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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth, Eng. Command or Air Force 8th A. F. Group 303rd Bomb; Squadron 358th; Detachment -----
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See Attached Chart.
 Target or Intended Destination Merseburg, Ger.; Type of Mission Bombardment.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear - Visibility unrestricted.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 18 Month September Year 1944; Time 1127 Location 51°35'N-11°40'E.
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was 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 (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-32027 (427th Sq A/C)
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any Betty Jane
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) 41-57201; (b) SW-005778; (c) SW-016939; (d) 41-24812
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) 655772 F.D.G.M. (b) 652774 F.D.G.M. (c) 727517 B.L.&C. (d) 727547 B.L.&C.;
 (e) 947857 Savage; (f) 722124 B.L.&C. (g) 650775 F.D.G.M. (h) 655596 F.D.G.M.;
 (i) 638840 F.D.G.M. (j) 635245 F.D.G.M. (k) 947631 Savage; (l) 950127 Savage;
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 of (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>HEISEN, CARL M.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-764887</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>DAVIDSON, STANLEY (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-715153</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>HODENIUS, FRANK L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-723233</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>CUMMINGS, GROVER C. H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-772029</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Top Turret	<u>HAHN, CHARLES L.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>15113335</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. Radio Gunner	<u>GAST, WILLIAM H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>35546894</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>GAUDETTE, CHARLES W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>31349378</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. Waist Gunner	<u>BROWN, JENNINGS G.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39693116</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9. Tail Gunner	<u>DUNFORD, JEFFERSON H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39921705</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.				
11.				

12. 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. * <u>EVANS, HUGH L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-219397</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2.						
3.						

* 384th Bomb Group (H) (Over)

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13. 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) _____
A/C still flying under control when last seen.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. ~~See attached chart.~~ 293
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary attached.**
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 15 September 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary attached.



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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 303rd Bomb Gp SQ 358th A/C # 42-32027 MISSION DATE 13 Sept 1944
(427th A/C)

FIRST PILOT HELEEN, CARL M. 2nd Lt. O-764887 DESTINATION Merseburg, Ger.
NAME RANK SER#

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates 51°35'N-11°40'E.

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000.

(c) Last noted heading 300° Mag.

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 300 yards.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

Formation had just passed through intense and extremely accurate A/A gunfire over Merseburg, Germany.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

When last seen, the missing A/C had two propellers feathered. It had dropped back out of formation due to inability to stay with the formation.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Missing A/C was apparently under control when last seen.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? Yes. If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). There was friendly fighter support in the area, but none seen immediately around the missing A/C.

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Missing A/C was in a formation of 10 A/C from the 384th Bomb Group (H) and two from the 303rd Bomb Group (H). The other from the 303rd is also missing.

8. Date of report 14 September 1944.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SFR #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	EVANS, HUGH L.	2nd Lt.	O-819397	459 (384th A/C)
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Joseph G. Robinson</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>O-904618</u>	<u>Ass't S-2.</u>
NAME	RANK	SER #	DUTY
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON			

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M; subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 13 September 1944 11.58 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. KU 2902

PLACE OF CRASH: Oberhof in Thuringia

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE: H. Air Base Weimar

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED		PLACE OF INTERMENT
			WOUNDED	DEAD	
SUMMINGS —	Grever Cecil Lewis 2nd Lt. De Sota, Mo.	3-772829	captured		Dulag Luft West
DAVISON 1918	Stanley 2nd Lt. Ia.	0-715152	captured		Dulag Luft
HORNBIUS	Frank Louis 2nd Lt.	0-723233	captured		Dulag Luft
HAIN 1823(78)	Charles Lehman Sgt. USA	15119335	captured		Dulag Luft
GAST	William Henry Sgt.	35546894	captured		Dulag Luft
GAUDETTE	Charles Wilfred Sgt.	5-21349378	captured		Dulag Luft
DUNFORD 1923	Jefferson Hulme Sgt. Idaho	39921705	captured		Dulag Luft
HELEN	Carl H. Officer	0-764887	dead		

DULAG LUFT, 3 October 1944 We.

MACK 8824
 B-17
 AAF 42-32027
 9 men

DATE: 13 September 1944 AT: 1150

PLACE: Oberhof/Thmer.

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 332027

358th (MB) Sqd. 303rd Group

TARGET: Airbase Command Weimar

RANK	NAME	K I 2002
Lt.	HELEN, Carl M. (dead)	ASH: 0-754287
2nd Lt.	BODENIUS, Frank Louis	ASH: 0-723233
2nd Lt.	CUMINGS, Grover Cecil Lewis	ASH: 0-772029
2nd Lt.	DAVIDSON, Stanley	ASH: 0-715152
Sgt.	GAST, William Henry	ASH: 55546894
Sgt.	HANN, Charles Lehman	ASH: 15119335
Sgt.	GAUDINTE, Charles Wilfred	ASH: 31348978
Sgt.	DUNFORD, Jefferson Malone	ASH: 30921705

Dead buried in cemetery Oberhof.

complete crew
 1 KIA
 8 MIA

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2nd Lt Carl M. Nelson 371

Mrs. Carl M. Nelson, (Wife)
c/o Anton Johnson,
Palmer, Montana.

2nd Lt Stanley Davidson

Mr. Sanford J. Davidson, (Father)
Brake Co.,
Murray, Iowa.

2nd Lt Frank L. Holzman

Mr. Frank P. Holzman, (Father)
187 Wilson Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

2nd Lt Greer C. H. Cummings

Mrs. Harriette M. Cummings, (Wife)
1008 North 13th Street,
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Sgt Charles L. Hahn

Mr. John H. Hahn, (Father)
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Sgt William H. Gast

Mrs. Leona H. Gast, (Mother)
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Sgt Charles W. Gaudette

Mrs. Davis H. Gaudette, (Wife)
25 Figue Street,
North Adams, Massachusetts.

Sgt Jennings G. Brown

Mrs. Beverly H. Brown, (Wife)
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Sgt Jefferson H. Dunford

Mr. Thomas J. Dunford, (Father)
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2ND LT. GROVER C. H. CUMMINGS,
U. S. PRISONER OF WAR #5665,
STALAG LUFT 1, GERMANY.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 8834

Name of crew member: HELEN, Carl H.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-734887
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? near Oberhoff Germany

If not, why not? —

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

gave order to Bail out. I left ship & saw him on more

Was he injured? No ~~yes~~ - Not before I left ship.

Where was he when last seen? in plane

Any hearsay information: I saw his chute, clothes, ~~it~~ of

Germans said His chute failed to open. It was open when I

saw it & was covered with blood. I didn't see Heleen but

Germans claim He broke his neck. Germans claim they

buried Heleen near plane crash in vicinity of Oberhoff

Source: German Soldiers & Luft Waff Officers

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

probable that Heleen's chute didn't open till He

hit the ground - then the impact popped it. Several

of our crew had to ~~pull~~ chutes open after pulling

rip cords.

Total number of missions of above crew member: five (Combat)

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission Sept. 13, 1944

mission to Mersbourg Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Dunford, Jefferson Hulme Rank Sgt. Serial No. 39921705
2. Organization 303rd Bg. Gp Commander Trout Rank 2nd Lt Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Mersbourg, target time, 11:15 am., altitude, 29,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? pulling off target at Mersbourg
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". Bail out order was given 20 or 30 mi West of Mersbourg I saw Brown, Gast, Hahn and Gaudette leave the ship through waist door after they left ship I bailed out Tail escape hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Oberhoff Germany
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 Hadenious, Cummings and Davidson in Frankfurt at Duloy Luft. They were bruised & banged up but all alive.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. all members except Heleen, Carl M. Have met at some time since Bail out.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HELEN, Carl M.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-764887**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor (flight instructor)~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge he did.

Where? Some-where near Oberhoff Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

I reported, from the ball-turret, that the no. 2 engine was throwing
oil and he acknowledged receipt of the message.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? no knowledge

Any hearsay information: had heard that his chute had failed to open

Source: From the co-pilot at a prison at Weimar, Germany

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Ludwigshafen, Ludwigshaven, Lutzendorff,

Mannheim, and Merseburg. No exact knowledge of dates.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles W. Gaudette Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 31349378
2. Organization 8 AF Gp Sqd. George T. Mackin Gp. Kermit D. Stevens
 Commander _____ Rank Major Sea CO _____ Rank Colonel
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merschburg, target, synthetic-oil plant, target
 time, 11:30 A.M., altitude, 28,000 ft. route scheduled, have forgotten
 _____, route flown have forgotten
5. Where were you when you left formation? about three minutes after the target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
All members of my crew bailed out as I had met all of them at
different times. The pilot was the only member that I had not met.
The other members informed me that he was dead.
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? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HULEN, Carl H.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-764867**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as a flight engineer~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Near Oberhof Germany over the Hertz Mountains

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Last contact was just prior to my leaving flight deck to "bail out"

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In pilot's seat.

Any hearsay information: German medical officer at Oberhof hospital told me one crew member had been killed. An SS officer, patient at the hospital, identified Lt. Heleen as the crew member who had been killed. Further confirmation came from Lt. Durwood Carson and Sgt. William Gast during transit to Frankfurt.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Lt. Heleen's death^{apparently} resulted from his parachute failing to open properly. I was the second to leave the ship by the nose hatch after all members had left after section. Lt. Heleen was fifth and last to leave nose section and extremely low altitude probably caused failure.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Pas de Calais September 1st 1944
Ludwigs/aven - September 3rd, 7th and 9th
Merseberg - September 11th and 13th 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles L. Hahn Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 15119335
2. Organization ^{903rd} B.G.(H) Gp Commander ^{Kermit D.} Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO ^{George T.} Mackie Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 13th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merseberg, target, Oil Refinery, target time, 1130 (approx.), altitude, 28,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Turn off bombing run.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - all members bailed out on pilot's order.
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". After leaving formation all unnecessary equipment was salvaged. On realizing that it was impossible to reach Allied territory, pilot ordered crew to abandon ship and order was followed immediately by all members.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Oberhof in Hertz Mountains
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? With the exception of Lt. Heleen and Sgt. Jennings G. Brown, entire crew was together on reaching Oberrussel near Frankfurt on Main. Sgt. Brown successfully evaded capture for twenty-one days and I finally contacted him at Stalag Luft #9
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Lt. Durwood Cdrson ~~to~~ 51st Fighter Group was shot down in same area and was transferred to Oberrussel with our crew.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HELEEN, Carl M.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-764887
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~man~~ ~~flight~~ ~~gunner~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge he did.

Where? Near Oberhof, Germany (near Weimar)

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As I left my seat I yelled to him, Come on, let's get out of here.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? The last I saw him was in the cockpit of the plane.

Any hearsay information: A German guard told the ^{Tail gunner} ~~tail gunner~~ of the crew that Heleen's parachute did not open.

The guard also showed the ^{Tail gunner} ~~tail gunner~~ identification tags that were supposedly those of Heleen's. Also the small escape pictures that ~~the~~ ^{all} crewmen carried were shown to the Tail gunner and identified by him as belonging to Heleen

Source: Sgt. Jefferson Dunford, Tailgunner of the crew.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Story of guard plausible but there was considerable rifle fire in the area as we jumped and I feel the possibility is very great that Heleen was shot in his chute.

Our Altimeter indicated that we were 6500 ft. above sea level when I left the cockpit. Heleen was ready to follow me, thus he must of had plenty of altitude to get his chute open even if he had to pull it open. We all wore chest pack type chutes. I heard the plane crash into the ground before I hit the ground indicating that Heleen had left the plane close behind me, letting ~~it~~ the plane go into a dive.

Total number of missions of above crew member: six.

Dates and destinations if possible: Frederickshaven, Ger. twice in early Sept. 1944

Mersberg, Ger. twice early in Sept. 1944; two other targets in northern

Franch the last week of August, 1944. (Do not recall exact targets.)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Stanley Davidson Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-715152
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Stevens Rank Lt. Col Sqn CO Macken Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 13th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Demo. bombing, target Synthetic oil plant, target
time, 11:35 (Approx.), altitude, 29,000 ft. route scheduled, N. Franch.
and direct into targ, route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". A few minutes after passing over Weimar, Ger. the order to abandon ship was given. Sgt. Jefferson Dunford left by tailgunners hatch, Sgts. Wm. Gast, Chas. Gaudette, Jennings Brown left by waist hatch; Sgt. Chas. Hahn, Lt. Grover Cummings, Lt. Frank Hode nius, (on back)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Oberhof, Ger. (near Weimar)
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 apply
12. What was their condition? not apply
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? none
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. A fighter plane, P-47, piloted by 1st Lt. Darwood Carson was shot down nearby. Carson bailed out and was captured. Carson was taken under same guard with me from Weimar to camp for interrogation, Ober ousel, Ger. Saw plane shot down after I bailed out and later in talking to Carson found he was pilot of that plane.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Lt. Stanley Davidson, and Lt. Carl Heleen all left by the nose hatch.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HELEN, Carl M.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-764887
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flightman (Fighter)~~: Pilot

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Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR OBERHOF, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE TOLD ME TO CLEAR THE EXTRA RADIO EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE RADIO ROOM.

Was he injured? KILLED - CHUTE DID NOT OPEN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: I SAW HIS DOG TAGS &

IDENTIFICATION PICTURES - THE GERMANS TOLD ME HIS CHUTE DIDNT OPEN - THEY ALSO HAD HIS CHUTE, - FLYING BOOTS, & MAYWEST - THEY WERE COVERED WITH BLOOD

Source: GERMAN SOLDIERS IN OBERHOF

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

DIDNT HAVE TOO MUCH ALTITUDE WHEN HE BAIKED OUT - MY CHUTE DIDNT OPEN RIGHT AWAY - I HAD TO PULL IT OUT - I BELIEVE SOME OF THE OTHER CREWMAN HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: PA DE CALAIS - SEPT - 1 -
LUDWIGSHAVEN - SEPT - 2 - 67 - MERSBURG -
SEPT - 11 - 13

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MELBY, Carl M.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-764867**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

File 8824

GAST, William H.

Sgt.

G 17736

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(AR 25-100)

1. Army Regulations 25-100, 29 May 1945, provide a means whereby reimbursement may be obtained by military personnel and civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army for private property damaged, lost, destroyed, captured or abandoned in the service when the circumstances of the loss are within the purview of the cited regulations. (For further details see AR 25-100, 29 May 1945, obtainable at any post, camp, station or military establishment.)

2. A claim for private property lost in the service should be made on WD Form 30B, 1 June 1945, and submitted to the Commanding Officer of the organization to which the claimant belongs or with which he is serving if practicable, otherwise to the Commanding Officer of any post, camp, station or military establishment, if practicable the one nearest the point where investigation of the facts and circumstances can most conveniently be made. Claims may also be submitted to the Commanding General of any Service Command or Air Technical Service Command, within the United States, its territories and possessions, or to any office of the Command Claims Service in any Theater of Operations or other Command outside the continental limits of the United States. In any case where submission under the foregoing provisions is impracticable claims may be submitted direct to The Judge Advocate General, Washington 25, D. C.

3. Blank forms and assistance in the preparation of a claim may be obtained from the Claims Officer at the post, camp, station or other military establishment where the claim is submitted.

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