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Confirmation of

I.P. No. 381/404

9 Dec. 1944

Gilstrap, Raymond Morton

S/Sgt.

born May 9, 1924

Ident. Tag:

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Taken Prisoner

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Boeing Fortress II, downed 11 Jan. 1944, near the "Statthalter Hof", (Schaumburg Lippe).

GILSTRAP, Raymond M.
Wounded.

AS#: 17122344

SAVE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant Henry J. Eich, 0797978

TO: Commanding Officer
1010 AAF Base Unit
Atlantic City, New Jersey

1. It is requested that Second Lieutenant Eich be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was the radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Lieutenant Eich was pilot and was reported missing in action 31 January 1945 on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Lieutenant Eich's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey, who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

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N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

3K/201-Eich, Henry J. (O) 1st Ind NBC/he

Hq. AAF Redistribution Station #1, Atlantic City, N. J., 27 Aug 45

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division

1. 1st Lt. Eich verifies date of mission and target as per basic communication.

2. T/Sgt Daniel S. Harvey was seen to leave the plane and his parachute was seen to open, but through some unknown manner, he was never again seen by any member of his crew insofar as Lt. Eich knows.

ADDRESS REPLY TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Basic: Ltr, Hq, AAF, Washington, subj: Second Lieutenant Henry J. Mich, 0797978, dtd 11 Aug 45
1st Ind, Hq, AAFRS #1, 27 Aug 45 (continued)

Otherwise, Lt. Mich has no additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOSEPH T. STAKES
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

PART I Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Bunsdorf

DATE: 12 Jan. 1944

REMARKING: Crash of Boeing B 17
at: Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

EUS

MACR 1124

NAME: Hecklein

FIRST NAME: William

RANK: 2nd.Lt.

SERIAL NR.: 0-803099

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft Oberursel 13 Jan. 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 about 1600

s/ KEHAM

Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

FROM: Air Base Quadjenbroek

PLACE: Quadjenbroek

DATE: 12 Jan. 1944

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing B 17
at: Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

RMC

NAME: LEMSCH

FIRST NAME: Harry

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NR.: 32466235

MAC P 1924

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft, Oberursel 13. Jan. 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg Jan. 11, 1944 about 1630 hrs.

s/ HELMS

Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

Form 1.

REPORT OF CAPTURE OF PERSONS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

FROM: 1st Base Headquarters

PLACE: OBERURSEL

DATE: 12 January 1944

REMARKS: Crash of Boeing B 17
ab Rehborn, Rheinburg County.
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

NAME: SYKES

FIRST NAME: William G.

RANK: 2nd.Lt.

SERIAL NR.: 0-738669

REMOVAL: Transfer to Dulag Luft, Oberursel 13 Jan. 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Luxeuil - Belfort Jan. 11, 1944 about 1600 hrs.

s/ MEYER
Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Munster I

DATE: 12 Jan. 1944

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing B 17
at: Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

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NAME: CELONI

FIRST NAME: John P.

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL Nr.: 39006978

EUS

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft, Oberursel 13 Jan. 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg Jan. 11, 1944 about 1600 hrs.

s/ HELMS

Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

FROM: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Wunstorf

DATE: 12 Jan. 1944

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing B 17
At: Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 at 1930 hrs.

NAME: EICH, Jr

FIRST NAME: Henry J.

RANK: 2nd.Lt.

SERIAL NR.: 0-797918

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft Oberursel 13 Jan. 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg 11 Jan. 1944 about 1600 hrs.

s/ HELMS
Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

118213

Form 1.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Wunstorf

DATE: 12 Jan. 1944

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing B 17
at: Rehburg, Nienburg County.
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

NAME: ERDMANN

FIRST NAME: Delton C.

RANK: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NR.: 19146014

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft Oberursel Jan. 13, 1944

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg Jan. 11, 1944 about 1600 hrs.

a/ HELMS
Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

118215

FOR:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

FROM: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Knutsdorf

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing B 17
at: Rehburg, Nienburg County
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

NAME: CARROLL

FIRST NAME: James E.

RANK: 2nd.Lt.

SERIAL NR.: 0-735268

RESULT: Transfer to Dulag Luft Oberursel Jan. 13, 1944.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Loccum - Rehburg Jan. 11, 1944 about 1600 hrs.

a/ HELMS

Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

118216

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Nienburg

DATE: 15 Jan. 1944

MACR 1924

REGARDING: Crash of Boeing Fortress II
at: West of Steinhuder Meer (Steinhude Lake)
11 Jan. 1944 at 1330 hrs.

EUS

NAME: GILSTRAP

FIRST NAME: Raymond M.

RANK: Not found out

SERIAL NR.: 17122744

RESULT: On On Jan. 11, 1944 admission to Reserve Hospital Minden

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: At the Steinhude Lake in the afternoon of Jan. 11, 44.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Reserve - Hospital Minden (Station Hospital)

Remarks: Crewmember of one of the enemy aircraft that were shot down Jan. 11, 1944 west of the Steinhude Lake (Schaumburg - Lippe County). Close statements not possible

10 Man crew
9 EUS
1 KIA

s/ HELMS
Major and S taff Officer of the Air Base

118217

Form 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

FROM: Hq. Air Base

PLACE: Wunstorf

DATE: 9 Mar. 1944

REGARDING: Crash of Enemy Air craft.
at/ - - - - - 11 Jan. 1944

NAME: Harvey

FIRST NAME: Daniel B.

RANK: 1

SERIAL NR.: 35962782

RESULT: The body of H. was drifted ashore from the Weser at Nienburg Mar. 4, 1944. Arranged inquiries resulted that the body had been drifted off by the Weser at Hahnenberg (Nienburg County) 11. Jan. 1944.

PLACE AND DATE OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Wunstorf 7 Mar. 1944.

KIA 11 Jan 1944
SD Card 6575

s/ illegible
Major and Staff Officer of the Air Base

Basic: Ltr, Hq, AAF, Washington, subj: Second Lieutenant William G. Stein, 0738669, dtd 11 Aug 45

3K/201-Stein, William G. (O) 1st Ind FBC/he

Hq, AAF Redistribution Station #1, Atlantic City, N. J., 11 Sept 45

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC
ATTN: Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division

1. Second Lieutenant William G. Stein has this day been interrogated and verifies the date of mission as 11 Jan 45 and the target as Oschersleben, Germany.

2. He further advises that they were badly damaged by fighters and anti-aircraft on approaching and after leaving the target and to the best of his knowledge all members of the crew bailed out safely and while he did not personally witness the fact, Lt. Stein believes that Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey was killed by enemy action after parachuting safely to the ground.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JOSEPH T. STAKES
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

SAVE

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant William G. Stein, 0738669

TO: Commanding Officer
1010 AAF Base Unit
Atlantic City, New Jersey

1. It is requested that Second Lieutenant Stein be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Lieutenant Stein was bombardier and right nose gunner and was reported missing in action 11 January 1945 on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Lieutenant Stein's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

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Basic Ltr, Hqs. AAF Washington dtd 11 August 1945
Subject: S/Sgt. Harry Lenson, [redacted]

201.7 1st Ind. JJE/lrp

HEADQUARTERS FORT DIX ARMY AIR BASE, Fort Dix, New Jersey 15 August 1945

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., ATTENTION: CG, Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division, Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

In compliance with request contained in basic communication, S/Sgt. Harry Lenson, [redacted] appeared in the Intelligence & Security Office, this station, and was questioned. Attached herewith is statement given by Sgt. Lenson.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JEAN J. WIGSTROM
Captain, AC
Adjutant

1 Incl.
Statement

[redacted] Sqn, Hqs. APO [redacted] 11 August 1945
Subject: S/Sgt. Harry Lenson, [redacted]

203.7 1st Ind. 620/1Ap

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE, Fort Dix, New Jersey 15 August 1945

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. ATTENTION: Sp. Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division, Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

In compliance with request contained in basic communication, S/Sgt. Harry Lenson, [redacted] appeared in the Intelligence & Security Office, this station, and was questioned. Attached herewith is statement given by Sgt. Lenson.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.
Statement

[redacted]
Captain, AC
Adjutant

AAF

IN REPLY REFER TO:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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11 August 1945

201.1
SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Harry Lenson, 32466255

TO: Commanding Officer
Section K, 116 Base Unit
Fort Dix, New Jersey

1. It is requested that Staff Sergeant Lenson be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Sergeant Lenson was the engineer and top turret gunner and was reported missing in action on 11 January 1945, on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Sergeant Lenson's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed
N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

HEADQUARTERS
592ND AAF BASE UNIT
(2ND M-A-T GROUP)
FERRYING DIVISION - AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
FORT DIX ARMY AIR BASE
FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY

25 August 1945

STATEMENT

I recall the mission 11 January 1945. Our B-17 plane was hit by flak and attacked by fighters. On instructions received from the pilot, Lt. Eich, we bailed out in the approximate vicinity of Minden, Germany.

The last time I saw Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey was approximately thirty (30) minutes before bailing out. He came up to the pilot's compartment and gave me a shot of morphine. Some of the other members of the crew later told me that they saw Sgt. Harvey bail out and his chute open up - none of the crew members that I know of recall seeing Sgt. Harvey land.

Later that evening S/Sgt. John F. Celoni, Ball Turret Gunner, told me that the Germans told him that "Kamerad kaput in vasser". The impression gathered from this was that Sgt. Harvey had drowned in the nearby canal.

I later made contact with all members of the Crew except Sgt. Harvey and the tail gunner, S/Sgt. Raymond Gilstrap. I met Sgt. Gilstrap on the Gripsholm coming home.

Harry Lenson

HARRY LENSON
S/Sgt. AC
32466255

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Edmond A. Maggia, 13105720

TO: Commanding Officer
1020 AAF Base Unit
Miami Beach, Florida

1. It is requested that Sergeant Maggia be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Sergeant Maggia was the left waist gunner and was reported missing in action on 11 January 1945, on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Sergeant Maggia's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed
N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

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Basic: Ltr dtd 13 August 1945, Hq AAF, Asst. Chief of Air Staff - 1, Personal Affairs Division, TO: CO, 1020 AAF Base Unit, Miami Beach, Florida, Subj: Staff Sergeant Edmond A Maggia, 13105730.

1st Ind. I/es

Hdqtrs AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami District, AAFPDC, Miami Beach, Florida, 17 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General AAF, AC/AS,-1, Personal Affairs Division, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Chief, Notification Branch

In compliance with basic communication S/Sgt Edmond A. Maggia, 13105730, was interrogated in this office regarding the whereabouts of T/Sgt Daniel S. Harvey. The following statement is submitted:

S T A T E M E N T

S/Sgt Maggia stated that T/Sgt Daniel S. Harvey was the regularly assigned radio operator on a B17 which participated in a raid against Oschersleben, Germany on 11 January 1944. Prior to reaching target, the aircraft was attacked by fighter aircraft in the vicinity of Zuider Zee. The aircraft went on to the target and on its return anti-aircraft fire plus damage caused by the fighters necessitated the pilot's giving the bailout order over Niemberg, Germany. At the time the ship was at approximately 20,000 feet. Sgt Harvey was the second man to bail out, while Sgt Maggia was the eighth man.

S/Sgt Maggia stated he did not observe whether or not Sgt Harvey's parachute opened. He did learn from other members of the crew that it had opened and that at the time Sgt Harvey jumped he was not believed to have suffered any injuries from the preceding air battle or flak.

Upon reaching the ground and subsequently being taken prisoner, Sgt Maggia was told by German civilians who effected his capture that one of his crew members had gone down in a nearby canal and had drowned. This canal was in the vicinity of Niemberg. As all of the crew had been accounted for it was deduced that Sgt Harvey was the man to whom the German civilians referred. Sgt Maggia stated that he knows nothing further of Sgt Harvey's whereabouts.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Theodore J. Hieatt

THEODORE J. HIEATT
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Intell & Sec Div

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Basis: Ltr dtd 11 August 1945, Hq AAF, Asst. Chief of Air Staff - 1, Personal Affairs Division, TO: CO, 1020 AAF Base Unit, Miami Beach, Florida, Subj: Staff Sergeant Edmond A Maggia, 13105730.

1st Ind. I/os

Hqtrs AAF Redistribution Station No. 2, Miami District, AAFPDC, Miami Beach, Florida, 17 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General AAF, AC/AS, -1, Personal Affairs Division, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Chief, Notification Branch

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

THEODORE J. HIEATT
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Intell & Sec Div

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Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: AC/AS, -1, Personal Affairs Division
Chief, Notification Branch

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Delton C. Erdmann, 19146014

TO: Commanding Officer
1030 AAF Base Unit
Santa Monica, California

1. It is requested that Sergeant Erdmann be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Sergeant Erdmann was the assistant radio operator and radio gunner and was reported missing in action 11 January 1945, on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Sergeant Erdmann's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
(ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

Delton C. Erdmann, Staff Sergeant, ASN 19146014, of lawful age, after first being duly sworn, deposes and states:

That I am at present stationed at AAF Redistribution Station No. 3, Santa Monica, California, for the purpose of processing; that the Judge Advocate at this Station has requested that I give certain information that I might have surrounding the alleged death of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

On or about the 11th day of January 1944, while I was assigned to the Eighth Air Force, 303rd Bomb Group, 359th Bomb Squadron, our crew departed on a regularly assigned bombardment mission over Germany in a B17F and one of the members of our crew was Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey. Said Daniel S. Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner. Our target on this mission was Oschersleben, Germany. Going into the target we received various fighter hits, and on returning from the said target we received additional hits to such an extent that we were given orders by our pilot to bail out.

We bailed out at an altitude of approximately nineteen thousand feet. At the time we bailed out various members of the crew had been injured; however, I saw the said Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey and he apparently had received no wounds. After bailing out we landed near Menden, Germany, and were immediately taken into custody by the Germans.

The Germans capturing us told me that Staff Sergeant Raymond Gilstrap had drown and that Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey had been found in the crash. This was the last we heard of either of these two crew members until we were informed by letter that the said Staff Sergeant Raymond Gilstrap was alive and returning to the United States. To the best of my knowledge ours was the only crew parachuting out in this immediate area. I am unable to state at this time whether Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey was killed at this time; however, it seems possible that he might have landed in the water and drown.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 21st day of Aug. 1945

Frank Miskovsky

FRANK MISKOVSKY, Captain, AC
Judge Advocate

Delton C. Erdmann

Delton C. Erdmann, 19146014
Staff Sergeant

B/C: Ltr Hq, AAF,,Chief, Notification Br, Personal Affairs Div, Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1, Washington, dtd 11 Aug 45, Subj: Staff Sergeant Delton C. Erdmann, 19146014.

1st Ind. RS3AJ/ak

HQ AAF REDISTRIBUTION STATION NO.3,Santa Monica,Calif, 26 Aug 45.

TO: Headquarters,Army Air Forces, Chief, Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division, Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1, Washington, D.C.

1. Certified statement of Staff Sergeant Delton C. Erdmann, 19146014, forwarded herewith in compliance with basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Charles B Hammond Jr

CHARLES B. HAMMOND
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

1 Incl:
Statement (In trip)

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant James E. Carroll, 0735268

TO: Commanding Officer
Separation Center, Service Command
Camp Beale, California

1. It is requested that Second Lieutenant Carroll be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Lieutenant Carroll was the Navigator and left nose gunner and was reported missing in action 11 January 1945 on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Lieutenant Carroll's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey, who is still reported missing action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant James M. Carroll, 0735268

TO: Commanding Officer
Separation Center, Service Command
Camp Beale, California

1. It is requested that Second Lieutenant Carroll be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Lieutenant Carroll was the Navigator and left nose gunner and was reported missing in action 11 January 1945 on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Lieutenant Carroll's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey, who is still reported missing action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

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201-Carroll, James E., (Off) 1st Ind
CBPC-SC-OB

ASF, NSC, Headquarters, Separation Center, Camp Beale, California,
24 August 1945

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

This headquarters has no records on file for subject officer.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Edward N Halsey

EDWARD N. HALSEY
Captain, CAC
Adjutant

SAVE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant John P. Celoni, 39008978

TO: Commanding Officer
1030 AAF Base Unit
Santa Monica, California

1. It is requested that Sergeant Celoni be interrogated with reference to information which he may know concerning the whereabouts of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

2. Sergeant Harvey was radio operator and radio gunner of the bomber which Sergeant Celoni was the engineer and ball turret gunner and was reported missing in action 11 January 1945, on a mission to Oschersleben, Germany.

3. All the members of Sergeant Celoni's crew have returned to this country with the exception of Sergeant Harvey who is still reported missing in action.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

1st Ind. RS3AJ/hh

HQ AAF REDISTRIBUTION STATION #3, Santa Monica, Calif., 28 Aug 45.

TO: Commanding General, Hq. ASF, Washington, D. C.
Att'n: Chief, Notification Branch Personal Affairs Division
AC/AS - 1

Interrogation of S/Sgt. John P. Celoni forwarded herewith in compliance with basic communication.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Charles B Hammond Jr

CHARLES B. HAMMOND
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

1 Incl: Interr. (In Quint)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
(ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

John P. Celoni, Staff Sergeant, ASN 39008978, of lawful age, after first being duly sworn, deposes and states:

That I am at present stationed at AAF Redistribution Station No. 3, Santa Monica, California, for the purpose of processing; that the Judge Advocate at this station has requested that I give certain information that I might have surrounding the alleged death of Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey.

On or about the 11th of January 1944, while I was assigned to the 303rd Bomb Group, 359th Bomb Squadron, 8th Air Force, our crew departed on a regularly assigned bombardment mission over Germany in a B17F, and one of the members of our crew was Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey, who was radio operator and radio gunner. Our target on this mission was Oschersleben, Germany.

About half an hour before the target and half an hour after the target we received numerous fighter strikes. These German fighters knocked out two engines and shortly after they left, flak knocked out our tow cables, as a result of which we were given orders by our pilot to bail out.

We bailed out at approximately twenty thousand feet. I bailed out immediately after Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey and I saw his 'chute open. I landed on a German barracks and German soldiers immediately took me into the barracks. They could speak no English and I could neither speak nor understand German. These German soldiers, however, by signs indicated the words in German for "comrade" "dead" and "water", thereby indicating to me that some American soldier had drown in the water. Ours was the only ship which went down in the immediate area at this time. Therefore it is my belief that Technical Sergeant Daniel S. Harvey must have been drown. I also know that he expressed to me prior thereto his fear of the water and told me that he was unable to swim.

John P. Celoni
John P. Celoni
Staff Sergeant, ASN 39008978

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 30 day of Aug. 1945

Frank Miskovsky
FRANK MISKOVSKY
Captain, Air Corps
Judge Advocate

2nd Lt. Henry J. Rich, Jr.	Mr. Henry J. Rich (father) 1639 East 34th Street Brooklyn, New York
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: H A R V E Y, DANIEL S. SERIAL 1934
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 35562712
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible]: Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 20-30 miles N-NW Hanover

If not, why not? _____

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

He Checked in as prepared To bail out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Did Not See him at All.

Any hearsay information: A German Guard from A reservation in The area Told me That a man on my crew had Drowned. It is possible That It was Sgt. Harvey That he refered To; Altho other Crews were shot down in The same Area.

Source: This information was given me by a

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

German Soldier (Whermact, I Believe) Stationed in The Small Town where we were first Taken. (Town Might be Minden) A Large Military reservation is within Walking Distance of This Smal Town

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: From Nov 26, 1943 to Jan 11, 1944
Bremen (3), Kiel (2), (1) Ludwigshaffen, (1) Solingen
(1) Auerschaleben.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Connelly James E Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. O-735268

2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Col Stephens (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO Maj Cole (full name) Rank Maj

3. What year 1944 month Jan day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 8, target, Aussershleben, target time, 1144, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Followed Flight Plan, route flown Except for Time - 15-20 Min Late

5. Where were you when you left formation? Just outside of Hanover.

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, All of Them

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 Bailed out Sucessfully, except Sgt Harvy who bailed out, but has not been heard from since

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) None

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? Saw All Members Except Sgts Harvy and Gilstrap First Night I was Captured. Lt Fitch had 20MM Fragments in Right hand, Arm, Shoulder, Lt Woodside had 20MM Frag. in Left Arm and Glass in Left Eye Sgt Jenson 20MM Frag. in Left Leg. Sgt Maggio broke Left Ankle, Sgt. Celoni wrenched Knee

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Believe Lt Purcells Ship exploded right after it Left formation Lt Purcell was in 359th and he was flying No 3 position

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: H A R V E Y, DANIEL S. FILE: 1924
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 35562782
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Opetator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes He went out in front of me.

Where? 20 to 30 miles north northwest of Hanover.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He helped me out of the ball*turret but we didn't speak.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? The last time I saw him was at the waist door.

Any hearsay information: When I was captured a German guard told me in broken English and the use of his hands that one of my comrades had drown . It could have been T/Sgt. Harvey although it seemed strange to me because Harvey bailed out just ahead of me and when I came down in my chute I didn't see any water anywhere.

Source: German soldier(Whermacht). The town I believe was Minden, Germany.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: I cannot remember the exact dates, but they were from Nov. 26, 1943 to Jan. 11, 1944. The missions were; Bremen, Bremen, Bremen, Kiel, Kiel, Solingen, Ludwigshaven, Oscherleben.

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John P. Celoni Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 39008978

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Cole (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 8 , target, Oschersleben , target time, 11:40 AM , altitude, 22,000 ft. route scheduled, , route flown

5. Where were you when you left formation? Just outside of Hanover, Germany.

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 bailed out successfully including T/Sgt. Harvey, but who has been missing ever since.

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) None.

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 all members except Sgts. Harvey and Gilstrap. The first night I was captured I saw Lt. Eich who had 20 mil. frag. in his left hand, arm, and shoulder. Lt. Woodside had 20 mil. frags. in left arm. Sgt. Lenson 20 mil. frags. in leg and Sgt. Maggia had a busted ankle.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I saw Lt. Wm. Purcell's crew who were flying on our left wing, go into a dive and exploded. No parachutes were seen. He was also a member of the 359 th Bm. Sq, 303rd Bm. Gp.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: H A R V E Y, DANIEL S. YLH: 1924
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 36863783
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? According to discussion with other fellows - Yes

Where? With the rest of us.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? in the plane, lined up at hatch to jump

Any hearsay information: No

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: at Frankfurt or rather Dulag Luft, the Germans interrogating officers stated Raymond Hilstrup Lorenzo & Daniel Harvey went down with the ship. Of course I know he was wrong but did not say anything. Evidently he had the two names reversed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: Bremen, Bremen, Emden, Ludwigshafen Kiel, ——, Oschersleben.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Delton C. Edmonson Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 19176014

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander S/Sgt Rank 359 Sqn CO S/Sgt. Rank
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission Aschaffenburg, target, Aircraft factory, target time, about 12:00, altitude, about 20,000 ft route scheduled, —
, route flown —

5. Where were you when you left formation? over left

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". Daniel Harvey bailed out after I did.

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 last see any members not already described above? All were in aircraft & their respective positions prior to the command to prepare to bail out.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. no knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARVEY, DANIEL S. FILE: 1934
Rank: [redacted]
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER GERMANY IN THE VICINICTY OF NIENBURG

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
CREW ORDERED TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? FIRST MAN TO BAIL OUT (PARACHUTE SEEN TO OPEN BY CREW. HE WAS NEVER SEEN BY ANY MEMBER OF CREW AGAIN)

Any hearsay information:
NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
POSSIBLY LANDED IN NEARBY LAKE AND DROWNED AS HE WAS UNABLE TO SWIM. POSSIBLY SHOT BY CIVILIANS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8 (EIGHT)

Dates and destinations if possible:
(1.) NOV. 29 1943 BREMEN (2.) DEC 1943 EMDEN (3.) DEC 1943 SOLINGEN
(4) DEC 1943 BREMEN (5.) DEC 1943 BREMEN (6) DEC. LUDWIGSHAVEN
(7.) JAN 5 1944 KIEL (8.) JAN 11, 1944 OSCHERSCHLABEN

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HENRY J. EICH JR Rank CAPT. Serial No. O-797978
303 GP.
2. Organization 359 Sq. Gp Commander STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO COLE Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JAN day 11 did you go down?
(AIRCRAFT FACTORY)
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OSCHERSCHLABEN, target time, _____, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR NIENBURG

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 BAILED OUT SHORTLY AFTER ABANDON ORDER GIVEN ALL ACCOUNTED FOR AND IN THE U.S. WITH EXCEPTION OF T/SGT D.S. HARVEY.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BLEW UP IN AIR

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE

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?

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: H A R V E Y, DANIEL S. FILE: 1924
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 38552782
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR NIEMBURG, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: IN AIRCRAFT JUST PRIOR TO HIS BAILING OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AT WAIST DOOR PRIOR TO BAILING OUT

Any hearsay information: NO KNOWLEDGE

Source: _____

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

I SAW HIM BAIL OUT AND THAT'S THE LAST I EVER SAW OR HEARD FROM OR ABOUT HIM

Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible: [redacted] NOT KNOWN

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDMOND A. MAGGIA Rank S/SGT Serial No. 13105230
2. Organization 303 BM SQN; 2 BM GR; U.S.A.A.F. Gp Commander KERMIT D. STEVENS (full name) Rank COL. Sqn CO RICHARD H. COLE (full name) Rank LT. COL.
3. What year 1944 month JANUARY day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, OSCHERSLEBEN, GERMANY, target time, NOT KNOWN, altitude, ABOUT 21,000 FT. route scheduled, NO KNOWN, route flown NOT KNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? ~~NOT~~ IN THE VICINITY OF NIEMBURG, G.R.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES ALL OF THEM
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". ONLY TWO THAT I KNOW OF EXCEPT HARVEY ARE MY BALL TURRET GUNNER & RIGHT WAIST GUNNER. BOTH OF THEM BAILED JUST AHEAD OF ME AND WERE NOT WOUNDED. TAIL GUNNER BAILED OUT AFTER ME AND WAS WOUNDED ALL BAILED OUT IN NIEMBURG VICINITY -
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NOT KNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? ~~NOT~~
12. What was their condition? ~~NOT~~
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? THE REST OF THE CREW I LAST SAW BACK AT THE BASE JUST PRIOR TO FLIGHT
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARVEY, [illegible] FILE: 1926
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: [illegible]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? Approximately 25 miles N.E. of HANOVER, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Bail out Check

Was he injured? He WAS NOT -

Where was he when last seen? IN His PARACHUTE on way down - Safely.

Any heersay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Probably fell into hands of Civilians who were hostile in that AREA. OR could have fallen into River nearby and could not get loose from chute - thus drowning

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: JAN. 11-44 Oschersleben Germ. Jan 5-44 Kiel
Dec. 4? Ludwigshaven - Bremen - Essen - W. Helmshaven - Solingen -
Nov. 43 Bremen

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William G. Stein Rank 2 Lt. Serial No. 0-738469

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Cole (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Heavy Bomb. , target, Oschersleben Germ. , target time, 1202 , altitude, 26000 route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? East of Hanover Germany

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 Bailed out At Time of Order To bail out About 1227 hrs. N.E. of Hanover Germ. Tail gunner jumped last. - was severely injured - Repatriated.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Probably 75 miles N. of Hanover

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None

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? Saw All members on Ground where we were taken Prisoners except Tail gunner - who was Hospitalized And Radio operator Harvey, whom we NEVER SAW ON GROUND. Everyone was slightly injured Pilot & Gunner Maybe Broke or sprained Ankles in landing OUR Location - a Camouflaged - fenced-in lot of Bldgs. in woods About 30 Mi NE of Hanover Germany.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HARVEY, DANIEL S. [redacted]
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] (Fighter): Radio Operator & Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? The enlisted men said that he was the first to bail out.

Where? We were over a large lake between Hanover and Nienburg.

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx five minutes before bailing out he answered "O.K." to a battle check.

Was he injured? The enlisted men said "no.".

Where was he when last seen? ~~Over~~ Leaving the ship.

Any hearsay information: I heard a rumor that he was drowned. I believe that a German soldier told that to one of the enlisted men. I cannot remember which one.

Source: —

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

Harvey could not swim. If he had landed in the lake mentioned above and forgotten about his "Mae West" he might have drowned.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: BREMEN NOV. 26, 1943; EMDEN DEC. 1; BREMEN DEC. 13, 1943; SOLINGEN DEC. 3, 1943; BREMEN DEC. 20, 1943; LUDWIGSHAVEN DEC. 30, 1943; KIEL JAN 5, 1944; OSCHERSLEBEN JAN. 11, 1944.
(DESTINATIONS ARE CORRECT. DATES MAY BE OFF SLIGHTLY.)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM E. WOODSIDE Rank 2nd LT. Serial No. O-803099

2. Organization 303 B.G.Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO COLE Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month JAN. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 8 , target, OSCHERSLEBEN , target time, 11:30 AM , altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, STRAIGHT IN , route flown STRAIGHT IN

5. Where were you when you left formation? BETWEEN HANOVER AND MAGDEBURG

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? IT BLEW UP.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE

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? ALL THE CREW EXCEPT RADIO OPERATOR AND TAIL GUNNER WERE TOGETHER AT FRANKFURT. WE ARE ALL BACK IN STATES NOW EXCEPT HARVEY (RADIO OPERATOR)

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)

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RAYMOND GILSTRAP, THE TAIL GUNNER HAD HIS LEFT ARM SHOT OFF ABOVE THE ELBOW. AFTER THIS HAPPENED HE KEPT FIRING HIS RIGHT GUN. HIS HEATED SUIT AND HIS OXYGEN WERE OUT ALSO. GILSTRAP ALSO PROBABLY GOT TWO GERMAN FIGHTERS THAT DAY (BEFORE HIS ARM WAS GONE) AND THERE IS NO DOUBT BY HIS CONTINUED FIRE AFTER HIS ACCIDENT, HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN DISSOURAGING SEVERAL TAIL ATTACKS.

I AM INTERESTED TO KNOW IF ANY AWARD CAN BE GIVEN HIM FOR BRAVERY BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

Sincerely,

William E. Woodside

P.S.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET A PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE?
I WAS COMISSIONED APR. 29, 1943 AND WENT ON INACTIVE DUTY NOV. 23rd, 1945. (20 MONTHS OVERSEAS - 16 AS P.O.W.) STILL A 2nd LT.

VIII BOMBER COMMAND – PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

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Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

_____ Route followed by _____

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11 JANUARY, 1944
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