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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: RAF Sta 150 U.K.; Command or Air Force IX AF; Group 354th Ftr Gp; Squadron 353rd F Sq; Detachment None.
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure RAF Sta 150 U.K.; Course 240; Intended Destination Eastern Germany Area III; Type of Mission Fighter Sweep.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Several layers of clouds base 500-1000 ft. Top probably 30,000 visibility 2 to 3 *
4. GIVE: (a) Date 15 Apr 1944; Time 1410; Location In vicinity of Cape Arkona, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether Last Sighted; Last contacted by radio; Forced Down; Seen to Crash; or Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Airplane; Enemy Anti-Aircraft; Other Circumstances as follows: Unknown (Flight at which Lt Leab was a member went into cloud formation and when it emerged he could not be located) Aircraft did not return to base.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series P-51B-1; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-12177
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-3; A.A.F. Serial Number (A) 43-19194
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

(a) Make <u>Browning Machine</u> Type <u>C 12</u> Serial No <u>566145</u>
(b) Make <u>Gun Cal .50</u> Type <u>"</u> Serial No <u>562038</u>
(c) Make <u>"</u> Type <u>"</u> Serial No <u>562837</u>
(d) Make <u>"</u> Type <u>"</u> Serial No <u>566247</u>
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
(b) Non-Battle Casualty No
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 1; Passengers 0; Total 1
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, 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:	✓ Leab, Billy J	2nd Lt	0-813181
2.			
3.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SALE:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Bickel, Carl G</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-744600</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Yes</u>		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash No; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) None

* miles in rain.

- [REDACTED]
13. ATTACH SERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. See Incl (Overlay)
 14. ATTACH BREVIS DESCRIPTION OF SEARCHING AREA, OF OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. See Incl (Statement, Lt Bickel).
 15. ATTACH DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE. No search conducted
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Date of report: 19 April 1944

L. C. Christianson

L. C. CHRISTIANSON,
CWO, USA;
Adjutant.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

- 2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Overlay
Incl 2 - Statement (Lt Bickel)

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Subject: Missing Air Crew Report

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To : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division

Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of aircraft number 43-12197, of the 354th Fighter Group, Ninth Air Support Command.

For the Theater Commander

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND
Lt. Colonel, AGF,
Asst. Adjutant General.

1 Incl: Missing Air Crew Report, 354th Fighter Group
P-51B1 - Number 43-12197
15 April 1944

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353rd Fighter Squadron
354th Fighter Group
Station 150
APO 638

15 April 1944.

S T A T E M E N T

I was flying Green 3 in 353rd Fighter Squadron on strafing mission to Eastern Germany. At approximately 1400 we were getting ready to let down on target area. We hit instrument weather at this time. My wingman, 2nd Lt. Billy J. Lamb, was on my wing. As we went into the soup he closed up tightly. I made a gentle turn to the left of 10 degrees to avoid the rest of the flight. I leveled off and began my ascent. Lt. Lamb was still on my wing. The cloud became so thick I could not see my wing tips. When I got out of the real dense part, I looked out, but did not see Lt. Lamb. I called him but received no answer. I climbed to 20,000 feet and circled, but could not contact Lt. Lamb by radio. I set course for home at 1420.

Carl G. Bickel
CARL G. BICKEL,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

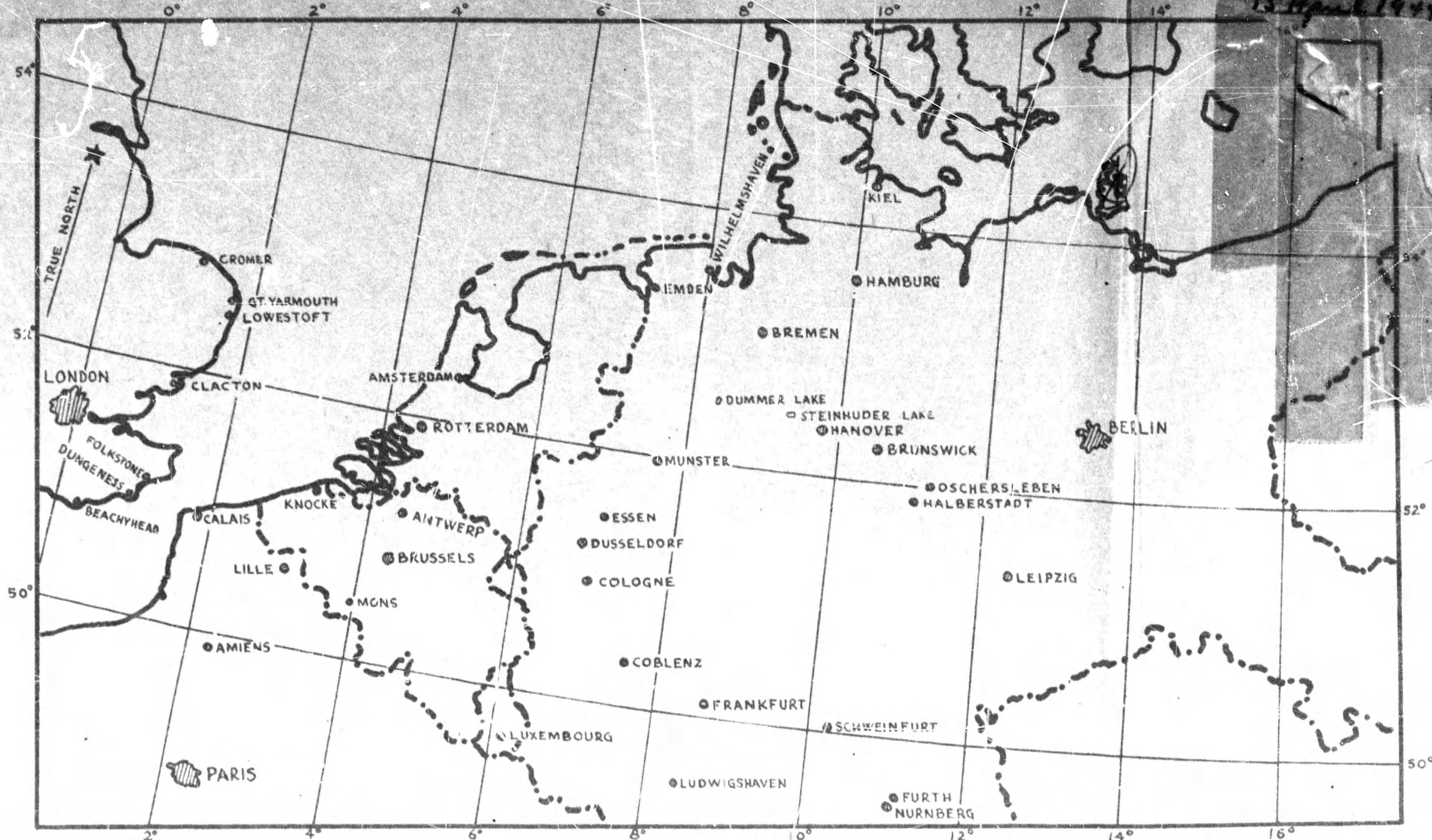
HEADQUARTERS, 354TH FIGHTER GROUP

MAP FOR MISSION NO: _____



APPROX. SCALE OF MILES AT 52° PARALLEL

DATE OF REVISION: 15 April 1944



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SCALE = 1:4,000,000

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