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15 October 1943.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Report.

To : Commanding General, First Bombardment Division, APO 634,
(Attention: Statistical Control).

1. In compliance with letter S.D.A.S.I., AG 360.33 (5-21-43),
CD-S-AF.M., subject as above, dated 23 May 1943, and letter HQ., VII A.F.,
same subject, dated 18 September 1943, the Missing Air Crew Report for
mission 14 October 1943 is herewith submitted.

For the Commanding Officers

James J. Schuyler
Major, Adjutant.

319.1 1st Incl. G-2-3
(Missing Aircrew Report, dtd 15/20/43, A/C # 42-29477).

Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 17 October, 1943.

TO: CG, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634. (Att: Statistical Control Section).

J. P. J.
H. P. J.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army.

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TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U. S. Army.

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319.1 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U.S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, 30., HTO 34, APO 871, U.S. Army.

OCT 17 1943

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Incl. AG File 360.33 (5-23-43)
date: 3 Nov 1943.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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AG 360.33 4th Ind.
Re: SCS, HTOUSA, APO 871. 2 November 1943.

CAF/re

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

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943, file
AG 360.33 (5-21-43) CS-6-2F-4.

For the Commanding General:

C. A. Fisher
C. A. FISHER,
Captain, AF;
Asst Adj Gen.

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AI No. 43-29477 B) (2 pages) (Dup w/d)
Incl 2 - Map (Dup w/d)

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MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Holmsworth; Command or Air Force VIII AF
Group 33rd; Squadron 33rd; Detachment _____

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Holmsworth; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Schwabach, Germany; Type of Mission Recon

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST SIGHTED:
By ice or medium cloud 2-3/10 cirrus at 30,000 - Visibility 10 miles.

3. GIVE: (a) Date 14 Oct 43 Time 1451; and location 49° 54'N - 10° 33'E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or (X) Information not Available.

4. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____

5. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29477 B

6. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series -1820-9 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-60651 B
(b) 43-64874; (c) 41-41957; (d) 41-56834

7. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 501880 HFS - 752149CPVA
(a) 752022 CPVA; (b) 752041 CPVA; (c) 752042 CPVA; (d) 752217 CPVA
(e) 407809 SAC; (f) 212107 SAC; (g) 112241 SAC; (h) 4481170M - 5703660M
4481170M - 5703660M - 752209CPVA

8. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty (X)
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

9. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(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	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>SEE ATTACHED SHEET</u>		
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

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

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1. _____						
2. _____						
3. _____						

11. 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) _____

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

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

14. 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 15 October 1943

[Signature]
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOHN L. HARRITT, Major, A.I., Group 3-2.

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT (CONT'D)

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	
1. Pilot	SANDERS, Roy C.	2nd Lt. ✓	0-472447	RTD
2. Co-pilot	✓ NOVASH, Henry F.	2nd Lt. ✓	0-478313	RTD
3. Navigator & Left Nose Gun.	WOOD, Jordan S.	2nd Lt. ✓	0-483367	RTD
4. Bombardier & Right Nose Gun.	FRED, Phillip A.	2nd Lt. ✓	0-470231	RTD
5. Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.	RYAN, Joseph A.	T/Sgt. ✓	13080698	RTD
6. Ass't Eng. & Right Waist Gun.	CANL, Martin V. ✓	Sgt. ✓	32427521	
7. Radio Oper. & Radio Gunner	TRIST, James G. ✓	T/Sgt. ✓	34279632	RTD
8. Ass't Rad. Oper. & Bell Tur.	KAFNER, Mathias J. ✓	S/Sgt. ✓	37313045	HTD
9. Tail Gunner	COCKRON, Alfred S. ✓	S/Sgt. ✓	38229733	
10. Left Waist Gunner	SMITH, Riker E. ✓	S/Sgt. ✓	35742025	RTD
11. Photographer	HARTIN, Wallace G. ✓	Sgt. ✓	31042254	RTD

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TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date OCT. 14, 43

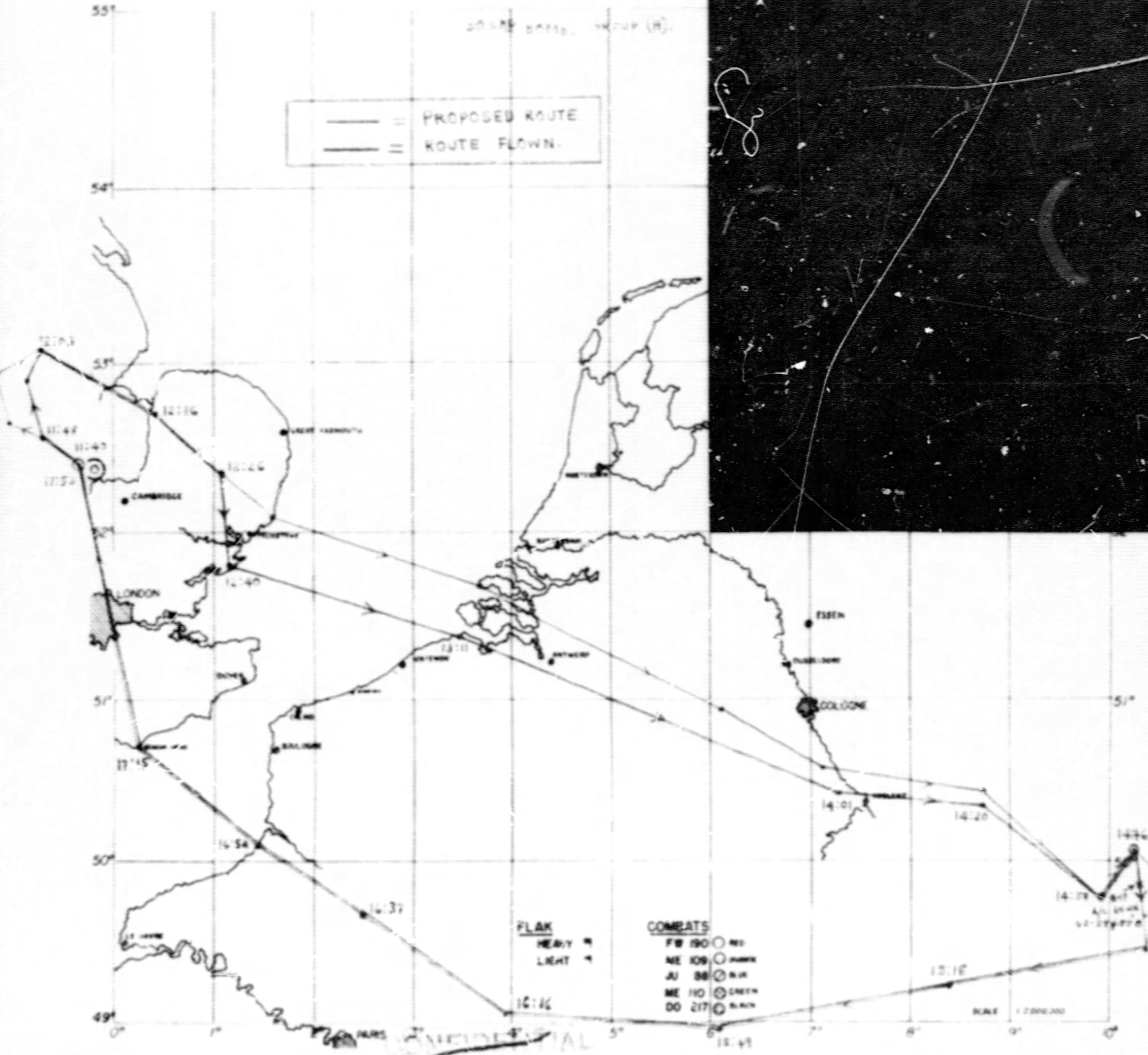
Primary SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

SCALE 1:200,000

— = PROPOSED ROUTE
— = ROUTE FLOWN



FLAK
HEAVY
LIGHT

COMBATS
FW 190
ME 109
JU 88
ME 110
DO 217

SCALE 1:200,000

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not just CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Martin Walden rank 1st Lt Serial No. 302257
2. Organization 3d Gr Commander rank 1st Lt S/O Whitell rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. That was the mission, Schweinfurt, target, ball bearing, target time, 2:30, altitude, 29 thousand route scheduled, same, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? was just came off target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All I know about bailing out is that Smith in left window jumped out together
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I don't know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 4 above and individual questionnaires) I should say Smith and Beckman
11. Where were they in aircraft? tail in the window tail
12. What was their condition? Very bad
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? in their regular positions Beck
Beckman made jumps and jumps together with
any one in the same place. The ball
bearing gunner went with Smith and Beck
man by
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. know the pilot and
co pilot Bombardier Navigator in aircraft which
was in same confinement was crew of other aircraft

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Cerill, Martin V.
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 32227521
 Position: Crew (Observer) or Flight (Fighter): 1st Lt. Eng. n. on Right #1st Gunner

Did he bail out? I don't think he did

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was hit the stomach by a German

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He bailed

out and
there were other soldiers in the plane

Was he injured? Yes in the stomach

Where was he when last seen? laying down by the right window

Any hearsay information: I would say he could not bail

out as he had his chest on the ground

and he was still in the plane

when it was hit

and he was killed

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was

hit in the stomach

and he was killed

and he was killed

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his last mission

Dates and destinations if possible: He was on his last mission

on the 10th of October 1943

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CARLL, Martin V.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32427521
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Ass't Engineer and Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? r

If not, why not? I took him for dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The
Bombadier ask the pilot to try and get in ^{formation,}

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? By me, Covered on floor of ship.

Any hearsay information: Pilot went through to waist before
bailing out. Carll was not in ship.

Source: Pilot's Co-pilot.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Carll was
hit by rocket and layed between my legs for at
least 20 minutes. I took him for dead upon trying
to catch his heartbeat. Fighters were on us all
this time.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes, France, Sept ¹⁶ 43 - Nantes, France
Sept ²³ 43 - Emden 30th Sept. 43 - Bremen, Oct. 2, 43 - Anklam,
Oct. 9, 43 - Munster, Oct. 10, 43 - Schwiebfurt, Oct. 14, 43

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COCKBURN, Alfred E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 38229733
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? He was the first hit. Tail plane did not

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ask pilot to try to get back in formation
permit my entrance to him.

ask pilot to try to get back in formation

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In his tail position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Died in

plane as far as known.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Carl's

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name K. Smith, Riker K. rank T/Sgt Serial No. 35742025
2. Organization 309 Op Commander rank — Sqn (D) ~~309~~ Mitchell rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Oct. day 14th did you go down?
4. What was the mission Schwienfurt to col. Bull-Beaming Ph target
time, 2.45 pm, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, South of
Lorraine North Base route flown Same - South of Ruhr.
5. Where were you when you left formation? On turn at target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North east of Stuttgart.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Tail gunner
as far as was learned later. (Croschum)
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail
12. What was their condition? Fataly wounded, to my knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Ball turret gunner (Matthias Kremer) wounded,
helped out of ball. My oxygen was gone, interphone
gone and wounded necessitated me to leave ship.
As far as known ship was not hit from bomb bay
forward with eruptions of two engine's wings.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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One stabilizer cut off to fuselage. Fin almost completely gone. Two explosion holes in waist. Two engines gone. Hole in wing size of wash tub. ~~Oxygen~~ Oxygen shot out, spare bottle lost in explosion.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **CARL, Martin V.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32477521**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Ass't Engineer and Right Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? Don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded or Killed - Hearsay

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported

wounded by Left waist gunner

Was he injured? 30 mm. in chest - Hearsay

Where was he when last seen? On floor of plane beside gun - Hearsay

Any hearsay information: Information from Sgt. Smith - left

waist gunner - said he attempted to give Carl

first aid after a serious wound in the chest had

knocked Carl down - At last check there was no pulse

Source: Sgt. Smith, left waist gunner

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Presume Carl went down with the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: On 6th raid

Dates and destinations if possible: 1943 (1) Natter (2) Emden

(3) Bremen - Oct 8 (4) Aukland - Oct 9 (5) Münster - Oct 10

(6) Schweinfurt - Oct 14

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COOSEN, Alfred E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 34229733
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't Know

Where? _____

If not, why not? Don't Know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported
being out of ammunition.

Was he injured? Don't Know

Where was he when last seen? In tail gunner's position

Any hearsay information: Bombardier thought that he heard
Cockburn say he was hit.

Source: Philip A. Reed - Bombardier

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Presume he went down with the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: On 6th raid

Dates and destinations if possible: 194's (1) Nantes (2) Emden
(3) Bremen - Oct 8 (4) Auklamm - Oct 9 (5) Munster - Oct 10
(6) Schwein Fort - Oct 14

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wood, Gordon W. rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-683367
2. Organization 303 B Co Commander _____ rank _____ Sqd CO _____ rank _____
3. What year 1943 month Oct. day 14 did you go down? (fill name) (fill name)
4. What was the mission, Schwabiafurt, target, Ball Bearing Platoon target
 time, 2100, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Kallassal,
N. of Ruhr + Frankfurt route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? 15 min after target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - Every body else, except
2 missing men
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Real Nagash + Engineer
+ myself! bailed out nose hatch - Loaders out the bomb bay - Smith
radio operator, cameraman, + ball turret out waist.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Not far from Heikron
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Presump Carl
and Jackson
11. Where were they in aircraft? Waist + tail turret resp.
12. What was their condition? Either dead or wounded I presume
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? -
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. -

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CARLL, Martin V.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32427521
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Assistant Engineer and Right Waist Gunner~~ Ass't Engineer and Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? Over Germany Oct 14-1943 in Schweinfurt area

If not, why not? Shot in stomach

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: yes while being

shot near gun. Reported Carll shot

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? At waist gun position by the rear gunner

Any hearsay information: none

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: —

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 or 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 16 Sept 19

Sept 21 from Ender, Calif. Bremen, Germany Oct 1 Oct 14 Schweinfurt

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COCKERIN, Alfred E.
 Rank: S/Bgt.
 Serial number: 38229733
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? over Germany, Oct 14, 1943 Schwabenfurt Raid

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: called over

interphone and said he was hit between legs

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? when parachuted from plane to the ground

Any hearsay information: no

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: no

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 18 Sept 19

Sept 21 Sept 22 Sept 23 Sept 24

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Philip A. Peed Rank 1st Lt Serial no. 1-672291
2. Organisation 3rd AF 357th CG Commander _____ Rank Lt Sqn CO 4th MAW Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year: 1943 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Ball Bearings, target, Schweinfurt, target
time, 2:30 AM, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, X
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just after Bombs were
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but most of the crew
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No one bailed out. I was the only one who bailed out. I was the only one who bailed out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you not see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name-of crew member: CARR, Martin T.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3247521
 Position: Crew (Pomper) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Asst Engineer and Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? MUST HAVE, WALKED IN CLOUDS WHEN I BAILED OUT

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS UNABLE

TO MAKE CONVERSATION, TOO BADLY INJURED

Was he injured? YES, HEAD & NECK

Where was he when last seen? LYING ON CATWALK BETWEEN WAIST WINDOWS

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: NANTES, FRANCE 2, BREMEN/GER, OCT 2, 1943

ANKRUM, GER OCT 9, 1943) MUNSTER GER OCT 10, 1943) EMDEN (GER)

SCHAFFHOUT (GER) OCT 19, 1943

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COCKEIN, Alfred E.
 Rank: S/SGT.
 Serial number: 38229733
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HEARD TALKING

TO PILOT ABOUT BEING WOUNDED AND OXYGEN SUPPLY DESTROYED

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? TAIL GUN POSITION

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: UNKNOWN

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: NANTES FRANCE (1) BREMEN GERM (2, 1943)

ANKRUM GER OCT 9 1943) MUNSTER GER OCT 10 1943)

EMDEN GERMANY OCT 1943) SCHWEINFUR GERM OCT 4, 1943)