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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REPORT: 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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.  
Group 457 Bomb. Gp. Squadron 751st; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Target or Intended Destination Ruhland, Germany.; Type of Mission Objective bombing.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
5/10ths cloud cover
- GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sept. Year 1944; Time 1133; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Near Biesenthal 52 46 N 13 38 E  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information Not Available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: Exploded and tail came off.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 43-31383
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "American Eagle"
- ENGINE: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-003063; (b) 43-61711; (c) SW-018237; (d) SW-003138
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number):  
(a) 890622; (b) 889956; (c) 889327; (d) 684044  
(e) 689145; (f) 683684; (g) 974325; (h) 614517  
(i) 684055; (j) 889185; (k) 890309; (l) 890046  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- 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
<i>EUS</i>	1. PILOT	<i>8</i> <i>W</i> Selling, Harry H.	<i>1st Lt.</i>	0757305	<i>KIA RLD</i>
<i>DED</i>	2. CP	<i>2</i> <i>W</i> French, Lloyd D.	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	✓0711063	<i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	3. N	<i>3715</i> <i>M</i> Marcum, Robert F.	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	0698312	<i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i>	4. B	<i>6</i> <i>M</i> Peterson, Howard L.	<i>2nd Lt.</i>	✓0766350	<i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i>	5. TT	<i>9</i> <i>W</i> Shadran, James P.	<i>T/Sgt.</i>	✓14093875	<i>KIA</i>
<i>DEAD</i>	6. RO	<i>4</i> <i>W</i> Krueger, Erwin C.	<i>S/Sgt.</i>	✓36640396	<i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i>	7. WG	<i>8</i> <i>W</i> Gallucci, Stephen V.	<i>Sgt.</i>	✓35173809	<i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i>	8. BTG	<i>1</i> <i>W</i> Conley, Donald W.	<i>Sgt.</i>	✓36766058	<i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	9. TG	<i>7</i> <i>M</i> Nyder, Leo A. Sr.	<i>Sgt.</i>	35771939	<i>KIA</i>
	10.				
	11.				

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

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, or SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 29 1944

*Gerald H. Galligan*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REFERENCES OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

GERALD H. GALLIGAN,  
Capt., A. C.,  
Statistical Officer.



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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation, was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Due to fact that the rest of the Group were under E/A attack at same time as this aircraft, observation was limited. One report says one man bailed out of a B-17 hit by E/A at this time, but is not clear that this was 42-31383.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 15 September 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	A.S.N.	A/C No.
1.	<u>John G. Mackie</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>6288228</u>	<u>43-37766</u>
2.	<u>Ernest T. Salzer</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-871980</u>	<u>42-39023</u>
3.	<u>Irvin G. Forzy</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-761721</u>	<u>43-38026</u>
4.	<u>John A. Fox</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-761721</u>	<u>42-97123</u>
5.	<u>Ray D. Hedrick</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-742715</u>	<u>43-38181</u>

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

Hugh M. Hamill      1st Lt. A.C.      0-571919      Ass't. Gp. S-2.  
(Name)                      (Rank)                      A.S.N.                      Duty  
**HUGH M. HAMILL**

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-AJF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.



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(S-2 Summary of Eye-Witness Accounts)

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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 457th Sqdn. 751st A/C No. 42-31383

MISSION DATE 12 Sept. 1944 FIRST PILOT Harry H. Selling  
(Name)

1st Lt. (Rank) 0-757035 (Serial No.) DESTINATION Leuta

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:
  - (a) By coordinates 5246 - 1338 (Biesenthal)
  - (b) Approximate altitude 23,000 to 24,000
  - (c) Last noted heading unknown
  - (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation about 2,000 - 3,000 feet below formation.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C):  
 Single enemy aircraft attacked Lt. Selling's plane, which was then flying off left wing of #3 aircraft. Attack occurred at about 1125 to 1133 hours. It apparently was made from about 0730 o'clock.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):  
 Reports conflict as to extent of damage. One stated the A/C was hit by 10 to 15 20-mm shells in the cockpit and bombay. Another said there was a bad fire in the cabin and behind #3 nacelle. A third report said the A/C exploded, and the tail came off. Still another report said a wing and elevator were on fire.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

See 3.

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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY

S: 19 January 1945

APO 887

JTF/gd

20 December 1944

AG 519.1 Cas

SUBJECT: Clarification of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634. U.S. Army.  
Attention: Battle Casualty Section.

1. The following discrepancies were noted between Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft piloted by 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling and the S-2 Summary of Eye-witnesses Accounts attached thereto:

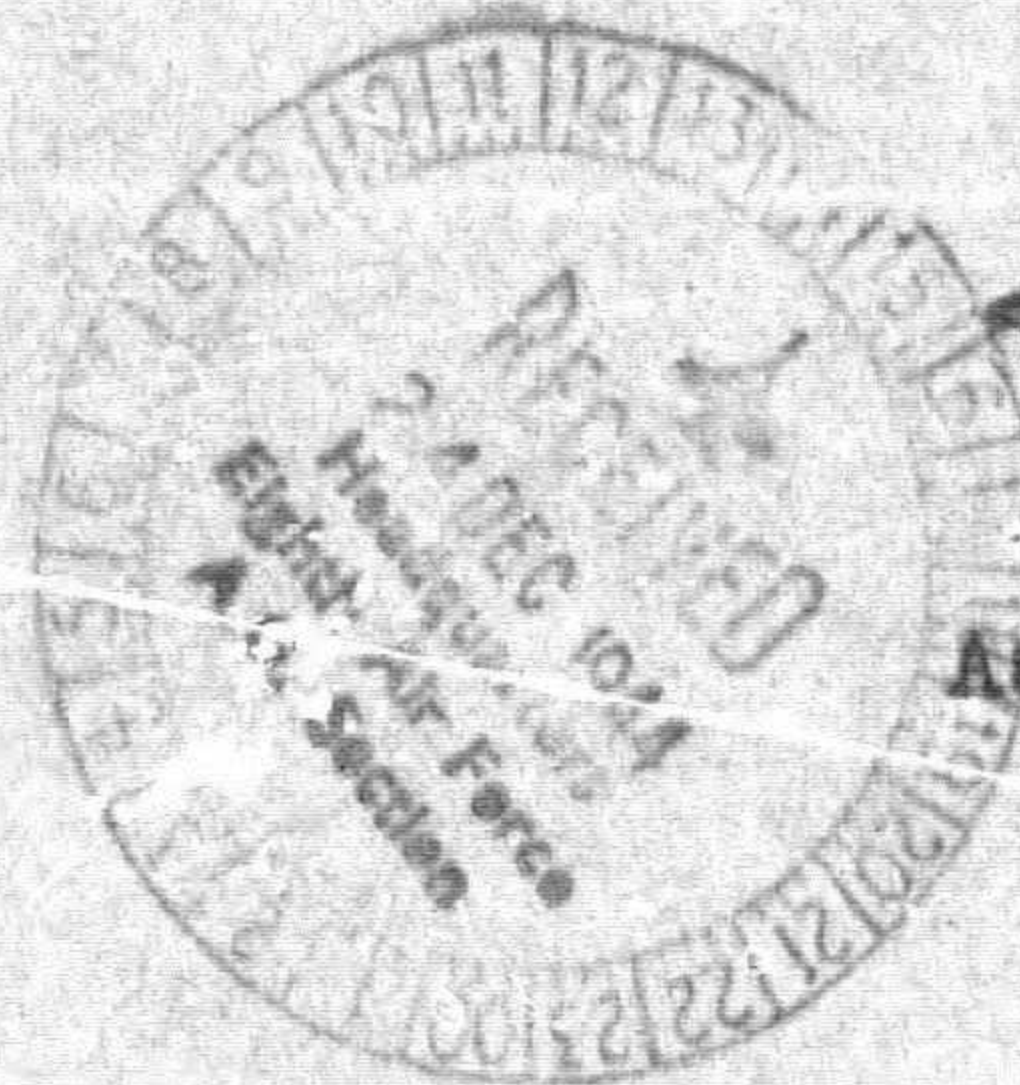
	MACR	S-2 Summary
Aircraft number:	43-31383	42-31383
Pilot:	1st Lt. Harry H. Selling O-757305	1st Lt. Harry H. Selling O-757035
Destination:	Ruhland, Germany	Lauta

2. Request clarification of above discrepancies be forwarded to this headquarters in duplicate as a supplement to the Missing Air Crew Report.

3. In the event that Lauta was the destination, request location by country.

4. If necessary request appropriate correction of Battle Casualty Report be initiated by your headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER,



*George R. Fenn*  
GEORGE R. FENN,  
1st Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. General.

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1st Ind.

(S: 14 Jan 45)

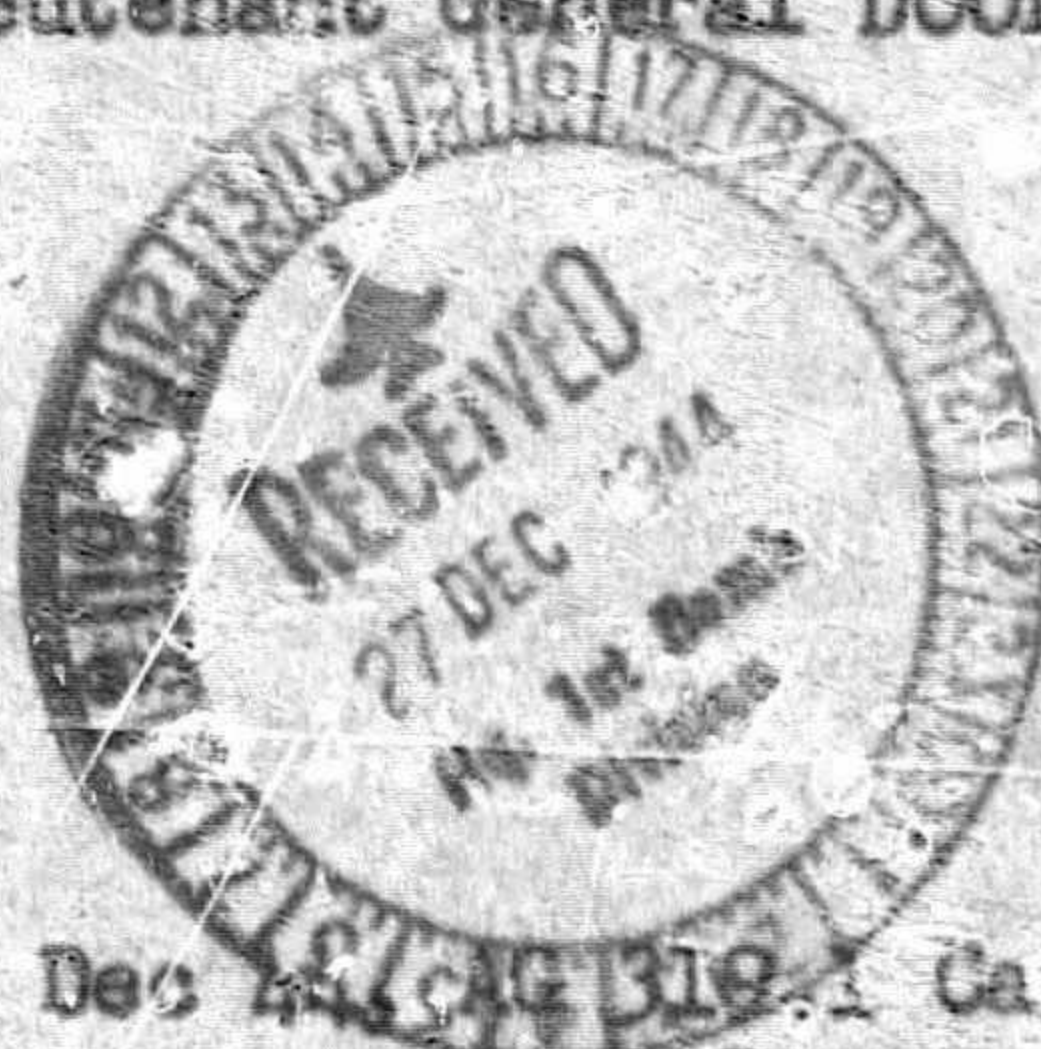
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, U.S. Army. 26 DEC 1944

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.
2. Attention invited to suspense date.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H.S. Wilson, Jr.".

H.S. WILSON, JR.,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

Basic: Ltr, Hq. STOU3A, 20 Dec 44, AG 319.1 Cas, subj: Clarification of Missing Air Crew Report, re: 1st Lt. Harry N. Selling.

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2d Ind.

(S: 12 Jan. 45)

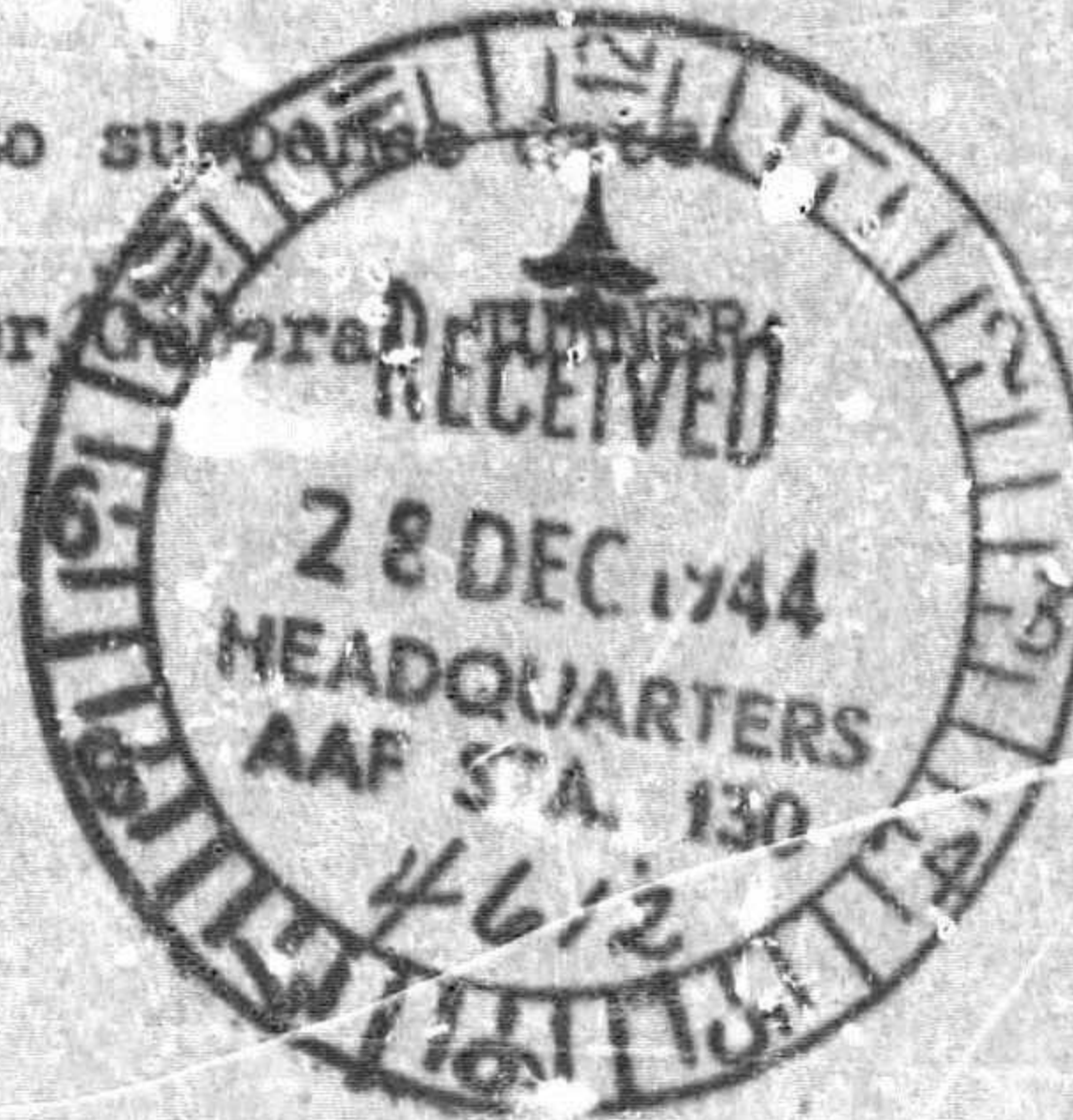
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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 27 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 130, APO 557.

1. For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.
2. Attention is invited to suspense date.

By command of Brigadier General Turner:



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Garvin".

CHARLES E. GARVIN,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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3d Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, AAF STATION 130, APO 557, 3 Jan 45.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

In compliance with basic communication the following clarifications are submitted:

Aircraft number: 42-31383.  
 Pilot: 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling, 0757305  
 Destination: Ruhland, Germany was the assigned target and intended destination. The target actually bombed was a target of opportunity at Lautz, Germany.

For the Commanding Officer:



*Joseph T. Stehle, Jr.*  
 JOSEPH T. STEHLE, JR.  
 MAJOR, AIR CORPS  
 ADJUTANT.

Basic: Ltr, Hq. ETOUSA, 20 Dec 44, AG 319.1 Gas, subj: Clarification of Missing Air Crew Report, re: 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling.

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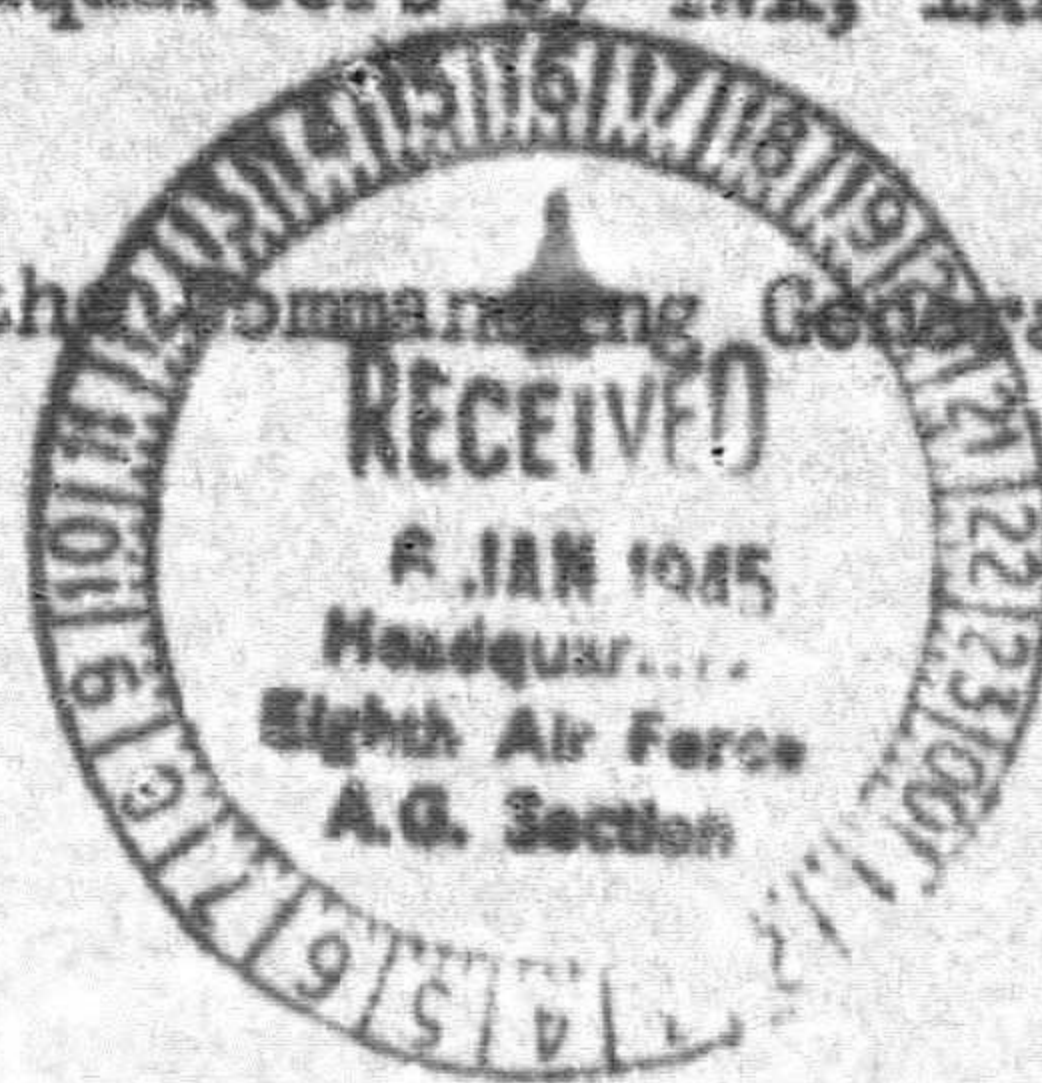
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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 6 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement.
2. Correction to Battle Casualty Report as pertains to the aircraft number submitted to your headquarters by TWX, LAD, J-160-G, dated 4 January 1945.

For the Commanding General:



*Charles E. Garvin*  
 CHARLES E. GARVIN,  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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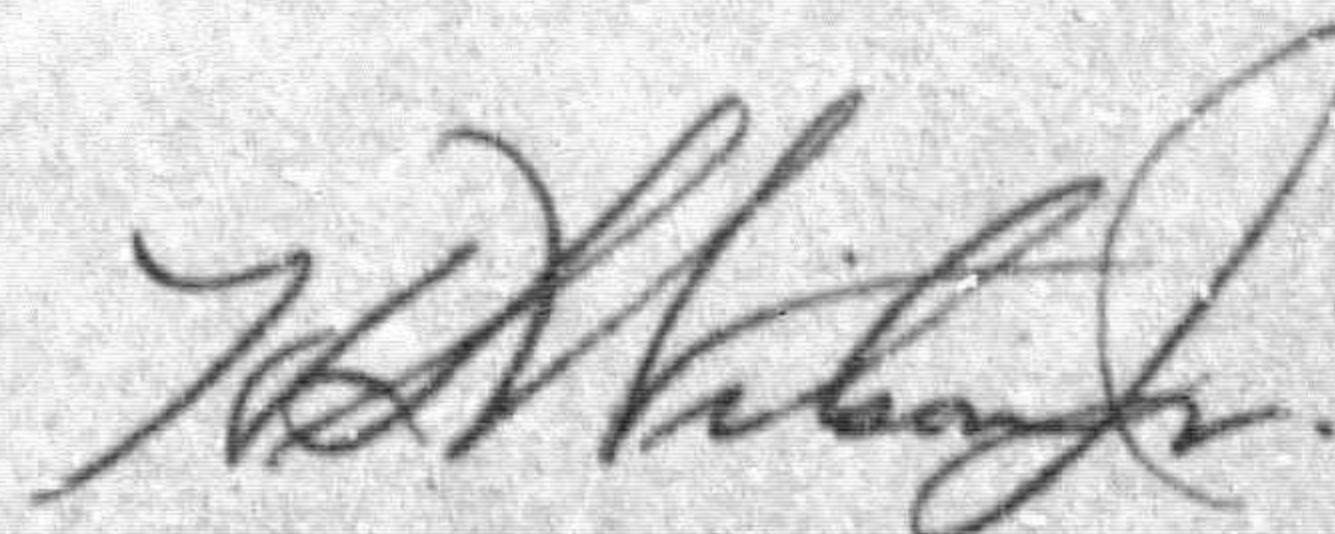
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, U.S. Army.

7 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U.S. Army.

Information requested in basic communication is contained in 3rd indorsement.

For the Commanding General:



H.S. WILSON, JR.,  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.



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AG 319.1 Cas. 2nd Ind. JWP/JFR/gd  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 12 January 1945

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

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-31383, piloted by 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling, O-757305, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 4 December 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Selling to be missing in action, 12 September 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

*H. M. Rund*  
H. M. RUND, *gnd*  
Colonel, AGD,  
Asst. Adj. General.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 7, 1944

SUBJECT: First Lieutenant Harry H. Selling, 0757305,  
751st Bomb Squadron, 457th Bomb Group,  
Missing in Action 12 September 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 23 May 1943, (AG 360.33 (5-21-43)08-3-AF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:

*E. A. Bradunas*

E. A. BRADUNAS,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Chief, Notification Branch,  
Personal Affairs Division,  
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.



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AG 319.1 Cas. 6th Ind. JWP/JFR/lr  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 16 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-31383, piloted by 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling, O-757305.
2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 369.33 Cas, dated 4 December 1944.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Harry H. Selling, O-757205, to be missing in action, 12 September 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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*H. M. Rund*  
H.M. RUND,  
Colonel, AFD, *2*  
Asst. Adj. General.

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1st Lt. Harry H. Selling ✓

Mrs. Esther P. Selling (Mother)  
990 South New Hampshire Street  
Los Angeles, California

2d Lt. Robert F. Marcus ✓

Mrs. Benjie Marcus (Mother)  
2845 South 35th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

371  
2d Lt. Lloyd D. French ✓

Mrs. Myra H. French (Wife)  
107 Acorn Street  
Denver, Colorado

2d Lt. Howard L. Peterson ✓

Mrs. H. L. Peterson (Mother)  
P. O. Box 3007  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

T/sgt. James P. Shadman ✓

Mrs. Maude T. Shadman (Mother)  
Saint Simons Island, Georgia

S/sgt. Erwin C. Krueger ✓

Mrs. Helen Krueger (Mother)  
8916 Commercial Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Sgt. Stephen V. Gallucci ✓

Mrs. Theresa Palmer (Grandmother)  
55 Grunlin Avenue  
Girard, Ohio

Sgt. Donald E. Conley ✓

Mr. Charles E. Conley (Father)  
114 Saint Mary Street  
Peoria, Illinois

Sgt. Lem A. Ryder, Sr.

Mrs. Mary E. Ryder (Wife)  
1218 1/2 Calmont Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MARCUM , Robe t F.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-698312  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No. He did not escape from the ship

Where? -----

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: "Harry, ship closing in on us from the left."

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PETERSON , Howard L.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-766350  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SHADMAN , James P.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 14093875  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? Getting out of upper turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Do not believe  
he could have gotten out alive, because plane broke apart where  
he was last seen.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

KRUEGER , Erwin C.

Rank:

S/sgt.

Serial number:

36640396

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and/or Navigator/Pilot~~:

Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five or Six

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RYDER , Leo A. Sr.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 35771939  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [REDACTED]~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



Ryder, Leo E. Jr.  
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MIA 12 Sept 44 15 Jan 45

to Mrs. Mary E. Ryder  
1218 1/2 Oakmont Rd  
Charleston, Va



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CONLEY, Donald W.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 36766058  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight (number)~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GALLUCCI , Stephen V.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 35173809  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight~~ Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge



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Name of crew member: FRENCH , Lloyd D.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: O-711063  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? no knowledge

Where? -----

If not, why not? overcome by fire in cockpit

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

Was he injured? burns

Where was he when last seen? in cat walk

Any hearsay information: German police-man described Lt. French, and said  
he was finished.

Source: German police-man

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is very  
unlikely that he left the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: four

Dates and destinations if possible: no knowledge



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harry Horatio Selling Rank 1st. Lt Serial No. 0-757305
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Col. Luper Rank Col Sqn CO Syptak Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, aircraft factory, target time, 12:00, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, no knowledge, route flown no knowledge
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 to 15 miles north east of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? no knowledge
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? 10 to 15 miles north east of Berlin
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? In their respective positions
12. What was their condition? no injuries previous to attack
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The co-pilot Lt. Lloyd French was last seen going through hatch between flight deck and navigator's compartment. Fire in cockpit. Could not see if he got out. I saw Sgt. Shadman reaching for parachute. No further knowledge.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No other knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



Flying on mission. Everything normal until flak area reached near Berlin. Group Commander took up evasive action and in so doing shuffled deck with another group. As I dropped under one ship enemy fighters attacked shooting tail off my ship. Ship went into climb and then stalled out going into a tight spin. When ship was hit, co-pilot left seat going down through catwalk. Fire broke out in cockpit. Last I saw of co-pilot he was standing in catwalk covering his face. I remember ship tumbling and imagined wings sheared off. I was knocked unconscious. When I regained consciousness everything was quiet. I found myself in the V of the windshield. I made an attempt to go out the window but realized window was locked and noticed I was floating down in the wreckage of the pilot compartment. Having on a back-pack, I went out at about eight hundred feet. After parachute opened I was aware of pieces of wreckage falling around me. I was picked up about three hours later. I didn't see any of the crew members or wreckage of the ship.