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751st Squadron

Gaggenau, Germany

AC #42-97456 broke in two either just behind radio compartment, by rear door or behind tail wheel. Front part of plane went down like falling leaf and exploded on ground. After collision and break-of of aircraft, Sgt. Jacob Z. Chimerinsky, 32878850, tail gunner, bailed out of the tail at about 16,000. 2nd Lt. Jerome W. Page, O-2056457, navigator, bailed out of the front part through the escape hatch at about 5000 feet and after some difficulty in opening hatch. Lt. Page says waist gunner and ball turret were in waist at time of accident. Lt. Page says their bodies were found and that he identified them. Lt. Page says American soldiers saw the accident and told him they saw only two chutes and one possible body which fell without a chute. Both Lt. Page and Sgt. Chimerinsky believe no one parachuted to safety except themselves. AC #42-97456 was flying #6 in low squadron of high box and A/C #42-97451 was flying #3 in same squadron. #42-97451 was in position. Sun glare apparently caused #42-97456 to pull up suddenly. Collision of the two A/C resulted.

✓ Passmore, Homer M. <i>no info</i>	2d Lt.	O-798350	MIA
✓ Esser, Gerald W.	2d Lt. ³	O-704908 ✓	MIA
✓ Page, Jerome W. <i>no info</i>	2d Lt. ⁸	O-2056457	Returned
Long, Milton R. <i>no info</i>	2nd Lt. ⁵	O-712184 ✓	MIA
Taylor, Herman E.	S/Sgt. ¹⁰	32578801	MIA
Monsen, Wade J. <i>no info</i>	S/Sgt. ⁶	39912271 ✓	MIA
Fauls, James H.	Sgt. ⁴	36597441 ✓	MIA
✓ Chimerinsky, Jacob Z. <i>no info</i>	Sgt. ²	32878850	Returned <i>no info</i>
Abel, Elmer H. <i>no info</i>	Sgt. ¹	36685842	MIA <i>no info</i>

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Collided with #42-97456, men bailed out, ship returned to base.

Sale, Walter H. <i>no info</i>	2d Lt. ⁹	O-710154	MIA
Nordan, Fabain F.	2d Lt. ⁷	O-771870	MIA

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

(ABH/dr)

3 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Request for Casualty Information

TO : Commanding General,
Army Air Forces,
Washington, 25 D. C.

1. Reference letter, your headquarters, subject as above, pertaining to
Sergeant Herman E. Taylor, 32578801, 751 Bomb Squadron (H), 457 Bomb Group (H)
dated 25 June 1945.

2. Above communication has been referred to Commanding Officer AAF Records
Section, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina, for possible compliance.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Albert B. Huber
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Major, AC.

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