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GERMAN RECORDS

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Commanding officer air base
L. G. H. R. P. / near Gumbrecht

A. V. 11/11

Personal Casualty Report No. 11 - period covered: 11/26 to 12/1/43

Distribution: Direct to Army Information Office for War Casualties and Prisoners of War
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Shooting down of a Boeing Flying Fortress at Ranslage near Gumbrecht on 11/29/43
at 15.30

1. **Sgt. William C. STEELE - KIA** 15717933 Killed in (had a fatal crash
15/128 action
Buried on 12/1/43 at the cemetery of Hoope, New Field right - ROW 6 No. 5
2. — **David H. HOFFMAN KIA** - 12079615 Killed in (had a fatal crash
action
Buried on 12/1/43 at the cemetery of Hoope, New Field right - ROW 6 No. 5
3. — **Not Identified** As Above mentioned

The remains of the 3 engines were buried in one coffin

Commanding officer of air base Achmer near Gumbrecht, 12/1/43

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KJ 457 ✓

/s/ Serial 77

1st. Col. and commander.

MACR 1656
10 man crew
6-EUS
1-DOW
3-KIA

KU 457

Boeing Fortress, downed 29 Nov. 1943, 1530, near Quakenbrueck.

MACR 1656

KIA

STEELE, William C.
Dead

Rank: Sgt.

ASN: 15117933

10 man crew
6-EUS
1-DOW

KIA

HOFFMANN, David H.
Dead

ASN: 12079615

3-EUS

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Km 457 - Nov. 29, 1943 - Witness
Confirmation of
L.P. no. 105 538/43
of Dec. 22, 1943

Groves, James Nelson 2nd Lt.
born Oct. 13, 1919
Ident. Tag: O-687175
Lakenburg

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INSTALLED WEAPONS ----- AIRCRAFT #42-5483

- | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) 45772 KHW | (b) 450718 KHW | (c) 450246 HS | (d) 449043 KHW |
| (e) 142636 KHW | (f) 142642 KHW | (g) 448854 KHW | (h) 89415 FDGM |
| (i) 583618 HS | (j) 583352 HS | (k) 561804 HS | (l) 295453 CPFA |
| (m) 745579 CPFA | | | |

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Permyman, Will R.

Sgt. prisoner, wounded,
Location: a field hospital

Payton, Harvard S.

Sgt. prisoner, wounded, Location:
a field hospital

Hoffmann, David W.

Tag: 2 079 615, dead

Stele, William S.

Tag: 15 117 933, dead

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Johnson, Irwan Alfred

S/lt., born March 19, 1919. Tag:
37 314 652, prisoner

Kiebish Peter J.

S/lt., Tag: 31 191 848, prisoner

Marsh, Donnell Harrison

2 Lt. Tag 0-680 471, prisoner

Brumbeloe, Finis A.

Officer, Tag: 0-675 406, prisoner

RestrictedREPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPLACE: **Air Base Command A 51/XI Quakenbruck**DATE: **30 Nov 45**NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Marsh. Romell, H. A.S.N.: 0680471**

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Captain (Pilot)**PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **captured by no. of the Military Training Camp Henslage
time: 1530.**PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: -
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) **Bailed out of a Boeing Fortress, which were downed
on 29 Nov 45 near Henslage, time: 1510
downed by fighters.**

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

Confiscated items:

- 1 identification tag
- 1 New Testament and 1 picture
- 1 pocketknife
- 2 pants clasps
- 1 keyring with 7 keys
- 2 packages of chewing gum
- 1 flashlight-bulk.

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Restricted.REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A 51/XI**PLACE: **Quakenbrunn**DATE: **30 Nov 1945**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, one Boeing Fortress, Near Ranslage**
~~ENTREPRENEUR~~ AT: on 29 Nov 45, time: 1310NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **B F W H O L E**FIRST NAME: **Finis A.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-575406 T 43**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured, and transferred to P.O.W. Hospital Lingen on 29 Nov 45.**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **near Wierup, by civilian of Air Base, time: 1530**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **P.O.W. Hospital Lingen/222**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Configured items: Identification tag.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

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DATE:

TIME:

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DATE:

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TIME:

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THROUGH:

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REMARKS:

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transferred to Hospital Lingen on 29 Nov 1943. Transferred by Air Base Command Quakenbrueck. Names of dead: David H. Hoffman, A.S.N. 1 2079615 T 43.; William, S. Steele, A.S.N. 15117933 T 43. Name of third dead can not be identified. Interment took place by Air Base Command Hoespe. Salvage of enemy planes by Air Base Command Quakenbrueck Report on casualties with names will be made on form 11

Air Base Achmer I B A 6
(Downings) of 2 Dec 1943.

HOFFMAN, DAVID H. 12079615 - KIA
STEELE, WM. C. 15117933 - KIA

Third dead is:

GARNER, CHARLES D. 118778 0741157 - KIA
6-3224.17 (6)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

No. 1 525

ACCEPTED:

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DELIVERED:

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DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

3 Dec 45

THROUGH:

TIME:

0550

ROLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

P.

REMARKS:

- GEN -

Teletype SPAR No. 31, 2 Dec 45, time: 1750
 To Air District Command II, La Hanburg-Blankensee.
 Subject: Salvage of enemy planes.
 Downing of our Boeing Flying - Fortress on 29 Nov 45, time: 1500
 near Henslage near Quakenbrück, grid square
 (B-3 -Fighter section 37, by fighter. Markings and license No. unknown.
 10% loss by explosion and conflagration after crash. Number of crew-members
 according to list, which were found: 10 men, until now 3 prisoners and 3 dead.
 Prisoners: C/P. Pennell, E. Kaye. A.S.N.: 05018071.
 Flais A. Branteloe, A.S.N.: 0-01404. First prisoner was transferred to camp
 Glanberg on 20 Nov 45. The second prisoner is, because wounded, ---

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Flying Field Command 51/51

PLACE: QUACKENBUSH

DATE: 28 Nov 1943

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BRUNDELON

FIRST NAME:

VIEIS

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0-675406 AC

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Branch Hospital prison of LINCOLN/Mo

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

29 Nov 43 Mia

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RESTRICTED TRACK CHART

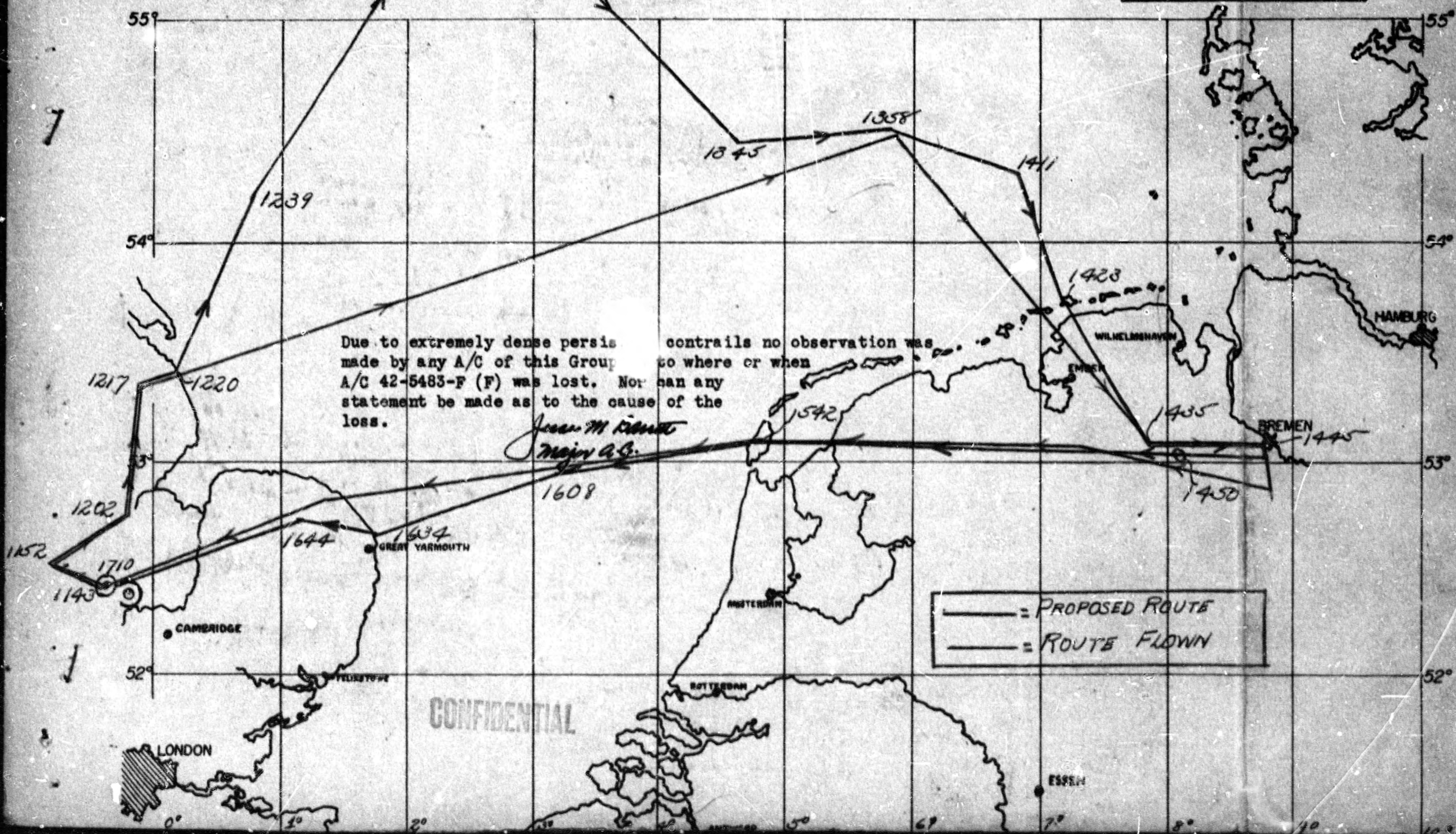
TARGET

Date 29, Nov, '43

Route followed by 303RD BOMB. GROUP (H)

Primary BREMEN - GRY.
 Secondary 1309
 Last Resort _____

_____	"	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	"	_____
_____	"	"	"	_____



Due to extremely dense persis contrails no observation was made by any A/C of this Group so where or when A/C 42-5483-F (F) was lost. Nor can any statement be made as to the cause of the loss.

Juan M. Cabrita
 Major A.C.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Prepared by
MIS-X Section
CFM Branch

DATE: 19 Sep 44

NARRATOR	: GROVES, James H., 2nd Lt.	SQUADRON	: 200 Bn.
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: 0-982175	GROUP	: 105 Bn.
HOME ADDRESS	: Bayfield, Colorado	TYPE AIRCRAFT	:
REPORT NO.	: 34	DATE OF MISSION:	: 29 Nov 43

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Pinis A. Brunbeloe	P/W Oflag 9-A/H
CO-PILOT	2nd Lt. Donald H. Marsh	P/W Stalag Luft I
NAVIGATOR	2nd Lt. James H. Groves	Narrator
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Charles Garneau	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	S/Sgt. (?) Johnson	P/W
ENGINEER	S/Sgt. Peter Kiebish	P/W Unstated
BALL TURRET GUNNER	Sgt. (?) Steele	MIA
ENGINEER-ASS'T	Sgt. James E. Payton	P/W Stalag 3-C
TAIL GUNNER	Sgt. (?) Perryman	P/W
(?)	(?) (?) Johnson	Unknown

KNOWN INFORMATION: I was shot down on 29 November 1943 about ten minutes out of Bremen, Germany and I landed near Vechta. Shell splinters from German fighters and flak had hit me about the face and caused temporary loss of sight in both eyes.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

DISTRIBUTION:

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AC/AS (PERSONNEL) -1

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate and forwarded to the appropriate Force organization within 48 hours of the date of the report, if the aircraft is officially reported missing.

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Lt. Col. J. H. ...
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ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 107th; Squadron 36th; Detachment -----
SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany; Type of Mission Bombardment

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
7-8/10ths Cloud, 15-18,000 Tops, Persistent Contrails.

NOTE: (a) Damage Nov 43 Time --- and Location ---
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.

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

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5463 - F

ENGINE: Type, Model and Series B2C-7; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-65341
(b) 41-41373; (c) 43-55809; (d) 42-81177

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) ---; (b) ---; (c) ---; (d) ---
(e) ---; (f) See Attached Sheet; (g) ---; (h) ---

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers ---; Total 10
(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
EWS 1. Pilot	BRUNELLO, FINIS A.	2nd Lt.	0-675406
EWS 2. Co-Pilot	MARSH, DONNELL H.	2nd Lt.	0-680471
EWS 3. Navigator	GROVES, JAMES B.	2nd Lt.	0-682175
NEB 4. Bombardier	GENEVA, CHARLES D.	2nd Lt.	0-741157
EWS 5. Engineer - <u>TTG</u>	KIERSE, PETER J.	S/Sgt.	31191848
DWS 6. Ass't. Engineer - <u>LWG</u>	PAYTON, HOWARD S.	Sgt.	35493395
EWS 7. Radio Operator	JOHNSON, IRWAN A.	S/Sgt.	37314657
RAA 8. Ass't. Radio Operator - <u>BTG</u>	STEELE, WILLIAM C. <u>371</u>	Sgt.	15117933
RAA 9. Gunner - <u>RWG</u>	HOFFMAN, DAVID H.	Sgt.	12079615
EWS 10. Gunner - <u>TG</u>	FERRMAN, WILLIAM R.	Sgt.	18163369

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	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
2. <u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>
3. <u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>

2. IF PERSONS 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) ---

3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached diagram.

4. ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None

5. 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 1 December 1943

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JESSE R. BARNETT (Signature of Preparing Officer)
Major, AC.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name FINIS A BRUMBELDE Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-675406
2. Organization 303rd Gp. 369 Sqn Gp Commander KERMIT D. STEVENS Rank Col. Sqn CO WALTER K. SHAYLER Rank 1st Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month NOVEMBER day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING MISSION ON BREMEN, target, BREMEN, GERMANY, target time, APP. 1200, altitude, BRIEFED AT 27,000' BUT WENT TO 21,000' route scheduled, OVER NORTH SEA AND SOUTH TO TARGET, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? AT "TAIL END" AND APP. 1000 YDS. BEHIND.
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? I do not know.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I do not know
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW THE NAVIGATOR Lt. JAMES N GROVES IN DALLAS MAR. 10, 1945 ON AAF TOUR TALKING PEOPLE OF CONDITIONS IN P.W. CAMPS. SAW TAIL GUNNER Sgt. W.P. PERRYMAN IN NEW YORK. HE RETURNED ON SAME SHIP AS MYSELF. WAS WOUND IN LEFT HAND!
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)