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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 131; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
Group 398th Bomb HV; Squadron 601st Bomb HV; Detachment none

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 131 Course per atchd track chart
Intended Destination Hamburg, Germany & Return Type of Mission Operational

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Visibility restricted by five (5) to seven (7) tenths undercast.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 18 June 1944; Time Approx 0932⁰⁰; and Location Hamburg, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted, () Last Contacted by Radio,
() Forced Down, () Seen to crash, or () Information not Available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Aircraft, (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft, () Other Circumstances as Follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G SH; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97626 X

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number _____
(a) SW 003111; (b) SW 003147; (c) SW 003207; (d) 41-57028

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	Brownipe Capin G.M.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	722720
(b)	Frigidaire	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	965714
(c)	Brownipe Capin G.M.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	728940
(d)	Brownipe Capin G.M.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	724912
(e)	Frigidaire	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	238447
(f)	Kelsey Hayes	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	447090
(g)	Frigidaire	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	224666
(h)	Savage Arms	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	905563
(i)	Savage Arms	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	907223
(j)	Frigidaire	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	224600
(k)	Frigidaire	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	224943
(l)			
(m)			
(n)			
(o)			
(p)			
(q)			
(r)			
(s)			
(t)			

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty MIA
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

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10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10

CREW POSITION	NAME IF FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
1. Pilot, CA KIA 7/24/44	WEIBEL, JOHN G.	Major	0-398556
2. Pilot	HALTER, RALPH L.	1st Lt	0-689312
3. Co-pilot	*SHERMAN, RICHARD S.	2nd Lt	0-758644
4. Navigator KIA 7/24/44	KRAVITZ, HARRY	Capt	0-733439
5. Navigator	BUNNING, ROBERT	2nd Lt	0-757798
6. * Radar Navigator	PARSONS, ROBERT N.	2nd Lt	0-691796
7. Bombardier	HARRIS, ARTHUR S.	2nd Lt	0-757875
8. Top Turret Gunner	Loveland, Clinton L. KIA 7/24/44	Sgt	39905301
9. Radio Gunner	Goesel, Edward B.	T Sgt	36735712
10. Tail Gunner	Burns, John D.	S Sgt	18177714
11.			
12.	* From 324th Bomb Squadron, 91st Bomb Group, AAF Station 121		

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)

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash Forced Landing
1. Papa John, George C	S Sgt	36000948		X	
2. Lancaster, Lionel G	2nd Lt	0-734713		X	
3. Anderson, Oliver H	2nd Lt	0-689511		X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

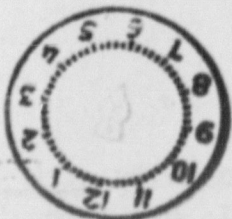
14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

(Per atchd statements)

NOTE: All personnel except Lt Parsons, RN, asgd to 396th Bomb Group
Subject officer, asgd to 91st Bomb Group, 324th Bomb Squadron.
Aircraft asgd to 91st Bomb Gp, 324th Bomb Sq.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: no search

Date of Report 21 June 1944



Wallis L Campbell
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
WALLIS L CAMPBELL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Statistical Officer

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Oct. 24, 1944.

Kia

Major John G. Vothel

Mr. J. F. Vothel, (Father)
709 Belvedere Circle, N. E.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Kia

Capt Harry Kewif

Mr. Jack Kewif, (Father)
409 Callahan Boulevard,
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Kia

1st Lt Ralph L. Halter

Mrs. Mary C. Halter, (Wife)
400 South 9th,
Springfield, Illinois.

Kia

2nd Lt Robert W. Parsons

Mrs. Edward Parsons, (Mother)
1022 Penniman Avenue,
Plymouth, Michigan.

Pow

2nd Lt Robert Manning

Mrs. Mary D. Manning, (Wife)
1236 South Elm,
Casper, Wyoming.

Pow

2nd Lt Richard G. Sherman

Mr. Richard Sherman, (Father)
Creswell, Michigan.

Pow

2nd Lt Arthur S. Harris

Mr. George Harris, (Uncle)
Fort, Michigan.

Kia

T/Sgt Edward W. Cannon

Mrs. Anna C. Cannon, (Mother)
1261 Morris Avenue,
Hammond, Illinois.

Kia

T/Sgt Clinton L. Cleveland

Mrs. Edna Gebbs Marble, (Mother)
Doveville, Utah.

Pow

S/Sgt John D. Burns

Mrs. Mrs. L. Burns, (Mother)
Route One,
Carland, Texas.

- 1 Officer's pay data card for: Richard S. Sherman
2nd Lt. AC.O-758644
- 1 personal letter from his father to: Richard S. Sherman
(Mr. R. Sherman, Crosswell, Mich.)
- 1 identification tag Richard S. Sherman) O-758644 T 43 -43
- 1 identification tag Arthur S. H a r i s
O-757873 T 43-43 O.P.
- 1 " Robert Bunning
O-757798 T 42 T 43 A.B.
Mr. J T. Bunning
109 Sherman St.
Rock Springs, Wyo.
- 1 officer's pay data card for: Robert Bunning, 2nd Lt. AC
O-757798
- 1 identification tag: Harry Kravif, O-733439 T 43-43 O
- 1 " Parsons, Robert. H O691796 T 43-44 A.P.
- 1 " Edward B. Goessel 36735712 T 43-3 A P
- 1 Keglers lodge membership card # 0858 for Harry Kravif Member No. 2316
- 1 paper card (vising-blank) with following addresses: Mrs. John Lang
5138 No. Kimbau Ave Chicago. William H. Johnson 803 51 st sacramento.
- 1 pilot and crew member physical record card for: Edward B. Goessel
- 1 identification tag for: 1st Lt Harry Kravif O-733-439
- 1 pilots information card No 7345 for: Halter Call ext. No. 269
barracks No 127
- 1 navigator qualification certificate for : ~~XXXXX~~ Harry Kravif
- 1 license to operate motor vehicles for: Harry Kravif
- 1 photo picture of americ. St/Sgt(No name) T/3
- 1 certificate for having passed instrument flight test for: Ralph h
L. Halter 1st Lt AB, Rapid City S.D.
- 1 combat crew pass for S/Sgt Edward B. Goessel 36735712
- 1 theater engagement card(Theater Royal, Brighton) for Viriexne Ellis.

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- 1 certificate authorizing Ralph S. Halder to visit London for 48 hours
- 1 officer's pay data card for: Harry Kravif OY33439 1st Lt.
- 1 permission card to enter Rapid City air base for Sgt Edward B. Goessel.
- 1 receipt(May 5, 44 4 pounds received from 1st Lt Halter)
- 1 social security act number card No 351-163360 for Edward Bert Goessel
- 1 red cross membership-card for: Kravif, Harry
- 1 slip of paper(air-sea-rescue)
- 1 newspaper clipping(CPL Edna Goessel's wedding)
- 1 calling card: Samuel Berke 23 east 17 th St ~~Brook~~
Brooklin, N.Y.
- 1 " " : Ernest W.Thorsen 8 Howard st. Spakane, Wash.
- 1 " " : Ralph L. Halter
- 1 " " : Harry, Kravif

- 1 calling card with written notices on reserve side for : Harry Kravif ✓
- 1 vaccination register card for: Harry Kravif 1st Lt. O-733439
- 1 membership certificate of Salem Lutheran Church for: Edward Goessel
- 1 signature authorizing card(pass) for: Harry Kravif ✓
- 2 transient crewman's passes No 2345
- 1 individual issue record for: Harry Kravif 1st Lt O-733439
- 1 " " " " : Ralph L. Halter 2nd Lt O-689312
- 1 army airforce equipment issue slip for: Edward B. Goessel 36735712
- 1 request for purchase of ~~KYM~~ bicycle for: Edward B. Goessel
(approved)
- 1 certificate, permitting purchase of rationed goods without coupons
for: Ralph L. Halter
- 1 (as above) for 1st Lt. H. Kravif ✓
- 1 vaccination register for: Lindsay, Jaohn B 13106940
- 1 personal letter addresses to Jack- signed by Jim.
- 1 approval of bicycle purchase(by 2nd indordement) No name for whom.
- 1 blank pilot's check list form
- 1 equipment lsi (for shipments) signed by Sgt Fred Olsen(consignor:
Poster E.O. O- 758723)
- 1 individual issue record for: Edward B. Goessel Sgt 36735712
- 1 vaccination register card for: Edward B. Goessel
- 1 certificate of technical training for Edward B. Goessel
- 1 soldier's individual pay record for " "
- 2 identification tag: John G. Weibel 0398556 T-43-4
- 1 " " :John D. Burns 18171714 T 42-3 O.P.
Mrs. Ina L Burns RT I Garland Texas
- 1 pilot an crew member physical record card: Sgt Clinton L.Loveland
3905301
- 1 soldier's individual pay record for (as above)

1 vaccination tag register card for: (as above)

1 identification tag for: (as above)

1 piece of white cloth : E 6 (reserve side 8)

Airbase HQ, A 21/XI
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
-Lueneburg-

Lueneburg, 29 June 44

Subject: Downing of a Boeing B 17 on 18 June 44 09.35 near Fleestedt Harburg district.

To
Interrogation Center West Oberursel.

It is reported that the following named American fliers, found dead after crash of above named aircraft, have been interred in cemetery Hittfeld(south-side) on 19 June 44 09.00 in a consolidated grave.

1. 2nd Lt Robert N. Parson
2. Capt. Harry Kravif
3. Major John G. Weibel
4. 2nd Lt Ralph L. Halter
5. S/Sgt John D. Burns
6. T/Sgt Cliton L. Lovland.

The dead found Edward B. Goesel of above mentioned aircraft crash has been interred in cemetery Nenndorf, Harburg district, cemetery-section No IX grave side No 4

Air Base HQ A 6/XI
Station Command Fuhlsbuettel

Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel 15 July 44

To
Interrogation Center West
Oberursel/Taunus.

The following listed equipment, found on a downed American aircraft are enclosed herewith.

1. navigation case with various maps and papers

1 Soldier's individual pay record

2 gloves

1 pair of compasses

furthermore 4 grave-site-cards of American fliers, interred in Hamburg-Ohlsdorf are enclosed

(signature)

KU 2242

Air Base HQ A 21/XI
Lueneburg

Lueneburg, 18 June 44

Subject: Downing of a Boeing B 17 18 June 44 near Fleestedt 5 km south of
Hirburg.

To

Interrogation Center West

O b e r u r s e l

Enclosed are secured maps, (above mentioned aircraft downing)
among them some with plotted courses.

by order

(signature)

Captain and officer for special mission

R e s t r i c t e d
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
PLACE: Lueneburg
DATE: 19 June 44 01.10
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
~~SMJ/VAN/NT/~~ AT: Fleestadt 18 June 44 09.35
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S h e r m a n
FIRST NAME: Richard, S. 2nd Lt
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-758644
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Transported to Oberursel
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Hittfeld 11.30
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributor:

Interrogation Center West
Air District Command XI
Air Base Section Command
Hospital

Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
 PLACE: Lueneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 03.00
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EV//K//d//d//g// AT: Wicestadt 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) K r a v i f
 FIRST NAME: Harry Capt. ✓
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-733439
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributor:

Interrogation Center West
 Air District Command XI
 Air Base Command
 Hospital

R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
 PLACE: Lueneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 01.50
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) W e i b e l
 FIRST NAME: John G. Major
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-398556
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead found
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributors

Interrogation Center West
 Air District Command XI
 Air Base Section Command
 Hospital

Restricted

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PGST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
 PLACE: Lüneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 02.40
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleesstedt , 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Goessel
 FIRST NAME: Edward B. T/Sgt
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 36735712
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributors:
 Interrogation /Center West
 Air District Command XI
 Air Base Section Command
 Army hospital

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 Capt.

Restricted

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ a 21/XI
 PLACE: Lueneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 02.00
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H a l t e r
 FIRST NAME: Ralph, L. 2nd Lt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-6893312
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributor:

Interrogation Center West
 Air District Command XI
 Air Base Section Command
 Army hospital

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 Capt.

R e s t r i c t e d
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 2/XI
 PLACE: Lueneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 02.20
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B u r n e
 FIRST NAME: John, D. S/Sgt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18177714
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributors:

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 Air Base Section Command
 Army hospital

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R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI

PLACE: Lueneberg

DATE: 19 June 44 01.45

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17

EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L o v e l a n d

FIRST NAME: Cliton L. T/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39905301

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

Distributors:

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 Air District Command XI
 Air Base Section ?Command
 Army hospital

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R e s t r i c t e d
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
 PLACE: Lueneburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 @ 3.30

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B u n n i n g
 FIRST NAME: Robert . 2nd Lt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-757798
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 10.30 near Sinsdorf
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air-Force hospital Wismar
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributors:

Interrogation Center West
 Air District Command II
 Air Base Section Command
 Army hospital

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 Capt.

R e s t r i c t e d
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
PLACE: Lueneburg
DATE: 19 June 44 01.30
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H a r r i s
FIRST NAME: Arthur S. 2nd Lt
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-757873
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transported to Oberursel
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 10.00 near Hittfeld
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributors:

Interrogation Center West
Air District Command XI XI
Air Base Section Command
Army hospital

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 1236**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **19 June**

THROUGH:

TIME: **00.35**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**

THROUGH: **(illegible)**

REMARKS: **highest priority LFLB 1164 18 June 44 2025**

To Interrogation Center West Oberursel/ Frankfurt

This office reported the crash of a Boeing B 17 on 18 June 09.35. Place of crash: 1 km north-east Fleestedt ~~xxxxxxx~~, 5 km south of Harburg. (Grid square C.A. 4-1) Downed probably by fighter. Destroyed by conflagration after crash. About 80% loss. Crew: until now 7 dead and 2 captured. 1 dead probably still under aircraft. Markings: QDF nations? insignia, tail assembly black triangle 297626

Air Base HQ A 21/ XI Lueneburg.

6-3224, AF(5)

R e s t r i c t e d
REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
LOCATION: Lueneburg
DATE: 19 June 44 15.00
DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 18 June 44 09.35
PLACE OF CRASH: 1 km north-east Fleestedt, 5 km south of Harburg
(NEAREST TOWN)
KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, Flak
EMERGENCY LANDING)
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17
MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) QDF national insignia(black)
ADMITTANCE NO: Black full triangle 297626
EQUIPMENT: separately reported by signal-station
F.T. FREQUENCIES:
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 80% loss (conflagration after crash)
DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Air District Command
Interrogation Center West
Aeronautical Research Staff
Air Port Section Command 12/XI
Draft

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Capt.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

Jun-18-1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

21.08hrs.

ROLL:

FROM:

LFLB

THROUGH:

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REMARKS:

**Urgent

LFLB # 1164

Jun-18

20.25hrs.-

To Air District HQ XI, Ic/Ass, Luxembourg.-

The unit is reporting the downing of a Boeing B 17 on Jun-18-1944 at 07.30hrs, place of crash: 1 km Northeast of Floetstelt, 5 km South of Luxemburg-grid square CA 4-1.- Presumably downed by fighters.- Plane was destroyed by crashfire about 80%.- Crew: Up to now, 7 dead, 2 prisoners, 1 dead man presumably still underneath the plane.- Markings: QNF-cublon.- Tail-assembly: Black triangle 2/7626.-

Air Base HQ A 21/XI, Luxembourg.**

See preceding pages

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6-3224,AF(5)

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Air Base HQ A XI/XI Lueneburg**

LOCATION: **Lueneburg**

DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 15.00hrs.**

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) **1 km Northeast of Flesstedt, 5 km South of Harburg**

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING) **Anti-aircraft**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) **QFF-emblem (black).**

ADMITTANCE NO: **Solid black triangle 297636**

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES:
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **Separately reported by Air Force-Signal-Center.
80% damage. (Crashfire).**

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) **Air District HQ
Dulag-Luft
Chief of Airforce supply-armorant
Air Base District HQ, 12/XI
Draft**

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Captain.**

*name approx on
forwarding bases*

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI Mainzburg**

DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 01.30hrs.**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **HARRIS, Arthur J.**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser. #1** **0-757875**

RANK: **2nd Lt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **captured near Hittfeld at 10.00hrs.
transferred to Oberursel.**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a
TYPE OF CRAFT **Beech 217 near Flossfeld on Jun-18-1944 at 09.30hrs.**

REMARKS:

DISTRIBUTION:

**Interrogation Center West
Air District HQ XI
Air Base District
Hospital**

**Illegible
Captain.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A XI/XI Zaeneburg**
 DATE: **Jun-18-1944 at 03.30hrs**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **BUNNING, Robert**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser. #1 0-757796** ✓
 RANK: **2nd LT**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found injured near Sinderf at 10.30hrs.**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: **AirForce-Hospital Wismar**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a
 TYPE OF CRAFT **Beech B17 near Fieestadt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

REMARKS:

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 Air District HQ XI
 Air Base District
 Hospital**

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 Captain**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A XI/XI Luensburg**
 DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 01.45hrs**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **LEVELAND, Clinton L.**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser.#: 39905301**
 RANK: **T/Sgt**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found dead.
buried on Jun-19-1944.**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 near Floestedt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

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 Air District HQ XI
 Air Base District
 Hospital**

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 Captain.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base HQ, A 21/XI Imeneburg.
 DATE: Jun-19-1944 at 03.20hrs.
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: BURNS, John D.
 YEAR OF BIRTH: Ser.#: 18177714
 RANK: S/Sgt
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: found dead.
 buried on Jun-19-1944.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 near Fiesstedt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: AirBase HQ A21/XI Lueneburg
 DATE: Jan-19-1944 at 03.00hrs.
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: HALTER, Ralph L.
 YEAR OF BIRTH: Ser. #1 0-6893312
 RANK: 2nd Lt
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: found dead.
 buried on Jan-19-1944.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)
 Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT Beeing B 17 near Fiesstett on Jan-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI Lüneburg**
 DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 08.40hrs.**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **GOMSEL, Edward B.**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser. 31 36735713**
 RANK: **T/Sgt**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found dead.
buried on Jun-19-1944.**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Boeing B 17 near Fleesstedt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

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 Rec 18 June 44*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ, A 21/WILVeneburg**
 DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 01.50hrs.**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **WHIBEL, John G.**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **Sgt.†** **0-598556**
 RANK: **Major (†)**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found dead.**
buried on Jun-19-1944.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 near Fiesstedt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.30hrs.**

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 KIA 18 June 44*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI Lunenburg**
 DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 03.00hrs.**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **KRAVIF, Harry**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **Sr. Lt** **0-733439**
 RANK: **Capt.**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found dead.**
buried on Jun-19-1944.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
 (CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Beech B 17 near Fleetstet on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

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 KIA 18 Jun 44*

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI Lueneburg**
DATE: **Jun-19-1944 at 02.30hrs.**
NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **PARSON, Robert H.**
YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser.#: 0-491796**
RANK: **2nd Lt**
PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **found dead,
buried on Jun-19-1944.**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 near Fleestedt on Jun-18-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

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Parsons,
 KIA 18 June 44*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base HQ A XI/XI Lueneburg**

DATE: **Jun-12-1944 at 01.10 hrs.**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **SHERMAN, Richard S.**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **Ser.#1** **0-758644**

RANK: **2nd Lt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **captured near Hittfeld at 11.30hrs.
transferred to Oberursel.**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: -
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

Shot-Down of a

TYPE OF CRAFT **Boeing B 17 near Fieschedt on Jun-12-1944 at 09.35hrs.**

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KU 2242

W R I B E I L , John J. Mageir

O-398356

downing June 1944, 0935 Fleestadt
dead

KU 2242

B U R U S , John D.

St/Sgt.

O-181777L4

downing June 1944, 0935 Fleestadt
dead

KU 2242

P A R S O N , Robert H.

2nd/Lt.

O-691796

downing June 1944, 0935 Fleestadt
dead

KU 2242

KRAVIV, Harry

Capt.

O-33439

downing June 1944, 0935

Fleestadt

dead

~~EXONE/EXEEL~~,
KU 2242

GOESEL, Edward B.

T/Sgt.

36735712

downing June 1944, 0935

Fleestadt

dead

KU 2242

HALTER, Ralph L.

2nd/Lt.

O-689312

downing June 1944, 0935

Fleestadt

dead

KU 2242

LOVELAND^{CLINTON}, L.

T/Sgt.

39905301

downing June 1944, 0935

Fleestadt

dead

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- 1 certificate authorizing Ralph S. Halder to visit London for 48 hours
- 1 officer's pay data card for: Harry Kravif 0733430 1st Lt.
- 1 permission card to enter ~~Spain~~ City air base for Sgt Edward B. Goessel.
- 1 receipt(May 5,44 4 pounds received from 1st Lt Halter)
- 1 social security act number card No 351-163360 for Edward Bert Goessel
- 1 red cross membership-card for: Kravif, Harry
- 1 slip of paper(air-sea-rescue)
- 1 newspaper clipping(GPL Edna Goessel's wedding)
- 1 calling card: Samuel Burke 23 east 17 th St ~~NY~~
Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 1 " " : Ernest W. Thorsen 8 Howard st. Spokane, Wash.
- 1 " " : Ralph L. Halter
- 1 " " : Harry, Kravif

- 1 photo picture
- 1 certificate for having passed instrument flight test for Harry Kravif
- 1 license to operate motor vehicles for Harry Kravif
- 1 photo picture of crew. S/sgt(to name) W/S
- 1 certificate for having passed instrument flight test for Ralph H. Walter 1st Lt AB, Field City A.B.
- 1 control crew pass for S/sgt Edward E. Gessel 20720712
- 1 theater engagement card(Theater Royal, Brighton) for Virgiana Elie.

1 identification tag Arthur S. H a F 1 0
O-727072 T 42-42 O.P.

1 " Robert Dunning
O-727700 T 42 T 42 A.B.
Mr. J E. Dunning
100 Sherman St.
Lack Springs, Wyo.

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- 1 officer's pay data card for: Robert Dunning, Encl 14. 10
O-727700
- 1 identification tag: Harry Kravif, O-727200 T 42-42 O
- 1 " Parsons, Robert. H 0021700 T 42-44 A.P.
- 1 " Edward E. Gessel 20720712 T 42-3 A F

- 1 Explorers lodge membership card # 0050 for Harry Kravif member No.2218
- 1 paper card(viating-black) with following address: Mrs. John Long
3120 So. Hickson Ave Chicago. William H. Johnson 908 51 st sacramento.

- 1 pilot and crew member physical record card for Edward E. Gessel
- 1 identification tag for 1st Lt Harry Kravif O-727-000

- 1 pilots information card No 7346 for Walter Call ent. No. 200
tarracks No 127
- 1 navigator qualification certificate for : HARRY Harry Kravif
- 1 license to operate motor vehicles for Harry Kravif
- 1 photo picture of crew. S/sgt(to name) W/S
- 1 certificate for having passed instrument flight test for Ralph H
H. Walter 1st Lt AB, Field City A.B.
- 1 control crew pass for S/sgt Edward E. Gessel 20720712
- 1 theater engagement card(Theater Royal, Brighton) for Virgiana Elie.

- 1 calling card with written notices on reverse side for: Harry Kravif
- 1 vaccination register card for: Harry Kravif 1st Lt. O-733439
- 1 membership certificate of Salem Lutheran Church for: Edward Gessel
- 1 signature authorizing card(pass) for: Harry Kravif
- 2 transient crewman's passes No 2745
- 1 individual issue record for: Harry Kravif 1st Lt O-733439
- 1 " " " " : Ralph L. Halter 2nd Lt O-689/13
- 1 army airforce equipment issuencip for: Edward B. Gessel 38738713
- 1 request for purchase of H&M bicycle for: Edward B. Gessel
(approved)
- 1 certificate, permitting purchase of rationed goods without coupons
for: Ralph L. Halter
- 1 (as above) for 1st Lt. H. Kravif
- 1 vaccination register for: Lindsay, Jack B 13106949
- 1 personal letter address to Jack signed by Jim.
- 1 approval of bicycle purchase(by 2nd indorsement) No name for when.
- 1 blank pilot's check list form
- 1 equipment lei (for shipments) signed by Sgt Fred Olsen(consignor:
Pester H.O. O- 788723)
- 1 individual issue record for: Edward B. Gessel Sgt 38738713
- 1 vaccination register card for: Edward B. Gessel
- 1 certificate of technical training for Edward B. Gessel
- 1 soldier's individual pay record for " "
- 2 identification tag: John G. Weibel O398886 T-43-4
- 1 " " :John D. Burns 18171/14 T 43-3 O.N.
Mrs. Ina L Burns RT 1 Garland Texas
- 1 pilot an crew member physical record card: Sgt Clinton L. Loveland
39903301
- 1 soldier's individual pay record for (as above)

1 vaccination tag register card form (as above)

1 identification tag form (as above)

1 piece of white cloth : H 6 (reserve side B)

Airbase HQ A 21/XI
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~-Lusnburg-~~

Lusnburg, 29 June 44

Subject: Downing of a Boeing B 17 on 18 June 44 09.35 near Fleestadt
 Harburg district.

To
Interrogation Center West Oboersuhl.

It is reported that the following named American fliers, found
 dead after crash of above named aircraft, have been interred in cemetery
 Hittfeld (south-side) on 19 June 44 09.00 in a consolidated grave.

1. 2nd Lt Robert H. Parson
2. Capt. Harry Kravif
3. Major John G. Weibel
4. 2nd Lt Ralph L. Halter
5. S/Sgt John B. Burns
6. T/Sgt Clifton L. Lovland.

The dead found Edward F. Gessel of above mentioned air-
 craft crash has been interred in cemetery Heandorf, Harburg
 district, cemetery-section No IX grave side No 4

Air Base HQ A 8/II
Station Command Fahlisbueffel

Hanburg-Fahlisbueffel 15 July 44

To
Interrogation Center West
Oberfeldstrasse 1/Tamm

The following listed equipment, found on a downed American aircraft are enclosed herewith.

1. navigation case with various maps and papers

1 soldier's individual pay record

2 gloves

1 pair of compasses

furthermore 4 grave-site-cards of American fliers, interred in Hanburg-Chledorf are enclosed

(signature)

KU 2242

Air Base HQ A 21/XI
Lueneburg

Lueneburg, 18 June 44

Subject: Downing of a Boeing B 17 18 June 44 near Fleestedt 5 km south of
Hirburg.

To

Interrogation Center West

Operational

Enclosed are secured maps, (above mentioned aircraft downing)
among them some with plotted courses.

By order

(signature)

(Captain and officer for special mission)

Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**

POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**
 PLACE: **Lussemburg**
 DATE: **19 June 44 01.10**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**
~~14N 14W 14W 14W~~ AT: **Fleesfeld 18 June 44 09.35**
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **SHERMAN**
 FIRST NAME: **Richard, S. 1st Lt**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-758544**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Transported to Oberursel**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **near Hittfeld 11.20**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributor:

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REPORT OF CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

Air Base HQ A 21/XI

PLACE:

Lueneburg

DATE:

19 June 44 02.30

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

Boeing Y 17

EM. LANDING:

AT:

Fleetstett 19 June 44 09.35

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

P a r s o n

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

Robert H 2nd Lt

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

O-591796

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Found dead

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

-

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

19 June 1944

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
 PLACE: Lennsburg
 DATE: 19 June 44 03.00
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing B 17
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Fiesstedt 18 June 44 09.35
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) K r a v i f
 FIRST NAME: Harry Capt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-733439
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

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POST: Air Base HQ A 21/XI
PLACE: Lunenburg
DATE: 19 June 44 01.50
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt 18 June 44 09.35
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Weibel
FIRST NAME: John G. Major
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-398556
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead found
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTEREST: 19 June 44

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Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**

POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Luernsburg**

DATE: **18 June 44 02.40**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**
EM. LANDING: AT: Floentadt, 18 June 44 09.35

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

FIRST NAME: **Edward B. 3/Sgt**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **36735712**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **19 June 44**

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Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**

POST: **Air Base HQ a 21/X3**
 PLACE: **Lueneburg**
 DATE: **19 June 44 03.00**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **H a l t e r**
 FIRST NAME: **Ralph, L. 2nd Lt.**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-689331B**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **19 June 44**

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POST: Air Base HQ A 2/XI
PLACE: Lunenburg
DATE: 19 June 44 02.30
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Fiesstedt, 18 June 44 05.35
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B U F A s
FIRST NAME: John, D. S/Sgt.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18177714
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 19 June 44

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Lueneberg**

DATE: **19 June 44 01.45**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**

EM. LANDING: AT: Fiesstedt, 18 June 44 09.35

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **L e v e l a n d**

FIRST NAME: **Gliton L. T/Sgt**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **39905301**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **19 June 44**

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POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Lueneburg**

DATE: **19 June 44 13.30**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) **OF, Boeing B 17**

EM. LANDING: **AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.35**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **B u a n i n g**

FIRST NAME: **Robert 2nd Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-757798**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **10.30 near Sinsdorf**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Air-Force hospital Wismar**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 Air Base Section Command
 Army hospital**

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**
 PLACE: **Luenoburg**
 DATE: **19 June 44 01.30**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**
EM. LANDING: AT: Fleestedt, 18 June 44 09.30
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **H a r r i s**
 FIRST NAME: **Arthur S. 2nd Lt**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-757873**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **transported to Oberursel**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **10.00 near Mittfeld**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 Army hospital

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DATE: **19 June**

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TIME: **00.35**

ROLL:

FROM: **LMB**

THROUGH: **(illegible)**

REMARKS: **highest priority LMB 1144 18 June 44 2925**

To Interrogation Center West Oberursel/ Frankfurt

This office reports the crash of a Boeing B 17 on 18 June 09.35. Place of crash: 1 km north-east Fleestedt ~~xxxxxxx~~, 5 km south of Harburg. (Grid square G.A. 4-1) Downed probably by fighter. Destroyed by conflagration after crash. About 80% loss. Crew: until now 7 dead and 2 captured. 1 dead probably still under aircraft. Markings: QDF national insignia, tail assembly black triangle 297626.

Air Base HQ A 21/ XI Luenzburg.

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Air Base HQ A 21/XI**

LOCATION: **Lueneburg**

DATE: **19 June 44 15.00**

DATE AND TIME:
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **18 June 44 09.35**

PLACE OF CRASH:
 (NEAREST TOWN) **1 km north-east Fleestedt, 5 km south of Harburg**

KIND OF CAPTURE:
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, **Flak**
 EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) **QDF national insignia(black)**

ADMITTANCE NO: **Black full triangle 297626**

EQUIPMENT: **separately reported by signal-station**

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **80% loss (conflagration after crash)**

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 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

**Air District Command
 Interrogation Center West
 Aeronautical Research Staff
 Air Port Section Command 12/XI
 Draft**

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Report on capture
of an aircraft of the WSAAF

Date and time aircraft
was shot down

June 18, 1944 - 09.35

Casualty No. Ky 2342

Place of crash

Fleestad near Harburg

Type of plane

Fortress

Reporting office

Air Base Command Lüneburg

	NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	NAME OF CAMP PLACE OF INTERMENT
SHERMAN	Richard Stanley	2/Lt.	0-758 644	capt'd	D. lag Luft
HARRIS	Arthur Seneca	2/Lt.	0-757 873	"	"
BENNING	ROBERT	2/Lt.	0-757 798	wounded	
HALTER	Ralph L.	1/Lt.	0-689 312	dead	
LOVELAND	G.L.	1/Lt.	3990 5301	"	
GYSSEL	Edward B.	T/Sgt.	3573 5712	"	
BYRNS	John D.	S/Sgt.	1817 7714	"	
KJELF	Harry	Capt.	0-733 439	"	
PARSONS	Robert H.	2/Lt.	0-691 796	"	
WYBLE	John G.	Major	0-398 555	"	

D. lag Luft, June 26, 1944.

MACOP # 5996
10 Man Crew

DATE:	18 June 1944	AT:	0935	RANK:	NAME:	NU - 2212
PLACE:	1 km north-east of Fleesstadt 5 km south of Harburg			2nd Lt	HARRIS, Arthur Seneca	ASH: 0-75787
				2nd Lt	SHERMAN, Richard Stanley	ASH: 0-758644
		*		1st Lt	HALTER, Ralph L.	dead ASH: 0-689312
TYPE OF CRAFT:	Fortress			2nd Lt	BUNNING, Robert	Heep ASH: 0-757798
MARKINGS:	297626	✓		T/sgt	LOVELAND, Clinton L.	dead ASH: 39905301
		4		T/sgt	GOESEL, Edward B	dead ASH: 36735712
324 (HB) Sqd - 91 Group				Buried in cemetery Heunderf / Harburg Section IX on 19 June 1944		
		*		5/sgt	BURKS, John D	dead ASH: 18177714
		*		Captain	KRAVITZ, Harry	dead ASH: 0-733439
AIRBASE:	121	*		2nd Lt	PARSONS, Robert N	dead ASH: 0-691796
TARGET:	Airbase Hq - Luenzburg*			Major	WEINEL, John G	dead ASH: 0-398556

NOT PAID

7 dead, * - buried in Cemetery Hittfeld, mass - grave.

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High Group Formation Over Target

		F ALLEN ROSS 2593-C		F Scott 7094-M	
	F Dollar 7188-G		F Brown 2597-V		F Richardson 2483-Z
		F Ryan 2610-y			D Berry 7217-U
	E Woodson 7527-X				
F Driscoll 7810-S		F Roderick 7374-X		C Menzel 2536-C	C Folger 2418-M
	F Taylor 2506-L			D Dalton 7394-F	
F Rudrud 2511-P		F Radnedge 7150-K		B Fahrenheit 7138-T	B Lassegard 2570-F

Lead Group Formation Over Target

		WEIBEL Halter PFF 7626-Q		A FRAZIER Rohrer 9836-L	
	D Heintzelman 7098-Y		D Hadjes 2391-B		
		D Davis, JH 2596-N		B Falkenbach 2607-F	
	D Griffin 7080-S			C Chase 2487-F	
D Binger 7338-C		D Davis, JA 2565-M		C Fritog 2592-G	C Searl 2507-N
	D Hornshuh 7385-X			C Rice 2600-Z	
D Fairbanks 2445-R		D McCarty 7509-J		C Lowe DB 7380-R	C Elwood 7191-K

Low Group Formation Over Target

		B Davidson KRUGER 7223-S		B Latson 2476-B	
		B Engel 7317-P		B Novak 7156-L	
		B Foster, T K 7348-R		B Scott 7053-M	
	B Stoll 2562-G			C Lowe, J D 2390-X	
B Foster D L 7789-H		B Dwyer 2579-C		C Lovelace 2599-U	C Slavin 7218-T
	B Durtschi 2568-N			C Alhadeff 7249-P	
B Howden 5083-V		B Fisher 7078-U		C Ford 7399-H	C Nelson 2519-A

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97626 (PFF)
Pilot CA. Major John G Weibel, Headquarters 398th Bomb Group
(Hv) on Hamburg, Germany mission 18 June 1944.:

I was flying at about 24,000 feet in the ball turret of ship no. 7217U which was lead ship of high squadron, high group. After we bombed the target at Hamburg, Germany through an intense flak area, I saw ship 7626 Q, the lead ship of the wing formation, hit by flak behind no. one engine in the trailing edge of the left wing. Almost immediately he feathered his No. one prop and pulled out of formation to the left. The prop was not completely feathered when the left wing crumpled and put the ship in an intense spin and a few seconds later blew up beyond recognition. Among the debris I observed one parachute but did not see a body.

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GEORGE C PAPAJOHN, 36000948
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Ball Turret Gunner B17G 42-97217U

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G SH 42-97626,
Pilot CA, Major John G Weibel O-398556, 398th Bomb Group, on
Hamburg Mission of 18 June 1944:

While participating in a combat mission to Hamburg, Germany,
June 18, 1944, I had the unfortunate experience of witnessing a
plane of which Major Weibel was the Pilot go down from enemy
opposition.

My position in the group was Bombardier in the plane flying
the number three position, second element, lead squadron.

As Major Weibel's ship was the lead plane in the group, I
had my eyes literally "glued" to his ship during the Bombing run.
The flak, intense and accurate, was tracking the lead squadron.

Just about a minute after bombs away a burst got the plane
in question's number one gas tank which was between number one
and two engines. The plane dropped back with flame shooting back
three or four feet from the left wing. The pilot feathered number
one engine and the flame abated somewhat, however, the prop
started to windmill, and the flame again became more noticeable.
The prop was again feathered but the flame, although not quite
as abundant as before, still persisted.

The plane continued flight for a minute or so with the left
wing becoming brown at the place of the fire. Without warning the
plane started to lose altitude and dropped to out level and about
two hundred yards in front. At that time I noticed the wing was
partly burned away and that the fire was inside the wing. It
looked like a blast furnace. I don't think the pilot realized
the intensity of the fire. At that moment I noticed the front
nose escape hatch fly past. The wing crumpled and fell away. A
body came from the nose at that instant and hit the horizontal
stabilizer as the ship rolled over on its back. The body spun
around like a cartwheel and fell along with the flaming ship.

About five thousand feet below the ship exploded and blew
in several large pieces. The body continued to fall until it
was out of my view. I saw no chute open or any other bodies come
from the falling ship.

Lionel G. Lancaster

Lionel G. Lancaster O-734713
2nd Lt, Air Corps,
Bombardier B17G 42-102445-R

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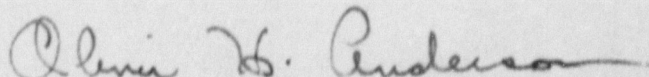
Eye witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G SH-42-9626,
Pilot CA, Major John G. Weibel O-398556, 398th Bomb Group, on
Hamburg Mission of 18 June 1944:

On the mission to Hamburg, Germany 18 June 1944, I was
flying in the nose of Lt Falkenback's ship looking for the
lead ship to drop its bombs.

Just over the target right at bombs away among intense
flak, one of the engines on the left side of Major Weibel's
ship caught fire.

About one minute later he feathered it. The flame
seemed to spread back to his gas tank on the left wing and
then his left wing broke off between number one and number
two engines. He then flipped over on his back and started
into a vertical dive to the left of the formation.

That was the last any of our crew saw of the ship.


OLIVER H. ANDERSON, O-689511
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Bombardier, B17G 42-102607-F

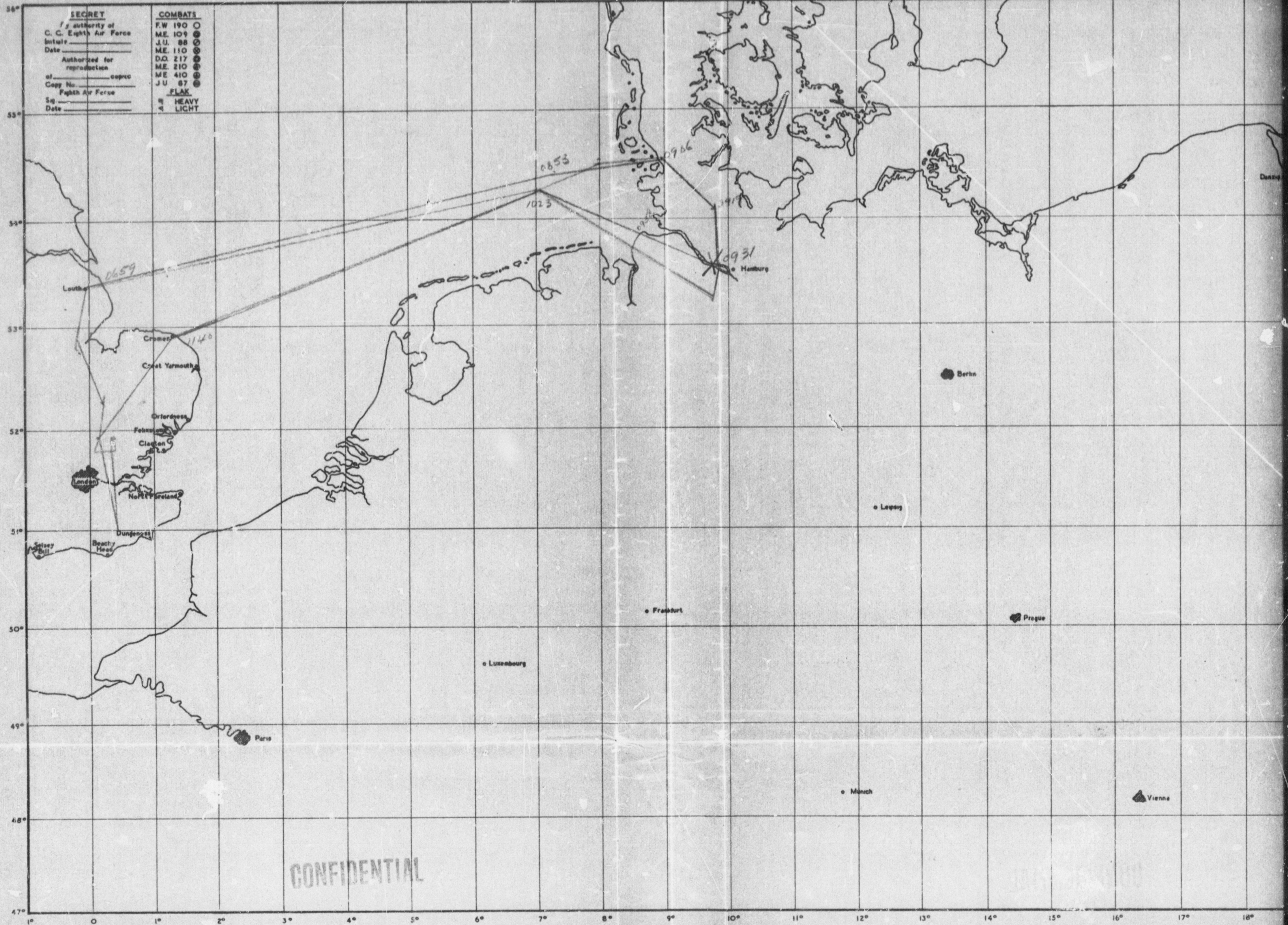
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