

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

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to **RESTRICTED**
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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date MAR 15 1948

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

8437

M I S S I N G A I R C R E W R E P O R T

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth, England ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 303rd ; Squadron 356th ; 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 high clouds. 3/10ths cirrus at 25000. Air to ground visibility 10-15 mi. in haze.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 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 42-102680-I
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 43-59305
(b) SW-011285 ; (c) SW-019936 ; (d) SW-019882
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) _____
(b) 779790 C.F.A. ; (c) 778459 C.F.A. ; (d) 768780 C.F.A. ; (e) 421521 H.S.N.C. ;
(f) 752719 C.F.A. ; (g) 775693 C.F.A. ; (h) 1299540 B.A. ; (i) 607019 C.F.A. ;
(j) 780573 C.F.A. ; (k) 587833 B.A. ; (l) 787262 C.F.A. ; (m) 685534 K.H.W.C.
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) Last Name First	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>CATHEY, JOHN L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-764222</u> <i>RTD</i>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>STEPHENS, JHAD W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-768733</u> <i>RTD</i>
3. Navigator	<u>JACKSON, CHARLES S.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-719953</u> <i>RTD</i>
4. Bombardier	<u>BLOMBERG, RICHARD T. JR.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-768992</u> <i>RTD</i>
5. Top Turret Gunner	<u>REICHLING, HOWARD B.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>17062941</u> <i>RTD</i>
6. Radio Gunner	<u>WHITTIER, LA MAR H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>19115738</u> <i>RTD</i>
7. Ball Turret Gunner	<u>NELSON, BERT C.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37575467</u> <i>RTD</i>
8. Waist Gunner	<u>RASPA, NICHOLAS R.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>35755259</u> <i>RTD</i>
9. Tail Gunner	<u>MOERMAN, ARIE (NMI)</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37481860</u>
10.			
11.			

11. 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 Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw 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 definite 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,
Group S-2.

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Summary of Additional Information of Missing Air Crews
on Mission of 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 of 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, and 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, #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 #42-31182), was reported as straggling and the first being 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 #45-37838), was observed going down in flames. No chutes reported as having been seen.

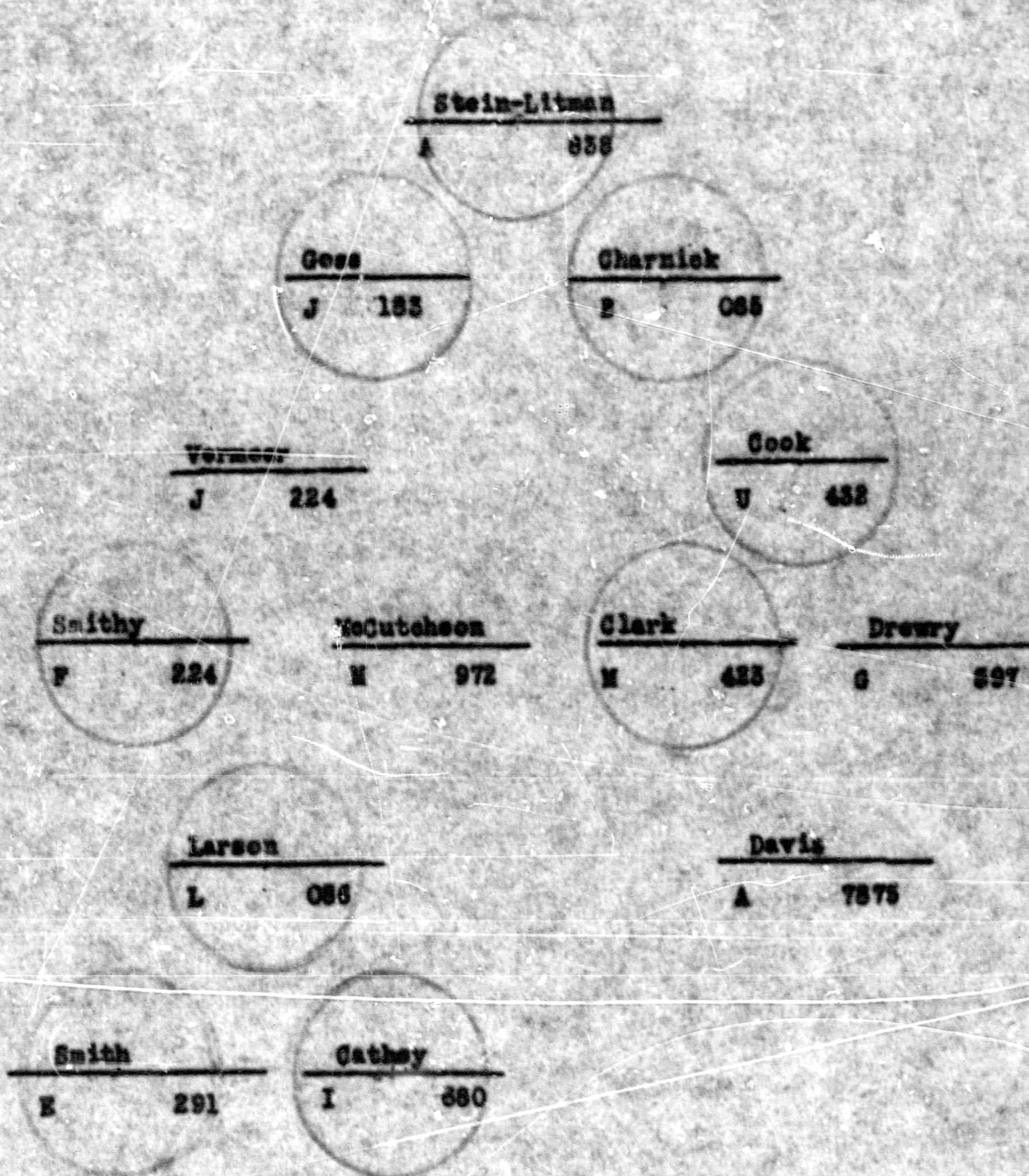
5. Reinterrogation of the four crews that returned as well as selected crew members from the Lead and High groups did not result in any additional data as to the missing crews.

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



○ - Lost Aircraft

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TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date _____

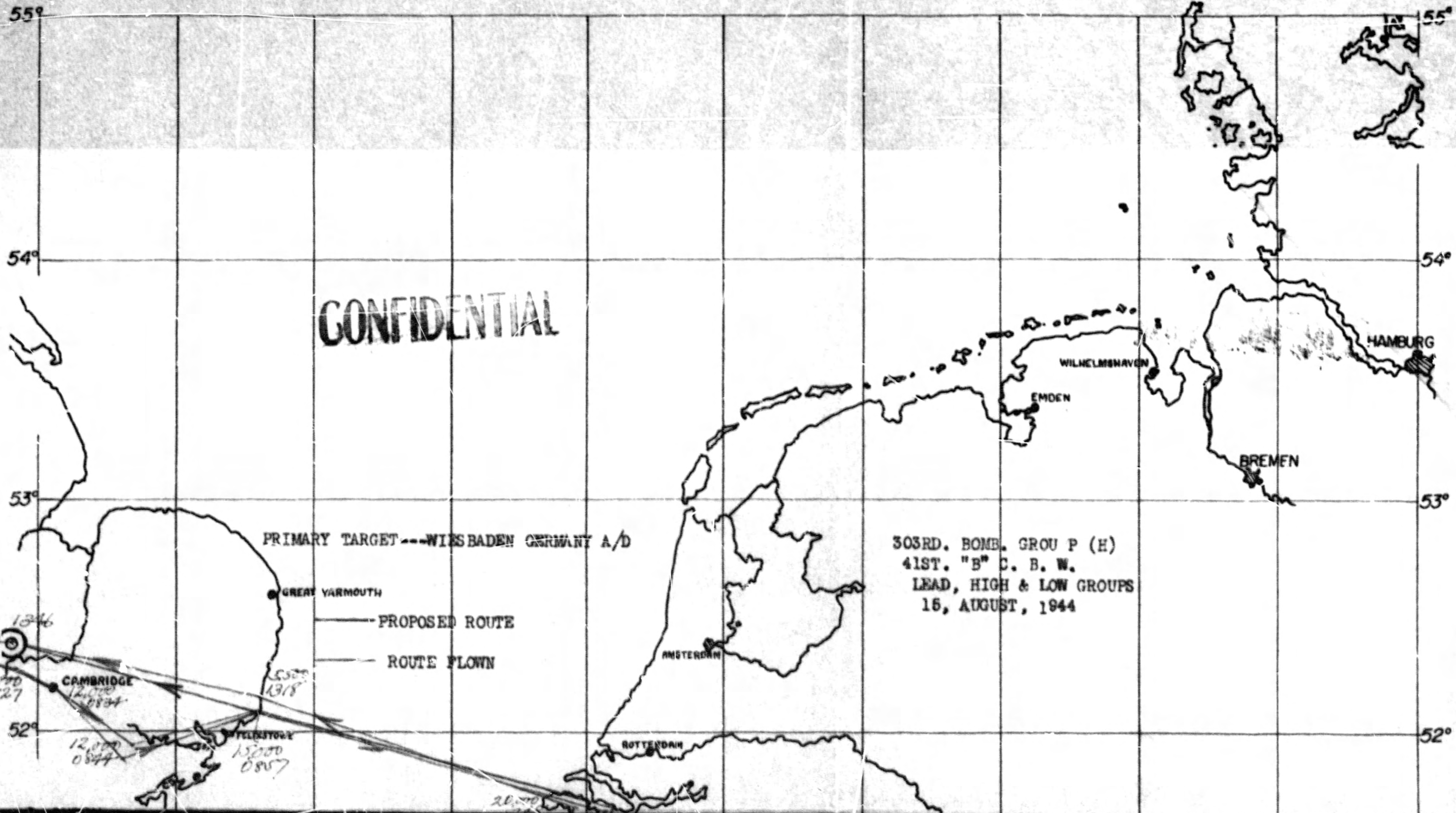
Route followed by _____

Primary _____

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

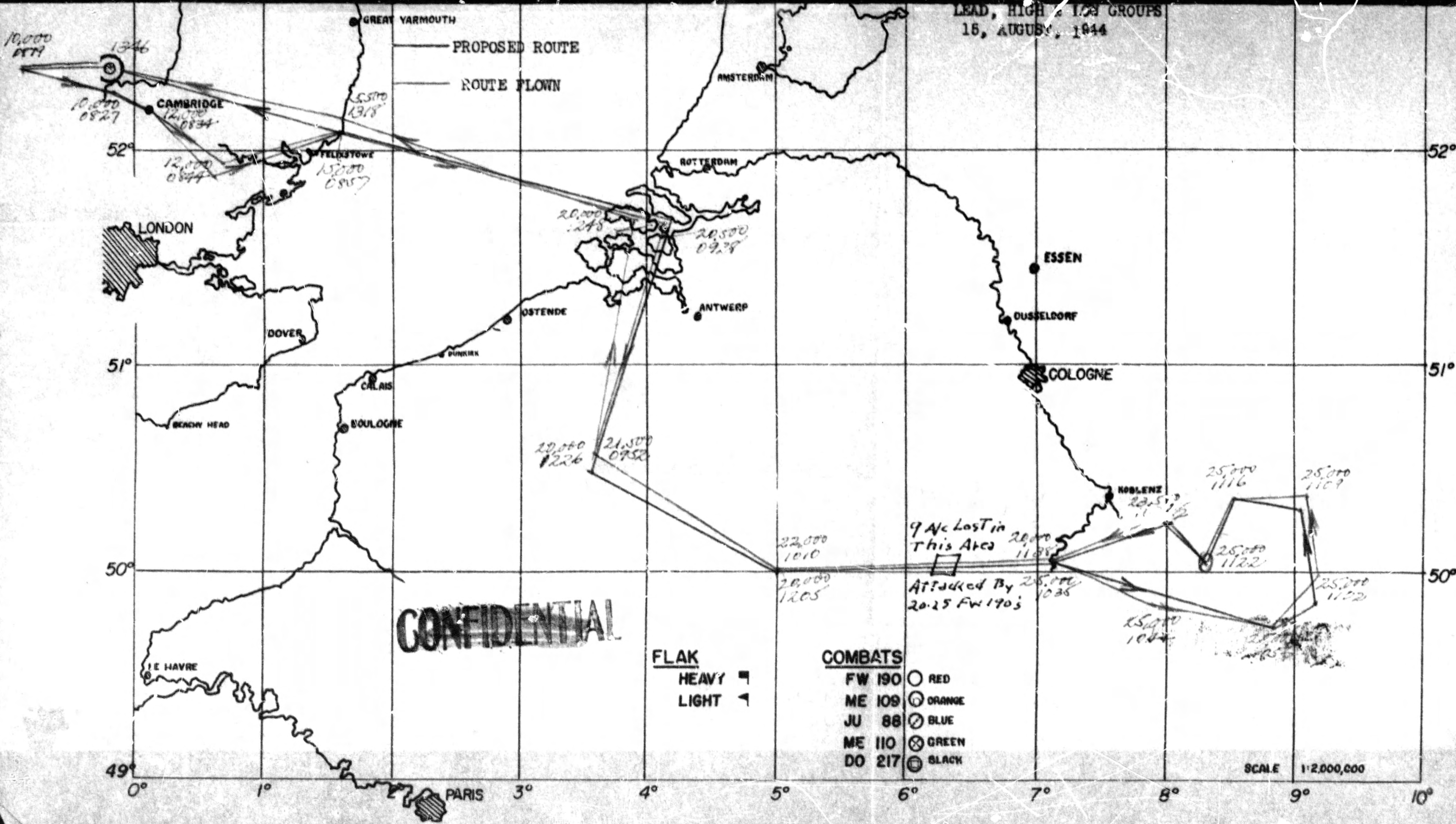
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 LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
 16, AUGUST, 1944

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16, 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

SCALE 1:2,000,000

9 Ac Lost in
This Area
Attacked By
20-25 FW 190's

10,000
0827

1346

10,000
0834

12,000
0844

15,000
0857

15,500
1318

20,000
1248

20,500
0928

20,000
1226

21,500
0950

22,000
1010

20,000
1205

25,000
1116

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1109

25,000
1122

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1122

25,000
1122

25,000
1044

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8437

Name of crew member:

HOERNAN, Arie (MHI)

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

37481860

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

Ten minutes before departure time all positions checked in to pilot okay

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In plane

Any hearsay information: Was first to bail out and looked back in tail and tail

gunner looked as though he was praying through oxygen bottle at him. He looked up

and I waved for him to bail out, then I bailed out.

Source: True

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

No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven (7)

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know, but if important they are on old

Service Record.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Nelson, Bert C. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37575467
171st RC
2. Organization 134th RB Commander R. C. Madison Rank Maj Sqn CO M. A. Jacob Rank 1st Lt.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Frankfurt, target, Airdrome, target
 time, 1145, altitude, 2800 route scheduled, _____
Ruhr Valley, route flown Ruhr Valley
5. Where were you when you left formation? Half hour from target North of target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, but don't know how many
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? Disintegrated in air
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
No knowledge
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? Did not see any after left plane
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 # 8437

Name of crew member: MOERMAN, Arie (NMI)
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37481860
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? SEVERELY WOUNDED HE COULD NOT
 KILLED BY ENEMY ACTION OR S O

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: " AIRCRAFT
 2000 YARDS AT 530 O'CLOCK " FROM ARIE

Was he injured? 1

Where was he when last seen? LYING ON TAIL GUNNERS MATCH

Any hearsay information: QUESTIONING GERMAN OFFICER

SAID HE BELIEVED I WAS FROM SAME

CREW AS ARIE MOERMAN FOUND

DEAD IN TAIL OF B-17 FROM

358th SQD OF 303RD GROUP

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG. 4 PENEMUNDE AUG 5

CALAY AUG 6. BERLIN AUG 7 CAIN

AUG 8. PARIS AUG 12 METZ AUG 15 FRANKFORT

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RICHARD T. BLOMBERG JR. Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. 0-768992
303 Bomb Group 358th Bomb Sqd.
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, FRANKFORT, target time, 1145, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? CLOSE TO BITBURG, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ALL BUT TAIL GUNNER
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". REICHLING 0200 - THEN JACKSON, THEN STEPHENS, MYSELF AND PILOT CATHEY (OF OTHERS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ORDER)
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) ARIE MOERMAN
11. Where were they in aircraft? I BELIEVE HE WAS DEAD DUE TO ENEMY ACTION.
12. What was their condition? NAVIGATOR WOUNDED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ENGINEER, NAVIGATOR, PILOT CO-PILOT AND SELF WERE ALL IN STACAG VII A TOGETHER AT CLOSE OF WAR. HAVE NOT SEEN OTHERS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. KNOW NOTHING WHICH THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8437

Name of crew member: **HORRAN, Aris (MIL)**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **37481860**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was hit in the chest and head by 20mm shell fire

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

calling off position of enemy aircraft when hit

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: 4 Aug 44 Pedemunde, 5 Aug 44 No Ball,
6 Aug 44 Berlin, 7 Aug 44 Paris, 8 Aug 44 Calais and Area, 12 Aug 44
Metz, 15 Aug 44 Frankfurt.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

0-76A222

1. Your name John L. Cathey Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. ~~876444~~
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Mackin Rank Maj.
Bn.Gp. (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1948 month Aug day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Frankfurt, target, Airfield, target time, 1206, altitude, 29000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Bitburg Germany at 1222
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but Tailgunner
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 members of crew but tailgunner bailed out and were accounted for on ground
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near 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) Tailgunner, Airman
McEman
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail Gun position
12. What was their condition? Dead
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 # 8437

Name of crew member:

HOERMAN, Arie (WMI)

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

37481860

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Wingman (Tail Gunner)~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I do not believe so

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? In The Tail Gunners position

Any hearsay information: I was told by other members of the crew that he was laying in the tail of the plane at the time we bailed out. I was later told that the Germans found his body in the wreckage of the plane.

Source: LT. Chad Stephens (co-pilot) SGT Bert C. Nelson (Ball-Gunner)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: my idea is that he was killed by fire from enemy planes or became unconscious from lack of oxygen and was unable to bail out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: These are not in order they took place Benshagen, Penamunde, Chartres, Caen Area, Metz northern France, Frankfurt.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Whittier, LaMar H. Rank Sgt Serial No. 19115738
2. Organization 303 B.G. Gp Commander Travis Rank Cen. 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, 7th mission, target, Frankfurt on the Rhine, target
time, 12:00 noon (Approx), altitude, 23,000 (Approx), route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Slightly southwest of Koblenz, Germ.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, all of them except Sgt. Meerman
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". Sgt. Nelson & Raspa bailed out of plane from waist hatch, ahead of me. The rest I know nothing about except what my co-pilot, (LT Stephens) told me after returning from prison camp.
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) Aric Meerman (Hearsay)
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail position
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Have seen only Bert C. Nelson & LT. CH 3d W. Stephens here in the U.S. In good health
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 # 8437

Name of crew member:

WHELAN, Aris (M1)

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

37481860

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE CALLED A PLANE WHICH HAD FALLEN OUT OF FORMATION

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN TAIL JUST BEFORE THE FIGHTERS ATTACKED

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: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: I HAVE NO LIST OF THE MISSIONS AND I DON'T REMEMBER THEM.

OVER

I DONT HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHAT COULD
HAVE HAPPEN TO ARIE MOERMAN, BUT AS
I WAS BAILING OUT IT SEEMED LIKE A BLANKET
AT THE DOOR I DONT KNOW IF THAT WAS
HIM OR NOT. IT MIGHT OF BEEN HIM AND
HE COULD OF BEEN WOUNDED AND COULNT BAIL
OUT. I ~~KNOW~~ ^{DONT} KNOW MUCH IN FACT PRACTICALLY
NOTHING, BUT I AM INTERESTED IN THE
OUT COME AND WILL HELP ALL I CAN.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name NICHOLAS R. RASPA Rank SGT. Serial No 3755258
303rd 356 Bomb SqD
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, _____, target
 time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____
 _____, route flown I DON'T REMEMBER
5. Where were you when you left formation? WAIST WINDOW
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ISAW BALL GUNNER, RADIO MAN
AND MYSELF BAIL OUT
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? 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)
NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
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.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 847

Name of crew member: MOERMAN, Eric (MI)
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37481960
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? -----

If not, why not? Believed to be dead when the order to bail out was given

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He had reported enemy planes coming in on the tail over the interphone and had called out their position.

Was he injured? I believe he was hit because he did not call over the interphone after he had reported the planes.

Where was he when last seen? When last seen by the waist gunners he was laying down between his position and the tail wheel.

Any hearsay information: The above information was given to me by N. Raspa who was captured at the same time as myself. A German interrogation officer told the Bombardier that they had found the body of our tail gunner in the wreckage of the tail assembly. I don't believe that Moerman bailed out because from the time our plane was hit and set afire until it exploded was not more than 1 1/2 minutes.

Source: Explained in above question.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to have been hit by the 20mm. shells being fired at us from the FW-190's and knocked unconscious thus being unable to bail out before the plane exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: 4 Aug/44--Pennimundi (sp)

5 Aug/44--Calis Area (V Bomb Site); 6 Aug/44--Genshagen; 7 Aug/44--Chartres

: 8 Aug/44--Caen Area; 12 Aug/44--Metz; 15 Aug/44--Wiesbaden.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Chad W. Stephens Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-768733
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Kernit D. Stevens Rank Col SqN CO George T. Mackin Rank Maj.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Wiesbaden, target, Air Field, target time, 1145 hrs., altitude, 22,000 Ft. route scheduled, in over finger Is., Across Belgium, route flown One described in previous question and up to target.
5. Where were you when you left formation? In the vicinity of Bitburg, 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". J. Cathey-Bailed out nose hatch last. H. Reichling-Was first to leave nose hatch. C. Jackson was second to leave hatch. C. Stephens was third to leave nose hatch. R. Blomberg was fourth to leave nose hatch, followed by Cathey the pilot. B. Nelson was first to leave the waist door, followed by M. Raspa and L. Whittier.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It exploded in the air and the parts struck the ground approximately around 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) The body of Arie Moerman was found in what was left of the tail assembly according to a german interrogation officer.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the Tail Gunners position in the ship
12. What was their condition? Believed to be dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? None
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)

Date and time aircraft was
shot down: 15 August 1944, 11.00

Place of crash: Ronnersheim near Prussen/Eifel

Type of aircraft: Fortress

Reporting Office: Koflug Metz

BLOMBERG Jr.	Richard Theodore	2nd Lt.	0-768992	capt. Dulag-Luft
CATHEY 7 May 1923	John Louis	2nd Lt.	0-764222	capt. Dulag-Luft
RASPA	Nicholas Ralph	Sgt.	35755258	capt. Dulag-Luft
STEPHENS	Chad W	0-768733	0-768733	capt. Dulag-Luft
JACKSON 22 August 1918	Charles S	2nd Lt.	0-719953	capt. Dulag-Luft
REICHLING	Howard Burton	Sgt.	17062941	capt. Dulag-Luft

Dulag-Luft 30 August 1944 We.

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 B-17
 9 men

DATE:	TIME:	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 2752
15 August 1944	1100	1st Lt	CATHEY, John Louis	ASN: 0-764222
PLACE: Ronnersheim near Pruann/Rifel		2nd Lt	STEPHENS, Chad W	ASN: 0-768733
		2nd Lt	JACKSON, Charles S	ASN: 0-719953
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress		2nd Lt	BLOMBERG, Richard Theodore Jr	ASN: 0-768992
		S/Sgt	MOERMAN, Aric	ASN: -- dead
358 (HBo) Sqd - 303 Group		T/Sgt	BRICHLING, Howard Burton	ASN: 17062941
		T/Sgt	WHITTIER, L H	ASN: --
TARGET: Flight-Command Metz		S/Sgt	RASPA, Nicholas Ralph	ASN: 35755258
		S/Sgt	NELSON, B C	ASN: --

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Reserve Hospital
Obermassfeld
Administration
File No. 59k/45

Obermassfeld, 27 Jan 45

Subject: Receipts about personal property, which was handed over to prisoners.

Ref.1 Letter Br. B. No. 2694/44 L.O.A. on 5 Dec 44.

To Interrogation Center West
O b e r m a s s f e l d / T a u s u s

Personal property, sent with letter of 5 Dec 44, for P.o.W. first aid man, has partly been forwarded over to different Stalags, where owners of these items were transferred.

We send you enclosed 13 signed receipts of the following prisoners of war:

Alway	53701	Lambertson	52783
Barrow	53997	Feluse	53740
Coffey	52781	Smith	53751
Boylan	52186	Stannach	53769
Fix	53724	White	53741
Gradsien	3257	Williams	52863
Jones	53962		

We send you the last three receipts, after we have received them here.

These are receipts of the following names:

Opl. Breen, Reserve Hospital Bad-Soden
Lt. Manke, 52778 Air Force No. 3 Sagan
McDaniel, KU 3256 Stalag Hammerstein.

Enclosed: 13 receipts.

Date and time aircraft was
shot down: 15 August 1944, 11.00

Place of crash: Ronnersheim near Pruem/Eifel

Type of aircraft: Fortress

Reporting Office: Koflug Metz

BLOMBERG Jr.	Richard Theodore	2nd Lt.	0-768992	capt. Dulag-Luft
CATHEY 7 May 1923	John Louis	2nd Lt.	0-764222	capt. Dulag-Luft
RASPA	Nicholas Ralph	Sgt.	35755258	capt. Dulag-Luft
STEPHENS	Chad W	0-768733	0-768733	capt. Dulag-Luft
JACKSON 22 August 1918	Charles S	2nd Lt.	0-719957	capt. Dulag-Luft
REICHLING	Howard Burton	Sgt.	17062941	capt. Dulag-Luft

Dulag-Luft 30 August 1944 No.

K U 2752

August 15, 1944

11.00

Fortress 17 G

Ronnarsheim

C

3 km. southward of Pruen / Eifel

Commander of air base M e t s

99 % crash

S. Moorman, Ar. 77777

KW 2782
15 Aug 44

2) Rommershein, (1 km north west), 3 kms south east of Pruen,
Q N 3, at 1100, Boeing, 99 %, identification marks: white
B in black triangle, 1 dead.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII**

PLACE: **Trier - Euren**

DATE: **August 16, 1944 16.00**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused**
LANDING: AT: On August 15, 1944 about 12.00

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **R a s p a**

FIRST NAME: **Nicholas Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **35755258 T 43 - 44 A**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **On August 15, 1944 - afternoon. Place of capture not known yet.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Identification tags of the following men.

1.	Blomberg	Richard, T.	0 - 768992	T 42 - 43	O
2.	Cathy	John, L.	0 - 764222	T 43 - 44	A
3.	Stephens	Chad, W.	0 - 768733	T 43 - 44	A
4.	Jackson	Charles, S.	0 - 719953	T 43 - 44	B
5.	Raspa	Nicholas, R.	35755258	T 43 - 44	A
6.	Reichling	Howard, B.	17062941	T 42 - 43	O

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~~FW/LANDINGS~~ AT: On August 15, 1944 about 12.00
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) R a s p a
 FIRST NAME: Nicholas Sgt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35755258 T 43 - 44 A
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: On August 15, 1944 - afternoon. Place of capture not known yet.
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII - local command

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 16, 1944 20.20

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably a Boeing 5 17
~~ENL/LAND/AGI~~ AT: On August 15, 1944 at 12.00

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jackson

FIRST NAME: Charles, S. 2.Ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 719953 T 43 - 44 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Place of capture not reported yet. - At 12.30

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: August 16, 1944 about 15.30

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Stephens

FIRST NAME: Chard, W. 2.ltn.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 768733 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Information refused.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII
 PLACE: Trier - Euren
 DATE: August 16, 1944 16.00
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused
EM. LANDING: AT:
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Reichling
 FIRST NAME: Howard, B. Sgt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17062941 T 42 - 43 0
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Place not reported yet. On August 15, 1944 13.00
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date **MAR 15 1946**

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Bert C NELSON, Sgt, 37575467

13 September 1944

(Name)	(Rank)	ASN	(Date)
303 Bomb Group, 358 Bomb Squadron			E&S 2120
(Unit)			

	MEMBERS OF CREW			PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	0-764222	2d Lt	John L GATHEY	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-768733	2d Lt	Chad W STEPHENS	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-719953	2d Lt	Charles S JACKSON	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-768992	2d Lt	Richard T BLOMBERG	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	19115738	Sgt	Lamar H WHITTIER	RED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17062941	Sgt	Howard B REICHLING	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37574567	Sgt	Bert C NELSON	RED
WAIST GUNNER	35755258	Sgt	Nicholas R RASPA	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	None			
TAIL GUNNER	37481860	Sgt	Arie BERMAN	MIA MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

15 August 1944, 1200 hours - near Frankfurt, Germany

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Right wing and No. 3 tank out

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **Between**

20,000 and 25,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Do not know

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Four parachutes opened but I do not know who they were.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

The plane exploded in the air

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

No

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

None

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Lamar H WHITTIER, Sgt, 19115738

5 September 1944

(Name) (Rank) ASN

(Date)

358 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

ESS 1486

(Unit)

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WAIST GUNNER	35755258	Sgt	Nicholas R RASPA	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	None			
TAIL GUNNER	37481660	Sgt	Aric NOERMAN	MIA <i>MIA</i>

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

15 August 1944 - Approx 50 to 75 miles NE of City of Luxembourg

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Both wings on fire and flaming in bomb bays when plane was abandoned.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

20,000 and 23,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Don't know

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Ball turret and waist gunner known to have bailed out - don't know whether chute open

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Don't know

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

No

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What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Believed at least part of them bailed out

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**Meldung über den Abschub eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschub-Nr. KU 2752

Abschubtag und Zeit: 15.8.44 - 11.00 -

Abschubort: Ronnefsheim b. Prüm/Eifel

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Koflug Metz

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

BLOMBERG ← Jr. Richard Theodore 2.Lt. 0-768992 gef. Dulag-Luft

CATHEY 7.5.23 John Louis 2.Lt. 0-764222 gef. Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: 8437

DULAG-LUFT, den 30.8.44
Vs.

Fragebogen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name:

Vorname:

Dienstgrad:

Geboren am:

Geboren in:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung:

seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):

Befinden:

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:

b) Unverwundet-Verbleib:

c) Tot:

Todesursache:

Beigesetzt am:

Grablage:

7. Bemerkungen:

den