

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MURKIN, Capt., AC
Date 15 Aug 1944

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

8172

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth, England. ; Command of Air Force 8th A.F.
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth, Eng. ; Course See Attached Chart.
Intended Destination Wiesbaden, Germany. ; Type of mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: No low or middle clouds. 3/10ths cirrus at 25,000. Air to ground visibility 10-15 miles in base.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 15 August 1944 ; Time 1145-1205 ; and Location 50°00'N-06°30'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.
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 _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 44-6086-L X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-017612
(b) SW-017238 ; (c) SW-017167 ; (d) SW-017165
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) _____
(b) 1191422 SA ; (c) 1192125 S.A. ; (d) 953149 B. ; (e) 956193 B.
(f) 1191823 SA ; (g) 716524 B. ; (h) 1191802 S. A. ; (i) 156278 H.S.
(j) 1192423 SA ; (k) 156461 H.S. ; (l) 1192237 S.A. ; (m) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars:

Crew Position	(Name in Full)		Rank	Serial Number
	Last	First		
1. Pilot	W	LABSON, OLIVER B.	2nd Lt.	0-761154 RTD
2. Co-pilot	W	KERSTING, GEORGE B.	2nd Lt.	0-705704 RTD
3. Navigator	W	GARD, JOHN M.	2nd Lt.	0-718281 RTD
4. Bombardier	W	DRAYES, JOHN J.	2nd Lt.	0-771988 RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	W	O'CONNOR, ROBERT E.	S/Sgt.	52119567 RTD
6. Radio Gunner	W	MULLANEY, DONALD E.	S/Sgt.	57174212 RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	W	SHEEHY, CHARLES R.	Sgt.	59209251 RTD
8. Waist Gunner	W	HOLLAND, HUBER D.	Sgt.	57703375 RTD
9. Tail Gunner	W	PELLSON, HERBERT M.	Sgt.	55786151 RTD

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID: M
Check Only One Column
- | Name in Full
(Last Name First) | Serial Rank Number | Contacted | | | Saw | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|--|
| | | by Radio | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Forced Landing | |
| 1. <u>No definite information.</u> | | | | | | |
| 2. _____ | | | | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | | | |

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) No additional information.
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See Attached Chart.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Attached Summary.
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 19 August 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,

Serial 16

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**SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF MISSING AIR CREWS
ON MISSION 15 AUGUST 1944.**

All eyewitness descriptions pertaining to the missing aircraft are being consolidated and the following circumstances surrounding the loss of these aircraft are summarized below:

1. Attached is a formation diagram showing the position of all aircraft in the Low Group. Also shown are the missing aircraft as well as aircraft that returned to base.

2. Due to the position in the Combat Wing, namely, Low Group position, there were few observations by crew members in the Lead and High Group positions pertaining to the missing aircraft.

3. Statements vary as to the number of chutes seen. The greatest number of chutes observed by any one crew was fifteen (15). Other reports by returning crews stated the number of chutes seen as being 1, 4, 6, 8 and 9.

4. Incomplete reports by crew members makes it difficult to determine the condition of many of the lost aircraft. Some were reported as exploding in air, others observed going down in flames. The aircraft flying in #2 position (Charnick, A/C #42-97085), was reported as having 4 engines on fire. Two chutes were observed coming from this aircraft.

Aircraft flying in #3 position (Goss, A/C #42-31183), was reported as straggling and the first to be attacked by E/A. This aircraft was reported as going down in flames. No chutes were reported coming from this aircraft.

The lead aircraft (Stein-Litman, A/C #42-37838), was observed going down in flames. No chutes reported as having been seen.

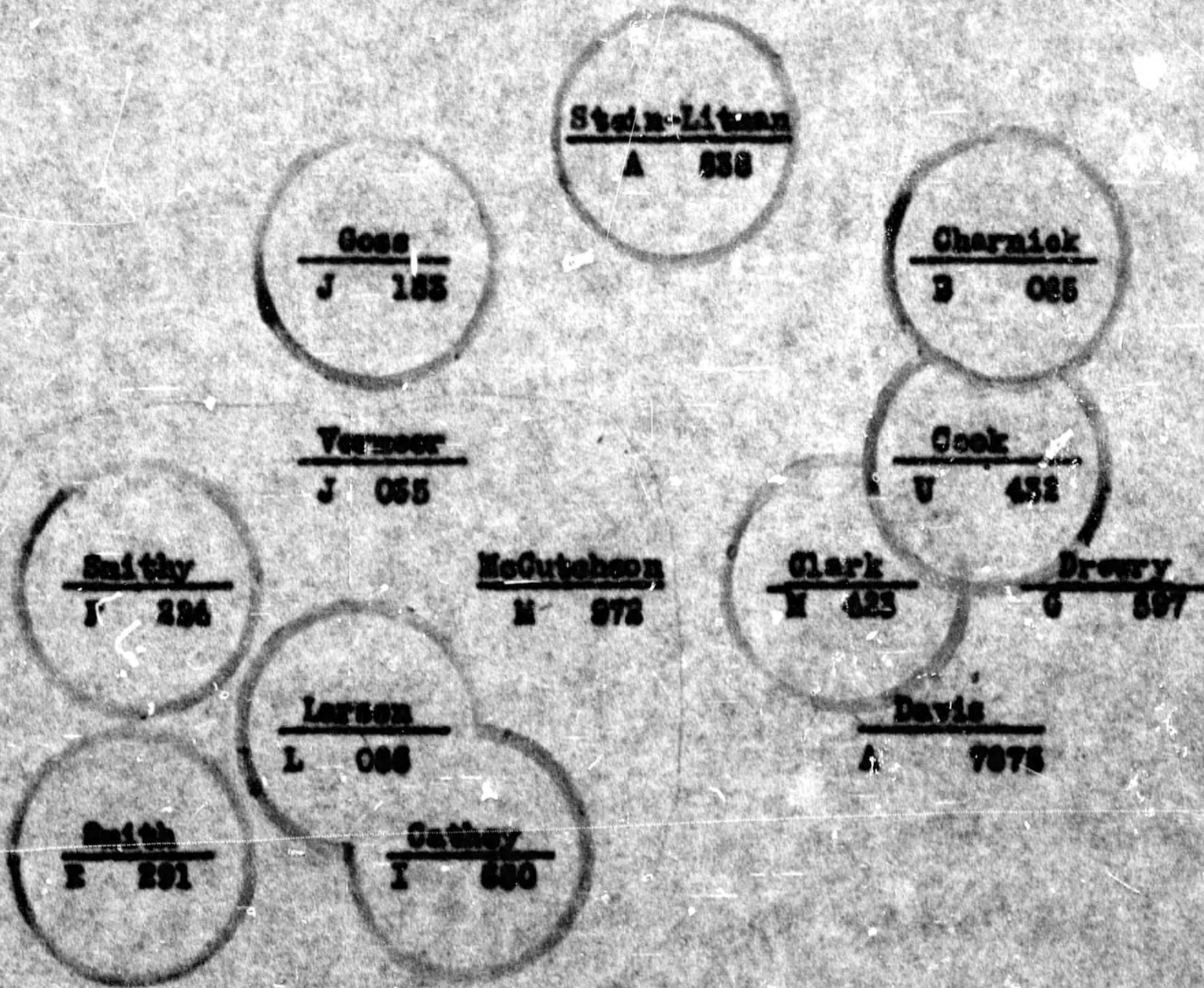
5. Reinterrogation of the four crews that returned as well as selected crew members from the Lead and High Groups did not result in any additional data as to the missing crews.

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

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**FORMATION OF LOW GROUP - MISSING AIR CREW
REPORT FOR 15 AUGUST 1944**



○ - Lost Aircraft

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Air Base HQs A 18/VII
Post HQs Trier-Euren

Trier, August 18, 1944

Subject: Items of captured American Pilots received subsequently at this station.

The following articles were received here subsequently:

2 X-Ray Dispositives of Lt. George B. Kersting, SK C-705704 T43-44 A ✓
 1 envelope containing teared notice papers ✓
 1 Manual on Radio Set ✓

These items are personal effects of American prisoners of war, shot down August 15, 1944, near Kyllburg.

MIA - 15 August
 POW
 RMC

MACK # 8172

DATE: 15 August 1944

AT: 1200

RANK

NAME

K U 2778

CHANGED TO K U 2754

RECEIPT.

P/O. Taylor No. 5041

On my arrival at Dulag Luft,
the following objects were in my
possession: (Personal property only)

- 1 ring
- 1 pocketknife
- 1 pair of nail plyers
- 1 key plyers.

I have been informed that any other object
found in my possession, and not
mentioned above, (i.e. hidden objects)
will be confiscated.

Date:

Signature:

On reverse side:

No. 5041

Dulag Luft, 24, May 43

RECEIPT.

All personal property received inter alia:

Signature of J. Taylor.

MACR 8172
B-17
9 men

DATE: 15 August 1944 AT: 1140 RANK: NAME: KU - 2755
PLACE: Saffern near Bittburg ✓ DRAVES, John J KIA ASN: O-771938
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress
358 (HCo) Sqd - 303 Group
TARGET: Flight - Command Nets 1 dead
*in CR 8172 -
all lost & made
ITD*

N.- Stalag XVII I.
Section Investigation, Schw/VII

Gneixendorf, 7 Sept 43

Subject: Personal property of prisoners of war, mentioned on page -178-.

R E P O R T

Personal property, sent with registered parcel to Group Counter-Intelligence-
Investigation was handed over by police officer Schwacha, to prisoners of war
mentioned on page 178. Receipts obtained. Valuables gold, silver and money amounts,
were taken out and were sent to Group Administration according to enclosed list,
for further safe keeping.

Prisoner of war Heritage, No. 99380 stated, that wristwatch (Latham) with
leatherband, sent for him, is not his property. But he claimed, that his golden
watch " Gruen " (flat, rectangular) with golden watchband was confiscated in
camp Oberursel. However he had no receipt for that. If his watch will not be found
he claims property-rights on the metal watch here.

Prisoners of war have got receipts for valuables, which were sent to Group Administra-
tion.

Enclosed: 10 Receipts
1 list of items to Group Administration.

Identification tag of the following POW

DRAYON

John, J.

O - 771908

T A 3 44 0

POW sheet

August 15, 1944

11.40

Fortress 17

S c f f e r n

V K O L

9 km. northward of Bitburg

Commander of air base H e t z

1 0640

KW 2782
15 Aug 44

KU 2755 3) Seffern

9 kms north of Bitburg, - Q O 7 -, 1140,
Boeing, 98 %, identification marks: fuselage
V K - cockade - L, 1 dead.

3) Seffern, 9 kms north of Bitburg, - Q O 7 -, at 1140
Boeing, 98 %, identification marks: fuselage: V K -
cockade - L, 1 dead.

KU 2755

Boeing B 17 shotdown at Bitburg 15 Aug. 44 .
ROCCO, Patsy
Buried at memorial cemetery of Bitburg .

DRAVES, John J.

dead

KU 275 S

32216757 T 42 43 A

0-771908 T 43 44 O

✓ 2nd Lt Oliver B. Larson

Mr. Olaf Larson, (Father)
Oshes, Ontario.

✓ 2nd Lt John H. Gard

Mr. Raymond F. Gard, (Father)
Farmington, New Mexico.

✓ 2nd Lt John J. Druves

Miss Helen E. Druves, (Sister)
433 Boulevard,
Bayonne, New Jersey.

✓ 2nd Lt George B. Kersting

Mr. John B. Kersting, (Brother)
7705 W. S. Rankin Street,
Midland Heights, Missouri.

✓ S/Sgt Donald F. Mulleney

Mrs. Mary Mulleney, (Mother)
Ryland Station, Route Seven,
Muncie, Minnesota.

✓ S/Sgt Robert E. O'Connor

Mrs. Mary O'Connor, (Mother)
25 Portland Place,
Yonkers, New York.

✓ Sgt Huber D. Holland

Mrs. Edna S. Holland, (Mother)
General Delivery,
Whitewater, Colorado.

✓ Sgt Charles R. Sweeney

Mrs. Nova E. Sweeney, (Wife)
4501 South Sheridan Avenue,
Tacoma, Washington.

✓ Sgt Norbert H. Philson

Mrs. Hazel A. Philson, (Wife)
5036 Chancellor Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MACR 8172

<i>Sweeney Charles R.</i>	39-09931	R.M.C.	132 e 85	
Gard, John M.	0718281	R.M.C.	Ship.#137	29 Apr 45
Larson, Oliver B.	0761134	R.M.C.	Ship.#137	29 Apr 45
Kersting, George B.	0705704	R.M.C.	143215-2X-U-1	Date not shown
Mulleney, Donald F.	37174212	R.M.C.	143215-2X-U-25	29 Apr 45
O'Connor, Robert E.	32119567	R.M.C.	Ship.#138	29 Apr 45
Holland, Huber D.	37703375	R.M.C.	Ship.#138	29 Apr 45
Philson, Norbert M.	33796131	R.M.C.	143124-5-2-17	2 May 45

Name of crew member:

DRAVES John J.

Rank:

2nd Lt.
O-772908

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ Bombardier

Bombardier

Did he bail out?

I did not see him bail, since I was in waist

Where?

we were over Bitburg, Germany near Trier

If not, why not?

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

we had oxygen check and fighter report

Was he injured?

not that I know of

Where was he when last seen?

in bombardier seat, told by navigator

Any hearsay information:

navigator said when he bailed out bombardier had parachute hooked on facing the nose escape hatch and that he did not have any wounds, to make him incapable of getting out of the ship

Source:

told me by navigator, Lt. John M. Baird

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

either his chute didn't open or he was killed by civilians as quite a few prisoners were mistreated in that area that day & days following the first part is entirely my own supposition

Total number of missions of above crew member:

17 missions

Dates and destinations if possible:

Aug. 15-1944 target Frankfurt, Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Holland, Huber, D Rank Sgt. Serial No. 37703375
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Rank Gen. Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down? yes
358th Sq
4. What was the mission, Strategic, target, Frankfurt, Germany target
time, 11:45, altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, Metz in
Trier out, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 3 low sqd, low element
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". No knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? about three miles from Bilsberg
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 to my knowledge
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? _____
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 # 0172

Name of crew member:

DRATE John J.

Rank:

2nd Lt

Serial number:

0-771908

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ ~~Engineer~~ ~~Radio Operator~~ ~~Observer~~ ~~Co-pilot~~

bombardier

Did he bail out? I DON'T KNOW.

Where? —————

If not, why not? —————

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

DON'T REMEMBER LAST CONVERSATION.

Was he injured? I DON'T KNOW

Where was he when last seen? THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM HE WAS IN THE NOSE WITH NAVIGATOR, LT. GARD - I MOTIONED TO THEM TO FOLLOW ME AS I BAILED OUT.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —————

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: —————

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GEORGE B. KERSTING Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-705704
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander STEVENS Rank Col. Sqn CO TURNIPSEED Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, AIRFIELD, FRANKFURT, target
time, 1130, altitude, 20000' route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? SHOT OUT OF FORMATION 10 MILES
NORTH OF BIEBURG, GERMANY.
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".
NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DONT KNOW.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft whe. it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) DONT KNOW.
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? I SAW PILOT LT. OLIVER LARSON, NAVY. JOHN GARD, ENG. SGT.
ROBERT O'CONNOR, RADIO OPERATOR SGT. MULLANEY, BALL TURRET GUNNER
SGT. SWENEY, WAIST GUNNER SGT. HOLLAND - IN PRISON CAMP
AT MOOSEBURG, GERMANY (STALAG 7A) ABOUT APRIL 20TH 1945
ALL APPARENTLY IN GOOD CONDITION.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
NONE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8172

Name of crew member: **DRAMES John J.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt**
 Serial number: **0-771908**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: **bombardier**

Did he bail out? Unknown, but I do believe that he did

Where? Near Bitburg, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

ready to bail at the escape hatch just before plane exploded.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Both He and the Navigator John M. Gard were at the nose

Any hearsay information: escape hatch just before the plane exploded, lossing right

wing and start spinning, I did not see the Navigator bail but he did. I did

not feel anyone near me in the plane as it spun, If he was in the plane at

that time he would have been thrown toward me in a jolt that threw me backwards.

S/Sgt. Donald Mullaney saw the plane on the ground and stated that he saw no

Source: one in the wreck.

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

he got out of the plane but meet disaster someplace before becoming a pow

as I could find no one who had seen or heard of him in a pow camp

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17th

Dates and destinations if possible: 15th August 1944 On the way back after bombing

an Airport at Wiesbaden near Frankfurt

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Oliver B. Larson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-761134
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Col. Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Mackin Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Wiesbaden, target time, 11:30, altitude, 19,500 route scheduled, regular
route, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 15 minutes ~~before~~ after the target
and about 2 minutes before bailing out
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. All bailed with the exception of
Lt. John J. Draves, and it is believed that he bailed also.
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". I saw all of my crew with the exception of Draves and they told me how they bailed out. The interphone was out at that time. S/Sgt. Millaney, Sgts. Sweeney, Philson, and Holland all bailed out the main entrance door. Lt. Kersting, Gard and S/Sgt. O Conner bailed out the nose escape hatch. I bailed out a hole broken in the belly of
9. Where ~~did~~ your aircraft strike the ground? Near Bitburg
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 to my knowledge
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? At 19500 ft. Lt. Draves ready to bail just before the explosion
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ He appeared uninjured.
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 # 8172

Name of crew member: FRANKS, John J.
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: 0-771908
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? I'M NOT SURE

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Came on
Were bailing out.

Was he injured? NOT AT THE TIME I BAILED OUT

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE OF THE PLANE

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The plane
blew up soon after I got out AND the Bombardier
MAY HAVE BEEN hit by some part of plane AFTER
He bailed out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: 17-7-44 Pervonne France, 18-7-44 Peenemunde
19-7-44 Hollriegel Kreutz, 20-7-44 Dessau, 21-7-44 Ludwigshafen
28-7-44 Merseburg, 29-7-44 Merseburg, 31-7-44 Munich, 3-8-44 Fresnoy
4-8-44 Peenemunde 5-8-44 Pas De Calais Area - 6-8-44 Genshagen
11-8-44 Brest Area 12-8-44 Metz 13-8-44 Bernay Eureux Road
15-8-44 Wiesbaden MIA.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GARD, JOHN M. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. D-718281
2. Organization 303 B-G 8th Air Force Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO MAKIN Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Strategic, target, Wiesbaden, Air Field, target time, About 11:00, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, England to Holland to Wiesbaden route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? North East of Trier
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, Seven others Bailed out for sure
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". The Tail Gunner, Waist and Ball Turret Gunner & Radio Operator Bailed out the Rear Escape Hatch of B-17, The Pilot - Co-Pilot - Engineer and Myself Bailed out the Front Escape Hatch. I believe the Bombardier did also.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NE. of Bitburg Germany
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 don't think so. As Radio Operator Donald Mullaney S/Sgt. saw the plane on the ground and said no one was in the nose of plane
11. Where were they in aircraft? In Nose if he hadn't Bailed out
12. What was their condition? good
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All members of crew except the Bombardier 2nd Lt. J.J. Praves Have Returned to the States
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

over

Lt. Dravess's body has been recovered in
Germany according to word received by his
next of kin

I do not know the full name of my G.P.O.R
Sgtn. C.O.

K U 2755

MAR 8/32

Identification tag of the following

D r a v e s

John, J.

O - 771908

T 43 44 0

666 sheet.

August 15, 1944

11.40

Fortress 17

S o f f e r n

V K O L

9 km. northward of Bittburg

Commander of air base M e t s

1 DEAD

- 1 and 2 -

XXXXXXXXXXXX

KU 2778

MACR-8172

Air Base HQs A 18/VII
Post HQs Trier-Euren

Trier, August 18, 1944

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1 Manuel on Radio Set

These items are personal effects of American prisoners of war, shot down August 15, 1944, near Kyllburg.

[Handwritten signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty John Draves, 2nd Lt.
- b. Rank 2nd Lt. Crew position Bombardier
- d. Date last seen Aug. 15, 1944. Place last seen 60 miles west of Frankfurt.
In airplane 20,000 ft.
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Shot down by FW190's

g. Known information (eye witness only)

None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

None

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

George D. Kersting
Kersting, Geo. B. 2nd Lt.
Rank and name of reporter

0-705704
ASN

A7C
Unit

TRACK CHART

TARGET

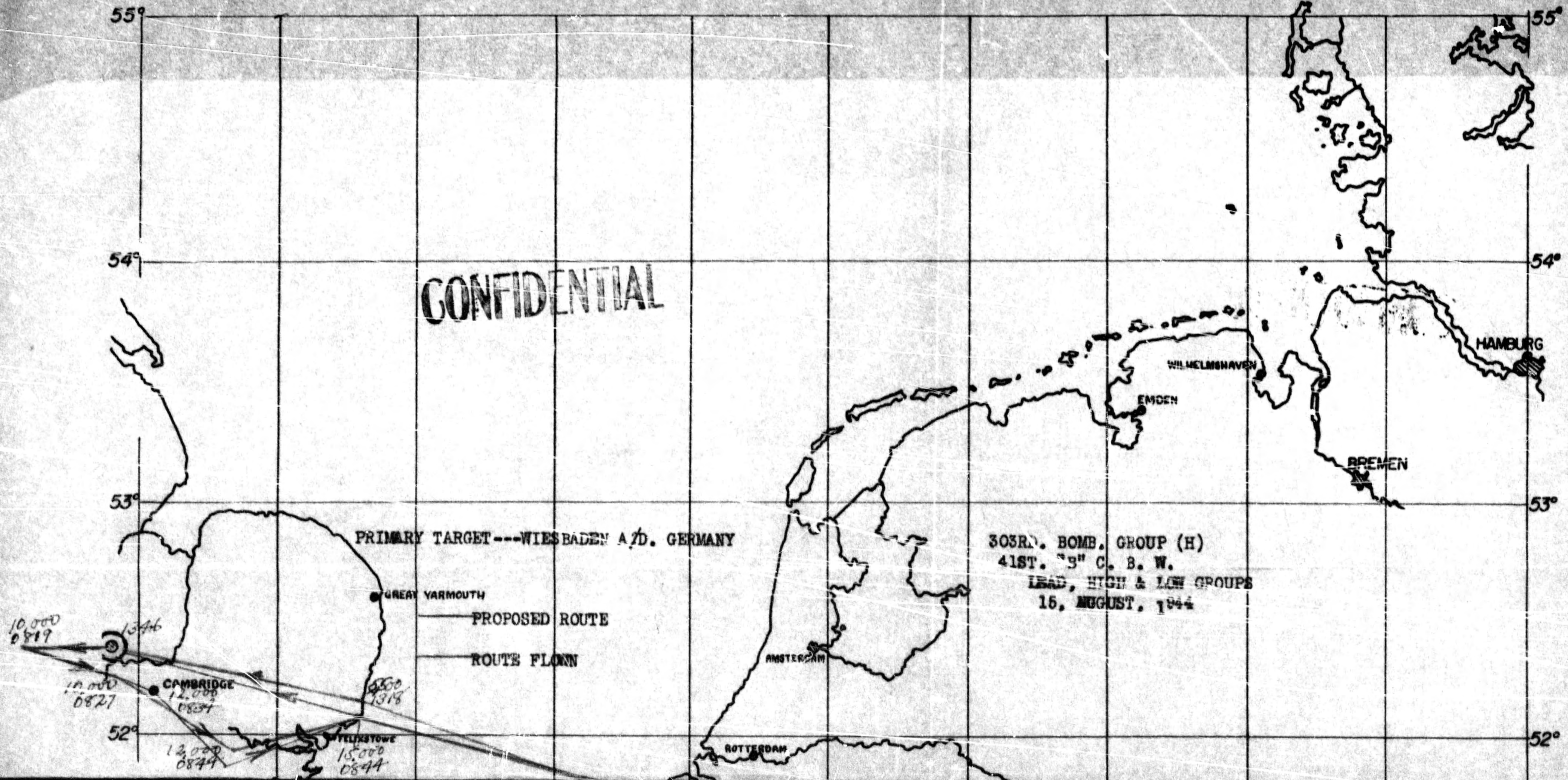
Date _____

Route followed by _____

Primary _____
 Secondary _____
 Last Resort _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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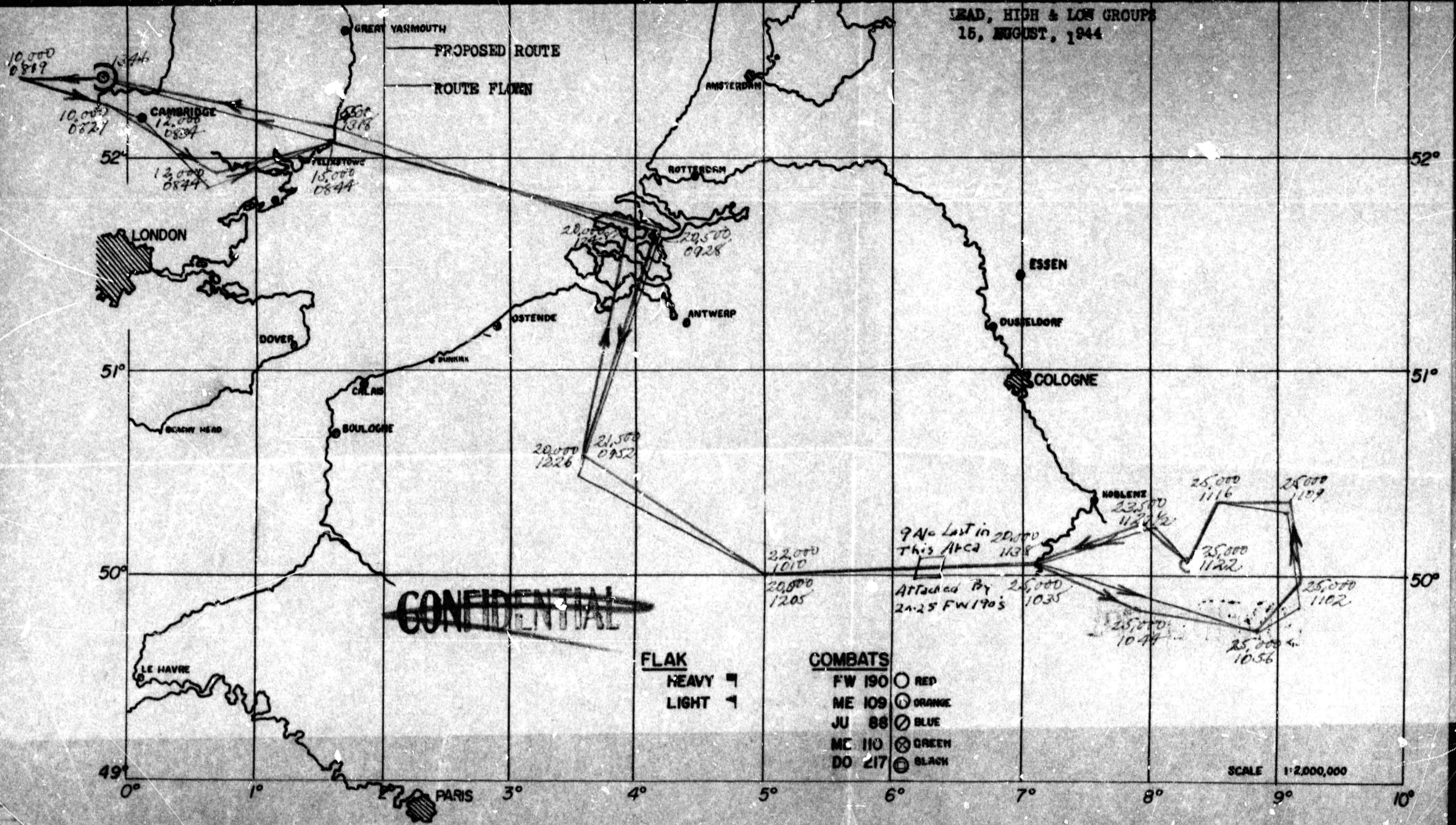


PRIMARY TARGET --- WIESBADEN A/D. GERMANY

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
 41ST. "S" C. B. W.
 LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
 15, AUGUST, 1944




PROPOSED ROUTE
 ROUTE FLOWN

LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
15, AUGUST, 1944



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FLAK
HEAVY 
LIGHT 

COMBATS
FW 190  RED
ME 109  ORANGE
JU 88  BLUE
ME 110  GREEN
DO 217  BLACK

9 No Last in 20,000
This Abca 1138
Attached by 25,000
2x25 FW 190's 1035

SCALE 1:2,000,000