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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.

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location England; Command or Air Force 8th AF Group 457th; Squadron 750th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130; Course
Intended Destination Gutersloh, Germany; Type of Mission Obj. Bombing.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Poor: Area covered with overcast.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 21/3/44; Time Unknown; and Location Between points 52-25N 07-40E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. and 52-33N 07-20E
(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 Assumed
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17C; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31596
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series SW; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 003376 (b) 0031111; (c) 42-64845; (d) 43-64439
INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 889306 - 886622 (a) 889518; (b) 887724; (c) 889423; (d) 892537 - 650475 (e) 647584; (f) 650455; (g) 647404 - 891408; (h) 892618 - 892784
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 (Start 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).

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number. Rows include Pilot BREDESON, LEWELLYN G (2nd Lt., 0-504602 RTD), Co-Pilot BARNES, GEORGE M (0-753844), Nav. WHITBY, ROBERT A (0-692104 Rd), Bomb. KALMAN, SAMUEL L (0-749639 RTD), RO. LUCHONOCK, LEONARD V. (Pvt., 1610570 RTD), Eng. COLLINS, HOWARD R. (S/Sgt., 35427596 RTD), BTG. LEWIS, JOHN (Sgt., 34520758 RTD), TG. SCHENKEL, WILLIAM H. (Pvt., 13052298), LWG. JUTZE, WALTER T. (Sgt., 32717657 RTD), RWG. BRIGAUD, LOUIS P. (Sgt., 12188284 RTD)

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Table with columns: Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Contacted By Last Sighted, Saw Crash, Saw Forced Landing. Row 1: NONE

- 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 EYE WITNESS 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

Date of Report 6 March 1944

GERALD H. GALLIGAN, 1st Lt., Air Corps. (Signature of Preparing Officer)

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SCHENKEL, William H.  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Serial number: 13052298  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~ Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES, ON A STATIC LINE BECAUSE OF SERIOUS WOUNDS.  
 Where? CO-PILOT MAY KNOW EXACT TOWN SINCE THE GERMANS  
 NW GERMANY INFORMED HIM THAT THE GUNNER WAS DEAD

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ENLISTED MEN  
 IN REAR OF SHIP PUT HIM ON A STATIC LINE AND PUSHED HIM OUT.

Was he injured? YES SERIOUSLY PROBABLY BY 20MM AND AERIAL MACHINE GUN

Where was he when last seen? NOT SEEN AFTER LEAVING AIRCRAFT

Any hearsay information: CO-PILOT WAS INFORMED WHEN CAPTURED THAT SCHENKEL  
 WAS DEAD BUT HE NEVER ADMITTED TO GERMANS THAT HE KNEW  
 THE TAIL GUNNER BECAUSE OF MILITARY REASONS

Source: ALL INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS WHAT I REMEMBER FROM CONVERSATIONS  
 WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF MY CREW \*\*\*\*\*

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

THAT HE COULD HAVE DIED FROM HIS WOUNDS BEFORE REACHING THE GROUND IN HIS  
 CHUTE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: THIS WAS HIS FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: 21 FEBRUARY 1944 TARGETS WERE AIRFIELDS  
 IN WESTERN GERMANY PROBABLY NEAR MUNSTER.

\*\*\*\*\* LT. ROBERT A. WHITBY O-698104  
 320 MAIN STREET  
 PECKVILLE PENNSYLVANIA  
 EX-POW

*Robert A. Whitby 1st Lt Col*

I believe that this questionnaire may not be necessary since the GEORGE M. BARNES mentioned here was the co-pilot on the same crew as I was and spent all his time in Stalag Luft One, Barth, Germany ---was liberated on or about the 15th of May 1945 -----processed at La Harve, France ----- and discharged from the service sometime in the last quarter of 1945.

If any information on GEORGE M. BARNES is needed or desired I would suggest writing to his present address which is:

George M Barnes  
Box 634  
Buttonwillow  
California

I will also add that all members of the crew in the same ship have been returned to the USA with the exception of Pvt William H Schenkel 13052298 who is believed to have died of his wounds after leaving the aircraft on a static line.

1st. LT ROBERT A. WHITBY  
*Robert A. Whitby A.C.*  
320 MAIN STREET  
PECKVILLE PENNSYLVANIA

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BARNES, George M.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-753844  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NW GERMANY IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR DAMME

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

HIM LEAVING THE PLANE FROM THE FRONT ESCAPE HATCH

Was he injured? MAY HAVE HAD MINOR INJURIES

Where was he when last seen? WAS POW IN STALAG LEFT ONE. RETURNED TO STATES  
 IN JUNE 1945 AND DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE SOON AFTER

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Source: LT ROBERT A WHITBY 0-692104 NAVIGATOR ON CREW

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: THIS WAS HIS FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: 21 FEBRUARY 1944 TARGETS WERE AIRFIELDS  
 IN WESTERN GERMANY PROBABLY NEAR MUNSTER.

LT. ROBERT A WHITBY  
320 MAIN STREET  
PECKVILLE PENNSYLVANIA

EX-POW  
Robert A. Whitby 1st Lt USAF

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERT A WHITBY Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-692104
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Lupper Rank Col Sqn CO Francis Rank Captain  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month February day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, airfields near Munster target  
time, 1500, altitude, 20,000 feet route scheduled Cromer ENG  
Holland then S to, route flown aprx. same as scheduled but weather made it  
target impossible to hit target.
5. Where were you when you left formation? in vicinity of Drummer Lake NW Germany
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ALL CREW MEMBERS
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". SEE LIST ON BACK
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DID NOT SEE AIRCRAFT STRIKE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \*\* \*\*\*\*
12. What was their condition? +\*\*\*\*\*+
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? -----none-----
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)

PILOT	LT BREDESON, <del>XXXXXXXX</del> <i>Llewellyn G.</i>	0-804602
CO-PILOT	LT BARNES, GEORGE MORRIS	0-8753844
BOMBARDIER	LT KALMAN, SAMUEL <i>L.</i>	0-749639
ENGINEER	SGT. COLLINS, <i>Howard D.</i>	35427596
RADIO OPERATOR	PVT. <i>Luchones, Leonard V.</i>	16160570
WAIST GUNNER	<i>Jutze, Walter J.</i>	32717657
WAIST GUNNER	<i>Rizand, Louis P.</i>	12188284
BALL GUNNER	<i>Lewis, John F.</i>	34520758
TAIL TURRET	PVT SCHENKEL, WILLIAM H.	13052298

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREW BAILED OUT OF AIRCRAFT UPON RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PILOT AND ALL WERE CAPTURED IN NW GERMANY WITHIN A TWENTY MILE RADIUS OF THE SMALL TOWN OF DAMME IN GERMANY



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BARNES, George M.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-753846  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber)~~ or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE VICINITY OF MUNSTER, GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

LAST CONTACT IN TRANSIENT CAMP FRANKFORT, GER.

Was he injured? COMPLAINED SLIGHTLY OF BACK

Where was he when last seen? FRANKFORT, GERMANY - TRANSIENT CAMP

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ALIVE LAST SEEN.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: MUNSTER, GERMANY FEB. 21, 1944

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SCHENKAL, William H.  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Serial number: 13052298  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):~~ Turret Gunner  
TAIL

Did he bail out? HE WAS THROWN OUT BY MEANS OF STATIC  
LINE

Where? VICINITY OF MUNSTER, GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

WHEN I PULLED HIM OUT OF THE TAIL  
DUE TO HIM BEING SHOT.

Was he injured? YES. - SHOT IN STOMACH & SHOULDER

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I THINK HE IS DEAD BECAUSE BLED A  
LOT & SAW HIS POSSESSIONS (PERSONAL) IN  
THE TAVERN WHERE I WAS BROUGHT TO  
AFTER CAPTURE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: MUNSTER, GERMANY - FEB. 21, 1944

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LEONARD V. LUCHONOR Rank PVT Serial No. 16160570
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> BOMB. GRP Gp Commander LOPER Rank COL Sqd CO FRANCIS Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB. day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 1<sup>ST</sup>, target, AIR DIROME, target time, 2:30, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". \_\_\_\_\_
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) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NAVIGATOR - SLIGHTLY INJURED BY FRAGMENTS  
TOP TURRENT. - SHOULDER WOUNDED & HAND R. WAIST GUNNER - SPRAINED  
ANKLE. L. WAIST GUNNER - FRAGMENT IN EYE. LATER TAKEN OUT.  
RADIO OMB. - INJURED BACK IN JUMP.  
IN PRISON.
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)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

SCHENKEL, William H.

Rank:

Pvt

Serial number:

13052298

Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~

Turret Gunner

Did he bail out?

YES (OTHER CREW MEMBERS THREW HIM OUT USED  
OVER TARGET HIS BODY WAS PICKED UP AROUND  
STATC LINE

Where?

A SMALL TOWN NAMED HUNTSBURG NEAR HOLLAND

If not, why not?

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

CALLED

FIGHTERS OUT OVER INTET PHONE

Was he injured?

YES

Where was he when last seen?

IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING PLANE

Any hearsay information:

BARNES PVT. LUCHONOK, SGT LEWIS, SGT JUTZ

AND MY SELF WERE HELD IN A ROOM AFTER CAPTURE &amp;

A GERMAN OFFICER CAME IN &amp; PLACED ON A TABLE

SCHENKEL'S DOG TAGS (TWO) &amp; SEVERAL OF HIS PERSONAL

BELONGINGS THEY TRIED TO MAKE US IDENTIFY (ON BACK)

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible:

HE TRIED TO TELL US SAME THING  
BUT NO ONE UNDERSTOOD GERMAN  
BUT WE ALL THOUGHT HE SAID SCHEN-  
KEL WAS DEAD, BUT NONE OF US  
SAW HIS BODY.

I WAS IN TOP TURRET AND ALL  
I KNOW IS WHAT THE WAIST GUNN-  
ERS & RADIO OPER. SAID ABOUT  
WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PLANE  
HE (SCHENKEL) CAME UP IN THE WAIST  
BLEEDING BAD FROM WOUNDS IN SHO  
WUNDER & SIDE, SCHENKEL ASKED THEM  
TO PUT HIS CHUTE ON AND HOOK A STATIC  
LIVE ON HIM & PUSH HIM OUT, WHICH  
THEY DID AT ABOUT 20,000 FT.

THIS WAS AROUND A SMALL VILLAGE  
NEAR HOLLAND I THINK ITS NAME WAS  
HUNTSBURG THATS WHERE HE CAME  
DOWN AT

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Collins Howard R. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 35427596
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander LUPPER Rank LT COL Sqn CO FRANCIS Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 21<sup>st</sup> did you go down?  
OVER AMSTERDAM, GEE (full name)
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, AIR FIELD, target  
time, 2:30 PM, altitude, 26000+ route scheduled, N. SEA  
OVER AMSTERDAM, GEE, route flown YES
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
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".  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ✓
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 ONE IN PLANE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **BARNES, George M.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt**  
 Serial number: **O-753844**  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight Engineer~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Lt. Barnes bailed out of the plane and was in prison camp.  
 Liberated by the Russians, came home and received his discharge and  
 Where? his present address is George M. Barnes, Box 634,  
Bulton Willow, California

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SCHENKEL, William H.  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Serial number: 13052298  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Light Fighter~~: Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes In the area around Damme or as close as I can figure  
63 kilometers southeast of Oldenburg

Where? He was thrown out of the plane by Sgt. Rigaud. He attached the static  
 line to his chute. He was too badly wounded for him to pull his own ripcord  
 If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I heard nothing  
 from Schenkel from the time the plane was hit or since. I heard from my  
 crew after he hit the ground that he had been thrown out with the static  
 line.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the plane by Sgt. Rigaud and Lewis

Any hearsay information: I heard from the crew after my capture that he had  
 been badly wounded in the arm. He also seemed dazed and was one of the  
 reasons for Sgt. Rigaud's use of the static line. From one of the crew:  
 I heard that they had seen a parachute on the ground spotted with blood,  
 but no sign of any person near it. The Germans gave me no knowledge of  
 any of the crew.

Source: From the crew members in general

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: On 1st mission

Dates and destinations if possible: Feb 21, 1944 On raid to an airfield near  
 Gutesdorf, Germany. The time of the abandonment was about noon

I would be interested to learn of any information that the Aircrew Research  
 brings to light concerning Pvt. Schenkel.



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Llewellyn G. Bredeson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-804602  
Francis
2. Organization 457th Gp Commander Col. Luper Rank      Sqn CO Lt. Col Rank       
B. Gp (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month February day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 1st, target, Gutesdorf, Ger., target time,     , altitude, 21000 route scheduled,       
    , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Oldenburg area
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes. I checked the plane to see if everyone had left and then left myself
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". all the rest of my crew returned home after liberation from prison camp.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? do not know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
11. Where were they in aircraft?
12. What was their condition?
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
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)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SCHENKEL, William H.  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Serial number: 13052298  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):~~ Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Germany. In the area of Munster.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In plane

Any hearsay information: Some of the crew said that the Germans had a dog tag, a one dollar bill and the escape pictures of William Schenkel

Source: Crew Members

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I attached the static cord on his chute and pushed him out the main hatch as he was weak from loss of blood. The altitude at this time was about 20,000 feet. I believe he bled to death on the way down in the chute

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: February 21, 1944 Munster.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BARNES, George H.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-753844  
 Position: ~~COPILOT (Bomber)~~ or ~~FLIGHT (FIGHTER)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Germany in the area of Munster

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: In Dulag-Luft. I was shipped to the Enlisted Mens camp at Heydekrug.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Dulag-Luft.

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No. Did not know that Lt. Barnes was missing.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: February 21, 1944 Munster

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Louis Paul Rigaud Rank S/sgt. Serial No. 12188284
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Luper Rank Col. Sqn CO Love Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month February day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Ju 88 Air Field, target time, about 11:30, altitude, 20,000 Feet. route scheduled, Don't Know, route flown Don't Know
5. Where were you when you left formation? Nearing target
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". All bailed out in the same area, Munster.
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) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_
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)

Name of crew member: BARNES, George M.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-75384  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bombardier) (Lightning)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? BRICKENBERG, GERMANY OR THEREABOUTS

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

JUST BEFORE BAILING OUT BARNES LOOKED INTO NOSE AND ASKED IF WE WERE OK.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: G. M. BARNES

IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND AT PRESENT IS LIVING IN

CALIFORNIA. ON OR ABOUT OCT 30 I SPOKE TO HIM ON

THE PHONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: FEB 21, 1944 GUDERSLOE, GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SCHENKEL, William H.  
 Rank: Pvt  
 Serial number: 13052298  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~: Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES.

Where? NEAR BRACKENBERG, GERMANY.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE OTHER THAN OXYGEN CHECK APPROX. AT 1350.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? UNKNOWN - EXCEPT TIME PRIOR TO TAKEOFF

Any hearsay information: WALTER JUTZE TOLD ME THAT HE AND LEONARD LUCHONIK OR LOUIS P. RIGAUD THREW SCHENKEL OUT OF SHIP AFTER ATTACHING STATIC LINE TO HIS CHUTE. JUTZE SAID ~~HE~~ SCHENKLE WAS BADLY WOUNDED IN THE ABDOMEN BUT IF HE RECIEVED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION - WOULD BE OK, <sup>JUTZE</sup> SAW SCHENKLES <sup>OPEN</sup> CHUTE.

Source: WALTER JUTZE, G.M. BARNES.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SCHENKLE IS PROBABLY DEAD. ~~SOME~~ HE MAY HAVE LANDED IN AN ISOLATED AREA SINCE THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE WAS IN THE MAIN FARM & COUNTRY AND AID WASNT GIVEN IN TIME. G.M. BARNES SAID GERMANS TOLD HIM SCHENKLE WAS DEAD.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: FEB 21, 1944 GUDERSLOE, GERMANY

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SAMUEL L. KALMAN Rank 2ND LT Serial No. 0-749<sup>6</sup>39
2. Organization 457 <sup>BombGRP</sup> Gp Commander LUPER Rank COL Sqn CO DICKENSON Rank CAPT  
(full name) (full name) 1ST LT
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, AIRFIELD, target, GUDERSLOW GERMANY, target  
time, 1410 or 1510, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, 450  
450, route flown 450
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST OVER DUTCH BORDER
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". L.G. BRIDGEMAN - PILOT, R.A. WHITBY - NAV, H.R. COLLINS - ENG, L. LULONIK - ROG, L.P. RIGAND, W. JEFZE, AG, J.F. LEWIS, BOMB GUNNER, S.L. KALMAN - BOMB; APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME - 1415, AND SAME PLACE FOR ALL. - PLACE NEAR BRECKENBERG OR BRACKBERG, GERM.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NONE
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? G.M. BARNES - MAY 1945, CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE  
HEALTHY AND NORMAL.  
WM SCHENKLE - FEB 21, 1944 - AT BASE BEFORE TAKEOFF  
FOR MISSION
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BARNES, George M.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: O-753844  
 Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Germany

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

After bailing out, we were captured together

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I saw him in camp Lucky Strike, France

Any hearsay information: I spoke to him and he seemed all right to me. I left there before him for U.S.A.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: one

Dates and destinations if possible: Feb 21 1944