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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AFO 634 - US ARMY

1923

Classification changed  
to **RESTRICTED**  
by S. A. [redacted], Lt. Col., AC  
by F. E. [redacted], Capt., AC  
1945

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force 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 ; Detachment ---
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Chart Attached  
Intended Destination Oschersleben, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
No. low cloud. Low cloud bank to distant north, south & west of target area.
- GIVE: (a) Date Jan. 44 ; and Location See Chart  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (-) Last Sighted; (-) Last contacted by Radio;  
(-) Forced down; (-) Seen to Crash; or (-) 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 A/C in question was seen to blow up between Dummer Lake and Minden, between 1110 hours and 1125 hours.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-24619  
ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64997  
(b) 41-56406 ; (c) 43-58871 ; (d) 43-58716
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) see attached sheet ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (g) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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	SIMMONS, THOMAS L.	2nd Lt.	<u>Pow 0-801311 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	REICHEL, FRED E.	2nd Lt.	<u>Pow 0-683778 RTD</u>
3. Navigator & L.N.G.	CLYATT, WILLIAM L. JR.	2nd Lt.	<u>Pow 0-809479 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier & R.N.G.	VAUGHAN, RICHARD W.	2nd Lt.	<u>Pow 0-752367 RTD</u>
5. Engineer & T.T.G.	ELLIOTT, WALLACE S.	S/Sgt.	<u>Pow 33214356 RTD</u>
6. Asst. Eng. & R.W.G.	STEWART, ROBERT D.	Sgt.	<u>Pow 12168334 RTD</u>
7. Radio Oper. & Radio Gun.	BENNETT, JOSEPH A.	S/Sgt.	<u>Pow 12203763 RTD</u>
8. Asst. Rad. Op. & B.T.G.	DI PIETRA, DANTE C.	Sgt.	<u>Pow 32722145 RTD</u>
9. Left Waist Gunner	LIVINGSTON, ROBERT F.	Sgt.	<u>Pow 12207810</u>
10. Tail Gunner	HASTY, WESLEY L.	Sgt.	<u>Pow 38273782 RTD</u>

- 1. 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		Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	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. See Chart Attached
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. --
- 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 13 January 1944

Jesse M. Barrett  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C.,  
Group S-2

Livingstone Robert F. Sgt.  
born Oct. 4, 1922  
Ident. tag: 12 207810  
taken prisoner

K0665  
11 Jan

Res 3885

Stewart, Robert Donald, Sgt.  
born July 24, 1923  
Ident. tag: 12 168 334  
taken prisoner

Elliott, Wallace, S/Lt.  
born Nov. 27, 1920  
Ident. tag: 33 214 352  
taken prisoner

Vaughan, Richard Wesley, 2nd Lt.  
born Nov. 6, 1918  
Ident. tag: 9 752 367  
taken prisoner

Ku 685-

Jan. 11, 1944

Forbes

Reichel, Fred E. 2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag: O 683 778

taken prisoner

Hasty, Wesley Leon Sgt.

born July 19, 1922

Ident. Tag: O 38 273 782

taken prisoner

Bennett, Joseph Albert S/Sgt.

Ident. Tag: O 203 762

Ku 685- Jan 11, 1944 Gutman

continuation of  
L.P. No. 381/44

Feb. 1, 1944

Simmons, Thomas Jamar

2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag? P-80131/  
Station

KM 685-

Jan. 11, 1944 - Fortress - Confirmation of

I.P. No. 381 144

Feb. 1, 1944

1592

Di Pietra, Tante Collesigiere - Sgt.,

born Nov 8, 1922

Ident. Tag: 32 722 145-

taken prisoner.

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INSTALLED WEAPONS (Type and Serial Number) Plane No. 41-24619, B-17F.

310636	FCGM	143611	KHW
371808	FCGM	140917	KHW
143648	KHW	223732	FCGM
222987	KHW		
223508	FCGM		
143508	KHW		
143706	KHW		
223606	KHW		

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Bennett, Joseph A.	S. Sgt.	12203763	= EUS
Clyatt, William L. Jr.	2 <sup>d</sup> Lt.	0-809479	= EUS
Di Pietra, Dante C.	Sgt.	92722145	= EUS
Elliott, Wallace S.	S. Sgt.	33214256	= EUS
Hasty, Wesley L.	Sgt.	38273782	= EUS
Livingston, Robert F.	Sgt.	12207810	= PNB
Reichel, Fred E	2 <sup>d</sup> Lt.	0-683778	= EUS
Simmons, Thomas L.	2 <sup>d</sup> Lt.	0-801311	= EUS
Stewart, Robert D.	Sgt.	12168334	= EUS
Vaughan, Richard H.	2 <sup>d</sup> Lt.	0-752367	= EUS

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name DANTE C. D. PIETRA Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 32722145
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ 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, ASCHERSCHLIEDEN, GERM., target time, 12:02, altitude, 20,000 FT. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 2 MINS. FROM I.P.
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". FIRST LEFT WAIST GUNNER, STEWART; SEC. TAIL GUNNER, HASTY; THIRD RADIO OPERATOR, BENNETT; FOURTH AND LAST FROM AFT OF SHIP BALL TURRET GUNNER, D. PIETRA. NO KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICERS & ENGINEER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR A DAM. NEAR TARGET
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? WHEN LEFT HOME BASE IN ENGLAND 303<sup>rd</sup> B.G. 427 B.S. THEIR CONDITION WAS NORMAL
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)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1923

Name of crew member: **LIVINGSTON, Robert F.**  
 Rank: **Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **12 20 78 10**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Fighter (Fighter)~~: **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN VICINITY OF ~~THE~~ I.P.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

BAILING OUT.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN REVIER AT P.W. CAMP

Any hearsay information: DEVELOPED BRONCHITIS FEW

MONTHS AFTER ARRIVING AT P.W. CAMP.

Source: PERSONAL CONVERSATION

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

CURED OF BRONCHITIS WHEN RETURNED TO

BARRACKS. WATER ON DEVELOPED BRONCHIAL-

PNEUMONIA. HAD ONE LUNG GONE AND A

THIRD OF THE OTHER ONE LEFT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 16, 1943, BREMEN; DEC. 24, 1943

CALIAS, FRANCE; JAN. 2, 1944, LUDWIGSHAVEN; JAN. 11, 1944

ASCHERSCHLIEBEN, GERM.

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Name of crew member: **LIVINGSTON, Robert P.**  
 Rank: **Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **12 20 78 10**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Navigator)~~: **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER GERMANY - NEAR BRUNSWICK

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

CONVERSATION, "PLANES 3 O'CLOCK, APPROACHING FAST"

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? DULAG LUFT, FRANKFORT GERMANY

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

MY ENLISTED MEN INFORMED ME HE DIED OF PNEUMONIA  
WHILE A POW

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: APPX - DEC 16, 1943 BREMEN

DEC. 24/43 KIEL DEC 31, 1943 ARBEVILLE, FRANCE + JAN 11, 1944  
D. S. CHERSLEBEN, GERMANY. MISSION SHOT DOWN ON

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THOMAS L. SIMMONS Rank 2LT Serial No. 0-801311
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> Gp Commander Col STEVENS Rank COL Sqn CO SNYDER Rank MAJ  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JANUARY day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OSCHERSLEBEN, target, FOLKE WOLFE FACTORY, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did you bail out? YES
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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".  
WHEN I GAVE ORDER TO BAIL OUT, EVERYONE JUMPED
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW ALL OF CREW AT DULAG LEFT GERMANY  
NONE WERE INJURED.
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)

VIII BOMBER COMMAND - PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TARGET

Primary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

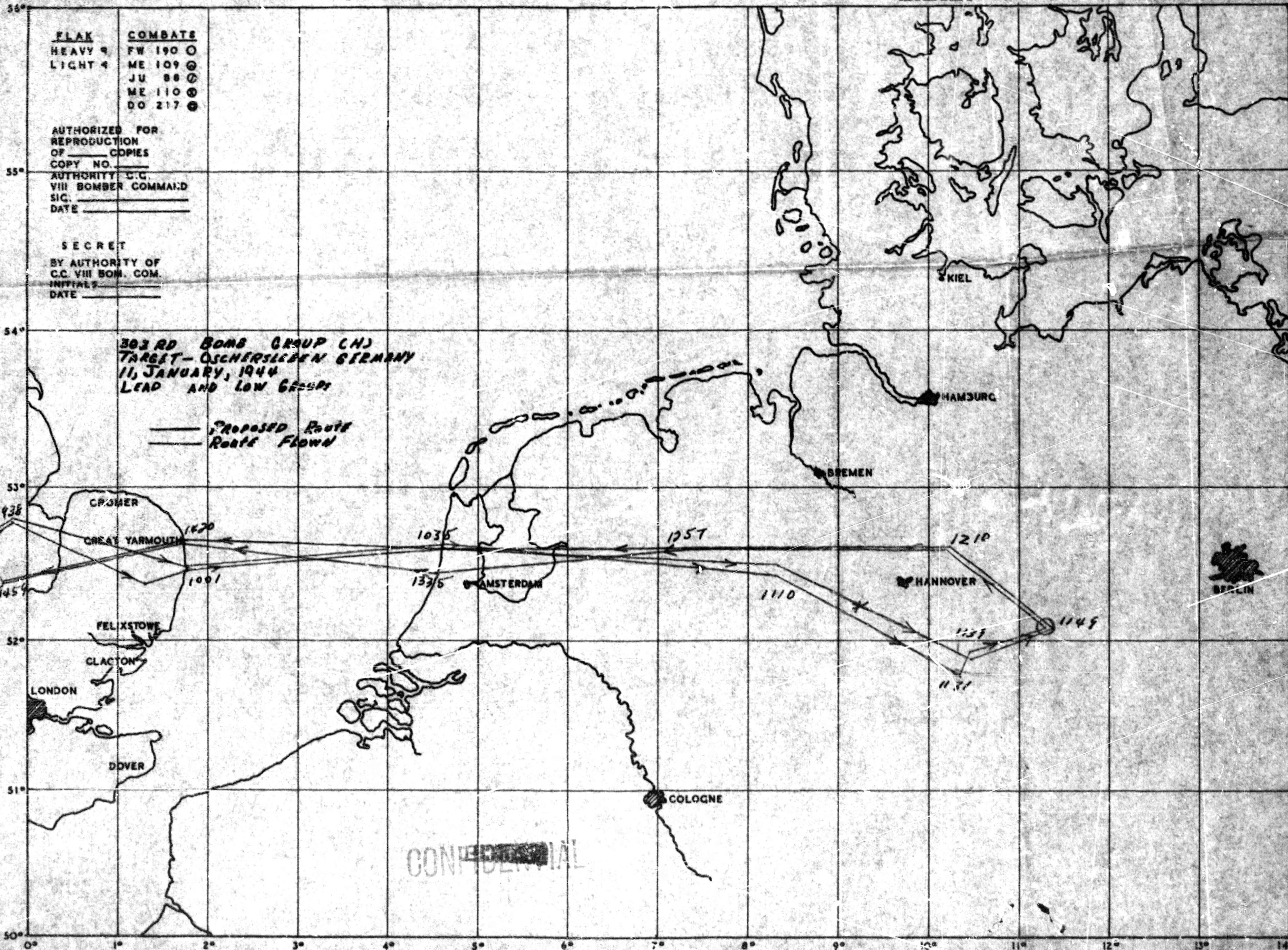
TRACK CHART

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Route followed by

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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