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LYING four miles up and from an aqueduct which carries barges 200ft. long. bombing through solid cloud, American Liberators blasted the wall of a great German canal and drained it dry for three miles.

The raid was made last Thursday, but full details could not be obtained until reconnaissance planes had made, their photographic survey.

This had been done and the story of this new blow to vital enemy war transport was released.

The target was Mittelland Canal near Minden, in Central Germany, and the success of the raiding force, which had to be navigated solely on instruments for over 350 miles, is hailed as a triumph of blind bombing.

The Liberators flew above dense cloud layer all the way from their bases and back. Not once did the crews see ground.

Reconnaissance pictures show that a 2,000lb bomb scored a direct hit on the wall about 600ft. the canal over the Weser River at Minden.

Water rushing through an 85ft. breach swept with it five barges and three tug-boats and left them sitting in a field.

Altogether 20 barges and 10 tugboats were left stranded in the dry canal bed or washed out of the canal

The amount of traffic is indicated by photographs covering about 23 miles of the canal. In this distance over 300 vessels are seen, about two-thirds of them

The Mittelland Canal is the important east-west waterwa

It connects Berlin with the valley and the Rhineiand. its tributary canals and rive carries war supplies from B. Magdeburg, Hanover, Bruns and many other cities in Ce Germany to the armies in West.

In the other direction it ca coal and the products of Ruhr's heavy industries to p in Central and Eastern Gern

ANYONE knowing the whereabouts of Rahbe, Harold R., last known living in Shelton, Conn., or Scheivert, Bernell L., last known living in Spring Grove, Pa. Contact Cheryl Williams Hall; daughter of 2d Lt. Sherrill R. Williams who was the pilot of a B-17 Bomber in the 457th Bomb Group, 751st Squadron and who died-during a flying mission over Munster, Germany, March 24, 1945. Rahbe and Scheivert were surviving crew

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