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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 \_\_\_\_\_; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_

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

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Two tenths  
low clouds at 2,500 ft; 2 - 3/10 high clouds at 27 - 28,000 ft. dense  
persistent contrails at flight level - 27,000 ft.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 June 1944; Time 1012; and Location 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 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 42-97686

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-008715; (b) SW-008728; (c) SW-008756; (d) SW-008982

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

	MAKE	TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a)	Frigidaire Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	224916
(b)	Frigidaire Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	646156
(c)	Frigidaire Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	646184
(d)	Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	447009
(e)	Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	447129
(f)	Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	447610
(g)	Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	447504
(h)	Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	1181775
(i)	Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	1182254
(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 11; Passengers 0; Total 11

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	
✓ 1. Pilot, CA	KILLEN, LEO W	Major	RTD 0-431604	(601 B Sq)
✓ 2. Pilot	ROHREK, RICHARD L	1st Lt	RTD 0-802943	(600 B Sq)
✓ 3. Navigator	WAARAMAA, ARTHUR E	1st Lt	RTD 0-670325	(601 B Sq)
✓ 4. Navigator	KRAMER, HARVEY B	2nd Lt	RTD 0-704651	(600 B Sq)
✓ 5. * Radar Navigator	CANTRELL, THEODORE	2nd Lt	RTD 0-749421	(# RTD)
✓ 6. Bombardier	FRANKS, CLARENCE JR	2nd Lt	RTD 0-756868	(600 B Sq)
7. Radio Gunner	Cooper, Herbert G	T Sgt	RTD 35576793	(600 B Sq)
✓ 8. Tail Gunner	Jones, Philip H	S Sgt	RTD 13169414	(600 B Sq)
✓ 9. Left Waist Gunner	Henning, Frank X	S Sgt	RTD 33427170	(600 B Sq)
10. Engineer Gunner	Chisnell, Douglas A	T Sgt	RTD 16142647	(600 B Sq)
✓ 11. Right Waist Gunner	Greene, Richard C	S Sgt	RTD 34608416	(600 B Sq)
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		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			By Radio	Last Sighted		
1. GENUNG, MERWIN L	1st Lt	0-801849		X		
2. ARGUBRIGHT, DARRELL H	2nd Lt	0-706772		X		
3. ROBERGE, JOSEPH P	F/O	T-123996		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 believed to have been under control.

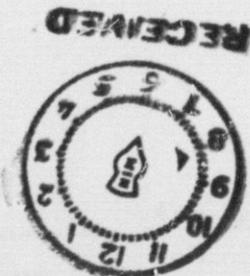
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:  
(per atchd statements)

NOTE: All personnel except 2nd Lt Theodore Cantrell, 0-749421, RN, asgd to 398th Bomb Group (Squadrons as indicated in (10) above) subject officer asgd to 324th Bomb Sq, 91st Bomb Gp, AAF Station 121. Aircraft asgd to 324th Bomb Squadron, 91st Bomb Group, AAF Station 121.

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 23 June 1944



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

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398th Bombardment Group (HV)  
Berlin, Germany Mission 21 June 1944

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Lead Group Formation Over Target

			A						
			KILLEN						
			Rohrer						
			PFF 7686-L		D				
		C			Falkenbach				
		<u>Darner</u>			<u>Gustaves</u>				
		2599-U		D	7190-L				
				<u>Dalton</u>					
				2607-F					
		D			D				
		<u>Davis, J H</u>			<u>McCarty</u>				
		2565-M			7203-Z				
	D					F			
	<u>Binger</u>					<u>Taylor</u>			
	7338-C	D				7103-A			
D					F		F		
<u>Wierney</u>		<u>Weekley</u>			<u>Cobb</u>		<u>Scott</u>		
2443-R		C 2516-H			7387-H	F	2543-R		
						<u>Rudrud</u>			
		<u>Fritog</u>				2511-P			
		2592-G	C		F		F		
			<u>Reed</u>		<u>Brown</u>		<u>Richardson</u>		
C			2519-A		2593-C	D	2463-Z		
<u>Lowe, D H</u>							<u>Fairbanks</u>		
2600-Z							7385-X		

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Low Group Formation Over Target

			B						
			<u>Latson</u>						
			<u>Hopkins</u>						
			2476-B		B				
		B			<u>Cullinan</u>				
		<u>Sleaman</u>			7384-R				
		7789-H		B					
				<u>Stoll</u>					
				7186-L					
	B				B		B		
	<u>Lassegard</u>		<u>Howden</u>		<u>Engel</u>		<u>Ballard</u>		
	2570-F	B	2469-Q		7317-P	C	2487-F		
E								C	
<u>Dwyer</u>		<u>Durtschi</u>				<u>Menzel</u>		<u>Folger</u>	
2579-C		2508-J				2390-X		7218-T	
	F						C		
	<u>Radnege</u>						<u>Searl</u>		
	2610-Y	D					7114-L		
		<u>Ryan</u>			C			C	
D		7855-A			<u>Lovelane</u>			<u>Slaven</u>	
<u>Godwin</u>					7249-P			7399-H	
7138-T									

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G SH-42-97686, Pilot CA,  
Major Leo W Killen, O-431604, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on  
Berlin, Germany mission 21 June 1944.

I was flying number two in the lead element of the low squadron of the  
lead group. I was in that position when we turned on the target. I was  
watching the lead ship to see the bombs go away. Just after the bombs were  
salvoed a man came out of the bomb bay. He was rather large and seemed to be  
wearing light khaki colored uniform.

The lead ship seemed to make a shallow and slow turn to the left and  
lose altitude. He slid under my plane and the Tail Gunner on my crew called  
me and said three chutes opened up over the target.

The plane seemed to be in good shape as it crossed under me. No fires  
or difficulties were observed by me or any member of my crew.

*Merwin L. Genung*

MERWIN L GENUNG O-801849  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Pilot B17G 42-102516-H  
(Flying in Co-Pilot seat)

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m Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G SH 42-97686,  
Pilot CA, Major Leo W Killen, O-431604, 601st Bomb Squadron,  
398th Bomb Group on Berlin, Germany mission 21 June 1944.

Our position in the squadron was right wing of the second element. From the time the bomb bay doors of the lead ship opened on the I P the mission was proceeding according to plan. I was watching the lead ship, and the first bombs upon release appeared to be smoking. These were not the five hundred pound demolition. I released my bombs, and as I checked to see if the wing ship on the right was releasing or had released his, the lead ship dropped slightly. At the same time a man fell out of the lead ships bomb bay. He fell face toward me, feet downwards. He lost his gloves, and I saw he did not have a chest chute on. The yellow of his mae west was unbroken from waist to neck. He turned, rotating leftwards, and his profile showed no chest chute. I could not follow him down, because the moment afterwards we hit the contrails of the wing ahead of us. This all happened in a space of about five seconds. The formation broke-up, the lead ship dropping to the left and below us. The ships reformed as soon as we left the contrails on the Deputy Leader.

The Flak was heavy and well directed (in relation to our ship, it appeared to lead it only slightly and very slightly below us. Some broke at our altitude and to the right of us). The lead ship appeared perfectly normal until the time of release, and my attention was upon the man who fell from the bomb bay at the time. So I wasn't aware there was anything wrong with the ship until I saw it fall away from us. That was the last time I saw it.

*Darrell H. Argubright*  
DARRELL H ARGUBRIGHT  
2nd Lt, Air Corps O-706772  
Bombardier B17G 42-97203-Z

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G SH-42-97686, Pilot CA, Major Leo W Killen, O-431604, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Berlin, Germany mission 21 June 1944.

On the bomb run over Berlin, Germany 21 June 1944, I was watching the lead ship waiting for bombs away. Suddenly I saw an explosion forward of number three engine on Major Killen's ship. The ship lurched to the right--bombs dropped immediately upon movement of ship. I saw a man fall out of the bomb bay immediately after bombs away. The ship lost speed and made a turn to the right while losing altitude. When I last saw the ship it was slowly losing altitude under control. There were no fires or smoke visible.

*Joseph P. Roberge*

JOSEPH P ROBERGE, T-123996  
Flight Officer  
Navigator B17G 42-102599-U

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Identification-tag and papers attached belong to:

Richard C Greene 34608416

*AC*

- 1) Identification-tag:  
Richard C Greene 34608416 T 43 - 43 O P
- 2) Immunisation Register ( 2 )
- 3) AAF form No 206
- 4) W.D., A.G.O. form No 28

*MIAF 21 June 44*  
*EUS*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Area Command I/III

PLACE: Berlin - Staaken

DATE: 21 Jun 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknownEM. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Greene

FIRST NAME:

Richard C. *AC*

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

34608416

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Berlin-Wilmersdorf, Meierotto-Strasse, on 21 Jun 1944,  
1030 hours

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Major

MACR 5977

Identification tags

- 1.) Leo W. KILLEN  
O-431604 T 43 - 44 O
- 2.) Herbert C. COOPER  
35576793 T 43 - 4 A P
- 3.) Arthur E. WAARAMAA  
O-670325 T 42 - 3 B P
- 4.) Harvey B. KRAMER  
O-704651 T 43 - 4 B H
- 5.) Richard L. ROHRER ( 2 Tags )  
O-802043 T 42 - 43 O P
- 6.) Clarence FRANKS Jr.  
O-756868 T 43 - 43 O P

Several items belonging to: Major Leo W. KILLEN

- 1.) Officers Pay Data Card, Form No. 77
- 2.) Immunizations Register, Form No. 81
- 3.) Party Invitation Card of the EMBASSY
- 4.) Red Cross Certificate of Membership
- 5.) Intransit Personnel Pass of the DOW Field
- 6.) Drivers License
- 7.) Individual Issue Record WD AAF Form No. 121
- 8.) 1 Officers Identification Card No. 286797 WD AGO Form No. 65 - 1
- 9.) Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card AAF Form No. 206

Several items belonging to: Herbert C. COOPER

- 1.) Visiting Card
- 2.) Certificate of Membership, Red Cross
- 3.) Identification Card
- 4.) Social Security Card No. 316 - 14 - 3532

Several Items, presumable belonging to: Douglas CHISNELL

- 1.) Operators License (State of Illinois)
- 2.) Good Luck Card
- 3.) 1 Private Letter
- 4.) Individual Issue Record WD AAF Form 121
- 5.) Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card AAF Form No. 206

1 Paper Note, Ownership uncertain, Listing Crew # 18 as follows:

01P	ROHRER	Richard L.	0802943
01CP	SISTEK	Anton A.	0-700371
01B	FRANKS	Clarence Jr.	0756868
E	CHISNELL	Douglas E.	16142647
AE	GREEN	Richard C.	34608416
R	COOPER	Herbert G.	35576793
AR	JONES	Philp H.	13169414
G	HENNING	Frank, K.	33427170
G	MONTGOMERY	Ray.	19112872
I-N	KRAMER	Harvey B.	0704651
157427	DOUGLAS	Gene	0798637
S/Sgt	BASHAM	James E.	1311892
1stLt.O1	MARKLEY	W.	0-670581
	RICHMOND	Milton B.	0-440519

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field District HQ 4/III

PLACE: Berlin - Staaken

DATE: 21 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, )  
 ) unknown  
EM. LANDING: AT: )

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Cantrell

FIRST NAME: Theodore

Rank: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-749421

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: BERLIN - SCHOENEBERG, Bayrischer Platz 21 Jun 44 10.15<sup>h</sup>

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

Signature illegible

Major

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Local HQ A (o) 28/III

LOCATION: Air Field Command FINOW/Mark

DATE: 22 Jun 44 21.00 h

DATE AND TIME: 21 Jun 44 10.35 h  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: 500 m Northwest of Tuerkishof near LYCHEN, 18 km North-  
(NEAREST TOWN) west of TEMPLINKIND OF CAPTURE: Fighter  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: not recognizable  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: not recognizable

EQUIPMENT: not recognizable  
F.T. FREQUENCIES: not recognizable, the radio equipment was partially purloined  
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:) 95 % burnt (by Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG/Neumark  
) after crashDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Air Force District HQ III  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) Dulag Luft  
ProjectSignature Illegible  
Major

( 3 COPIES )

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSU

Current No. 1375, 1355 and 1354  
17.05<sup>h</sup> Four Koehler LSU

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 23 Jun 44

THROUGH:

TIME: 17.05<sup>h</sup>

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: KOEHLER

REMARKS: Transmitted three times

Very urgent LBFI 719 22 Jun 22.40<sup>h</sup>

TO : Evaluating Center West OBERURSEL

SUBJECT : Escaped crew of an on 21 Jun 44 at 10.35<sup>h</sup> 500 m Northwest Tuerkshof  
near LYCHEN, 18 km Northwest of TEMPLIN shot down enemy airplane,  
Boeing B 17

REPORT : 7 members of the crew escaped. Competent Police Station and Garrison  
Commander were informed.

Air Base Local NQ A (o) 28/III, Air Field Command FINOW / Mark.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field District HQ 4/III  
 PLACE: BERLIN - STAAKEN  
 DATE: 21 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Unknown  
EM. LANDING: AT Unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HENNING  
 FIRST NAME: Frank K.  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33427170

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: BERLIN-SCHOENEBERG, Schwaebischestr. 21 Jun 44 10.50<sup>h</sup>

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air Force Hospital, BERLIN \* REINICKENDORF

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 Major

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field District HQ 4/III

PLACE: BERLIN - STAACKEN

DATE: 21 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, )  
 ) UNKNOWN  
EM. LANDING: AT: )

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) WAARAMA

FIRST NAME: Arthur E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-670325

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: BERLIN SW 68 Belle Alliance Platz, 21 Jun 44 10.15 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

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 Major



TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

Current No. 1371

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 23 Jun 44

THROUGH:

TIME: 19.10 h

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

Very urgent LBFI No 718 22 Jun 44 22.40<sup>h</sup>

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL

SUBJECT : Shot down of an Enemy Aircraft

- a) 500 m Northwest of Tuerkshof near LYCHEN, 18 km Northwest of TEMPLIN
- b) 21 Jun 44 10.35 h
- c) Boeing B 17
- d) Not recognizable
- e) 95 % burnt after crash
- f) 1.) None
- 2.), 3.) The PW's were taken from KOENIGSBERG / Neumark
- 3.) None

Air Base Local HQ A (o) 28/III Air Field Command FINOW/Mark

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: HQ, Air Force Barracks Camp

PLACE: BERLIN - ADLERSHOF

DATE: 22 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress (according to declaration of PW)EM. LANDING: AT: Berlin - Hirschgarten

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) KRAMER

FIRST NAME: Harvey B.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-704651

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: BERLIN - OBERSCHOENEWEIDE, Laubengelaende Rummel-  
burger Chaussee

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

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Majorattached herewith:  
1 Visiting Card  
Harvey B. KRAMER  
Lieutenant Air Corps  
Army of the United States

Air Field District HQv 4/III  
Section I b // PW assembly point

KU 2328

STAACKEN 23 Jun 44

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL  
SUBJECT : American PW's

To-day were the following American PW's transferred to  
Evaluation Center West.

	1.) 2nd Lt.	THURMAN	John	ASN O-708589
KU 2328	2.) 2nd Lt.	KRAMER	Harvey	ASN O-704651
KU 2328	3.) 1st Lt.	ROHMER	Richard	ASN O-802943
KU 2328	4.) Major	KILLEN	Leo	ASN O-431604
	5.) S/Sgt	PEARCE	Richard	ASN 16058015
	6.) Lt. Col.	TYRELL	Albert	ASN O-424763
KU 2320	7.) 2nd Lt.	SCHUKAR	George	ASN O-692829
KU 2320	8.) S/Sgt	NICHOLSON	Addison	ASN 34803466
	9.) Sgt.	van POOL	John	ASN 14185571
	10.) 1st Lt.	WILLIAMS	Melvin	ASN O-794732
	11.) Sgt.	BRIGGS	Richard	ASN 39263993
	12.) Sgt.	VUKELICH	Dush	ASN 33470835
	13.) Sgt.	STEINGRABER	Leroy	ASN 16147146
	14.) Fl. Off/c.	HAGAN	Robert	ASN O-811072
	15.) Sgt.	VIGNA	James	ASN 39120103
	16.) 2nd Lt.	BRADING	Daniel	ASN O-743639
KU 2320	17.) Sgt	LLOYD	Wayne	ASN 39327092

At the same time were handed over:

- 29 Property Bags
- 3 Parcels with Captured Items
- 1 Navigation Bag
- 1 Camera

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Major

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ A 21/III

PLACE: Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG/Neumark

DATE: 22 Jun 44 08.00<sup>h</sup>

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress ( by Flak, later Fighter )

EM. LANDING: AT: GUT TUERKSHOF, near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 12.00<sup>h</sup>

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ROHRER

FIRST NAME: Richard Loren

Rank: 1st Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-802943 T 42 - 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) sent to Air Field District 4/III, BERLIN -STAACKEN

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 12.00<sup>h</sup> GUT TUERKSHOF near LYCHEN

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ A 21/III

PLACE: Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG / Neumark

DATE: 22 Jun 44 08.00<sup>h</sup>

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress (by Flak, later Fighter)

EM. LANDING: AT: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 at about 12.00<sup>h</sup>

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) KILLEN

FIRST NAME: Leo William

Rank: Major

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-431604

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) sent to Air Field Command District 4/III BERLIN-STAAKEN

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

HEADQUARTERS  
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)  
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

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SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Philip Jones
- b. Rank Sgt. Crew position Tail Gunner
- d. Date last seen ? Place last seen Over Berlin
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Plane on Fire

g. Known information (eye witness only)

None

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

None

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

Richard L. Parker 1st Lt. A.C.  
Rank and name of reporter

0-802943 60059 398CR  
ASN Unit

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ A 21/III

PLACE: Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG /Neumark

DATE: 22 Jun 44 08.00 h

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Fortress (by Flak, later Fighter)EM. LANDING: AT: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 12.00<sup>h</sup>

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) CHISNELL

FIRST NAME: Douglas Albert

Rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) No. on Identification Bracelet 16142647

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) sent to Air Field District HQ BERLIN - STAACKEN

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 12.00 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air Force Hospital BERLIN-REINICKENDORF

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

PW CHISNELL tried to escape, when he was shipped from KOENIGSBERG TO Assembly Point STAACKEN. He jumped out of the moving train through the window. He was hurt severely and sent to the Air Force Hospital, BERLIN - REINICKENDORF.

Berlin - Staaken 23 Jun 44  
Air Field District HQ 4/III Section Ib/PW Assembly Point

Signed  
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Major

11-7-44

Major Leo W. Killen ✓

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Nantucket, Massachusetts.

1st Lieutenant Theodore Cantrell ✓

Mrs. Gina Cantrell, (wife)  
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S/Sergeant Philip H. Jones ✓

Mr. Charles E. Jones, (father)  
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REPORT on CAPTURE of an  
AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. KU 2328

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: Jun. 21, 1944 - 10,35  
 PLACE of CRASH: Tuerkshof near Lychen  
 TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress  
 REPORTING STATION: Air Base Command Finow

C R E W :

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
ROHRER Richard Loren	1/Lt.	0-802 943	captured	Dulag Luft
KRAMER Harvey B.	2/Lt.	0-704 651	"	"
FRANKS Clarence	2/Lt.	0-756 868	"	"
KILLEN Leo William Mar. 19, 20	Major	0-431 604	"	"
CANTRELL Theodore	2/Lt.	0-749 421	"	"
COOPER Herbert Gordon	T/Sgt.	3557 6793	"	"
WAARAMAA Arthur Emil	1/Lt.	0-670 325	"	"
HENNING Frank Kenneth Nov. 25, 23 Pittsburgh	S/Sgt.	3342 7170	"	"
CHISNELL Douglas Albert Mich.	T.Sgt.	1614 2647	"	"

REMARKS:

DULAG-LUFT  
Date

Jul. 3, 1944

Wo.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Area Command 4/III  
 PLACE: Berlin-Staaken  
 DATE: 21 Jun 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown  
 EN. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Cooper  
 FIRST NAME: Herbert G.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35576793

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Berlin South-East, Wasserter-Square on 21 Jun 1944, 1030  
 hours

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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 Major

*W.C.  
 MIA 21 June 44  
 EUS*

## 2 Identification tags

1.) Ted J. SCHUTZ  
39856371 T 43 - 44 A P

2.) John H. GROS  
33562430 T 43 - 43 O G

Luebeck - Blankensee 21 Jun 44

Record on captured items, belonging to PW Sgt. John H. GROB  
ASN 3356243C.

Downing of: Boeing B 17 G  
~~21 Jun 44~~  
HAB SCHNEIDER (Holstein)

- 1.) 1 identification tag
- 2.) Several passport photos
- 3.) 1 lighter
- 4.) 1 photo billfold (leather)
- 5.) 1 rubber bag Mark III

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU****No. 1334**

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DATE: **25 Jun 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **19.00<sup>h</sup>**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**THROUGH: **Haag**

REMARKS:

Very urgent

LFGK

6337

25 Jun 44

11.25<sup>h</sup>

TO : Evaluating Center West OBERURSEL

SUBJECT : Crash places of 21 Jun 44 (Daylight Raid on Berlin)

3.) 11.10<sup>h</sup> BAD SCHWARTAU North of LUEBECK AB 2 (refers to German Grid System).  
 Boeing, 100 % destroyed, Markings: A INSIGNIA WY, 5 dead, 6 PW's captured.  
 Salvaged by LUEBECK - BLANKENSEE.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Field District HQ 4/III**PLACE: **Berlin - Staaken**DATE: **21 Jun 44**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,) ) **unknown**  
EM. LANDING: AT:)NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Cantrell**FIRST NAME: **Theodore****Rank:** **2nd Lt.**  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-749421**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **BERLIN - SCHOENKESBERG, Bayrischer Platz 21 Jun 44 10.15<sup>h</sup>**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

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Major

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Air Base Local HQ A (e) 28/III**  
 LOCATION: **Air Field Command FINOW/Mark**  
 DATE: **22 Jun 44 21.00 h**  
 DATE AND TIME: **21 Jun 44 10.35 h**  
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 21 Jun 44 10.35 h  
 PLACE OF CRASH: **500 m Northwest of Tuerkishof near LYCKEN, 18 km North-**  
 (NEAREST TOWN) **west of TEMPLIN**  
 KIND OF CAPTURE: **Fighter**  
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
 EMERGENCY LANDING)  
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17**  
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **not recognisable**  
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)  
 ADMITTANCE NO: **not recognisable**  
 EQUIPMENT: **not recognisable**  
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: **not recognisable, the radio equipment was partially purloined**  
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **95 % burnt (by Air Field Command KONNIGSBERG/Neumark**  
**) after crash**  
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: **Air Force District HQ III**  
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) **Dalag Luft**  
**Project**

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

Current No. 1375, 1355 and 1384  
17.05<sup>h</sup> Four Koehler LSOU

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DATE: **23 Jun 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **17.05<sup>h</sup>**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**

THROUGH: **KOEHLER**

REMARKS: **Transmitted three times**

Very urgent **LBFI 719 23 Jun 23.40<sup>h</sup>**

TO : Evaluating Center West **OBERURSEL**

SUBJECT : Escaped crew of an on ~~21 Jun 44~~ **at 19.35<sup>h</sup>** 500 m Northwest Tuerkshof near **LYCHEN**, 18 km Northwest of **TEMPLIN** shot down enemy airplane, Boeing B 17

REPORT : 7 members of the crew escaped. Competent Police Station and Garrison Commander were informed.

Air Base Local HQ A (o) 28/III, Air Field Command **FINOW / Mark.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field District HQ 4/III  
PLACE: BERLIN - STAAKEN  
DATE: 21 Jun 44  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Unknown  
EM. LANDING: AT: Unknown  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HENNING  
FIRST NAME: Frank K.  
Rank: S/Sgt  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33427170  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: BERLIN-SCHOENEBERG, Schwabischestr. 21 Jun 44 10.50 h  
NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air Force Hospital, BERLIN & REINICKENDORF  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Major





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DATE: **23 Jun 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **19.10 h**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSKB**

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

Very urgent

LBFI

No 718 23 Jun 44

22.40<sup>h</sup>

TO : Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL

SUBJECT : Shot down of an Enemy Aircraft

a) 500 m Northwest of Tuerkschhof near **LYCHEN**, 18 km Northwest of **TEMPLIN**

b) 21 Jun 44 10.35 h

c) Boeing B 17

d) Not recognizable

e) 95 % burnt after crash

f) 1.) None

2.), 3.) The PW's were taken from **KOENIGSMERG / Neumark**

3.) None

Air Base Local HQ A (o) 28/III Air Field Command **FINOW/Mark**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **HQ, Air Force Barracks Camp**

PLACE: **BERLIN - ADLERSHOF**

DATE: **23 Jun 44**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Fortress (according to declaration of PW)**

EM. LANDING: AT: **Berlin - Hirschgarten**

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

FIRST NAME: **Harvey B.**

~~Rank:~~ **2nd Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-704651**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **BERLIN - OBERSCHORNEWEIDE, Laubengelaende Rannold-  
burger Chaussee**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-----**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-----**

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Major

attached herewith:  
1 Visiting Card  
Harvey B. KRAMER  
Lieutenant Air Corps  
Army of the United States

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Local HQ A 21/III**PLACE: **Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG/Neumark**DATE: **22 Jun 44 08.00<sup>h</sup>**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress ( by Flak, later Fighter )****EM. LANDING: AT: GUT TURKSHOF, near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 12.00<sup>h</sup>**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **ROHRER**FIRST NAME: **Richard Loren**Rank: **1st Lt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-802943 T 42 - 43**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **sent to Air Field District 4/III, BERLIN -STAAKEN**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **12.00<sup>h</sup> GUT TURKSHOF near LYCHEN**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ A 21/III

PLACE: Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG / Neumark

DATE: 22 Jun 44 08.00 h

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress (by Flak, later Fighter)

EM. LANDING: AT: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 at about 12.00 h

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

FIRST NAME: **Leo William**

Rank: **Major**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-431604**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **sent to Air Field Command District 4/III BERLIN-STAAKEN**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-----**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-----**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ A 21/III  
 PLACE: Air Field Command KOENIGSBERG /Wanmark  
 DATE: 22 Jun 44 08.00 h

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Fortress (by Flak, later Fighter)  
EM. LANDING: AT: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 21 Jun 44 12.00h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) CHISWELL  
 FIRST NAME: Douglas Albert  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) No. on Identification Bracelet 16142647

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) sent to Air Field District HQ BERLIN - STAACKEN  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Gut Tuerkshof near LYCHEN 12.00 h  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air Force Hospital BERLIN-HEINICKENDORF  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ----

PW CHISWELL tried to escape, when he was shipped from KOENIGSBERG TO Assembly Point STAACKEN. He jumped out of the moving train through the window. He was hurt severely and sent to the Air Force Hospital, BERLIN - HEINICKENDORF.

Berlin - Staaken 23 Jun 44  
 Air Field District HQ 4/III Section Ib/PW Assembly Point

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 Major

KU 2328

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REMARKS:

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Urgents LBNF 317 26 June 1944 1430

To: Evaluation Center West Oberursel.

Subject: Places of crash at Headquarter III on 21 June 1944  
day-raid on Berlin:

14.) 1035 Tuerkshof near Lychen, 18 Km NW Tepelin/Um.,  
in DG 3 (german grid system) FORTRESS II 95 % damage, Identification  
and factory No. not determined, 3 prisoners, 7 escaped.

MACR 5997  
B-17

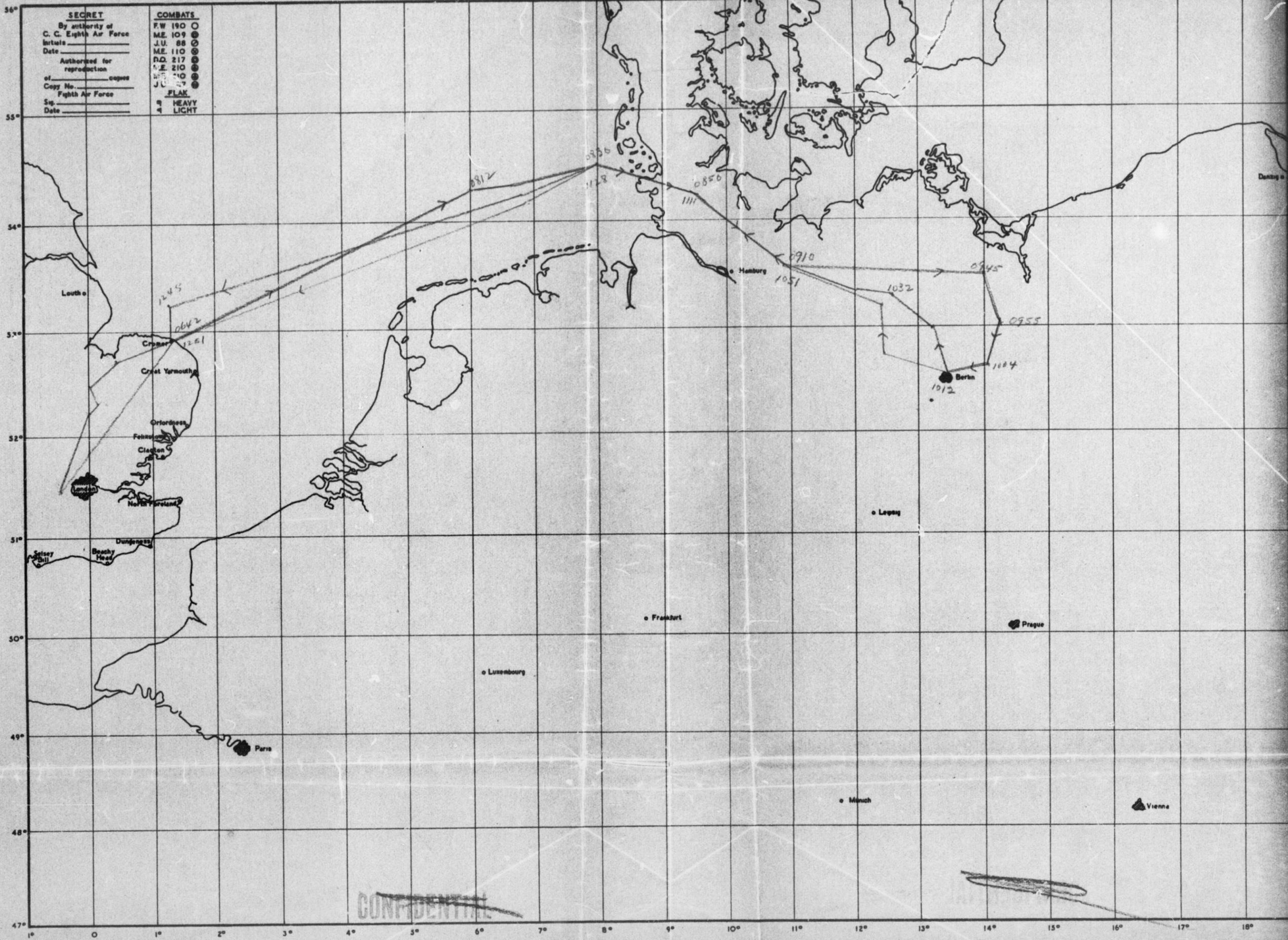
DATE:	AT:	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 2328
21 June 1944	1035	1st Lt	ROHRER, Richard Loren	ASN: 0-802943
PLACE: 500 meters north-west of Tuerkshof near Lychen		2nd Lt	KRAMER, Harvey B	ASN: 0-704651
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress		2nd Lt	FRANKS, Clarence	ASN: 0-756868
		Major	KILLEN, Leo William	ASN: 0-431604
324 (HB) Sqd - 91 Group		2nd Lt	CANTRELL, Theodore	ASN: 0-749421
AIRCRAFT: B a s e		1st Lt	WAARANAA, Arthur Emil	ASN: 0-670325
		Sgt	CHISWELL, Douglas Albert	ASN: 16142647
TARGET: Airbase HQ - Finow/Mark		T/Sgt	COOPER, Herbert Gordon	ASN: 35576793
		S/Sgt	HENNING, Frank Kenneth	ASN: 33427170

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 PRIMARY Berlin, Germany  
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