

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification: ~~RESTRICTED~~
to ~~RESTRICTED~~

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.

by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

Date MAR 15 1944 ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 247th; Detachment

2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger. Type of Mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility 10 miles

4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 April 1944 Time 1358; and Location 4805 N. 1115 E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 16 mi. west of Munich

(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces 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 A/C received direct hit in cockpit & A/C disintegrated

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-38158

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-56747
(b) SW-007468; (c) SW-007407; (d) 41-23807

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____

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

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on Separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. <u>✓</u>	Pilot	<u>✓</u> <u>Mackichan, William Graham</u>	<u>✓</u> 2nd Lt.	<u>+</u> <u>0-468423</u>
2. <u>5</u>	Co-Pilot	<u>✓</u> <u>Hantz, William James</u>	<u>✓</u> 2nd Lt.	<u>+</u> <u>0-759451</u>
3. <u>10</u>	Navigator	<u>✓</u> <u>Walling, Neil Emerson</u>	<u>✓</u> 2nd Lt.	<u>+</u> <u>0-809777</u>
4. <u>6</u>	Bombardier	<u>✓</u> <u>Lynch, John D., Jr.</u>	<u>✓</u> 2nd Lt.	<u>+</u> <u>0-676957</u>
5. <u>3</u>	Radio Operator	<u>✓</u> <u>Gray, Kenneth D.</u>	<u>✓</u> S/Sgt.	<u>8</u> <u>39831267 RID</u>
6. <u>1</u>	Top Turret	<u>✓</u> <u>Altendorf, Elroy Andrew</u>	<u>✓</u> T/Sgt.	<u>✓</u> <u>16006483</u>
7. <u>2</u>	Ball Turret	<u>✓</u> <u>Cox, John S.</u>	<u>✓</u> S/Sgt.	<u>✓</u> <u>35372745</u>
8. <u>7</u>	Tail Gunner	<u>✓</u> <u>Pastorella, John Paul</u>	<u>✓</u> T/Sgt.	<u>+</u> <u>11101117</u>
9. <u>8</u>	Right Waist Gun	<u>✓</u> <u>Olstad, Kermit Iver</u>	<u>✓</u> S/Sgt.	<u>+</u> <u>37433533</u>
10. <u>4</u>	Left Waist Gun	<u>✓</u> <u>Gustafson, Claus Norman</u>	<u>✓</u> S/Sgt.	<u>0</u> <u>12129322 RID</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	Last Saw	Check Only One Column	
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Kelsay, Omar Frank</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-806083</u>		<u>x</u>		
2. _____						
3. _____						

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

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 28 April 1944

-Incl-9

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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STATEMENT BY LT. O. F. KELSAY, PILOT, A/C NO. 7449, ON MISSION TO OBERPFAFFHOFFEN, GERMANY, 24 APRIL 1944.

We were flying No. 5 High Squadron, Lead Group. At 1358 hours, 48° 05' N, 11° 15' E, altitude 20,000 feet, A/C No. 158, Lt. MacKICHAN, Pilot, received a direct flak hit in the cockpit area. A/C 158 exploded in mid-air. No parachutes were seen to emerge.

APR 28 1944

O. F. Kelsay
O. F. KELSAY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 7449.

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Incl 10

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KIA 2nd Lt. William G. MacKichan

1210
654
Mrs. Evelyn G. MacKichan, (wife)
1118 Holland,
Eagleville, Michigan.

KIA 2nd Lt. William J. Houts

Mrs. Emma A. Houts, (wife)
332 Springfield Pike,
Wysong, Ohio.

PTE 2nd Lt. Neil E. Walling

Mrs. Helen T. Walling, (wife)
3681 Lakewood Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

KIA 2nd Lt. John D. Lynch, Jr.

Mrs. June Lynch, (wife)
402 E. Veridian Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

POW RTD S/Sgt. Kenneth D. Gray

Mrs. Edna G. Gray, (mother)
Rural Delivery # 3,
Saxburg, Idaho.

MIA T/Sgt. Elroy A. Altendorf

Mrs. Catherine A. Altendorf, (mother)
2017 W. Gaine Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

POW RTD S/Sgt. John S. Cox

Mrs. Agnes S. Cox, (mother)
107 1/2 North Main Street,
Monticello, Indiana.

KIA T/Sgt. John F. Pastorella

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Pastorella, (parents)
85 Myrtle Avenue,
Ansonia, Connecticut.

KIA S/Sgt. Hermit I. Olatad

Mrs. Lula D. Olatad, (mother)
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

POW RTD S/Sgt. Claus N. Gustafson

Mr. Claus A. Gustafson, (father)
242 Stelle Avenue,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

AFPPA-11

File No 4352

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MackICHAN William G.

Rank:

2nd LT

Serial number:

O - 468 423

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? NoWhere? If not, why not? BELIEVE DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was he injured? BELIEVE DEADWhere 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: / 3Dates and destinations if possible:

6-3861, AF

AFFPA-11

File No 4352

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~:

H A U T 2 William James

2nd LT

O - 759 451

C P

Did he bail out? NoWhere? If not, why not? BELIEVE DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was he injured? BELIEVE DEADWhere 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: 1Dates and destinations if possible: APRIL 24, 1944 OBERPOFFENHOFEN,
GERMANY.

6-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

W A L L I N G Neil Emerson

Rank:

2nd LT

Serial number:

O - 809 777

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Navigator)~~:

Navigator

Did he bail out? No.Where? If not, why not? BELIEVE DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was he injured? BELIEVE DEADWhere 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: 20Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

LYNCH John D. Jr

Rank:

2nd LT

Serial number:

O - 676 967

Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Fighter):

B

Did he bail out? NOWhere? If not, why not? BELIEVE DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was injured? BELIEVE DEADWhere 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: ABOUT 27Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ALTENDORF Elroy Andrew

Rank:

T/Sgt

Serial number:

16 006 483

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~:

T T G

Did he bail out? NOWhere? —If not, why not? BELIEVE DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —Was he injured? BELIEVE DEADWhere 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: 20Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

C O X John S.

S/Sgt

35 372 745

B T G

Did he bail out? No.Where? —If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGEWhere 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: 19Dates and destinations if possible: —

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File No 4352

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

PASTORELLA John Paul

Rank:

T/Sgt

Serial number:

11 101 117

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Fighter (Fighter)~~:

T G

Did he bail out? NO.Where? —If not, why not? PLANE IN DIVE.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? GETTING READY TO BAIL OUT.Any hearsay information: —Source: —Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: —Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 27Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

O L S T A D Kermit Iver

Rank:

S/Sgt

Serial number:

37 433 533

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Eighth)~~

E. W. G

Did he bail out? NOWhere? If not, why not? SHIP IN DIVE, GETTING CHUTE ON WHEN I LEFT.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? AT POSITION, GETTING READY TO GO.Any hearsay information: Source: Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 27Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

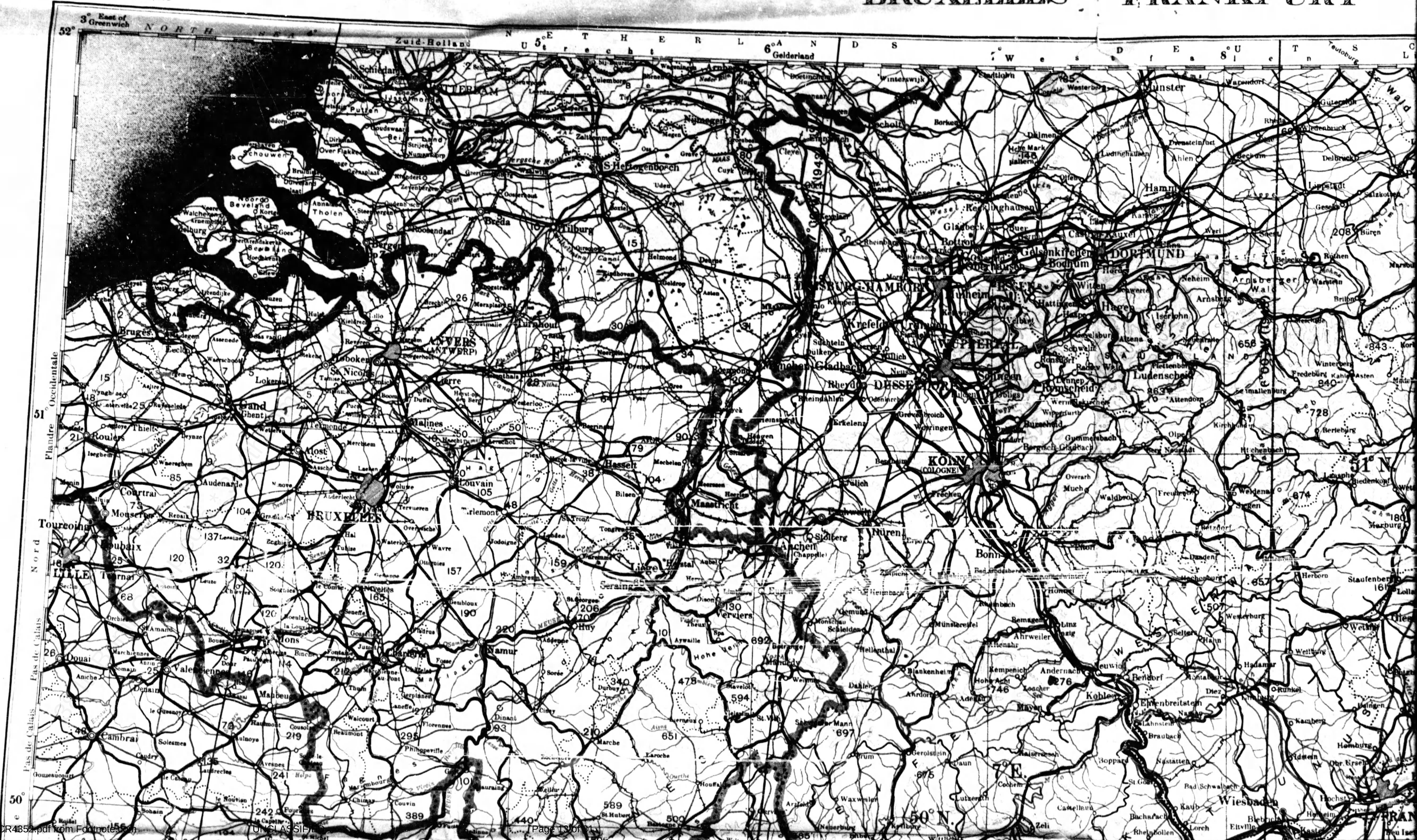
1. Your name CLAUS N. GUSTAFSON Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 12129324
2. Organization 384TH Gp Commander G. SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO FRINK Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OBERPFENNHOFFEN, GER target, AIR FIELD, target time, ABOUT 2 PM., altitude, 21,000 FT. route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 1 MAN - RADIO OPERATOR
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". I WENT OUT FIRST, AND THE RADIO OPERATOR FOLLOWED ME.
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) 8 OF CREW DID NOT BAIL OUT.
11. Where were they in aircraft? P, C.P., B.N., T.T., B.T., L.W., T.
12. What was their condition? TAIL GUNNER & LEFT WAIST GUNNER OK., GETTING READY TO BAIL OUT.
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. NO KNOWLEDGE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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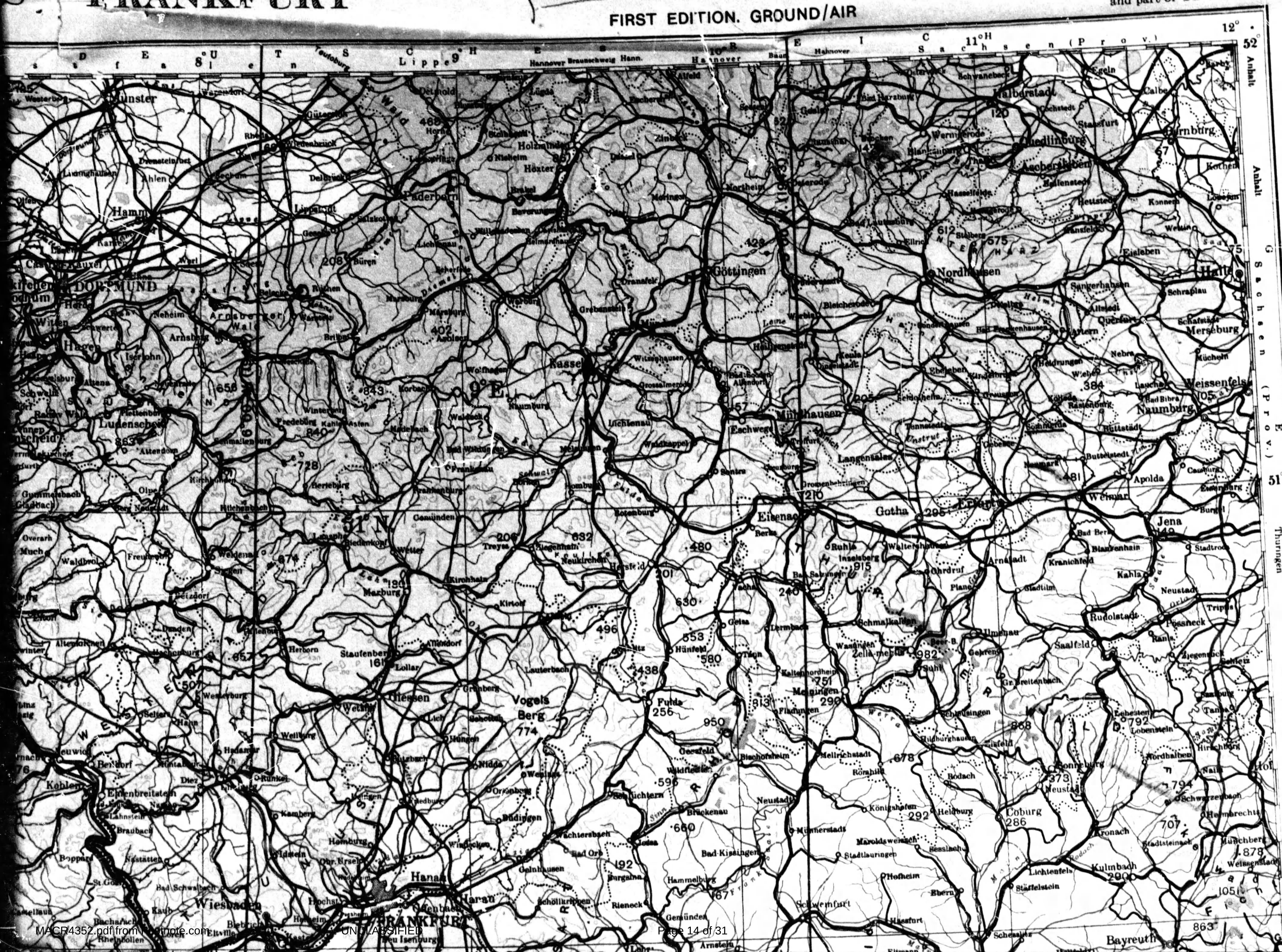
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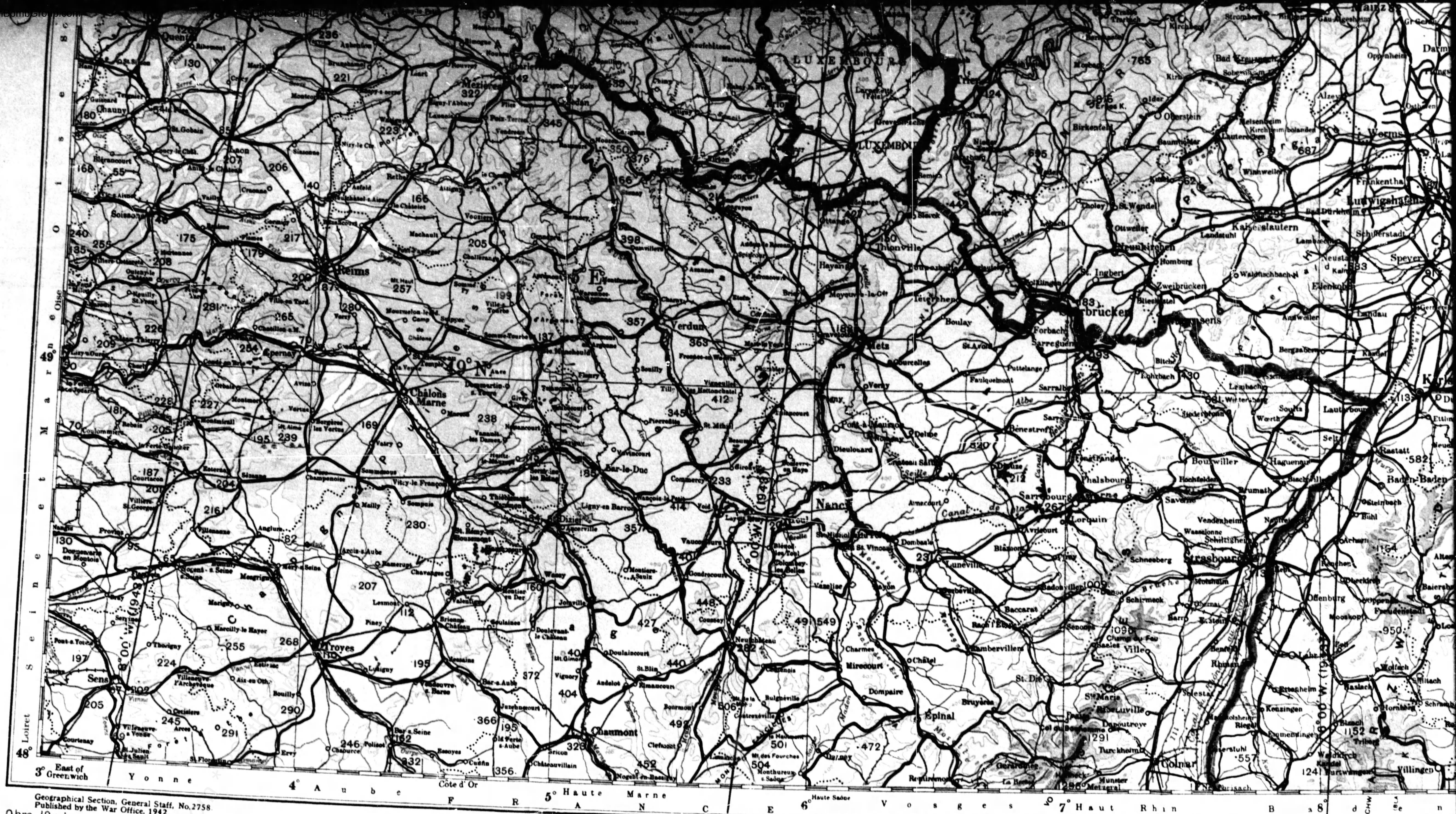
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and part of M 31.

FIRST EDITION. GROUND/AIR

CONVERSION
TABLE

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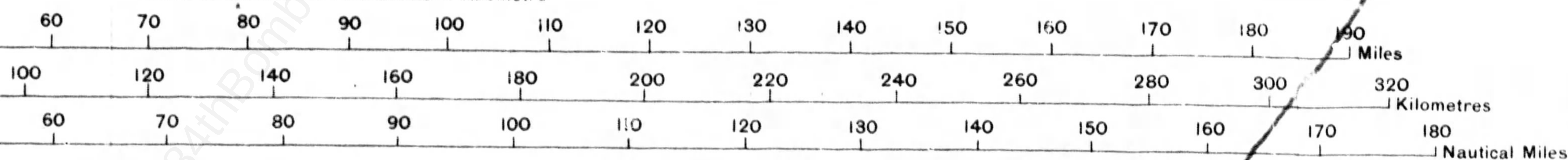




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Scale 1:1,000,000

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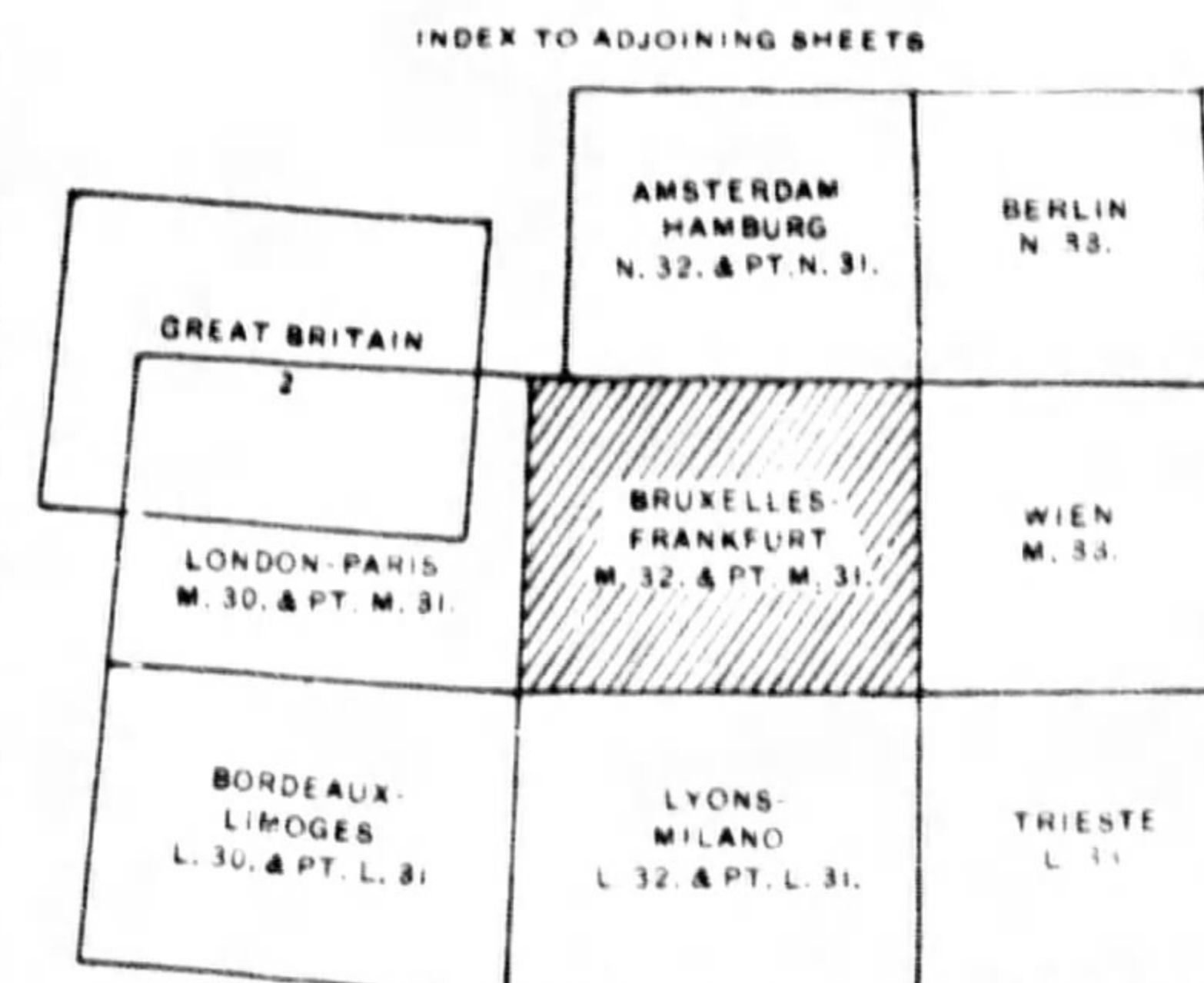


HEIGHTS IN METRES

METHOD OF GIVING A POSITION REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET.

First give the code letters denoting the exact degree of latitude and longitude immediately to the South and West of the required point. Then give in figures the distance in minutes of latitude and in minutes of longitude of the point from the degree intersection so described. Thus if 50° N. is represented by AB and 23° W. by XY then the position 50° 08' N., 22° 33' W. will be denoted ABXY 0827. Similarly if 50° N. is represented by AB and 5° E. is represented by PQ then the position 50° 17' N., 5° 33' E. is ABPQ 1738.

Made up from G.S. 2758, Sheet M 31, and part of Sheet M 31, dated 1933. Helio-graphed by O.S. 1942. 0 hrs. 48 mins.



Projection of the International Map

LAST SIGHTED

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 24 April 1944 - 14.00 CASUALTY NO. KU 1617
 PLACE OF CRASH Starberg
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Bombardier Fortress *mach 4352*
 REPORTING OFFICE Headquarters Army Air Field Neubiberg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
GUSTAFSON, Claus Herman	Sgt.	12128322	Captured	Dalag Luft
<i>Mac Kichan</i> MACKICHAN, William G.	Officer	0-418423	Dead - Buried on 3 May 44 at the POW-Cemetery, Paderborn-Lippe	Grave # 35
HAUTZ, William	Officer	0-759451	Dead - the same,	Grave # 29
WALLING, Nell E.	Officer	0-809777	Dead - the same,	Grave # 31
LYNCH, John D.	Officer	0-676967	Dead - the same,	Grave # 30
NEWTON, Eugene L.	Sgt.	36441261	Dead - the same,	Grave # 36
PASTARELLA, John	Sgt.	11101117	Dead - the same,	Grave # 28
OLSTAD, Kermit I.	Sgt.	37433533	Dead - the same,	Grave # 33
2 dead unknown	- . -	- . -	Dead - the same,	Grave # 32 & 34

REMARKS:

20 May 1944 / No.

American

KU 1617

Airbase Command A (o) 12/VII

Puerstenfeldbruck on 5. May 1944

Puerstenfeldbruck

Record of confiscated effects of the Prisoner of War (dead salvaged)

Eugene L. Newton Serialnumber 36441261 T 13

Crash: Boeing Fortress II on 24. April 1944 at 1400 PM. at Leutstetten (Railway track Mureh & Starnberg).

1 wristwatch destroyed

1 ring silver

checked and ~~marked~~ controlled by
Liese

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(signed)
in order by

Lt. Col. and Officer for special Service.

KU 1617

Downing of Boeing Fortress II, near Leustetten at
rail-road Muenchen-Starnberg on April 24, 44 ; 14.00.

Name : MACKICHAN , William G.

ASN : O-468483 T 43-2 A.

Dead

KIA

24. April. 1944. 1400

0,5 km. SW. of Lautstetten

near Starnberg

Type: Fortress 238138

Target: Airfield

Command Neubiberg

17. May

KV 1617

35	MACKICHAN	William G.	O-468423	dead
29	HADY	William J.	O-759451	dead
31	WALLING	Neil E.	O-809777	dead
30	LYNN	John D. Jr.	O-676967	dead
	Sgt. GRAY	D. Kenneth	39831267	
	1st Sgt. GUSTAFSON	Claus Norman	12129322	capt.
36	Sgt. NEWTON	Eugene L.	36441261	dead
28	Sgt. PASTARELLA	John	11101117	dead
33	Sgt. OLSTAD	Kernit I.	37433533	dead

Buried on 3. May. 1944. at POW Cemetery Fuerstentfeldbruck
2 unknown dead Grave No. 32 and No 34

KU 1617

Nationality: USA

Name: 2 Unknown

Rank: Pilot

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 24 Apr 44, at 1400 hours, Starnberg

Place of Grave: 3 May 44, POW Cemetery Furstenfeldbruck Gr. 32, 34

Reported by: Dulag-Luft Unterlg b Sec POW V
V 4 a Ref IV 1

Dead List No. 51 ✓

Serial No. 52-53 ✓

Gefangenennr.: <u>KU 1618</u>		Staat: <u>USA</u>		Nr. der Liste:	
Gefangenen-Nr.:				Seite der Liste:	
Name: <u>2. Unbekannte</u>				Beruf:	
Vorname:				Religion:	
Geburtsdag u. Geburtsort:		Truppenteil: <u>March. Forstres</u>		Dienstgrad: <u>Flg.</u>	
Vorname des Vaters:		Komp. ufw.		Matr. Nr.	
Familienname der Mutter:		Ort und Tag der Gefangen- nahme oder Internierung:			
Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:		Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:			
		wann und von wo zugegangen:			

Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen: 24.4.44 / 14⁰⁰ Spainberg
Abgabe: 3.5.44 Gef. Fiedh. Fürstfeld.
Brück Nr. 32, 34

Serial No. 51-40-2
Lfd. 58-53

Ref. U 1

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Dowling of Boeing Fortress II, near Leunetetten at
railroad Muenchen-Starnberg on April 24, 44 ; 14.00

Name : MACKICHAN , William G. ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : O-468423 T 42-43 A.

Name : UNKNOWN
ASN : UNKNOWN Dead

Name : WALLING , Nell ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : O-809777 T 43 43 A.

Name : HAUTE , William J. ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : O-759451 T 43 A.

Name : OLSTAD Kermit I. ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : 37483533 T 43

Name : LYNCH , John D. ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : O676967 T 43

Name : PASTORELLA , John ✓ KIA Dead
ASN : 11101117 T43

Report Concerning Captured Aircraft

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 12/VII

Place: Furstenfeldbruck

Time: 24 Apr 1944, at 1400 hours

Place of Crash: 200 m south of Leutstetten (Street Gauting-Starnberg.
Railroad Highway Munich-Starnberg)

Kind of Capture: By flak

Aircraft type: Boeing Fortress II

Identification: Black P on triangle background

Serial No. 238158

Condition of the aircraft: Shattered into parts by the flak.

KU 1617

8. At 1400 hours, Leutstetten, 18 km southwest of Munich, DC 9, Boeing 100% destruction, 2 men captured, 7 men dead, presumably one more body in the wreckage, shot down by flak, identification black P on white triangle, serial No. 238158 L.

KU 1617

Reports Concerning Captured Air Forces
Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 12/VII

Place: Furstenfeldbruck

Time: 24 Apr 44, at 1400 hours

Subject: Downing of a Boeing Fortress II, near 200 m south of
Leutstetten (Street Gaunting Starnberg, rail heighway
Munich - Starnberg) on 24 Apr 44, at 1400 hours

Name: Mackichan, William G., O 468433

Disposition: Recovered Dead

Place and Time of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, on 29 Apr 44,
at 0800 hours, grave No. 35, entrance right

Name: Newton, Eugene L., 36441261

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Date of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, right to the
entrance, grave No. 36 on 3 May 44, at 1700
hours.

Name: Hautz, William J., O 759451

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Date of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, on 29 Apr 44
at 0800 hours, grave No. 29, right to the
entrance.

Name: Lynch, John D., 0676967

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Time of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, on 29 Apr 44,
at 0800 hours, grave no. 30, right to the
entrance.

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Name: Olstad, Kermit I., 37433533

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Time of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, on 29 Apr 44
at 0800 hours, grave No. 33, right to the
entrance.

Name: Walling, Nell E., O 809777

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Time of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck on 29 Apr 44,
at 0800 hours, grave No. 31, right to the
entrance.

Name: Pastarella, John, 11101117

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Time of Burial: POW cemetery F'Bruck on 29 Apr 44, at 0800
hours, grave No. 28, right to the entrance.

Name: Unknown

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Date of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck on 29 Apr 44,
at 0800 hours, grave No. 32, right to the
entrance.

Name: Unknown

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Date of Burial: POW cemetery Furstenfeldbruck, 29 Apr 44,
at 0800 hours, grave No. 34, right to the
entrance.

KU 1617

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 3/VII

Place: Neubiberg

Time: 25 Apr 44, at 1600 hours

Subject: Downing of a Boeing 17 Fortress, 500 m southwest of
Leutstetten near Starnberg, 24 Apr 44, 1400 hours

Name: Gustavson, Klaus, 1212/9322

Disposition: Captured

Place and Date of Capture: Leutstetten near Starnberg, 25 Apr 44,
at 2200 hours by flak battery Scheinwer-
fer section 249

KU 1617

To Computing Station West Oberursel

D (Luft) 2706/07

A) Starnberg, Muenchener Street 25, 25 Apr 44, at 2300 hours by guard police.

B) Sgt D Gray, lost identification tag, serial No. 29831267

C) 2 mex captured, 7 or 8 men dead

D) Boeing 17 Fortress

E) to G) unknown

Aircraft crashed on 24 Apr 44, at 1400 hours, 500 m southwest of Leutstellen near Starnbe. The aircraft and the dead salvaged by airbase Command Fuerstenfeldbuck. The POW sent to Dulag Luft Oberursel on 26 Apr 44. Another POW joined on the way (from Mittenwald - middle of the woods), further information unknown.

KU 1617

Starnberg 25 Apr 1944

No.
Police Post Starnberg
Reg. District Obb.
No. K. 25/2062

To: Airbase Command Neubiberg near Munich

Subject: Downing of an enemy 4 engine bomber and capture of a crewmember.

Inclosure: 1 certificate

On Monday, 24 Apr 1944, at 1400 hours a number of enemy aircraft flew over the territory of Leutstetten, District of Starnberg, from north-East in south direction.

One aircraft was hit by the flak and it dropped its bombs in the community Leutstetten.

The aircraft crashed in the swamp in Eibettl, community of Leutstetten, approximately 300 m away.

As far as known from the crew 6 men dead. 2 crewmembers bailed out.

One crewmember came to an apartment and asked for admittance. His name is Claus K. Gustafson, American pilot, 22 years old. He was arrested by the police and sent to Starnberg. He was not wounded.

Another crewmember escaped.

The shot down aircraft is an American bomber, letter P in black on white background. Serial No. 238 158 in yellow and yellow "L".

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Identification Tags

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