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 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
 WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

7800  
 Classification changed  
 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by P. A. HUNTER, Lt. Col., AG  
 by P. M. MUEN, MAR 15 1946 AC

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Wethersfield, Essex, Eng; Command or Air Force IX Bomb Comd  
 Group 416th Bomb Gp (L); Squadron as indicated; Detachment ---
  2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex; Course See Incl #1  
 Intended Destination Cassel Bridge, France; Type of Mission Operational
  3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Scattered clouds at 8,000 feet. Visibility 3 to 5 miles in extreme haze.
  4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 August; Time 2015 hours; and Location THIBERVILLE, France  
 of last known whereabouts of missing airplane  
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
 ( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not available.
  5. AIRPLANE WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one ( ) Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows Hit by flak over target area. Requested heading to emergency landing strips. Received same. Last seen in vicinity of Lisieux, Fr., flying on heading of 270°.
  6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A2UG-30; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-9717
  7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-154715  
 (b) 42-175098
  8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) 945727; (b) 946229; (c) 946047; (d) 946623  
 (e) 946158; (f) 946082; (g) 982019; (h) 981751
  9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
 8. (1) 981583 all Browning M-2, 50or (b) Non-Battle Casualty  
cal aircraft machine Guns.
  10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 3; Passengers 0; Total 3  
 (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<br>(Last Name First)                       | Rank          | Serial Number                |
|---------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Pilot      | <u>1022</u> <u>Parmer, Walter W. (Headquarters)</u>     | <u>Lt Col</u> | <u>0 217 49</u> <u>NIA</u>   |
| 2. Mech Gun   | <u>748</u> <u>Biskirk, Joseph A. (669th Bomb Sq(L))</u> | <u>Sgt</u>    | <u>12 064 124</u> <u>RPO</u> |
| 3. ARM Gun    | <u>612</u> <u>Hy, Jamie E. (669th Bomb Sq(L))</u>       | <u>Sgt</u>    | <u>14 142 496</u> <u>RTO</u> |
| 4.            |   |               |                              |
| 5.            |   |               |                              |
| 6.            |   |               |                              |
| 7.            |   |               |                              |
| 8.            |   |               |                              |
| 9.            |   |               |                              |
| 10.           |   |               |                              |
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

APPENDIX NO 1 A

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D. Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <b>NAPIER, JOHN G.</b>	<b>Major 0 431 478</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x</b>		
2. _____					
3. _____					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER "YES" TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

Unknown

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CIVIL NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

DATE OF REPORT 9 August 1944

**GEORGE SCHROCKEN**  
 Captain, Air Corps  
 Adjutant

- 2 Incls:  
 Incl 1 - Diagram (in quad).  
 Incl 2 - Eye Witness Statement.



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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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Airplane A28-030 49-9717

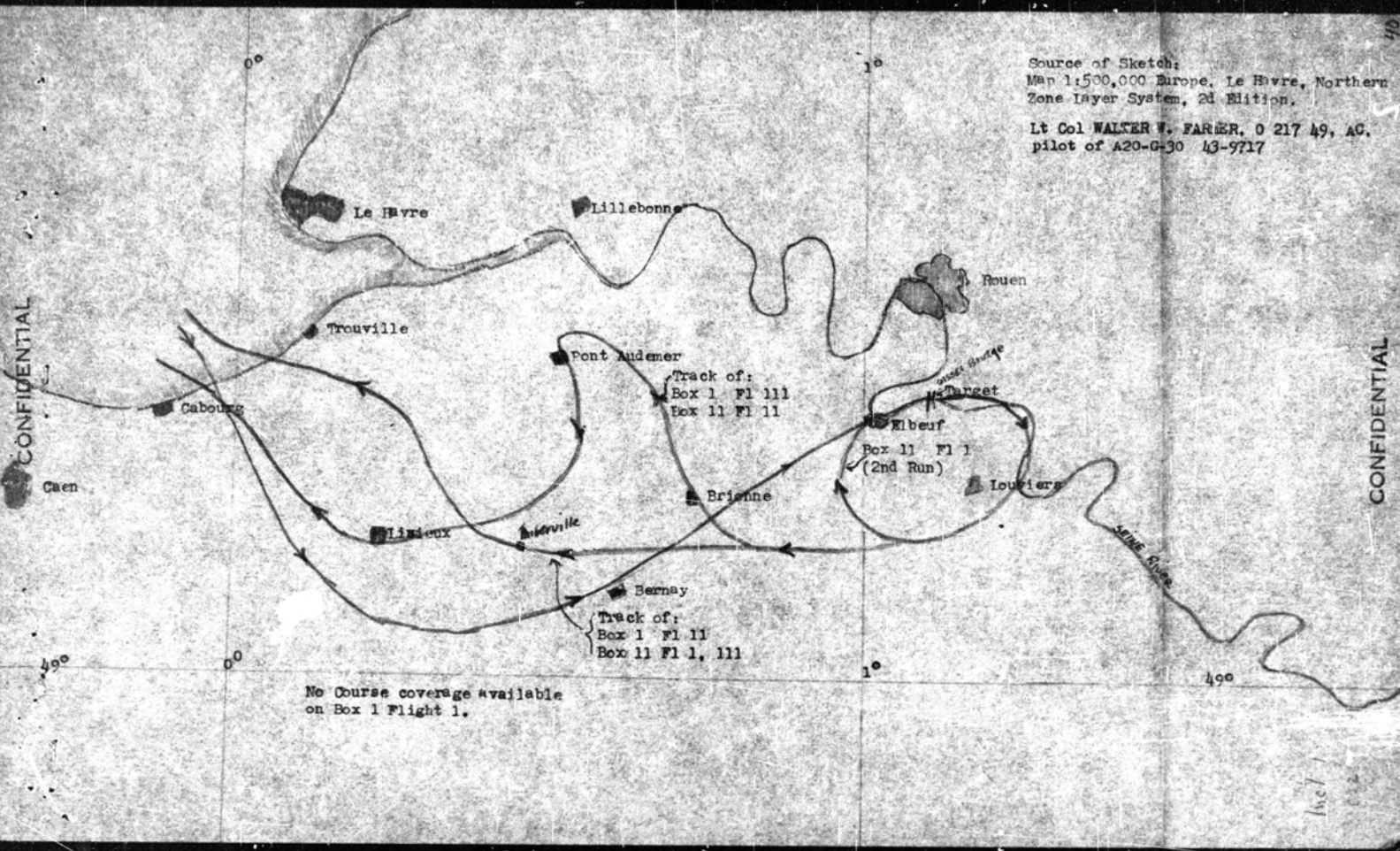
116th Bombardment Group (L)

Eye Witness Statement of: MAJOR JOHN G. KAPLAN O 431 478 AC

"After the second run over the target had been made, Lt Col Farmer contacted me on the radio and asked for a heading for emergency landing strips on the beach head. Our Bombardier-Navigator gave him the heading. A few minutes later, Lt Col Farmer again contacted me, reporting no oil pressure in either engine, and that his left engine was smoking. Said he didn't think that he could make it. Last saw him over Thiberville, near Lisieux, France, flying on a heading of 270 degrees at approximately 2015 hours losing altitude"

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Source of Sketch:  
Map 1:500,000 Europe, Le Havre, Northern  
Zone Layer System, 2d Edition.  
Lt Col WALTER W. FARMER, O 217 49, AC,  
pilot of A20-G-30 43-9717



No Course coverage available  
on Box 1 Flight 1.

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Ka 3011

Marauder 26

6. August 44

10 Km. northwest Berlin <sup>IV</sup> AY (Bure)

N. Ducourt

Anti Airforce (II)

H.Q. Airbase Bernay

Major Farmer, Walter W.

Transit camp Wetzlar  
inc. 29 Sept. 44

1 & 3 Escaping

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FORM 12

Ku 3011

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: L 31206 Air District Mail Office Paris

LOCATION: H.Q. Air base A 9/ XII Bernay Transitcamp Wetzlar 22 Sept. 44

DATE: 7. August 44 ~~xxxxxx~~

DATE AND TIME: 6. August 44 At 2019  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN "

PLACE OF CRASH: 10 Km. Northwest of Bernay (Eure) 800 North of Droucourt  
(NEAREST TOWN) on a fenced Pasture

KIND OF CAPTURE: By A.A.  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Marauder

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: not identifiable  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: not identifiable

EQUIPMENT: no found

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: Air plane crashed burning down, total destruction total  
burnt.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Crew major Walter W. Farmer Dead . 3 other crew members parachuted  
to safety and escaped

Distributor Transit camp A.F./ camp of interrogation of captured  
Chartres 1

Evaluation Point West  
inc. 25 Sept. 44 Reviser  
V.E.



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✓  
Lt. Col. Walter W. Farmer

Mrs. Marjorie F. Farmer (wife)  
712 South Vienna Street,  
Ruston, Louisiana.

✓  
Sgt. Jamie E. Hay

Mrs. Katie H. Hay (mother)  
Route Number Two,  
Scottdale, Georgia.

✓  
Sgt. Joseph A. Buskirk

Mrs. Veronica Buskirk (wife)  
1442 Bedford Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York.

MACR 7850

BUSHKIRK, JOSEPH A.

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RTD

14 AUG 44

Ship. No. 165

HAY, JAMIE E.

14142496

RTD

11 SEP 44

Ship. No. 183

