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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REMARKS: 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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AW 123; Command or Air Force 9th
Group A50th; Squadron 728; Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AW 123; Course 45 Degrees
Intended Destination TUTON, GERMANY; Type of Mission COMBAT
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4-6/10 STRATOCLOUDS WITH BASES AT 3-4000' and TOPS AT 5-6000'
- GIVE: (a) Date 3 Apr 44; Time 1124; and Location KADET, CHANNEL
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H; A.A.F. SERIAL NO 41-28667
- ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1830-43; A.A.F. SERIAL NO (a) 42-92372
(b) 42-92309; (c) 42-92159; (d) 42-91346
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No)
1) TAIL-RT-96712; (a) NOSE-RT 96727; (b) UPPER-RT 96709; (c) WAIST-RT 226832; (d) BALL-RT-96709
2) " IT-96718; (e) " IR-96724; (f) " LA-96691; (g) " IR 227347; (h) " LA-96709
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
- 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. Pilot	<u>WANGERICH, WALTER EDWARD</u>	<u>1ST LT</u>	<u>0-787292 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>HUGHES, FRED LAFAYETTE</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0-811002 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>NEEDLEMAN, JULIUS (MIA)</u>	<u>2D LT</u>	<u>0-810715 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>HOOD, ERIC WESTBERG</u>	<u>2A LT</u>	<u>0-752907 RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>CHAMBERS, OSCAR LEE</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>1538218 RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>SPADONE, JOHN GERARD</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>3257978 RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>BOGDANOWICZ, WALTER FELIX</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>1612682 RTD</u>
8. Right Waist	<u>BONNER, EUGENE ROY</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>1900394 RTD</u>
9. Left Waist	<u>ZAGACK, WALTER EDWARD</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>92251645 RTD</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>MORRAY, WILLIAM PINKNEY</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>32600950 RTD</u>

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK A PROPIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column		
				Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. <u>UMFREY, JACK A.</u>	<u>1ST LT 0-797643</u>		<u>X</u>			
2. <u>WILSON, BERNARD O.</u>	<u>2ND LT 0-807718</u>		<u>X</u>			
3. <u>SUITERS, ELMER J.</u>	<u>S/SGT 3532742</u>		<u>X</u>			

- 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) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE USED

Date of Report 12 April 1944

John A. Hensler
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN A. HENSLER
Major, AC
Technical Inspector.

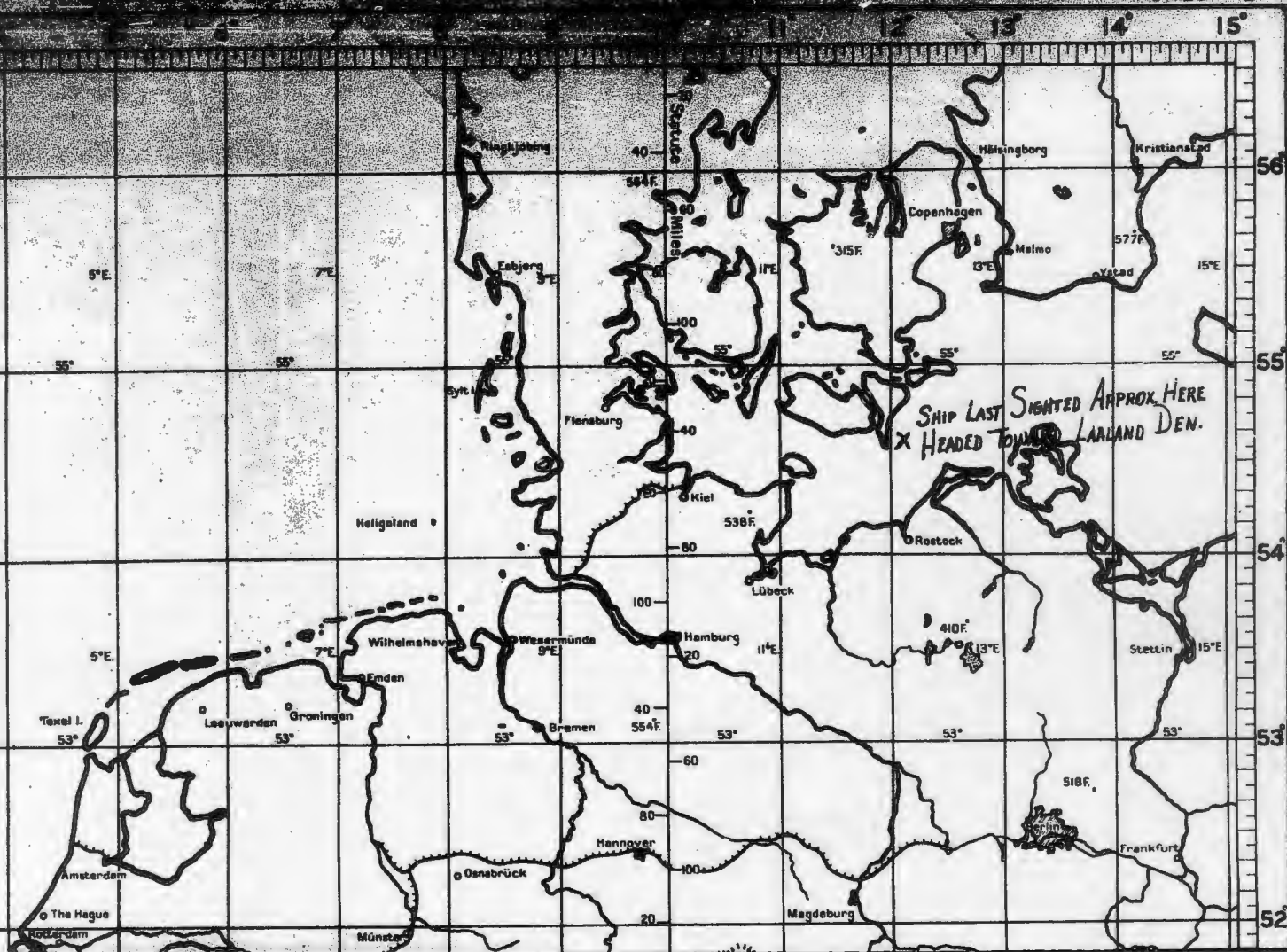
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11. AN F/4 WAS SEEN TO HIT MORGENTHAU'S B3 BOMB OVER LADY CHANNEL. THE ENGINE WAS ON FIRE BUT WAS SUCCESSFULLY FEATHERED. HOWEVER, PLANE COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH THE FORMATION DESPITE HAVING SALVAGED BOMBS AND HE CIRCLED, LOSING ALTITUDE. THE A/C WAS UNDER CONTROL AS IT LEFT THE FORMATION AND WAS LAST SIGHTED HEADED BACK TOWARDS LAALAND, DENMARK.



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