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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.
Group 457th Bomb. Gp. (H); Squadron 751st; Detachment _____
- SPECIES: Place of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Target or Intended Destination Bernberg, Germany; Type of Mission _____
Objective Bombing.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10/10ths cloud cover
- TIME: (a) Day 2 Month Nov. Year 1944; Time 1255; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Approx. 51-25N 11-25E to 5110N 11-10E
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or information Not Available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (X); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-106998
- REMARKS OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Paper Doll"
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number _____
(a) SW-013062; (b) SW-008767; (c) SW-014419; (d) 41-58151
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 156132; (b) 156342; (c) 716832; (d) 716840;
(e) 717203; (f) 752373; (g) 952848; (h) 158448;
(i) 953034; (j) 952295; (k) 744842; (l) 859590;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
KIA-1. Pilot	<u>Bow, Graeme L.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-761549</u>	<u>MIA</u>
RTD-2. CP	<u>Allen, Donald (NMI) Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-822339</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA-3. W	<u>McGee, George P.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-720688</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA-4. B	<u>Hibshman, Richard I.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-771926</u>	<u>MIA</u>
RTD-5. TTG	<u>Hall, Cheston H.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>13154497</u>	<u>MIA</u>
RTD-6. BOG	<u>Bruggeman, John C.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>17087791</u>	<u>MIA</u>
RTD-7. WG	<u>Navarro, Joseph (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>20608247</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIAS-8. BTG	<u>Spurriar, Chester L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39569150</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA-9. TG	<u>Robinson, Robert P.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32607871</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.				
11.				

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

See par. 8 of S-2 Summary of Eye-Witness' Account.

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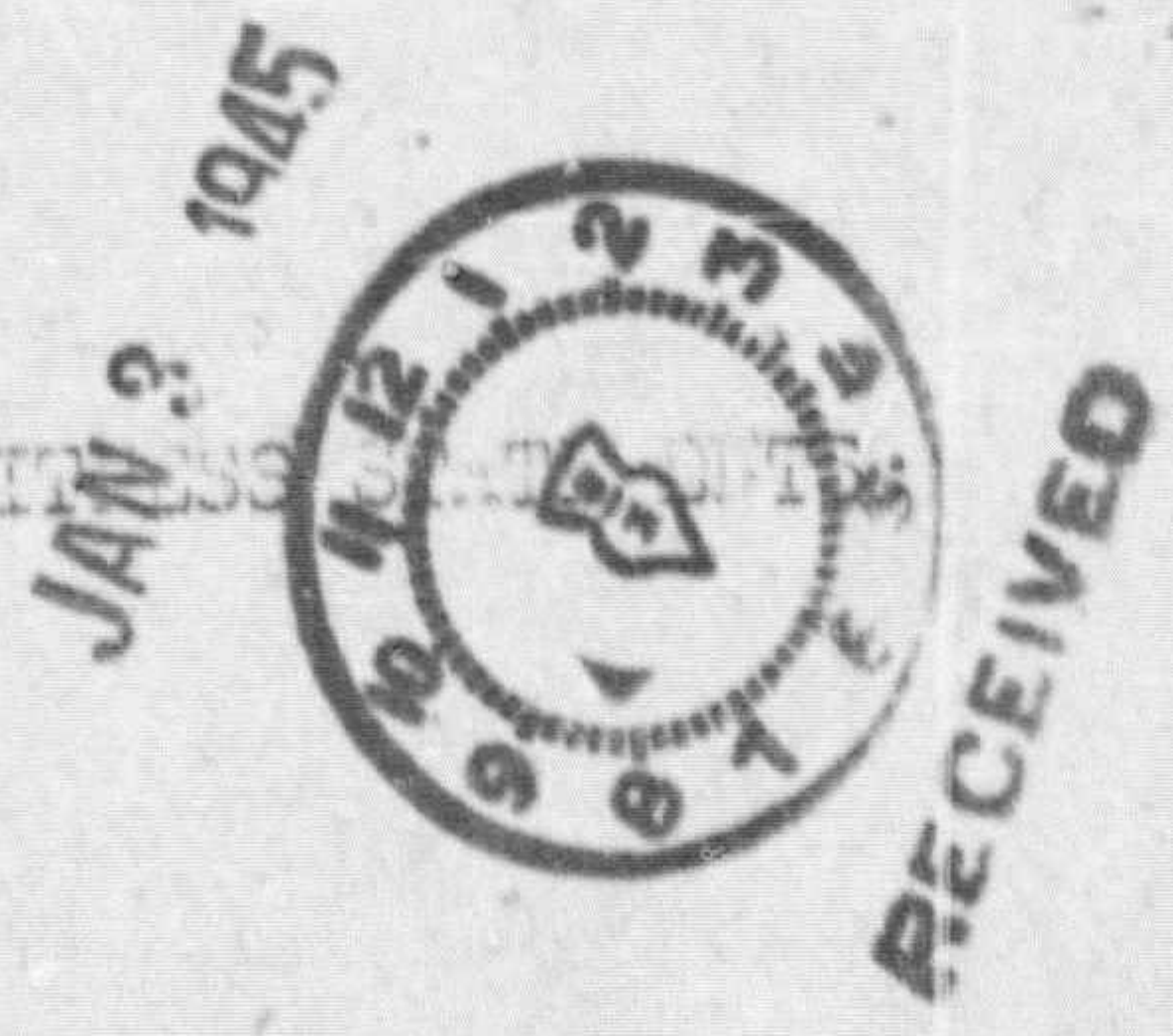
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- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
- 14. See p. 6 of S-2 Summary of Eye-Witness Account.
ATTACH AIRMAN'S PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
- 15. ATTACH EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 16. GIVE NAME, GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 12 November 1944.

Gerald H. Galligan
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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



17. DETAILS OF EYE WITNESS _____

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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. 751st A/C No. 42-106998

MISSION DATE 2 November 1944 FIRST PILOT Graeme L. Bow
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-761549 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 Unknown

(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 10 enemy aircraft bounced group at about 1248 to 1258, 17 to 27 minutes after bombs away, in area between above coordinates. They attacked from 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):

No description.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

No description.

(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.):

None seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above: This was one of seven aircraft shot down from the low 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 all reports doubtful. There were a number of reports from crew members about unidentified B-17's going down, with engines, wings, or tails on fire; about unidentified parachutes being seen; and about unidentified aircraft blowing up; and one or two reports about unidentified aircraft colliding. A/C 42-106998 was not identified by any eye-witness report.

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>Alfred C. Hetrick</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>13188326</u>	<u>42-31505</u>
* 2.	<u>William D. Mock</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-763707</u>	<u>44-8152</u>
* 3.	<u>Richard J. Rementeria</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-557544</u>	<u>42-97649</u>
* 4.	<u>Leonard G. Stoner</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-772767</u>	<u>42-32101</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-4F-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

* These are witnesses of unidentified B-17's going down. None of them identified aircraft 42-106998.

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Air Base Hq. Halle Saale
Air district: 7/III Grossenkain

8 Nov 44

Final Report on Recovered Enemy Equipment
and Aircraft crews.

Day of Crash: 2 Nov 44, 1235 hrs Place: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km
East Merseburg

Type: Boeing B 17 G, on return trip.

Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage. Beneath: "N"

Admittance No. Not ascertainable, burned.

Crashfire, 99% destroyed. Downed by: Flak

Guard detail for Aircraft: Homegard Kriegsdorf

Disposition of Crew:

Total of dead: 11

Identified by Identification tags:

List 78 no. 72

- 1.) - Bow Graeme L ASN: 0761549 T 43 44
- 2.) - Robinson Robert 32607871 T 43 44
- 3.) - Navarro Joseph 20608247
- 4.) Officer: - Mc Gee George PO-720683 T 43 44
- 5.) Unknown
- 6.) -u-
- 7.) -u-
- 8.) -u-
- 9.) -u-
- 10.) -u-
- 11.) -u-

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for 4 names

Burial and position of grave will be reported later

Signs illeg. 2nd Lt

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 1235
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) Annarode, 8 km W. Bialleben

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G.

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

ADMITTANCE NO: 710691?

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 90 % destruction

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

Result of Crews 4 dead.

1)	Unknown
2)	Unknown
3)	Unknown
4)	Unknown

Prisoners : None

Still at Large: probably none.

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6-3224, AF(4)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLIL 91**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:--

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **5/11/44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **1430**

ROLL:

FROM: **LLIL**

THROUGH: **Foss**

REMARKS: **Q E M**

SSD LBKA 119 5/11 0110
 to Ev. Pt. West Oberursel
 Subj.: Downing Boeing B 17 G 2/11/44 1235 hrs. Annarode, 8 km W.Eisalshen
 Markings: blue diagonal stripe at stabilizers. Black Admission Nr. ..069..?
 FT. Frequencies: not to be found cut.
 Condition of craft : 90% destr.
 Result of crews: 4 dead, rest unknown
 Addition to HQ Airbase Distr. 7/III, Grossenhain.
 Ev. Pt. West Oberursel and HQ Air Distr. III, Io, Berlin, have been notified.
 Receiving Unit Halle/Saale, 2nd. Company. Receiving Officer a/HEINRICH, Lt.

MYCR 10372

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Receiving Unit**
 LOCATION: **Halle/Seale**
 DATE: **8/11/44 0800 hrs.**
 DATE AND TIME:
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **2/11/44 0800**
 PLACE OF CRASH: **Annarode, 8 km W. Eisleben.**
 (NEAREST TOWN)
 KIND OF CAPTURE: **Flak**
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
 EMERGENCY LANDING)
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17 G**
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **Blue diagonal stripe on stabilizers, black V.**
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)
 ADMITTANCE NO: **..069..?**
 EQUIPMENT: **not to be found out**
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: **not to be found out**
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **90 % destr.**
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)
 Nr. of Engines: **4 Studebaker**
 Weapons: **normal**
 Armor: **normal**
 Guard at plane: **Home Guard Annarode**
 Fate of crew: **4 dead, rest unknown**
 Arrival of Rec. Unit at place of crash: **3/11/44 1645**
 Receiving Unit: **1 officer SC, 1 Officer AC., 1 technical Insp.**

MACR 10372

s/ MIRSCH
 Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Unit**

PLACE: **Halle/Saale**

DATE: **8/11/44** **1300**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B 17 G** by **flak**
XXXXXXXXXX: AT: **Annarode, 8 km W. Kisleben** **2/11/44** **1235**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **UNKNOWN**

FIRST NAME: **/.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **/.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**

s/ MIERSCH
Lt.

*Bow, Iraeme L
0761549
KIA*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44 0300 hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 24 D by Flak, 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs
LANDING: AT: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Herseburg
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage,
 beneath "NF" Admit: No, not ascertainable as burnt

FIRST NAME: Bow
Grane L

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0761549 T 43 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on crashpoint

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Burial and grave position will be reported later.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distr: 1 to Inform Center
 1 to Air Corps Command

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 2nd Lt

MACR 103722
 See KW 3759

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Unit**

PLACE: **Halle/Seale**

DATE: **8/11/44 1300**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing G 17 B by flak**
~~ENEMY AIRCRAFT~~ AT: Annarode, 8 km W. Eisleben

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **unknown**

FIRST NAME: **./.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **./.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later**

*Mc Bee, George P.
 0-720688
 KIA*

**a/ MIRSCH
 Lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Unit
 PLACE: Halle/Seale
 DATE: 8/11/44 1300
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by flak
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Annarode, 8 km W. Eisleben
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown
 FIRST NAME: ./.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

a/ MIRSCH
 Lt.

*Robinson, Robert P.
 32,607,871
 KIA
 identified (X-113)
 Annarode Cemetery*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE:

Receiving Command
Halle Saale

DATE:

8 Nov 44 0800hrs

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

Boeing B 17 G, by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs

SM LANDING: AT:

Village exit ^Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Mersoburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
beneath "H" Admit: No. not ascertainable, as burned

FIRST NAME:

Robinson
Robert

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

32607871 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Burial and position of grave will be reported
later.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distr: 1 to Dying Luft Information Center
1 to Air Corps Command

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2nd Lt

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Command**
PLACE: **Halle Saale**
DATE: **8 Nov 44 0800 hrs**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED)** OF **Boeing B 17 G** by **Flak 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs**
EN. LANDING: AT **Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East Kerssburg**
Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on fuselage
beneath "W" Admitt: No. not ascertainable, as burned

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Navarro**
FIRST NAME: **Joseph**
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **20608247**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Recovered dead on place of crash**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Barial and grave position will be reported later**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distrib: **1 to Inf. Center West**
1 to Air Corps Command

Signature

2nd Lt

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Command**

PLACE: **Halle Saale**

DATE: **8 Nov 44 0800 hrs**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235hrs**
AT: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East Merseburg
Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
beneath "H" Admitt; not ascertainable burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **M o g e e**

FIRST NAME: **G e o r g e P**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **Rank: Officer ASN: O-720688 T 42 43**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Recovered dead on place of crash**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Burial and position of grave will be reported later**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributors: 1 to Inf. Center Oberursel
 1 to Air Corps Command III

Sign: illeg

2nd Lt

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Relieving Command**PLACE: **Halle Saale**DATE: **8 Nov 44 0800hrs**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235 Hrs**
Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg
AT: Markings: yellow diagonal stripes on empennage
beneath 1000 "W" Admitt: No no% ascertainable, burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: **Unknown**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **---**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Recovered dead on place of crash**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later.****Distributors:****1 to Informations Center Oberursel**
1 to Air Corps Command III/Ic**Signs illeg****2nd Lt**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44 0800 hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 C by Flak, 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs
EM. LANDING: AT: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Harzburg
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
 beneath: "W". Admitts No. not ascertainable

FIRST NAME: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ---"

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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1 to Information Center
 1 to Air Corps Command Berling-D

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44 0800 hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak, 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs

XXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East Merseburg.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Markings: Yellow stripe diagonal, beneath
 * * * * * Admitt: No. not ascertainable, burnt.

FIRST NAME: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ---

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

Distributors: 1 to Inform. Center Oberursel
 1 to Air Corps Command III Ic Berlin

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2nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Command**

PLACE: **Halle Saale**

DATE: **8 Nov 44 0800 hrs**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235hrs**
EM. LANDING: AT: **Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East Merseburg**
Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage,
beneath "H" Admittance No. not ascertainable

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Unknown**

FIRST NAME: **---**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **---**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Recovered Dead, on place of crash**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported later.**

Distrib: 1 to Inf, Center Stenurzel
 1 to Dulag Luft

Sigs: 2nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44 0800 hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flek 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs
XXNEW LANDINGX AT: Village exit Kriegsdorf, 4 km East of Merseburg
 Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage, beneath:
 "N" Admitt: No. not ascertainable.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown

FIRST NAME: --

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) --

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Recovered dead on place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later.

Distributer^s 1 to Inf. Center Oberursel
 1 to Air Corps Command Berlin Dahlem

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

Receiving Command

PLACE:

Halle Saale

DATE:

8 Nov 44 0800 hrs

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED)

OF,

Boeing B 17 G by Flak on 2 Nov 44 1235 Hrs
Village exit 4 km East Weisburg~~EN LANDING:~~

AT:

Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on fuselage-
beneath: NW⁰ Admitts No. not ascertainable

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

will be reported later.

Distributors: 1 to Inf. Center Oberursel
1 to Air Corps Command III Berlin -B

Signature: illegible
2nd Lt

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

LEBL 102

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Leader of Receiving Command

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

6 Nov 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

0340

ROLL:

FROM:

LEBL

THROUGH:

Frank

REMARKS:

SSD LBNH 146 5/11 2350

TO: Information Center Oberursel.

Sub j: Downing of a Boeing B 17 G on 2 Nov 44 1235 near Village exit Kriegsdorf 9 km East of Erseburg by Flak.

Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on tail unit. beneath: "H" Admitt: No, not ascertainable as burned.

Radio Frequencies not ascertainable

Condition of Aircraft: 99 % destroyed, crashfire.

Disposition of Crew: 11 Dead, 7 of them unknown.

Additional remark for Air District: Grossenhain: Information Center Oberursel and Air Corps Command were informed.

**Leader of Receiving Command. Dept. 52,
Mirsch 2nd Lt.**

R e s t r i c t e d

Information about Recovery of Enemy Aircraft

Post & Receiving Command Halle Saale, 3 Nov 44 0800 hrs.

Time of Crash: 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs

Place of Crash: Village exit of Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg

Downed by: Flak

Type: Boeing B 17 G

Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on tail unit. Beneath: 4117

Admittance No. not ascertainable, as burnt

Frequencies: not ascertainable

Condition of Aircraft: 99 % destroyed, crashfire

Number of Engines: 4 Studebaker

Armament: Normal

Armor: Normal

Guard Detail for Aircraft: Home Guard of Kriegsdorf

Disposition of Crew: 11 Dead, 7 of them unknown.

Receiving Command arrived on Crashpoint: 3 Nov 44 1200 hrs

Receiving Command consisted: 1 Officer of Signal Corps, 1 Officer of Flying Corps, of Air Force, Investigator.

**Signature illegible
2nd Lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Unit

PLACE: Halle/Saale

DATE: 8/11/44 1500

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by flak

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ AT: Amarode, 5 km W. Eisleben

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Unknown

FIRST NAME: ./.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ./.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later

*Hibshman, Richard J.
0-771926*

s/ MIERSCH
Lt.

Sketch of Situation of Grave of 4 dead Americans.

Names of the 4 dead not known

Subj.: Downing of Boeing B 17 G 2/11/44 1235 hrs,
Anarode, 8 km W. Eisleben.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: K 110 Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44, 0800hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44, 2235 hrs
 Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Harseburg

EM. LANDING: AT: Marking: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
 beneath "H" Admitt: No, not ascertainable, kerat

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) WENNY Unknown

FIRST NAME: _____

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) _____

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: _____

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Burial and position of grave will be reported later

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

Distributors: 1 to Inf. Center Oberursel
 1 to Air Corps Command III

Sign: illeg.

2nd Lt

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MACR 10322

Waffen Crews

10168, 10159, 10322

MACR
10322
B 17
9 men
AAF 42-106998

Date: 2 November 44 at 1235

11 November

KU 3259

Place: Annaroda near Eisleben.

Type: Fortress
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457th

Target: Flying Field
Halle/Saale

N	Ltn.	Mc GEE, George P.	0-720688	dead
	Ltn.	BOY, Grace	-	dead
	2nd/Ltn.	ALIEN, JR, Donald W.	0-822339	did
N	Ltn.	AILSHMAN, R. L.	-	dead
	Sgt.	ROBINSON, Robert	32607871	dead
	S/Sgt.	NAVARRO, Joseph	20608247	.
	T/Sgt.	HALL, Chester Harold	13154497	.
	T/Sgt.	BRUGEMAN, John C.	17097791	.
	S/Sgt.	SPURRER, Chester L.	39560150	dead
		ZIRBEL, Ray	16096424	dead
		BERG, Ben	17179967	dead

mixed crews

4 "DEAD"

MACRS 10322 - 10319

MACR 10322

REPORT OF CRASH

CASUALTY NR. KU 3259

DATE OF CRASH

2 November 1944, 1835

PLACE OF CRASH

Annaroda near Eisleben

TYPE OF CRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Eisleben

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.

RANK.

SER. NR.

RESULT.

ALLEN, Donald Jr.

2nd/Lt.

0-822339

captured D/Lag Luft West

BRUGGEMAN, John S.

T/Sgt.

17097751

" "

HALL, Cheston Harold
- Marshallton, Pa.

T/Sgt.

13154497

" "

HAVARRO, Joseph

S/Sgt.

20608247

" "

1. later report by 27 February 1945:

MC GEE, George G. P.

Lt.

0-720688

dead

List 78 no 71
MACR 10322

ROBINSON, Robert

Sgt.

32607871

dead

List 78 no 72

ZIRBEL, Ray

Sgt.

16096424

dead

List 78 no 73
MACR 10319

BERG, Ben

Sgt.

17179967

dead

List 78 no 74

D/Lag Luft, 17 November 1944 No

MIXED CREWS

MACR 10322

MACR
10342

Type of aircraft: Boeing B 17 G
Place of crash: near Kriegsdorf, 4 km E. of Neresburg
Time of crash: 2 Nov. 1944 at 1235

✓ MCGEE, George P. MACR 10322 Off. (dead) List 78 No 71
0-720688 T 43-43

✓ BURGH, John G. MACR 10168 dead
38567595

✓ DUNN, John G. MACR 10159 dead
3261885 T 43-44 0

✓ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
ROBINSON, Robert P. MACR 10322 dead List 78 No 12
32807871 T 43-44

✓ NAVARRO, Joseph MACR 10322 EUS dead
206082447 T 40/41

✓ MONARCKY, Theodore MACR 10159 dead
35771995 T 43-44

✓ BOW, Craeme L. MACR 10322 dead - List 64 No 94
0-761540 T 43-44

See KU 3269

MACR 10322 ✓

KU 3270

See MACR 10168

MACR 103224

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Mc GEE, George P.**
 Rank: **2nd/Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-720688**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **N.**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was Trapped in the ship before it blew up.

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

seen by co pilot kicking at the forward escape along with the
pilot and bombardier

Was he injured? Not to the best of my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Explained above

Any hearsay information: The German Interrogator at Frankfurt, Germany

said Lt. Mc Gee Was Dead.

Source: Explained above.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HIBSHMAN, Richard I.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-771926**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Instructor~~ **B.**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE was trapped in the ship before it blew up.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: After orders were received to bail out Lt. Hibshman opened the bomb bay doors at my request.

Was he injured? Not to the best of my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Trying to force open the forward escape hatch

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: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **S P U R R I E R , Chester L**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **39560150**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: **BTG.**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was wounded and refused to jump.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I don't

Remember but T/Sgt. John Bruggeman helped Spurrier out of the ball turret after said turret was put out of commission.

Was he injured? Blood was streaming from the center of his forehead.

Where was he when last seen? Standing in the waist with his chute snapped on.

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

The ship blew up and I imagine He perished with it.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 232

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROBINSON, Robert P.**
Rank: **S/sgt.**
Serial number: **32607871**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **YO.**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was either dead or unconscious.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____
He said, " F.W.190's ATsix o clock he fired two bursts then I heard nothing more.

Was he injured? I saw an awful lot of 20 Mm. shells going into the tail.

Where was he when last seen? Slumped against the side of the fuselage

Any hearsay information: German Interrogator at Frankfurt, Germany
Stated that Sgt. Robinson was dead.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Attack from
FW'S at six o clock was very heavy I suppose he was hit
Consequently he could not jump so he perished with the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not sure.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: B O W , Graeme L.
 Rank: 1st/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-761549
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? WHILE HE AND NAVIGATOR AND BOMBARDIER WERE TRYING TO OPEN THE FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH (WHICH WAS FROZEN & CLOSED) THE SHIP BLEW UP.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HOW FIRE ON LEFT WING BEHIND 2ND ENGINE WAS, WHEN I TOLD HIM IT WAS MAKING THE WING RED HOT AND EATING INTO BOMBAY HE SAID OVER THE INTERPHONE "BAIL OUT"

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? TRYING TO OPEN FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH.

Any hearsay information: THE GERMAN INTERROGATOR AT THE INTERROGATION CENTER AT FRANKFORT ON THE MAIN SAID LT. BOW WAS DEAD.

Source: EXPLAINED ABOVE.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THOSE OF US FORWARD OF THE BOMBAY. USED A ONE GALLON HYDRAULIC FLUID CAN WITH THE TOP CUT OUT TO URNATE INTO. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THIS CAN WAS SPILLED OR KNOCKED OVER AND THE CONTENTS FLOWED AROUND THE DOOR OF THE FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH THUS FREEZING THE DOOR SHUT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26 or 27.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CHESTON H. HALL. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 13154497.
2. Organization 457th Bom. Gp. (H) Gp Commander _____ Rank COL. Sqn CO _____ Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944. month NOV. day 2nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS NEAR MERSEBERG, GER., target, _____, target
time, APPROX. 1:30 P.M., altitude, 35,000 FT. route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR MERSEBERG, GER.
6. Did you bail out? YES.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, MY R.O. ^{T/Sgt} JOHN C. BRUGGEMAN.
C.P. Lt. DONALD ALLEN JR. MY. WAIST GUNNER. ^{Sgt} JOSEPH NAJARRO.
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". ON BACK.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR EISLABEN, GER.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) AS FAR AS WE KNOW.
LTS. BOW, HIBSHAMAN AND MCGEE AND ^{S/Sgt} SPURRIER AND
ROBINSON SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN SAID AIRCRAFT.
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT NAV. AND BOMB. IN NOSE SECT. UNDER FLIGHT DECK. ~~BALL~~ TURRET
GUNNER, IN WAIST OR SHIP. AND TAIL GUNNER. IN HIS TAIL POSITION.
TAIL GUNNER, WOUNDED OR DEAD. BALL TURRET GUNNER WOUNDED IN HEAD. — THREE
12. What was their condition? IN NOSE APPARENTLY UNHARMED.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW PILOT LEAVE FLIGHT DECK AND GO UNDER THE
FLIGHT DECK TO GO OUT THE FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH. HE WAS
APPARENTLY UNWOUNDED AND MOST CERTAINLY HE HAD A CLEAR
HEAD.
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)

①. ⑧. 1st Lt. JOHN BRUGGEMAN MY RADIO OPER. DRAGGED HIMSELF TO REAR ESCAPE DOOR AND SAILED OUT - HE WAS CAPTURED, INTERNEED AT WETZLER, GER. THEN STALAG I, BARTH, GER. FROM WHICH HE WAS LIBERATED BY RUSSIANS MAY. 3, 1945, HE WAS FLOWN TO HOSPITALS IN THE STATES AND IS NOW DISCHARGED AND AT HIS HOME IN SOUVY FALLS, S.D. -

②. S/Sgt. JOSEPH NAVARRO. 2060 8297. WAIST GUNNER. - JUMPED FROM REAR ESCAPE ~~DOOR~~ DOOR, WAS CAPTURED INTERNEED AT STALAG IV, GROSS T YCHOW, GER. UNTIL FORCED TO EVACUATE BY ADVANCING RUSSIANS IN JAN. 1945, HE MARCHED UNTIL LIBERATED BY BRITISH FORCES THEN HE RETURNED TO STATES, WAS DISCHARGED AND IS NOW AT HIS HOME IN CHICAGO, ILL.

③. 2nd Lt. DONALD ALLEN JR. - CO-PILOT. - AFTER ORDERS FROM PILOT TO BAIL OUT WERE GIVEN I ASKED BOMBARDIER OVER INTERPHONE TO OPEN BOMB BAY DOORS HE DID SO, I OPENED DOOR TO BOMBAY AND HESITATED BECAUSE THE BOMBAY WAS ONE BIG MASS OF FLAMES, MY CO PILOT WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME, I HEARD HIM SHOUT "GET OUT BEFORE WE GO OUT FOR LACK OF OXYGEN" (ALT. WAS 22000 FT.) HE GAVE ME A SHOVE AND I SOMERSAULTED OUT - HE STATED HE DROVE RIGHT BEHIND ME. I FELT THE EXPLOSION OF THE SHIP AND HE MUST HAVE BEEN KNOCKED UNCONCIOUS BY IT BECAUSE HE REMEMED REACHING FOR HIS RIP CORD AND THEN EVERYTHING AS BLANK UNTIL HE FOUND A KRAUT WITH A GUN IN HIS BACK. HE WAS INTERNEED IN STALAG LURT III SARGAN, GER. I SAW HIM ON A TRAIN HEADING FOR LA HARVE, FRANCE AFTER CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND AS FAR AS I KNOW HE IS AT HIS HOME IN EAST ORANGE, N.J.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROBINSON, Robert P.**
Rank: **S/sgt.**
Serial number: **32607571**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: **TG.**

Did he bail out? No.

Where? No.

If not, why not? To my belief he was dead, cause when I bailed out I saw Him slumped on his guns.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Here they come at five o'clock boys."

Was he injured? Evidently yes

Where was he when last seen? At his gun position.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: Crew member *Joseph Navarro* 20608247

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: H I B S H M A N , Richard I.
Rank: 2nd/Lt,
Serial number: O-771926
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ B.

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? I was unable to see him from my position.

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

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? On take off time.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: Crew member Joseph Taranto 20608247

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Mc GEE , George P.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-720688
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: N.

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? I was unable to see him from my position.

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

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? On take off time.

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: Crew member *Joseph Navarro 20608247*

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: B O W , Graeme L.
Rank: 1st/Lt.
Serial number: O-761549
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? I was Unable to see him from my position

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Lt. Bow said " The plane is on fire , lets get out of here. Bail out , Bail out."

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? On take off time;

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: Crew member *Joseph Navarro* ²⁰⁶⁰⁸²⁴⁷

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: S P U R R I E R , Chester L
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 39560150
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: BTG.

Did he bail out? ?

Where? ?

If not, why not? ?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said to me
"boy they really gave us hell.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Near the right waist window.

Any hearsay information: N.

Source: Crew member

Joseph Tavano 20608247

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Joseph Navarro Rank s/Sgt. Serial No. 20608247
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander ? Rank Maj. Sqn CO ? Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merzburg, target, Factory, target
 time, I226, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, ?
?, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? ?
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, C. Hall D. Allan Bruggman
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". The only crew member I saw ready to bail out was Bruggman.
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? No where.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I was taken prisoner half hour after I landed and one day later I saw the other three members who bailed out.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **B O W , Graeme L.**
 Rank: **1st/Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-761549**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~initials~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? Unknown.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He gave us the order to abandon ship. because of fire.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Near the nose escape hatch.

Any hearsay information: Instead of attempting to bail out of bomb bay he went to nose escape hatch.

Source: T/Sgt Cheston H. Halt Engineer

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

He went to nose escape hatch and was unable to open that door. I believe the aircraft exploded while he was still there.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25.

Dates and destinations if possible: Weinberg-Aug⁵ - Berlin-Aug⁶ - Munich Stuttgart, Merseberg, Ludwigshafen (3 or 4 times), Frankfurt Kassel, Osnabruck, Cologne (4) Munster, Magdeburg, Bielefeld
Dates unknown Destinations and chronology order unknown.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Mr GEE, George P.**
 Rank: **2nd/Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-720698**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **N.**

Did he bail out? Unknown.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He told us that we were off course. I believe he said south of course

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? At the nose escape hatch.

Any hearsay information: He was seen with the pilot at the nose hatch.

Source: T/Sgt Cheston H. Hall - Engineer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was probably unable to open the escape hatch. I believe the aircraft exploded while he was still in it.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: Same missions as pilot. Neinberg, Berlin, Munich, Stuttgart, Merseberg, Ludwigshafen, Frankfurt, Kassel, Osnabruck, Cologne, Munster, Magdeburg, Bielfeld.
Dates unknown (chronological order of sorties unknown).

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HIBSHMAN, Richard I.**
 Rank: **2nd/Lt,**
 Serial number: **0-771926**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **B.**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Announced
the time of bombs away. Told me to see if doors were shut

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? No one saw him after we went to our
positions.

Any hearsay information: I have no hearsay
concerning this man.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was
undoubtedly trapped in the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: Neinberg, Aug. 5, Berlin, Aug. 6, Munich
Stuttgart, Merseburg, Ludwigshafen, Frankfurt, Kassel,
Osnabruck, Cologne, Munster, Bielfeld. (Dates & chronological
order of sorties unknown.)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **S P U R R I E R , Chester L**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **59560150**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~STC~~ **STC.**

Did he bail out? I do not know, but I believe he did.

Where? North east of Eisleben.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Called out enemy aircraft and tried to fight them off.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the waist position putting his chute on.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I can not be sure that he bailed out. I do believe he attempted, as he was preparing to go when I jumped from the waist door.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: Neinberg-Aug 5. Berlin-Aug 6, Munich Stuttgart, Merseburg, Ludwigshafen (4) Frankfurt, Kassel Osnabruck, Cologne (4) Munster, Magdeburg, Bielefeld
Dates unknown.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROBINSON, Robert P.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32607871**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~: **TG.**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? I believe he was dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called out the position of attacking E/A directly on the tail.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? At the tail position. He made no attempt to move.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe Robinson was killed before we were ordered to bail out. I hit him with an oxygen bottle, but he did not stir. The tail position was badly hit with fighter fire.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 23.

Dates and destinations if possible: Neinberg, Aug 5, Munich, Stuttgart, Merseburg, Ludwigshafen (4), Frankfurt, Kassel, Osnabruck, Cologne, Munster, Magdeburg, Bielefeld. (Dates unknown)
Destinations and chronological order unknown.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John C. Bruggeman Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 17097741
2. Organization 751st Sq 457th Gp Gp (H) Commander Rogener Rank COL Sqn CO FRED A. SPENCER Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombardment target, Leuna plant, Merseburg, Germ. target
time, 1250, altitude, 27,500 ft route scheduled, UNKNOWN
route flown UNKNOWN.
5. Where were you when you left formation? South of Target near Halle
Eisleben
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - 3 others
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". Lt Donald Allen,
T/Sgt Cheston H. Hahl, S/Sgt Joseph Navarra bailed out.
Allen + Hahl through bombays - Navarra + I from waist door
all approximately the same time. We were all in the same area
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 6 mi N.E. 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) Unknown
11. Where were they in aircraft? Unknown
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Spurrier, Chester, was in good condition when
I saw him last. He was coming to waist door to jump. He was
not wounded. S/Sgt Robinson, Robert R. was still near the
tail position. He was sprawled out, on hands and knees.
I believe he was
killed on first attack. I hit him with oxygen bottle but
he did not move.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I have none

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BOW, Greene L.**
 Rank: **1st/Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-761549**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? HE WAS STILL WORKING ON NOSE HATCH
NO KNOWLEDGE - WHEN I LEFT.

Where? —

If not, why not? EMERGENCY NOSE HATCH WAS OBVIOUSLY JAMMED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I TOLD HIM WE WERE
UNDER ATTACK - ENGINEER REMINDED HIM TO OPEN BOMB BAYS AFTER HIS "ABANDON SHIP"

Was he injured? NOT WHEN I LAST SAW HIM

Where was he when last seen? UNDER FLIGHT DECK NEAR NOSE WORKING OVER HATCH

Any hearsay information: NONE WHAT SO EVER

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SHIP WAS ON FIRE -

HE LEFT SEAT WITH^{OUT} OXY. MASK 15-20 SECS BEFORE I DID AND WENT FORWARD -

WHEN I LEFT I KEPT MASK TILL LAST SEC - AND BEFORE I GOT OUT I WAS ANOXIC -

HE MUST HAVE BEEN THE SAME WAY ALTHOUGH HE WAS STILL WORKING WHEN I

LEFT - FIRE WAS BAD IN LEFT WING AND 2 ENGINES WERE OUT -

Total number of missions of above crew member: THIS WAS HIS 25TH

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: 1st OIC, George P.
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-720688
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ W.

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? EMERGENCY HATCH WAS OBVIOUSLY JAMMED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE TOLD ME WE WERE APPROX. 39 MILES OFF TARGET WHEN WE BOMBED

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE NEXT TO PILOT WHO WAS WORKING ON HATCH

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO EXPLANATION HATCH WOULDN'T OPEN FOR PILOT SO ALL WERE TRAPPED - I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE WHETHER SHIP BLEW UP OR CRASHED -

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 23

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **RIBSHAN, Richard I.**
 Rank: **2nd/Lt.**
 Serial number: **C-771926**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~ **B.**

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? -

If not, why not? EMERGENCY NOSE HATCH WAS OBVIOUSLY JAMMED.

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

NONE EXCEPT "BOMBS AWAY"

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE OF SHIP NEXT TO NAVIGATOR

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO EXPLANATION -
NOSE HATCH WOULDN'T OPEN FOR PILOT SO ALL WERE TRAPPED
NO IDEA WHETHER SHIP BLEW UP OR CRASHED

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 23

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **S P E R R I E R , Chester L**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **39560150**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **BTJ.**

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? —

If not, why not? —

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? I DIDN'T SEE HIM

Any hearsay information: YES - HE HAD WAS SAFELY OUT OF BALL TURRET AND INTO WAIST WITH PARACHUTE ON - NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT ON OXYGEN

Source: RADIO MAN

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

REPORTED TO BE IN A DAZED CONDITION ALTHO NOT WOUNDED - COULD BE ~~HE~~ HE WAS ANOXYIC OR SHOCKED WITH SUDDEN FRIGHT - RADIO MAN THOUGHT HE WAS ALRIGHT BUT LOOKING QUEERLY - HE SAW NO REASON FOR HIS NOT BEING ABLE TO LEAVE SHIP

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 22

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROBINSON, Robert P.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 32607871
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: TG.

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? -

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

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

Was he injured? NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN THE AIRPLANE

Any hearsay information: HEARSAY INFORMATION HAS IT THAT HE WAS SITTING UPRIGHT IN T.G. COMPARTMENT DURING THE ATTACK - RADIO MAN TOLD ME LATER HE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIT -

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 22

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DONALD ALLEN JR. Rank 1ST LT Serial No. O-822339
2. Organization 457th B.G. 1st Sq Gp Commander ROGNER Rank COL Sqn CO SPENCER Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOVEMBER day 2ND did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MERSEBERG, GERM., target, SYNTHETIC OIL FACTORY, target time, APPROX 1139, altitude, 25 000' route scheduled, _____, route flown MY NAVIGATOR TOLD ME WE WERE APPROX. 39 MILES OFF THE TARGET WHEN WE BOMBED -
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR FISLEBEN, GERMANY - I WAS CAPTURED THERE.
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". ABOUT 30 SECS. AFTER 'ABANDON SHIP' CAME, SGT. HALL, ENGINEER LEFT THRU 'BOMB BAYS' FOLLOWED BY ME - W.G., SGT NAVARRO, & R.G., SGT BRUGGEMAN, LEFT APPROX. SAME TIME FOR WE WERE ROUNDED UP IN SAME VICINITY -
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? AFTER I HAD COMPLETED SETTING UP A FENCE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF SHIP I QUIT MY SEAT AND LOOKED FORWARD - WORKING OVER THE NOSE ESCAPE HATCH WAS THE PILOT AND FURTHER IN THE NOSE WAITING WERE THE NAVIGATOR AND BOMBARDIER - I GLANCED AFT BUT ENGINEER BLOCKED VIEW - ANXIETY KEEPS ME FROM RECOLLECTING WHETHER OR NOT I SAW ANY ONE ELSE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE -

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (First name unknown) Hibakman
HOME TOWN OR STATE (Town unknown) Penn.
GRADE OR RANK 2nd Lt. B-17 Bombarrier
ORGANIZATION 8th AAF, 457 Bomb Group, 751 Sq.
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 2 Nov 44; Merceberg, Germany
CAUSE OF DEATH Our B-17 was shot out of the air by 20 mm fire of German F-W 190's. I was the Co-Pilot and the last to leave the seat. As I hit the silk I saw Hibakman with the Pilot and the Navigator fighting to open the nose escape hatch, but I believe that anoxemia overcame them and they didn't get out.
PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No
NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Fellow crewmen:
John Bruggeman, So. Dak.
Chester Hall, Conn.

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR
INFORMANT

31 July 1945
SIGN HERE Donald Allen Jr.
Name and Serial Number
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Your home address

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (First name unknown) McGee

HOME TOWN OR STATE (Town unknown) New Hamp.

GRADE OR RANK 2nd Lt. B-17 Navigator

ORGANIZATION 8th AAF, 457 Bomb Group, 751 Sq.

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 2 Nov 44; Mercesberg, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Our B-17 was shot out of the air by 30 mm fire of German F-W 190's. I was the co-pilot and the last to leave the seat. As I hit the silk I saw McGee with the Pilot and the Bombardier fighting to open the nose escape hatch, but I believe that anoxemia overcame them and they didn't get out.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Fellow crewmen
John Bruggeman, So. Dak.
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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (First Name Unknown) Bow

HOME TOWN OR STATE (Town Unknown) Calif.

GRADE OR RANK 1st. Lt. B-17 Pilot

ORGANIZATION 8th AAF, 457 Bomb Group, 751 Sq.

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 3 Nov 44; Mercesberg, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Our B-17 shot out of the air by 20 mm fire of German F-W 190's. I was the co-pilot and the last to leave the seat. As I hit the silk I saw Bow with the Navigator and the Bombardier lined up at the nose escape hatch struggling to open it, but I don't believe they made it due to passing out from anoxemia.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH

Fellow crewmen:
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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (Unknown) Spurrier

HOME TOWN OR STATE (City unknown) Conn. (???)

GRADE OR RANK S/Sgt. B-17 Ball Gunner

ORGANIZATION 8th AAF, 457 Bomb Group, 751 Sq.

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 2 November 1944; Mercesberg, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Our B-17 shot out of the air by 20 mm fire of German F-W 190's. Spurrier got out of the ball into the ship o. k., but believe he was stunned and did not hit the silk when the bail out order was given. I was unconscious going down. Believe he passed out from asphyxia.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Fellow crew men: John Bruggeman, So. Dak. Chester Hall, Conn.

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED (Unknown) Robinson
HOME TOWN OR STATE Syracuse, N. Y.
GRADE OR RANK S/Sgt. B-17 Tail Gunner
ORGANIZATION 8th AAF, 457 Bomb Group, 751 Sq.
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 2 November 1944; Mercesberg, Germany
CAUSE OF DEATH Our B-17 shot out of air by 20 mm fire of German F-4 190's. Believe subject was hit before we abandoned ship as he was not seen leaving it.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Fellow Crew Member, John Bruggeman, So. Dak.

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820 South Summit Avenue,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.T/Sgt. Cheston H. Hall *RMC*Mrs. Mary F. Hall, (Mother) ✓
Route Number Four,
West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Identification tags

George P McGee (2 tags)	0-720688	T 42 43
Robert P Robinson (2 tags)	32607871	T43 44 AB
Graeme L Bow (2 tags)	0761549	T 43 44
Joseph Navarro	20508247	T 40 41

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Saale

DATE: 8 Nov 44 0800 hrs

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak, 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs
 Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg

EM. LANDING: AT: Mark'gs: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage,
 beneath "N" Admit: No. not ascertainable as burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B o w

FIRST NAME: G r a e m e L

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0761549 T 43 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on crashpoint

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Burial and grave position will be reported later.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distr: 1 to Inform Center
 1 to Air Corps Command

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
 beneath "H" Admit: No. not ~~ascertainable~~ ascertainable, as burned
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) R o b i n s o n
 FIRST NAME: R o b e r t
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32607871 T 43-44
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: Burial and position of grave will be reported later.
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)
 FIRST NAME: Navarro
 Joseph *W's RMC*

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 20608247 *EUS*

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: Burial and grave position will be reported later

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 beneath "H" Admitt: not ascertainable burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M o g e e

FIRST NAME: G e o r g e P

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Rank: Officer ASN: O-720683 T 42 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Burial and position of grave will be reported later

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributors: 1 to Inf. Center Oberursel
 1 to Air Corps Command III

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PLACE:

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DATE:

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CRASH: (DOWNED)

OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs

Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg

EM. LANDING:AT: Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage

beneath "H" Admitt: No. not ascertainable, burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

~~XXXXX~~ Unknown

FIRST NAME:

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SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

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RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Burial and position of grave will be reported later

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. Boeing B 17 G by Flak 2 Nov 44 1235 Hrs
 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Village exit Kriegsborf 4 km East of Merseburg
 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage
 beneath ~~XXXX~~ "N" Admitt: No not ascertainable, burnt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Unknown

FIRST NAME:

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SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

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RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later.

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 Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg
EM. LANDING: AT: Markings: Yellow diagonal strips on empennage
 beneath: "N". Admitt: No. not ascertainable

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) --"

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later.

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~~SM LANDING~~ AT: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km East Merseburg.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Markings: Yellow stripe diagonal, beneath
"M" "N" Admitt: No. not ascertainable, burnt.

FIRST NAME: Unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ---"

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) ---"
Recovered dead on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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EM. LANDING: AT: Markings: yellow diagonal stripe on empennage,
 beneath "N" Admittance No. not ascertainable

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Unknown

FIRST NAME: --"--

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) --"--

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Recovered Dead, on place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 "N" Admitt: No. not ascertainable.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Unknown

FIRST NAME: --"---

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) --"---

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Recovered dead on place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Unknown

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

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8 Nov 44

Final Report on Recovered Enemy Equipment
and Aircraft crews.

Day of Crash: 2 No. 44, 1235 hrs Place: Village exit Kriegsdorf 4 km
East Merseburg

Type: Boeing B 17 G, on return trip.

Markings: Yellow diagonal stripe on empennage. Beneath: "N"

Admittance No. Not ascertainable, burned.

Crashfire, 99% destroyed. Downed by: Flak

Guard detail for Aircraft: Homegard Kriegsdorf

Disposition of Crew :

Total of dead: 11

Identified by Identification tag:

1.)	B e w G r a e m e L	ASN: 0761549 T 43 44
2.)	R o b i n s o n R o b e r t	32607871 T 43 44
3.)	N a v a r r o J o s e p h	20608247
4.)	Officer: M c G e e G e o r g e	PO-720688 T 43 44
5.)	Unknown	
6.)	---"---	
7.)	---"---	
8.)	---"---	
9.)	---"---	
10.)	---"---	
11.)	---"---	

Burial and position of grave will be reported later

Sign: illeg. 2nd Lt

Technical Data

Destroyed Fuselage 99% Landing Gear: 99% Wings: 99% Empennage: 99%

Engine Serial No: & Type: Studebaker with Exhaust-turbin, Serial No: not ascertainable.

Engine 1:	90% destroyed
---"--- 2:	90% ---"---
---"--- 3:	90% ---"---
---"--- 4:	90% ---"---

Air screw: Blades: 3
No. 6477

Type Hamilton Standart
Radius of Air -screw: 1750 mm

0.7 times Radius equals: 1225mm on this point
Air screw has a depths of t equals 320 mm

Armament:	12.7 Caliber
---"---	---"---
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---"---	---"---

Type: Fixed: fixed or movable:

Will be ascertained
after being salvaged

movable

on fuselage and
tail

Sight: Ringsight

Ammunition: 12.7 belt Ratio of Mixture: TW 4

Bombs: not found Bomb racks: not ascertainable.

Bomb sight: not ascertainable. Armor: Plates were found, 5mm wide
Radio equipment: Receiver BC 348 R Transmitter - Receiver Type not
ascertainable, neither crystals nor carrier waves. Radar Type: 1355
with R. F. Unit 25 (fixed) position of dial: 2:n

Cameras: not found. Fuel: Oils: No tests could be taken because of
tanks being completely destroyed. Crashfire.

Number of tanks: not ascertainable

Krause,
Examiner.

1 Slip: Crewmembers for List of Downings:

No of Downing:	Name:	ASN:	File:
MC 3270	Robinson Robert P	32607871	EM
--"---	Bow Graeme L	0-761549	EM
--"---	Navarro Joseph	20608247	EM

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

LIBL 102

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Leader of Receiving Command

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

6 Nov 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

0340

ROLL:

FROM:

LLEN

THROUGH:

Frank

REMARKS:

SSD LBHA 146 5/11 2350

TO: Information Center Oberursel

Sub j: Downing of a Boeing B 17 G on 2 Nov 44 1235 near Village exit Kriegsdorf
9 km East of Merseburg by Flak.

Marking: Yellow diagonal stripe on tail unit. beneath: "N" Admitt: No, not ascertainable as burned.

Radio Frequencies not ascertainable

Condition of Aircraft: 99 % destroyed, crashfire.

Disposition of Crew: 11 Dead, 7 of them unknown.

Additional remark for Air District: Grossenhain: Information Center Oberursel and Air Corps Command were informed.

Leader of Receiving Command. Dept. 52,
Mirsch 2nd Lt.

R e s t r i c t e d

Information about Recovery of Enemy Aircraft

Post : Receiving Command Halle Saale, 8 Nov 44 0800 hrs.

Time of Crash: 2 Nov 44 1235 hrs

Place of Crash: Village exit of Kriegsdorf 4 km East of Merseburg

Downed by: Flak

Type: Boeing B 17 G

Marking: Yellow diagonal stripe on tail unit. Beneath: "N#"

Admittance No . not ascertainable, as burnt

Frequency: not ascertainable

Condition of Aircraft: 99 % destroyed, crashfire

Number of Engines: 4 Studebaker

Armament: Normal

Armor: Normal

Guard Detail for Aircraft: Home Guard of Kriegsdorf

Disposition of Crew: 11 Dead, 7 of them unknown.

Receiving Command arrived on Crashpoint: 3 Nov 44 1200 hrs

Receiving Command consisted: 1 Officer of Signal Corps, 1 Officer of Flying Corps, of Air Force, 1 Investigator.

Sign: illegible
2nd Lt .

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. KU 3259

Abschußtag und Zeit: 2.11.44 - 12.35
Abschußort: Annaroda b. Misloben
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Misloben

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

ALLEN <i>Jr.</i>	Donald <i>Jr.</i>	2.Lt.	0-2822339	gef. Dulag-Luft West
BRUGGEMAN	John C.	T/Sgt.	17097791	gef. Dulag-Luft West
HALL Marshallton, Pa.	Cheston Harold	T/Sgt.	13154497	gef. Dulag-Luft West
NAVARRO	Joseph	S/Sgt.	20608247	gef. Dulag-Luft West

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Allen, Donald, Jr.	0822339	(P. O. W.	2 Nov 44	335156
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	155073
Bow, Graeme L.	0761549	K. I. A.	2 Nov 44	032103
Bruggeman, John C.	17,097,791	(P. O. W.	2 Nov 44	335156
		(E. U. S.	26 Jun 45	Ship. # 197
Hall, Cheston H.	13,154,497	(P. O. W.	2 Nov 44	335156
		(R. M. C.	Date not shown	144128
McGee, George P.	0720688	K. I. A.	2 Nov 44	080115
Navarro, Joseph	20,608,247	(P. O. W.	2 Nov 44	335156
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	164049
Robinson, Robert P.	32,607,871	K. I. A.	2 Nov 44	080115
<i>Spencer, Chester L.</i>	<i>37,566,160</i>	<i>K. I. A.</i>		

Bemerkungen: 10322

DULAG-LUFT, den 17.11.44 Wo.