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by E. A. BRADUMAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. [illegible], Capt., AC
Date MAR 13 1946

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PAUL	M. FULTON	Wright Field
WATSON		
HILLARY		
RICE		
RUBE ROSEN		
DEFILLIPPIS		

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By E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
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Date MAR 15 1946

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

8212

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth, England ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F. Group 303rd Bomb (H); Squadron 359th ; Detachment - - -
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached chart Intended Destination Merseburg, Germany ; Type of mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3/10th low cloud, 4/10th strato at 24,000. Visibility 10-20 miles in haze.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 August 1944 ; Time 1205 ; and Location Merseburg, Germany. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97291
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW - 011755 (b) SW - 011728 ; (c) 42-137730 ; (d) SW - 011736
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) LT- 652428 FrigDGM (b) RT-652979 FDGM; (c) RW-603677 HS ; (d) LW-602816 HS ; (e) UT-651666 FDGM (f) UT-652331 FDGM (g) RAD-972534 FDGM; (h) LN-1082534 HS ; (i) RN-730584 BLC ; (j) RC-646849 FDGM (k) LB-649011 FDGM ; (l) RB-651259 FDGM ; (m) LC-Unknown. ;
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars;

Crew Position	(Name in Full) Last Name First	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	HILLARY, JACK R.	2nd Lt.	O-757200 KIA
2. Co-Pilot	ROBERTSON, WILLIAM (NMI) III	2nd Lt.	O-819712 KIA
3. Navigator	RICE, JOHN E.	2nd Lt.	O-710315 KIA
4. Bombardier	DeFILIPPIS, ROCCO (NMI)	2nd Lt.	O-765628 KIA
5. Top Turret G.	PAUL, GEORGE E.	S/Sgt	36557309 KIA
6. Radio G.	GIRMAN, EUGENE E.	S/Sgt	35582692 KIA
7. Ball Turret G.	BISHOP, ARLDON R.	Sgt	39918069 KIA
8. Waist G.	SANSUM, HARRY R.	Sgt	36233045 KIA
9. Tail G.	WATSON, JAMES R.	Sgt	32282335 KIA
10.			
11.			

11. 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	Check Only One Column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. LAWRENSON, GEORGE C.	2nd Lt	O-755707		X		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (b) Persons were seen walking awa from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. **See Attached Chart.**
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See Attached Statement.**
15. 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 25 August 1944.

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

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MACR— 8272

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : ~~Black~~ 24 August 1944 1130 hrs. CASUALTY NO. KU 2799

PLACE OF CRASH : Burg Liebenau near Merseburg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE : Receiving Command Halle

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
BISHOP ✓ Neldon Reid	Sgt.	39918069	captured	Dulag Luft
GIRMAM ✓ Eugene Elmer	S/Sgt.	35582692	captured	Dulag Luft
HILLARY ✓ Jack R.	Lt.	0-757200	dead	
PAUL ✓ George E.	Sgt.	36557309	dead	
SAMSUM ✓ Harry R.	Sgt.	36233845	dead	
WATSON ✓ James R.	Sgt.	32282335	dead	

Casualty No. KU 2799 First Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944

RICE ✓ John E. 2nd Lt. 0-710315 dead

DULAG LUFT 22 September 1944 No.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : ~~Xbout~~ 24 August 1944 1130 hrs. CASUALTY NO. KU 2799

PLACE OF CRASH : Burg Liebenau near Merseburg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE : Receiving Command Halle

NAME		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
BISHOP	Weldon Reid	Sgt.	39918069	captured	Dulag Luft
GIRMAN	Eugene Elmer	S/Sgt.	35582692	captured	Dulag Luft
HILLARY	Jack R.	Lt.	0-757200	dead	
PAUL	George E.	Sgt.	36557309	dead	
SANSUM	Harry R.	Sgt.	36233045	dead	
WATSON	James R.	Sgt.	32282335	dead	

Casualty No. KU 2799 First Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944

RICE John E. 2nd Lt. 0-710315 dead

DULAG LUFT 22 September 1944 Wo.

Kw 2799

Cumulative report of damages from 24 August 1944. day raid over Central-Germany.

1.) 11 30. "Burgliebenau", (5 km north-east of "Merseburg".)

in L 2 4 , Fortress II , 90% damage.- KE 47 98

Identification Marks: V star 3 E , black "C" on white triangle. Factory No: 297 291.
- 6 dead.-

Claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft Division.

KU 2799

D Y K E M A N – MACR 7809 dead, shot at the attempt to escape

Boeing B 17 shotdown at Burgliebenau 5 km e of Merseburg 24 Aug. 44 .1130 .

P A U L , George E	dead	38557307
S A N S U N , Harry E.	dead	36233045

MACR 8212
B-17
Gruenau
AAF # 42-97291

DATE: 24 August 1944 AT: 1130

PLACE: Burg Liebenau near Merseburg

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 297291

~~XXXXXX~~ 359th (HB) Sqd. 303rd Group

TARGET: Receiving Command
Halle/Nietleben

6 dead.

RANK	NAME	ASN
Lt.	HILLARY, Jack R. (dead)	ASN: 0-757530
2nd Lt.	ROBERTSON,	ASN: --------
N 2nd Lt.	RICE, John E. (dead)	ASN: 0-710315
2nd Lt.	DEFELLOPERS,	ASN: --------
S/Sgt.	GIBSON, Eugene Elmer	ASN: 35582692
N Sgt.	PAUL, George E. (dead)	ASN: 36557309
N Sgt.	SANSUM, Harry R. (dead)	ASN: 35233045
N Sgt.	WATSON, James R. (dead)	ASN: 32282335
Sgt.	BISHOP, Neldon Reid	ASN: 39918069
	DYKEMAN, Robert	ASN: 0-755334

MACR 8212 Complete crew

MIA 29 July 44 - MACR 7809 - KV 2601

2nd Lt Rocco DeFilippis	Mrs. Anna T. DeFilippis, (Wife) 1222 North Hancock Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt John E. Rice	Mrs. Cussie I. Rice, (Mother) 20 Fitzpatrick Avenue, Opelika, Alabama.
2nd Lt William Robertson, III	Mrs. Shirley A. Robertson, (Wife) 146 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey.
2nd Lt Jack R. Hillery	Mr. Earle H. Hillery, (Father) 429 East Street, Taft, California.
S/Sgt Eugene L. Girman	Mrs. Frances H. Girman, (Mother) 1531 Roberts Avenue, Whiting, Indiana.
S/Sgt George E. Paul	Mrs. Bertha E. Paul, (Mother) 702 North Alexander Street, Royal Oak, Michigan.
Sgt Harry R. Sansom	Mrs. Maude A. Sansom, (Mother) Rural Route Four, Horsham, Wisconsin.
Sgt Weldon R. Bishop	Mr. Robert O. Bishop, (Father) Cleveland, Utah.
Sgt James R. Watson	Mr. William C. Watson, (Father) 734 Deer Street, Dunkirk, New York.

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MACR 8 2 17

4 W a t s o n James R 19 115 393 S/Sgt.

A u t h o r i t y : Identification Tag

KU 2799

Chief of police
Local chief of air defense

Halle(Saale), 18 September 44
Dreyhauptstreet 2/Telephone 7751

File No: S. L. 1

To:
Army - garrison - headquarters

(10) Halle (Saale)
Hindenburgstrasse

In the enclosure I consign a part of a bracelet, which presumably originates from enemy flying personnel.
It was found on a meadow near "Burgliebenau", on 28 August 1944

For:
signed Dethlefsen
certified correct:
signed: illegible
Master of municipal police

(Note in red pencil:
Jack R. Hillery
U.S. Air Forces)

(On the reverse :) Halle(Saale), 20 September 44.
Army - garrison - commander
Section V. File No: 40 0/44
Enclosure: - 1 -

To Airbase Halle (Saale) - Forwarded for action by competent authority

for:
signed: Westrum
Lt.Colonel

(Note in pencil :)
Receiving command Halle(Saale)
Air -Force -battalion
U - Forwarded because of being the competent authority
To Evaluation Center West

KU 2799

Receiving Command.
attached to 2 nd Air-force Company
Air-force Battalion of the Air-force
Signal School

Halle (Saale), 29 August 44

Additional Report to the Report, dated
24 August 1944

Subjekt:

Downing of a Boeing B 17 G on 24 August 44, 1220, 2 km north of "Wessmar", 8 km west of "Schkeuditz"

Confiscated personal effects of the dead American flier :

Jack R. H i l l a r y , ASN : 0 - 757200 T 43-44 :

2 Identification Tags, with chain and amulet.

Besides above mentioned effects, no other personal belongings of Hillary were found .

signed : illegible

Captain

(Three copies)

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Identification Tags (five)

1.) James R. W a t s o n

32282335 T 42 - 43 A/P (twice)

2.) Jack R. F i l l a r y

0 - 75 72 00 T 43 - 44 A/P (twice)

3.) Weldon R. B i s h o p

39 91 80 69 T 43 - 44 O/P

Robert O. Bishop

Cleveland , Utah

(On the reverse :)

No f i l i v a i n e

17 96 516

1 August 44

Cemetery of " Petten"

KU 27 99

Identification of Crew members for downing- record

Case No:		Name	A S N	Rank	Authority
KU 27 99	1	Sansum Harry R.	36 23 30 45	--	Identification Tag
KU 27 99	2	Paul George E.	36 55 73 09	--	" "
KU 27 99	3	Dykeman Robert	0 [illegible] 75 55 34	--	" "

XU 27 99

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE No: 537 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L S O U

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 25 August

TIME: 11 15

FROM: L S G L

THROUGH: illegible

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

Highest Priority L B H F 486 24 August, 22 50. -

To Evaluation Center West , Oberursel / Taunus .-

Subjekt : Downing of a Boeing B 17 G . On 24 August 44 , 11 30, "Burgliebenau",
5 km east of " Merseburg ".-

Identification marks : V star B N.- Factory No: 29 72 91 .-

Condition of plane : 98 % damage. 6 men of crew dead, which have been transported by anti-aircraft-group Halle - Leuna.

Additional note to Headquarters Airbase Area 7 /III , " Grossenhain" ; Evaluation Center West, "Oberursel"/Taunus, and Air District III/Ic were notified .- Receiving Command "Halle-Nietl". # # # #
Remainders presumably among the prisoners.

KU 37 99

24 August 44 , 11 30

"Burgliebenau", 5 km east of "Merseburg"

Airbase (A)

Headquarters "Halle-Nietl." ?

Fortress 17 G

V O J N 1
39 72 91

98 % D a m a g e

D u l a g L u f t, W e t z l a r

Received : 26 August 1944

Sgt. Paul , George M. - dead

Sgt. S a n s u m ,Harry-dead

6 dead, remaining

probably pr.soners ?

KU 27 99

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE No: 669 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L S O U

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 30 August

TIME: 18 30

FROM: L S E B

THROUGH: Koehler

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

S & Highest Priority L B N F No: 211 29 August , 18 00.-

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.-

preliminary report of downings from 24 August 44, day - raid over Central-Germany.-

1.) 11 30 "Burgliebenau",(5 km north-east "Merseburg",)- L E 4 -, Fortress II,-KU 27 99

2.) 1200 2 km east of "Burgstaden", (5 km west of "Merseburg" -),L D 6 - Fortress II.-
-KU 28 05

3.) 12 08 2 km north-west of "Lindethal", (9 km north-west of "Leipzig"), - L E 5 -,
Fortress II,-Ku 27 95

4.) About 12 10, "Hartmannsdorf" near "Bad Koesteritz", (7 km north-west of"Gera"Thuring)
-M E 4 -,Fortress II, - KU 28 13

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(continued) KU 27 99

5.) 12 20 , "Eulgetaedt", 2 km west of " Freyburg"/Unstrut-river,
(7 km north of "Naumburg"/Saale-river).
-- K D 2 - Fortress II,- KU 28 34

6.) 12 20, 2 km north of "Wesmar",(20 km west of "Schkeuditz")
- - L E 4 - Fortress II,- KU 27 98

7.) 12 25, 2 km north-west of "Roesen",(6 km north-east of "Burg/Magdeburg")
- G D 9 - Mustang ,- J 19 94

8.) 12 30, "Barnstaedt", 24 km west of "Merseburg",
- L D 4 - Fortress II,-KU 28 14

9.) 12 30, 2 km south-west of "Hohenmoelsen", (18 km south-east of "Weissenfels")
- K E 4 - Fortress II, -KU 28 03

10.) 12 51, "Freyburg"/Unstrut-river, (7 km north of "Naumburg"/Saale-river)
- K D 2 - Fortress II, -KU 27 94

Air District III / Ic L 2 b 4

KU 27 99

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE No: 93 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L S O U

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 7 September 44

TIME: 15 00

FROM: L S E B

THROUGH: Nickels

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

Highest Priority L B N F 75 6 September, 15 50.-

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel -

Conclusive report of downings from 24 August 1944, day - raid over Central-Germany.-

1.) 11 30, "Burgliebenau",(5 km north-east of "Merseburg",)

in L E 4, Fortress II, 90% damage.- KU 27 99

Identification Marks: W star B N, black "C" on white triangle. Factory No: 297 291.-
- 6 dead.-

Claimed by: 14 th Anti-aircraft-Division.

2.) 12 00, 2 km east of "Burgsteden", (5 km west of "Merseburg")

in L D 6, Fortress II, 99% damage.- KU 28 05

2.)

(c o n t i n u e d) KU 27 99

Identification marks : F , rest illegible, since burnt, Factory No: not identifiable

- 2 dead -

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft - Division.-

3.) 12 08, 2 km north-west of "Lindenthal",(9 km north-west of "Leipzig")

in L M 5, Fortress II , 95% damage.- KU 27 95

Identification marks : U X B, License No : 231 771,- 4 dead,- 3 [illegible]red, presumably escaped.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft - Division.-

4.) About 12 10, "Hartmannsdorf",near "Bad Koestritz",(7 km north-west of "Gera/ Thuringia)

in N M 4, Fortress II, 90% damage.- KU 28 13

Identification marks : not identifiable,- 5 dead, 4 captured.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft - Division.-

5.) 12 20, "Klagstaedt", 2 km west of "Freyburg"/ Unstrut-river (7 km north of "Naumburg"/Saale-river)

in M D 2, Fortress II , 95% damage,- KU 28 34

Identification marks : not identifiable,- License No: 2 e [illegible]97 994 Z.-

Disposition of crew : unknown.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft- Division.-

6.) 12 20, 2 km north of "Vessmar",(8 km west of"Schkeuditz")

in L M 4 , Fortress II, 95% damage,- KU 27 98

Identification marks : X K, star K, Factory No: not identifiable

3.) (c o n t i n u e d) KU 27 99

7.) 12 25, 2 km north-west of R "Rosen ", (6 km east-north-east of " Burg " near " Magdeburg")
in 6 D 9, Mustang, 99% damage,- K U J 1994

Identification marks : not identifiable,- Factory No: missing,- 1 dead.-

claimed by : 2 nd Anti-aircraft- Brigade.-

8.) 12 30, " Barnstaedt" (24 km west of "Merseburg")
in L D 4 , Fortress II, 98% damage, - KU 28 14

Identification marks : not identifiable, - Factory No: " 6" with black triangle, 337 593 6 , - 7 dead, 2 captured.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft- Division.-

9.) 12 30, 2 km south-west of " Hohenmoelsen ", (18 km south-east of " Weissenfels"/ Saale-river)
in M E 4 , Fortress II, 95% damage,- KU 28 03

Identification marks : K Y A , " 6 " in triangle,- License No: 338 146,-
1 dead, 9 captured.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft- Division.-

10.) 12 51, "Freyburg "/ Unstrut-river, (7 km north of "Naumburg"/Saale-river)
in M D 2, Fortress II, 95% damage,-

Identification marks : not identifiable,- 2 dead, 5 captured.-

claimed by : 14 th Anti-aircraft- Division.-

Field Air District Headquarters III/Ic L 2 2 2 2

Identification of crew-members for downing- record.

Case No:	Name	ASN	Rank	Authority
KU 27 99	+ Hillary, Jack.R.	0 - 757 200	- -	Identification Tag
KU 27 99	+ Watson, James R.	32 282 335	- -	---- " ---- "
KU 27 99	+ Rice , John E.	0 - 710 315	- $\overset{1st}{O}$	---- " ---- "

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Reserve Hospital (PoW) "Leipzig"

Memorandum # 144

Leipzig - N 26, 26 August 1944
Pittler Street
Telephone: 5 916 96

Subject : Report on British and American Air Force Prisoners, made through Reserve Hospital (Admittance)

Refer : 1st Corps Area Surgeon at the Deputy CorpsGeneral Staff, IV, Army Corps (Corps Area Surgeon IV) memorandum # 17 11/43, according to(II) from 22 September 1943, 2. AM, 11th publication from 21 April 1942 cypher 344.

To: Army Information Center for Casualties and War Prisoners.
Berlin -W30
Hohenstauffenstrasse 47/49
Through teletype , in advance to Army High Command , Chief of Army Medical Corps(Wi. G.IV) "Berlin" - W 35, Bendlerstrasse 34, on 26 August 1944.

1.) Girman, Eugens
2.) S/Sgt - Student
3.) born 24 July 1923 in "Whilina"
4.) ASN 35 58 26 92
5.) Mother : Franceis Girman, 153 Roberts Ave. "Whilina" - Indiana/USA
6.) Shrapnel penetration wound of right forearm (Muscel wound)
7.) Slight injury - general condition good.
If no complications interfere with healing process, time needed for treatment:
3 to 4 weeks.
8.) Reserve Hospital (PoW) "Leipzig"-N 26, Pittlerstrasse 33.
Railroad address: "Leipzig-Wahren", Telephone: 591696
9.) 25 August 1944 at Reserve Hospital (PoW) "Leipzig-Wahren"
10.) 25 August 1944

/s/ (illegible)
Capt MC and Chief Surgeon

KU 279)

FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES
according to D(Luft)2706/C7, paragraph VII

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: DISTRIBUTOR: Information Center West Oberursel 1 copy

OFFICE OR STATION: Receiving Command, Halle/Saale-River

LOCATION: Halle /Saale ; 29 August 1944;1000 hrs CE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) Boeing B 17 G by : Anti-aircraft.
[redacted])
[redacted])

DATE AND TIME: 24 August 1944;1220 hrs.

AT: NEAR: 2 km north of Wesemar, 3 km west of Sohkenditz.
Identification marks : X K ~~star K ; license No.:~~ cannot be identified, as totally burned.

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) Hillary
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Jack R.
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: ./.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE O- 757200 T 43 -44

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: found dead(burned) near point of crash
CONDITION OF BODY: burned

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION: will be reported later

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomasterof Rassnitz.

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Place of burial will be reported later

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD: /s/(illegible)
Captain

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: 12

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KU 2799

Data on Dead Members of the Enemy Air Forces, according to D(Luft) 2706/07,par.VII

Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle/Saale-River
Date and Time : 29 August 1944; 1000 hrs.

Regarding: Downed Boeing B 17 G by : Anti-aircraft.
on : 24 August 1944 , time : 1130 hrs.
at : Burg - Lichenau , 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification marks : W star B N
License Number : 297291

Name : Watson
First Name : James R.
Rank : ./.
ASN 32282335 T 42-43
Disposition : found dead
Place, where body was found : point of crash.
Location of grave : will be reportd later
Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomaster of Loessen
Remarks : Place and date of burial wll be reported later.

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/s/ (illegible)
Captain

KU 2799

Data on Dead Members of Enemy AirForces, according to D(Luf) 2706/07, par.VII

Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle- Nietleben
Date and time : 24 August 1944, 2200 hrs.
Regarding : Downed Boeing B17 G , by : Anti-aircraft.
On: 24 August 1944; time : 1130 hrs.
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification marks : W star BN black C on white triangle
License Number : 297291

Name : Paul
First Name : George E.
Rank : ./.
ASN: 36557309 T 43-44
Disposition: found dead
Place where body was found : point of crash.
Location of grave : will be reported later
Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomaster of Loessen
Remaks : Place and date of burial will be reportd later
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Information Center West, Oberursel 1 copy

/s/ (illegible)
Captain

KU 2799

Data on Dead Members of Enemy Airforces, according to D(Luft) 2706/07, par. VII
Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle-Nietleben
Date and time : 24 August 1944 ; 2200 hrs.

Regarding : Downed : Boeing B 17 G by : anti-aircraft.
on : 24 August 1944; time : 1130
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification marks : W star BN black C on white triangle
License Number: 29 72 91

Name : Sansum
First Name : Harry
Rank : ./.
ASN : 36 233045 T 43
Disposition : found dead
Place where body was found : point of crash
Location of grave : will be reported later.
Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomaster of Loessen
Remarks : Place and date of burial will be reported later.

Distribution :
Information Center [illegible]t, Oberursel 1 copy.

/s/(illegible)
Captain

Data on Dead Members of Enemy Air Forces, according to D(Luft) 2706/07, par. VII
Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle - Nietleben
Date and time : 24 August 1944; 2200 hrs.
Regarding : downed : Boeing B 17 G by : anti-aircraft
on : 24 August 1944 ; time : 1130 hrs.
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification marks : W star BN black C on white triangle
License number : 29 72 91

Name : unknown
First Name : ./.
Rank : ./.
ASN ./.
Disposition : burned
Place where body was found : point of crash
Location of grave : will be reported later
Burial will be accomplished by : burgomaster of Loessen
Remarks : Place and date of burial will be reported later .

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Captain

KU 2799

Data on Dead Members of Enemy Air Forces, according to D(Luft) 2706/0%,par. VII

Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle- Nietleben
Date and time : 24 August 1944, 2200 hrs.

Regarding : downed : Boeing B 17 G by: anti-aircraft
on : 24 August 1944 ; time : 1130 hrs.
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification Marks : W star B N, black C on white triangle
License No : 2? 72 91

Name : unknown
First Name : ./.
Rank : ./.
ASN : ./.
Disposition : burned
Place where body was found: point of crash
Location of grave : will be reported later
Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomaster of Loessen
Remarks : Place and date of burial will be reported later

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Data on Dead Members of Enemy Air Forces, according to J(Luft) 2706/07 ,par. VII.

Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle-Mietleben
Date and time: 24 August 1944, 2200 hrs.

Regarding : Downed : Boeing B 17 G by anti-aircraft
on : 24 August 1944; time : 1130
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg
Identification marks : W star BN , black C on white triangle
License No : 20 72 91

Name : unknown
First Name : ./.
Rank : ./.
ASN: ./.
Disposition : burned
Place, where body was found : point of crash
Burial will be accomplished by : Burgomaster of Loessen
Location of Grave : will be reported later
Remarks : place and date of burial will be reported later

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KU 2799

Data on Dead Members of Enemy Air Forces., according to D(Luft)2706/07, par.VII.

Post : Receiving Command
Location : Halle- Nietleben
Date and Time : 24 August 1944, 2200 hrs.

Regarding : Downed : Being B 17 G by : anti-aircraft
on: 24 August 1944 ; time : 1130 hrs.
at : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg.
Identification marks: W star BN, black C on white triangle.
License No.: 29 72 91

Name : unknown
First Name : ./.
Rank : ./.
ASN .: ./.
Disposition : burned
Place where body was found : point of crash
Location of grave : will be reported later
Burial will be accomplished by: Burgomaster of Loessen.
Remarks : Place and date of burial will be reported later.

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KU 2999

Data on capture of enemy aircraft.
according to D(Luft) 2706/07
Post : Receiving command
Location : Halle-Nietleben
Date : 24 August 1944 ; time: 2200 hrs.

Date and time aircraft was downed: 24 August 1944; 1130 hrs.
Point of crash : Burgliebenau, 5 km east of Merseburg.
Type of captured downed by anti-aircraft.
Type of craft : Boeing B 17 G
Identification marks : W star BN , black C on white triangle.
License No.: 29 72 91
Camera : not identified
Radio Frequencies : see special report
Condition of craft : 98 per cent damage
Number of Motors : 4
Armament: normal
Armor-plating: normal
Guard for aircraft : Field guard
Disposition of crew : 6 dead, the rest presumably among the prisoners which are being transported by anti-aircraft Group Halle-Lenna
Arrival of Emergency Police: 24 August 1944, 1700 hrs.
Detail of emergency police was composed of : 1 Officer of the flying personell ,
1 Officer of the Air Force Signal Corps
1 examiner

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Identification tags (six)

1) Robert Dykeman
O- 755534 T - 43 A/P (two tags)

2) George E. Paul
36 55 73 09 T 43 -44 O/P

3) Harry R Sansum
36 23 30 45 T 43 B/P
Maude Sansum
Rt. 4
Baraboo, Wis.

4) John E. Rice
O- 71 03 15 T 43 - 44 O/P

5) James R. Hejson
19 11 53 93 T 42 - 43 - B/P

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STATEMENT OF 2ND LT. GEORGE C. LAWRENSON, O-755707.

On the mission to Merseburg, Germany, on 24 August 1944, I was tail gunner of A/C 42-97691, which was the lead A/C, lead group, 41st "A" Combat Wing. The missing A/C # 42-79291 was flying in #1 position, high element, same group. The relative position of the two A/C is shown below. Over the target the missing A/C received a direct hit in the bomb bay by A/A gunfire. The missing A/C peeled off and went into a vertical dive. I saw two parachutes about this time, but as there was another A/C which went down at the same time, I cannot be sure from which A/C they came. I believe, however, they came from the other A/C.

George C. Lawrenson

GEORGE C. LAWRENSON,
2nd Lt., AC.
O-755707.

42-97691 - Report A/C.

42-31060 42-97994 - This A/C is also missing.

42-97291 - Missing A/C.

42-102496 44-6309

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HILLARY , Jack R.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-757200
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? Ship Exploded.

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Pilots Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: None.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Beldeved to be Blown out of ship when it exploded, with out a parachute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 44 Meresburg, Ger. 31 July 44, Munich, Ger. 1 Aug. 44 Orleans Fr. A/D. 3 Aug. 44 Fresnoy, [redacted]. 4th Aug. 44, Peenemunde, Ger. 5th Aug 44 Pas De Calais, Fr. 8th Aug. 44 Caen Area, Fr. 9th Aug. 44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug 44 Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug 44 Seriang, Ger. 24 Aug. 44, Merseburg, Germany, Missing over Merseburg, Germany 24 Aug. 1944, B-17, #42-79291.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROBERTSON , William (NMI) III
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-819712
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Crew (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No Knowledge.

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Co-Pilots Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: None.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Supposedly Blown out of ship without a parachute when it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: 31, July 44 Munich, Ger. 1 Aug. 44, Orleans, Fr. A/D. 3 Aug. Fresony, 4 Aug. 44 Pennemunde, Ger. 5 Aug 44, PasDeCalis. Fr. 8 Aug. 44 Ocean Area France. 9th Aug. 44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug. 44 Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug 44 Seriand, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Meresburg, Ger, Missing over Meresburg, in B-17 #42-79291.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RICE , John E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-710315
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No Knowledge.

If not, why not?

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

None.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Navigators Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: None.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Supposedly Blown out of ship without a parachute when it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 44, Merseburg, Germany 31, July 44 Munich, Ger. 1 Aug. 44, Orleans, Fr. A/D. 3 Aug. Fresony, 4 Aug. 44 Peenemunde, Ger. 5 Aug 44, PasDeCali Fr. 8 Aug. 44 Caen Area France. 9th Aug. 44 Firmesens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug. 44 Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug 44 Serian, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Meresburg, Ger, Missing over Meresburg, in B-17 #42-79891.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DEFILIPPIS , Rocco (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-765628
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No Knowledge.

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Bombardiers Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: None.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Supposedly Blown out of ship without a parachute when it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 44, Merseburg, Germany 31, July 44 Munich, Ger. 1 Aug. 44, Orleans, Fr. A/D. 3 Aug. Fresony, 4 Aug. 44 Peenemunde, Ger. 5 Aug 44, PasDeCalai Fr. 8 Aug. 44 Caen Area France, 9th Aug. 44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug. 44 Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug 44 Seriand, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Meresburg, Ger, Missing over Meresburg, in B-17 #42-79291.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PAUL , George E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36557309
Position: Crew (Bomber) on [illegible]: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No. Knowledge.

Where? No. Knowledge.

If not, why not? Probably Blown out when ship exploded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Called up the pilot and reported smoke coming out of number 3 engine.

Was he injured? No Knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Top Turret Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to have Been killed instantly in the explosion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12.

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 44 Merseburg.Ger. 31. July 44 Munich. Ger. 1Aug. 44. Orleans. Fr.A/D. 3 Aug 44 Frosnoy. 4Aug 44 Peenemunde. Ger. 5 Aug 44 PasDeCalais, Fr. 8 Aug. 44 Caen Area France. 9th Aug. 44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug. 44 Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug 44 Seriang, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Meresburg, Ger, Missing over Meresburg, in B-17 #42-79291.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 8212

Name of crew member: SANSUM , Harry R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 36233045
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?

If not, why not? Blown out of Ship when it Exploded in the Air.

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

Was he injured? Killed Instantly when he lit on the ground, without his parachute.

Where was he when last seen? I saw him with my own eyes laying on the ground about a mile or so from Merseburg.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When the ship was hit it exploded immediately and this crew member was blown out without a parachute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11.

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 44, Merseburg, Ger. 31 July. Munich, Ger. 1 Aug. 44 Orleans Fr.A/D. 3 Aug. 44 Fresnoy 8 4th Aug. 44 Peenemunde, Ger 5 Aug. PasDe Calais, Fr. 8th Aug. 44. Caen Area, France. 9 Aug.44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug.44 Stuttgart.G. 16, Aug.44 Seriang, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Meresburg, Germany. Missing on B-17, #42-79291, over Merseburg, Germany. (Killed.)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: WATSON , James R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32282335
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge.

Where? No Knowledge.

If not, why not? Probably not blown out.

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Tail Position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Supposedly blown out of the plane when we were hit by Flack. As near As I know we must of received a direct hit in the bomb bays while still carring our bomb load.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12. counting the fatal one.

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 July 1944, Merseburg, Germany, 31 July 44, Munich, G. 1 Aug. 44, Orleans France A/D. 3 Aug. 44 Fresnoy, 4 Aug. 44 Peenemunde, Ger. 5 Aug. 44, Pad De Calais Area, Fr. 6 Aug. 44 Caen Area, France. 9 Aug. 44 Pirmasens, Bel. 14 Aug. 44 Stuttgart, Ger. 15 Aug. 44 ~~SMKKKKKKK~~ Wiesbaden, Ger. 18 Aug. 44 Seriang, Ger. 24 Aug. 44 Merseburg, Germany, Missing in B-17 Aircraft, #42-79291. over Mereseburg, Ger.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Neldon Reid Bishop Rank Sgt Serial No. 39918069

2. Organization 303rd Bomb Gp. 359 Sqdn. 8th AAF Gp Commander Col. Cole Rank Col. Sqn CO Capt. Eisenheart. Rank.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month August day 24th did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing Merseburg, target, Synthetic Oil Refineries, target time, About 12:15, altitude, 26,500 ft. route scheduled, Overland, route flown Same.

5. Where were you when you left formation? In the ~~XXXX~~ Lead Element of the High Group.

6. Did you bail out? Yes. After the ship exploded.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Radio Operator bailed out same as I did, but a little before.

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 had my lower ball turret door part way open when I saw the Radio operator go out the open end of thefromt part of the wreckage. I didn't get a good enough view to even see if he had a Chute on or not. But found out after we were liberated that he was Alive and safe.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North west of Merseburg, as near as I can Tell. (About a Mile notth west.)

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? Waist Gunner was lying dead on the ground without a parachute on, evidently he was blown out without it.

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

CIVILIAN

1. Your name EUGENE E. GIRMAN Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 35582692

2. Organization 303 RD BM Gp Commander STEVENS (full name) Rank COL Sqn CO COLE (full name) Rank LT. COL.

3. What year 1944 month AUG day 24TH did you go down?

4. What was the mission, MERESBERG, target, LEUNA OIL WORKS, target time, 12:07, altitude, 26,000 FT route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown (SAME)

5. Where were you when you left formation? ON THE BOMB RUN

6. Did you bail out? WAS UNCONSIOUS WHEN EVIDENTLY SHIP BLEW ME CLEAR WHEN EXPLODING CAME DOWN IN CHUTE

7. Did other members of crew bail out? SAW ONE OTHER CHUTE EVIDENTLY NELDON BISHOP (BALL TURRET)

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? NEAR VILLAGE OUTSIDE MERESBERG

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? NOTICED ENGINEER, PILOT & CO PILOT TRYING TO GET OUT OF THEIR REGULAR POSITIONS BEFORE I BLACKED OUT ALSO THE WAIST GUNNER REACHING FOR HIS CHUTE, BELIEVE PRESSURE WAS TOO GREAT TO ALLOW ANY ONE TO GET TO AN ESCAPE HATCH CONDITION OF CREW MEMBERS UNKNOWN

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(NO KNOWLEDGE)

OVER

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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ALL THE INFORMATION POSSIBLE COULD
PROBABLY BE OBTAINED FROM THE People in
CHARGE OF A SMALL ENGLISH & FRENCH
WORKING CAMP. JUST A FEW BLOCKS
FROM WHERE I WENT DOWN SINCE THEY
TOOK ME THERE AND THEY SEEMED TO
KNOW THE FATE OF THE REST OF MY
CREW, BUT WOULDN'T TELL ME. BELIEVE
ITS NUMBER WAS (M-STAMMLAGER IV-D

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

8212

Name of crew member: WATSON , James R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32282335
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge (Don't Believe So)

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Before Take off and Ship

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe He was unable To Leave Ship Because of Pressure and The Way The Plane was burning didn't Give Anyone much Time

Total number of missions of above crew member: Believe it was #12

Dates and destinations if possible:

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

8212

Name of crew member: SANSUM, Harry R.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 36233045
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge (Don't Believe So)
11

Where? ———

If not, why not? 11

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him just before I blacked out after being hit.

Was he injured? Not sure, but Don't think so

Where was he when last seen? In his regular position

Any hearsay information: The Ball Turret man claims he saw him on the ground dead in a letter I recieved from the Ball-Turret operator

Source: Neldon R. Bishop (Ball Turret operator)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe he was unable to bail out because of pressure from straight dive and the limited time before ship blew or cracked up

Total number of missions of above crew member: Believe it was #10

Dates and destinations if possible: No information Government Records show correct missions and dates on all of crew

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PAUL , George E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 36557309
Position: Crew (Bomber) on [redacted]: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE (DONT BELIEVE SO)
" "

Where? "
"

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ON OXYGEN CHECK

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE ABLE TO MOVE ABOUT

Where was he when last seen? GETTING DOWN FROM UPPER TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE EITHER THE FLAMES FROM THE BOMBAY OR PRESSURE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TO AN EXIT. IT COULD HAVE BEEN THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME. SAW HIM JUST BEFORE BLACKING OUT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: #12

Dates and destinations if possible: ARMY RECORDS ARE CORRECT ON MISSIONS FLOWN I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THEM

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DEFILIPPIS , Rocco (NMI)
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-765628
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? No Knowledge (Dont believe so)
" "

Where? "
"

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: On Checking bombay doors and when he asked the Pilot if he should salvo the bombs since we had one engine gone prior to getting The Direct hit in the bombays

~~Was he injured?~~ ~~Where was he when last seen?~~ No information as to whether he was injured or not

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: #12

Dates and destinations if possible: Army Records believed to be Correct

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RICE , John E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-710315
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Navigator

Did he bail out? No Knowledge (Don't think so)

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before being hit. He told the Pilot that they were

Was he injured? Right on us with their Flak
(Don't Know)

Where was he when last seen? In Position on ship

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible:

No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROBERTSON, William (NMI) III
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-819712
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge (Dont Believe so)
" "

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before bomb run.

Was he injured? Dont know - Was able to move about

Where was he when last seen? Climbing down from Co-Pilots seat.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: "

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Dont believe he had enough time to get to an escape hatch. Think he might have been trapped by flames from the bombays

Total number of missions of above crew member: # 11

Dates and destinations if possible: "

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HILLARY , Jack R.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-757200
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge (Dont believe so
" "

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He told the Bombardier to hold his bombs until reaching Target Then he asked me if everything was alright in the back

Was he injured? (Dont know) This was prior to getting direct hit.

Where was he when last seen? Attempting to climb down from seat

Any hearsay information: None — would like to recommend him for the D.F.C. for giving orders to hold the bombs until target time as we had one engine gone and another acting up. We managed to keep up with the rest of the formation in position because of his clear thinking and flying ability he had the safety of crew in mind along with fulfilling mission

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None but believe there was too much confusion around the escape hatch up front, and believe the pilot co-pilot + engineer were trapped by flames from the bombays along with the pressure holding them down

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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VIII BOMBER COMMAND – PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGET

Primary MERSEBURG, GERMANY

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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HEAVY 9	FW 190
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	ME 110
	DO 217

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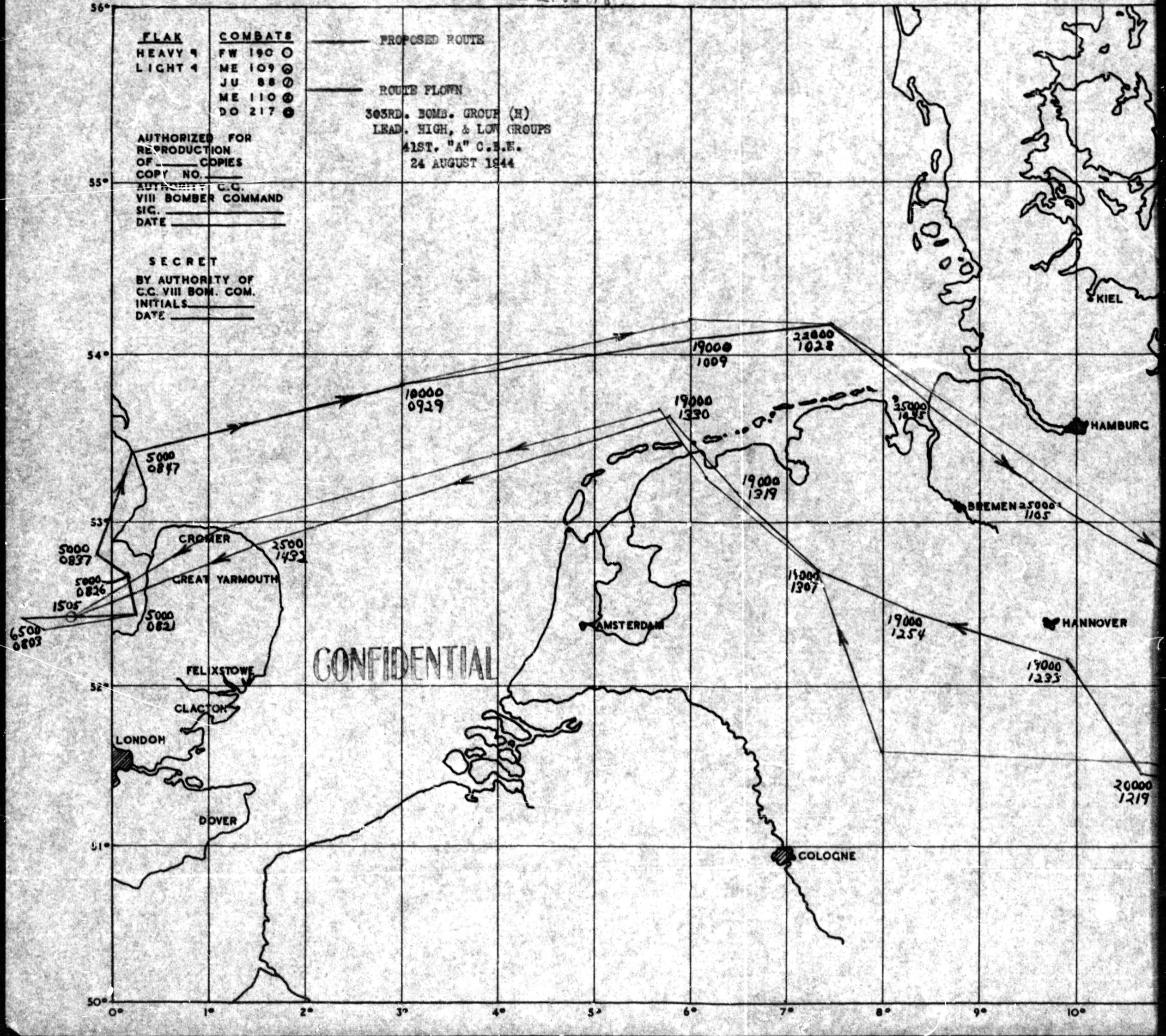
DATE _____

_____ PROPOSED ROUTE

_____ ROUTE FLOWN

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
LEAD. HIGH, & LOW GROUPS
41ST. "A" C.B.E.
24 AUGUST 1944



MMAND – PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

TRACK CHART

DATE _____

_____ Route followed by _____

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