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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 8 AF
Group 457th ; Squadron 751st ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130 ; Course _____
Intended Destination Berlin, Germany. ; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Good - 10/10ths cloud cover.
4. GIVE: (a) 19 May 1944; Time 1342 ; and Location Approx. 52-40N and 12-20E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted: () Last contacted by Radio;
() Found Down; () Seen to Crash; or () 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 B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97481 X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-003167
(b) SW-003203 ; (c) SW-00289 ; (d) SW-003762
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 949296; 949121;
(a) 947853 ; (b) 947687 ; (c) 949073 ; (d) 948890; 650434;
(e) 889012 ; (f) 931180 ; (g) 931284 ; (h) 949355; 931247; 947528.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
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
1. Pilot	<u>Pirong, Phillip H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-754317</u> RTD
2. P	<u>CP</u>	<u>Patty, Robert A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u> <u>0-693310</u> RTD
3. N	<u>N</u>	<u>Martinjak, Frank (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u> <u>0-710289</u> RTD
4. B	<u>B</u>	<u>Owens, Paul V.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u> <u>0-671171</u> RTD
5. AEG	<u>TTG</u>	<u>Hull, Max L.</u>	<u>s/sgt.</u> <u>16148432</u> RTD
6. ROG	<u>RO</u>	<u>Musiel, Norman (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u> <u>33479305</u>
7. AREG	<u>RWG</u>	<u>Missinger, Albert L. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u> <u>13087279</u> RTD
8. AROG	<u>LWG</u>	<u>Tranco, Luis J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u> <u>38120479</u> RTD
9. AG	<u>BTG</u>	<u>Sacco, Pasquale N.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u> <u>31287190</u> RTD
10. AAG	<u>TC</u>	<u>Larrar, William H.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u> <u>12121880</u> RTD

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

Check Only One Column

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

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) Unknown

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 _____

Date of Report 23 May 1944.

Gerald H. Galligan
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GERALD H. GALLIGAN, 1st Lt., AC.,
Statistical Officer.

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✓ 2nd Lt. Phillip H. Birong

Mrs. Sydney C. Birong, (Wife)
Rural Route Number One,
Buchanan, Michigan.

✓ 2nd Lt. Robert A. Patty

Mrs. Alta V. Patty, (Mother)
315 South 8th Street,
Fredonia, Kansas.

✓ 2nd Lt. Frank Martinjak

Mr. Frank Martinjak, (Father)
25 Fourth Street,
La Salle, Illinois.

✓ 2nd Lt. Paul V. Owens

Mrs. Marie J. Owens, (Wife)
623 North Lincoln, Box 81,
Odessa, Texas.

✓ S/Sgt. Max L. Hull

Mrs. Leila G. Hull, (Mother)
Route One,
Grand Blanc, Michigan.

✓ S/Sgt. Norman Musiel

Mr. Norman Musiel, (Father)
Kennett Square, Rural Delivery Number Two,
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joseph W. Funk, (Uncle)
686 Lathrop Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Sgt. Albert L. Kissinger, Jr.

Mrs. Irma B. Kissinger, (Mother)
Route Number Two, Box 79,
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

✓ Sgt. Luis J. Franco

Mrs. Dolores A. Franco, (Mother)
19 North Eucalyptus Street,
El Paso, Texas.

✓ Sgt. Pasquale N. Sacco

Mr. Frank Sacco, (Father)
11 Holden Lane,
North Adams, Massachusetts.

✓ Sgt. William H. Farrar

Mrs. Albertina W. Farrar, (Mother)
Weinmanns Boulevard,
Paterson, New Jersey.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MUSIEL, Norman**
 Rank: **S. Sgt.**
 Serial number: **XX** **BOG** **BO**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Spilled chute; fright

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Sitting in right-waist position.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: No

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

May 7, 1944 ---- Berlin

May 19, 1944 --- Berlin

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Jasquale N. Sacco Rank S/SGT Serial No. 31287190
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO 751 Rank ?
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, third, target, Berlin, target time, 2:15PM, altitude, 27000 route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? (Purple Heart Corner)
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".
Eight other members jumped. All were well.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 30 miles from Berlin (Est.)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Norman Musiel
11. Where were they in aircraft? Right-waist position
12. What was their condition? Fright
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? saw EM. and Officers at Wetzlar, Germany (interrogation) and EM at Stalag Luft IV
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) *A-1*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MUSIL, Herman**
Rank: **S. Sgt.**
Serial number: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **ROG RO**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter)

Did he bail out? **NO - TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE-**

Where? _____

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: **I DIDNT SEE MY FORMER CREWMEMBER**

**BAIL OUT BUT ACCORDING TO THE PARTY THAT LEFT THE PLANE LAST
HIS CHUTE OPEN INSIDE THE PLANE**

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppos-
ition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: **2**

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LUIS J FRANCO Rank SGT Serial No. 38120479
2. Organization 457 Gr Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO SPENCER Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMB, target, BERLIN, target
time, _____, altitude, 26 000 FT route scheduled, N SEA
_____, route flown N SEA
5. Where were you when you left formation? N BERLIN
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". 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) _____
TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE - RADIO OPERATOR
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NON-COMMS WERE IN POW CAMP WITH ME
OFFICERS WERE IN STALAG LUFT 3
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. WHOLE CREW WITH
EXCEPTION OF RADIO OPERATOR WERE P O W

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **MUSIEL, Norman**
Rank: **S. Sgt.**
Serial number: **33479305**
Position: ~~XX~~ **BOG RO**

Did he bail out? No he did not bail, according to the report given me by the ball turret gunner.

Where? -----

If not, why not? He pulled chute in ship and would not leave ship.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The alarm was sounded and the word was given on interphone to leave ship.

Was he injured? The ball turret gunner said that he was uninjured.

Where was he when last seen? He was last seen in waist of the ship.

Any hearsay information: All the information that I received was from the ball turret gunner. After being captured by the Germans they said they had found his body and that they had his dog tags. They also said that he was dead. I did not see his body or his dog tags.

Source: Ball turret gunner and German Officers.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: All the information that I received was given to me by another person and I did not see him or any of his personal clothing.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I think it was 3.

Dates and destinations if possible: The only one that I remember was the mission that he was shot down on. The mission was to Berlin on May 19, 1944.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Patty, Robert Albert Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-693310
2. Organization 457BMB Gp. Commander Luper Rank Lt. Col. Sqn CO Spencer Rank Maj.
3. What year 1944 month May day 19 did you go down?
(full name) (full name)
4. What was the mission, Bombing Mission, target, Berlin, target time, 1330, altitude, 21,500 Ft. route scheduled, Fly ENB
~~Than ESE to Target~~, route flown Route Scheduled.
5. Where were you when you left formation? About twenty miles WNW of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. I saw eight members of the crew.
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". Eight members of the crew that I saw had bailed out and I saw them in the next three days. Norman Musiel was the only member of the crew that I did not see. And from information that I received, He did not leave the ship.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I would say it struck fifteen to twenty miles WNW of Berlin.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) From the information that I received that only one man might have been in plane. His name was Norman Musiel
11. Where were they in aircraft? He was RO and last seen in waiste of ship.
12. What was their condition? All crew members except RO were in good condition except for bruised parts of body and sprained ankles.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I have already given information ab ove.
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) A-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MUSIEL, Norman
 Rank: S. Sgt.
 Serial number: 33479305
 Position: ~~Crew (Bombardier) (Observer) (Navigator) (Radio Operator)~~ ROG RO

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OXYGEN CHECK JUST PRIOR TO LOSS OF PLANE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? UNKNOWN

Any hearsay information: ONE OF THE CREW WAS TOLD

BY THE GERMANS THAT ONE MAN WAS FOUND DEAD
IN THE PLANE, BUT I DONT KNOW JUST WHICH
ONE WAS TOLD.

Source: FROM THE REST OF THE CREW.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: 1ST MISSION WAS

ON BERLIN 5-7-44 THE LAST MISSION WAS

ON BERLIN 5-19-44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MAX L. HULL Rank S/SGT Serial No. 16148432
2. Organization H57 Gp Commander ✓ Rank ✓ Sqn CO ✓ Rank ✓
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, BERLIN, target
time, ABOUT 2 P.M., altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN
, route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 50 MILES FROM 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". NO KNOWLEDGE
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) UNKNOWN ONLY
HEARSAY
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? CO. PILOT, NAVIGATOR, BOMBARDIER, BALL GUNNER
LAST SEE BY ME IN GERMANY, GOOD CONDITION, TAIL GUNNER
TWO WAIST GUNNERS AND PILOT LAST SEEN BY ME IN
SEEN BY ME IN THE STATES ALSO IN GOOD CONDITION.
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

MUSIEL, Norman

Name of crew member: U. Sgt.
 Rank: 33479305
 Serial number: XX ROG RO
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Pulled chute inside of plane

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Ball turret operator tried to persuade him to fold the chute in his arms and jump, but was hysterical
 Was he injured? believed killed and refused to jump

Where was he when last seen? Inside the plane by the ball turret gunner

Any hearsay information: German civilians informed us that his body had been found. When part of the crew was apprehended they were shown Musiel's Wallet and dog tags, by German Army Officers, and asked if they knew who he was. They disclaimed knowing him, but they were sure that it was Musiel's wallet.

Source: German civilians and Germany Army Officers

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on surmise: From the information shown above I regret to say there is little hope of Musiel being alive.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: 2 trips to Berlin. Both were flown in May. His last flight was May 19, 1944. We were shot down approximately 25 miles Northwest of Berlin.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Phillip H. Birong Rank 1st. Lt Serial No. 0-754317
2. Organization 457H.B.G Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Heavy Bomb., target, Berlin, target time, approx. 1330, altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, over North Sea, route flown Over North Sea
5. Where were you when you left formation? 25 Miles Northwest of Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes all but Musiel who pulled chute in plane
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". Crew started bailing out at approx. 20,000 feet. Farrar, out the tail hatch, Sacco, Kissinger, out the waist hatch, Owens, Patty, Hull and navigator (do not remember his name,) bailed out navigators hatch. Musiel was not known to bail out. I bailed out at 7,000 ft. from the Nav. hatch Franco bailed out of waist hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Believe it blew up in the air
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) We believe Musiel was in the plane when it struck the ground. I did not see, hear nor know he was in the plane, I received this information from my Ball Turret Gunner, P. Sacco.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the waist position
12. What was their condition? Not injured but was hysterical accoring to P. Sacco
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All accounted ~~above~~ for above, 9 crew members including myself bailed out and save, ~~but~~ believe one, N. Musiel, was killed.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Have no valuable informtion

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Community Deutschhof
Osthavelland County

Deutschhof, July 5, 1944

To the
Research Office West
(22) in Oberursel
near Koelln

By order of the Air Base Headquarters Doeberitz near Berlin I report the following:

A four engined American bomber crashed here on 19 May 1944. Sergeant Norman I.R., Musiel, Ser. No. 33479305 was killed in the crash. The corpse was interred in the former Russian Prisoner of War Cemetery (1914/1918) at Ribbeckshorst, Community Bergerdamm, District Lietzow, Westhavelland County on 20 May 1944.

Heil Hitler!
The Mayor
Signature illegible

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Doberitz

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G Fortress, Gut Ribbenhorst, 2½ km south east of Koenigshorst 9 km north north west of Nauen
EN. LANDING: AT: on 19 May 1944, 1358.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Musiel ✓

FIRST NAME: Jr Norman

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33479305

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 19 May 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Gut Ribbeckshorst, Community Deutschhof, Osthavelland County.

Signature illegible
 Captain and Commanding Officer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE:

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Presumably of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress at
Domain Ribbeskhorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen on
EM. LANDING: AT: 19 May 1944, 1358.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S a c c o

FIRST NAME: Pasquale N.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 31287190

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 19 May 1944, 1800 near Nauen.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Doeberitz

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G, Gut Ribbenhorst, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ km south east
of Koenigshorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen on 19
EM. LANDING: AT: May 1944, 1358.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) O n s

FIRST NAME: Paul Vincent

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-671171

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 19 May 1944, 1410, Ribbeckshorst

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Signature illegible
Captain and Commanding Officer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Doeberitz

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G, Domain Ribbeckshorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen on 19 May 1944, 1358.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B i r o n g

FIRST NAME: Phillip H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-154351

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 19 May 1944 around 1800 at Nauen

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

1. S A C C O, Pasquale N. ✓ 31287190
2. M U S I E L Jr, Norman ✓ 33479305
3. Same as # 2.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number 34

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

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DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

21 May 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

1005

ROLL:

FROM:

LWDB

THROUGH:

Stahl

REMARKS:

SSD LBDB 509 20 May 1300

To Research Office West, Oberursel

Subject: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress by fighter near Ribbeckshorst, 9km north north west of Nauen.

Doeberitz reports shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress on 19 May 1944, 1358, near Ribbeckshorst, 2 1/2 km south east Koenigshorst, 9 km north north west Nauen. Markings of plane and Serial Number unascertainable. Condition of plane: 85 % destruction because of bomb explosion.

The following men were found:

2nd Lt. Vincent Paul, Owens, Ser No. 0 67 071, captured.

Sgt. Norman I.R. Musiel, Ser. No. 33479302, dead.

The rest of the crew presumably captured.

Air Base Headquarters Doeberitz.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number 31

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 21 May 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1005 hours

ROLL:

FROM: LWDB

THROUGH: Stahl

REMARKS:

SSD LBDB 20 May 1300 hours

To Research Office West, Oberursel

Subject: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress by fighter near Ribbeckshorst, 9 km north north west Nauen on 19 May 1944, 1358 hours,

On 19 May 1944, 1358 hours, shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G near Ribbeckshorst, 2 1/2 km south east of Koenigshorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen by fighter.

Markings of plane, Admittance No., Equipment, and F.T, Frequencies unascertainable.

Condition of plane: 85 % destruction because of bomb explosion.

Air Base Headquarters Doeberitz.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number 37

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 21 May 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0920 hours

ROLL:

FROM: LWDB

THROUGH: Stahl

REMARKS:

SSD LBDB 507 20 May 1300 hours

To Research Office West, Oberursel

Subject: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress by fighter near Ribbeckshorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen.

Doerberitz reports: Shot-down of a Boeing B 17 G Fortress on 19 May 1944 1358 hours at Ribbeckshorst, 2½ km south east of Koenigshorst, 9 km north north west of Nauen.

1 casualty was found.

1 member of the crew captured. Because of insufficient number of captives suspicion of escape arises.

Air Base Headquarters Doerberitz.

HEADQUARTERS
Mitchel Field, New York

INTERROGATION

(Interrogation of all former POW's for casualty information
on former crew members and/or other AAF Personnel.)

NAME OF CASUALTY	RANK	ASN	CREW POSITION
NORMAN MUSIEL JR.	S/SGT.	UNKNOWN	RADIO OPERATOR
UNIT	DATE LAST SEEN	PLACE LAST SEEN	
SQD'N 75I GRP 457	May 19, 1944	In plane just before reaching Berlin, Germany.	

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT

Three enemy fighters knocked out three engines.

KNOWN INFORMATION (EYEWITNESS)

Saw MUSIEL still in plane when I jumped and then saw plane explode without seeing MUSIEL get out.

MUSIEL appeared to have lost self-control.

HEARSAY INFORMATION (RELIABLE)

Germans told us a man was found dead in plane next to escape hatch.

Believe death report on casualty has been sent in by Geneva.

REPORTER:

S/Sgt. Pasquale N. Sacco
31287190