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WASHINGTON

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by E. RESTRICTED Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date MAR 13 1946

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 weather: (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, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
EUS	Pilot	MURPHY, SCOTT S.	1ST LT	0736553	WIFE MRS MYFANWY S. RTD
RMC	CO-PILOT	DUNN, PAUL S.	2D LT	0799355	FATHER MR CHARLES RTD
		DUNN, 47 BALDWIN ST., NEW BRUNSWICK, N. Y.			
EUS	BOMBARDIER	KESSEK, MORRIS D.	2D LT	0694465	MOTHER MRS FRANCIS RTD
		KESSEK, 350 PARK AVENUE, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.			
EUS	NAVIGATOR	STRAND, OWEN S.	2D LT	0707808	FATHER MR. STEPHEN RTD
		STRAND, 1602 SO. 80TH ST., MILWAUKEE, WIS.			
RMC	ENGINEER	WESTLEY, CLARENCE G.	SGT	15329082	FATHER MR. GEORGE RTD
		WESTLEY, 13117 BENWOOD AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO.			
EUS	ENGINEER	BRAMEL, HERSHELL A.	S/SGT	31131493	WIFE MRS DOROTHY RTD
		BRAMEL, 1727 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE, MASS.			
WUS	RO GNR	LUDDEN, ROBERT W.	SGT	33191997	WIFE MRS. COLLETT RTD
		LUDDEN, 116 S. PITT ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.			
EUS	ARMORER GNR	MC GAUGHEY, JAMES W.	S/SGT	37555159	WIFE MRS. EMILY RTD
		MC GAUGHEY, 1789 BENSON AVE. ST. PAUL, MINN.			

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Sheet # 1

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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. 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 | U. Radio | Sighted | Crash | Forced Landing |
|--------------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|-------|----------------|
| 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.
6. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
7. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
8. 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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779TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO 520 U. S. ARMY.

8 JULY 1944

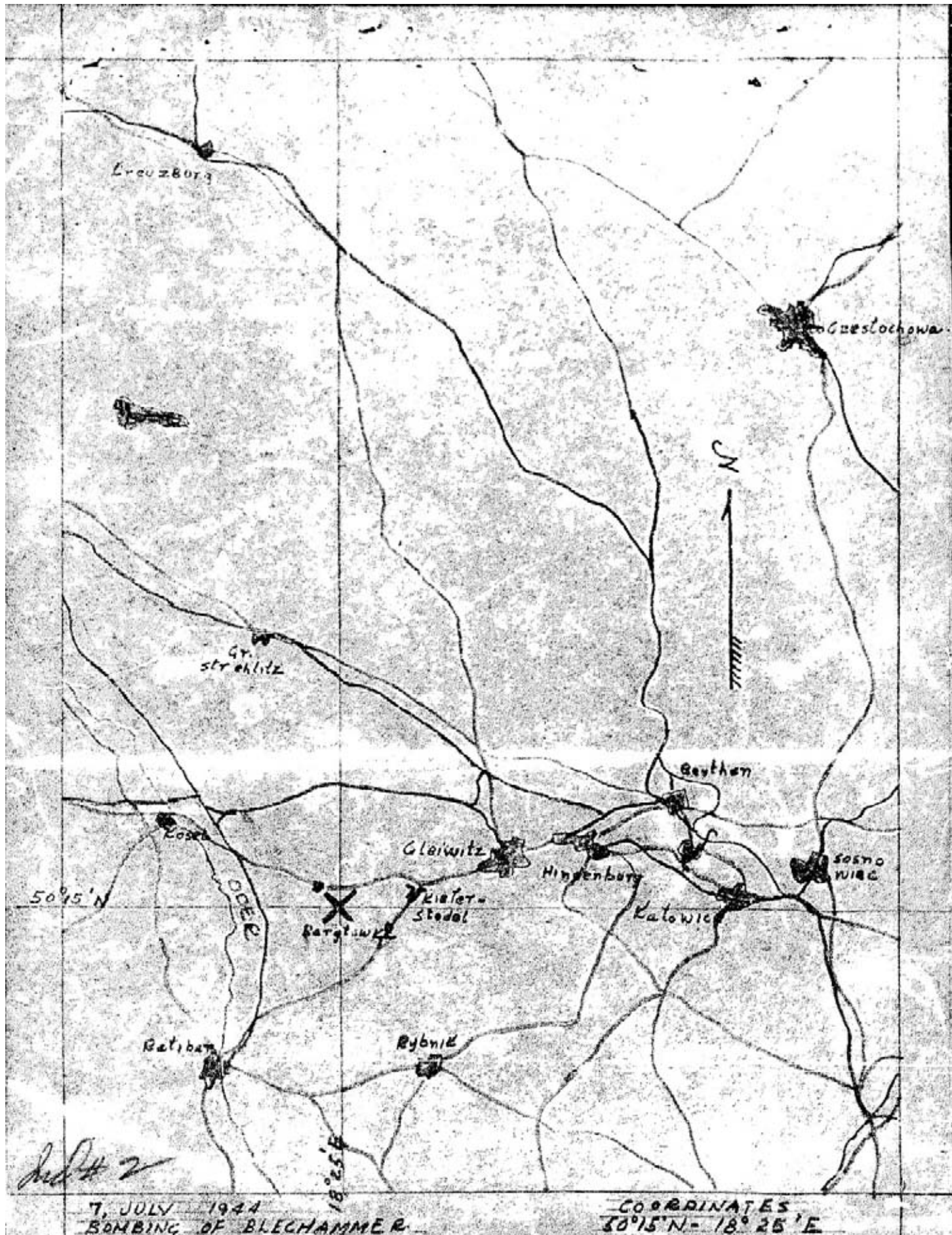
ON THE RALLY OFF THE TARGET I SAW 'BR', FLOWN BY LT. MURPHY,
HIT BY FLAK. HIS NUMBER THREE ENGINE WAS THROWING OUT WHITE
SMOKE. HE DOVE SHARPLY STRAIGHT AHEAD AND DISAPPEARED FROM MY
VIEW VERY FAST.

IT IS MY OPINION THAT HE HAD THE SHIP UNDER CONTROL AT THE
TIME I LAST SAW IT.

Harry A. Stroud Jr.
HARRY A. STROUD JR, 0725371
1ST LT., AIR CORPS,
779TH BOMB SQUADRON (H)
464TH BOMB GROUP (H)

Incl #1

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✓ Sergeant Clarence G. Westley	Mr. George E. Westley (Father) 13117 Benwood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.