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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Classification changed **6572**
to ~~RESTRICTED~~ by E. RESTRICTED Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date **MAR 15 1948**

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location PANTANELLA AIR BASE Command or AF 15TH AF
Group 464TH BOMB GROUP (H) Squadron 779TH BOMB SQ (H)

SPECIFY: Point of Departure PANTANELLA AIR BASE Course BLECHHEIMER, GERMANY
Target BLECHHEIMER Type of Mission BOMBING.
GERMANY

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3/10 TO 4/10 ALTO CULUMUS

GIVE: (a) Date 7 JULY 1944 Time 1124 Location 50°15'N 18°25'E
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.

AIRCRAFT AS 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:

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B 24-G AAF Serial No 42-78350

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP-432682
(b) BP-435925 (c) BP-435626 (d) BP-432340

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) BROWNING 50 CAL M1 1249323 (b) 1248896 985197
(c) 1248728 (d) 1248799 985454
(e) 985183 (f) 1248896
(g) 985502 (h) 1248686

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (x) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEAREST OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, SHIP, AND ADDRESS
EUS	Pilot	MURPHY, SCOTT S.	1ST LT	0736553	WIFE MRS MYRANWY S. RTD
RMG	CO-PILOT	DUNN, PAUL S.	2D LT	0799355	FATHER MR CHARLES RTD
EUS	BOMBARDIER	KESSEE, MORRIS D.	2D LT	0691465	MOTHER MRS FRANCIS M. RTD
EUS	NAVIGATOR	STRAND, OWEN S.	2D LT	0707808	FATHER MR. STEVEN RTD
RMG	ENGINEER	WESTLEY, CLARENCE G.	SGT	15329082	FATHER MR. GEORGE RTD
EUS	ENGINEER	BRAMEL, HERSCHELL A	S/SGT	31131493	WIFE MRS DOROTHY RTD
EUS	RO GNR	MUDDEN, ROBERT W.	SGT	33191997	WIFE MRS. CO. RTD
EUS	ARMORER	Gaughey, James W.	S/SGT	37555159	WIFE MRS. EMILY RTD
		MC GAUGHEY, 1789 BENSON AVE. ST. PAUL, MINN.			

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ENGINEER ✓ COFFER, HAROLD R. ✓ SGT. 37501004 MOTHER MARY E. RTD
 BLAIR, CAMDEN, MO.
 ARMORER GNR ✓ VINOLUS, JAMES D. ✓ SGT. 12198962 MOTHER ELLEN RTD
 VINOLUS, 95-90 DELL ST., LACKAWANNA, NEW YORK

1. _____
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1. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted	Last	Saw
HARRY A. STROUD JR	1ST LT	0725371			X

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN TO OPEN FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

- 1. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- 2. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 3. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) NO SEARCH WAS MADE AS AIRCRAFT WAS SEEN TO LOOSE ALTITUDE OVER ENEMY TERRITORY.

Date of this Report: 9 JULY 1944

Signature of Officer Arthur E. Chambers
 ARTHUR E. CHAMBERS,
 CAPT., AIR CORPS,
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- 2 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Statement of Lt. Harry A. Stroud Jr (octu)
 Incl 2 - Map of area where plane was last seen (octu).



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✓ First Lieutenant Scott S. Murphy

Mrs. Scott S. Murphy (Wife)
Monterey Peninsula Country Club,
Monterey, California.

✓ Second Lieutenant Paul S. Dana

Mr. Charles W. Dana (Father)
47 Baldwin Street,
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

✓ Second Lieutenant Morris D. Keesee

Mrs. Frances M. Keesee (Mother)
350 Park Avenue,
Lexington, Kentucky.

✓ Second Lieutenant Owen S. Strand

Mr. Steen Strand (Father)
1602 South 80th Street,
West Allis, Wisconsin.

✓ Staff Sergeant James W. McLaughy

Mrs. Emily McLaughy, (Wife)
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✓ Sergeant Robert W. Ludden

Mrs. Cornelia H. Ludden (Wife)
116 South Pitt Street,
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✓ Sergeant James D. Vinolus

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95-9 O'Dell Street,
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✓ Staff Sergeant Herschell A. Bramel

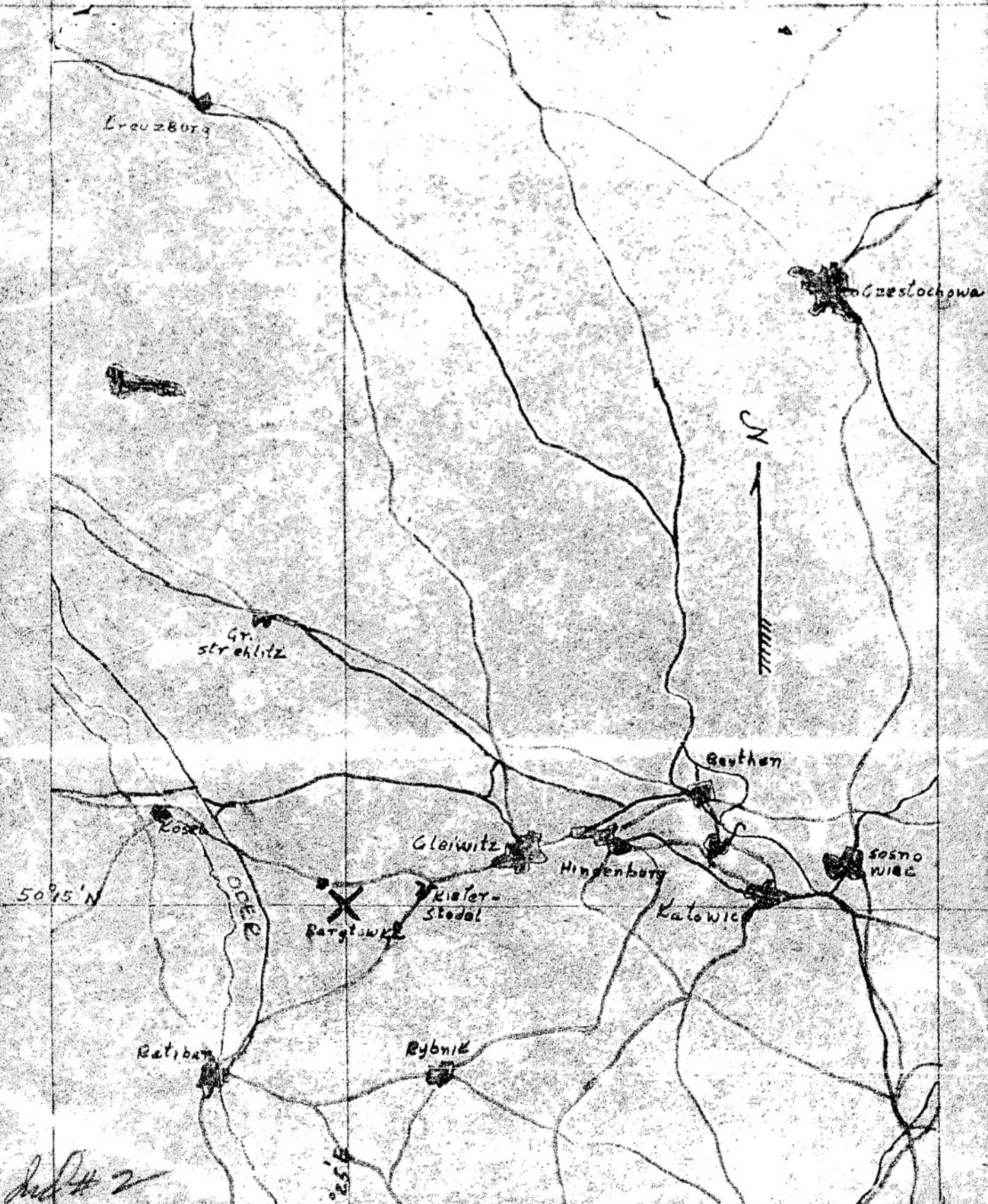
Mrs. Dorothy M. Bramel (Wife)
1727 Cambridge Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

✓ Sergeant Harold R. Coffey

Mrs. Mary E. Blair (Mother)
Camden, Missouri.

✓ Sergeant Clarence G. Westley

Mr. George E. Westley (Father)
13117 Benwood Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.



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7, JULY 1944
BOMBING OF BLECHAMMER

COORDINATES
50°15' N - 18°25' E