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Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by R. A. DIAZ (TRAC), Lt. Col., SA
by P. M. BURCH, Capt., AD
Date **12-1-78**

Date	Value	Photo About
<i>4/18</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>James Mullin Meyhall</i>

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Det. Sect.
30 Mar '49

The 5 men KDA are buried in
USMC Champigny, France.

no B/R for Sullivan or
Ross in 2MIC at the present
time.

Non-rec. case #4095 re-
commends that their remains
be declared "Non-Recoverable".

Jm Conaughy

(One copy)

CASE NO. 10655

INVESTIGATOR: S. F. Glano

MEMO FOR: MR. LONG, ROOM 1441. TEMPO "B" BLDG.

DATE 31 Aug 1946.

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL PRESUMED DEAD.

DATE MIA 15 Feb 1944 MACR NO. 2600 (MACR TO ACCOMPANY THIS REQUEST)

TYPE OF PLANE & NO. A-20B 42-54463 REFERENCE TO GERMAN RECORDS (Include Vol. No.)

~~None.~~

COMPLETE CREW OF AIRCRAFT: (Single space)
(If more space required, use back of this paper)

BURIAL INFORMATION

(Include date & Place of death and place of interment)

CREW POS.	(last)	(first)	(initial)	GRADE	ASN	PRESENT STATUS
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Wepfer,	William	J.		1st Lt	0666477	PDD
Brennall,	Lawrence			3/sgt.	12132574	PDD

(Only two occupants of plane)

RESUME: (Concise history to include geographical locations, circumstances, available information in AG files, known associations etc.)

See MACR 2600

A-Z Records checked: _____ 293 Files Requisitioned: _____ Returned: _____

Typing & Checking Unit: _____ Non-Recoverable Unit: _____

IMPORTANT. WHEN MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS OF ONE CREW ARE DEAD (PDD OR KIA) COMPLETE A-Z LIST AND 293 FILE REQUISITION AND ATTACH TO THIS REQUEST. DO NOT COMPLETE A-Z LIST OR 293 FILE REQUISITION FOR MORE THAN THIS NUMBER.

Note: In Ground Force cases it is desirable, whenever possible, to associate the individual who is PDD with any other members of his organization who were killed in the same action, and furnish the same information as outlined above.

REQUEST FOR 293 FILES

SECTION	NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING FILE	DATE	
Identification	Long	2 Feb 1948	
NAME (Alphabetically)	ASN	BY CHANGED OUT	SECTION
Chinn, James R.	0804614		
Cooper, Robert F.	0751988		
Engdahl, Dillard V.	37471606		
Mullins, Robert J.	32668805		
Rolison, Jeremiah B.	6522339		
Ross, Marion D.	35509649		
Sullivan, William J., Jr.	31083240		

Call from M/Sgt. Deutschbein, Flight Control Reims, on 27. Feb. 44 at 1030.--:

One Boeing B 17 F found, 1 km W of Monte St. Martin (8 km SSW of Vouziers);
Shot down by fighter on 25. Feb. 44 at 1230 when target-bound. Crash and fire.
On stabilizer No. 3151 in yellow. Guard by Field Gendarmes of Vouziers.
Investigation, made by the same unit was without succes. 4 bodies recovered.

1. E n g d a h l , Dillard ASN: 37471606 T 43
2. M u l l i n s , Robert ASN: 32668805 T 43
3. C h i n n , James, ASN: 0804614 T 43
4. Unknown

Personalities of 1-3 were identified from the identification tags. No rank was ascertainable. All important parts are dismounted, the dead bodies recovered, the type-labels will be sent to us by courier. Guards not more necessary.

MACR 3003

Vinny

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Stabsfeldw. Deutschbein, Flugleitung Reims, am 27.2.44, 10,30

eine Boeing 17 F, 1 km westl. Monte St. Martin (d.i. 8 km ssw. Vouziers) gefunden. Abschuss Hinflug 25.2.44, 12,30, durch Jagjäger. Aufschlagbrand. Am Leitwerk Nr. 3151 in gelber Farbe. Bewachung Feldgendarmarie Vouziers. Fahndung durch dieselbe Einheit ergebnislos. 4 Leichen geborgen:

1. Engdahl, Millard, E-Nr. 37471606	T 43 - not identified 05/1716
2. Bullius, Robt.	" 32663805 T 43 - not identified 05/1716
3. Schinn, James	" 0804614 T 43 - not identified 05/1716
4. unbekannt - unknown	

CHINN;

Feststellung der Personalien 1 bis 3 durch Erk. Marke. Dienstgrad bei keinem feststellbar. Alle wichtigen Teile sind ausgebaut, die Leichen geborgen, die Typenschilder werden durch Kurier hierher gesandt. Bewachung ist nicht mehr erforderlich.

CASUALTY REPORT OF ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 4

Time covered by report: _____
Distributed to Army Information Center: _____

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>A. S. No.</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Place and Date Air- craft was downed</u>
1. <u>Wkr.</u>	<u>Engelbl</u>	<u>William V</u>	<u>07471000</u> F 43	—	<u>KIA</u> Cemetery of the Village of St. Mark St. Martin Canton Grave	<u>2-17-53, in North Sea southwest of Vauxiers</u>
2. "	<u>Mullins</u>	<u>Robert J.</u>	<u>08003005</u> F 43	—	<u>KIA</u> Same as above	"
3. "	<u>Chinn</u>	<u>James E.</u>	<u>0-001514</u> F 43	—	<u>KIA</u> Same as above	"
4. "	<u>Corps could not be identified</u>			—	<u>Same as above</u>	"

Identified as Cooper, Robert F. 0751988 - KIA

Remarks: All the above were buried in a common grave as shown under No. 1.

NACR 9003

GENERAL RECORD OF ALLIED AIRBORNE DIVISIONS

Not covered by reports
distributed to Army Headquarters

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REGIMENT</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>A. I. No.</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Location of Case</u>	<u>Place and Date of Capture</u>
10-10-41	101st	William T	370100		Germany at the end of the war	10-10-41; A. I. No. 101 101st Airborne Div.

CIVILIAN REPORT OF ARMED AVIATION No. 1

Not covered by reports
Distributed to Any Information Centre

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>A.I. No.</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Location of Case</u>	<u>Place and Date of Case</u>
1.	Wright	Dillard V	3761205 T-52	---	Boundary of the Village of St. Louis, Mo. North of the town	July 27, 1944 North of the center of the town of St. Louis
2.	Wright	Wright	3761205 T-52	---	Same as above	"
3.	Wright	Wright	3761205 T-52	---	Same as above	"
4.	Wright	Wright	3761205 T-52	---	Same as above	"

Remarks: All the above were buried in a common grave as shown under No. 1.

AVIATION CASUALTY REPORT NO. 11
SERIAL NO. 11

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 1

This covered by reports: _____
Distributed to Army Information Center

Reporting: 2-17-44, At West St, Berlin
6 mi south-southwest of Vossiers

Date and Time: 25 February 1944

Surname:

Bellon

First Name:

Armand B.

Rank:

American Aviator

A.S. No.:

000000 1-42-9

Date of Birth:

Location of Death:

Sanctuary of West St, Berlin
On 5th road way from the left to the
right.

MAER 3003

Remarks: Bellon is a crew member of the crew reported in the
Casualty List No. 4, on 1 March 1944. He was found later.
Belongs to crew in the list No. 22/3-4.

MIA

Sign: 0 0

17) R.T. Equipment Shipped to Air Force Disassembly Shop Herzogenboch

62	10/13000	27138
EC-458-A		48951
EC-457-A		22185
EC-451-A		2517
EC-9-A		62231
EC-1A-A		9871
DM-25 -0		9871

18) Photo Equipment: None

19) Propellers: Material: Metal Number of blades: 3
 Length of blades without base: 1890
 Largest width of blades: 305
 Distance of largest width from connection of blades: 890
 Distance of the center of hub from connection of blades: 190
 Diameter of propeller-hub area: 170
 Diameter of base at connection of blades: 120
 Type: unknown

20) Remarks: Armor 4, 5 & 9 mm. It could no longer be ascertained where it had been fixed since aircraft is completely crushed and burned

Signature: Wittlich, T/Sgt.

By order of: Jaben
Squad Leader

20837
Command Air Base District: 11/VI Laon

Postal No: L 24176/Brussel Salvage No: 16/44 Local Quarters: 17 May 1944

Report

Salvage Detachment: mot 4 B/B

Location: Reims

Postal No: L 55 474

Local Quarters: 5 May 1944

Salvage of Enemy Aircraft

Place of Crash: 1,5 km S. of Pont St. Martin Crashed: 25 Feb 44, 1230 hours

Type: N.W.E. of Reims

Markings: Star

Nationality: USA

B 17-G

Make No: 31 051

Location: Fin

1. Engine No 1. Unknown

Type: Studebaker

2. Nacelle: 100%, engine 1. 100%, 2. 100%, 3. 100%, 4. 100%

3. Kind of landing: Crashed on fire

Kind of capture: Fighter

4. Reported by: A 93/XI (E 231/XI)

5. Crew: ? (4 men dead.) Missing ? Wounded none. Captured none.

6. Distance message to Enemy Equipment Park 5, at 27 Feb 44

by: 11/VI

7. Salvaged by: Salvage Detachment mot 4. B/N

Time: 13-15 to 28 4. 4. 5. 1944

8. Shipped by: Salvage Detachment mot 4 B/B

Time: 8 May 1944

9. Loading Station: Vonsiers

Travel No: 07118347

10. Kind and No. of waggon: Fr. T 248011 Fr. TW 127205 Fr. T 258784

11. Disposition of Nacelle: Herzogenbosch Engine: Desgl.

12. Disposition of additional parts: Herzogenbosch

13. Inner wing burned

14. Armament: 6 Browning U S 12,7 m/m

Make No: 889563 P	2. 889676 P	3. 682811 P
4. 644559 Fam P2	5. 682961 P	6. 693081 P

15. Ammunition: Belt 60 shots 12,7 m/m burned

Ratio of components: Unknown

16. Bombs: None

20. Others: Armament 6,5 and 9 m/m location unknown. Aircraft completely burned.

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OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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POSTAL CENSORSHIP

RECORD No. NYPW 61670

Page 2 of 2 pages.

FROM:

AMERICAN POWS IN STAMLAGER LUFT I
GERMANY

TO:

RESIDENTS OF U.S.

LIST:

LIST:

Date of communication

See Below

Date of postmark

Not Noted

Kind of mail

Surface

Mail No.

Register No.

None

Serial No.

Language

English

Previously censored by

Germany

Station distribution

M-D.R.

DISPOSAL OF
ORIGINAL COMMUNI-
CATION

Previous relevant records

For interoffice use

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Sent with comment to—

To be
photographed

Photo No.

To whom photograph is to be sent

No

Division
(or section)
POW

Table

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Examiner

See Below

D. A. C.

11715

Reviewer

11098

Examination date

July 25, 1944

Typing date
letter

July 25/44

DR
use only

COMMENT

Date: Deleted
Ex. By: 11033
German Censor: #92
From: Lt. Robert E. DANMILLER
M-Stamlager Luft I
via M-Stamlager Luft 3
Germany

To: Mrs. Robert E. DANMILLER
Box 264
Carson City, Nevada

25 Feb 44
2764

Writer States: "J.B. is here but Coop isn't. Don't say anything to his wife until after her baby."

Ex. Note: Deletions indicated by underlining.
Any errors found in the quotations are presumably those of the
writers and have been recorded accordingly.

Second Lieutenant James R. Chinn

Mrs. E. Carroll Chinn, (Father),
Number Three Zanes Avenue,
Sandston, Virginia.

Second Lieutenant Robert F. Cooper

Mrs. Hazel E. Cooper, (Mother),
Rural Free Delivery Number Two,
Box 25,
Charlotte, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Frank J. McFischel

Mrs. Martha A. McFischel, (Mother),
4654 Hazel Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant John G. Vollauth

Mr. Adam Vollauth, (Father),
Newfield, New York.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Mullins

Mrs. Lenna M. Mullins, (Mother),
66 West Pine Street,
Cleversville, New York.

Staff Sergeant Vito Poragino, Jr.

Mrs. Antoinette Poragino, (Mother),
512 White Plains Road,
Bronx, New York.

Sergeant William J. Sullivan, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan, (Mother),
70 Westworth Street,
Malden, Massachusetts.

Sergeant Jeremiah B. Rollins

Mr. Al Swanson, (Father),
Seattle First National Bank,
Seattle, Washington.

Sergeant Millard V. Marshall

Mrs. Noble Marshall, (Mother),
Route Two,
Aurora, Nebraska.

Sergeant Marica D. Ross

Mrs. Myrtle Ross, (Mother),
109 South Bennett Avenue,
Jackson, Ohio.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOURCE: JOHN C VOLLMUTH, 2d Lt, O-753086
FRANK J MONICHEL, 2d Lt, O-691776

BAR #766
BAR #767
DATE: 24 June 1944
MIA: 25 February 1944

UNIT: 748 Bomb Squadron, 457 Bomb Group

MEMBERS OF CREW

PWIB RECORDS

PILOT	O-601614	2d Lt	James R CHINN	MIA
CO-PILOT	O-751986	2d Lt	Robert E COOPER	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-691776	2d Lt	Frank J MONICHEL	ED
BOMBARDIER	O-753086	2d Lt	John C VOLLMUTH	ED
RADIO OPERATOR	32668805	S/Sgt	Robert J MULLINS	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32534214	S/Sgt	Vito FRAGINE	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	6522339	Sgt	Jeremiah B BOLISON	MIA
W/ST GUNNER	35509849	Sgt	Marion D ROSS	MIA
W/ST GUNNER	31083249	Sgt	William J SULLIVAN, JR	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	37471436	Sgt	Dillard V ENGDAHL	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION:

3 chutes.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

3d chute believed to have been that of co-pilot.
Heard that 4 unidentified bodies were found in wreckage.

SECRET



By authority A. C. of S. (1-2)

Date... *1 July 44* (Pld)

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A & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

by **E. A. BRADURAS, Lt. Col., AC**
by **F. H. MUENCH, Capt., AC**

JOHN C VOLLEWITZ, 2nd Lt., O-753086
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

24 June 1944
(Date)

748 Bomb Squadron, 457 Bomb Group
(Unit)

223 7766

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

25 February 1944; 1230 hours; MONT ST MARTIN, ARDENNES, France.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? **No. 1 engine feathered; oil pouring out of top surface of wing; No. 2 engine reported having high temperature over interphone;**

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **6000 feet**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Don't know.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Source, navigator and third parascoutist, presumably co-pilot; chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Yes.**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes - navigator.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **Unknown parachute log was exhibited by helper approximately 6 hours later. Supposed eye witness reported 4 unidentified bodies found in wreckage.**

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? **No.**

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

Crashed on land.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Assume 3 men bailed out early due to mistaking orders. Except for tail gunner, pilot, co-pilot and source, there was no answer to interphone prior to source's departure.**

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by Lt. Col. [redacted]
Capt. [redacted]
Date MAR 16 1946

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WAR DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location England; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 457th Bomb Gr (H); Squadron 748th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Intended Destination Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- 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.
- GIVE: (a) Date 2/25/44; Time 1230; and Location Just inside French Coast
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; (x) Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not Available.
- 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 _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-315107
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series A-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) 43-145672
(b) 43-145676; (c) 43-145640; (d) 43-145662
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 889724 - 688570
(a) 889728; (b) 889725; (c) 682811; (d) 889676 - 683407
(e) 644559; (f) 345773; (g) 889563; (h) 682961 - 889951
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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
1. Pilot	<u>Whinn, James R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>KA 804614</u>
2. CP	<u>Cooper, Robert E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>KA 751985</u>
3. N	<u>McNichol, Frank J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>PI 691776</u>
4. B	<u>Wellman, John C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>PI 753086</u>
5. BO	<u>Mullins, Robert J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>KA 2668805</u>
6. ETTG	<u>Peragine, Vito (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>TD 32534214</u>
7. BTG	<u>Sullivan, William J. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>31083240</u>
8. TG	<u>Polison, Jeremiah B.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>KA 6522339</u>
9. LHO	<u>Engdahl, Dillard V.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>KA 37473606</u>
10. RHO	<u>Ross, Marion D.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>35509819</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN PLACE OF LANDING 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) NONE

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 1946
Gerald E. Sullivan
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
1st Lt., AC - Stat. O

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: CHINE, James R.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-804614
Position: Crew (Barber) or Pilot (Pilot)

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HEARD IN CONVERSATION OVER INTERPHONE 3 MINUTES PRIOR TO B.O.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? PILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: 25 FEB 44 AUGSBURG, GERMANY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:
Rank:
Serial number:
Position: Crew (Bomber)

COOPER, Robert F.
2nd Lt.
O-751988

3003

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

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

FROM SEAT TO FRONT ESCAPE HATCH AS I BAILOUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? BETWEEN BOLDTC SEAT AND ESCAPE HATCH

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: 25 FEB 44 AUGSBURG GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL C. HEART QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members
Rank
Serial number
Position Crew (Bombardier)

MULLINS, Robert J.
S/Sgt.
32668805
on flight (Bombardier) 10

3003

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVER IN
TERMPHONE 5 MINUTES BEFORE BAILING OUT

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE AFTER INTERPHONE CONTACT

Where was he when last seen? RADIO OPERATORS POSITION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED
WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew members: (2) TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: FRANKFURT GERMANY ?
25 JAN 44 AUGSBURG, GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SULLIVAN, William J. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 31233240
Position: Crew (Bomber) As Flight (Lighter) BTG

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 4 MINUTE
S PRIOR TO BAILING OUT OVER INTERPHONE

Was he injured? NOT UP TO INTERPHONE CONTACT

Where was he when last seen? WAIST

Any bereavement information: NONE

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED
WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: 25 FEB 44 AUGSBURG, GERM

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HOLISON, Jeremiah B.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 6722339
Position: Crew (Bomber) of flight (Fighter); TG

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Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 30 MINS
PRIOR TO BAILING OUT OVER INTERPHONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED
WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: (2) TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: FRANKFURT GERMANY ?
25 FEB 44, AUGSBURG, GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ENGDAHL, Dillard V. 3003
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37471606
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): LOG

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 3 MINUTES

PRIOR TO BAILING OUT OVER INTERPHONE

Was he injured? NOT UP TO LAST INTERPHONE CONTACT

Where was he when last seen? TAIL GUNNERS POSITION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: 25 FEB 44 AUGSBURG, GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROSS, Harlon D.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 35509819
 Position: Crew (Crew) as Flight Engineer: REG

300

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVER INTERPHONE 5 MINS PRIOR TO BAILING OUT

Was he injured? NOT UP TO LAST INTERPHONE CONTACT

Where was he when last seen? WAIST

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: CRASHED WITH PLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: 25 FEB 44 AUGSBURG, GERMANY

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WOLLMUTH JOHN C Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0753081
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander LUPER Rank COL Sqn CO WATSON Rank CAPT
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, H, target, AVGSBURG, GER, target time, 0800, altitude, 12,000 FT route scheduled, FRANCE - GERMANY, route flown FRANCE, GERMANY
5. Where were you when you left formation? BORDER FRANCE GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 3 BAILED OUT - 7 DID NOT
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. E. J. MENICHO - FRONT ESCAPE HATCH AS SHIP WAS GOING INTO STEEP BANK. LT. J. S. WOLLMUTH - IMMEDIATELY AFTER MENICHO SAME HATCH - SGT VITO PERAZINE - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? MONT ST. PINE [SEE BACK]
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT. J. B. SHINN, LT. B. S. COOPER, SGT. MULLINS B. J., SGT. W. J. SULLIVAN, SGT. J. A. BOLIGAN, SGT. D. V. ENGBALL, SGT. M. O. ROSE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NOT OBSERVED EXCEPT LT COOPER WHO WAS GOING TOWARD FRONT HATCH
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LT COOPER WAS COMING FROM CO-PILOTS SEAT TO FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH
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)

HEARSAY INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM M. J. BOESLER
FERREON SUR AISNE PAR VANDY ARDENNES, FRANCE THAT
THE PLANE CRASHED ON THE EDGE OF A VILLAGE CALLED
MONT ST. PINE OR MONT ST. MARTIN [I HAVE FORGOTTEN WHICH]
AND THAT FOUR BODIES WERE RECOVERED. ALL THREE PARA-
CHUTISTS LANDED NEAR THE VILLAGE MARVEAUX VIEUX,
ARDENNES, FRANCE.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

9003

Name of crew member: CHUM, James R.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-54614
Position: Crew (Bomber) Pilot

Did he bail out? As far as I know - No

Where? —

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I
didn't hear his voice for a few minutes before I left

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: I suppose
he might have been hit because I didn't hear
him on the inter phone for the last few
minutes that I was in the ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2933

Name of crew member: COOPER, Robert F.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-751988
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~CP~~ CP

Did he bail out? AS FAR AS I KNOW - No.

Where? —

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

He last spoke over inter phone about five minutes before I left

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

3003

Name of crew member: MULLINS, Robert J.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 32668303
 Position: Crew (Bomber)

Did he bail out? No - As far as I know

Where? —

If not, why not? No knowledge.

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

Does enter plane when first attack.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 1/2

Dates and destinations, if possible: 21 Feb - Lippstadt

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: POLISON, Jeremiah B.

3003

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 6522339

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~ TG (Ball Turret)

Did he bail out? Not to my 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 knowledge

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 21 Feb. - Lippstadt.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ENGDAHL, Willard V.

3003

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 37471606

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ / ~~Pilot~~: 150 (Tail Gunner)

Did he bail out? Not to my Knowledge

Where? —

If not, why not? No Knowledge.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Calling Fighters when under attack

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I felt that he might have been hit because he called out fighters attacking in rear - and his voice was cut off suddenly

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FOSS, Marion D.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 35502149
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): RM

3003

Did he bail out? Not to my 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 knowledge

Where was he when last seen? —

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: —

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: —

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name McNichol, Frank J. Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-691776
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander James R. Luper Rank Col Sqn CO Leroy Watson Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 2, target, Augsburg, target time, 1220 GMT, altitude, 17,500' route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 40 mi West of Luxembourg
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - two
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". Two besides myself bailed out - Bombardier & Engineer - at same place - I saw only two chutes other than my own - so I presume that we three were the only ones to leave ship
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Mt. Saint Martin - Ardennes, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) To my knowledge - Judging from the chutes I saw, the pilot, co-pilot, Radio Op, Ball Parrot - the waist & tail gunner - were in the ship
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the nose All in their proper position as far as I know
12. What was their condition? I have no knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw none other than the bombardier
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

3003

INTERROGATION REPORT

NAME OF REPORTER

PERAGINE, Nito

RANK and ASN

T/Sgt.-32534214

UNIT

748th Bombardment Squadron
457th Bombardment Group
8th Air Force

CASUALTIES

2nd Lt. James R. Chin
2nd Lt. Robert F. Cooper
Sgt. Dillard Engdahl
Sgt. Robert Mullins
Sgt. Jeremiah Rollison
Sgt. Marion Ross
Sgt. William Sullivan

INTERROGATION REPORT

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE

FRAGINS, Eric

NAME and AFE

T/Sgt. - 32534214

UNIT

**125th Bombardment Squadron
45th Bombardment Group
8th Air Force**

CASUALTY

- Sgt. James R. Rain**
- Sgt. Robert J. Sawyer**
- Sgt. Willard Randall**
- Sgt. James Sullivan**
- Sgt. Jeremiah Holligan**
- Sgt. Gordon Foss**
- Sgt. William Sullivan**

HEADQUARTERS
ATLANTIC OVERSEAS AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
PORT OF NEWARK
NEWARK 5, NJ

PERSONAL AFFAIRS SECTION

INTERROGATION OF FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

1. NAME: CHIN, James R. RANK: 2nd Lt. ASN: Unknown
2. CREW POSITION: Pilot
3. UNIT: 748th Bombardment Squadron, 457th Bombardment Group; 8th Air Force
4. DATE LAST SEEN: 24 February 1944
5. PLACE OF MISHAP: Over Rheims, France
6. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT:

- a. KNOWN INFORMATION: The reporter was the engineer on a B-17 which was flying at 22,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. Two engines were hit and one caught on fire. The plane lost altitude. German fighters attacked. The bombardier and navigator bailed out at 8,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1200 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.
- b. HEARSAY INFORMATION: He was informed by the FFI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

NAME OF REPORTER: PERAGINE, Nito RANK: T/Sgt. ASN: 33532214

**HEADQUARTERS
ATLANTIC OVERSEAS AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
PORT OF HONOLULU
HAWAII, U. S. A.**

PERSONAL ATTACK SERVICE

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS, FURNISHING OF INFO

1. **NAME** COOPER, Robert F. **RANK** 2nd Lt. **AGE** Unknown
2. **RELATIONSHIP** Co-Pilot
3. **UNIT** 748th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force
4. **DATE LAST SEEN** 24 February 1944
5. **PLACE OF SERVICE** Over Rheims, France
6. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT**

a. **LOCAL INFORMATION:** The reporter was the engineer on a B-17 which was flying at 22,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. Its engines were hit and one caught on fire. The plane lost altitude. German fighters attacked. The bombardier and navigator bailed out at 8,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1200 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.

b. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** He was informed by the FBI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

NAME OF REPORTING OFFICER PIRAGONE, RITA **RANK** T/Capt. **AGE** 32-33224

EDUCATION
ATLANTIC OCEANIC AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

PERSONNEL SERVICE

RECORDS OF THE AIR FORCE

1. **ENGDAHL, Dillard** **Sgt.** **Unknown**

2. **Tail Gunner**

3. **14th Bombardment Squadron, 47th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force**

4. **24 February 1944**

5. **Over Brest, France**

6. **REDACTED**

REDACTED The reporter was the engineer on a B-17 which was flying at 25,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. The engines were hit and one engine on fire. The plane lost altitude. Gunner flares attached. The bombardier and navigator bailed out at 8,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1,000 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.

REDACTED He was informed by the FBI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

REDACTED **REDACTED** **REDACTED**

HEADQUARTERS
ATLANTIC OCEANIC AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
PORT OF SPAIN
ST. PETERSBURG, FL.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS SECTION

INTERVIEW OF EDWARD PERAZICH, S/PAR

1. **NAME:** MULLINS, Robert **RANK:** Sgt. **AGE:** Unknown
2. **ORIGIN:** Radio Operator
3. **UNIT:** 748th Bombardment Squadron, 457th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force
4. **DATE LAST SEEN:** 24 February 1944
5. **PLACE OF MISSING:** Over Rhones, France
6. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT:**

a. **DETAILS:** The reporter was the engineer on a B-17 which was flying at 21,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. The engine near his seat was caught on fire. The plane lost altitude, German fighters attacked. The bombardier and navigator bailed out at 1,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1200 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.

b. **HEARD INFORMATION:** He was informed by the FBI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

NAME OF PERSON: PERAZICH, Edw **RANK:** T/Sgt. **AGE:** 35

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY OVERSEAS AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
FORT OF MONTE
MEXICO, D. F., MEX.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS SECTION

REPORT OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT

1. NAME: ROLLISON, Jeremiah GRADE: Sgt. APO: Unknown
2. POSITION: Ball Turret Gunner
3. UNIT: 74th Bombardment Squadron, 457th Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force
4. DATE OF LOSS: 24 February 1944
5. LOCATION: Over Mexico, Mexico
6. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: [REDACTED]

a. INITIAL INVESTIGATION: The reporter was the engineer on a B-27 which was flying at 20,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. Two engines were hit and one caught on fire. The plane lost altitude as soon as fighters attacked. The bombadier and navigator bailed out at 8,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1200 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.

b. FINAL INVESTIGATION: He was informed by the IVI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

NAME OF REPORTER: FRANCIS, MRS GRADE: W/Off. APO: 3201424

HEADQUARTERS
ATLANTIC OVERSEAS AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
PORT OF NEWARK
NEWARK 5, N. J.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS SECTION

INTERROGATION OF FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR

1. NAME: ROSS, Marion RANK: Sgt. ASN: UNKNOWN
2. CREW POSITION: Waist Gunner
3. UNIT: 763th Bombardment Squadron, 457th Bombardment Group; 8th Air Force
4. DATE LAST SEEN: 24 February 1944
5. PLACE LAST SEEN: Over Rheims, France
6. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT:

- a. KNOWN INFORMATION: The reporter was the engineer on a B-17 which was flying at 22,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. Two engines were hit and one caught on fire. The plane lost altitude German fighters attacked. The bombardier and navigator bailed out at 8,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1200 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.
- b. HEARSAY INFORMATION: He was informed by the FFI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

NAME OF REPORTER: PERAGINE, Nito RANK: T/Sgt. ASN: 32534214

**MEMORANDUM
ATLANTA OFFICE AIR TROOPING SERVICE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: BOMBING OF B-24 AIRCRAFT

1. **NAME:** SULLIVAN, William **GRADE:** Sgt. **STATUS:** Unknown
2. **POSITION:** Waist Gunner
3. **UNIT:** 74th Bombardment Squadron, 44th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force
4. **DATE OF INCIDENT:** 24 February 1945
5. **LOCATION:** Over France, France
6. **DESCRIPTION OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT:**

a. **REPORTING OFFICER:** The reporter was the engineer on a B-24 which was flying at 20,000 feet when it received a direct hit by flak. The engine was hit and one engine on fire. The plane lost altitude during fighting with the flak and the navigator bailed out at 10,000 feet. The reporter bailed out at 1500 feet. He saw the plane hit the ground and explode.

b. **OTHER INFORMATION:** He was advised by the FBI that all the men in the plane had been killed.

REPORTING OFFICER: [Name] **GRADE:** [Grade] **STATUS:** [Status]