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by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AG
by F. H. WILSON, Capt., AG
Date **MAR 15 1946**

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map
Cassidy
Bennett

POW 2nd Lt. Archie F. Bower, Jr.

Mrs. Betty J. Bower, (wife)
289 South Spalding Drive,
Beverly Hills, California.

POW 2nd Lt. Richard W. Cook

Mrs. Lillian Davis, (grandmother)
675 Garden Avenue,
Glenn, New York.

POW T/Sgt. Frank S. Giordano

Mr. Louis Giordano, (father)
340 Second Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

POW Sgt. John J. Waskovich

Mrs. Theresa Waskovich, (mother)
1126 Erie Street,
Dunmore, Pennsylvania.

POW S/Sgt. Joseph E. Snyder

Mrs. Hona Newton Snyder, (mother)
Box #27,
Williamsburg, Kentucky.

MIA 2nd Lt. William R. Barondale

Died in
trap
without
chute

Mrs. Susanne J. Barondale, (wife)
515 West Erie,
University City, 5, Missouri.

MIA 2nd Lt. Leo E. Hoskins

Mrs. Della Hoskins, (mother)
306 Webster Avenue,
Hamilton, Ohio.

MIA Sgt. Wesley W. Schneider, Jr.

Died in
plane

Mrs. Alice Schneider, (mother)
4229 West End Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

MIA S/Sgt. John W. Popovits

Died
in
trap

Mrs. Helen E. Popovits, (wife)
844 Third Avenue,
Frankfort, Pennsylvania.

MIA Sgt. Jesse J. Hirschberg

Died in
plane

Mrs. Helen Hirschberg, (mother)
5508 Eighteenth Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

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C O S E L

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION : Location England ; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 457th Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 749th ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130 ; Course _____
Intended Destination Augsburg, Germany ; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Good - Visibility over target area was about 2/10 cover with slight haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 2/25/44 ; Time 1500 ; and Location Over enemy territory
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not Available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97457
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-001813
(b) SW-001829 ; (c) SW-001830 ; (d) SW-002044
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 929580 - 930963
(a) 374892 ; (b) 375350 ; (c) 667078 ; (d) 667426 - 949116
(e) 664739 ; (f) 643090 ; (g) 949022 ; (h) 948803 - 929359
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. 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	
x 1.	Pilot	<u>POW</u> <u>Bower, Archie E. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-803767</u>	<u>RTD</u>
2.	CP	<u>MIA</u> <u>Baxendale, William R. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-751716</u>	<u>RTD</u>
3.	N	<u>MIA</u> <u>Hoskins, Lee E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-691755</u>	<u>RTD</u>
4.	R	<u>POW</u> <u>Cooke, Richard W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-752657</u>	<u>RTD</u>
5.	ETT	<u>POW</u> <u>Giordano, Frank S.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>12190735</u>	<u>RTD</u>
6.	EWG	<u>POW</u> <u>Snyder, Joseph M.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>15090663</u>	<u>RTD</u>
7.	RO	<u>MIA</u> <u>Powitz, John W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13131673</u>	<u>RTD</u>
8.	LWG	<u>MIA</u> <u>Hirschberg, Jesse J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32507170</u>	<u>RTD</u>
9.	TG	<u>POW</u> <u>Wasovich, John J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>13127583</u>	<u>RTD</u>
10.	BTG	<u>MIA</u> <u>Schneider, Wesley W. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36727143</u>	<u>RTD</u>

11. 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)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. _____						
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. 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 reasons (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. NONE

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. NONE

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE MIA over enemy territory

Date of Report 9 March 1944
Gerald R. Calligan
GERALD R. CALLIGAN
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
1st Lt., AC - Station _____

Incl 22

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2918

Name of crew member: **BAXENDALE William E R.**
Rank: **2nd. Lt.**
Serial number: **0-751716**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Co Pilot**

Did he bail out? ~~Yes in a way.~~

Where: **Augsburg Gr.**

If not, why not? ~~Wounded and carried out.~~

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ~~He left Co-pilot seat by order of Pilot to inspect the ship and to see that all had on our chutes, he was on a walk around bottle then He hit me on the Back and said to stay with it that we would make it all right, It is believed by all the crew that he was wounded but stay until he could no longer get around.~~

On the ground dead by other member of crew. ~~He jumped on Lt. Cooke's back and he carried him to door and jumped with him, as Cooke states he had on his own chute but could not move from loss of strength by wound or oxygen. Cooke opened his own chute and Baxendale slid off but never opened his as he never regained consciousness before he got to the ground. (the reason for all of this bailing out of the waist door was that the aircraft was so seriously damaged that it was the only place that one could get out as a prop had come off after wind milling and tore the bombardiers compartment off of ship also flak had jammed to bombay doors after we had dropped our bombs and closed them. also all of our guns were out by flak before the fighter attack all we had was waist radio guns)~~

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~All this except the quotation marks is what I gathered from the crew except when Baxendale made inspection on the aircraft and personal.~~

~~He should be buried at the same place in Landau if that is the right town in Bavaria.~~

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~Four I think~~

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~Munster, Schwienfurt, Leipzig, Augsburg.~~

Shot down Jul 25 - 44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2918

Name of crew member: **HOSKINS Lee E.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-691755**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes**

Where? **Some where over Augsburg, I beleive Goppengingr. Bavaria**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ~~None except~~
~~over the interphone I could hear him talking about the course and~~
~~that we were 45 min. from Switzerland and etc.~~

Was he injured? **No Knowledge**

Where was he when last seen? ~~Coming out of Radio room to bail out.~~

Any hearsay information: ~~Lt. Cooke the Bombardier told me that he was sure~~
~~that th civilians hung him as they had custody of him and was leading and p~~
~~pointing to a tree with that intention, Cooke never said he saw him~~
~~hanging as I remember. But no more was never heard of him in P.O.W.~~
~~circles and as I understand nothing since.~~

If hung it should be in the District of Bavaria close to Augsburg
 My P.O.W. record states that I was picked up at a place close there
 named Goppengen, (this could be a mistake) if correct Hoskins affairs
 with the Nazi was close as he was next out of the ship behind me I think.
 Lt. Cooke, Bower, Sgt Giordano, Waskovich I think saw him and said that
 he was grogy on the ground but not seriously wounded as he was walking.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~I beleive that~~
~~he tried to make an escape and got caught and would not surrender to them~~
~~I was in such a nervous state and pain that i could not make a clear state~~
~~ment as to what happened to him as I was at least Half mile from them.~~
~~Sgt. GIORDANO, WASKOVICH and Lt COOKE can give a better story as this was~~
~~told to me by them.~~

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Four**

Dates and destinations if possible; **Munster, Schwienfurt, Liepzig, Augsburg.**

Shot down Feb 23-44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2918

Name of crew member: SCHNEIDER Wesley W. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 96727143
Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ball Targ. Gunner.

Did he bail out? No.

Where? no place Augsburg Mo.

If not, why not? Dead

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

He ask me to wipe the oil off of the turrent window and Lt. Bower told me to have him get out, as fire had started, he came out and was with me at my gun

was he injured? No not until we were hit by fighters then he was killed

Where was he when last seen? Laying in the waist dead

Any hearsay information? none Eye witness.

Source? none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition? none

Died in performance of his duty

Total number of missions of above crew member: I think Four

Dates and destinations if possible; Munster, Schweinfurt, Leipzig, Augsburg.

shot down Feb 25 '44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2918

Name of crew member: **HIRSCHBERG Jesse J.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **32507170**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No**

Where: **Augsburg**

If not, why not? **Dead**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **He was asking about the plane was it going to make it, he was at his gun rubbing backs with me when he was killed**

Was he injured? **Dead**

Where was he when last seen? **In waist dead**

Any hearsay information: **None I was eye witness**

Source: **my own**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Killed by enemy action in performance of his duty.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Beive Four** **Munster, Schweinfurt, Liepzig, Augsburg.**

Dates and destinations if possible;

Shot down 2-25-44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 2918

Name of crew member: **POPOWITZ John W.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **13131673**
 Position: Crew (Bomber): ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? **No. The pilot got him out**

Where? **Over Augsburg Gr.**

If not, why not? **He had a leg off and the pilot helped him to the door he had barely enough strength to pull rip.**

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

I had none except that I could hear him on the interphone He was at work at the radio when shot, getting info and etc.

Was he injured? **Leg off and body**

Where was he when last seen? **At the Gr. hosp. where he died.**

Any hearsay information: ~~All of this is what I have been told by the other crew members as I was in the waist and wounded at the same time as he.~~

Source: **Crew.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ~~It is~~
beleived that the Germans buried him close to this Hosp. I beleive it was Landau. All were supposed to be buried the in a small cemetery there except Lt. Hoskins. Sgts. Popowitz, Hirschberg, Schneider, Lt. Baxendale. Hoskins was as we think by hearsay hung and his body secreted elaswhere by civilians.

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Four**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Munster, Schweinfurt, Liepzig, Augsburg.**

shot down 2-25-44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Joseph Mouton Snyder Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 15090688
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Juper Rank Col Sqn CO Wagner Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Augsburg, target, Augsburg, target
time, about 13:30, altitude, 17,000ft route scheduled, same as brid
route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? over the target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, as I remember there was seven
chutes opened, that I counted
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 left waist and ball turret gunner was dead, and could not bail. tail gunner went, then I and I saw the rest coming, Lt. Hoskins, Sgt Giordano, Lt. Cook, that was all
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Yes After all alive was out.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross ~~check~~ above and individual questionnaires) Sgt. Schnieder, Ball and Sgt. Herschberg, Left waist. Both were dead by enemy fighter gunfire before we bailed.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Both were in the waist as the Ball had been knocked long before and was useless.
12. What was their condition? Good until hit by gun fire and killed
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I was put in the hospital for emergency treatment as I was wounded five or six times to have the shrapnel removed there I met Lt. Lower as the same shape with a broken leg and bad burns about the face. The Germans told me that they had some of my buddies there and that one of the had died, Sgt Popowitz the radio operator and also that they the bodies of Sgt Schneider, Sgt Herschberg, and Lt, Baxendale, and were
14. During then I think the plane was landing for or Austria. May have been also where as my Bow Record says I was shot down at Gappengen.

The same Day as I was Shot Down The was a Sgt Willy and A Sgt Christian In the same room the same day.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

We were on the mission to Regensburg but made a second choice on Augsburg as I understand it. Had very little trouble until nearing the target. When we were hit by flak a number of times knocking out no. two engine which we could not feather the prop so it was wind milling we carried on as best we could and dropped our bombs but could not hold the speed and had to drop out after losing another engine, we tried to make it back as best we could when fighters attacked us. That was when the action was just a little out of Augsburg. That was when Sgt, Schneider, Herschberg and I got it killing them and wounding me. After this I got up and Sgt Waskovich came up from the tail and helped me out me going after him as we saw the rest coming, things were hot and the ship was afire, I made it down good landing in a tree which saved me from having to lose a leg as I had been shot through it and it was broken twice, the rest wasn't as lucky or some I might say. I was beaten up right there on the ground and robbed of all I had, then I was picked up by soldiers of the Reich and taken to the Hosp. where Lt. Bower and the rest was taken.

Rest is hearsay or what they told me (Crew)

Lt Bower Pilot was late getting out as he held the ship as long as possible then he could not get out the front for damage and had to come out the waist door (B17) that is how he was burned traveling through a burning ship he met the Radio Operator in the waist and saw the other boys dead he helped Sgt Popowitz out but he had a leg off at the thigh and died in the hosp. as Germans say. Lt. Bower also broke his leg as he hit the ground as his chute just opened. Lt. Cook as he came out Lt. Baxendale jumped on his back and he carried him to the door (All came out the Waist Door so you can tell the damage of the plane and the nerve of the crew) they made the jump together as I understand but after falling a piece Lt Cook opened his chute and Baxendale fell off but Lt Baxendale had his own chute and failed to pull the rip for some reason whether he was dead ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ / By a slow wound, they told me that Lt Hoskins Nav, had escaped but when I got better they told me that he had been hung by the bastards (Germans) any way he was not killed when I saw him bail and some of the rest of the crew seen him on the ground, Lt. Cook told me that he liked to get hung and I didn't miss it much so I guess from all the info that I know I would say so. If so you will find his remains in the region around Goppingen close to Augsburg or at Landau, I believe I could identify the man that got me out of the tree if that would help.

As for Sgt Schneider and Sgt Herschberg they are dead and I will swear to it as I was with them when they died and it was fast neither said a word.

Airfield - Headquarters
Lachen - Speyerdorf

17 March 44

File No. 8
Testinggroup

*2nd Lt
Brown, Archie J Jr
0803767*

*MACR
2918*

Investigation - Report No. 12/44.
of a downed enemy plane

- I) General : An american 4 engine bomber of the type "Boeing B17" was shot down by a fighter on 25 February 44 at 1300 near Birkweiler.
- 1) Place of the plane . . . : The plane is lying in a vineyard 300 meters west of Birkweiler.
- 2) Conditions of the plane : The plane had been destroyed by the crash and by fire to 99 % and is dispersed within 150 to 200 meters.
- 3) Disposition of the crew : 5 men uninjured and captured
3 men dead (burned)
2 men seriously injured and died in the hospital at Landau.
SR 1248 *MA* 3 men have been buried in Birkweiler and 2 men in Landau.
- 4) Field damages and others : Much damage was done to the vineyard.
- 5) Remarks : Maps and navigation material has not been ~~found~~ found.

II) Technical Indications .:

- 1) Type of plane : "Boeing B 17 G". Seen by the remaining parts of the plane and the type markings.
- 2) Factory number : On the fins : 297457
On the type markings : 97457
- 3) Markings : On the fins over the number the letter U and under the number the letter H.
The colour could not be recognized by the influence of the fire.
Other markings than the Cockade could not be established.
- 4) Year of construction . . : Unknown.
- 5) Motors : 4 9 cylinder radial engine, Type "Wright-Cyclone" Other statements were not possible.

- 6) Propellers :Parts that have been found indicate three - bladed adjustable propellers type "Hamilton" with metallic blades. Other statements may be possible after salvage.
- 7) Armament :Calibre 50 M2 (12,7) have been found.
 Manufacturer: Kelsey - Meyers Wheel - Co.
 Plymouth - Michigan
 Ammunition: Belt arrangement can not be determined.
 Copper covered bullets, black point, mark on the bottom T W 43.
 Copper covered bullets without special identifying signs, mark on the bottom S.L.43
- 8) Bomb Installation :Completely destroyed.
- 9) Armor :Can be determined only after Salvage.
- *10) Navigation instruments : (10 - 14)* By the fact of complete destruction not to be recognised.
- *11) Radio equipment :
- *12) Frequencies :
- *13) Special mountings :
- *14) Canon flares paint :
- 15) Remarks :On the remainder of the completely burnt radioequipment the following marks could be established:

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1 Dinamotor	Type DM-33-A
Serial No. 103170	
1 Transmitter-Tuning-Unit	Type TU-B-B
Serial No. 45343	
1 Transmitter-Tuning-Unit	Type TU-C-B
Serial No. 45343	
1 Transmitter-Tuning-Unit	Type TU-26-B
Serial No. ?	
1 Transmitter-Receiving-Unit	Type 5043
Serial No. 8063	
1 Bendix Radiocase	Type CB-80-A
Serial No. 8063	

Distribution:
General Homburg.
Exterior-Center, Airfleet Reich

Signature: ~~Burneister~~
Flight-Captain-Engineer and technical manager.

KU 1016

Case No.:	Name:	Service No.:
KU 1016	John W. Popowitz	13131673

Authority:

Identification Tag

KU 1016

to: Airfield - Headquarters
A33/III
Lachen - Spayerhof
Neustadt - Weinstr.

Copy.
Death - Certificate.

File No.: /
Month . : February
Year . . : 1944

Place of death . . .	: Near Ilbesheim.	County Police . . .	: Landau (Palatinate)
Parish	: Protestant parish Leinsweiler.	Registrar's Office	: Landau (Palatinate)
Name	: Popowits.	First Name	: John.
Occupation	: unknown.	Identification tag	: No. 23131679
Age	: unknown.	Marital status . .	: In accordance with the identification tag: Married. Helen Popowits 1608 Victoria Ave. Arnold Pa.
Religion	: unknown.		
Day and hour of death	: 25 February 44 time ?		
Name of the disease	: Serious Rupture of Tissues of the left thigh.		
Reason of death	: Hemorrhage.		
Report by	: Staff Physician Dr. Balbucke, Reserve Hospital Landau (Palatinate)		
Kind of Accident	: Fatal Plane Crash.		
Day and hour of Inquest	: 27 February 1944 at 1100		
Permitted time of interment	: 3 - 5 Days.		
For Correctness of the Copy	: Reserve Hospital Landau (Palatinate)		

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Signature: illegible
Staffpaymaster

signed: Dr. Balbucke
Staff-physician

Reserve - Hospital
Landau (Palatinate)
Administration.
FileNo.: 50 g

Landau/Palatinate
27 February 1944.

To: Air - Field - Headquarters A 33 / XII
Lachen - Speyerdorf
near
Neustadt / Weinstrasse

13131673

- 1) Rank : ?
- 2) Last unit : ?
- 3) First name : John.
- 4) Name : Popowits.
- 5) Religion : unknown.
- 6) Last residence : unknown.
- 7) Garrison : ?
- 8) Day and hour, of death . . . : 25 February 44
- 9) Place of death : Near Ilbesheim.
- 10) Reason of death : Hemorrhage.
- 11) Birthday and place : unknown.
- 12) Occupation : unknown.
- 13) Marital status : Married with Helen Popowits
1605 Victoria Ave.
Arnold Pa.
- 14) Deed's parents : ?
- 15) Deed's parents residence . . : ?
- 16) Other relations : unknown.

KIA

Please transmit this report
to the High-Command of the
armed forces and to the
grave officer.

Landau/Palatinate
27 February 1944.
Reserve-Hospital-Administration
The Chief-Physician

Signature: illegible

To: Air Field - Headquarters
 A 33 / XII
 Lachen - ~~Spexdorf~~
 near
 Neustadt / Weinstrasse

Copy
Death - Certificate.

File No.: /
 Month . : February
 Year . . : 1944

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Place of death	: Near Ilbesheim	County Police	: Landau (Palatinate)
Parish	: Protestant parish Leinsweiler.	Registrar's Office	: Landau (Palatinate)
Name	: BAYENDALE	First Name	: WM. R.
Occupation	: unknown	Identification Tag No.	: 17071968 (Aviator insignia on bracelet)
Age	: unknown	Marital status	: unknown
Religion	: unknown		
Day and hour of death	: 25 February 44 hour ?		
Name of disease	: Multiple fractures of arm and leg and fracture of the skull.		
Reason of death	: Brain hemorrhage.		
Report by	: Staff-Physician Dr. Babucke Reserve - Hospital Landau (Palatinate)		
Kind of accident	: Fatal plane crash		
Day and hour of inquest	: 27 February 44 at 1115		
Permitted time of interment	: 3 - 5 Days		

For correctness of the copy
 Signature: illegible
 Staff paymaster.

Reserve Hospital
 Landau/Palatinate
 signed: Dr. Babucke
 Staff physician.

Reserve - Hospital
Landau (Palatinate)
Administration
File No. 150

Landau/Palatinate
27 February 1944.

17071968

- 1) Rank ?
- 2) Last unit ?
- 3) First name W H R
- 4) Surname B A X E N P A L E
- 5) Religion unknown
- 6) Last residence unknown
- 7) Garrison ?
- 8) Day and hour of death 25 February 1944
- 9) Place of death Near Ilbesheim County Landau Palatinate
- 10) Reason of death Brain-hemorrhage
- 11) Birthday and place unknown
- 12) Occupation unknown
- 13) Marital status unknown
- 14) Dead's parents ?
- 15) Dead's parents' residence: ?
- 16) Other relations unknown

KIA

to: Air Field - Headquarters
A 33 / XII
Lachen - Speyerdorf
near
Neustadt / Weinstrasse

Please transmit this report to
the High - Command of the armed
Forces and to the grave officer.

Landau/Palatinate
27 February 1944.
Reserve-Hospital-Administration
The Chief-Physician

Signature: illegible

Reserve Hospital
Landau (Palatinate)
Administration

KU 1016
Landau/Palatinate
1 March 1944.

to: Air Field - Headquarters
A 33 / XII
Laehen - Speyerdorf
D/AF
Neustadt / Weinstrasse.

Hereby the papers of the two american fliers:

~~BAKENDALE~~ and ~~POPOWITZ~~

KIA - The interment took place on 28 February 1944 at the cemetery of Landau / Palatinate.

The places of the graves are:

BAKENDALE: Garrison cemetery of Landau
Western part, row 1, No. 1

KIA - POPOWITZ.: Garrison cemetery of Landau
Western part, row 1, No. 2

Request you initiate the report to the grave officer and to the High-Command of the armed forces from your office. The resulting costs will be taken up by us as soon as the bills are produced.

Signature: illegible
Staffpaymaster.

Air Field - Headquarters
A 33 / XII
Laehen - Speyerdorf
Report with 4 enclosures
to the evaluation center
West Oberursel/Taunus.
transmitted for your action.

Laehen - Speyerdorf
2 March 1944

Signature: illegible
Major and Chief of Headquarters.

KJ 1016

Identification Tag

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Popovits John W.

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Helen Popovits

1628 Victoria Ave.

Arnold Pa.

KIA

POPOWICZ John W.
18131673

dead KIA

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BAKENDALE W.H.R.
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dead KIA

Place of Crash: Birkviller on 25 Feb. 1944, 15.00 h.

Type of Plane: Boeing B 17 C
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See also KUA 626
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by authority of *Major Walter C. ...*
by *Adjutant Gen'l. ...*
date **AUG 13 1945**

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CASUALTY INTERVIEW FORM
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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Jesse Herschberg** Waist Gunner, B-17

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Brooklyn, N. Y.**

GRADE OR RANK **Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **457 Bomb Gr, 749th Sq, 8th AF.**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **February 25, 1944 - near Rabbauck, Germany.**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Herschberg was hit by enemy fire and killed instantly before plane blew up in mid-air. Lt. Bower saw body of Herschberg.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **2nd Lt. Archie Bower - Pilot - Pennsylvania.**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT **2nd Lt. Archie Bower - Pa.**

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7 August 1945

SIGN HERE Frank S. Giordano
Name and serial number
T/Sgt Frank S. Giordano 12190735
552 East 5th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Your home address

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED Wesley W. Schneider
HOME TOWN OR STATE Chicago, Ill.
GRADE OR RANK Sgt.
ORGANIZATION 457 Bomb Gp., 749 Bomb Sqdn.
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 25 February 1944, Landeau, Germany
CAUSE OF DEATH Enemy Fighters

PLACE OF BURIAL Landeau, Germany
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH Yes.
NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH A.P. Bower (Pilot)

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
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John J. Washnick
Name and Serial Number

13127583
1126 Erie St. Painesville, OH
Your home address

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Jesse J. Hirschberg**
HOME TOWN OR STATE **Brooklyn, N.Y.**
GRADE OR RANK **Sgt.**
ORGANIZATION **457 Bomb Gp., 749 Bomb Sqdn.**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **25 February 1944, Sandeau, Germany**
CAUSE OF DEATH **Enemy Fighters**
PLACE OF BURIAL **Landeau, Germany**
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **Yes**
NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH
IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
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Joseph Waskovich
Name and Serial Number

1125 Erie St., Dumore, Pa.
Your home address

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **John W. Fenowitz**
HOME TOWN OR STATE **Pittsburgh, Pa.**
GRADE OR RANK **T/Sgt.**
ORGANIZATION **457 Bomb Co., 749 Bomb Sqdn.**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **25 February 1944, Landeau, Germany**
CAUSE OF DEATH **Was hit in hip with 20 m.m. Germans would not give first aid, and he died from loss of blood.**
PLACE OF BURIAL **Landeau, Germany**
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No.**
NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Lt. A.F. Bower (Pilot)**

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

Lt. A.F. Bower
Harrisburg, Pa.

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John J. Waskarch
Name and Serial Number

13127183
1126 Erie St. Pannock Pa.
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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **William R. Saxendale**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **St. Louis, Mo.**

GRADE OR RANK **2nd Lt.**

ORGANIZATION **457 Bomb Co., 749 Bomb Sqdn.**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **25 February 1944, Landeau, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Jumped without parachute**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Landeau, Germany**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **Yes**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE
WITNESSED HIS DEATH **None**

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

SIGN HERE John J. Waskovich ¹³¹²⁷⁵²³
Name and Serial Number

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