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NINETY SECOND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Group Navigator E-P-10

APO 634,
2 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Navigational Report of Operations 2 March 1944.

TO : Operations Officer, 92nd Bombardment Group (H) AAF, APO 634.

1. A summary of the operational mission of March 2, 1944, by the 92nd Bomb Group (H) is herewith presented. 15 B-17's, including 3 spares, took off at 0834 hours, climbing on assigned mag. heading, and assemblying on the 40th Combat Wing buncher at 18,000 ft., flying as lead and high squadron of Composite High Group of 40th Combat Wing. The high squadron was furnished by 306th Bomb Group (H). Assembly was as asheduled, departing Base 1005 (1 Minute early) ahead of Combat Wing, a dog-leg to South of assembly leg, and rendezvous with Combat Wing, on reaching Banbury 1021.

The take off for 19 B-17's occurred at 0846 hours, climbing on assigned mag. heading of 270°, and assemblying on 40th Combat Wing buncher at 14,000 ft., flying as Low Group of 40th Combat Wing. Assembly was as scheduled, departing Base 1007 (1 minute late), and rendezvousing loosely in Combat Wing formation along first assembly leg, Base to Banbury.

2. Route followed by High Group: 5 mi. E. Banbury 1021, 4 mi. E. of Oxford at 1026, 5 mi. N.E. of Reading at 1030, 51°07'N 00°03'W at 1041, 51°03'N 00°25'E at 1045, Hastings at 1049, 50°04'N 01°23'E at 1103, 49°55'N 04°05'E at 1127, 49°57'N 07°00'E at 1153, 50°13'N 08°00'E (I.P.) at 1202, target at 1208, 50°40'N 08°40'E at 1225, 50°32'N 05°14'E at 1400, 51°10'N 04°08'E at 1437, 51°36'N 03°40'E at 1458, Clacton at 1538, Base at 1614, and landed at 1620.

Route followed by Low Group: 3 mi. E. Banbury at 1021, 2 mi. E. Oxford at 1026, 4 mi. N.E. Reading at 1030, Eastbourne at 1050, 50°09'N 01°29'E at 1103, 49°55'N 04°05'E at 1127, 49°57'N 07°00'E at 1153, 50°13'N 08°00'E (I.P.) at 1202, target at 1208, 50°40'N 08°40'Eat 1225, 50°33'N 04°42'E at 1414, 51°10'N04°08'E at 1437, 51°36'N 03°40'E at 1458, 51°15'N 01°38'E at 1534, Base at 1620, and landed at 1626.

3. Deviation of proposed route was due to following lead Group. Navigation difficulties were constant easing and cloud cover. Gee operated to 02°40'E going in, and 03°50'E on return. Bombing was on flares of Lead Group. The attached log and track chart explain the route.

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FLIC PLAN

PILOT 92nd BOMB GROUP (H) AAF NAVIGATOR _____ DATE (" 2 March 1944.

Low 0811 0831 0846
High STATIONS 0759 ENGINES TAX 0819 T.O. 0834

LEAVE BASE 1003 - Low, 15,000 & High 18,000
COAST OUT
ENEMY COAST
I.P.
TARGET
ENEMY COAST

SUN		MOON		TWILIGHT	
Rises	Sets	Rises	Sets	AM	PM

WATCH ..... Fast / Slow RATE ..... secs / hour Gaining / Losing

At ..... G.M.T.

FROM / TO	W/V UESD	HEIGHT	IAS MPH /K	T.A.S. (K)	COURSE	DRIFT	TRUE HDNG.	VAR.	MAG. HDNG.	C.S.	DIST.	TIME	E.T.A.	CELESTIAL DATE TIME BODY ALT. AZI.
Base	320	5,000 -9	150											
T.P.	30	10,000		136	247	12	259	11	270	124	67	33	High	
"	310	14,000 -23	150										Group	
Base	62	18,000		158	60	-22	38	11	49	167	67	27		
Base	320	4,000 -7	150											
T.P.	28	8,000		134	248	11	259	11	270	123	51	25	Low Group	
"	320	11,000 -31	"											
Base	50	14,000		149	60	-19	41	11	52	149	51	22	1006	
"	310	16,000 -27	"											
Banbury	72	16,500		165	250	22	272	11	283	116	29	15	1021	
[illegible] "	305	17,200												
[illegible]/ Oxford	78	18,500		170	168	16	184	11	195	224	19	06	1027	
"	305	18,000 -31												
Reading	78	19,000		172	149	9	158	11	169	244	21	05	1032	
"	300	20,000 -35												
Spl #9	85	21,000		178	138	9	148	11	159	255	41	10	1042	
"	300	-37												
Beachy Head	85	21,000		180	122	1	123	11	134	264	23	06	1048	1050
"	295	22,000 -39	150											
50°00'N 01°20'E	81	25,000	130	186	136	9	145	9	154	268	60	14	1104	
"	290	-43	150											
50°00'N 07°00'E	95	24,000	130	190	90	-10	80	8	88	278	218	47	1151	
"														
50°15'N 08°00'E(IP)	"	"		"	69	-19	50	6	56	252	41	10	1201	
"														
Target	"	"		"	110	0	110	6	116	287	25	5	1206	
"	295	22,000 -40	180											
50°25'N 08°35'E	90	20,500	139	199	355	-23	332	6	338	139	19	8	1214	
"	300	20,000 -35	155											
50°28'N 04°50'E	86	19,000	135	180	272	14	286	7	293	100	144	1:26	1340	
"	300	-35	155											
51°07'N 02°40'E	85	19,000	135	179	296	2	298	8	306	96	91	57	1437	
"	320	11,500 -22	170											
Claston	57	4,000	148	175	305	5	309	9	318	119	68	34	1511	
"	330	-1	155											
Base	24	2,000	135	136	292	7	299	10	309	117	72	37	1548	

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Base	320	4,000	150												Low Group		
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FLIGHT RECORD

TIME	COURSE	W/V USED &/OR D.R. DRIF	TRUE HDNG.	MAG. HDNG.	NAVIGATIONAL OBSERVATION HIGH	GENERAL OBSERVATION	I.A.S. M.P.H. /K	HEIGHT & AIR TEMP.	T.A.S.	RUN DIST.	RUN TIME	G.S.	TO RUN DIST.	TO RUN TIME	E.T.A.
1005				290	Base.			18,000							
1021				195	Banbury 5 mi. E.			18,700							
1026				190	Oxford 4 mi. E.			19,700							
1030				175	Reading 3 mi. N.E.			20,400							
1041				150	51°07'N 00°03'W.			22,400							
1045					51°03'N 00°25'E.			23,000							
1049				150	Hastings.	English coast.		23,600							
1103				90	50°04'N 01°23'E.	Enemy coast.		25,700							
1117					49°55'N 02°56'E.			25,800							
1127					49°55'N 04°05'E.										
1153				40	49°57'N 07°00'E.										
1202					50°13'N 08°00'E.	I.P.									
1208				160	Target. Bombs away.	Left turn.		26,000							
1225				320	50°40'N 08°40'E.			22,000							
1306					50°33'N 07°16'E.			21,500							

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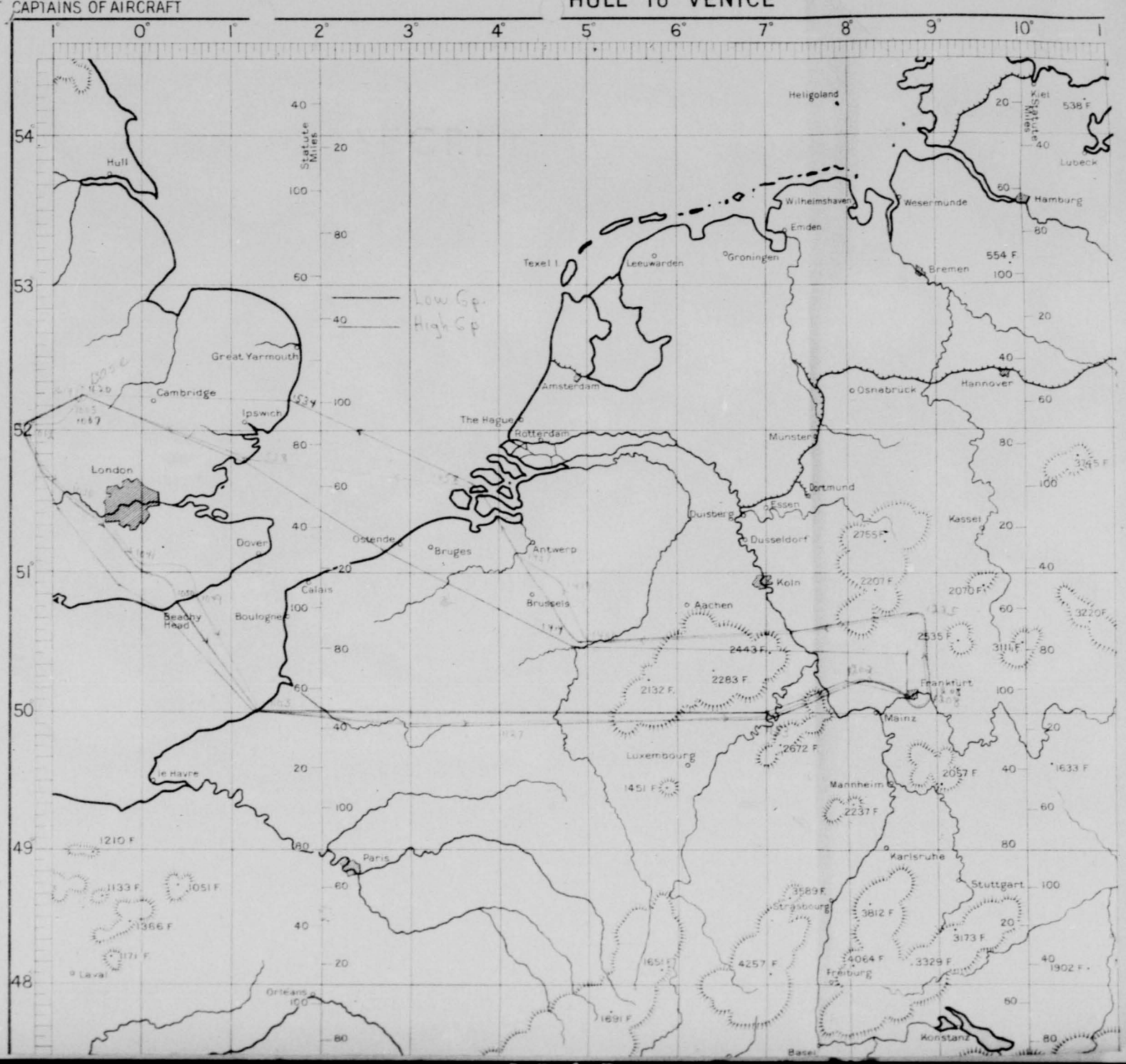
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1350					Liege 4 mi. S.										
1400				320	50°32'N 05°14'E.										
1437				340	51°10'N 04°08'E.										
1458				338	51°36'N 03°40'E.	Enemy coast.		21,300							
1538				270	Clacton 3 mi. N.			2,000							
1614				[illegible]	Base.			1,000							
1620					Landed.										
					LOW										
1007 [illegible]				270	Base.		190	-20 15,000							
1021				200	Banbury 3 mi. S.	Wing assem. complete		17,000							
1026				190	Oxford 2 mi. S.		17,300	-25							
1030				175	Reading 4 mi. N.E.										
1045				150	Spl #9.			-29 19,600							
1050				180	Eastbourne.	IFF off Eng. Coast. 1035		21,200	180			264	60	14	1104
1103				90	50°09'N 01°29'E.	Enemy coast. Flak.		24,000				270	218	47	1150
1117					49°55'N 02°36'E.										
1127		293 96			49°55'N 04°05'E.			23,800	199						
1153				40	49°57'N 07°00'E.										
[illegible] 1202					50°13'N 08°00'E.	I.P.									
1208				145	Target	Left turn		24,000							
1225					50°40'N 08°40'E.			20,300							
1306				320	50°33'N 07°16'E.										
1350					Leige 4 mi. S.										
1414				310	50°33'N 04°42'E.										
1437				340	51°10'N 04°08'E.										
1458				338	51°36'N 03°40'E.	Enemy coast.		20,000							
1534				265	51°15'N 01°38'N	English coast.		2,000							
1620					Base.			1,000							
1626					Landed.										

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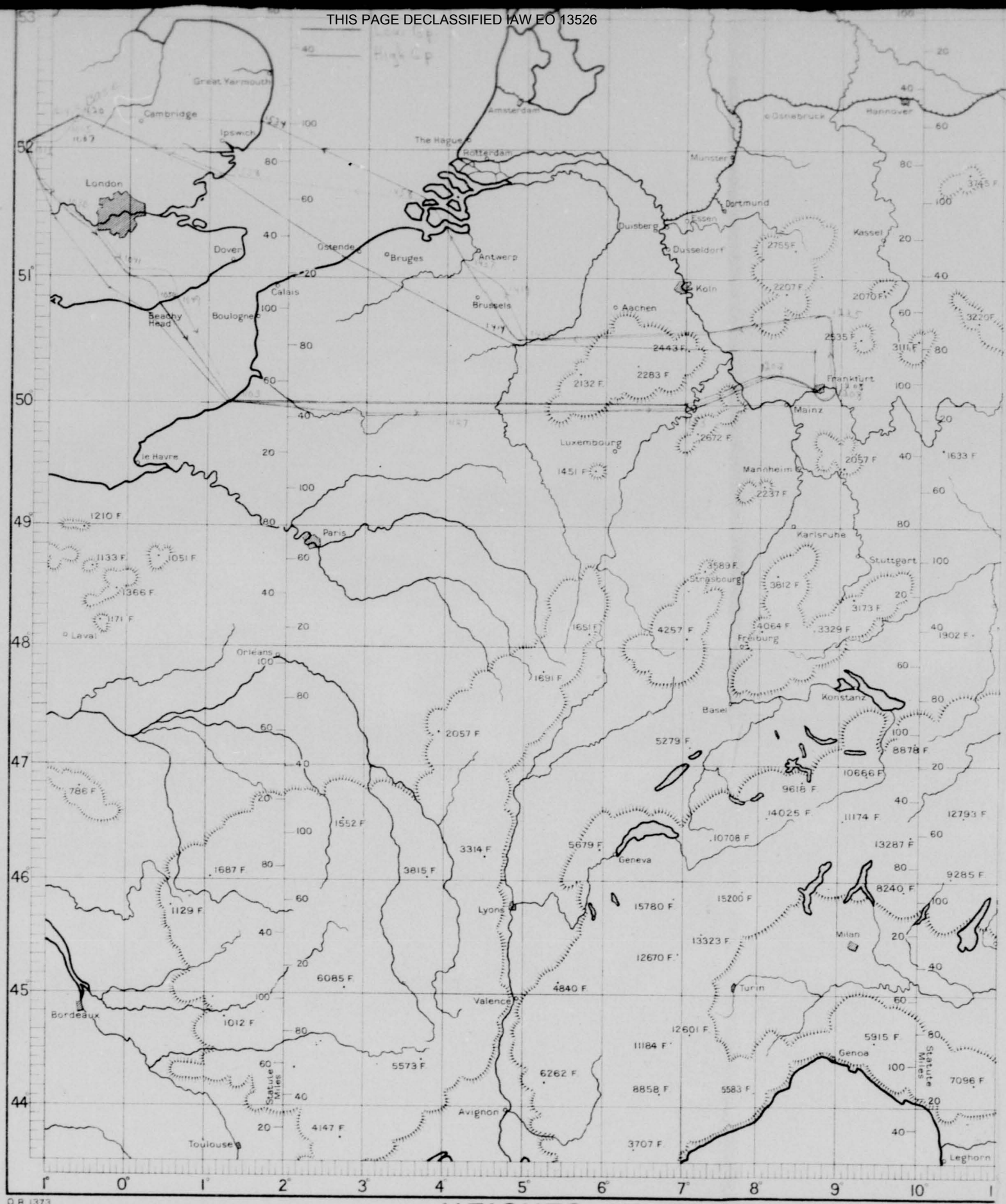
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