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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name AAF Station A-76 Command or Air Force 304 AF
Group 304th Bomb Gr (M) Squadron 565th Bomb B Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place or Departure AAF Station A-76 Course NW from Aachen, Germany
Target or Intended Destination Ger, Germany Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Day 18 Month 11 Year 1944; Time 1:45; and Location (E-0611)
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by
radio () ; Forced down () ; Seen to Crash (X) ; 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 (X) ; Other Circumstances as
Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26C-104 ; AAF Serial Number
43-34456
7. IDENTIFY OR AIRCRAFT, if any Nil in file
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series P-4V-10-10 AAF SERIAL
NUMBER (a) 43-34457 ; (b) 43-34458 ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number): Browning, Cal. 50
(a) Ball Mount ; (b) Wheeler Mount ; (c) Wheeler Mount ; (d) _____ ;
(e) E-1096144 ; (f) E-1755522 ; (g) E-1755509 ; (h) _____ ;
(i) E-1755906 ; (j) E-1755374 ; (k) E-1755316 ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty - Yes
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets
and attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	DeRita, Charles J	Capt	0-793280	MIA
2.	Co-Pilot	Howard, Clarence A	1st Lt	0-390027	MIA
3.	Nav	DePasco, Marino (M)	1st Lt	0-669014	MIA
4.	Co-Nav	Forrest, Frank J	Capt	0-659223	MIA
5.	Bomb	Boyle, Gordon (M)	1st Lt	0-672931	MIA
6.	Eng-Gun	Jenkins, Wilbur H	T/Sgt	3332728	MIA
7.	Rad-Gun	Milne, Albert J	T/Sgt	1308618	MIA
8.	Tail-Gun	Muller, William R	S/Sgt	1214222	MIA
9.	Tail-Gun	Freeland, David T	Sgt	X 3292439	MIA
10.					
11.					

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Check only one column by		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Found Landing
1. DeLier, Raoul J	Capt	0-663359			X	
2. Christopher, Marvin B	Sgt	1308119			X	
3. Madson, Joseph Y	Capt	0-411181		X		
4. Millon, Carl T	S/Sgt	669704K		X		
5. Boner, Thomas A	S/Sgt	3114457		X		

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOW-
ING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____ ; (b) Persons were seen
walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reasons (Specify)

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- 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. See Incl 1.
- 15. ATTACH BYWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Incl 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- 16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT OF SEARCH CONDUCTED.

Date of Report 19 November 1944

Ben H. Golden

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

- 17. REMARKS OR BYWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See Incls 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

BEN H. GOLDEN,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

6 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Map showing location where a/c was seen to crash.
- Incl 2 - Statement of Capt Heller.
- Incl 3 - Statement of Sgt Christopher.
- Incl 4 - Statement of Capt Kluge.
- Incl 5 - Statement of S/Sgt Killman.
- Incl 6 - Statement of S/Sgt Zoner.

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Deritis, Charles J.	0793080	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087
Howard, Clarence A.	0390027	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087
Del Pesco, Guerino	0669014	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 075
Forrest, Frank J.	0659883	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087
Diluzio, Albert J.	13,086,118	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087
Muller, William R.	12,148,222	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087

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Boyle, Gordon	0672931	K. I. A.	18 Nov 44	Ship.# 087
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S T A T E M E N T

18 November 1944.

I certify that I saw an airplane strike the ground and explode in the town of Gey, Germany at approximately 1350 hours, November 18, 1944. Leading the high flight of second box.

Raoul J. Delier
RAOUL J DELIER,
Capt, A.C. O-663359
586th Bomb Sq.

Delier

S T A T E M E N T

18 November 1944.

I first saw the plane after it had rolled on its back. Then the Bomb Bay door fell off, the plane then went into a spin which it kept all the way to the ground. Approximately 1500 feet from the ground I saw one parachute open. I don't know what part of the plane the man jumped from. The plane hit just on the edge of a town. After hitting the ground it burst into flames and later turned into black smoke with the blaze still going. This occurred on the second bomb run.

I was flying No 3 with Lt Winkler in the 1st flight of the 2nd box, and did not lose sight of the plane from the time it rolled over on its back until the time it crashed.

Marvin B. Christopher
MARVIN B. CHRISTOPHER,
Sgt, 13103119,
586th Bomb Sq.

18 November 1944

S T A T E M E N T

Flying B-26 aircraft 4334212 in Number 2 position, lead flight of second box, I observed the flak burst under the right engine of the box leader, Capt DeRitis, flying B-26 aircraft 4334456. Approximately 4 feet of the right wing tip began to shatter. The plane went on its right wing and was pulled up toward my aircraft. I pulled up steeply and away to the right. I then lost sight of Capt DeRitis' airplane.

Joseph V. Bledsoe
JOSEPH V. BLEDSOE,
Captain, 586th Bomb Sq.,
394th Bomb Gp (M) AAF.

S T A T E M E N T

18 November 1944

I first saw the plane fall on its side. Then roll over on its back, Then went into a spin. One chute opened about 1500 to 2000 feet from ground. The ship started to spin at right side of target.

Sgt Carl Killman
S/Sgt Carl Killman

ASN 6897048
586th Bomb. Sq., (M)

STATEMENT

18 November 1944

(Ship 212; #2 in Lead Flight; Box 2)

"I saw the piece of the wing going past the tail of our ship at about the same level. The Pilot of our ship then nosed into the air. At that time I saw the ship that was hit. At that time the wings were practically vertical with the ground. One man, I believe, got out but the 'chute only partially opened when our pilot leveled off and started more evasive action. I lost sight of the plane and 'chute.

THOMAS A. TONER,
S/Sgt, Air Corps,
33114457.

Thomas A. Toner

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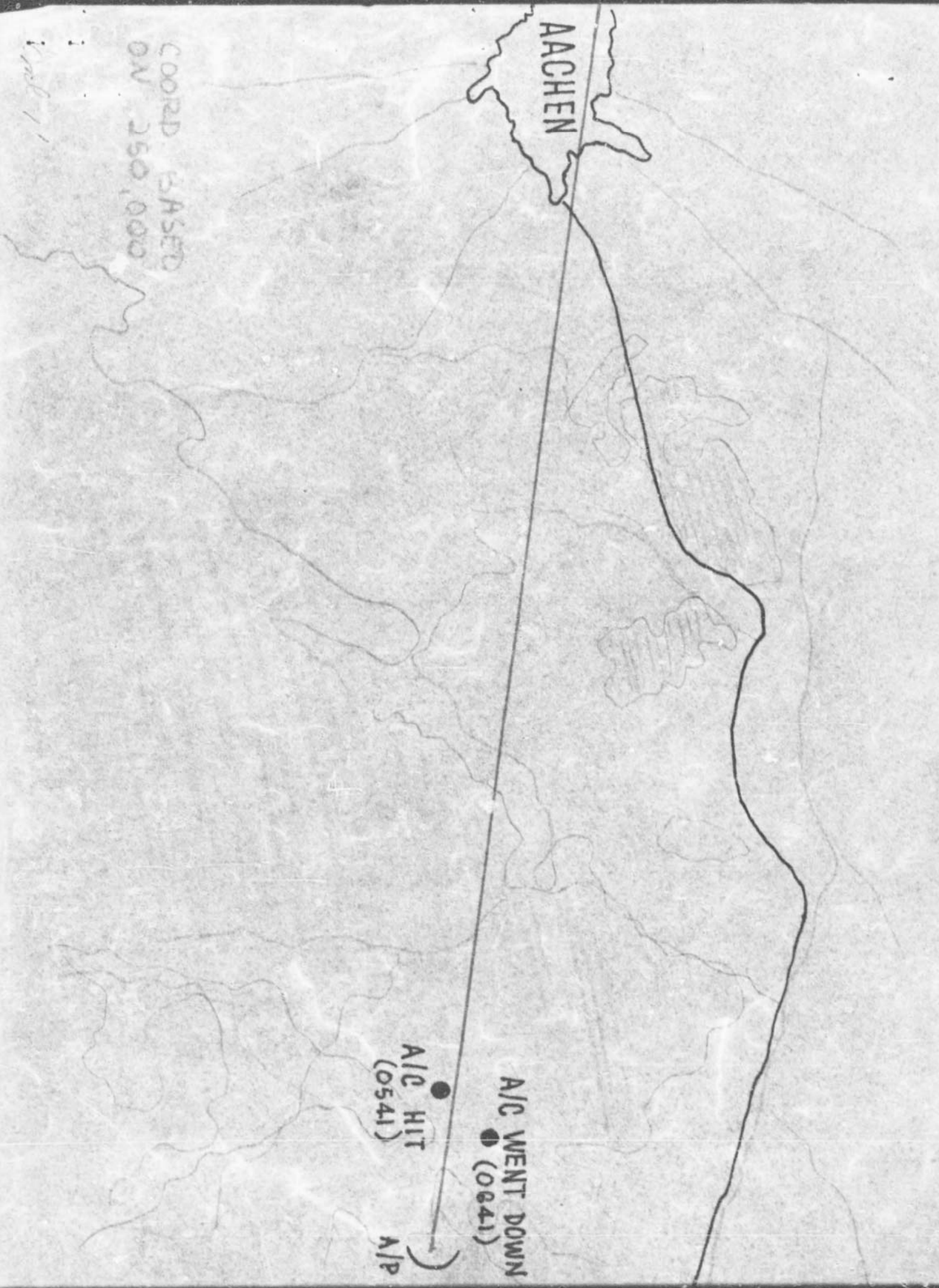
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ON 250,000

Map 11

A/C WENT DOWN
● (0641)

A/C HIT
● (0541)

A/P



✓ Capt. Charles J. De Ritis	Mr. Vincent De Ritis (Father) 301 Rugby Avenue Rochester, New York
✓ Lt. Col. Clarence A. Howard	Mrs. Alita V. Howard (Wife) West 3417 Liberty Avenue Spokane, Washington
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