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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. Army,

P-A-1

26 JAN 1944

TO: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.

2. Incorrect copy of Missing Air Crew Report for A/C #42-3131 of 11 January 1944 has been returned to reporting unit by this Headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls; N/c.

*Burnis Archer*  
BURNIS ARCHER  
Captain, AGD,  
Ass't Adj General.

P.M. 23 JAN 1944

AG 360.33 3rd Ind.  
Hq, ETOUSA, APO 871. 9 February 1944.

RTL/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) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Theater Commanders:

*W. H. Fallon*  
W. H. FALLON,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls: n/c (Dup w/d)

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MILITARY ENGINEERING CENTER (1)  
AGP 636 - 12 1327

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16 January 1944.

TO: Missing Air Crew Report.

FROM: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, AGP 636, U.S. Army.  
(Attention: Technical Section.)

1. In compliance with letter A.I.A.C.A., AG 360.23 (5-21-43), CD-3-  
AF.A. subject as above, dated 23 May 1943, and letter HQ, VIII A.F., same  
subject, dated 16 September 1943, the Missing Air Crew Report for mission  
of 16 January 1944 and corrected copy of Missing Air Crew Report for A/C  
40-2121 of 11 January 1944 are herewith submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Frank J. [Signature]*  
AGP 636  
16 Jan 44  
Adjutant

2. Refer:

- Item 1 - Missing Air Crew Report for A/C  
40-2125 (in copy.)
- Item 2 - Corrected copy of Missing Air  
Crew Report for A/C 40-2121 (in copy.)

Respectfully,  
1st Lt.

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AGP 636, 16 January 1944.

To: 1st Bombardment Division, AGP 636, AGP 636-12  
(Attention: Technical Section.)

Missing Air Crew Reports for missions of 11, 14 January 1944  
for aircraft 40-2121 and 40-2125 are forwarded to your headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

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*Harry J. [Signature]*  
HARRY J. HANCE  
Captain, USA  
Asst. Adjutant General

3. Refer: etc.



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HEADQUARTERS 385TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
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APO 634 - US ARMY

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled in triplicate and submitted to the Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 303th ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment ----
- 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See chart attached  
Intended Destination LeMeillard-Gueschart, Fr ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear - visibility unlimited
- 4. GIVE: (a) Date Jan 4 1944 ; and Location 50°13'N - 01°50' Heading 89°Mag.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.
- 5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows This A/C was seen to be hit by flak, but was partially under control at least long enough so that from 5 to 8 and possibly 10 chutes were seen.
- 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3029
- 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-210  
(b) 41-57876 ; (c) 42-79386 ; (d) 41-24728
- 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) See attached sheet. ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

- 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 1 Photo 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			
2.			
3.			
4.	See attached sheet.		
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

- 1. 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<br>(Last name first) | Serial<br>Rank Number | Contacted   |                 | Saw   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
|                                   |                       | By<br>Radio | Last<br>Sighted | Crash | Forced<br>Landing |
| 1.                                |                       |             |                 |       |                   |
| 2.                                |                       |             |                 |       |                   |
| 3.                                |                       |             |                 |       |                   |

- 2. 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See Chart
- 4. ATTACH BRIEFNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 16 January 1944

Jesse M. Barrett  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C.,  
Group S-2.

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CREW OF AIRCRAFT #42-3029, B-17F.

<i>Status</i>	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
<i>En.</i>	1. Pilot	HUNGERFORD, MERLE R. JR. ✓	Capt.	0-421102
"	2. Co-Pilot	ARUNDALE, KARL B. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-742551
"	3. Navigator	VOGEL, JOE B. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-676182
"	4. Bombardier	BARLOW, JAMES F. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-752544
"	5. Engineer	FINCH, CHARLES C. ✓	S/Sgt.	34393652
"	6. Asst Eng. & R.W.G.	ELOVICH, JAMES T. ✓	Sgt.	31192480
"	7. Radio Operator	DAVIS, RICHARD A. JR. ✓	S/Sgt.	18118979
"	8. Asst Rad. Op. & L.W.G.	PETIX, ANGELO P. ✓	Sgt.	13107303
"	9. Ball Turret Gunner	CLINK, ROBERT L. ✓	Sgt.	13084785
"	10. Tail Gunner	FERTITTA, JOSEPH F. ✓	Sgt.	18190215
"	11. Photographer	NILSON, ARTHUR C., JR. ✓	Sgt.	11021371

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INSTALLED WEAPONS (Make, Type and Serial Number) - Ship No. 42-3029, B-17F.

- |    |        |              |    |        |               |
|----|--------|--------------|----|--------|---------------|
| a. | 212352 | ACS          | h. | 212531 | ACS           |
| b. | 212618 | ACS          | i. | 504031 | Savage        |
| c. | 212618 | Frigid       | j. | 291668 | Colts Pat     |
| d. | 227078 | Frigid       | k. | 289532 | Colts Pat     |
| e. | 590374 | ACS          | l. | 174192 | High Standard |
| f. | 86587  | Frigid       | m. | 451656 | Kelsey Hayes  |
| g. | 452175 | Kelsey Hayes |    |        |               |

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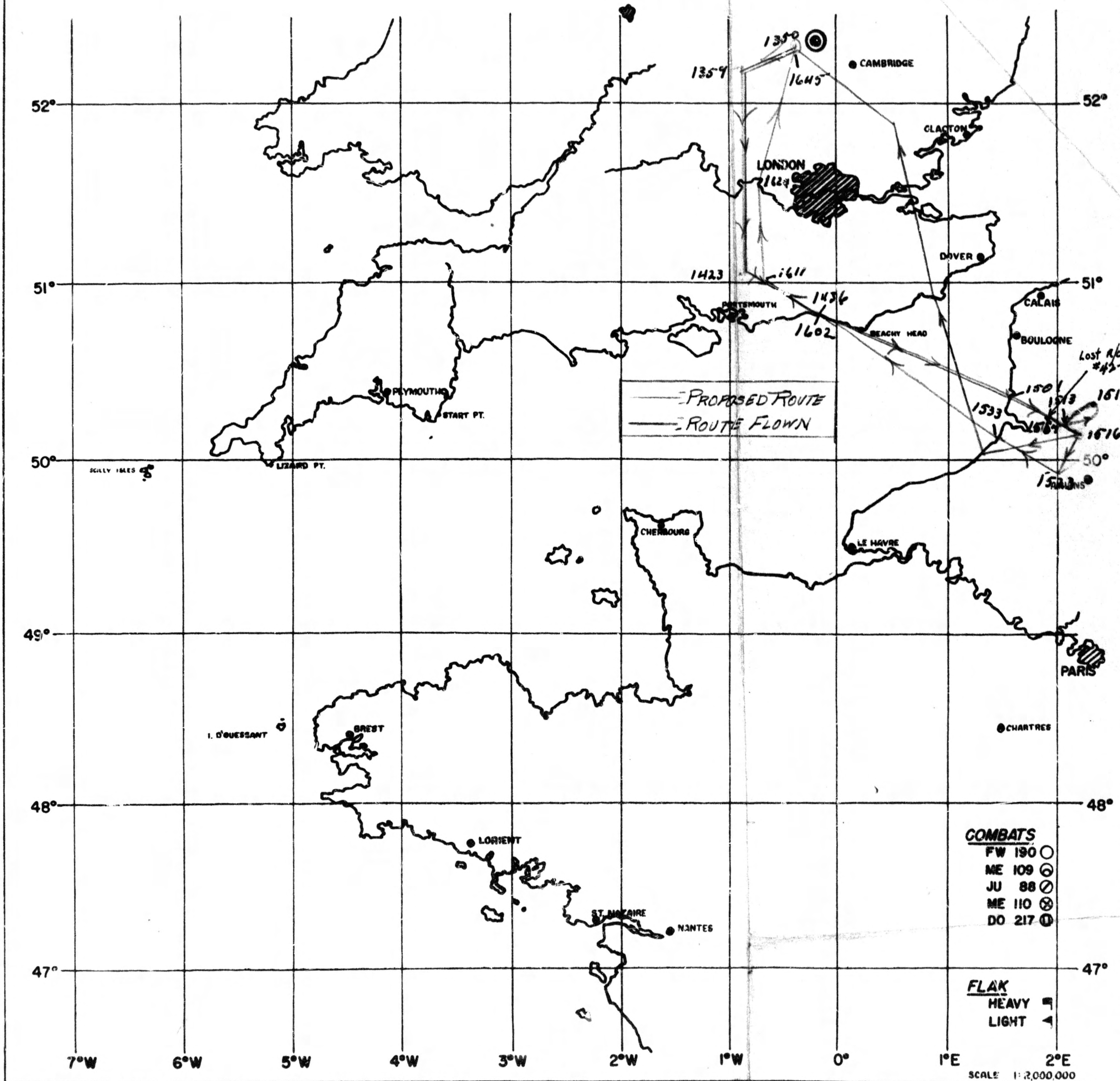
**TRACK CHART**

TARGET

Primary LEMEILLARD-FRANCE  
Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 14 JAN. '44

_____	Route followed by	<u>303<sup>RD</sup> BOMB. GROUP (H)</u>
-----	" " "	<u>338<sup>TH</sup> LEAD SQDN</u>
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KARL B. FRUNDALE Rank 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Serial No. 0-742551
2. Organization 8th AAF 303rd Bomb Gp. 358th Bomb Sqd Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchel Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Inside French Coast, target, Rocket Installations, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 12,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Abbeyville France
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". Everyone left the ship and landed in the same area. The bombardier had a flak wound in his leg & the camera man had a broken ankle. Everyone else was o.k.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Same place
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. \_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)





HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members  
TO: 2nd.Lt. Karl B. Arundale  
O-742551

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
  - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
  - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name MERLE R. HUNGERFORD JR Rank CAPT Serial No. 0-421102  
303<sup>rd</sup> BOMB GR. (H) ~~ER~~ KERMIT STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO KIRK R. MITCHELL Rank MAJOR
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) \_\_\_\_\_ (full name) \_\_\_\_\_
3. What year 1944 month JANUARY day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, V-BOMB LAUNCHING PLATFORM, target  
 time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 13,000 route scheduled, MOLESWORTH -  
SE. LONDON - TARGET, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET ON BOMB RUN
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. THE OTHER TEN (10) MEN ALL REACHED THE GROUND WITHOUT SERIOUS INJURY
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". I HAVE ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF MY CREW REACHED A GERMAN PRISON CAMP SAFELY. I SAW THEM ALL PERSONALLY EXCEPT MY "EXTRA" PHOTOGRAPHER AT THE TRANSIT CAMP IN FRANKFORT. HE REACHED A CAMP SAFELY, HOWEVER. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHERE THEY BAILED OUT EXACTLY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR TARGET AREA
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 OF MY CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT PETIX, ELOVICH AND NILSSON AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE IN FRANCE IN MAY AND EARLY JUNE 1945. THESE THREE HAD DROPPED OUT ON THE MARCH FROM THEIR PRISON CAMP TO ANOTHER. I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF OR FROM THEM SINCE
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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I DONT KNOW THE NAME OF THE TARGET, IT IS IN FRANCE NEAR ABBEVILLE.

MY CREW ALL BAILED OUT OVER THE TARGET. I HAD LOST CONTROL OF MY ELEVATORS AND DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CONTROL OVER MY AIRPLANE.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name JAMES F. BARLOW Rank 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Serial No. 0-752544
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Kirk Mitchell Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JAN. day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FRANCE, target, V-Bomb Sights, target time, 1500 hrs., altitude, 12,000 Ft. route scheduled, STRAIGHT ACROSS Channel to Calais, route flown APPROXIMATELY SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? PLANE WHIP-STALLED FROM NO 5 POSITION
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - ALL BAILED OUT SAFELY
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". DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH DUE TO CRAZY ROCKING OF SHIP WITH NO CONTACTS OR INTERPHONE. CO-PILOT CALLED TO NAVIGATOR AND MYSELF BEFORE HE WENT OUT AND SAID ALL WERE OUT EXCEPT THE PILOT, WHO FOLLOWED US IMMEDIATELY BEFORE SHIP SPUN IN.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX. 35 MILES INLAND NEAR LILLE, FRANCE  
PLANE WAS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. N.W. CORNER
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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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Vogel, Joe B. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-676182
2. Organization 303Gp 358 Sq Gp Commander C. Kermit D. Stevens Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO Kirk R. Mitchell Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month January day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, VI sites near Abbeyville, target, VI installations, target  
time, 14:30, altitude, 12,500 route scheduled, In over  
French coast to target route flown as briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near LeMoyens
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". Pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, engineer bailed out through nose hatch. Others through entry door in tail of ship. Bombardier's foot broken. Photographer's leg broken. Everyone else uninjured.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near LeMoyens
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? None in aircraft
12. What was their condition? None in aircraft
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Met most of crew in France after war. Everyone OK
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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