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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR-CRAFT REPORT

INFORMANTS: 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 UNITED STATES; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force Group 398th Bomb (Ev); Squadron 600 Bomb (Ev); Detachment None
2. Details: Point of departure AAF Station 131; Course Via North Sea
Intended destination Berlin, Germany; Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
5 Cumulus at approximately 15,000 ft.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 19 May 44 Time Approximately 1400; and location Approx 15000 ft Above Berlin, 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 LOSS OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; (X) Other circumstances as follows Heavy Flak encountered.
Aircraft lost altitude into clouds when last sighted.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and series B17C and serial number 42-97339 ✓
7. ENGINES: Type, model and series B17 and serial number (a) SN 012851
(b) SN 009537 (c) SN 012862 (d) SN 009776
8. INSTALLED GUNS (furnish below make, type and serial number)

	<u>Make</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	General Motors	Browning machine Gun Cal.50:2	78034
(b)	" "	" " " "	647976
(c)	" "	" " " "	649143
(d)	" "	" " " "	648001
(e)	" "	" " " "	630867
(f)	" "	" " " "	648183
(g)			
(h)			
(i)	Information on (7) seven additional guns is not available.		
(j)			
(k)			
(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
Name in Full

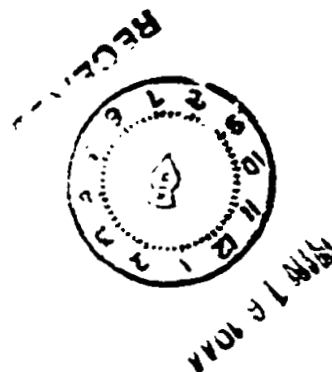
Crew Position	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No
Pilot	O'Neal, Ira L.	2nd Lt	0-309862
Co-Pilot	Comer, Roger D.	2nd Lt	0-700553
Navigator	Baer, Howard F.	2nd Lt	0-703982
Bombardier	Deuel, Merritt A.	2nd Lt	0-669219
Left Waist Gnr	Cone, Frederick B.	T Sgt	17037042
Radio Opr Gnr	Grana, George	S Sgt	16115568
Top Turret Gnr	Schaupp, Dale J.	Sgt	17123462
Right Waist Gnr	Farran, Gerald S.	Sgt	32751437
Tail Gunner	Jenkins, Robert	Sgt	35216103
Ball Turret Gnr	Barzano, Joseph G.	Pfc	33436914

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 Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw forced Landing
1. Searl, Charles J.	2nd Lt	0-691204		X		
2. Bennett, C. A.	S Sgt	31545527		X		
3. Holmberg, W. G.	S Sgt	13027611		X		

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) Aircraft disappeared into clouds when last seen.
13. ATTACH SERIAL 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 Eye Witness Accounts Attached)



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

Date of Report 21 May 1944

Walter J. Campbell
WALTER J. CAMPBELL
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
1st Lt, Air Corps

COPY

November 12, 1945

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter, requesting information on the disappearance of Lt. O'Neal.

I never did see Lt. O'Neal after our aircraft was hit but by a process of elimination I have come to the conclusion that he was the person that fell out of his parachute while he was coming down.

Between Lt. Baer and myself we could account for the other eight persons, because we had seen them in the airplane when we bailed out, leaving only Lt. O'Neal unaccounted for. I did see an empty parachute floating down, beside me, complete with the harness, which I am sure was his.

Lt. Baer the navigator on our plane saw the co-pilot killed in the plane. He saw Bob Jenkins, our tail gunner, complete with parachute on the ground. I saw Joe Barsano, our ball turret gunner, Fred Cone, our engineer, Jerry Terran, our waist gunner, Lt. Duell, our bombardier, in the waist with no chance to jump due to the force of gravity on them.

A crew flying next to us said our top turret was shattered by a direct hit, so I eliminated the top turret gunner. That leaves only Lt. O'Neal and an open parachute.

This is about the only information I have concerning his disappearance.

Yours truly,

/s/ George Grams
14523 Linnhurst
Detroit, Michigan

*Original addressed to CG AAF,
filed in Notification Br.,
Personal Affairs Div, AAF*

Robert W. ... 163

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Report of Eyewitness On Missing Aircraft B17G 42--97399³⁻⁴³ on Berlin Mission
19 May 1944:

About 1345 to 1400 while we were flying at 26000 ft, flak being heavy it seems that Lt O'Neal's plane was hit by flak on No three engine. I saw the No three engine on fire. He slid and put out the fire, and dropped to about 15000 ft, then the ship went in a nose dive. It came out of the dive, flew level for about a minute, and then went in a flat spin; then into another dive. A ball of fire came off the right wing by No three engine. The last I saw of the ship it went thru a cloud formation.

Wilmuth O. Holmberg

WILMUTH O HOLMBERG, 13027311
S Sgt, Tail Gunner B17G 42-10592

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Report of Eyewitness on Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97399³ 245
which was lost of Berlin Germany, 19 May 1944.

I was riding as left waist gunner in Lead plane of high group. Lt O'Neal was flying number (5) five of lead group and Lt Nelson was flying on our left wing. About two or three minutes after other planes had dropped their bombs I saw the bombs appear to fall Salvo from Lt Nelson's plane directly on Lt O'Neal's. Most of them hit over the Cockpit, top turret and front part of radio hatch. One bomb hit No (3) three engine and flamed up but the fire went out. The plane went out in wide sweep as though out of control and then came back in position and Co-Pilot appeared to be flying it. They remained in position for a few minutes and then went down under us and out of my vision. All the bombs hit flat as they did not have distance enough to turn. Lt O'Neal was out of position at the time of the accident.

Sgt. C. A. Bennett

C. A. BENNETT, 31545 27
S Sgt, L Waist Gnr B17G 42-102390

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Report of Eyewitness of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97399 on Berlin Mission
of 19 May 1944:

While flying directly opposite Lt O'Neal on May 19, 1944, a few minutes after 1355, I saw his ship hit by most of the 100 Lb incendiary bombs from the ship directly above him. The bombs were dropped in salvo and hit from the cockpit back to the radio hatch. Some bouncing off and several hitting the wing.

I saw a pinkish flame, possibly a bomb exploding and I could see the wing was badly torn. Lt O'Neal then dropped behind and I lost sight of him.

Charles J Searl

CHARLES J SEARL
2nd Lt, Air Corps O-691204
Pilot, B17G 42-102507

HIGH GROUP

19 May 1944

C
Miller
Douglas
7114-L

C
Thompson
2498-W

C
Rice
2592-G

C
Markley
Ford
2467-J

C
Searl
2507-W

C
O'Neal
7339-H

C
Lowe, J D
2390-X

F
Driscoll
7810-S

F
Dunlap
2543-B

F
Brown
2597-V

C
Nelson
2519-A

C
Alhadeff
7191-K

F
Scott, E D
7094-M

F
Taylor
2506-L

F
Roderick
7374-X

F
Dollar
7188-G

F
Turner
7337-R

F
Fahrenthold
7789-H

B
Gray
Davidson
7231-A

B
Foster, T K
7348-R

B
Latson
2469-Q

B
Wagner
Krueger
2508-J

B
Cullinan
7387-H

B
Dwyer
2579-C

D
Hopkins
7223-S

D
Fairbanks
2446-R

D
Griffin
7089-S

D
Heintzelman
2565-M

B
Fisher
7078-U

B
Engel
7317-P

D
Hornbush
7385-X

D
Arlin
7203-Z

D
Farnsworth
2391-B

F
Cobb
7150-K

B
Stoll
7186-L

STATIONS 0700
ENGINES 0730
TAXI 0740

TAKE-OFF 0800
LAST T/O 0850
E. T. R. 1730

SUBJECT: 1st Lt. Ira L. O'Neal, 0809862

INTERROGATING: S/Sgt. George Grama
2nd Lt. Howard F. Baer

WRITTEN BY: -Frances Bayless

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Downing of a Boeing B 17 on May - 19 - 44
in: Alt - Rudnitz, 9 km north east Bad Froinwalde

Time: 1358

Name: J E H I N S Robert W. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 35 216 163 T 43 - 43

Name: F A R R E N Gerald F. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 32 751 437 T 43 - 43

Name: O ' N E A L Leo L. Jr. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 0 - 809 862 T 42 - 3

Name: B A R R A N O Joseph G. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 33 436 914 T 43 - 43

Name: C O M E R Roger D. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 0 - 708 353 T 43 - 43

Name: S C H A U P P Dale F. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 17 123 462 T 42 - 43

Name: D E E L Merritt A. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 0 - 669 219 T 42 - 43

Name: C O M E Frederick B. ✓ dead
A.S.N.: 17 037 042 T 42 - 43

.) 13,58 - at Alt Rudnitz, 9 km north-east of Froinwalde, in ED 4, Fortress
recon II, 80 % Destruction, Insignia N 8 V, Factory No. 1 Indeterminate,
7 Casualties, 1 wounded, 1 prisoner. *4937 2 MIA 2 EUS.*

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19 May 1944. 1358

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Alt Ruednitz 9 km. NE. of	2nd.Lt. BAER	Howard Fallot	O-703922	capt.
Bad Freienwalde	2nd.Lt. DEWEL	Merritt A.	O-669219	dead
Type: Fortress	2nd.Lt. O'NEAL Jr.	Ira L.	O-809862	dead
600 HB. Squadr.	2nd.Lt. COOPER	Boger D.	O-700353	dead
308 Group.	Sgt. JENKINS	Robert W.	35216163	dead
Airfield :Nuthampstead	Sgt. FARREN	Gerald F.	32751437	dead
Target: Airfield Command	Sgt. BARZANO	Joseph G.	33 3343691A	dead
Straussberg	Sgt. CONE	Frederick B.	17037042	dead
	Sgt. SCHAUPP	Dale J.	17123462	dead
	S/Sgt GRANA	George	16113568	capt.

7 dead Cemetery Alt Ruednitz L 3

Airbase - Headquarters A (9) 28/III
 Airfield-Command Strauberg
Station ID File #1

To

Research-Office West

Overseas

Subject: Internment of members of enemy crew.

Refer to: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km north-east
 of Bad Freienwalde on 19 May 1944 at 1858 hrs.

Referring to the above mentioned the internment of the following
 members of enemy crew is reported.

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. BARZAG JOSEF G. ✓ | 8. FARREN HERMAN F. ✓ |
| 2. O'NEAL IRA L. ✓ | 6. OONE FREDERIK B. ✓ |
| 3. COMER ROGER B. ✓ | 7. JENKINS ROBERT S. ✓ |
| 4. SCHAFF DALE J. ✓ | 9. EDELL ROBERT A. ✓ |

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The internment took place on the cemetery of Alt-Ruednitz on
 22 May 1944 for the men mentioned under 1 - 7 and on the 27 May 1944
 for No 8, in the south-east corner.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg**

PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**

DATE: **19 May 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**

EM. LANDING: AT: **bailed out from B 17, shot-down near Alt-Ruednitz
3 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder
G R A M A**

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

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **16 11 35 68 P-45-4**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **wounded, injure of sacro-iliac bone and backbone**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Alt-Ruednitz near Bad Frei-nwalde/Oder an 19. May 1944
at 1415 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Ruednitz**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Airforce-Hospital Berlin-Reinickendorf**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **none**

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1st. Lt.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg**

PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**

DATE: **19 May 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**

EM. LANDING: AT: **bailed out from Boeing B 17, shot down near Al-
Ruednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder
B A E R**

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

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O 703922 T-43-4**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured, slightly injured (Scratches)**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Alt-Ruednitz near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 44
at 1420 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Ruednitz**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **none**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **none**

Signature

Lt. Col. M.S.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Airbase-Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command StrausbergPLACE: S t r a u s b e r gDATE: 19 May 1944REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Bowing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East of Bad Freienwalde/Oder
at the 19 May 1944, 1358 hrs.EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

J E N K I N S

FIRST NAME:

ROBERT W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

33216163 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

The corpse has been turned to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz. The interment is reported later.4727
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Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield-Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
EM. LANDING: AT: 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44
at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C O K E R

FIRST NAME: ROGER D.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 70 C3 58 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (G) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Being B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44
EN. LANDING: AT: at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) O; N E A L Jr.

FIRST NAME: IRA L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 80 98 62 T-42-3

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corps has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later.u 93
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (e) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg**

PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**

DATE: **19 May 1944**

REGARDING: **~~CRASH: (DOWNED)~~ OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz**
EM. LANDING: AT: 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 Me
at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **F A R R E N**

FIRST NAME: **GERALD F.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **32 75 14 37 T-42-43**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **none**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **none**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **none**

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The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is reported later.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 2 km
North-East of Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
EM. LANDING: AT: at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BARZANO

FIRST NAME:

JOSEPH G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37 43 69 14 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

The corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.+ 43 -
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (a) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg**PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**DATE: **19 May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May
1944 at 1358 hrs.**EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G C H E

FIRST NAME:

FREDERIK B.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

17 03 70 42 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

REMI found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**The corpse has been turned over to the majcs of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg**PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**DATE: **19 May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. **Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944**
EM. LANDING: AT: **at 1358 hrs.**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **S C H A U B E**FIRST NAME: **DALE F.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **17 12 34 63 T-42-43**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **none**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **none**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **The Corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.**

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (e) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg**

LOCATION: **S t r a u s b e r g**

DATE: **19 May 1944**

DATE AND TIME: **19 May 1944** at 1358 hrs.
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: **Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-east Bad Freienwalde/Oder**
 (NEAREST TOWN)

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **N 8 V**
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: **Not identified**

EQUIPMENT: **not yet found**

F.T. FREQUENCIES: **Receiver BC-348-R, Frequency-Dial 6, 6 MC, Sender BC-453-A**
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **Transversal-Skala 7,5 Frequency-Skala 6,575 Sender BC-454-A**
Transversal-Skala 7,5 Frequency-Skala 5,075 Receiver BC-454-B

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: **Frequency-Skala 5,75, Receiver BC-455-B, Frequency-Skala**
6,495

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Every above mentioned types are U.S. construction.
 Engines broken off by crash. Fuselage pushed together. Wings
 deformed. Plane is lying in the marshy country of the
 Oderbruch.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg**PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**DATE: **19 May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Buednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.**EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

D E E L

FIRST NAME:

MERIT A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O 66 92 19 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Buednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.**Signature illegible****Major and Officer in Charge**4937
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DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number **43**

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To Research-Office West Oberursel

Subject: Crash Alt-Brednitz 9 km north-east Bad Freienwalde on the 19.5.44 at 1358 p.m.

Refer to: D (Luft) 2706 /d7 Abwehr Sektor roman II G U. roman VII

- A) Alt-Brednitz - 9 km north-east Bad Freienwalde/Oder
- B) at 1358
- C) Being B 17
- D) H 5 V
- E) So 3 Distraction
- F) 1. 7 Casualties, 1) Frederik B. Goss, 2.) Dale F. Schaubert, 3) L. Irul O'Neal, roman I S R. 4) Roeger B. Conery, 5) Gerald F. Farren 6) Robert W. Jenkins 7) Joseph G. Rakano, MN

2. 1 Prisoner 3. 1 Injured 4. None

Airbase-Headquarter 28 roman III Airfieldcommand Strausberg

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Airbase-Headquarters 28/III
 Airfieldcommand Strausberg
 Section II/Salvage File # 6

Strausberg, 20. May 44
 App. 5

To

Distributor

Subject: Shot down of a Boeing B 17 near Alt-Buednitz, 9 km north-east Bad
 Freienwalde/Oder on the 19. May 1944 at 13,58 p.m.

Refer to: Telegram Airbase-Headquarters 28/III Airfieldcommand Strausberg
 # 640 of 21. May 1944.

Remarks: Merrit A. is reported as eighth casualty referring to the
 above mentioned. The corpse could only be found after salvaging of
 the enemy plane.

Signature illegible

Major and Commanding-Officer

Distributor

Research-Office West with 2 enclosures (Form 1 and contents of pockets of the
 corpse.

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IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

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|--------------------------|----------|
| 1. GURBELL, jr. , Ira L. | 0-889862 |
| 2. CONER, Frederick B. | 17-37042 |
| 3. JENKINS, Robert W. | 35216163 |
| 4. FARRER, Gerald F. | 32751637 |
| 5. CONER, Roger D. | 0-700353 |
| 6. DRIBEL, Merrit A. | 0-669219 |
| 7. SCHAUPP, Dale J. | 17223462 |
| 8. DARR, Howard F. | 0-703922 |

Date and time aircraft
was shot down:

19 May 44, time: 1358

Casualty No.: KU 1890

Place of crash:

Alt Rednitz

Type of aircraft:

Fortress

Reporting Office:

Air Base Hl. Strassberg

Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded & ad	Place of internment
BAER	Howard Fallier	2nd/Lt. O-703922	captured	Dalag Luft
O'NEAL	Jr. Ira L.	" O-809862	dead	cemetery Alt Rednitz
CONYER	Roger D.	" O-700353	"	ditto.
JEWKINS	Robert W.	Sgt. 38216163	"	"
FAIRBANK	Gerald F.	Sgt. 32751437	"	"
BANKS	Joseph G.	Sgt. 33436914	"	"
COHE	Frederick B.	Sgt. 17037142	"	"
SCHRAMM	Dale F.	Sgt. 17123462	"	"
GRAMA	George	S/Sgt.	wounded	16 June Dalag
Casualty No.: KU 1890	1st additional report of 28 June 44.			
DEUEL	Newitt A.	2nd/Lt. O-669219	dead	cemetery Alt Rednitz
Casualty No.: KU 1890	2nd additional report of 22 Sept 44.			
Daniel	Meredith A.	2nd/Lt. O-669219	dead	
Casualty No.: KU 1890	3rd additional report of 2 Nov 44.			

Please line out name under additional report no. 1. The name of this person is
written correct ^{ly} under 2nd additional report.

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Dalag Luft, 1 June 44 No.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

EN. LANDING: AT: bailed out from Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednits, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B A E R

FIRST NAME: HUWARD

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O 703922 T-43-4

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured, slightly injured (Scratches)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Alt-Ruednits near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 44
at 1420 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Ruednits

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: none

Signature

Lt. Col. M.S.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: ~~Airbase-Headquarters~~ A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East of Bad Freienwalde/OderEM. LANDING: AT: at the 19 May 1944, 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) J E N K I N S

FIRST NAME: ROBERT W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35216163 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz. The interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airfield-Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg**PLACE: **S t r a u s b e r g**DATE: **19 May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: **Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44**
EM. LANDING: AT: **at 1358 hrs.**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **C O M E R**FIRST NAME: **R O G E R D.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 70 03 53 T-43-43**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **none**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **none**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **The corpse has been turned to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later****Signature****Major and Officer in Charge**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Being B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44
EM. LANDING: AT: at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) O J N E A L jr.

FIRST NAME: IRA L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-80 98 62 2-43-5

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corps has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (e) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
EM. LANDING: AT: 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Cder on the 19 May 44
at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

F A R R E N

FIRST NAME:

GERALD F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

32 75 14 37 2-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

The corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km
North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
EM. LANDING: AT: at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BARZANO

FIRST NAME:

JOSEPH G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

33 43 69 14 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

none

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

The corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May
EN. LANDING: AT: 1944 at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C O N E

FIRST NAME: FREDERIK B.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17 03 70 42 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) ~~REMA~~ found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the majos of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B.17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km
North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
EM. LANDING: AT: at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S C H A U B B

FIRST NAME: DALE F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17 12 34 62 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The Corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

FORM #2

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

LOCATION: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

PLACE OF CRASH: Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-east Bad Freienwalde/Oder
(NEAREST TOWN)

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: N 8 V
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: Not identified

EQUIPMENT: Not yet found
F.T. FREQUENCIES: Receiver BC-348-R, Frequency-Dial 6, 6 MC, Sender BC-458-A
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: Transversal-Skala 7,5 Frequency-Skala 6,575 Sender BC-454-A
Transversal-Skala 7,5 Frequency-Skala 5,075 Receiver BC-454-B
DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Frequency-Skala 5,75, Receiver BC-455-3, Frequency-Skala
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) 6,495

Every above mentioned types are U.S. construction.
Engines broken off by crash. Fuselage pushed together. Wings deformed. Plane is lying in the marshy county of the Oderbruch.

Signature illegible

Major and Officer in Charge

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: S t r a u s b e r g

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km
EM. LANDING: AT: North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D E H L

FIRST NAME: MERRIT A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O 66 92 19 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.

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Major and Officer in Charge

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FROM: **EWB**

THROUGH: **General**

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To Research-Office West Oberursel

Subjects Crash Alt-Badnitz 9 km north-east Bad Freienwalde on the 19.5.44 at 1358 p.m.

Refer to: B (Luft) 2706 /07 Absch Sektor roman II G U. roman VII

A) Alt-Badnitz - 9 km north-east Bad Freienwalde/Öder

B) at 1358

C) Being B 17

D) N 8 V

E) No % Distraction

F) 1. 7 Casualties, 1)Frederik B. Goss, 2.) Dale F. Schaub, 3)L. Earl O'Neal, roman I S R. 4) Roeger W. Gomer, 5) Gerald F. Farren 6) Robert W. Jenkins , 7) Joseph G. Dumas, NH

2. 1 Prisoner 3. 1 Injured 4. none

Airbase-Headquarter 28 roman III AirfieldCommand Strassberg 24.AF(5)

Airbase- Headquarters 28/III
 Airfieldcommand Strausberg
Section Ib/Salvage File # 6

Strausberg, 20. May 44
 App. 5

To

Distributor

Subject: Shot down of a Boeing B 17 near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km north-east Bad
 Freienwalde/Oder on the 19. May 1944 at 13,58 p.m.

Refer to: Telegram Airbase-Headquarters 28/III Airfieldcommand Strausberg
 # 640 of 21. May 1944.

D e n o 1, Merrit A. is reported as eighth casualty referring to the
 above mentioned. The corpse could only be found after salvaging of
 the enemy plane.

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Major and Commanding-Officer

Distributor

Research-Office West with 2 enclosures (Form 1 and contents of pockets of the
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| 2. CONE, Frederick S. | 17037042 |
| 3. JENKINS, Robert W. | 35216149 |
| 4. FARREN, Gerald F. | 32751137 |
| 5. CONER, Roger D. | 0-700353 |
| 6. DEVEL, Harrit A. | 0-669219 |
| 7. SCHAUPP, Dale J. | 17123462 |
| 8. BARR, Howard F. | 0-709922 |

Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 23/III
 Airfield-Command Strausberg
Section II File 15

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To

Research-Office West

Operational

Subject: Interment of members of enemy crew.

Refer to: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km north-east of Bad Freienwalde on 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

Referring to the above mentioned the Interment of the following members of enemy crew is reported.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| ✓ 1. BARIANO JOSEF G. | ✓ 5. PARRIS HERALD P. |
| ✓ 2. O'NEAL IRA L. | ✓ 6. CONE FREDERIK B. |
| ✓ 3. CONER ROGER D. | ✓ 7. JENKINS ROBERT W. |
| ✓ 4. SCHAUPP DALE J. | 8. DEWEL HERRIT A. |

The Interment took place on the cemetery of Alt-Ruednitz on 22 May 1944 for the men mentioned under 1 - 7 and on the 27 May 1944 for No 8, in the south-west corner.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge

✓ 2nd Lt. Ira L. O'Neal

Mr. Lee O'Neal, (father)
515 Hermosa Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

✓ 2nd Lt. Roger D. Comer

Mrs. Roger D. Comer, (wife)
2029 Bayard Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

✓ 2nd Lt. Howard P. Baer

Mrs. Elsie Baer, (mother)
1717 Behrens Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ S/Sgt. George Grama

Mr. Sam Safones, (uncle)
14523 Linnhurst,
Detroit, Michigan.

✓ T/Sgt. Frederick B. Cone

Mr. William A. Cone, Sr., (father)
Trent, South Dakota.

✓ Sgt. Dale J. Schaupp

Mrs. Verna L. Schaupp, (mother)
Dunlap, Iowa.

37 ✓ Sgt. Gerald F. Parren

Mrs. Moreen H. Parren, (mother)
1108 West 6th Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

✓ Sgt. Robert H. Jenkins

Mrs. Susanna Jenkins, (mother)
709 Seabrights Lane,
Martins Ferry, Ohio.

✓ PFC Joseph G. Barzano

Mrs. Marie A. Barzano, (mother)
928 West 17th Street,
Erie, Pennsylvania.

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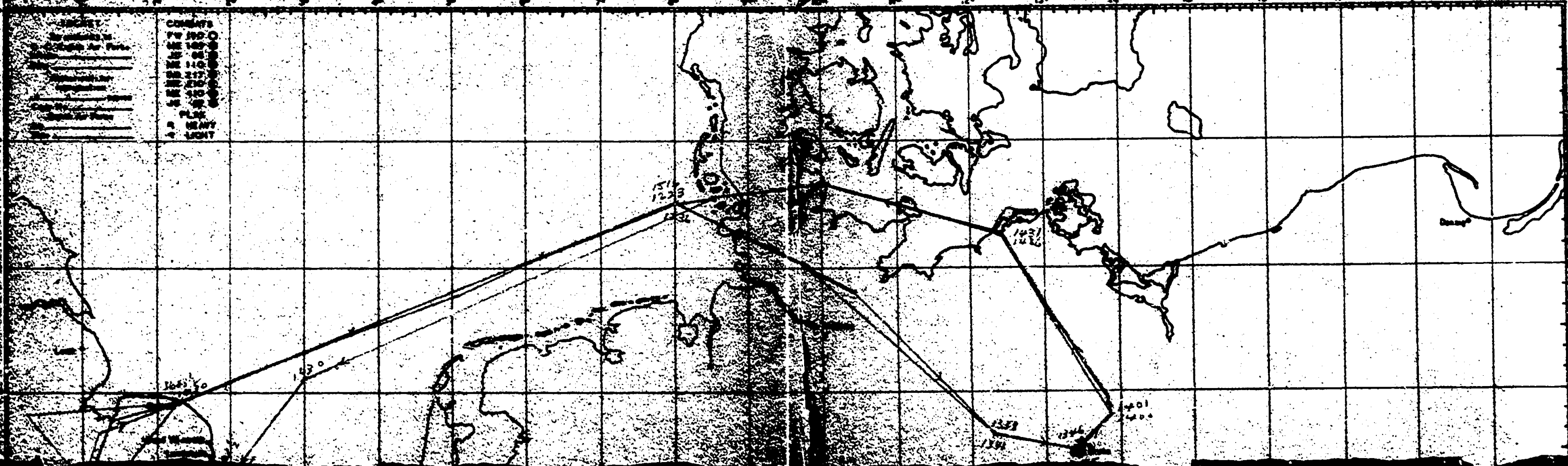
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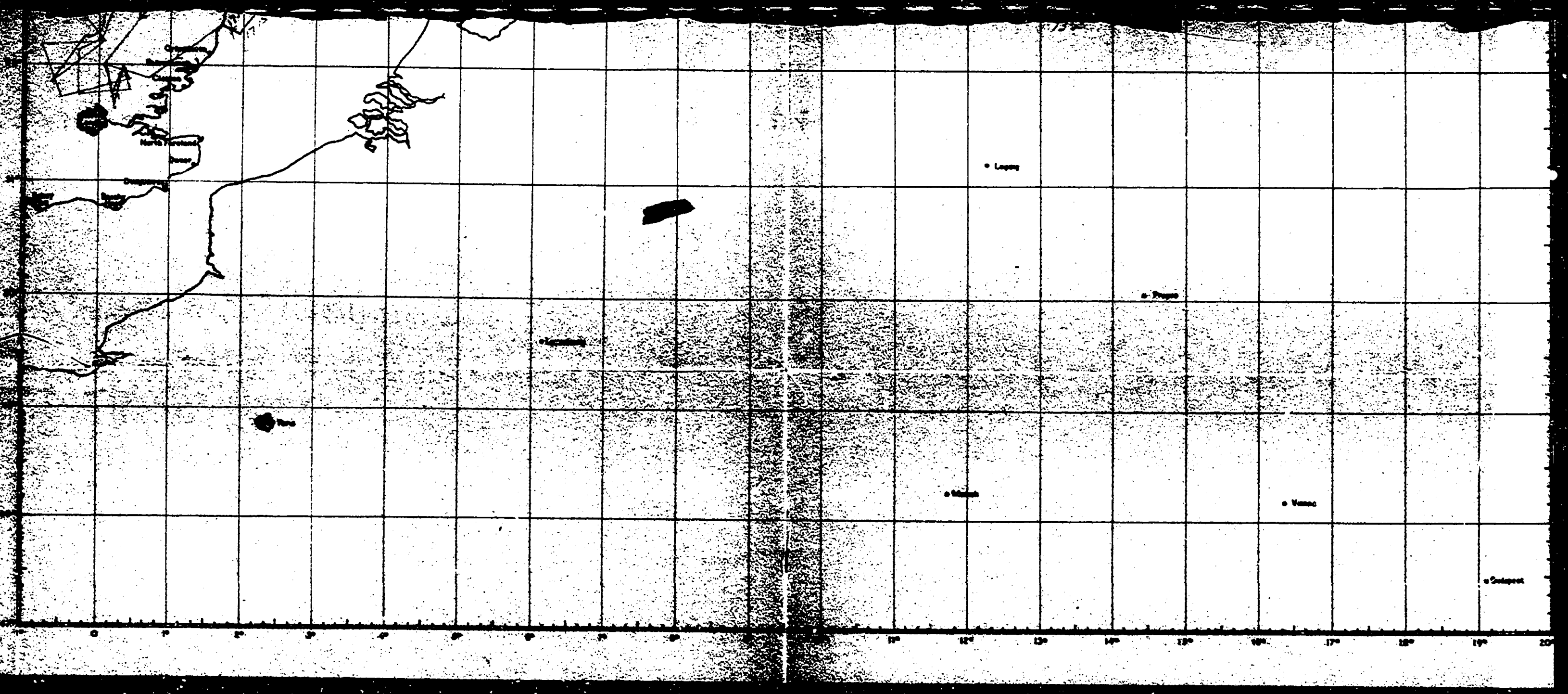
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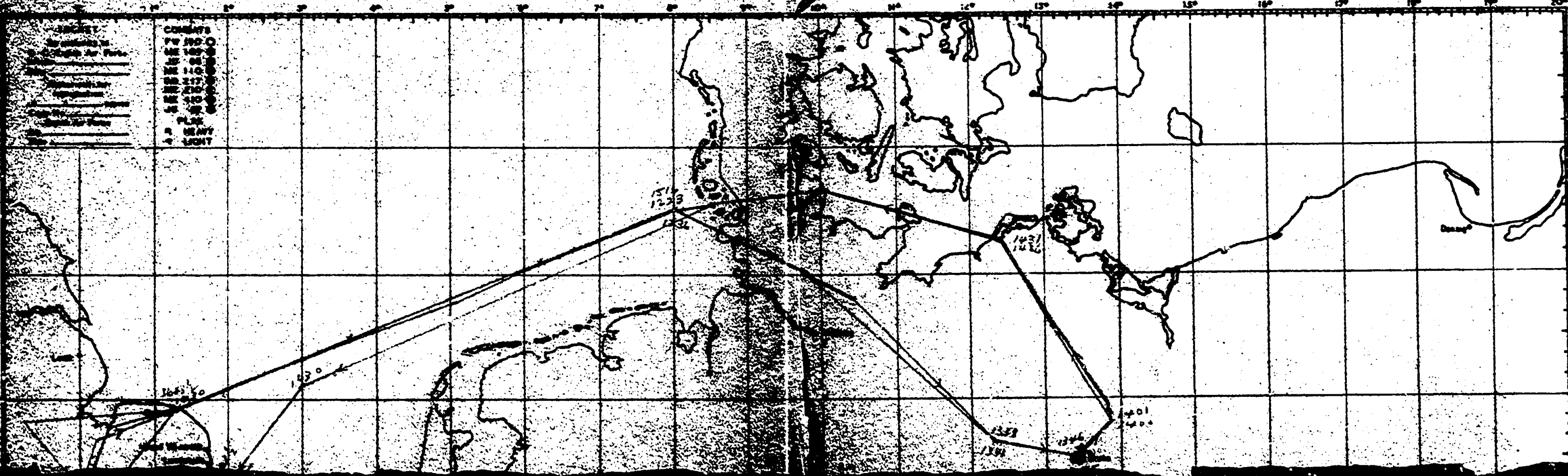
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