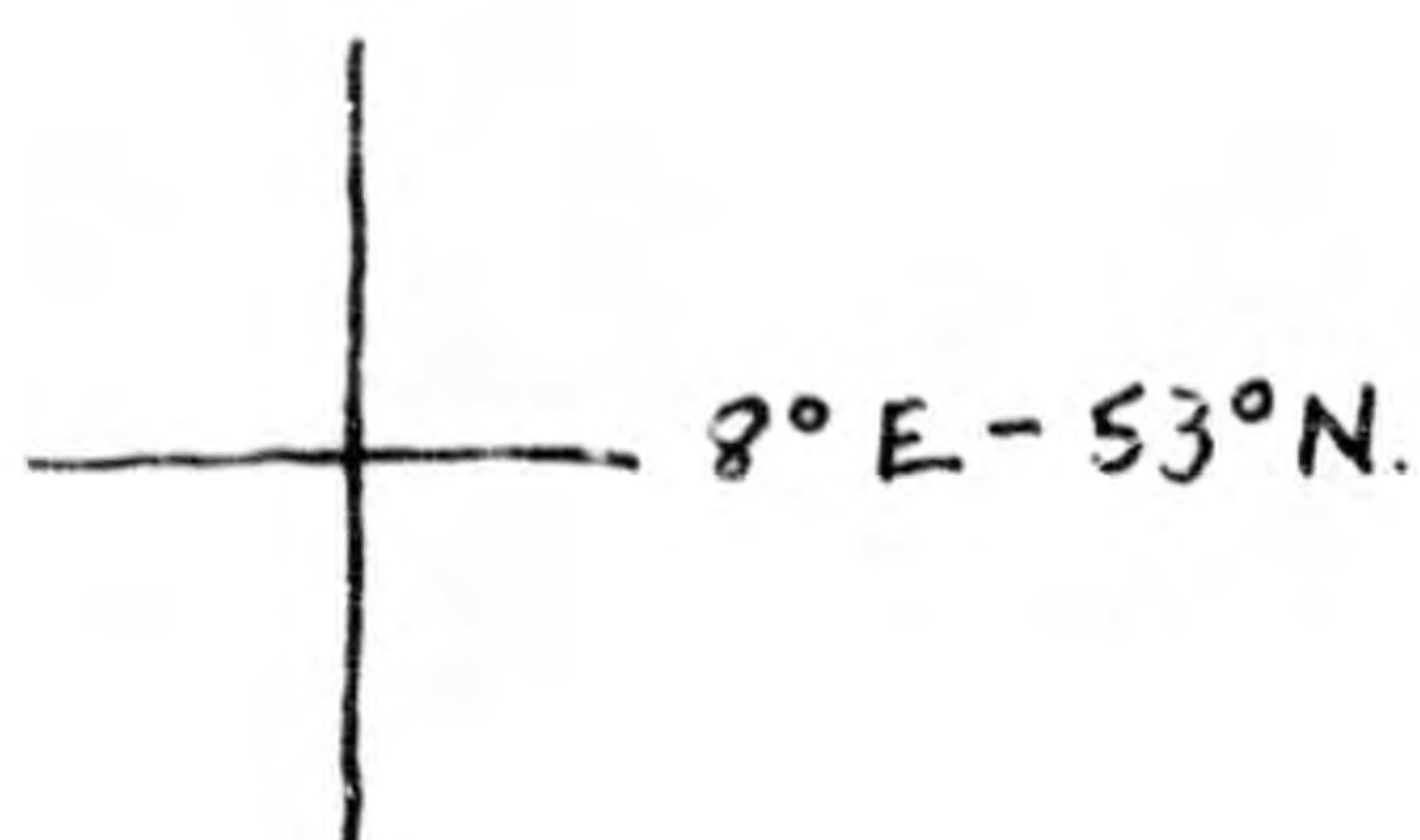
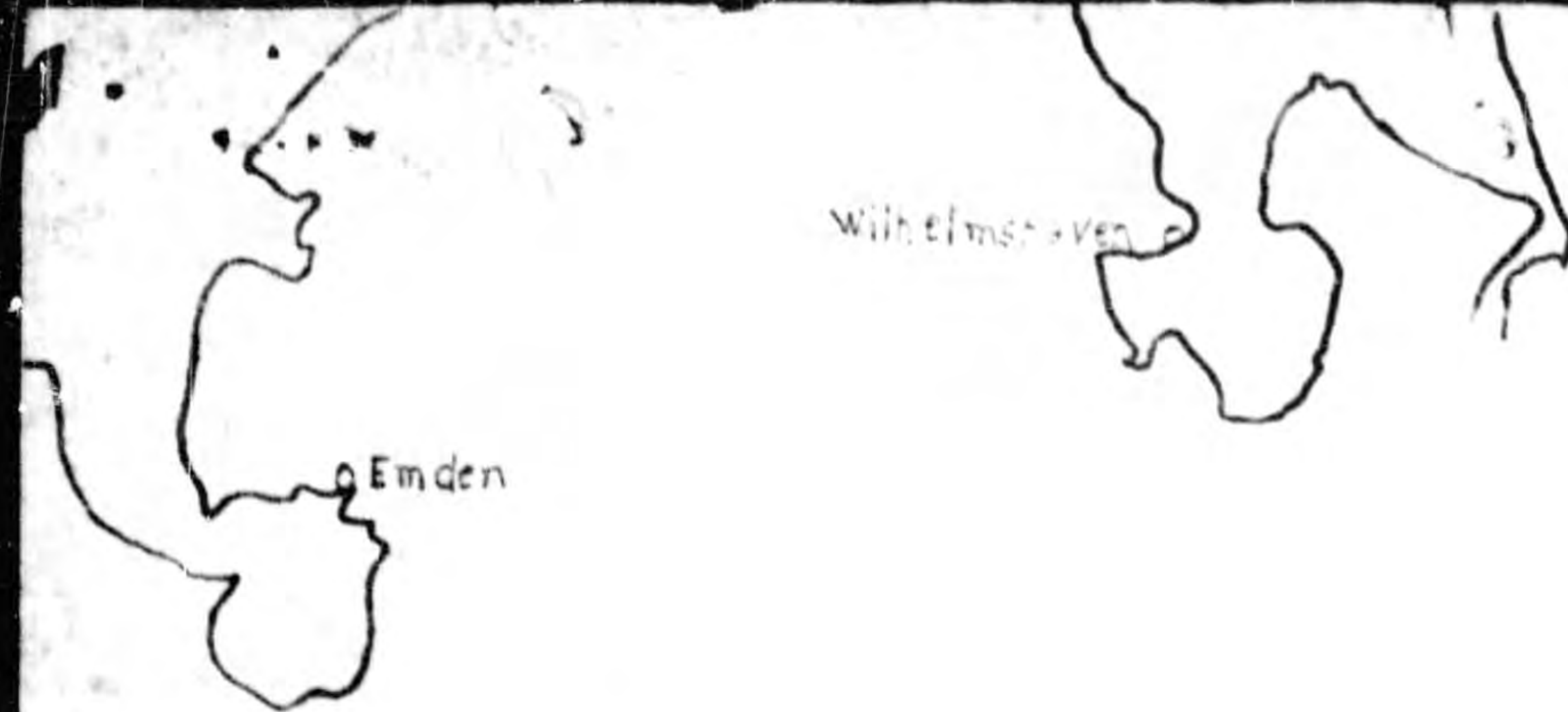


353RD FIGHTER SQ.,
354TH FIGHTER GP.,
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S T A T E M E N T

I was leading Green flight with squadron, providing close escort for bomber task force over target at Braunschweig on 21 February, 1944. 1st Lt. John D. Pattie was my second element leader. The group had just completed a wide left turn prior to RV with bombers. This was at 1340 hours in the area north-east of Dummer Lake. I saw about 20 plus FW-190s in a good position for a high side attack on our squadron. They dived for attack on our flight which was on the outside of the squadron formation. I turned into them, dropping wing tanks at the same time. I continued the tight turn toward the e/a which were now in a Luftberry. After I had gained considerable altitude and was out of immediate danger, I looked down and saw e/a in a Luftberry below with some aircraft on various sorts of acrobatics. I thought this rather strange and checked my flight, noting one member missing. I learned later that Lt. Pattie's wingman had lost contact with him when wingman's engine cut out as he dropped wing tanks. Lt. Pattie apparently followed the FW-190s down, and I never saw him again following this encounter. I proceeded on to rendezvous with bombers.

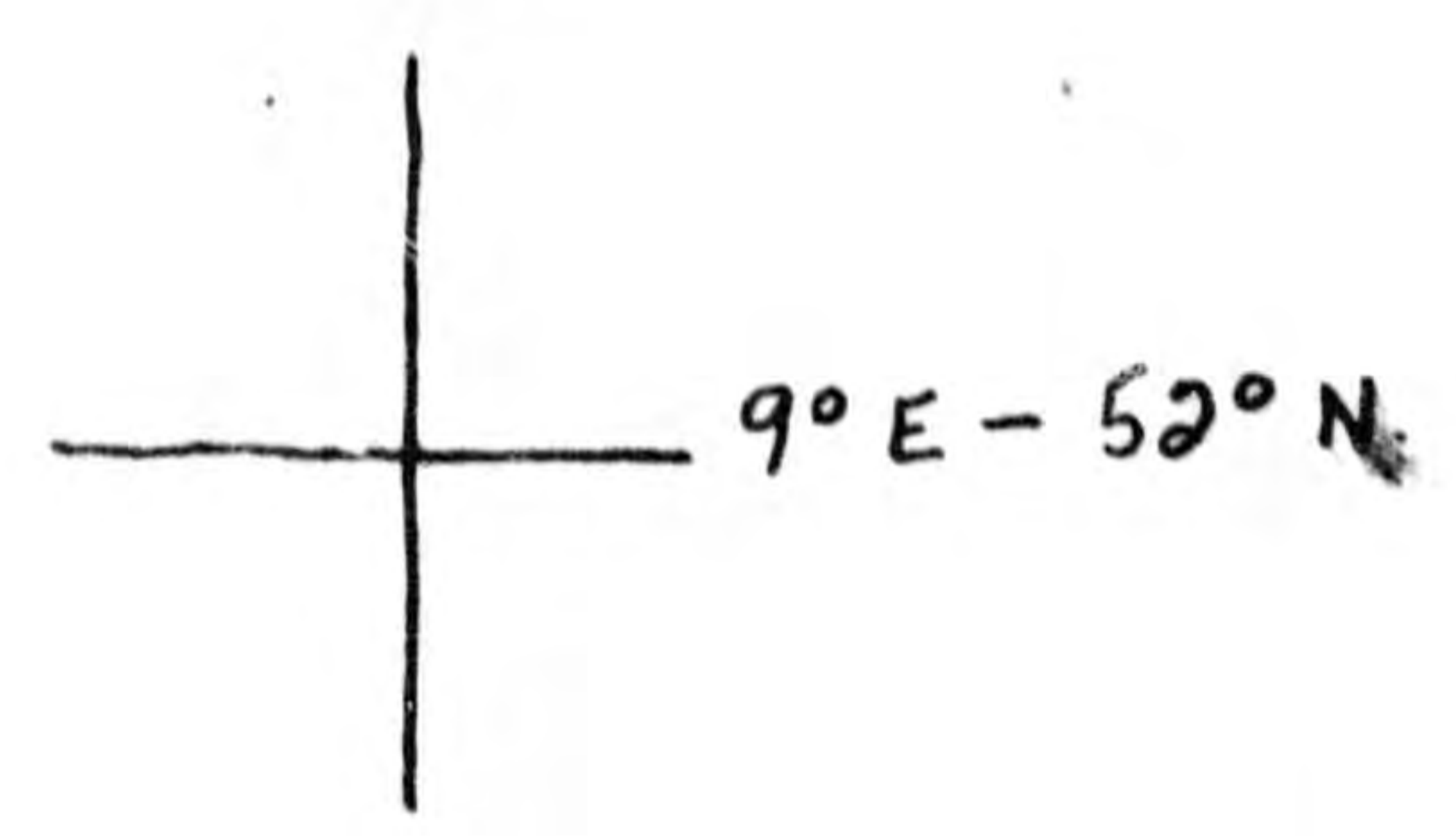
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John D. Mattie Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-730556
2. Organization 354th Gp ^{Ftr.} Commander Martin, K Rank Col Sqn CO Bradley, J Rank Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, escort, target, Brunschweig, Germany, target time, 1400, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, air.
_____, route flown air.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Nh of Hannover
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No other members in crew. Flying P-51
No answers to following questions as they are not applicable in my case/
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)