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to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRASUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AC  
Date **201 5 19 48**

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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Capt., AC

15 1948

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date

IMPORTANT: This report will be cancelled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location RAF Station 101; Command or Air Force 5th Air Force  
Group 38th Bomb Wing; Squadron 101; Detachment 101

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure RAF Station 101 Course per enroute log  
Intended Destination RAF Station 101 Type of Mission Training

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LAST REPORTED:  
1/10 cumulus clouds. Visibility 10-20 mi. No contrails.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 18 Apr 1944; Time 1800; and Location near RAF Station 101  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether ( ) 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, ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft, ( ) Other Circumstances as Follows \_\_\_\_\_

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17E; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-102515 X

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-17E-23; A.A.F. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-224488; (b) 43-81888; (c) SW-224481; (d) SW-014247

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

	MAKE		TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-351
(b)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(c)	General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-72
(d)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(e)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(f)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(g)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(h)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(i)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(j)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(k)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(l)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(m)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(n)	Prig. Div. General Motors	.50 Cal	✓ Machine Gun	22-191
(o)				
(p)				
(q)				
(r)				
(s)				
(t)				

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

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

<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IN FULL</u> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Pilot	WILLIAM, WALTER	1st Lt	0-1 95744 RTO
2. Co-Pilot	OLSON, WALTER W., JR.	2nd Lt	0-305322 RTO
3. Navigator	WILLIAMS, JAMES	2nd Lt	0-711057 RTO
4. Bombardier	WILLIAMS, JAMES	2nd Lt	0-1 95744 RTO
5. Radio Operator	SHAW, JOHN	1st Sgt	03443382 RTO
6. Tail Gunner	PICARDY, LOUIS	1st Sgt	14142824 RTO
7. Waist Gunner	WILLIAMS, JAMES	1st Sgt	07513-87 RTO
8. Tail Gunner	WILLIAMS, JAMES	1st Sgt	1106757 RTO
9. Tail Gunner	WILLIAMS, JAMES	1st Sgt	05520720 RTO
10.			
11.			
12.			

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)

<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted</u>		<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forced Landing</u>
			<u>By Radio</u>	<u>By Other</u>			
1. JESSUP, RICHARD E	1st Sgt	03563973			X		
2. MORRIS, STACEY JR	1st Sgt	05532594			X		
3. HOLS, HERBERT E	Cpl	08370891			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.

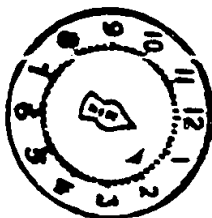
14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

(Descriptions Attached)

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

Date of Report 10 August 1944

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SEP 23 1944

William Campbell  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL  
1st Lt, Air Corps

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398th Bombardment Group BV  
Le Mans, France Mission 13 August 44

Lead Group 1st "A" CBW Formation Over Target Area

		B			
		<u>Col Hunter-Latson</u>			
		8075-A			
	B		B		
	<u>Meyran</u>		<u>Davidson-Durtschi</u>		
	2469-Q		8086-C		
	B			B	
	<u>Raufman</u>			<u>Novak</u>	
	2570-F			6083-V	
B		B	B		B
<u>Sleaman</u>		<u>Moore</u>	<u>Lehner</u>		<u>Lee</u>
2562-G		2568-N	7892-K		7825-J
		C			
		<u>Ford</u>			
		8126-J			
		C			
		<u>Johnson, J</u>			
		2507-F			
			C		
			<u>Reed</u>		
			7214-V		

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High Group 1st "A" CBW Formation Over Target

		D			
		<u>Frazier-Miller</u>			
		8121-Q			
	B		L		
	<u>Stallcup</u>		<u>Dalton</u>		
	8091-L		7874-W		
	D			D	
	<u>Weekley</u>			<u>Wierney</u>	
	2516-E			2596-W	
D		D	D		D
<u>Taylor</u>		<u>Falkenbach</u>	<u>Cucco</u>		<u>Brown</u>
7385-X		7203-Z	2565-M		7190-L
			C		
			<u>Slavin</u>		
			8147-L		
		C		C	
		<u>Mann</u>		<u>Armor</u>	
		6157-W		2592-G	

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Low Group 1st "A" CBW Formation Over Target

		F			
		<u>Scott-Rudrud</u>			
		7374-X			
		F		F	
		<u>Doerr</u>		<u>Cobb</u>	
		094-M		7337-E	
	F				F
	<u>Brown</u>				<u>Soehne</u>
	7387-H				2610-Y
F		F	F		F
<u>Richardson</u>		<u>Evans</u>	<u>Leukhardt</u>		<u>Link</u>
7810-S		2593-C	2543-R		2597-V
		C			
		<u>Fritog</u>			
		7294-P			
		C		C	
		<u>Rogers</u>		<u>Atkinson</u>	
		2519-A		2418-M	

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102516, Pilot, 1st Lt Harold D Weekley, O-807802, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group missing from Combat Mission to Le Manoir, France 13 August 1944.

We were flying the high squadron of the high group and Lt Weekley was flying the low squadron of the high group. After we left the target Lt Weekley flew along and looked all right. There was no sign of a fire that I could see but the men started bailing out about two minutes before we hit the coast. I saw all nine men come out--eight opening their chutes shortly and evidently one pulled a delayed jump. I didn't see him open his chute. Probably because of the heavy Baze down towards the ground and my attention was occupied otherwise just about this time.

*Richard B. Jessop*

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RICHARD B JESSOP, 33563973  
S Sgt  
Tail Gunner, B17G 42-102596

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102516, Pilot, 1st Lt Harold D Weekley, O-807802, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group missing from Combat mission to Le Manoir, France 13 August 1944

On the recent raid near Rouen, France, 13 August 1944 we were flying high squadron high group and Lt Weekley was flying lead of the low squadron of the high group. We had left the target when I first observed that Lt Weekley's ship had the number three prop feathered and I saw his men start bailing out but his plane seemed to be under control. Seven of the men came out while Lt Weekley's ship was on our left and then his ship came under us, going to our right side and I saw two more come out. Eight of the men opened their chutes almost immediately and the other evidently pulled a delayed jump. I didn't see his chute open before he disappeared into the haze.

*Stacey Morris Jr.*

STACEY MORRIS JR, 35632394  
S Sgt,  
Ball Turret Gunner, B17G 42-102596

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I saw Lt Weekley's ship with a feathered propellor on number three engine. I saw eight fellows bail out and all their chutes opened. They jumped about three minutes inland from the channel. The plane then made three or four complete circles in the far distance and then went out of sight.

It is possible that a ninth chute came out later since the ship was still under control, but I never saw the ninth chute.

*Cpl Kenneth E. Kolt*

KENNETH E KOLB, 38370891  
Cpl, 601st Bomb Sq  
Ball Turret Gunner, B17G 42-102565

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1st Lt Harold S. Wadley

Mrs. Ellen J. Wadley, (Wife)  
2221 Sunset Boulevard,  
Stanhurville, Ohio.

2nd Lt Benjamin L. Clark, Jr.

Mrs. Nancy J. Clark, (Mother)  
36 (Brody Avenue,  
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2nd Lt Paul E. Jones

Mrs. Emma E. Jones, (Wife)  
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2nd Lt Raymond S. Bellart

Mrs. Esthela E. Bellart, (Wife)  
Box 441,  
Saint Albans, West Virginia.

T/ Sgt Joseph E. Sharda

Mr. Albert E. Sharda, (Father)  
Korte Two,  
Kama, Arkansas.

T/ Sgt Louis Buchbaum

Mrs. Frieda Buchbaum, (Mother)  
2121 Madison Avenue,  
New York, New York.

S/ Sgt Sam F. Leonard

Mr. Frank A. Leonard, (Father)  
212 South East,  
Kingsville, Kansas.

S/ Sgt Robert F. Stichel

Mrs. Helen Stichel, (Wife)  
37 Mainland Avenue,  
Saint Albans, Vermont.

S/ Sgt Joe E. Felton

Mrs. Mattie Felton, (Mother)  
Fannings, Texas.



KG 2787

13 August 44, at 1315  
Lannerville  
15 km south of Dieppe

Air District

Fortress 17 G  
Star 30 H H  
210251

90% damage

Disposition of crew unknown

Dilag Luft, Wetzlar  
Received: 25 August 44

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

The same  
as J 1966

THROUGH:

TIME:

ROLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

MACR 7910

REMARKS:

B-17  
9 man crew  
AAF # 42-102516

6) 13 Aug. 1944 at 1315 hrs. - B 17 G near Lamersville,  
17 km south-south-west from Bièppe.

Explosion in air. Crash-fire. 90% damage.

Markings: star 30 H No. 2102516 H Group-sign: white W in triangle.

Fate of crew unknown.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN:

9 Aug. 1944

PLACE OF CRASH:

Beaville, near Ft. Camp

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE:

Linburg

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CREW

SURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME:

DELBART, Raymond Sylvain

DATE OF BIRTH:

10 June 1923

RANK:

2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

O-1995744

CAPTURED: yes

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: Dalag-1uft

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Dalag-1uft, 5 Oct. 1944 No.

MACR

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B17

9 men

	Rank:	Name:	KU 938 a
Date:	9 August 44	1st Lt. WEEKLEY, Harold D	0-807022
Place:	Essexville, near Focamp	2nd Lt. DELBART, Raymond Sylvain	0-199744
Type of craft:	Fortress		
Markings:	----- 398 (HCo) Sqd. 601 Group		

Weekley, Harold D. 0-807022

MIA 13 Aug

# TRACK CHART

DATE 13 Aug 44

TARGET AREA ROUTE FOLLOWED BY 398th Bomb Gr

TARGETS  
PRIMARY

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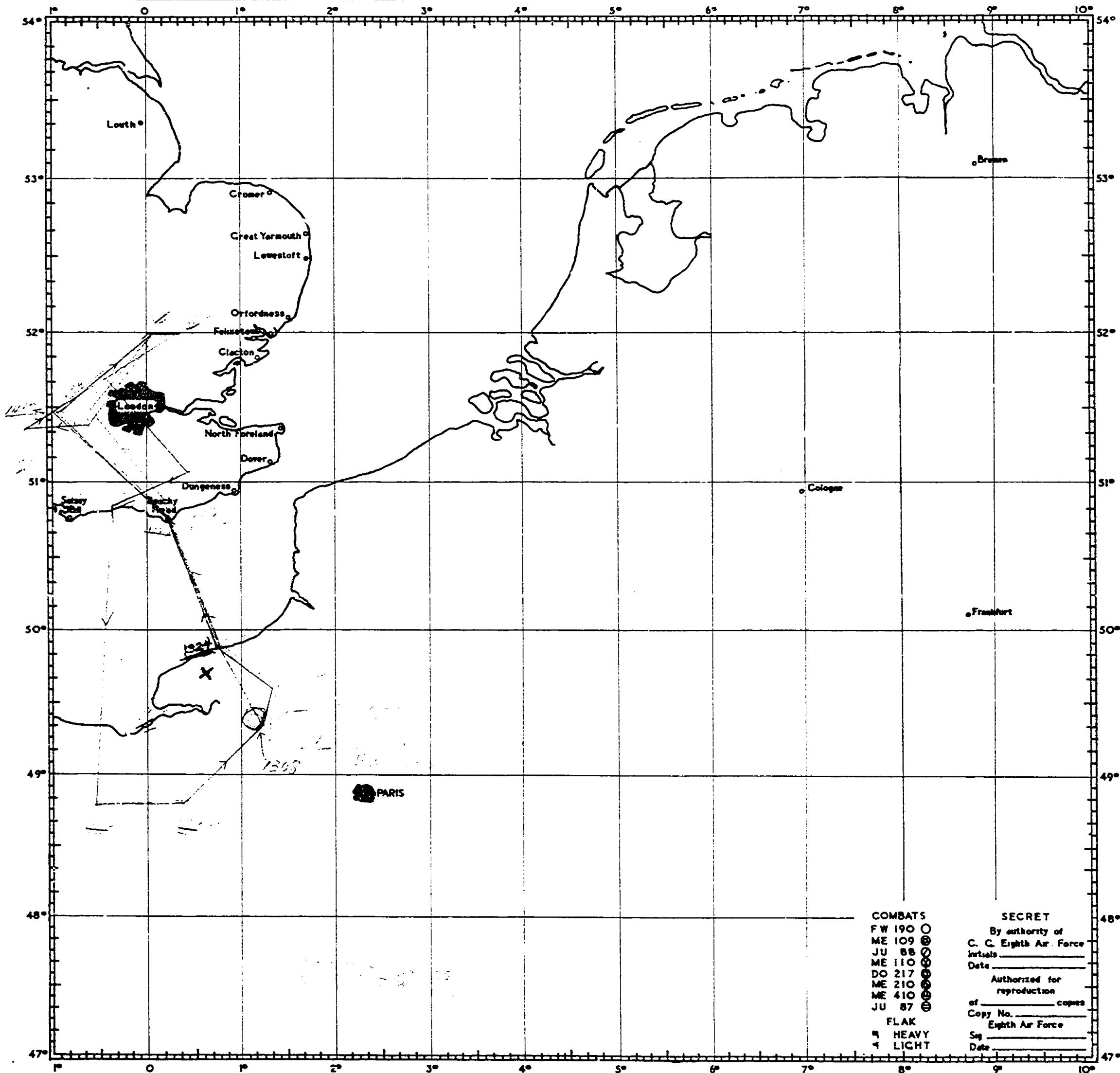


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- COMBATS  
 FW 190 ○  
 ME 109 ⊕  
 JU 88 ⊗  
 ME 110 ⊙  
 DO 217 ⊕  
 ME 210 ⊕  
 ME 410 ⊕  
 JU 87 ⊕

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 H HEAVY  
 L LIGHT

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