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 by F. M. MUEKCH, Capt., AC
 Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. PURPOSE: 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. CIRCUMSTANCES: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.
 Group 457 Bomb. Gp. (A); Squadron 751st; Detachment _____
2. SPECIES: Place of Departure Station 130; Course _____
 Target or Intended Destination Bernberg, Germany; Type of Mission _____
 Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10ths cloud cover.
4. DATE: (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 (X); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (); or information not available ().
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy aircraft (X); enemy anti-aircraft (); other circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model and Series B-17G; AF Serial Number 43-37556
7. NAMES OF AIRCRAFT, if any No name
8. ENGINES: Type, model and Series R-1820-97; AF Serial Number _____
 (a) 54-018563; (b) 43-61349; (c) 54-014283; (d) 42-133034
9. IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFTS (Furnish below date, type and serial number):
 (a) 1531690; (b) 1531223; (c) 1229563; (d) 1290226;
 (e) 1300313; (f) 1300372; (g) 1531758; (h) 1531667;
 (i) 1299699; (j) 1229622; (k) 1530839; (l) 1531756;
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty (X)
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	
1. Pilot	<i>W</i> Dawson, William A.	1st Lt.	0725588	MIA	POW RTD
2. CP	<i>W</i> Wallace, John B.	Capt.	0433616	MIA	POW
3. N	<i>W</i> Silverman, Jerome (PH)	1st Lt.	0811988	MIA	POW RTD
4. N	<i>W</i> Korb, George R.	1st Lt.	0718343	MIA	POW RTD
5. B	<i>W</i> Papienfuss, Frank C.	2nd Lt.	0772672	MIA	POW RTD
6. TG	<i>W</i> Ford, Charles W.	2nd Lt.	0770225	MIA	POW RTD
7. TTG	<i>W</i> Foster, John H.	T/Sgt.	39852522	MIA	POW RTD
8. BG	<i>W</i> McDaniel, Harold L.	T/Sgt.	1300372	MIA	POW RTD
9. NG	<i>W</i> Gardin, Glenn C.	Sgt.	38419083	MIA	POW RTD
10. RW	<i>W</i> Keller, Joseph L.	S/Sgt.	37534496	MIA	RTD

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)	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
		Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Forced Crash Landing
1. Lester, Joel	2nd Lt. 0782622		X	
2. Neese, Ambrose W.	2nd Lt. 0828283		X	
3. Stoner, James	2nd Lt. 0828583		X	

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13. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, A STATE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
See pars. 6 and 7 of S-2 Summary of Eye-witness Account.
14. ATTACH ALL PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH WHATEVER 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, LOCATION OF SEARCH, AND DATE.
- _____
- _____

Date of Report 12 November 1944.

Gerald H. Calligan
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

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

17. DETAILS OF SEARCH OPERATIONS:



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(S-2 Summary of
Eye-Witness Accounts)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

(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. _____ A/C No. 43-37556

MISSION DATE 2 November 1944 FIRST PILOT William A. Dawson
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-725588 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 25,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading None

(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):

Aircraft was hit by enemy aircraft and caught fire in tail and number two and possibly number 3 engines.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft peeled off to left and flew for about five minutes straight and level. Aircraft then zoomed, then dove, then pulled out at about 25,000 feet and blew up.

(Over)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Dawson #10

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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.):

While aircraft was still flying straight and level, before it zoomed, four to five chutes were seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Aircraft was flying lead of low squadron. This was one of seven aircraft shot down from this squadron. There was also one aircraft shot down from each of the lead and high squadrons. 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>Joel Lester</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-782822</u>	<u>42-31505</u>
2.	<u>Elbert D. Conger</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33608712</u>	<u>42-38021</u>
3.	<u>Ambrose W. Reese</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-825283</u>	<u>42-31505</u>
4.	<u>James R. Stoner</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-828583</u>	<u>42-31505</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-4, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

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AAF 43-37554

2 November 1944, 1300

~~Insich near Sangerhausen~~

Type: Fortress 556

751 (HCo) 457

Targets: Air Base

Nordhausen

KU 3256

Capt. WALLACE	John Benton	0-433616	capt.
Pst/Lt. DAWSON	William Arthur	0-725588	capt.
Pst/Lt. SIVIERMAN	Jerome	0-811988	capt.
Pst/Lt. KORB	George Philip	0-718343	capt.
2nd/Lt. PAPPENFUSS	Frank	0-772879	capt.
T/Sgt. ROSTER	John Nicholas	36852529	
T/Sgt. McDANIEL	Harold Leon	13098372	capt.
S/Sgt. KELLARD	Kenneth <i>not of unit</i>		
S/Sgt. HARDIN	Glenn Clyde	3841983	capt.

MACR 10317

REPORT ON CRASH

CASUALTY NR. KU 3255

DATE OF CRASH

2 November 1944, 1900

PLACE OF CRASH

Esslehen near Sengwahnhausen

TYPE OF CRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Nordhausen

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH. RANK. SER. NR. RESULT.

P. RAPPENFUSS, Frank Otto	2nd/Lt.	O-772879	captured	Dulag Luft West
SILVERMAN, Jerome	Pst/Lt.	O-71988	"	"
DAWSON, William Arthur	Pst/Lt.	O-725588	"	"
HARDIN, Glenn Glyde	S/Sgt.	38419087	"	"
MR DANIEL, Harold Leon	T/Sgt.	13096372	"	"
1. Later report by 4 January 1945				
John Benton WALLACE	Capt.	O-433616	"	"
KORB, George Phillip USA	Pst/Lt.	O-718343	"	"

Dulag Luft, 7 December 1944. v.S.

M. P. 112711

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Air-base A (o) 31/III

PLACE: Erfurt-Bindersleben

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Bomber (type unknown)
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: unknown 2/11/44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ROSTER

FIRST NAME: John

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 36852529

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 8/11/44 1630 hrs, at railroad Schoestedt-Grossengottern
near Langensalza/Thuer.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

2 November 1944, 1300

KU 3255

Esselch near Sengershausen

Type: Fortress

Markings: 6556

FORD Charles W. O-770995 dead
Buried 5 November 1944 Cemetery of Esselch

CARRISO Edmund G. 12100120 dead

Cemetery Blankenheim, District Sengershausen

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KU 3255 } ^{cf} KU 3268
- 3269

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (e) 32/III

PLACE: Nordhausen

DATE: 7/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17

~~EN LANDING:~~ AT: probably 3 km S. Esseloh, about 6 km N.E.
Sangerhausen 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) FORD

FIRST NAME: Charles W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-770995

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Esseloh, 5/11/44, 3rd row of graves
(eastside), grave Nr. 20.

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Hq Airbase Hq Airbase Distr. 5/III Erfurt.

LOCATION: Nordhausen

DATE: 6/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 1300 hrs.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: 3 km S. Esseloh, near Sangerhausen.
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: not to be found out.
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Probably Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: at ~~front~~ of craft: incomplete Nr. 6556
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: —

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99% destr.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Guard at plane: Home Guard Riestedt and Airbase Nordhausen

Result of Crew:

Dead: not found out.

Captured: 1) DANSON, William, Ser. Nr. O-725588, 3/11/44 1600 hrs. near
Sangerhausen, 5/11/44 transported to Dulag.

Presumably still at large: Nothing known.

t/ TRICHERT
Master 1/RLAD

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III**
 LOCATION: **Mordhausen**
 DATE: **4/11/44**
 DATE AND TIME: **2/11/44** around **1300 hrs.**
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN
 PLACE OF CRASH: **3 km S. Eseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen**
 (NEAREST TOWN)
 KIND OF CAPTURE: **not to be found out**
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
 EMERGENCY LANDING)
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17**
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **incomplete number at fuselage: 6556**
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)
 ADMITTANCE NO: **not to be found out.**
 EQUIPMENT: **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: **■ ■ ■ ■ ■**
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **99 % Destruction**
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LLM 84

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

5/11/44

THROUGH:

TIME:

0205

ROLL:

FROM:

LLM

THROUGH:

No

REMARKS:

SSD LENN 23 4/11 2110
 to Ev. Pt. West Oberursel.
 Report according to D (Luft) 2706/07 Section II c and VII.
 Place of crash: 3 km S. Esseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.
 Time of crash: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.
 Type of craft: Boeing B 17
 Markings: incomplete number 6556 on fuselage.
 Condition of craft: 99% dest.
 Kind ofatures: not to be found out.
 Result of crew: 1 prisoner, fate of rest unknown.
 Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III, Sangerhausen, s/ MAJOR GLAESER

KU 3255

Fortress 17

...6556 ...?

2/11/44

around 1300 hrs.

3 km S. Esseloh

about 6 km N.E. Sangorhausen

Airbase Nordhausen

99% destr.

1 PW , rest unaccounted for

Hq Airbase A(c) 32/III
 Nordhausen
Receiving Unit

Nordhausen, 6/11/44

Report on Salvage.

- I. 1.) Exact location of crash: 3km S. Esseloh (about 7 km N.E. Sangerhausen) and 1 km E. railway station Riestedt.
 2.) Exact time of crash: 2/11/44 about 1300 hrs.
 3.) Type of craft: probably Boeing B 17. 99% destruction.
 4.) Nr. of engines: 4 radial engines (Studebaker)
 5.) At what time arrived receiving unit at crash: 3/11/44 about 1700 hrs. Due to darkness the examination was continued 4/11/44.
 6.) Strength and composition of receiving unit:
 1 Receiving officer,
 1 inspector, 1 radio-operator, 1 weapon technician
 1 NCO as Sgt. of the guard.
- II. 1.) Weapons: Machineguns 13 mm. Number of guns could not be found out, due to 99% destruction of craft.
 2.) Armor: Armor was there, installation could not be found out.
 3.) Radio sets: 1) FREQUENCY METER BC-221-AH 125 TO 20000 Kilocycles
 1) FILTER N 36334 COVER N 36324
 1) DYNAMOTOR MODEL 5 BY 83 A B 1
 1) TRANSMITTER TYPE TR 5043 REF No. 1108/145
 4.) Fixing of Frequencies: Not to be found out.
 5.) Marks of make: Radial engines (Studebaker)
 6.) Markings of craft: at the left front part of fuselage only an incomplete number could be found: last letters 6556.
 7.) Samples of fuel and lubrication oils: Could not be taken because craft was burnt completely.
- III. Were bombs in craft? No bombs were found.
- IV. Statements on crew: One prisoner has been taken. He was arrested 3/11/44 in Sangerhausen by police. 5/11/44 he was sent on to Dulag Luft Oberursel.
- No dead have been found. It is presumed that there are dead under the burnt crash. There is reason to suppose that members of the crew are at large. The vicinity has been searched by the Home Guards of Esseloh and Riestedt. Other measures for search have been taken.
- V. Remarks: No special observations have been made.

a/ TRICHTERT
 Meister 1/PLAD

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III

PLACE: Nordhausen

DATE: 4/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17
XXXXXXXXXX AT: 3 km S. Eseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen
2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: DAWSON
William A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-725588

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Sangerhausen 3/11/44 1600 hrs.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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HEADQUARTERS
Chanute Field
Chanute Field, Illinois

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPRS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Charles W. Ford 751st Sqd
457th Bomb Group
8th A.F.
- b. Rank 2nd Lt . c. Crew position co-pilot functioning as tail gunner
- d. Date last seen 2 Nov 1944 . Place last seen _____

Over Germany 18 miles east of Sanderhausen

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Hit by German Fighters. Fire started in left wing gap

g. Known information (eye witness only)
Waist gunner S/Sgt Hardin claimed tail was badly shot up. T/Sgt Roster, Engineer, saw and identified tail section of plane, but not close enough to see inside of tail section. All other members of crew have been accounted for. Officer could, by seeing evasion map, come within a

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
half mile of exact crash.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving any information requested above.)

William A. Dawson capt.
Rank and Name of reporter

0-725588
ASN

Sq P
Unit

cc: CG, AFTRC
cc: Sub Comd Hq

Incl #1, TC Ltr 39-18, 23 Oct 45

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WALLACE, John B.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

O-433 616

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~HANNAH/NESTOR~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? It was told to me that he ~~left~~ the ship but I did not actually see it.

Where? Near Mersburg Germany

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The last thing I heard was enemy fighters at six o'clock

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? Not known

Any hearsay information: It was told to me that Capt. Wallace was safe on the ground but had been beaten up by civilians, I was also told that he was taken to a hospital and doing nicely.

Source: By a pilot from 249th Bomb ~~group~~ ^{squad} 497 Bomb ^{name not known} group.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not known

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known

(I was a spare gunner on this crew and I know nothing of their missions and very little about the crew)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

F O R D , Charles W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-770 995

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was killed in the tail

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was directing the formation and I could hear him talk to the pilot.

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? In tail of ship

Any hearsay information: I was told that he was killed in the tail and that he did not leave the ship. I did not actually see him killed or lying dead, as I was the first to leave the ship.

Source: From other members of the crew,

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When we were attacked Lt. Ford's guns were working but after a second pass his guns were silent. This is the only source of information I can give from my own ideas.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not known

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Joseph Marvin Kelly Rank Sgt Serial No. 57534496
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander _____ Rank Col Sqn CO _____ Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Weselburg, target, oil fields, target
time, 2:15 afternoon, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, Not known
route flown Not known
5. Where were you when you left formation? losing altitude fast Not known
(Next morning)
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". Crew list was not attached and I am unable to give names as I did not know them.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Not known
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) St. Charles Ford
11. Where were they in aircraft? tail gunner.
12. What was their condition? Dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Names Not known, suggest you send names of men and I can give better information as to what happened to them.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. St. Hausman Bomber in 457 Gp, he got out OK had a head injury, also his pilot who had some time about 1944 were in Hanchester hospital in Frankfurt with me.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WALLACE, John B.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

O-433 616

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? NEAR Merseberg GERMANY IN LIEPZIG Area

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAW HIM AND TALK TO HIM AFTER we hit The ground - ON Two occasions.

Was he injured? Yes - AN INJURED NECK - THIS WAS AFTER we Landed

Where was he when last seen? When I LAST saw him he was AT DuLaqLuFT ^{at Weiz-} LAR, Ger

Any hearsay information: Yes, when I returned to my base in ENGLAND, I WAS Told by my FIRST Sgt. - Sgt. KHAWAS, ^(spelling) THAT CAPT. WALLACE had returned to the base AND had ALREADY LEFT FOR home.

Source: My Squadron buddies

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN by me

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

F O R D , Charles W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-770 995

Position: Crew (Bomber ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~):

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I WAS Told by crew members he bailed out.

Where? In Leipzig Area

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He shouted over the mic that he got a fighter - AFTER THAT THE INNERPHONE WAS OUT.

Was he injured? I WAS Told by crew members he was shot in his chute

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: WHAT I HAVE Told you Above.

Source: Crew members (HARDIN)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I know there was a chance of his being killed while drifting down in his chute, because I was shot and received injuries in this way.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Glenn C HARDIN Rank S/SGT Serial No. 38419083
2. Organization 457th Bomb Group(H) Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO Spencer Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOVEMBER day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MERSEBERG, target, _____, target time, APPROX. 1350, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, SOUTH OF Ruhr Valley HIT TARGET, route flown SAME
WEST TO EAST
5. Where were you when you left formation? Ten Minutes off Target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, EVERYONE LEFT THE SHIP
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". JOE GELLER - BALL-OUT THE WAIST HATCH, HAROLD MAC DANIEL - RADIO-OUT WAIST HATCH - I WAS TOLD THE OTHER SIX IN THE FORWARD PART OF SHIP WENT OUT THE NAVIGATORS HATCH. TAIL GUNNER - LT. CHARLES W. FORD - NO KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IN THE LEIPZIG AREA
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LT. CHARLES W. FORD - SAW HIM FROM THE WAIST. HE APPEARED OK. HE SHOUTED OVER INNER PHONE - "I GOT ONE - I GOT ONE - SEE THERE HE GOES!" I PRESSED THE MIC BUTTON TO VERIFY HIS CLAIM AND UNDOUBTEDLY THE INNER PHONE HAD BEEN SHOT OUT JUST AFTER LT. FORD'S EXCLAMATION
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SILVERMAN, JEROME Rank 1ST LT Serial No. O-811988
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander HARRIS ROGNER Rank COL Sqn CO FRED A. SPENCER Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOVEMBER day 2 did you go down? YES
4. What was the mission, MERSBERG LEUNA, target, LEUNA OIL, target time, 1230 GCT, altitude, 27,500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER EISLEBEN, 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".
NO CREW LIST ATTACHED. CREW BAILED OUT SLIGHTLY NW EISLEBEN. LT. PAPERNEUSS, LT. KORB, LT. DAWSON AND CAPT. WALLACE LANDED IN THAT AREA. I SAW THEM ALL IN STALAG LUFT III WEST COMPOUND. NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENLISTED MEN OR LT. FORD.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? WEST OF EISLEBEN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) DO NOT KNOW.
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.
SAW F/O JAH LISICA, SGT PANNELL, LT. GRUDGION, LT. MORROW, LT. SHAFER, LT. SHIMMEL, ALL ALIVE ON THE GROUND IN EISLEBEN AND AGAIN AT DULAG LUFT. ALL FROM 751 SQDN - 457 BOMB GP. ALSO SGT DAN WILLIS SAME ORG.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A L L A C E , John B.
Rank: Capt.
Serial number: O-433 616
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight / flight~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Between Halle and Sounderhausen, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Last contact -- Mossberg, Germany

Was he injured? Minor injuries

Where was he when last seen? Mossberg, Germany

Any hearsay information: To the best of my knowledge the above named officer was
returned to the United States

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: F O R D , Charles W.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-770 995
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight / 1st Army~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not know.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Could not make inter-phone contact at time ship was out of control.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Prior to the time we were attached was the last inter-phone contact.

Was he injured? I have reason to believe he was killed by enemy fire ^{while still} in airplane.

Where was he when last seen? In the airplane, before attack.

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: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: Missions dating from 3 August 1944 to 2 November 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Dawson, William A. Rank Capt. Serial No. O-725588
457th Bomb Group
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander Rogner Rank Col. Sqn CO Spencer Rank Major
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
Mursberg, Germany
4. What was the mission, oil refinery at target, _____, target
 time, about 1300, altitude, 26000 route scheduled, over Horse
Sea & South to Mursberg, route flown Bombed Halle in place of Mursberg.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Flying West of Halle after bombs away
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All members bailed out and accounted for ex-
cept 2nd Lt. Charles W. Ford, O-770 995 Tail Gunner
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". Ford--after being severly
damaged by enemy fire, the ship was on fire and crew ordered to bail out. Every one except
Ford was contacted and in turn bailed out. Ford could not be contacted by inter-phone.
My rudder and elevator controls were shot out at the same time, therefore I believe that he
must have been killed in the airplane. Crew members in the waist said the airplane (over)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Between Halle and Saenderhausen, 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) To the best of my knowledge
Lt. Ford must have been in the airplane all other members bailed out.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Lt. Ford was riding as Tail Gunner
12. What was their condition? To the best of my knowledge he was dead.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
 cribed above? Lt. Frank Pappenfuss -- Lt. George P. Korbe -- Lt. Silverman --
last seen in the United States. Capt. John B. Wallace last seen two days before
liberation at Mursberg, Germany. Tech Sgt. John Roster last seen at Camp Lucky Strike
LaHarve, France. Sgt. Harden last seen at prison camp in Wetlar, Germany. Tech Sgt.
McDaniels and Sgt. Gilman were reported safe in the hands of Luftwift by other crew
members who had seen them.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
 have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

8. (continued) was shot up very badly in the rear.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John B. Wallace Rank Major Serial No. 0-433616
2. Organization 457 Gp HARRIS E. ROGNER Rank Col Sqn CO SPENCER Rank Major
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merseberg, target, _____, target
 time, 1315, altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, _____
 _____, route flown off course
5. Where were you when you left formation? south west of Leipzig
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes All supposedly bailed out
but there is nothing known about tail gunner.
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? Blew up in the air
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? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
 cribed above? To my best knowledge all of the crew members except the
tail gunner are back in this country in good health.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **F O R D , Charles W.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-770 395**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of F-100/F-105/F-106/F-107/F-108/F-109~~ **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded or dead.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter - com
just before hit by fighters.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the ship

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: NONE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is believed
that he was killed in as much as the controls were shot out and we were attacked
from the tail..THE CONTROLS WERE SHOT OUT JUST ABOVE HIS
HEAD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ABOVE WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR AT LEAST ONE FW 190.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: 17th. Merseberg, Germany 2 November 44

Geo. P. Koch
1st Lt. AC

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

FALLACE, John B.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

O-433 616

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-24 (FABHAR)~~

CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? YesWhere? Over Blankenheim, GermanyIf not, why not? NONELast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter - comjust after we were hitWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? Prison camp at Moosburg, GermanyAny hearsay information: NONE -Source: NONE -Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None - EXCEPTHE MIGHT HAVE LEFT THE STALAG AT MOOSBURG, GERMANYAFTER LIBERATION AND STARTED BACK THROUGH THE LINES.HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH WHEN WE WERE LIBERATED.Total number of missions of above crew member: about 10Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission Merseberg, Germany. 2 November 44Geo. P. Koeb.
1st Lt. AR.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name George P. Korb Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-718343
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Col Luper Rank Col Sqd CO Septak Rank Major
(full name) ROGNER (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merseberg, Ger., target, Syn. Oil, target time, 1245, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, briefed, route flown briefed until 1145
5. Where were you when you left formation? 15 minutes away from Halle, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, except the tail gunner (LT. FORD)
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". EVERY ONE BAILED OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT EXCEPT LT. FORD.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the area of Blankenheim, Germany NEAR LIEBZIG.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Tail Gunner Lt. Ford
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail
12. What was their condition? Unk.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? MSGT. MCDANIEL BROKE HIS LEG., T/SGT HARDIN, GLENN C. WAS SHOT IN THE HAND BY THE CIVILIANS BEFORE HE HIT THE GROUND, THE BALL TURRET OPERATOR WAS HIT IN THE RIGHT FOOT. CAPT WALLACE WAS ONLY DAZED A LITTLE AS FOR THE REST OF THE CREW THEY FAIRED PRETTY WELL.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. THERE WERE TWO OTHER OFFICERS FROM MY GROUP CAUGHT AT THE SAME TIME THAT WERE BURNED QUITE BADLY, ONE WAS LT. MURDOCK AND I THINK HE WAS IN THE 750TH BOMB SQ. I HAD QUITE A TIME GETTING MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR THEM FROM THE GERMANS. THE WERE IN PRETTY BAD CONDITION. THEY WERE FIXED UP HAP HAZARDLY BY A RED CROSS NURSE

(OVER)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

TWO DAYS LATER IN BLANKENHEIM, GERMANY IN THE TAVERN. THE LAST I SAW OF THEM WAS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AT FRANKFURT, GERMANY (MAIN), DULAG. THEY HAD NOT HAD ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION SINCE THE RED CROSS NURSE (GER.) TENDED THEM AND THEY WERE GETTING WORSE. THEY HAD A FEVER, AND BURNS HAD PUSSED. THEY WERE NOT TREATED AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

THERE WAS A GERMANY SGT. WHO WAS THERE WHEN WE WERE CAPTURED AND HE COULD SPEAK ENGLISH QUITE WELL. HE WAS USED BY ME AS AN INTERPRETER, BUT I COULD NOT GET MUCH SATISFACTION OUT OF HIM. HE HAD BEEN IN AN ENGLISH PRISON CAMP IN ENGLAND IN THE LAST WAR FOR THREE YEARS..

Geo. P. Koch
1st Lt. DC.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WALLACE, John B.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

9-433 616

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes.Where? About 20 miles west of Leipzig.If not, why not? -----Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Order
was given by him for us to bail out.Was he injured? no.Where was he when last seen? La Harve, France Camp Lucky StrikeAny hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As far asI know he was returned to the States shortly after May 1st.
of 1944.Total number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **F O R D , Charles W.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **G-770 995**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? -----

If not, why not? Supposedly killed before aircraft was shot down.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His last
audible words were " I got that one".

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In the tail position

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: We suppose that
he was injured or killed before the plane was shot down
since we never heard from him after that. We had no knowledge
of his ever being a P.W.

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 16.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

F O R D , Charles W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-770 995

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I believe he was killed in plane - ran enemy fire.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I heard him say on intercom - "I got him - I got him" nothing further.

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? By me - on ground prior to mission. at time I bailed out I couldn't see tail section for fire.

Any hearsay information: Other members of crew I have since talked with also confirm belief in my statement above. They were Lt. Kerk and 1st Lt. Raster - I met these men after my return to the states.

Source: J

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 18 I believe. Mine and the rest of the crew

Dates and destinations if possible: differed due to my hospitalization from a previous mission.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harold L. McDaniel Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 13098372
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Col Luper Rank Cd. Sqn CO Syptak Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Strategic Bomb, target, Mercersburg, target time, 12:30 approx., altitude, 22,000 approx. route scheduled, ?
route flown off course
5. Where were you when you left formation? geographical Plane position unknown personnel position
in radio room.
6. Did you bail out? Yes From a sign post I believe I landed in
atown named Helba or Helbra.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - although I personally saw
only the waist gunner bail out.
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". Glenn Hardin - Sgt.
Bailed out waist door a few mins. before I left radio room.
As to planes' position and altitude: I have no knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It exploded just after I left.
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? I last saw Sgt. Hardin, and Lt. Pappenkuss when
we entered Dulag Luft together. At that time Hardin had
an injured head as a result of small arms fire from the ground
on our descent. Lt. Pappenkuss was in good condition.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WALLACE, John B.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

O-433 616

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes - (hearsay)

Where? ?

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? In Germany (hearsay)

Any hearsay information: Lt. George Korb & Lt. Dawson were with him on the ground in Germany for a time - I believe

Source: Conversation with Lt. Korb in June 1945

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III

PLACE: Nordhausen

DATE: 7/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) ~~of~~, Boeing B 17~~EXXXXXXXXXX~~AT: probably 3 km S. Emseloh, about 6 km N.E.
Sangerhausen 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) FORD

FIRST NAME: Charles W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-770995

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Emseloh, 5/11/44, 3rd row of graves
(eastside), grave Nr. 20.

Hq Airbase A(e) 32/III
Nordhausen

Nordhausen, 9/11/44

List of confiscated Property of Dead.

Name: FORD, Charles W.

Ser.Nr. : 0-770995

Downing of: Boeing B 17

Time: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

Place: probably 3 km S. Exseloh, about 6 km N.W. Sangerhausen.

1 identification tag

1 badge, or medal

1 pieces of golden bracelet.

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III

LOCATION: Nordhausen

DATE: 4/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: 3 km S. Esseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: not to be found out
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: incomplete number at fuselage: 6556
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: not to be found out.

EQUIPMENT: " " " " "

F.T. FREQUENCIES: " " " " "

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99 % Destruction

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

KU 3255

Hq Airbase /A (o) 32/III
File Sign 7

Nordhausen, 9/11/44

To: Ev. Pt. West Oberursel

Attached maps have been secured subsequently from the
Boeing B 17, downed 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs., 3km S. Emseloh, about
6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.

s/ GLAESER
Major

10317

KU 3255

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLBL 84**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **5/11/44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **0205**

ROLL:

FROM: **LBFR**

THROUGH: **no**

REMARKS:

SSD LENH 23 4/11 2110
 to Ev. Pt. West Oberursel.
 Report according to D (Luft) 2706/07 Section II c and VII.
 Place of crash: 3 km S. Emmeloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.
 Time of crash: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.
 Type of craft: Boeing B 17
 Markings: incomplete number 6556 on fuselage.
 Condition of craft: 99% destr.
 Kind of capture: not to be found out.
 Result of crew: 1 prisoner, fate of rest unknown.
 Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III, Nordhausen, s/ MAJOR GLAESER

KU 3255

Fortress 17

...6556 ...?

2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

3 km S. Pnseloh

about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen

Airbase Nordhausen

99% destr.

1 FF , rest unaccounted for

Hq Airbase A(o) 32/III
 Nordhausen
Receiving Unit

Nordhausen, 6/11/44

Report on Salvage.

- I. 1.) Exact location of crash: 3km S. Emseloh (about 7 km N.E. Sangerhausen) and 1 km E. railway station Riestedt.
 2.) Exact time of crash: 2/11/44 about 1300 hrs.
 3.) Type of craft: probably Boeing B 17. 99% destruction.
 4.) Nr. of engines: 4 radial engines (Studebaker)
 5.) At what time arrived receiving unit at crash: 3/11/44 about 1700 hrs. Due to darkness the examination was continued 4/11/44.
 6.) Strength and composition of receiving unit:
 1 Receiving officer,
 1 inspector, 1 radio-operator, 1 weapon technician
 1 NCO as Sgt. of the guard.
- II. 1.) Weapons: Machineguns 13 mm. Number of guns could not be found out, due to 99% destruction of craft.
 2.) Armor: Armor was there, installation could not be found out.
 3.) Radio sets: 1) FREQUENCY METER BC-221-AH 125 TO 20000 Kilocycles
 1) FILTER M 36334 COVER M 36324
 1) DYNAMOTOR MODEL 5 DY 83 A B 1
 1) TRANSMITTER TYPE TR. 5043 REF No. 110D/145
 4.) Fixing of Frequencies: Not to be found out.
 5.) Marks of make: Radial engines (Studebaker)
 6.) Markings of craft: at the left front part of fuselage only an incomplete number could be found: last letters 6556.
 7.) Samples of fuel and lubrication oils: Could not be taken because craft was burnt completely.
- III. Were bombs in craft? No bombs were found.
- IV. Statements on crew: One prisoner has been taken. He was arrested 3/11/44 in Sangerhausen by ploice. 5/11/44 he was sent on to Dulag Luft Oberursel.
- No dead have been found. It is presumed that there are dead under the burnt crash. There is reason to suppose that members of the crew are at large. The vicinity has been searched by the Home Guards of Emseloh and Riestedt. Other measures for search have been taken.
- V. Remarks: No special observations have been made.

s/ TRICHTERT
 Meister i/RLAD

FINAL REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Hq Airbase Hq Airbase Distr. 5/III Erfurt.

LOCATION: Nordhausen

DATE: 6/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 1300 hrs.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: 3 km S. Wmseloh, near Sangerhausen.
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: not to be found out.
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Probably Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: at bow of craft: incomplete Nr. 6556
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: --

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99% destr.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Guard at plane: Home Guard Riestedt and Airbase Nordhausen

Result of Crew:

Dead: not found out.

Captured: 1) DANSON, William, Ser.Nr. 0-725588, 3/11/44 1600 hrs. near
Sangerhausen, 5/11/44 transported to Dulag.

Presumably still at large: Nothing known.

t/ TETCHERT
Wister 1/RLAD

(Inclosure to page 8)

Technical Data

Nacelle: Fuselage: 99% destr.	Landing Gear: 99% destr.
Wings : 99% destr.	Tail Unit: 99% destr.
Make of Engines: Studebaker	
Nr. of Engines: 1) 136785	2) not to be found out
99% destr.	99% destr.
3) not to be found out	4) not to be found out
99% destr.	99% destr.
Metal propeller: Make: not to be found out.	

Weapons: 13 mm machineguns: Type E - II, not to be found out; installation: bow-turret, other places not to be found out. Movable
 Used Sights: TYPE N 8 A; ORDER No. 44-10197 SPEC. NO. 2-889
 Ammunition: 13 mm, 300 rounds disconnecting belt.
 Ratio of component: only 4 T W, 1 x F A 44 - 4 x 4 T W
 Bombs: none to be found.
 Bombracks: not to be found out.
 Bomb-sight: not to be found out.
 Armor: not to be found out
 Radio Sets: 1 FREQUENCY METER BC-221-AH 125 TO 20000 CYCLES
 1 FILTER M 36334 COVER M 36324
 1 DYNAMOTOR MODEL 5 DY 83 A B 1
 1 TRANSMITTER TYPE TR #5043 REF No. 110 D/145
 Antennae: not to be found out.
 Cameras: 1 camera (forwarded to Oberursel 5/11/44 with courier)
 Fuel: not to be found out.
 Nr. of fuel-tanks: not to be found out.
 Nr. of plates sent to evaluation point AF, Berlin-Adlershof: one.

t/ SALZWEDEL
 Inspector

KU 3255

Identification: CHARLES W. FORD
O-770995 T-43-44 O
P

Police Single Post Blankenheim
District Sangerhausen
Governmental District Merseburg

Blankenheim, 2/11/44

Subj.: Report on arrested American Parachuters and crashed Bombers.

To : Commanding Officer, Airbase Nordhausen.

On Nov. 2, 1944 around 1300 hrs. 2 burning bombers crashed in the area of Police Single Post Blankenheim. Four men of the American Air Force could be arrested. Some of these have severe wounds from burns. One man was lying dead near the craft. Besides that 4 parachutes, 2 pistols with ammunition, 1 bayonet, and several other pieces of equipment have been secured. It is possible that some more men have parachuted. Patrols by the Home Guard have been with-out success so far.

s/ RUELKE
M/Sgt of the Police Reserve

Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III
Nordhausen

Nordhausen, 4/11/44

List of confiscated personal Property of (Prisoner of War)
 (Dead)
 (Wounded in)
 (Hospital)

Name:

Ser. Nr.:

Downing of: Boeing B 17 G

Date and time: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

Place of Crash: 2 km N.N.E. Emseich, 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.

The items in this bag have been taken from the prisoners according to attached letter of Police Single Post Blankenheim. It cannot be found out any more to what prisoner the items belong.

(Inclosure 1 carbon-copy)

Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III
Nordhausen

To: Ev. Pt. West Oberursel / Taunus.

List of Transport.

Being delivered from Hq Airbase A(o) 32/III, Nordhausen:

- 6 prisoners of war
- 8 sealed envelopes with confiscated items.
- 1 map case with maps and 1 camera from Boeing B 17 G,
2 km N.N.E. Easseloh, 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.
- 1 bag with maps from Boeing B 10, 3 km S. Easseloh,
6 km N.E. Sangerhausen

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 31/III

PLACE: Erfurt-Bindersleben

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNSD) OF, Bomber (type unknown)~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

AT: unknown

2/11/44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

ROSTER

FIRST NAME:

John

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

36852529

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

8/11/44 1630 hrs, at railroad Schoestedt-Grossengottern
near Langensalza/Thuer.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Identification: JOHN M. ROSTER
36852529 T 43-44 B

C

Identification: EDMUND G. CARUSO
12100120 T 43-44 A

C

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLBL 83**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **5/11/44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **0205**

ROLL:

FROM: **LEER**

THROUGH: **We**

REMARKS:

S S D LEWH 24 4/11 2110
 to Ev. Pt. West, Oberursel
 Report according to D (luft) 2706/07, Section IIc and VII.
 Place of crash: 2km N.N.E. Haseloh, 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.
 Time of crash: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.
 Type of craft: Boeing B 17 G
 Markings of craft: not to be found out.
 Condition of craft: 99% destr.
 Kind of capture: not to be found out.
 Result of crash: 1 dead, EDMUND G. CARUSO, and 5 prisoners.
 Hq Airtase A (e) 32/III, Nordhausen, s/ GLAESER, Major

KU 3256

2/11/44

around 1300 hrs.

Fortress 17 G

2 km N.N.E. Enseloh

6 km. N.E. Sangerhausen

Airbase Nordhausen

99% destr.

Caruso, Edmund G. (E)

1 plus 5 PW's

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Hq Airbase Hq Airbase Distr. 5/III Erfurt

LOCATION: Nordhausen

DATE: 6/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 1300 hrs.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) 2 km N. Esseloh near Sangerhausen

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: -- * --
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: --

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES:
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: Explosion in midair, crashed and burnt, 99 % destr.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Remarks: Markings at bow of craft: CREW CHIEF T JIM
MILLER O
ASST. Crew-Chief D
LAIRD D
3rd Asst Crew-Chief
Spart 782 "Lady Marga (Este?)
70-BO
13-37 782

Navigation- and Radio Material: 1 briefcase with maps.

(Incl. to page 9)

Result of Crew: Dead 1 man.

- 1) CARUSO, Edmund G, 12100120 by identific. tag Cemetery Blankenheim.
 Situation of grave
 will be reported later.

Captured: 5 men

- 1) HUELS, Robert J., O-723087, near Riestedt, 2/11/44 1400 hrs.
 2) POITA, Albert F., 31081 near Blankenheim, 2/11/44, 1300 hrs.
 3) MURDOCK, William J., 0764075, " " " "
 4) WALLACE, John B., O-433616, " " " "
 5) KORB, George B., O-718343 " " " "

Probably still at large: 2 men
 Names unknown

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Technical Data.

Nacelle: Fuselage: 99% destr. Landing Gear: 99% destr.
 Wings: 99% destr. Tail Unit: 99% destr.
 Model of engines: Studebaker
 Nr.s. of engines: None to be identified, all 99% destroyed.
 Metal Propellers: Model not to found out.
 Weapons: 13 mm J-1 Left Hand.H. &A. Mfg.Co. Binchanton, N.Y. installed bow- and
 tailturret; movable.
 Used Sights: not to be found out.
 Ammunition 13 mm, 500 rounds, disconnecting belt.
 Ratio of Component: Only 4 T W, 1 x F & 44 4 x 4 T W
 Bombs: not to be found out.
 Bomb racks: not to be found out.
 Bomb sight: not to be found out.
 Armor: around 30 mm thick armor glass for pilot and copilot.
 Radio Sets: (RF UNIT TYPE 25 REF. No. 10 D/1016 SERIAL No. 32576
 (TYPE R 1355 REF No. 10 D/13032 SERIAL No. 3 18885
 1 RADIO CONTROLLER SERIAL No. 35870. MOTOR GENERATOR: 5 AM 3 INJ 18 A
 " " SERIAL No. NAW 6658
 1 RF UNIT TYPE 27 REF No. 10 D/1054 SERIAL No. ACCC 5930
 1 RADIO RECEIVER: SERIAL No. 18 ORDER No. 2291-WF 42.
 Antennae: not to be found out.
 Fuel: Not to be found out.
 Nr. of fuel tanks: Not to be found out.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32 / III

PLACE: Nordhausen

DATE: 4/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G
~~EMILIO CARUSO~~ AT: 2 km N.N.E. Emmeloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen
2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) CARUSO

FIRST NAME: Edmund G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 12100120

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Blankenhein, Situation of grave will be reported later.

Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III
Nordhausen

Nordhausen, 4/11/44

List of confiscated Property of Dead.

Name: CARUSO, Edmund G.

Serial Nr.: 12100120

Downing of: Boeing B 17 G

Date and Time: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

Place of crash: 2 km N.N. E. Enseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.

1 identification tag

KU 3256

Identification: HAROLD L. McDANIEL
13098372 T43-44 O.

P.

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III

LOCATION: Nordhausen

DATE: 4/11/44

DATE AND TIME: 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: 2 km. N.W.E. Emseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen.
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: not to be found out.
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: not to be found out.
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: not to be found out.

EQUIPMENT: " " " " "

F.T. FREQUENCIES: " " " " "

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99 % destr.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase # A (o) 32/III

PLACE: Nordhausen

DATE: 4/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 GXXXXXXXXXXAT: 2 km N.N.E. Enseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen
2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) KORB

FIRST NAME: George B.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-788343

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Blankenheim 2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Airbase A (o) 32/III

PLACE: N...hausen

DATE: 4/11/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: 3 km S. Enseloh, about 6 km N.E. Sangerhausen
2/11/44 around 1300 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: DAWSON
William A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-725588

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Sangerhausen 3/11/44 1600 hrs.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

1st Lt. William A. Dawson ✓

Mrs. Mary P. Dawson (Wife)
14144 Dixon Street
Glendale, California

Captain John B. Wallace ✓

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Wallace (Wife)
3314 Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, Florida

1st Lt. Jerome Silverman ✓

Mr. Sol Silverman (Father)
1959 McGraw Avenue
New York, New York

1st Lt. George P. Korb ✓

Mrs. Lottie E. Korb (Mother)
16 North Culver Street
Baltimore 29, Maryland

2d Lt. Frank O. Pappenfuss ✓

Mr. William F. Pappenfuss (Father)
Box Number 44
Woodland, Wisconsin

2d Lt. Charles W. Ford ✓

Mrs. Anna L. Ford (Wife)
6116 Helms Avenue
Los Angeles, California

1/Sgt. John H. Roster ✓

Mrs. Helen E. Roster (Wife)
3715 Wesley Street
Flint, Michigan

1/Sgt. Harold L. McDaniel ✓

Mrs. Leila H. McDaniel (Mother)
316 Hall Street
Pheenixville, Pennsylvania

1/Sgt. Glenn C. Martin ✓

Mrs. Mary L. Martin (Wife)
Box 427
Greggton, Texas

1/Sgt. Joseph M. Geller ✓

Mrs. Fannie B. Geller (Mother)
3010 Jules Street
Saint Joseph, Missouri

Paine

**Meldung über den Abschub eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschub-Nr. KU 3256

Abschubtag und Zeit: 2.11.44. 13.00.
 Abschubort: Braueloh b. Sangerhausen
 Flugzeugtyp: Bortress
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Nordhausen

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erl.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib:
				welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Ordnungs

PAPPENFUSS Frank Otto	1/Lt.	0-772579	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WINDYAN Jerome	1/Lt.	0-71988	gef.	dito
DAWSON William Arthur	1/Lt.	0-725588	gef.	dito
HARDI Glenn Glyde	S/3gt.	35419083	gef.	dito
MCDANIEL Harold Leon	2/3gt.	13098378	gef.	dito

Bemerkungen: 14757

DULAG-LJFT, den 7.12.44. v.S.