. E.E. Snyder.

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# INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FISHER , William A. 1922
Rank: 2nd.Lt.
Serial number: 0-677472
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Did he bail out? No

Where? ———

If not, why not? ———

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

On 303rd Field Before Mission. An introduction.

Was he injured? Not KNOWN.

Where was he when last seen? Co-Pilots Compartment

Any hearsay information: YES, Sitting at Co-Pilots controlls, and Believed to be uninjured.

Source: Lt Kahlhler

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: Oschersleben, Germany, JAN 11, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC CLELLAN ,Jr., George S. 1922
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: 0-792341
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? ——

If not, why not? Possible Shock.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Gave ORDER "PREPare to Bail out".

Was he injured? UNKNOWN to me.

Where was he when last seen? Standing on CatWalK Back of Pilots seat, Foward of Top Turret.

Any hearsay information: Asked Lt. KALLIHER to Get Him a PARRACHUTE, said, when asked IF SHIP WOULD MAKE it Back to ENGLAND By Lt. KALLIHER. NO It is on Automatic Pilot, Now.

Source: Lt. KALLIHER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: GERMAN-INTERROGATION told ME MY Pilot and 3 other CREW MEMBER WERE Found DEAD in OUR SHIP. THIS WAS AT DuLAG Luft, at FRANK-FURT on THE MAINE - Ger. OFFICE NAME unknown

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18.

Dates and destinations if possible: REF. to 303rd. Bomb Gr 427th SQDN Co, MAJ SNYDER, EE.

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Burrell S. Keaton
213 N.E. Cedar St.
Camas. Wash.

May 31, 1946.

Headquarters,
Army Air Force,
Washington.

Dear Sir,

The inclosed forms were forward to my above address just recently and I hope that the field in forms will aid him of my crew that were killed or still missing on our last mission.

These forms contain all information that I can recall to memory - If I can be of any further assistance I would gladly comply -

Sincerely Yours,
Burrell S. Keaton

VIII BOMBER COMMAND — PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGET

Primary _____

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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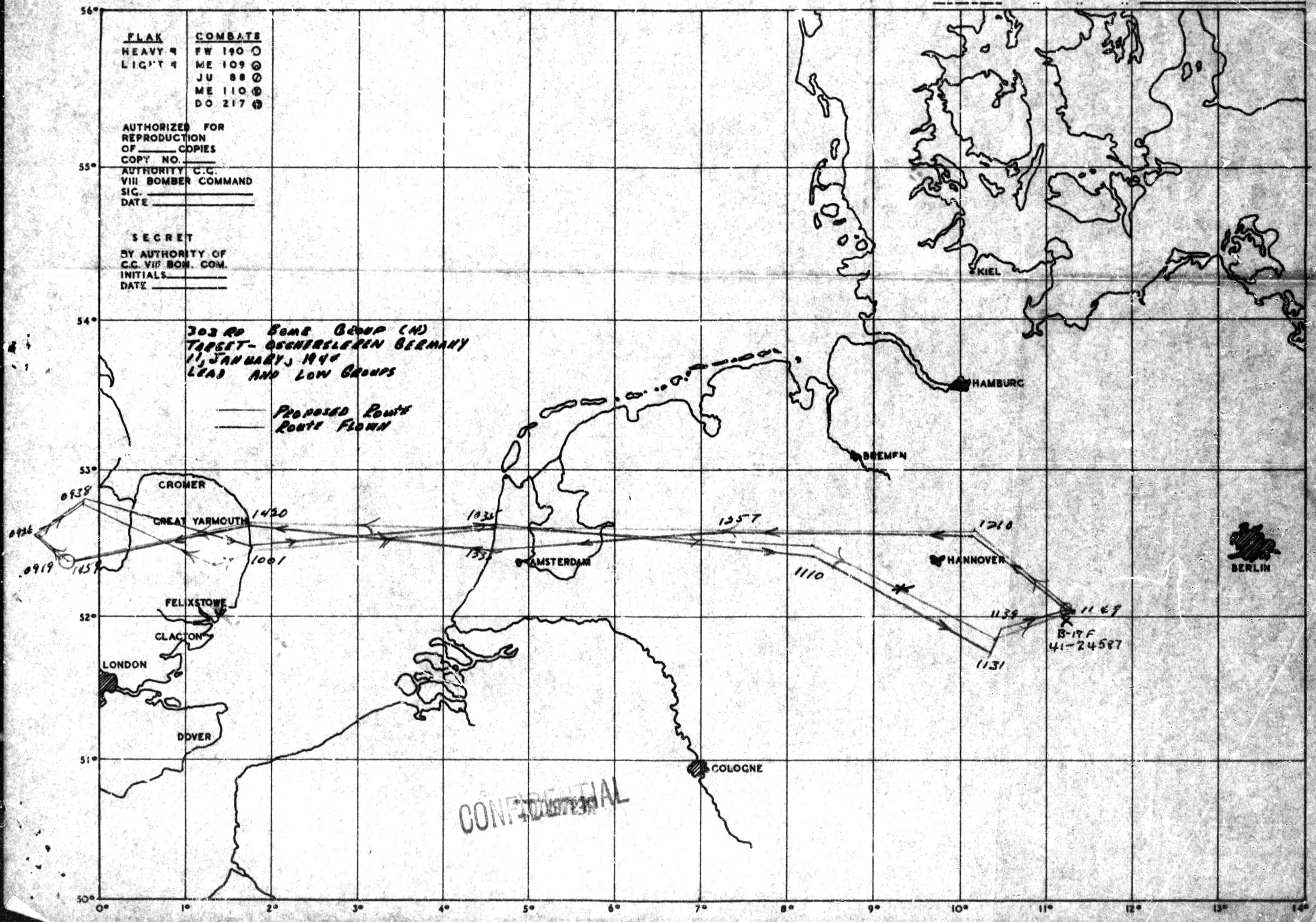
Route followed by _____

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