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3749 Monterey,  
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Second Lieutenant William E. Dee

Mrs. Hazel W. Dee, (Mother)  
Apartment Five,  
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Mrs. Donna V. Cotterell, (Wife)  
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8 Forsyth Place,  
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Staff Sergeant George L. Hatcher, Jr.

Mrs. Fannie L. Hatcher, (Mother)  
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Staff Sergeant Orval C. Sterner

Mrs. Eva E. Sterner, (Wife)  
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Sergeant Stephen L. Floyd

Mrs. Kathleen E. Floyd, (Wife)  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

by **W. M. MOENCH, Capt., AG**

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 8AF  
Group 457th Bomb Op. (H); Squadron 749th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 139, Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Destination Indershausen, Germany Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Good GAVU
- GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 44 Time 1225; and Location near Saarbrucken  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) 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 B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97460 X
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) SW-001509;  
(b) SW-002119; (c) SW-002151; (d) SW-002174
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 650312; 647644;  
(a) 929314; (b) 931381; (c) 948810; (d) 948831; 929406;  
(e) 929448; (f) 948833; (g) 948857; (h) 929307; 929138; 947976.
- 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	P. <b>DEE, WILLIAM E.</b>	2nd Lt.	0-813299 RTD
2. CP	CP. <b>COTTERELL, ROBERT W.</b>	2nd Lt.	0-761890 RTD
3. N	N. <b>OSERSTEIN, LAWRENCE (HMI)</b>	2nd Lt.	0-704439 RTD
4. B	B. <b>JAY, DONALD S.</b>	2nd Lt.	0-761438 RTD
5. ABO	ABO. <b>JONES, WILLIAM H., Jr.</b>	Sgt.	39690745 RTD
6. BOG	BOG. <b>HATCHER, GEORGE L., Jr.</b>	S/Sgt.	11123158 RTD
7. ABOG	ABOG. <b>STERNER, ORVAL C.</b>	S/Sgt.	39531623 RTD
8. ABOG	ABOG. <b>SAK, STEVE J.</b>	Sgt.	36725259 RTD
9. AG	AG. <b>FLOYD, STEPHEN L.</b>	Sgt.	32487587 RTD
10. AAG	AAG. <b>TREADWELL, THOMAS L.</b>	Sgt.	14084705 RTD

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	Contacted				Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
1. <u>Summerville, David K.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-753822</u>		<u>X</u>				
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. Information to be forwarded at later date.

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 31 May 1944.

Gerald H. Galligan  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
**GERALD H. GALLIGAN, 1st Lt.,**  
Statistical Officer.

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*Serial 73*

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HEADQUARTERS 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Operations Officer  
AAF STATION 130

A P O 557  
1 June 1944.

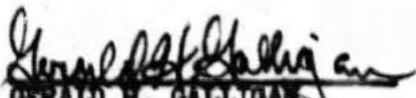
SUBJECT: Narrator's Report of Missing Air Crew - Mission 27 May 1944 -  
Ludwigshafen, Germany.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.F.O. 634.  
(THRU: Channels). Attn: Statistical Control.

1. Lt. Dee, who was piloting ship 42-97460, caught up with the ship the undersigned was in (42-31618) when the formation was about half way home. It was noticed that his bomb-bay doors were open and that he had a hard time holding his air speed and altitude. Suddenly he made about a 40° turn to the left and started off by himself, losing altitude all the time. About five minutes later he was caught in the middle of a heavy flak barrage. His altitude at that time was about 12,000 to 14,000 feet. The last we saw of him was that he was going down fairly fast but under control.

SGT. BARNETT (NMI) FELDMAN,  
ASN 12182302,  
Tail Gunner, 748th Sqdn.

A TRUE COPY:

  
GERALD H. GALLIGAN,  
1st Lt., A. C.,  
Group Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
Mitchel Field, New York

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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
Oberstein, Lawrence	2nd Lt	_____	Navigator
UNIT	DATE LAST SEEN	PLACE LAST SEEN	
457th Bomb Gp 749th Bomb Sq	27 May 1944	Outside Saarbrucken, Germany	

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT

Fighters & Flag - B-17 abandoned.

KNOWN INFORMATION (EYEWITNESS)

Saw Lt. Oberstein hit the ground, badly shot up.

HEARSAY INFORMATION (RELIABLE)

It was believed he died.

REPORTER:

S/Lt Stephen & Floyd 32487587

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name ROBERT M. COTLERELL Rank 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. Serial No. O-761890
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> Bp Commander LUPER Rank Col. Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 27 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, COM BATTMENT, target, LUDWIGSHAVEN, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER I.P.
6. Did you bail out? NOT THEN.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NOT THEN
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". I HAVE SEEN ALL CREW MEMBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LT. OBERSTIEN, SINCE LIBERATION AND TRANSPORT OUT OF GERMANY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR SAARLATUREN
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)

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HEADQUARTERS  
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)  
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPFS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Lawrence (MUI) Oberstein
- b. Rank 2nd Lt. Crew position Navigator
- d. Date last seen 27 May, 1944. Place last seen Kaiser-Latern, Germany
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Aircraft caught fire due to hits made by enemy flak and fighters.
- g. Known information (eye witness only)  
Officer wounded in aircraft by 20 mm. Seen falling through air with chute trailing, and not blossomed out.
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)  
Officer seen on ground by enlisted personnel, unconscious. Enlisted personnel taken away, officer left lying on ground with German military personnel present. Never reported prisoner though was wearing dog tags.  
(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

2nd LT. William S. Wee  
Rank and name of reporter

0-813299 749 B.S. 457 B.G.  
ASN Unit

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DATE: 27 May 44 TIME: 15.00  
PLACE: Saarlautern Disserten  
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress  
MARKINGS: 297460-0  
749 (HB) Group 457  
Base: Glatton

*Handwritten:* No. 1612

<u>RANK:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>KU - 1987</u>
2nd Lt	DEB, William Edwin	ASN: 0-813259
2nd Lt	JAY, Donald Stewart	ASN: 0-761438
2nd Lt	OBHRSTEIN	
2nd Lt	COTTRELL, Robert Morgan	ASN: 0-761890
S/Sgt	STERNER, Orval Chester	ASN: 39551623
Sgt	JONES, William H.	ASN: 39690745
Sgt	FLOYD, Stephan Lecke	ASN: 32487587
S/Sgt	HATCHER, George Lee	ASN: 14133158
Sgt	SACK, Steve Joseph	ASN: 36725259
Sgt	TREWELL, Thomas Lee	ASN: 14084708



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POST: Postal Nr. L 15822, District Postal Office Frankfurt/Main.

Distributor:

PLACE: Voelklingen

Air Force District  
Command Dulag Luft

DATE: 27.5.44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress IIXXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H a t c h e r

FIRST NAME. George H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 14123158 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) J o n e s  
FIRST NAME: William H.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39690745 T 43-44  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

DATE: 27 May 44 TIME: 15.00

PLACE: Saarlautern Disserten

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 297460-0  
749 (H3) Group 457  
Base: Glatten

<u>RANK:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>SN - 1947</u>
2nd Lt	HEW, William Edwin	ASN: 0-813299
2nd Lt	JAY, Donald Stewart	ASN: 0-761438
2nd Lt	CHERSTEIN	
2nd Lt	COTTRELL, Robert Morgan	ASN: 0-761890
S/Sgt	STERNER, Orval Chester	ASN: 39561623
Sgt	JONES, William H.	ASN: 39690745
Sgt	FLOYD, Stephan Lecke	ASN: 32487287
S/Sgt	HATCHER, George Lee	ASN: 14123158
Sgt	SACK, Steve Joseph	ASN: 36725273
Sgt	TREAINELL, Thomas Lee	ASN: 14084705

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During the day of 27.5.44:

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1.) Differten, Saarbruecken country, 3 km SW of Voelklingen - UO 2 -, 13.20:  
SD case 6112 Boeing, 99% destruction, 9 crew-members captured, make unknown,  
identification: triangle with a U. beneath: 297460, 0.

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN:

27.5.44 at 13.25

PLACE OF CRASH:

Differten, district "Gaisberger Dell", about 500 meters  
 north of railway trail Differten-Lindlarhof, Saarlautern  
 county.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

four motored bomber (USA)

REPORTING OFFICE:

local police authorities, Badgassen-Saar.

## CREW

SURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME:

a) dead: ---  
 b) captured: 9 crewmembers ( 1 died during transportation)  
 c) escaped: ---

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER:

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

9 POW  
 1 PDD  
 SD case  
 6/12

1 KIA

REMARKS:

Original: To  
 Information Center West, Oberursel/Taunus.

send over for your information.

Enclosed you will find two letters, which were found at place of crash.

signed: illegible.

27 May 44

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Distributor:  
Air Force District  
Command Dulag Luft

PLACE: Voelkingen

DATE: 27.5.44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress II~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.31

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Floyd

FIRST NAME: Stephen L.

Rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32487587 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Date and time aircraft  
was shot down:

27 May 44, time: 1300

Casualty No.: KU 1987

Place of crash:

Disserthen/Saar

Type of aircraft:

Fortress

Reporting office:

Saarbrueck/AA.

	Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of internment
SPREER 12 May 07	Orval Chester	S/Sgt.	39551625	captured	Dalag Luft
JONES	William H.	Sgt.	39690745	"	" "
FLOYD	Stephen Locke	"	32487587	"	" "
HATCHER 14 Oct 20	George Lee Erwin, Tenn.	S/Sgt.	14123158	"	" "
BAK	Steve Joseph	Sgt.	36725269	"	" "

Casualty No.: KU 1987

1st additional report of 13 June 44.

JAY	Donald Stewart	2nd/Lt.	O-761438	captured	Dalag Luft
TREADWELL	Thomas Lee,	Sgt.	14084705	"	" "

Casualty No.: KU 1987

2nd additional report of 13 June 44.

COTTRELL 21 June 17	Robert Morgan Algona, Iowa.	2nd/Lt.	O-761890	captured	Dalag Luft
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Casualty No.: KU 1987

3rd additional report of 11 Oct 44

BEY	William Edwin	2nd/Lt.	O-812299	captured	Dalag Luft.
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Dalag Luft, 8 June 44 No.

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Air Force District  
Command Dulag Luft.

DATE: 27.5.44

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H a t c h e r

FIRST NAME: George H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 14123158 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten - 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

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PLACE: Voelklingen

DATE: 27.5.44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress II~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Dufferten on 27.5.44 at 13.31

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jones

FIRST NAME: William H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 3969745 T13-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Dufferten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

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Air Force District  
Command Dulag Luft

PLACE: Voelklingen

DATE: 27.5.44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress IIREMARKS: AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Hatcher

FIRST NAME: George H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 14123158 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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PLACE: Voelklingen

DATE: 27.5.44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress II~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jones

FIRST NAME: William H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39690765 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Air Force District  
Command Dulag Luft.PLACE: VeisklingenDATE: 27.5.44REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress II  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) FloydFIRST NAME: Stephan L.SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32487587 T 43-44RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) capturedPLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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DATE: **27.5.44**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Liberator**  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: **Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.45**  
EN. LANDING:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **S a k**

FIRST NAME: **Steve J.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **---**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Puetzlingen 27.5.44**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Downing of a Fortress II on 27 May 1944 Time: 1331  
near Differten

Name: OBERSTEIN Lawrence  
A.S.N.: O - 709 439 T 43 - 44

23V  
dead

KIA  
SD case 6112

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Identification tags: WILLIAM E DEE  
O-813299 T43  
T-44 A

THOS L. TREADWELL  
14084705 T43-4 A

ORVAL C STERNER  
39551623 T43-43  
A P

R.M. COTTERELL  
O-761890 T-43-44 O  
P

STEVE J SAK  
36725259 T-43-44  
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STEPHEN L ELOYD  
32487587 T-43-44  
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WILLIAM H JONES  
39690745 T43-44  
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GEORGE L HATCHER  
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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN:

27.5.44 at 13.25

PLACE OF CRASH:

Differten, district "Geisberger Dell", about 500 meters  
north of railway trail Differten-Linslerhof, Saarlautern  
county.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

four motored bomber (USA)

REPORTING OFFICE:

local police authorities, Wadgassen-Saar.

## CREW

SURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME:

a) dead: ---  
b) captured: 9 crewmembers ( 1 died during transportation)  
c) escaped: ---

DATE OF BIRTH:

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SERIAL NUMBER:

CAPTURED:

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TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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Information Center West, Oberursel/Taunus.

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Rank: Sgt.

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten - 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Through Express-Station Wiesbaden:

Dulag, Oberursl.

Air Force District Command VII

Wiesbaden, 13.6.44

Coordinator for Air Drome Command I/XII  
(Mets) and 2/XII (Gelnhausen).To  
Distributor.

Final result of shot-down airplanes for the period: 25.5.44 - 31.5.44.

During the night from 24th to 25th.5.44:

- 1.) Olzheim, Pruem country, 7 km north - NP 9 -, 02.30, "HALIFAX", 5 dead.

During the night from 26th to 27th.5.44:

- 1.) Huesperdingen, 3 km east of Clerf in Luxemburg, - QN 7 - 01.30, 2 motored bomber, 99% destruction, 2 dead, identification: cockade: yellow-blue-white-red, near-by: red, near-by: 3.

During the day of 27.5.44:

- 1.) Differten, Saarbruecken country, 3 km SW of Voelklingen - UO 2 -, 13.20: Boeing, 99% destruction, 9 crew-members captured, make unknown, identification: triangle with a U, beneath: 297460, O.
- 2.) Altenkessel, Saarbruecken country, 6 km NW - TO 9 -, 13.30: Liberator, 98% destruction, 3 dead, 5 crewmembers taken prisoner, 2 escaped, make unknown, identification: on stabilizer: in yellow 294951.
- 3.) 4 km north of Voelklingen near Puttlingen, Saarbruecken country, \* TO 9 -, 13.00: Liberator, 90% destruction, 7 prisoners, 2 dead, 1 escaped, make unknown, identification: on the fuselage Army cockade, behind H.P., on the side-rudder 295097 in black, on the wings a C in black.
- 4.) Bad-Duerkheim, 3 km NW - TR 2 -, 13.40: Boeing, 95% destruction, 6 prisoners, 1 dead, 2 missed, make Nr. 31880, Identification: cockade M.

During the day of 28.5.44.

- 1.) Mernes, Gelnhausen country, 3 km E of Bad-Orb, - QU 1 -, 16.30: Boeing, 99% destruction, 4 prisoners, 2-4 men escaped, 2 dead, make AF-31721, identification: triangle in white 231721, S in yellow.
- 2.) 4 km north of Zerf near Hentern, Saarburg-country, 18 km SSE of Trier - SO 5 -, 17.00: Boeing, 20% destruction, 6 crew-members taken prisoner, the remaining escaped, identification on the fuselage XK Kak S, stabilizer: triangle in white, a G in blue, 239878 S painted yellow (claim of flak)

During the day of 31.5.44.

- 1.) Winnen, 4 km north of Westerburg, Oberwesterwald country, - CQ 6 -, 11.45: Boeing B 17 G, 99% destruction, 9 prisoners, make & identification signs: burned.

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REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress II~~Strochttttr~~ AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.31

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jones

FIRST NAME: William H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39690745 T43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Treadwell

FIRST NAME: Thos L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1A084705

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Puetlingen 27.5.44

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REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress IIXXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Differten on 27.5.44 at 13.21

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) F l o y d

FIRST NAME: Stephan L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32487587 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Differten 27.5.44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5295

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Name of crew member: OBERSTEIN, Lawrence  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-709439  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~copilot/pilot~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER THE SAAR NEAR SAARLUTURA F.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HELPED HIM OUT THE FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH.

Was he injured? HAD ONE SMALL BIT OF 20MM IN RIGHT SHOULDER.

Where was he when last seen? ON GROUND BY SGT'S JONES AND FLOYD.

any hearsay information: WAS DYING AT THE TIME. THROAT SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RIPPED OR CUT. GERMANS GAVE HIM NO AID AT THAT TIME, NOR DID THERE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ANY ATTEMPTS MADE BEFORE SGT & JONES ARRIVED.

Sources: S/SGT G.L. HATCHER & SGT. W.H. JONES.

any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: COULD HAVE BEEN SHROUD LINES OF CHUTE OR WIRES AS HE LANDED. BEING OF JEWISH STRAIN IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE AFTER LANDING BY PERSON OR PERSONS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: KIEL, METZ 26 MAY 44, LUDWIGSHAVEN 27 MAY 44.

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