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to **RESTRICTED** 60933 HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date 15 MAR 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be available to the Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location England; Command or Air Force 8AF
Group 457th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 748th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Intended Destination Hamburg, Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
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- GIVE: (a) Date 20 June 44; Time 0930; and Location Over Hamburg, Germany
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) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31615
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-55156
(b) 43-64163; (c) 43-64989; (d) SW-00451
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below name, Type and Serial Number) 892585 - 392614
(a) 889419; (b) 649588; (c) 892700; (d) 892779 - 892609 -
(e) 949476; (f) 888000; (g) 647658; (h) 647549 - 892458 - 892777
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(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	Bomar, William B.	2nd Lt.	0-812213 RTD
2.	P	Lade, Jack A.	2nd Lt.	0-818696 RTD
3.	N	Curione, Charles (NMI)	E/O	T-1828 RTD
4.	B	Hill, Robin G.	2nd Lt.	0-762100 RTD
5.	AEG	Kane, William H.	Sgt.	32824677
6.	ROG	Klein, Edmond (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32324338 RTD
7.	AG	Tengler, Edwin E.	Sgt.	13070280 KIA
8.	AG	Leeming, Albert W.	Sgt.	32778003 KIA
9.	AAG	Bohl, Richard A.	Sgt.	36876416 RTD

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 By	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reasons (Specify) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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 June 1944

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

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2nd Lieutenant William B. Bonar ✓

Mrs. Jane Bonar, (wife)
4014 Southern Parkway,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Paid

2nd Lieutenant Robin E. Milner ✓

Mrs. Rose Milner, (mother)
174 Academy Street,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

Paid

2nd Lieutenant Jack A. Lade ✓

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Lade, (wife)
111 McClelland Avenue,
East Point, Georgia.

Paid

F/O Charles Curione ✓

Mr. Nunzio Curione, (father)
5343 North 30th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Paid

S/Sergeant Edmond Klein ✓

Mr. David Klein, (father)
223 Clermont Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Paid

Sergeant Richard A. Bohl ✓

Mrs. Mary Isabel Bohl, (wife)
Barium Hotel, Cadillac Square,
Room 1903,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sergeant William H. Kane ✓

Mrs. Myrtle E. Kane, (wife)
4315 44th Street,
Long Island, New York.

Sergeant Albert W. Leening ✓

Mrs. Ethel Leening, (mother)
64 Hall Street,
Fall River, Massachusetts.

Sergeant Irwin E. Tengler ✓

Mrs. Mary E. Tengler, (mother)
Route One, Box 34,
Schulenburg, Texas.

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

A P O 557
24 June 1944.

1961
SUBJECT: Statement of Facts on Missing Aircraft 42-31615 - Mission 20
June 1944 - Hamburg.

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

1. The following is a summary of facts and statements on A/C
42-31615:

- a. A/C was observed to have been hit by AAGF in the target area. It was then seen to peel off from the formation and go into a bank and later spin. A/C left the formation at approximately 0930 hours on fire and with tail shot off. A/C was seen to break off into several pieces 1,000 to 2,000 feet off the ground. Three parachutes were sighted.

James G. France
JAMES G. FRANCE,
1st Lt., A. C.,
Asst. Gp. S-2.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **TENGLER, Edwin E.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **13070280**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator (Fighter)~~: **AG WG**

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone, some time before we reached target

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Last seen (by Radio Operator) standing in waist

Any hearsay information: Radio Operator Klein said Tengler & Sgt. Leeming were standing in waist as he went back to bail out. He told them to bail out but they seemed hesitant.

Source: S/Sgt. Edmond Klein, Radio Operator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Enlisted crew members told me after we were on ground at Hamburg that Sgt. Tengler had said he would shoot himself rather than jump. I think he hesitated too long and was unable to get out due to spin.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Paris- June 1944, Bordeaux - June 1944, Hamburg-6/20/44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KANE , William H.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32824677**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **ABG TTG**

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Still at his gun.

I jerked his leg and told him to bail out.

Was he injured? No knowledge of any

Where was he when last seen? waiting at escape hatch, ready to bail out

Any hearsay information: We were told at Hamburg by local German officers that the rest of our crew was dead. That they were in the ship when it hit the ground and burned.

We were not allowed to view the supposed bodies, however.

Source: Local German Army officers

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As he was at escape hatch, ready to bail out, I feel that he did bail out and his chute did not open.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Paris- June 1944, Bordeaux- June 1944, Hamburg- 6/20/44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Jack Allen Lade Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-818696
457 Bomb. Gp., 748 Sqdn, APO 557
2. Organization / Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO Smith Rank Captain
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Hamburg, Germany, target, Oil Refinery, target
 time, 11:15 a.m., altitude, 23,000 ft. route scheduled, Over North Sea
 _____, route flown Same
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- Pilot, co-Pilot, Navigator, Bombardier,
Radio Operator, Tail Gunner
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". Pilot bailed out through nose
hatch, co-pilot same, bombardier same, navigator same, radio operator through rear
door, tail gunner was blown out. All bailed out as soon as bail out signal was given.
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) No knowledge
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 des-
 cribed above? Wm. H. Kane- Engr., was seen standing at nose escape hatch ready to
bail out. Condition normal.
Edwin E. Tengler- Waist Gunner, Last seen at take-off
Albert W. Leeming- Ball Turret Gunner- Last seen at take-off
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEEMING, Albert W.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32778003
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: AG BTG

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Interphone, some time before we reached target.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Takeoff

Any hearsay information: Radio Operator Klein said Tengler & Sgt. Leeming were standing in waist as he went back to bail out. He told them to bail out but they seemed hesitant

Source: S/Sgt. Edmond Klein, Radio Operator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think he hesitated too long trying to get his buddy, Sgt. Tengler, to jump, and was unable to jump due to spin.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Paris- June 1944, Bordeaux- June 1944, Hamburg-6/20/44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BOMAR, WILLIAM B. Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-812213
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander LUPER? Rank COL. Sqn CO ? Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, HAMBURG, target, OIL REFS., target time, APPROX 0915, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, ?
?, route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER HAMBURG, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SIX OUT OF NINE DID
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? HAMBURG, GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) THE PLANE EXPLODED IN MID AIR. TINGLER, KEEMING & BOHL WERE IN IT AT THE TIME BUT BOHL ESCAPED INJURY.
11. Where were they in aircraft? KEEMING & TINGLER IN THE WING - BOHL IN TAIL
12. What was their condition? O.K.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW ALL LIVING CREW MEMBERS IN HAMBURG AND WE WERE ALL TOGETHER FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

William B. Bomar
1ST Pilot

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **TENGLER, Edwin E.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **13070280**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **AG WG**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Radio
operator patted him and motioned for him to leave plane. He shook his head "No".

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the plane as it blew up.

Any hearsay information: He commented to some of the crew members after briefing, that he would rather stay in the plane than jump over Hamburg.

Sources: My own crew members

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

The tail gunner was in the plane at the time it blew up and he saw Tengler and Leeming making no attempt to get out. Said tail gunner was blown clear of the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: three

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

17th June 44 - Bordeaux, France 18th June 44 - Hamburg, Germany

20th June 44 - Hamburg, Germany

William B. Bonar

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEEMING, Albert W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32778003
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: AG BTG

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Radio
operator paged him and motioned for him to leave plane. He shook his head "no".

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the plane as it blew up.

Any hearsay information: He commented to some of the crew members after
Briefing, that he would rather stay in the plane than jump over
Hamburg.

Source: My own crew members

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____
The tail gunner was in the plane at the time it blew up and he saw
Leeming and Tengler making no attempt to get out. Said tail gunner
was blown clear of the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: _____
17th June - 44 - Bordeaux, France 18th June 44 - Hamburg, Germany
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William B. Boman

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KANE , William H.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32824677
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Observer)~~: AEG TTG

Did he bail out? Believed to

Where? Hamburg, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Was Attempting to extinguish fire in bomb-bay

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Preparing to leave plane

Any hearsay information. No

Source: _____

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

I believe he was shot or hit by flak while in his parachute

Total number of missions of above crew member: three

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

17th June 44 - Bordeaux, France 18th June 44 - Hamburg, Germany

20th June 44 - Hamburg, Germany

William B. Bonar

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **KANE, William H.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32824677**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **AEG TTG**

Did he bail out? PILOT SAID HE DID LEAVE SHIP

Where? VICINITY OF HAMBURG GERMANY.

If not, why not? _____

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

LOOK IN BOMB BAY AT SMOKING BOMB BAY DOOR MOTOR.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN UPPER TURRET

Any hearsay information: PILOT TOLD ME HE HAD LEFT SHIP, GERMAN INTERROGATOR

AT DULAG LUFT SAID 15 MEN HAD BEEN LYNCHED IN HAMBURG THE DAY

WE WERE SHOT DOWN

Source: GERMAN INTELLIGENCE.

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

BEEEN POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HAVE LANDED IN TARGET AREA, AS I DRIFTED

AROUND EDGE OF SAME. MY CHUTE WAS RIPPED, SO DIDNT TRY TO GUIDE IT

AWAY FROM THAT AREA, JUST TRUSTED TO LUCK.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 20, 1944 - HAMBURG JUNE 19

BORDEAUX - JUNE 18 - FLYING SPARE NO MISSION CREDIT JUNE 17

CHANNEL COAST OF FRANCE. DONT RECALL TOWN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TUGLER, Edwin K.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 130070280
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Observer (Fighter)~~: AG WG

Did he bail out? FAR AS I KNOW HE DID NOT BAIL OUT

Where? _____

If not, why not? PROBABLY WAITED TOO LONG AND SHIP EXPLODED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TAPPED HIM ON RIGHT LEG WHEN I WAS POISED AT DOOR SAYING "COME ON TE; LETS GO"

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? STANDING AT RIGHT WAIST GUN

Any hearsay information: SUPPOSEDLY TOLD TAIL GUNNER AT BREIFING HE WOULDN'T JUMP TODAY, AS WE WERE TOLD CIVILIANS WOULD BE VERY HOSTILE AS THE RAID JUNE 18 CAUSED HIGH CIVILIAN CASULTIES BECAUSE MOST OF THE MILITARY TARGET WAS MISSED, AND BOMBS DROPPED ON APT. HOUSES ETC.

Source: TAIL GUNNER SGT RICHARD A. BOHL

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I FEEL HE WAS EITHER STUNNED OR KILLED WHEN SHIP EXPLODED. TAIL GUNNER SAW ME BAIL OUT AND SAID SHIP EXPLODED BLOWING HIM OUT SOON AFTER I LEFT IT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 20 / HAMBURG JUNE 19 BORDEAUX
JUNE 18 FLYING SPARE NO MISSION JUNE 17 CHANNEL COAST OF FRANCE.
DONT RECALL TOWN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LEWING, Albert W.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32778003**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **AG BTG**

Did he bail out? FAR AS I KNOW HE DID NOT BAIL OUT.

Where? _____

If not, why not? ASSUME HE WAS WAITING FOR TENGLER (RW) TO BAIL FIRST.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAW HIM SITTING ON LEDGE RIGHT SIDE FUSILAGE WITH WALK AROUND BOTTLE TO HIS MOUTH. NO MASK ON.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? RIGHT WAIST LEDGE SITTING DOWN.

Any hearsay information: HE AND R.W. GUNNER TENGLER WERE BUDDIES, SO

WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY DECIDED TO DO. HE WAS QUITE YOUNG AND LOOKED

MORE OR LESS TO TENGLER FOR GUIDANCE

Source: MY OWN OBSERVATIONS

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I FEEL HE WAS

STUNNED OR KILLED WHEN SHIP EXPLODED. TAIL GUNNER SAW ME BAIL

OUT AND SAID SHIP EXPLODED BLOWING HIM OUT SOON AFTE I

LEFT IT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 20 1944 HAMBURG JUNE 19 BORDEAUX

JUNE 18 FLYING SPARE. JUNE 17 CHANNEL COAST FRANCE. CANT

REMEMBER TOWN NAME.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name EDMOND (NMI) KLEIN Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 32324338
 2. Organization 457 Bsq Gp Commander ? Rank ? Sqn CO ? Rank ?
(full name) (full name)
 3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 20 did you go down? YES
 4. What was the mission, HAMBURG, target, OIL STORAGE I THINK target time, 08:30, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
 5. Where were you when you left formation? LAST SHIP ON RIGHT, LOW ELEMENT
 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". TAIL GUNNER WAS BLOWN OUT WHEN SHIP EXPLODED. NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS
 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? EXPLODED IN MID 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) NO KNOWLEDGE WHEN LAST SEEN BY ME, TENGLER (RW) WAS AT GUN POSITION LEEMING (BG) WAS OUT OF BALL SITTING ON EDGE ON RIGHT SIDE OF FUSILAGE
 11. Where were they in aircraft? IN WAIST
 12. What was their condition? BOTH WERE OK
 13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LAST SAW KANE (ENG) AT I.P. WE HAD BOMB BAY DOOR MOTOR SMOKING, HE WENT TO INVESTIGATE IT. AT THAT TIME HE APPEARED O.K. TO ME. IT WAS A FEW MINUTES BEFORE WE WERE HIT.
 14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(OVER)

AS WE WERE BEING TAKEN FROM LUFTWAFFE FIELD IN HAMBURG
A TRUCK CAME IN WITH 3 UNIDENTIFIED BODIES.

THE GERMANS ASKED FOR OFFICERS TO VIEW THEM, BUT I DO
NOT KNOW IF ANY OF THEM DID SO.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KANE, William H.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32824677
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: AEG TIG

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Sgt. Kane was about to follow me in bailing out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Right behind me at the front emergency door

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

Sgt. Kane may have bailed out and shot on the way down. Machine guns and rifles were fired at us on our descent.

Approximately 20 seconds after I left the ship, the ship exploded

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: France June 16, 1944
France June 17, 1944
Hamburg, Germany June 20, 1944

John E. Hill

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TENGLER, Edwin E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 13070280
 Position. Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: AG WG

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Contacted on Interphone a few minutes before being hit

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? sitting near machine gun in rear

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

may have been hit by flak or neglected to jump quickly enough.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: France June 16, 1944

Bordeaux, France, June 17, 1944

Hamburg, Germany, June 20, 1944

Robin E. Hill

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEEMING, Albert W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32778003
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: AG BTG

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

On interphone shortly before being hit

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? With Sgt. Tugler

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: France June 16, 1944
Bordeaux, France June 17, 1944
Hamburg, Germany, June 20, 1944

Robin E. Hill

CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

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

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **William H. Kane** **Engineer** **B-17**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Long Island City, New York**

GRADE OR RANK **Sergeant**

ORGANIZATION **~~457th~~ 457th Bomb Gp--748 Bomb Sq 8th AF**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **20 June 1944.** **Over Hamburg, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **William B. Bomar, Pilot, told me that he saw Subject bail out but he was never heard of again. The German prison guards told me that 15 American Airmen were killed that day by German civilians. It is possible that he may have been killed by civilians.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Not known.**

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

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH
None.

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT **WILLIAM B. BOMAR 2nd Lt. Pilot
Louisville, Kentucky**

SIGN HERE

Edmond Klein 32324338

Name and Serial Number
EDMOND KLEIN 32324338

223 Clermont Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Your home address

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY CASUALTY BRANCH, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE FILL ONE OUT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHOM YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE TO BE DEAD.

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Erwin E. Tengler** **Armorers-Waist Gunner** **B-17**
HOME TOWN OR STATE **Texas**
GRADE OR RANK **Sergeant**
ORGANIZATION **457th Bomb Gp--748 Bomb Sq--- 8th AF**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **20 June 1944. Over Hamburg, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Aircraft hit by flak over target. The plane was set on fire and the pilot gave orders to bail out. I jumped and subject was still in the plane. Sergeant Richard A. Bohl told me afterwards that subject expressed the opinion before we started the mission that he would not bail-out because he heard that German civilians were killing Allied Airmen who came down in German held territory. Bohl told me that subject was still in the ship when he bail-out. Bohl added that he believed shortly after he bailed out the plane blew-up in mid-air.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

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

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH

None

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

**Sergeant Richard A. Bohl Tail Gunner
Detroit, Michigan**

SIGN HERE

Edmond Klein 32324338

Name and Serial Number

EDMOND KLEIN 32324338

223 Glenmont Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y.

Your home address

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ROBIN E. HILL

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Commanding General
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Washington 25, D. C.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1355

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Jack A Lade

YEAR OF BIRTH: 8 September 1921

RANK: 2nd/Lt

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Plane downed by Flak. POW parachuted.
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS:

Ser.Nr. 0918696 T 43 44 O

List and Pers.Property will be attached.

v. Heinz

Lt.Col. and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhls buettel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1410

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Charles Curione

YEAR OF BIRTH: 7 March 1922

RANK: Fl.Off.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Plane downed by Flak. POW Parachuted.
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TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress I¹

REMARKS: Ser.Nr. T 1826 T 43 43 B

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Tuhlbuettel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1430

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Robin Hill

YEAR OF BIRTH: 12 August 1916

RANK: 2nd/Lt

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Plane downed by Flak. POW parachuted.
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS: Ser.Nr. 0-762100 T 42 43 0
List of Pers.Property attached

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/NI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1300

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Edmond Klein

YEAR OF BIRTH: 26 August 1910

RANK: St/Sgt

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Downed by Flak. POW parachuted.
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TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS: Ser. Nr. 32324338 T 42 43 0
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbusttel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1330

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: William B Bemar

YEAR OF BIRTH: 19 September 1922

RANK: 2nd/Lt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg

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TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS: Ser.Nr. 0-812213 T 42 43 0
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel

DATE: 21 June 1944 1340

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Richard A Behl

YEAR OF BIRTH: 29 September 1916

RANK: Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Downed by Flak.POW parachuted from plane
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT Boeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS: 8
Ser.Nr. 3875416 T 43 43 0
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TELEGRAM FORM

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DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **June 28**

THROUGH:

TIME: **12.50 a.p.**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**

THROUGH: **Kroeb**

REMARKS:

A LFSS 267 27/6 1630 -

-31615

To Interrogation Center West Oberursel.

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MAKER 2107

MAKER 6332
B-17
A 7222

M 1

DATE: 20 June 1944

AZ: 0938

RANK: NAME:

EU - 2282

PLACE: Altonerode, Hardershof
near Hamburg

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

1 dead

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1355**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Jack A Lade**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **8 September 1921**

RANK: **2nd/Lt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: - **Plane downed by Flak. POW parachuted.**
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TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 Fortress II**

REMARKS:

Ser.Nr. 0818696 T 43 44 0

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v. Meins

Lt.Col. and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base Headquarters A 6/II
Hamburg-Fahl: buettel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1410**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Charles Curione**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **7 March 1922**

RANK: **Fl.Off.**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: - **Plane downed by Flak. POW Parachuted.**
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TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 Fortress I^A**

REMARKS: **Ser.Nr. 8 1228 T 43 43 B**
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1430**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Robin E Hill**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **12 August 1916**

RANK: **2nd/Lt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- **Plane downed by Flak. POW parachuted.**
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TYPE OF CRAFT **Boeing B 17 Fortress I:**

REMARKS: **Ser.Nr. O-762100 T 42 43 0**
List of Pers.Property attached

v.Meins

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1300**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Edmond Klein**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **26 August 1910**

RANK: **Sgt/Sgt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
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TYPE OF CRAFT **Beeing B 17 Fortress II**

REMARKS: **Ser. Nr. 32324338 T 42 43 0
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbunzel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1330**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **William B Boman**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **18 September 1922**

RANK: **2nd/Lt.**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- **Downed by Flak. POW parachuted from plane.**
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REMARKS: **Ser.Nr. 0-812213 T 42 43 0
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Air Base Headquarters A 6/XI
Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel**

DATE: **21 June 1944 1380**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **Richard A Behl**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **29 September 1916**

RANK: **Sgt.**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **20 June 1944 0940 in Harburg**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) **Downed by Flak. POW parachuted from plane**

TYPE OF CRAFT

Beeing B 17 Fortress II

REMARKS:

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Ser. Nr. **3676416 T 43 43 0**
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ROLL:

FROM:

LFSS

THROUGH:

Cog Bus

*42-31615
NACR 6003*

REMARKS:

A LFSS

267

June 27

16.30

Airdistrict Hq. XI, Ic/Ass., Hamburg - Blankensee

Supplement to teletype message of June 22, 1944

4.) on June 20, 1944 at 09.38 at Hamburg - Altenwerder, BU 9, Boeing B 17 markings on tail assembly 1615. Nothing more ascertainable; damage: 100 % Up to now: 1 dead crewmember. Salvage by Salvage Battalion.

Flight Command 3/XI, Ib Schleswig.

Pencilled note: Crashfire, debris scattered in the swamp.

*Three officially reported AIA
Other crew members PTD*

124399

*From
14 June 46*

6-3224, AF (5)



Remarks and supplements to the downed plane of July 20, 1944

To 10.) ALTENWAENDER

plane destroyed by crashfire. Debris scattered way around and partially sunk into the swamp.

Signature illegible

124400



DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

20 June 1944, 0915 hrs

CASUALTY NO. KU 821 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Hanburg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Fuhlsbuettel

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
BOMAR, William Byron 22 Sep. 1918	2/Lt.	0-812213	captured	Dulag-Luft
HILL, Robin E.	2/Lt.	0-762100	"	"
LADE, Jack Allen	2/Lt.	0-818696	"	"
CURIONE, Charles 7 March 1922 Omaha, Nebr.	F/O	T-1828	"	"
BOHL, Richard Aloysius 29 Sep. 1916 Detroit, Mich.	Sgt.	36876416	"	"
KLEIN, Edmond 22 Aug. ? Brooklyn, N.Y.	S/Sgt.	32324338	"	"

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 29 June 1944 7e.

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KU 2282

Date:	Jun-30-44 at 915	Rank:	NAME:	KU 221 A 8	Jan-28
Place:	Hamburg	2nd Lt	Comar William Byron	0-817215	.
Type of aircraft:	Fortress	2nd Lt	Lade Jack Allen	0-818696	.
Markings:	748 HCo.Sqd.	P/O	Carione Charles	T 1898	.
	457 Group	2nd Lt	Hill Robin E	0-762100	.
Base:	Glatton;	S/Sgt	Klein Edward	32324358	.
		Sgt	Kane William	33824877	dead
		Sgt	Behl Richard Aloysius	36876418	.
		Sgt	Leeming		
		Sgt	Tengler		

not on file

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