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

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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 A. F.
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment -----
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth, Eng. ; Course See Attached Chart.
Intended Destination Niesbaden, Germany. ; Type of mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF WRECK OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: No low or middle clouds, 3/10ths cirrus at 25,000. Air to ground visibility 10-15 mi. in base.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 15 August 1944 ; Time 1145-1205 ; and Location 50°00'N-03°30'W.
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 42-97085-B X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 41-58516
(b) SW-115225 ; (c) 43-65305 ; (d) SW-007107
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) 898684 F.A.
(b) 6386741 F.DGM (c) 501311 S. A. ; (d) 389428 F. ; (e) 389728 F.
(f) 638559 F. ; (g) 255520 CF.A. ; (h) 638157 F. ; (i) 638688 F.
(j) 950768 S.A. ; (k) 389401 F. ; (l) 389596 F. ; (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 Name First | | | |
| 1. Pilot | <u>W.H. CHARNICK, ROMAN P.</u> | | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-757608</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>D.W. SAIRE, ISLAND H.</u> | <u>Chy. D. Condole</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-818223</u> |
| 3. Navigator | <u>POW GOLDFIELD, SOLOMON (MM)</u> | <u>POW</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-712556</u> |
| 4. Bombardier | <u>POW RICKY, LOWELL J.</u> | | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-744334</u> |
| 5. Top Turret | <u>POW GARRISSIMO, PAUL P.</u> | | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>12031131</u> |
| 6. Radio Gunner | <u>POW WEIDRINGHAUS, ROBERT H.</u> | | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>35727186</u> |
| 7. Ball Turret | <u>BYRD, FRED G.</u> | | <u>Sgt. 2</u> | <u>16084087</u> |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>POW HEROD, FRANCIS G.</u> | | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>35142612</u> |
| 9. Tail Gunner | <u>POW SCHULZ, ARTHUR W.</u> | | <u>Sgt.</u> | <u>17055703</u> |

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 | Contacted by | Check Only One Column Saw | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| | | | | Last Sighted | Crash | Forced Landing |

1. No definite information.
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, 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 # 42-51183), 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 # 43-57858), 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 CRAFT
REPORT FOR 15 AUGUST 1944

Stein-Litman

A 838

Guss

J 183

Chernick

B 085

Vernon

J 085

Cook

U 452

Smith

F 224

McGeehan

N 972

Clark

M 425

Drewry

O 607

Larson

L 098

Davis

A 7878

Smith

R 291

Gibby

I 680

○ - Lost Aircraft.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 0439

Name of crew member: **BYED Fred O**
 Rank: **SGT**
 Serial number: **16004097**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Tail Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: I DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE MEN AS I DID NOT KNOW THE CREW. AS A RESULT, INTERPHONE CONVERSATION IN THE CLOSING MINUTES COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS TO WHO MAY HAVE BEEN TALKING OR QUIT TALKING. NO ONE SAID ANYTHING THAT I

Source: KNOW OF REGARDING WOUNDED MEN AND BY THE TIME

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I DISCOVERED WE WERE HIT BADLY AND BURNING, THE NAVIGATOR WAS GONE. THE REST OF THE CREW DID NOT ANSWER MY CALLS, SO I PRESUME THAT: ① THE INTERPHONE WAS SHOT OUT OR; ② THE CREW HAD ALL BAILED OUT OR;

Total number of missions of above crew member: ③ THAT ANYONE WHO DID NOT

Dates and destinations if possible: ANSWER - COULD NOT.

THE PLANE EXPLODED RIGHT AFTER I JUMPED (WHICH MAY HAVE TAKEN THE ABOVE MEN IN QUESTION WITH IT). AS FAR AS I COULD MAKE OUT I COUNTED FIVE CHUTES, THREE OF WHICH WERE ON THE GROUND SOME DISTANCE AWAY. THE PLANE MAY HAVE BEEN OUT OF CONTROL IN THE CLOSING MINUTES (POSSIBLY INDICATING THE PILOT HIT) AS WE PULLED UP TILL WE WERE "HANGING ON OUR PROPS" AND THEN WENT INTO A DIVE - NEITHER ACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BY BOMBER PILOTS IF THEY COULD HELP IT. I DID NOT HEAR THE ABANDON SHIP ALARM OR CALL.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8439

Name of crew member: BYRD Fred O
Rank: SGT
Serial number: 16004097
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? ?

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

Routine crew check in about five minutes before getting hit

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? ?

Any hearsay information: Schulz, the tail gunner, said positively that

Byrd was out of ball turret and nowhere to be seen when he bailed out.

Source: Arthur Schulz, our tail gunner

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

he did get out of the plane alive, landed safely & was killed by German civilians in the area of Kylberg, Germany [about 90 miles SW of KOBLENZ] who, I was told by German civilians in another area were out to "get" american airmen in retaliation for a strafing of some old people by a P-38 in a field

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8439

Name of crew member: SATRE Leland H
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-818223
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Satre was a POW and is

Where? alive and well now here in the States.

If not, why not? He was released from the Army some

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

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: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8439

Name of crew member: CHARNICK Roman P
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: O-757608
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXX (Pilot)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? ?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His was the last voice I heard over interphone, early giving the order to bail out.

Was he injured? He was uninjured when I prepared to bail out.

Where was he when last seen? climbing out of his seat and snapping on his chest pack when I bailed out.

Any hearsay information: Schulz, who came up from the tail, helped lead, the waist gunner, & the radio man to bail out, walked thru the bomb bay whose doors were open [closed when I bailed out] took a look in the cockpit, which despite the smoke he declares positively was empty & finally bailed out thru bomb bay himself. Seems as if

Source: Charnick must have left plane. — Arthur Schulz

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Charnick probably landed west of Kylberg & was killed by civilians.
[see answer on Byrd's questionnaire]

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Goldfield, Salomon Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-712567
2. Organization 303 Bldg (H) 358th BSGp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug. day 15th did you go down?
Air Field between
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Frankfort + Wiesbaden, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
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". only bombardier have I any facts. I was first to go. He was second, & while I was falling free I saw his chute open
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Unknown - Sarigiano was given some information by German interrogators.
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)

1st Lt. Roman P. Charnick

Mrs. Mary Wincher, (sister)
9185 Chamberlain Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

1st Lt. Lowell Ricky

Mr. Oscar L. Ricky, (father)
3929 Sumner Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

2nd Lt. Leland H. Satre

Mr. Marjred O. Satre, (father)
Lisbon, North Dakota.

2nd Lt. Solomon Goldfield

Mrs. Leland H. Satre, (wife)
1212 South 10th Street,
Fargo, North Dakota.

S/Sgt. Paul P. Carrissimo

Mr. Abraham Goldfield, (father)
64 West 23rd Street,
New York, New York.

S/Sgt. Robert H. Midringhaus

Mrs. Carmella Carrissimo, (mother)
104 River Street,
Rosa, New York.

Sgt. Fred O. Byrd

Mr. Henry C. Midringhaus, (father)
400 East Rickel Street,
Evansville, Indiana.

Sgt. Francis G. Herod

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Buchanan, (mother)
724 Oglesby Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Arthur W. Schulz

Mrs. Marguerite J. Herod, (wife)
15 North 11th Street,
Lafayette, Indiana.

Mrs. Verna R. Schulz, (wife)
Box 261,
LaCrosse, Kansas.

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| | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|---|-----|-----------|--------|---|
| Carrissimo, Paul P. | 12,031,131 | ✓ | POW | Not shown | 309064 | C |
| Charnick, Roman P. | 0757608 | | KIA | 15 Aug 44 | 022185 | U |
| Goldfield, Solomon | 0712556 | ✓ | POW | Not shown | 309064 | C |
| Herod, Francis G. | 35,142,612 | ✓ | POW | Not shown | 320717 | C |
| Midringhaus, Robert H. | 35,727,186 | ✓ | POW | 15 Aug 44 | 110 | |
| Ricky, Lowell L. | 0744334 | | RTD | Not shown | 266082 | R |
| Satre, Leland H. | 0818223 | ✓ | POW | Not shown | 273113 | U |
| Schulz, Arthur W. | 17,055,706 | ✓ | RTD | 8 Oct 44 | 260 | |

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K Upt 2753

MACH

August 15, 1944

12.45

Fortress 17

Urzig Wittlich Trier

C 297085 - B

Commander of air base Metz

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K U 2751
MAR 8 1959

List of prisoners written with pencil.

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8165
8165
8165

| | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. | J o y s e | Jess (dead) | 37660786 | T 43 - 43 | O (dead) |
| 2. | H o w e l l | Forrest, W. | 25057131 | T 43 - 44 | E (still living) |
| 3. | C h a r n i c k | Roman, P. | O - 757608 | T 41 - 42 | B (dead) |
| 4. | B r o s i u s | Earl, E. | T-2858 | T 43 - 44 | AB (dead) |
| 5. | R o s w a l | Frederick | 12057231 | T 43 - 44 | (dead) |
| 6. | C r u t t e n d e n | Cyrus, S. | 36638403 | T 43 - 44 | O (still living) |

No. 4 - 5 - 6 K U 2756

No. 2 K U 559 a

No. 3 917 a

File memorandum.

October 10, 1944

Pi./Kn.

Crew:

| | | |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Earl E. | B r o s i u s | T - 2858 (identification tag) |
| Frederick | R o s w a l | 12057231. (") |
| Forrest W. | H o w e l l | 15097131 (") |
| Jess | J o y c e | 37660787 (") |
| Cyrus S. | C r u t t e n d e n | 36633403 (") |
| Henry C. | C l a r k | O - 753982 (") |
| Roman P. | C h a r n i c k | O - 757608 (") K U 917 a |

Among the material, furthermore a picture with the name of B j o r n, E. W. was found. It is not impossible that B j o r n belonged to the crew of the last flight too.

Unit:

427. B - SQD. - 303. Group, according to furlough paper.

Police - poste Oberkail.

Nittlich County

Governmental District of Trier

(22) Oberkail, August 16,

1944.

To

Investigation Point

O b e r u r s e l

On August 15, 1944 after an air combat one American bomber and one American fighter downed in the area of Oberkail. Both planes were burned. The found papers of the dead men are enclosed. There are still some other papers too, which were found in the forest-scattered, which are enclosed too.

Signed (illegible)

Captain of police.

K U 2751

One pad of notes.

K U 2751

August 15, 1944

11.30

Fortress 17

Northward of Oberkail

Q M O G

14 km. north - eastward of Bittburg.

Commander of air base Metz

98 % crash

7 * 3 prisoners.
DEAD

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B-17

97-12-1

DATE: 15 August 1944

AT: 1245

RANK:

NAME:

KU 2753

PLACE: Uraich near Wittlich, Trier

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 297085 MACR 8434

*Answers in order
2 KIA
7 POW*

TARGET: Flight - Command Nets

1 dead

P.O.W. Dulag Luft

Oberursel, 15 Sept 45

Br. B. No. 3013/45 L.O.A. / KH 6627, KH /406, KH 6645.

Subject: Personal property of Sgt. Simmonds, A.W., P/Sgt. Townsend, D.F., S
Sgt. Evans, D.H.

To Stalag IV B

Muehlberg / Elbe

Enclosed personal property of English prisoners of war, transferred
to P.O.W. camp No. IV B.

Please send back all enclosed receipts, after prisoners have signed them.

Ku 2782

15 Aug 44

KU 2753 } 6) Uersig

(1 km north), 7 kms east of Wittlich, R O 3,
1215, Boeing, 98 %, identification marks:
C on black triangle, 297085, yellow B, 1 dead.

6 { Uersig, (1 km west), 7 kms east of Wittlich, - R O 3 - }
at 1215, Boeing, 98 %, identification marks: C in
black triangle, 297085 yellow B 1, 1 dead.

KU 2753

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Commanding officer of air base A 16/III - place command**

PLACE: **TPIGT-EUPON**

DATE: **August 15, 1944 21.15**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 about 12.00**

XXXXXXXXXX AT: Information received

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **HERED**

FIRST NAME: **Francis G. Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **35142612 T43-44 B**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Location unknown - about 12.00**

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 covered**

PLACE: **TRIER-EUFEN**

DATE: **August 15, 1944 afternoon.**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 on August 15, 1944 about 12.00**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **AT: Information refused. - August 15, 1944 about 12.00**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Heidringhaus (wounded)**

FIRST NAME: **R. Lt. Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **95727186 T 43-44 A P**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Location unknown - August 15, 1944 about 12.00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **After treatment in the garrison hospital of Trier North Ave. - he was fit for being transported today.**

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 command**
 PLACE: **Frie - Hufen**
 DATE: **8.30**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused - on August 15, 1944**
XXXXXXXXXX AT: Matsen / near Bitburg about 12.00
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Geldfield**
 FIRST NAME: **Solomon 2.1st.**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 712556**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Matsen near Bitburg on August 15, 1944 19.00**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **base**
Commanding officer of/ air base A 10/VII

PLACE: **Trier - Euren**

DATE: **16.30**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Information refused**
EM ~~//////////~~ AT: " " "

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Satre,**

FIRST NAME: **Isidore H. 2.Ltn.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 818223 T 43 - 44 0**

ac
MIK 15 Aug 44
QUS

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Any 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-Suren**

DATE: **16.00**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Any information refused**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: " " "

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **CARRISSINO**

FIRST NAME: **Paul Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **12031151**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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MIA 15 Aug 44
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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

PLACE: Trier-Suffer

DATE: August 15, 1944 20.40

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 August 15, 1944 about 12.00
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: He does not know

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Schulz

FIRST NAME: Arthur W. Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17055706 T 43 43 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Unknown - about 12.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Commanding officer of air base A 18/VII
 Flap command T F I O F - BUNN.

Trier, August 16, 1944

Reference D (Luft) 2601/07

Subject American POW.

To

Investigation point west (airbase)

Observed

K U A 902 Enclosed this place command forwards 3 forms about the following named American
 POWs:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Lt. Arthur L. Gense | 0 - 769995 | T 43 - 44 0 |
| Sgt. Arthur W. Schulz | 17055706 | T 43 - 43 0 |
| Sgt. Francis G. Herod | 35142612 | T 43 - 44 B |

The prisoners are from a Boeing B 17 which was shot down on August 15, 1944
 about 12.00 - location unknown. - up to now still not reported. Another POW
 named R. St. Heidrich - Sgt. ASN 35727186 T 43 - 44 A P
 was brought to the garrison hospital Trier North Ave. 6 because he was wounded.
 But today he was fit for being transported and so he was sent on with the
 transport. A form about that is enclosed. Effects of the last mentioned prisoner
 were not removed.

Enclosed 3 closed envelopes.

/s/ 777

Major and chief of the command.

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B-17

9 men

Ku 2753

Date: 15 Aug 44, at 1240
Place: Trier
Type of craft: Fortress
Markings: -----
358 (HCo) sqd.
303 Group

| Rank: | Name: | KU 917 a |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 2nd Lt. | CUMBYFIELD, Solomon | : 0-712556 . |
| 2nd Lt. | SATRE, Leland Harley | : 0-818323 . |
| 2nd Lt. | CHANNICK, Roman P. (...dead) | : 0-757608 . |
| Sgt. | CARRISSIMO, Paul P. | : 1203431 . |
| S/Sgt. | HEIDRICH HAUS, Robert Henry | : 35727186 . |
| Sgt. | SCHULZ, Arthur William | : 17055706 . |
| Sgt. | HERON, Francis Glenn | : 35142612 . |
| Sgt. | BIRD, | |

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

15 Aug. 1944, 1240 hrs

CASUALTY NO.

KU 917 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Trier

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Euron

| NAME | RANK | SERIAL NUMBER | CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD | PLACE OF INTERNMENT |
|------|------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|------|------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------|

| | | | | |
|---|--------|----------|----------|------------|
| GOLDFIELD, Seimon | 2/Lt. | 0-712596 | captured | Dalag-Luft |
| SATRE, Leland Harley | 2/Lt. | 0-818273 | " | " |
| WEIDENHAUS, Robert Henry 31 July 1924 Ind. | S/Sgt. | 35727186 | " | " |
| SCHULZ, Arthur William | Sgt. | 17055706 | " | " |
| CARRISSINO, Paul P. | Sgt. | 12031151 | " | " |
| HEROD, Francis Glenn | Sgt. | 35142612 | " | " |

Downing No. KU 917 A

1st Additional Report. 5 Feb. 1945

^N
GIARRICK, Roman P.

2/Lt. 0-757608 dead

KIA

REMARKS:

Dalag-Luft, 4 Sep. 1944 No.

SECRET
 HEADQUARTERS
 EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
 P/W and X Detachment
 Military Intelligence Service

Redundant
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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Lowell L RICKY, 1st Lt, O-744334
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)

16 October 1944
 (Date)

358 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group
 (Unit)

RAE #1485
Returned to duty: 5 Sep 44

| <u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u> | | | | <u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u> |
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| PILOT | 0-757608 | 1st Lt | Ramon P CHARNICK ✓ | MIA |
| CO-PILOT | 0-818222 | 2d Lt | Leland H SATRE ✓ | MIA |
| NAVIGATOR | 0-712556 | 2d Lt | Solomon GOLDFELD ✓ | MIA |
| BOMBARDIER | 0-744334 | 1st Lt | Lowell L RICKY ✓ | RTD |
| RADIO OPERATOR | 35727186 | S/Sgt | Robert H NEIDRINGHAUS ✓ | MIA |
| TOP TURRET GUNNER | 12031931 | S/Sgt | Paul F GARRESSIMO ✓ | MIA |
| BALL TURRET GUNNER | 16004097 | Sgt | Floyd O BYRD ✓ | MIA |
| WAIST GUNNER | 35142612 | Sgt | Francis G HERCO ✓ | MIA |
| WAIST GUNNER | NONE | | | |
| TAIL GUNNER | 17055706 | Sgt | Arthur W SCHULZ ✓ | MIA |

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

15 August 44; 1200 hours; approx 80 miles NE of the country of LUXEMBOURG in the Rheinland.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
On fire and blew to bits about 30 seconds later.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **20,000 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?
Navigator bailed out; others unknown.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Exploded in 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?
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US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschub-Nr. KU 917 A

Abschubtag und Zeit: 15.8.44 - 12.40

Abschubort: Trier

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Buren

Besatzung:

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

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|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------|------------|
| GOLDWIND | Solomon | 2.-Lt. 0-712556 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| SATRE | Leland Harley | 2.-Lt. 0-818223 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| WEIDRINGHAUS 31.7.24 | Robert Henry Ind. | S/Sgt. 3572786 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| SCHULZ | Arthur William | Sgt. 17055706 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| GARRIBINO | Paul P. | Sgt. 12031131 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| HEROD | Francis Glenn | Sgt. 35142612 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |

Bemerkungen: M.A.E. 8439

DULAG-LUFT, des 4.9.44 Wo.

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:

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TARGET

Date _____

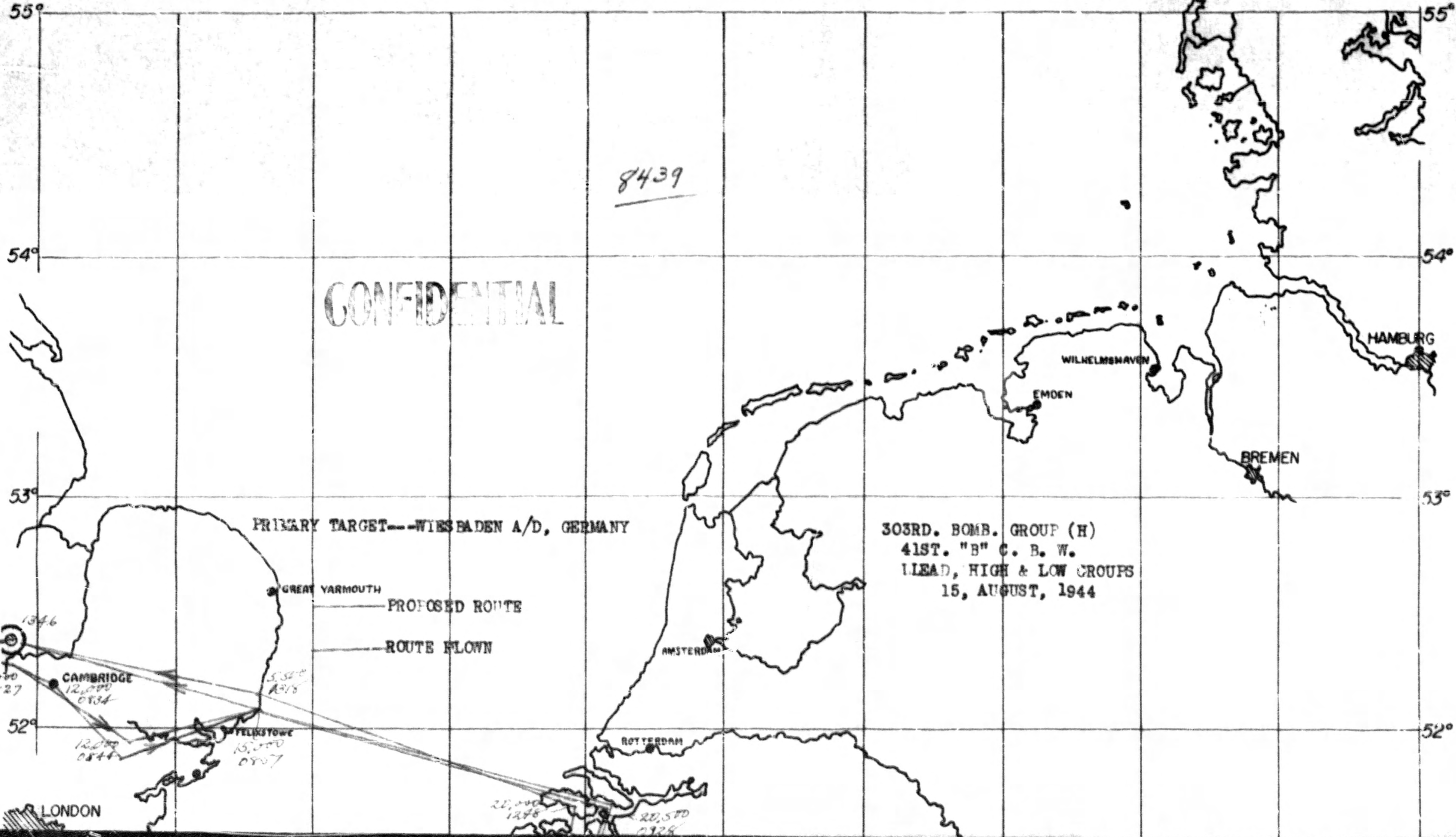
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Primary _____

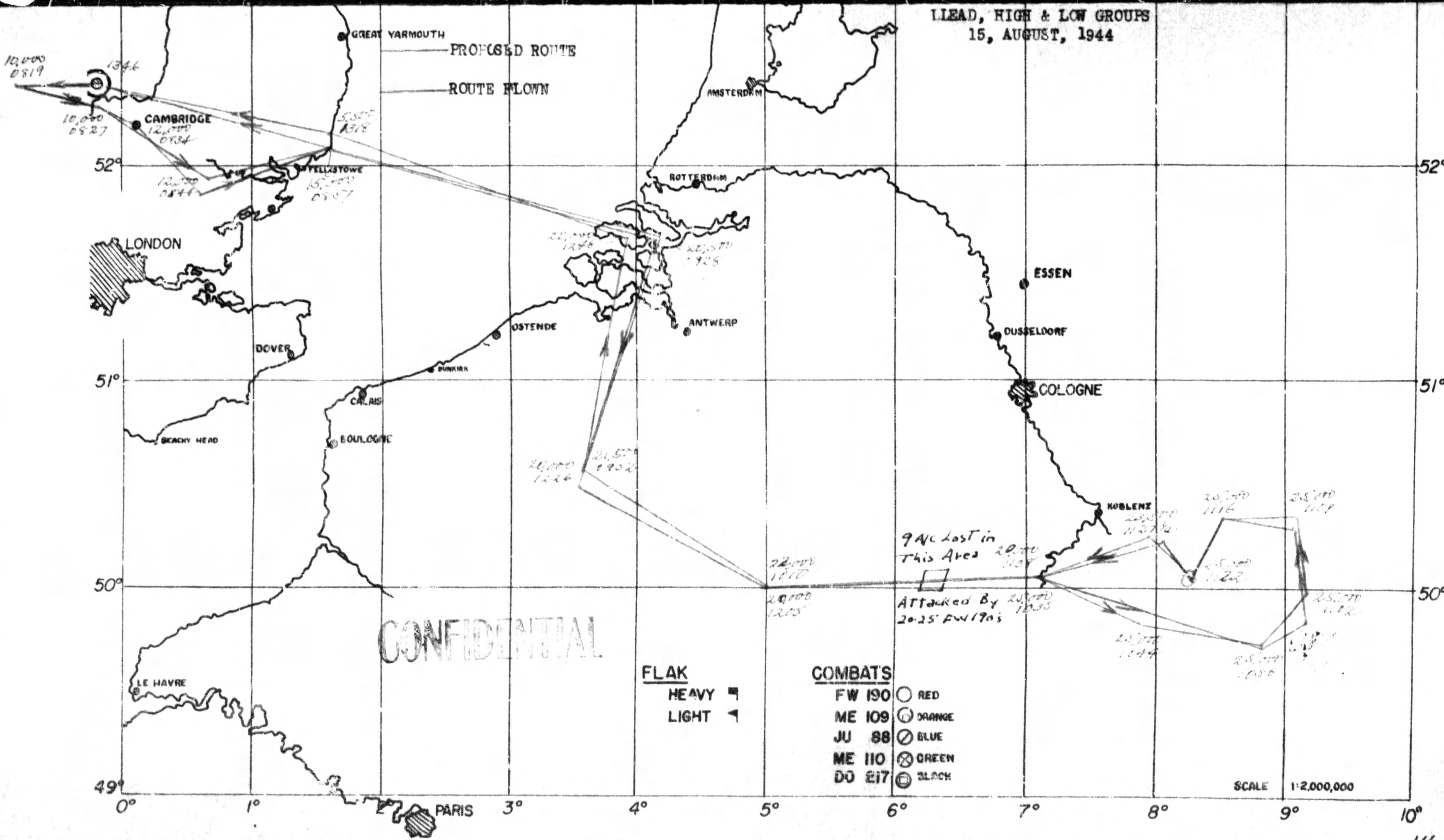
Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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**LEAD, HIGH & LOW GROUPS
15, AUGUST, 1944**



CONFIDENTIAL

FLAK
HEAVY ◻
LIGHT ◀

COMBAT'S
FW 190 ○ RED
ME 109 ⊙ ORANGE
JU 88 ⊙ BLUE
ME 110 ⊗ GREEN
DO 217 ⊙ BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000,000