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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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. ORIGINATOR: Location, by name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.  
Group 457 Bomb. Gp. (H); Squadron 750th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Target or Intended Destination Berriberg, Germany; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective Bombing.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/10ths cloud cover.
4. TIME: (a) Day 2 Month Nov. Year 1944; Time 1255; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Approx. 51-35N 11-25E to 51-10N 11-10E.  
(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 42-31923
7. EQUIPMENT ON AIRCRAFT, if any: "Prop Wash"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 42-138240; (b) SW-019224; (c) SW-018237; (d) 42-138155
9. IDENTIFIED REFUELERS (Furnish below date, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) 726666; (b) 727196; (c) 727890; (d) 726797;  
(e) 949548; (f) 949228; (g) 965686; (h) 965580;  
(i) 727205; (j) 727100; (k) 726629; (l) \_\_\_\_\_;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
or (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	Gallagher, Gordon E.	1st Lt.	0755543	MIA <b>RTD</b>
2. CP	Johnson, Donald W.	1st Lt.	0706187	MIA <b>RTD</b>
3. N	Isaacson, Joseph C.	1st Lt.	0716451	MIA
4. B	Gleason, Roy E.	1st Lt.	0679497	MIA <b>RTD</b>
5. TTG	Johnson, Paul W.	T/Sgt.	15335261	MIA <b>RTD</b>
6. RO	Moore, William J.	T/Sgt.	32704191	MIA
7. WG	McTurman, Harold E.	S/Sgt.	32772218	MIA <b>RTD</b>
8. BTG	Wiegler, Delos M.	S/Sgt.	33618051	MIA <b>RTD</b>
9. TG	Thompson, Melvin D.	S/Sgt.	39918766	MIA
10.				
11.				

12. THE NEXT 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)	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
		Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash or Land
1. Dombrowski, Victor E.	1st Lt. 0715265		X	
2. Franklin, James M.	1st Lt. 0758328		X	
3. York, John W.	S/Sgt. 3294168		X	

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, A STATE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
14. See pars. 6 and 7 of "S-2 Summary of Eye-Witness Account"  
ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, or SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF CRASH, INCLUDING LAST SIGHT OR HEARD BY \_\_\_\_\_
15. ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO LOSS OF AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND DATE OF DIAGNOSTIC REPORT \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 12 November 1944.

Gerald H. Galligan  
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

17. DETAILS OF THE WITNESS STATEMENTS:

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



(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. 750th A/C No. 42-31923

MISSION DATE 2 November 1944 FIRST PILOT Gordon E. Gallagher  
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-755543 DESTINATION Merseburg  
(Rank) (Serial No.)

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

(a) By coordinates Approximately 5135-1125 to 5110-1110

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading Unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Unknown

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

Approximately 40 enemy aircraft bounced group at about 1248 to 1258, 17 to 27 minutes after bombs away, in area between above coordinates. They attacked from the tail between 5 and 8 O'clock. They came in in waves, but each of them appeared to single out an individual B-17 to attack.

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

One engine and entire right wing was on fire. Twenty millimeter shells hit outside number four engine near gas tank and slashed a four-foot long hole on top of wing and through the bottom.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

After aircraft was hit by enemy aircraft, it pulled up, peeled off to right over the number two aircraft and dropped behind. It dived after peeling off. It was not seen to explode.

(Over)

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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.):

Up to four chutes were seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Aircraft was flying number three, high flight, high squadron. This was the only aircraft lost from this squadron. However, one aircraft was shot down from the lead squadron and seven aircraft from the low squadron. The squadrons were flying in group formation. The confusion caused by the attack makes the accuracy of the reports doubtful.

8. Date of report 12 November 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Victor E. Dombrowski</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-715265</u>	<u>43-37796</u>
2.	<u>James W. Franklin</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-758328</u>	<u>44-8414</u>
3.	<u>John W. York</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32941684</u>	<u>44-8414</u>
4.	<u>Elmer R. Sondag</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>35914799</u>	<u>42-97535</u>

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

Hugh M. Hamill  
HUGH M. HAMILL 1st Lt. 0-571919 Asst. Gp. S-2.  
(Name) (Rank) A.S.N. Duty

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

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B17

9 men  
AAF 42-31923

Date: 2 November 1944 at 1240

17 November

AO 1089a  
KU 3258

Place: Rabenkuppe near Mansfeld.

Type: Fortress  
231923/750 H. Bo.  
457th

Target: Flying Field  
Halle-Saale.

(Pencil Not: was 1089a)

EUS 1st/Ltn.	GALLAGHER, Gordon Eugene	0-755543
BUS 1st/Ltn.	JOHNSON, Donald W	- - 0706187
DED 1st/Ltn.	ISAACSON, Joseph	- - 0716451
DeV 1st/Ltn.	GLERSON, Roy	- - 0679497
PO1T/Sgt.	JOHNSON, Paul W.	- - 1533526
PO1T/Sgt.	MOORE, William	- - 32704191
RMCS/Sgt.	STURMAN, Harold Edward	32772218
US/Sgt.	THOMPSON, Melvin D.	- - 39918766
EUSS/Sgt.	RINGLE, Delos N.	32437) 39918766
5 "DEAD"	- Cemetery "Vatterode"	

Date Recd

Gallagher, Gordon E.	Liberated POW	RMC	144265
Johnson, Donald W.	( POW	5 Jan 45	002083-U
	( EUS		149100
Sturman, Harold E.	) POW	11 Jan 45	013111-U
	) EUS	28 Jan 45	047054R
Riegle, Delos N.	( POW	25 May 45	145064
	( EUS		169043

Date: 2 Nov 44, at 1500  
Place: Misleben  
Type of craft: Fortress  
Markings: -----  
750(HBO)Sqd.  
457 Group, 94 Wing,  
Air Base: 130

Rank: Name: KU 1089 a

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1st Lt. GALLAGHER, Gordon, E. (KU 325)  
1st Lt. JOHNSON, Donald  
1st Lt. ISAACSON, Joe  
1st Lt. GLEASON, Roy  
Y/Sgt. JOHNSON, P.  
Y/Sgt. MOORE, B.  
S/Sgt. STURMAN, H.  
S/Sgt. RIEGLE, D. (KU 3243 7)  
S/Sgt. THOMPSON, M.

(Crossed out in red and with the remark: "KU 32'98")

REPORT ON CRASH

CASUALTY NR. NZ 1253

DATE OF CRASH 2 November 1944, 1240  
 PLACE OF CRASH Rabenkuppe near Mansfeld  
 TYPE OF CRAFT Fortress  
 REPORTING OFFICE Air Base Halle/Saale

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.	RANK.	SER.NR.	RESULT.
GALLAGHER, Gordon Eugene	1st/Lt.	0-755543	captured Dulag Luft West
1. later report by 4 December 1944:			
STURMAN, Harold Eugene 1923	S/Sgt.	32772218	" "

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 Dulag Luft, 24 November 1944 v.S.

Case 5745



KU 3258 {  
- 3268  
- 3269  
- 3412

**Identification:** HAROLD E. STURMAN  
32772218 T 43 - 40 2 identification tags  
EDITH STURMAN  
92 Sylvan St.  
Rutherford, N.J. P

**Identification:** GORDON E. GALLAGHER  
0-755513 T 43 - 44 0  
P

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Case 5745

AF Hospital Halle-Doelau  
Chief Surgeon  
 File Sign: 49x Nr. 10656/44-St-

Doelau, 3/11/44

Ref. : D(luft) 2706/07

Subj.: Information of Dulag by Hospital.

To : Dulag Luft, Oberursel.

According to above mentioned Ref. AF Hospital 9/III (Halle-Doelau) reports that the wounded enemy flier Harold STURMAN, Ser. Jr. 32772218 F 43-44, has been admitted to this hospital 2/11/44. The wound concerns shattering of left foot and fragment wound in right shoulder. The prisoner of War will be trfd. to Dulag Oberursel in probably 10 days.

s/ illegible  
 Oberfeldarzt.

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 Case 5745

Technical Data

Nozzle: Fuselage: 95% destr. Landing Gear: 50% destr.  
Wings: 90% destr. Tail Unit : 90% destr.

Engine Model: Studebaker with Exhaust turbine.  
Nr. and destr. of Engines: can only be found out in salvage.

- 1) 80% destr. 2) 85% destr. 3) 80% destr. 4) 85% destr.

Metal Propellers: 3 blades Model: Hamilton-Standard  
DNG Nr.: 6477 A-0 Ser.Nr. Blade 1) 2194, 2) 2195, 3) 2196  
Radius of props: 1700 mm  
0.7 of radius: 1190 mm; depth of blade at this point: 320 mm

Weapons: 8 12.7 mm machineguns; Make and Manufacturer: Adapert - Gun-Mount  
Mfrs-Assy -Dwg- Number 03-043012, Order Nr. W 33 ac 2736, Spec.  
Nr. 93-24730 Bell-Aircraft Corp. Ordnance Div.  
Installation: Tail and fuselage; novalbe

Used Sights: Circular sights.

Ammunition: 12.7 mm belt

Ratio of components: TW 4

Bombs: None found

Bomb racks: U.S. AIR CORPS CHIN TURRET D NAME OF ARTICLE MODEL A 16 D  
2116 AIR CORPS TYPE SERIAL NO. A C 36921 W1 6106 ORDER NO. SPEC.  
NO. BENDIX PRODUCTS DIVISION BENDIX AVIATION CORP. SOUTH BEND,  
IND., U.S.A. M'FER'D. BY

Bomb-sight: None found.

Armor: 5 mm and 6,3 mm armor-plates in radio compartment and pilot's compartment.

Radio Sets: Antenna Tuning Unit BC-306-B;

- 2) Transmitter BC-375-K with Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 26 - B
- 3) Transmitter BC-457-A
- 4) Transmitter BC - 778 - E
- 5) Receiver BC - 966 - A
- 6) Receiver BC -455 - B
- 7) Receiver BC - 348 - R
- 8) Inverter, Spec. Nr. 10494
- 9) Dynamotor Unit PE - 14 - B
- 10) Rack FT - 244 - A with rack type 509

Cameras: None found.

Fuel: Could not be removed because of complete destr. of fuel tanks.

Nr. of tanks: not to be found out.

Remarks: From the wreck parts have been plundered or destroyed by unauthorized people.

a/ KRAUSE  
Inspector

Fortress 17

2/11/44 1240

231923

Rabeakuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld

J. (a)

Fh. Halle/S.

5 dead ?

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLBL 92**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

**5/11/44**

THROUGH:

TIME:

**1430**

ROLL:

FROM:

**LLBL**

THROUGH:

**Pass**

REMARKS:

**Q E M**

SSD LBNA 120 5/11 0110

To Ev. Pt. West Oberursel

Subj.: Downing Boeing B 17 G 2/11/44 1240 at Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
by fighter.

Markings: blue diagonal stripe at tail unit.

Nr. Admission: 231923. FT. Frequencies: see spec report.

Condition of craft: 90% destr. Fate of crew: 5 Med, (unknown), rest of crew unknown.

Addition to HQ Airbase Distr. 7/III, Grossenhain.

Ev. Pt. West, Oberursel and HQ Air District III/1c, Berlin-Dahlem have been notified.

Receiving Unit, Halle/Saale, 2nd. Company. Receiving officer s/MIRSCH, Lt.

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4 POW  
5 KIA  
Case 5475*

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Receiving Unit**  
 LOCATION: **Halle/Saale**  
 DATE: **8/11/44** **1000**  
 DATE AND TIME: **2/11/44** **1240**  
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN  
 PLACE OF CRASH: **Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld**  
 (NEAREST TOWN)  
 KIND OF CAPTURE: **fighter**  
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
 EMERGENCY LANDING)  
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17 G**  
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **blue diagonal stripe on tail unit.**  
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)  
 ADMITTANCE NO: **231923**  
 EQUIPMENT: **./.**  
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: **see spec. report**  
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **90% destr.**  
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)  
 Nr. of engines: **4 Studebaker**  
 Weapons: **normal**  
 Armor: **normal**  
 Guard: **Home Guard Rabenkuppe**  
 Fate of Crew: **5 dead (unknown); rest of crew unaccounted for.**  
 Arrival of Rec. Unit: **3/11/44 1515**  
 Receiving Unit: **1 officer AC.; 1 officer Sig.C., 1 techn. Insp.**

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 s/MIERSCH  
 Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Receiv. Unit**PLACE: **Halle/Saale**DATE: **8/11/44 1000**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing B 17 G by fighter****~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Unknown**FIRST NAME: **./.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **./.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**s/ **MIERSCH**  
**lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Rec. Unit  
 PLACE: Halle/Saale  
 DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
 REBOARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter  
XXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown  
 FIRST NAME: ./.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

s/ MIERSCH  
 Lt.



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 PLACE: **Halle/Saale**  
 DATE: **8/11/44 1000**  
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter**  
**~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld**  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Unknown**  
 FIRST NAME: **./.**  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **./.**  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**

s/ **NIERSCH**  
**Lt.**

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FIRST NAME: ./.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
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s/ WIERSCH  
Lt.

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 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**

s/ MIERSCH  
 Lt.

The Mayor  
Vatterode

Subj.: Downing Boeing B 17 @ 2/11/44 1240 hrs.  
Ratenkuppe 3 km N.E. Mansfeld.

Sketch of Grave of 5 Unknown American Fliers on  
Cemetery of Vatterode

18 September 1945

Subject: Casualty Information.

Gleason, Roy E.	0280407	First Lieutenant
Isaacson, Joseph C.	0271151	First Lieutenant
Johnson, Paul W.	15,735,241	Technical Sergeant
Moore, William J.	32,704,151	Technical Sergeant
Thompson, Melvin D.	30,212,243	Staff Sergeant

To: Lt. Col. John T. Duran,  
Casualty Branch,  
Washington, D.C.

While returning to England from Lensburg, Germany, our Group 457th H., was attacked by approximately 25 to 30 F.W. fighters. As these fighters started fires in both wings and the bomb bay, I gave the order for the crew to abandon ship but received no reply over the interphone. I then sounded the alarm bell, put the plane on automatic pilot and instructed the co-pilot, 1st Lt. Donald W. Johnson, to go to the nose of the plane and see if anyone there needed help in leaving the ship. As I left the pilots seat to go to the rear of the plane, to see if anyone there needed assistance, T/Sgt. Paul W. Johnson was standing between the pilots and co-pilots seat putting on his chest-type parachute. I had just left the pilot seat when there was a terrific flash as the plane exploded. The next thing I remembered, I was floating earthward.

After being interned in Germany, I met S/Sgt. D.W. Riegler and 1st. Lt. Donald W. Johnson. Sgt. Riegler informed me that he heard the order to abandon ship and left the ball turret, proceeded thru the waist of the plane to the door and jumped. He thought that T/Sgt. William J. Moore, had left the plane as he saw no one in the radio compartment. He did not know whether S/Sgt. Melvin D. Thompson was in the tail of the plane or previously had jumped. 1st. Lt. Donald W. Johnson had not reached the nose of the plane when it exploded and could give me no information on 1st. Lt. Roy E. Gleason or 1st. Lt. Joseph C. Isaacson.

Gordon L. Gallagher, 1st. Lt.

22 Jan 45 dmc

✓ 1st Lt. Gordon E. Gallagher

Mrs. Catherine M. Gallagher (Wife)  
2341 Keper Lane  
Cincinnati, Ohio

✓ 1st Lt. Don. W. Johnson

Mrs. Dolores Johnson (Mother)  
Pepin, Wisconsin

✓ 1st Lt. Joseph C. Isaacson

Mrs. Helen M. Isaacson (Wife)  
Painesdale, Michigan

✓ 1st Lt. Roy E. Gleason

Mrs. Jeanne F. Gleason (Wife)  
301 South Washington Street  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

✓ T/Sgt. Paul W. Johnson

Mrs. Lucille Johnson (Mother)  
Route Number Five  
Paducah, Kentucky

✓ S/Sgt Harold E. Sturman

Mrs. Edith Sturman (Mother)  
71 Ridge Road  
Rutherford, New Jersey

✓ S/Sgt. Delos H. Riegle

Mrs. Louise K. Labe (Sister)  
227 West Pennsylvania Avenue  
Robesonia, Pennsylvania

✓ T/Sgt. William J. Moore

Mrs. Irene A. Moore (Mother)  
34-05 44th Street  
New York City, New York

✓ S/Sgt. Melvin D. Thompson

Mr. Melvin L. Thompson (Father)  
Malad City, Idaho

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Melvin D.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 39918766  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/((Fighter))~~ Tail Gunner

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Did he bail out? unknown

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interphone hit by German fighters

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? tail of plane

Any hearsay information: none

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: approx. 30

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10315

Name of crew member: JOHNSON, Paul W.  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15335261  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/~~Fighter~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Plane exploded when I was leaving pilots seat, he was standing next to me putting on his chute.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_  
I motioned for him to abandon ship and he started to put on his chute.

Was he injured? Not before the explosion.

Where was he when last seen? Behind the pilots seat

Any hearsay information: none

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: approx. 70

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10315

Name of crew member: GLF SON, Roy E.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-679497  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Navigator): Bombar dier

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_  
Interphone hit by German fighters.

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? nose of plane

Any hearsay information: none

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: approx. 25

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ISAACSON, Joseph C.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-716451  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ Navigator

File # 10315

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: interphone hit by German fighters

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? nose of plane

Any hearsay information: none

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: approx. 30

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Gordon E. Gallagher Rank 1st.Lt. Serial No. 0-757543
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Liner Rank Col. Sqn CO Smith Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Herseberg, Germany, target, oil, target  
 time, 13:00, altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Five minutes after target.
6. Did you bail out? no
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". \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Information on attached sheet.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? exploded at 28,000 feet.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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: ISAACSON, Joseph C. File # 10315  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: O-716451  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? I do not know

Where? -

If not, why not? Not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was on V.H.F. during attack & did not hear any answers to the order to bailout.

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? in the nose section

Any hearsay information: I believe the Plexiglass in the nose, was shot out due to the rushing wind noticed as I reached the flight deck. It was very smoky & I couldn't see.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may have been injured during the attack

Total number of missions of above crew member: approximately 30

Dates and destinations if possible: The mission was to Mersburg on November 2, 1944. We were attacked near Eislaben, Ger.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

GLEASON, Roy E.

File # 10315

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-679497

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~Navigator~~:

Bombardier

Did he bail out? Not KnownWhere? -If not, why not? Not KnownLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was on VHF and didn't hear any of the conversationsWas he injured? Not KnownWhere was he when last seen? In the Nose of the PlaneAny hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may have been injured during the attackTotal number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 25Dates and destinations if possible: Shot down Nov. 2, 1944 near Eislaben, Germany

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JOHNSON, Paul W. File # 10315  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15335261  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Flight Lt: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Not known

Where? —

If not, why not? Not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I saw him  
a few minutes before we were hit

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? Top Turret

Any hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I did not see  
him when I climbed down on the flight deck. He wasn't  
in the turret.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 30

Dates and destinations if possible: Shot down November 2, 1944,  
Near Eislaben, on the way home from Merseburg, Ger.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MOORE, William J.** File # 10315  
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **32704191**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight Engineer: ~~Flight Engineer~~ **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? Not Known

Where? —

If not, why not? Not Known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I was on V.H.F. and did not hear the conversations

Was he injured? Not Known

Where was he when last seen? IN the radio room

Any hearsay information: I believe Sgt. Riegler looked in the radio room after coming out of the ball-turret & he did not see Moore

Source: Sgt. Delos N Riegler

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 30

Dates and destinations if possible: Shot down Nov. 2, '44 Near Eislaben

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

THOMPSON, Melvin D.

File # 10315

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

39918766

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Tail GunnerDid he bail out? Not KnownWhere? —If not, why not? Not KnownLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Sgt. Riegleheard him call out fighters during the attackWas he injured? Not KnownWhere was he when last seen? IN the Tail PositionAny hearsay information: —Source: —Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONETotal number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 30Dates and destinations if possible: Shot down November 2, 1944,Near Eisleben, returning home from Merseburg, Ger.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Johnson, Donald W. Rank 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Serial No. 0706187
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Rogner Rank Col. Sqn CO Dougherty Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merseburg, Ger., target, Oil Refineries, target time, 13:00, altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? about 15 minutes on the way home from Merseburg. I landed in Hilsleben
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Lt. Gallagher, Sgt. Sturman & Sgt. Biegle
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 saw Lt. Gallagher & Sgt. Biegle on the ground. Lt. Gallagher didn't know how he got out of the plane. Sgt. Biegle was injured on landing & Sgt. Sturman had been wounded before bailing out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge - Many pieces of it fell around me on the way down
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? —
12. What was their condition? —
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The last I saw them was before the attack
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. There were about 20 Americans in a Prison that night but I do not remember any names

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ISAACSON, Joseph C.

File # 10315

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-716451

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~Navigator~~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

TALKED LAST BEFORE TAKE-OFF.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: (APP.) 30 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GLEASON, Roy E. File # 10315  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-679497  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Flight/Flight: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

TALKED LAST BEFORE TAKE-OFF.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: (App.) 25 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **JOHNSON, Paul W.** File # **10315**  
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **15335261**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight ~~Wing~~: **Top Turret Gunner**

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: TALKED OVER

INTER-PHONE WHEN GERMAN ME-109'S FIGHTERS ATTACKED US, THIS WAS JUST PRIOR TO LOSS OF PLANE.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM IN BOMBAY SOON AFTER TAKE-OFF.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: (App.) 31

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Melvin D.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 39918766  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Fl ~~W/11/11/11/11/11~~: Tail Gunner

File # 10315

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: TALKED OVER INTERPHONE JUST PRIOR TO LOSS OF PLANE.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? LAST SAW HIM IN WAIST COMP. SOON AFTER TAKE-OFF JUST BEFORE HE WENT TO THE TAIL GUNNER POSITION.

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: APR. 31 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RIEGLE, DELOS N. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 33618051
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> B.G. 2<sup>th</sup> A.F. 750<sup>th</sup> SQN. SUPER + Gp Commander ROGNER Rank COL. Sqn CO DICKINSON Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV. day 2<sup>nd</sup> did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 32, target, MERSEBURG, GERMANY, target time, APP. 1200, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? VICINITY OF MERSEBURG, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
S/SGT. HAROLD E. SILKMAN BAILED OUT FROM THE WAIST COMP. ESCAPE HATCH WITH INJURED FOOT & BACK. 1ST LIEUT. GORDON GALLAGHER (PILOT) & 1ST LIEUT. DONALD JOHNSON BAILED OUT OF THE ESCAPE HATCH IN NOSE COMP.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
NO KNOWLEDGE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE.
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? GORDON GALLAGHER (PILOT), & DONALD JOHNSON (CO-PILOT) BAILED OUT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS I DID & WE PARACHUTED TO THE GROUND IN THE SAME VICINITY & WE WERE CAPTURED & BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE MERSEBURG VICINITY ON NOV. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1944 AT APP. 1300 HOURS. DON JOHNSON HAD A DEEP CUT ON HIS HEAD NEAR THE TEMPLE, & G. GALLAGHER HAD MINOR SCRATCHES.
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)

I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HAROLD STURMAN (S/SGT - WAIST GUNNER),  
BEING ALIVE 'TILL I CAME HOME AFTER BEING LIBERATED & FOUND  
OUT HE WAS REPATRIATED FROM GERMANY ON FEB. 1945 & SPENT  
CONSIDERABLE TIME IN THE HOSPITAL.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ISAACSON, Joseph C.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: O-716451  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~/~~(Fighter)~~: Navigator

File # 10315

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I do not know.

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

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? I saw him last when he got in the aircraft.

Any hearsay information: Yes, only what I received from Mrs. Gleason who saw and talked with Lt. Johnson after his liberation saying he believed the nose was blown off.

Source: A letter from Mrs. Gleason.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe the the ship was all blowing up and those of us who got out were very lucky. The aircraft had been shot up and on fire.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 21 to 20

Dates and destinations if possible: July to November 1944



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GLEASON, Roy E.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-679497  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/Fighter~~: Bombardier

File # 10315

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I do not know.

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

Let's have an Oxygen Check.

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? The last time I saw him was getting in the aircraft.

Any hearsay information: Yes, only what I received from Mrs. Gleason who saw and talked with Lt. Johnson after his liberation saying he believed the nose was blown off.

Source: A letter from Mrs. Gleason.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The aircraft had been all shot up and on fire and those of us who got out were lucky.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: July 4, 1944 to November 2, 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MOORE, William J. File # 10315  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 32704191  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~/~~Fighter~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I do not know.

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

Check. "Roger"

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? In the Radio Room slumped over his table which was beginning to smoke etc.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33 or 34

Dates and destinations if possible: July 4, 1944 to November 2, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JOHNSON, Paul W. File # 10315  
 Rank: T/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15335261  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ ~~(Fighter)~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I do not know.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: On Oxygen  
check. "Rodger"

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? I saw him last in the top turret. Just his feet and

~~Any hearsay information:~~ legs swinging around in his turret.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33

Dates and destinations if possible: July 4, 1944 to November 2, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Melvin D.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 39918766  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~/~~(Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

File # 10315

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I do not know.

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

"Rodger"

Was he injured? I do not know.

Where was he when last seen? In the tail position slumped over his guns.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe the tail position had all been shot up. Another factor is the Oxygen System in the ship had been blowing up.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 31

Dates and destinations if possible: July 4, 1944 to November 2, 1944

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harold Edward Sturman Rank T./Sgt. Serial No. 32772218
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Luper Rank Col. Son CO Love Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Mercersberg, Ger., target, Oil refinery, target  
time, 12:50 A. M., altitude, 21,000 or 26,500 route scheduled, Peterborough,  
England, Zider See, route flown same as indicated.  
Belgium straight across to Mercersberg, Germany.
5. Where were you when you left formation? We were not over the target. I'd say in  
the vicinity of Halle, north towards the city of Bernberg, Germany along the Salle  
river.
6. Did you bail out? Yes, about 20,000 feet.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, myself (Sturman) Riegler, Gallagher and  
Johnson
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". Gallagher, Pilot, Johnson the  
Co-pilot "No Knowledge". Riegler came up from the Ball Turret and followed me out  
through the waist door. Myself went out through the waist door. Before this I  
had a 20 mm. explode near my left leg sending scrap metal all through it. Then later  
after being picked up by a farmer and three boys taken to a German Soldiers Hosp.  
(continued)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? The biggest piece I saw was a piece of  
alclad about 3 ft. by 4 ft. which a little boy about 12 yrs. picked up.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should  
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I do not know what happened  
to the aircraft after I bailed out except it was on fire and blowing up. Therefore  
Isaacson, Joseph C. Gleason, Roy E. Johnson, Paul W. Moore, William J. and  
Thompson, Melvin D. must have gone with the airplane.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Isaacson and Gleason in the nose of the ship. Johnson  
in the top turret. Moore in the radio room. Thompson in the tail position.
12. What was their condition? Not so good.  
Isaacson and Gleason I could not see as they were up in the nose of the aircraft.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
cribed above? I saw Moore in the radio room slumped over his working table. It was  
beginning to smoke through his compartment. Thompson was slumped over his guns in the  
tail position. I believe he had been all shot up, too.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. This I did when I returned to  
the states when I was interrogated. I brought out names of men who <sup>were</sup> alive that  
were on Missing Status.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Question 8 (continued)

At this German Soldiers' Hosp. a German Medical Officer named Dr. Beck amputated my left foot also operated on my shoulder which also had been hit by a 20 mm. shell. He kept very good Medical records of me which were with me at England General Hosp. Atlantic City, New Jersey until my discharge January 15, 1940.

From this German Military Hosp. it was only about ten minutes drive from where I was picked up several civilians.

I hoped this has helped you some and if I can ever help you in any way, it is perfectly alright by me.

KU 3258 { 3268  
- 3269  
- 3412

Identification: HAROLD E STURMAN  
32712218 T 43 - 40 2 identification tags  
EDITH STURMAN  
92 Sylvan St.  
Rutherford, N.J. P

10315

Identification: GORDON E. GALLAGHER  
0-755543 T 43 - 44 0  
P

AF Hospital Halle-Doelau  
Chief Surgeon  
 File Sign: 49x Nr. 10656/44-St-

Doelau, 3/11/44

Ref. : D(luft) 2706/07

Subj.: Information of Dulag by Hospital.

To : Dulag Luft, Oberursel.

According to above mentioned Ref. AF Hospital 9/III (Halle-Doelau) reports that the wounded enemy flier Harold STURMAN, Ser. Nr. 32772218 T 43-44, has been admitted to this hospital 2/11/44. The wound concerns shattering of left foot and fragment wound in right shoulder. The prisoner of War will be trfd. to Dulag Oberursel in probably 10 days.

s/ illegible  
 Oberfeldarzt.



REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: HQ Airbase Halle/Saale, HQ Airbase Distr. 7/III

LOCATION: Grossenhain

DATE: 8/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 1240  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Rabenkuppe, 2km N.E. Mansfeld  
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: fighter  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: blue diagonal stripe on stabilizers.  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 231923

EQUIPMENT:  
F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: crashed and burnt, 90% destr.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)  
Guard at plane: Home Guard Rabenkuppe

	Result of Crew:
Dead: 5 men	1) unknown
	2) unknown
	3) unknown
	4) unknown
	5) unknown
Captured: None	
At Large: probably none	

s/ MIERSCH  
Lt.

KU 3258

Fortress 27

2/11/44 1240

231923

Rabonkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld

J. (a)

Fh. Halle/S.

5 dead ?

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLBL 92**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

**5/11/44**

THROUGH:

TIME:

**1430**

ROLL:

FROM:

**LLBN**

THROUGH:

**Fass**

REMARKS:

**Q E M**

SSD LBHA 120 5/11 0110

To Ev. Pt. West Oberursel

Subj.: Downing Boeing B 17 G 2/11/44 1240 at Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
by fighter.

Markings: blue diagonal stripe at tail unit.

Nr. Admission: 231923. Ft. Frequencies: see spec. report.

Condition of craft: 90% destr. Fate of crew: 5 dead, (unknown), rest of  
crew unknown.

Addition to HQ Airbase Distr. 7/III, Grossenhain.

Ev. Pt. West, Oberursel and HQ Air District III/Ic, Berlin-Dahlem have  
been notified.

Receiving Unit, Halle/Saale, 2nd. Company. Receiving officer **v/MIERSCH, Lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Receiving Unit  
 LOCATION: Halle/Saale  
 DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
 DATE AND TIME: AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 2/11/44 1240  
 PLACE OF CRASH: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
 (NEAREST TOWN)  
 KIND OF CAPTURE: fighter  
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
 EMERGENCY LANDING)  
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G  
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: blue diagonal stripe ~~st~~ on tail unit.  
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)  
 ADMITTANCE NO: 231923  
 EQUIPMENT: ./.  
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: see spec. report  
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 90% destr.  
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Nr. of engines: 4 Studebaker  
 Weapons: normal  
 Armor: normal  
 Guard: Home Guard Rabenkuppe  
 Fate of Crew: 5 dead (unknown); rest of km crew unaccounted for.  
 Arrival of Rec. Unit: 2/11/44 1515  
 Receiving Unit: 1 officer AC.; 1 officer Sig.C., 1 techr. Insp.

s/MIERSCHE  
 Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiv. Unit

PLACE: Halle/Saale

DATE: 8/11/44 1000

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown

FIRST NAME: ./.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will reported later

s/ MIERSCH  
Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Rec. Unit  
PLACE: Halle/Saale  
DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter  
XXXXXXXXXX AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown  
FIRST NAME: ./.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Unit  
PLACE: Halle/Saale  
DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing B 17 G by fighter  
ENEMY AIRCRAFT AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown  
FIRST NAME: ./.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

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Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Unit  
PLACE: Halle/Saale  
DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter  
XXXXXXXXXX AT: Rabenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown  
FIRST NAME: ./.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

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Lt.



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Rec. Unit  
PLACE: Halle/Seale  
DATE: 8/11/44 1000  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by fighter  
XXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Babenkuppe, 2 km N.E. Mansfeld  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown  
FIRST NAME: ./.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

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The Mayor  
Vatterode

Subj.: Downing Boeing B 17 G 2/11/44 1240 hrs.  
Rebenkuppe 2 km N.W. Mansfeld.

Sketch of Grave of 5 Unknown American Fliers on  
Cemetery of Vatterode