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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Ridgewell, England ; Air Force 8th AF ;
Group 381 Bomb (E) ; Squadron 534th Bomb (E) .

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Ridgewell, England ; Course From destination
Intended Destination Mulhouse, France ; Type of Mission Operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 Stratus Cumulus. Visibility unlimited

4. GIVE: (a) Date 3 August 1944 ; Time 17:10 ; and Location 51° - 20' N
04° - 00' E of last known whereabouts of missing Aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to crash; or () Information unavailable.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS 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

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial No. 42-32049 X .

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1320-97 ; AAF Serial No. (a) 43-63703
(b) SW-007104 (c) SW-006982 (d) 41-42881

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial Number.
Twelve (12) .50 Cal. Browning Type Machine Guns (1) 648798 (2) 638629 (3) 645547
(4) 638716 (5) 898912 (6) 650886 (7) 687041 (8) 726576 (9) 633547 (10) 638756
(11) 727693 (12) 726936

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers None
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position Name in full (Last Name First) Rank Number Serial

K/A	a. Pilot	K/A Wilcock, John C.	2nd Lt	0-751782	KIA
K/A	b. co-Pilot	Hutchinson, Stanley E.	2nd Lt	0-768106	MIA
K/A	c. Navigator	Marsh, Charles E.	2nd Lt	0-718375	MIA
K/A	d. Bombardier	Lucas, Norbert I.	2nd Lt	0-772064	MIA
K/A	e. Top Turret	Prinz, Alfred M.	Sgt	38365952	MIA
K/A	f. Radio Operator	Friel, Robert E.	Sgt	32479313	MIA
K/A	g. Ball Turret	Evans, Charles E.	Sgt	35630380	MIA
K/A	h. Waist Gunner	Ramsay, John A.	Sgt	39863035	MIA
K/A	i. Tail Gunner	Fall, Richard J.	Sgt	36876311	MIA

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h. _____
 i. _____
 j. _____
 k. _____

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

CHECK ONLY ONE COLUMN

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
A. Soale, Donald I.	1st Lt	O-514580			X	
B. _____						
C. _____						
D. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Number of Parachutes seen: None ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) It is doubtful if personnel survived

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

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. ATTACHED.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

DATE OF REPORT 5 August 1944

Howard N. Kesley
 (Signature of Preparing Officer) ASN
 T/ HOWARD N. KESLEY, 1st Lt, O-2044908
 Sqdn. 534th Bomb Sq. (H)
 Group 381st Bomb Gp. (H)



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534TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
381ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Squadron Surgeon
APO 557

M-W-1

9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Aircrew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. On 3 August 1944, 2nd. Lieutenant John C. Wilcock, O-751782, Pilot, 534th. Bombardment Squadron (H), 381st. Bombardment Group (H) was reported missing in action, having failed to return from an operational mission that date.

2. On 4 August 1944 this office was notified that the body of the above named officer had been picked up by the British Air Sea Rescue Base at Felixstowe, Suffolk, England. The undersigned called at Felixstowe for the body of this officer and identified him by photographs and identification tags.

3. I certify that the status of 2nd. Lieut. John C. Wilcock should be changed from missing in action to killed in action.

Ralph M. Wymer
RALPH M. WYMER,
Captain, MC
Squadron Flight
Surgeon.

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APO 557
5 August 1944
AAF Sta. 167

I certify that I, 1st Lt Donald I. Soale, O-814580, 534th Bombardment Squadron (H), 381st Bombardment Group (H), was serving as 1st Pilot on the mission of 3 August 1944 in B-17G, aircraft 43-37657 and submit the following statement concerning B-17G, 42-32049.

After passing through flak at the coast, Lt Wilcock, 1st Pilot on B-17G, 42-32049 who was flying on my right wing, feathered No. four engine and started falling back. This was the last I saw of him.

Donald I. Soale

DONALD I. SOALE, O-814580
1st Lt, Air Corps,
534th Bomb Sqdn (H)
First Pilot.

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2nd Lt Charles R. Marsh

Mr. Elmer W. Marsh, (Father)
4400 Newport Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia.

2nd Lt John C. Wilcock

Mrs. Margaret L. Wilcock, (Wife)
6 Barrows Street,
Stratford, Connecticut.

2nd Lt Stanley E. Hutchinson

Mrs. Mary E. Hutchinson, (Wife)
25 West 51st Street,
Long Beach, California.

2nd Lt Norbert I. Lucas

Mrs. Rose E. Lucas, (Mother)
927 Clifford Avenue,
Rochester, New York.

Sgt John A. Ramsay

Mr. William A. Ramsay, (Father)
1560 East North Street,
Tucson, Arizona.

Sgt Charles R. Evans

Mrs. Helen Evans, (Mother)
3160 Johnstown Road,
Columbus, Ohio.

Sgt Robert F. Friel

Mrs. Mary E. Friel, (Mother)
266 Dartmouth Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Sgt Alfred E. Prins

Mrs. Dora Prins, (Mother)
Route Number Four,
Elgin, Texas.

Sgt Richard J. Fall

Mrs. Pauline Fall, (Mother)
Box Number 73,
Rosebush, Michigan.

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Ship. No. 154

WILCOCK, JNO. C.

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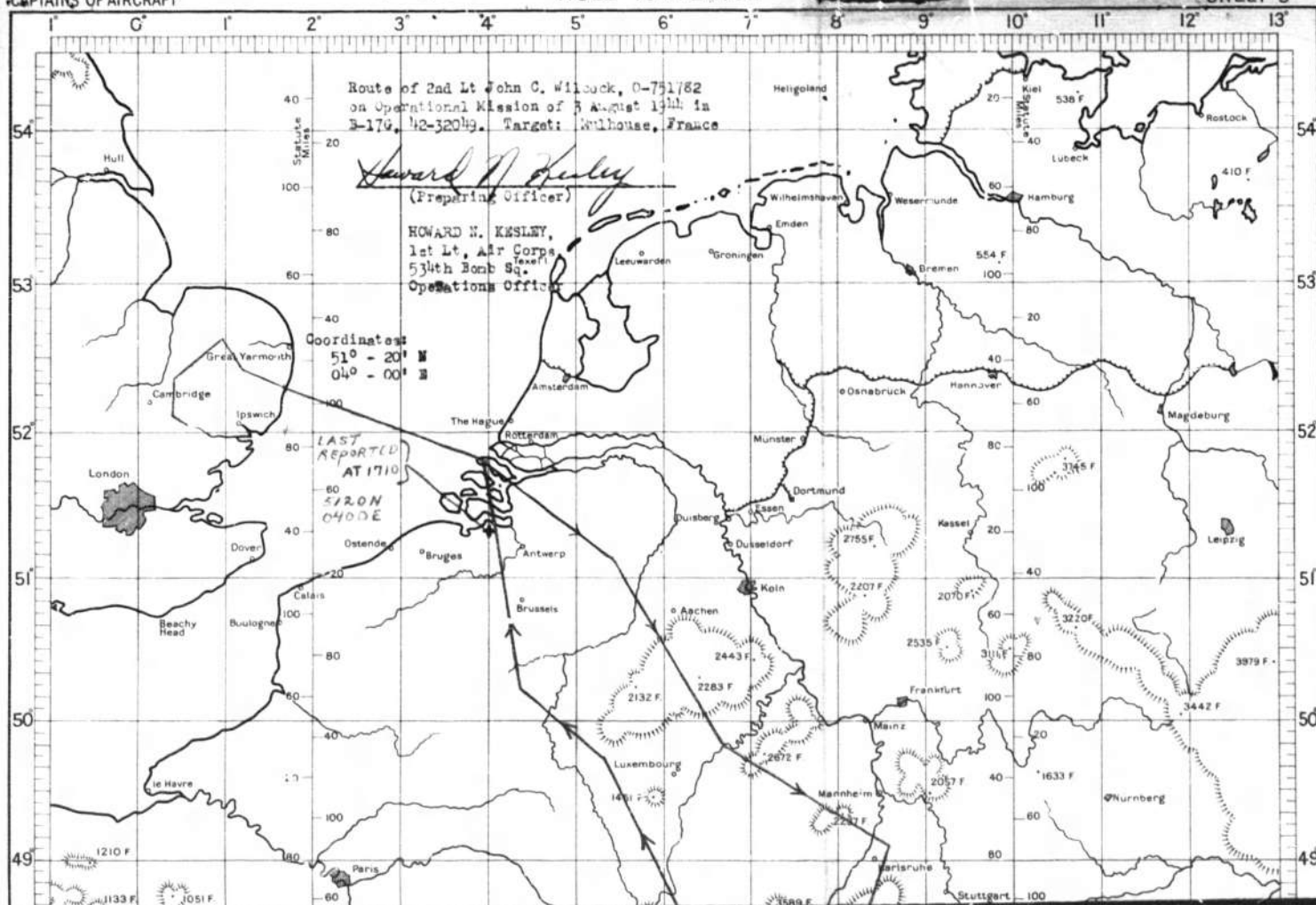
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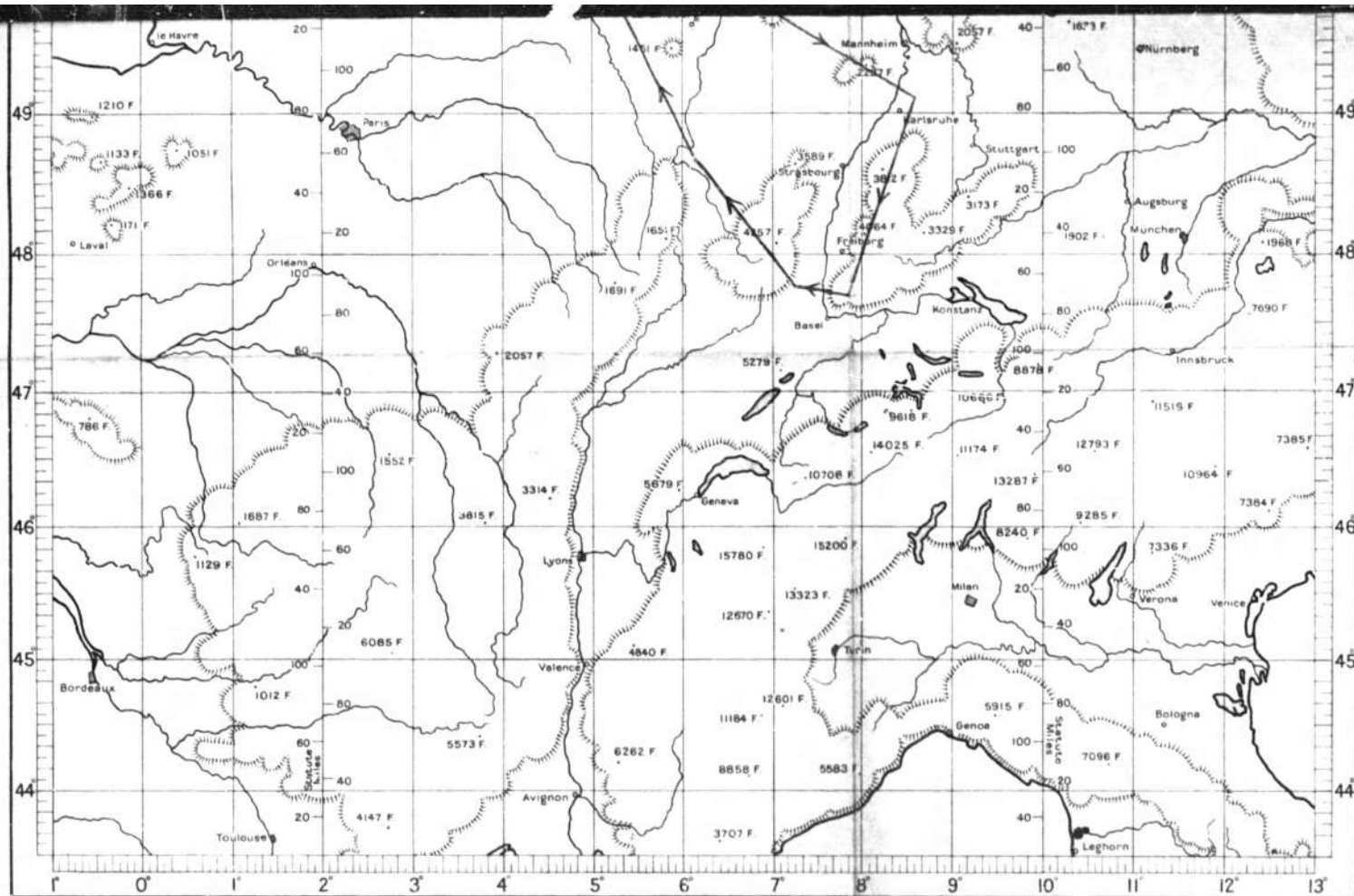
Route of 2nd Lt John C. Wilcock, O-751782
on Operational Mission of 5 August 1944 in
B-17G, 42-32049. Target: Mulhouse, France

Howard N. Kesley
(Preparing Officer)
HOWARD N. KESLEY,
1st Lt, Air Corps
534th Bomb Sq.
Operations Officer

Coordinates:
51° - 20' N
04° - 00' E

LAST
REPORTED
AT 1710
5120N
0400E





HEIGHTS IN FEET

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Scale - 1:2,890,000 (approx) at 56° N.