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to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC  
Date OCT 15 1945

Date	Person	Initials
	M. J. ...	HALL
		WILDER
		(2)
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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
 363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 634 - US ARMY

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 8th AF  
 Group 303 ; Squadron 358 ; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Chart  
 Intended Destination St. Nazaire ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Partly cloudy - overcast scattered rain showers
- GIVE: (a) Date 3-1-43 ; Time 1134 ; and Location In water west of St. Nazaire  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 47°10'N-02°30'W  
 (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)  Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-24526
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-78577  
 (b) 42-78496 ; (c) 42-78438 ; (d) 42-78597
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (List below make, type and Serial Number)  
 (a) Not Available ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (g) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
 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).

\* See Attached Sheet.

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot	Clark, James B.	1st Lt.	0-435857	KIA
2. Co-Pilot	BOUTON, PAUL (NMI) JR.	2nd Lt.	0-790733	KIA
3. Navigator	HOFFMAN, CHARLES E.	2nd Lt.	0-728211	KIA
4. Bombardier	LUSK, DON W. JR.	2nd Lt.	0-727108	KIA
5. Top T. Gunner	REINO, THOMAS J.	T/Sgt.	13037536	KIA
6. Right W. Gunner	HALL, GEORGE F. JR.	S/Sgt	17033050	MIA
7. Tail Gunner	RUKES, MERLYN D.	S/Sgt	18084577	KIA
8. Radio Gunner	WILDER, LEROY W.	S/Sgt	39013694	KIA
9. Ball Turret Gunner	BRUNET, ARTHUR (NMI)	Sgt	15031181	KIA
10. Left W. Gunner	LAND, JONATHAN S.	Sgt	12012560	KIA

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)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted		Saw		
		By	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing	
1. <u>Hot News Report - (Attached)</u>						
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) \_\_\_\_\_ for reason (Specify) Not Known
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
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 DIRECTION, RANGE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_



Date of Report August 12 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, AC, Group S-2.



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SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See Chart  
Intended Destination St. Nazaire; Type of Mission Bombardment

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Partly cloudy - overcast scattered rain showers

GIVE: (a) Date 8-1-44; Time 1134; and Location In water west of St. Nazaire  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 49°10'N-02°30'W

(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) (  ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-24526

ENGINES: Type, Model and Series A-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-78577  
(b) 42-78486; (c) 42-78488; (d) 42- 97

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below table, Type and Serial Number)

(a) Not Available; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
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3. Navigator	<u>HOFFMAN, CHARLES E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-728231 KIA</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>LUSK, DON W. JR.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-727108 KIA</u>
5. Top Gunner	<u>REYNO, THOMAS J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>15087836 KIA</u>
6. Right W. Gunner	<u>HALL, GEORGE F. JR.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>17058050 MIA</u>
7. Tail Gunner	<u>RUFFS, MERLYN D.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18084577 KIA</u>
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10. Left W. Gunner	<u>LAND, JONATHAN S.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>12012560 KIA</u>

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted		Check Only One Column		
		By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	Forced Landing
1. <u>Hot News Report - (Attached)</u>						
2. _____						
3. _____						

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) Not Known

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Date of Report August 12 1944.

James M. Barrett  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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STATUS OF PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION ON A/C #41-24526, 3 JANUARY 1943.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
Pilot	Clark, James B.	1st Lt.	0-435857	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
Co-pilot	Bouton, Paul (NMI) Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-790783	MIA	
Navigator	Hoffman, Charles E.	2nd Lt.	0-728211	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
Bombardier	Lusk, Don W. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-727108	KIA	WDPR 30 July 1943
Top Turret Gunner	Reino, Thomas J.	T/Sgt.	13037536	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
Right Waist Gunner	Hall, George F. Jr.	S/Sgt.	17033050	KIA	FWIB.
Tail Gunner	Rukes, Merlyn D.	S/Sgt.	18084577	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
Radio Gunner	Wilder, Leroy W.	S/Sgt.	39013694	KIA	FWIB.
Ball Turret Gunner	Brunnet, Arthur (NMI)	Sgt.	13031181	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
Left Waist Gunner	Land, Jonathan S.	Sgt.	12012560	KIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44

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Navigator	Hoffman, Charles E.	2nd Lt.	O-728211	MIA	ETO MRU 1 Apr 44
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Hot News Report

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3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 557, 14 August 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. Attached hereto is Missing Air Crew Report for mission 3 January 1943, in compliance with par. 2, basic communication.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Richard P. Vinal*  
RICHARD P. VINAL,  
Captain, AC.  
Asst. Adjutant

1 Incl:  
Missing Air Crew Rpt (Trip)

Basic: Ltr, Hq AAF, Wash, D.C., 14 July 44, Sub, George F. Hall, Jr.,  
MIA, 1 Jan 43, later rptd KIA, 1 Jan 43.

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4th Ind.

(G/D/8)

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 16 August 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement and attached inclosure.
2. Records this headquarters indicate present status of 2d Lt. Paul (NMI) Bouton, Jr., O-790783, as KIA per Ltr 8th AF, subject, "Changes in Status of Casualty Personnel" dated 16 February 1944.

For the Commanding General:

*Charles E. Garvin*  
CHARLES E. GARVIN,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

1 Incl:  
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5th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

TO: Commanding General, Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations,  
APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to 3rd Indorsement and inclosure thereto.
2. S/Sgt. George F. Hall, Jr., 17033050, is indicated on records this headquarters as MIA since 3 January 1943.

For the Commanding General:



1 Incl: (in dup)

*H. S. Wilson, Jr.*  
H. S. WILSON, Jr.  
Captain, A. G. D.,  
Ass't. Adj. General.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: George F. Hill, Jr., 17033050,  
358th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group,  
Missing in Action 1 January 1943,  
Later reported Killed in Action 1 January 1943.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported ~~missing~~ (in action) on the date shown.  
Killed

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 340.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

*E. A. Bradunas*

E. A. BRADUNAS,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Chief, Casualty Branch,  
AAF Personal Affairs Division.

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MUENCH, Capt., AC  
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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, 6th Ind. APO 871, U.S. ARMY. 4 September 1944. JWP/eg.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of S/Sgt George F. Hall Jr., 17033050 as killed in action, 3 January 1943.

For the Theater Commander:

*H. M. Rund*  
H. M. RUND,  
Lt. Col., AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl  
n/c (dup w/d)



1st Lt. James B. Clark

Mrs. Charles S. Clark, (Mother)  
Coshoxton Road,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Paul Bouton, Jr.

Mrs. Malley T. Bouton, (Mother)  
1804 North Lake Avenue,  
Lakeland, Florida.

2nd Lt. Charles B. Hoffman

Miss Dorothy M. Hoffman, (Sister)  
Box 151,  
Norman, Oklahoma.

2nd Lt. Don W. Lusk, Jr.

Mrs. Edith S. Lusk, (Mother)  
210 West 7th Street,  
Silver City, New Mexico.

T/Sgt. Thomas J. Moine

Mrs. Pearl Moine Smallwood, (Mother)  
1119 East Capitol Street,  
Washington, D. C.

S/Sgt. George F. Hall, Jr.

Mr. George F. Hall, (Father)  
1117 18th Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

S/Sgt. Marilyn D. Hukes

Mr. Charles W. Hukes, (Father)  
Okarche, Route 3,  
Canadian, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt. Leroy E. Wilder

Mr. Albert E. Wilder, (Father)  
Orleans, California.

Sgt. Arthur Brunnet

Mrs. Phillip H. Brunnet, (Mother)  
Rural Delivery #2, Box 228,  
Portage, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Jonathan S. Land

Mrs. Anna Land, (Mother)  
191 South Broad Street,  
Penn Grove, New Jersey.



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# TRACK CHART

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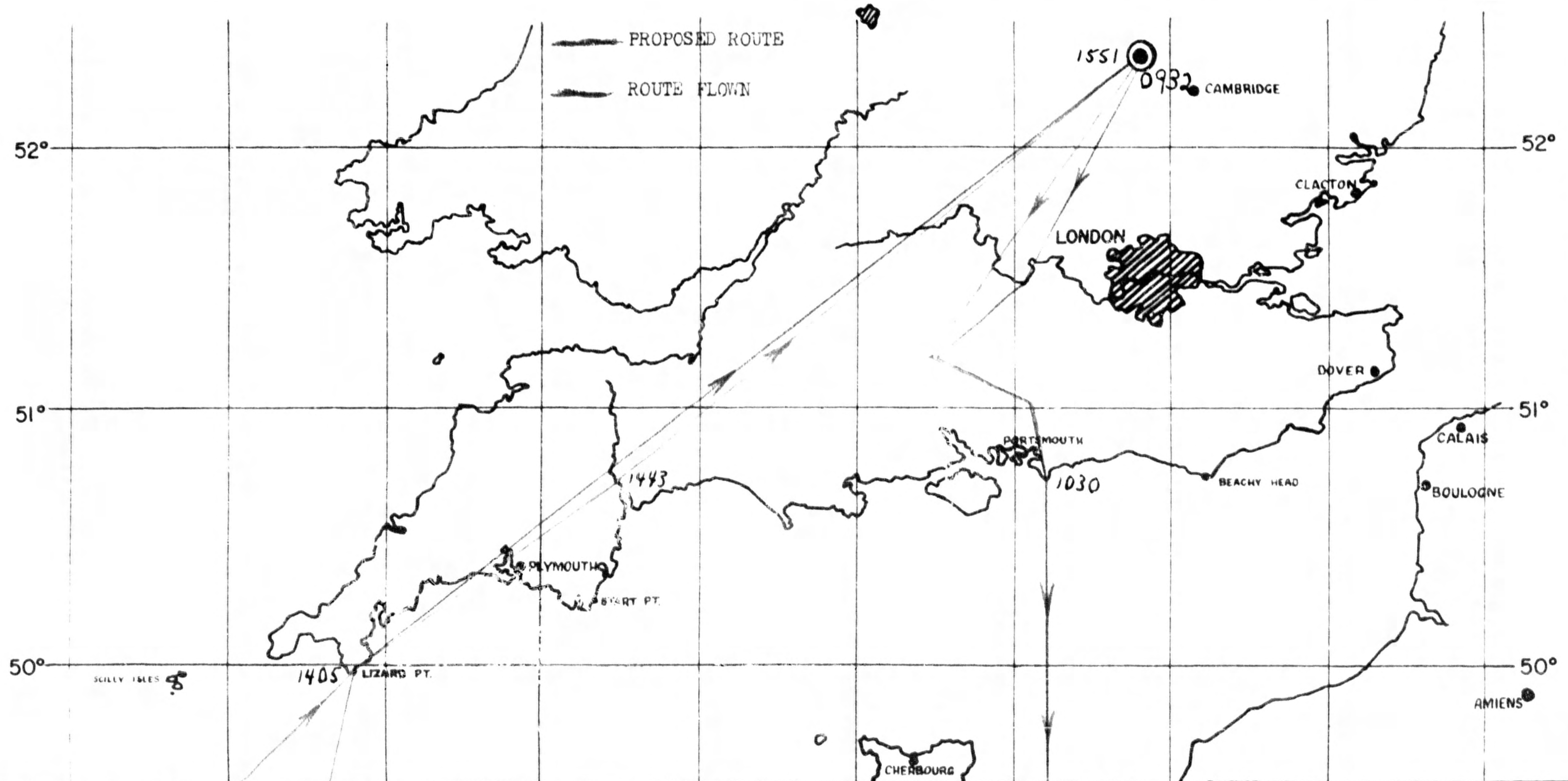
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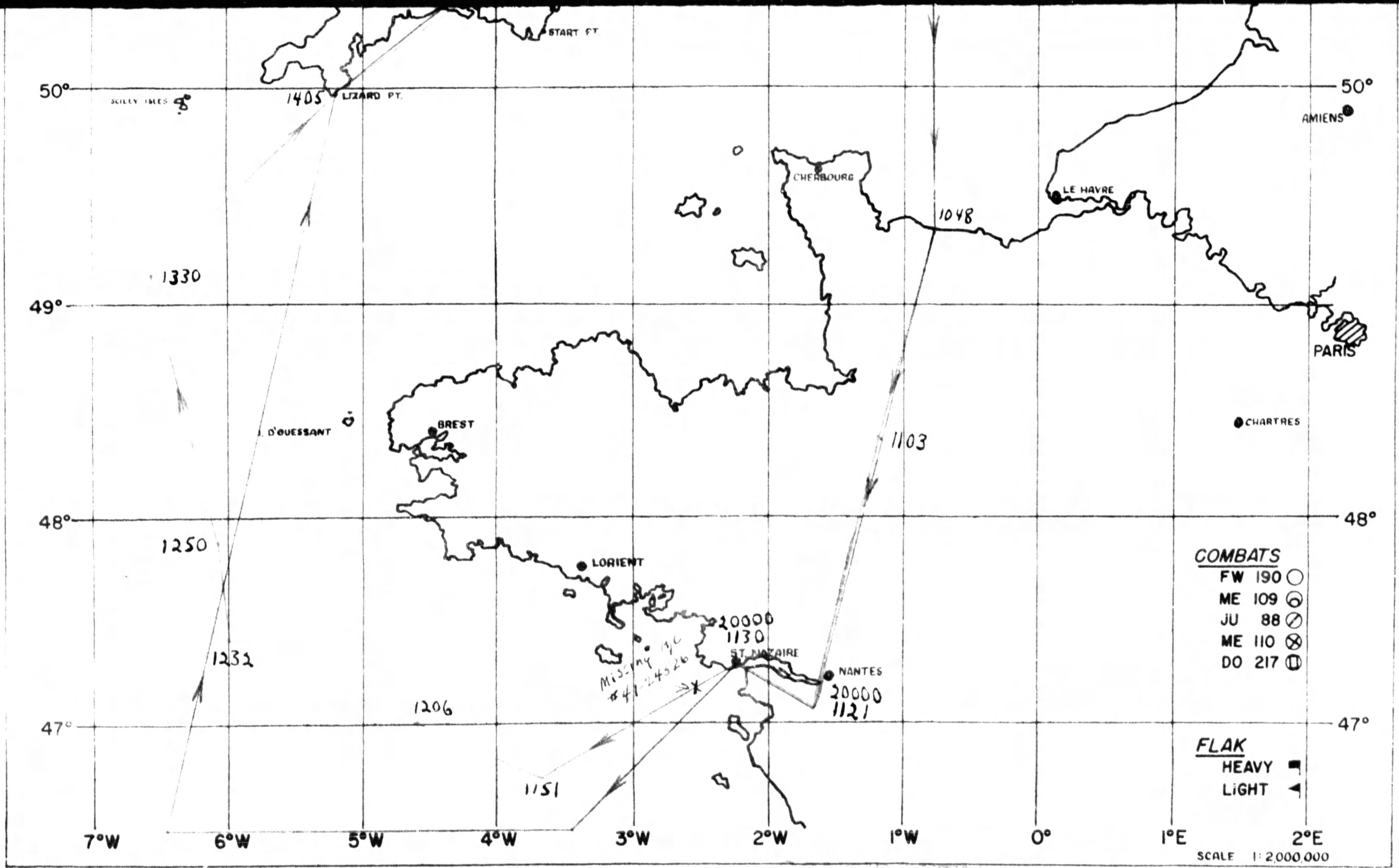
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**COMBATS**

- FW 190 ○
- ME 109 ⊙
- JU 88 ⊘
- ME 110 ⊗
- DO 217 ⊚

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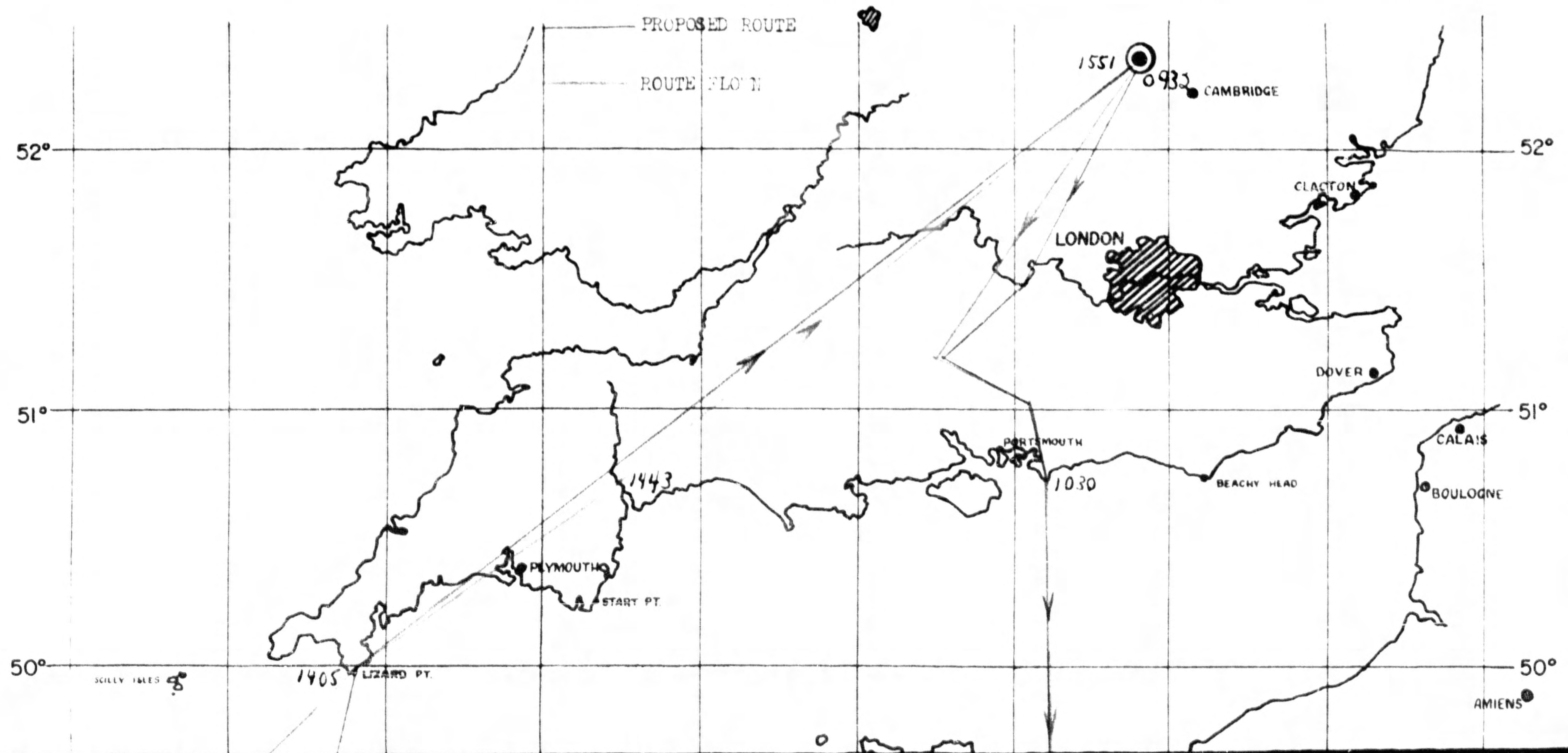
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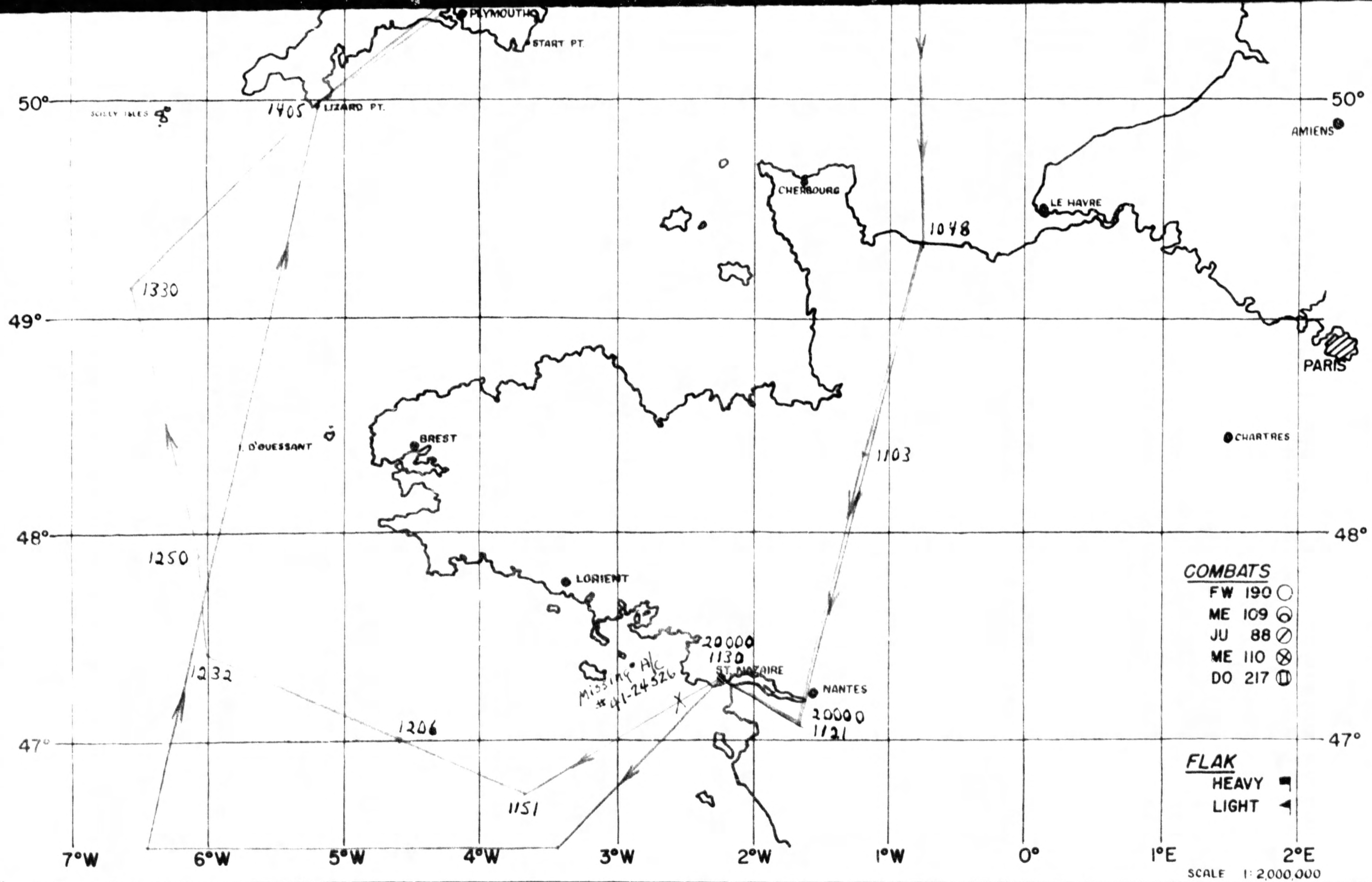
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