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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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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 Bomb Gp (H); 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
4. GIVE: (a) Date: 21 June 44; Time: 1026 ; and Location: Target Area (Berlin)
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.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft: () Other Circumstances as follows: A/C blew up - Causes unknown.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series: B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number: 42-31656
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series: R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-58413
(b) 43-65159 (c) SW-006205 (d) SW-004269
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 892818 - 892319
(a) 882958 ; (b) 892507 ; (c) 887577 (d) 889605-649464-
(e) 650379 ; (f) 888846 ; (g) 892845 (h) 887942-889660-892388
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty & X
(b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. 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 <u>9</u> P	<u>Wilson, Hershel L.</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-812711</u> ✓
2. P <u>2</u> CP	<u>Gaudinier, Bailey J.</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-755919</u> RTD
3. N <u>5</u> N	<u>Perkins, Chester D.</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-717265</u> DEAD
4. B <u>7</u> B/TG	<u>Srout, Jack B.H.</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-551958</u> ✓
5. AEG <u>6</u> TTG	<u>Schankin, Joseph F.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>36577981</u> RTD
6. ROG <u>2</u> RO	<u>Garzia, Frank J.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>36574008</u> ✓
7. AAG <u>7</u> TG	<u>Vassilopoulos, George N.</u> ✓	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39083215</u> RTD
8. AAG <u>4</u> WC	<u>Heekin, Francis X.</u> ✓	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>35125563</u> RTD
9. AAG <u>1</u> BTG	<u>Attleton, Edward L.</u> ✓	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>31287652</u> ✓

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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____ ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reasons (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

Date of Report 24 June 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GERALD H. GALLIGAN
1st Lt., Air Corps

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

A P O 557
25 June 1944.

S BJECT: Statement of Facts on Missing Aircraft 42-31656 - Mission 21 June 1944 - Berlin.

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 of A/C 42-31656:
 - a. Aircraft was observed to have blown up west of Berlin at 1026 hours. One parachute was seen before aircraft had blown up. Causes are unknown.

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

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Incl. #4

List of Identification tags

Edward L. A t t l e t o n	31287652 T 43 44 B P
GEO. V a s s i l o p o u l o s	39083215 T 43 44 O C
GEO. V a s s i l o p o u l o s	39083215 T 43 44 O C
J a c k H. S r o n t	T-2195 T 43 44 O P
Hershel L. W i l s o n	0-812711 T 43 44 O P
Francis X. H o o k i n	35125563 T 41-42 O C

Airbase-Headquarter 25/III
Neuruppin - Test-Dept.

10 August 1944

Late report to salvage report given on the 7 July 1944.

In the crash-report of: 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 with the markings on the rudder U 231656 R which was downed on the 21. June 1944 at 1034 hours in Friesacker Zeetsen 25 km NW Nauen,

it was forgotten to list 2 dead enemy Airforce-members in Item IV b).

They will be reported as follows:

- 4.) 2nd Lt. Jack H. S r o u t , Identification tags T 2195
- 5.) Rank unknown, Edward, L. Attleton, " " 31287552

Distributors:

- 1.) Evaluation center West, Oberursel.
- 2.) Reich Airforce-Department G1 C-Rue-Berlin W 8
- 3.) Camp Command III.Ic
- 4.) Command Fly-district 4/III, Berlin-Staaken
- 5.) Flight Ing. Brunemann
- 6.) Sketch

Signature (illegible)

Captain

Stamm DULAG-Luft, Wetzlar,
 received 16 August 44
 Central file and report center

7 July 1944

Report of the Salvage-Command Neuruppin.

- I.
- | | |
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| 1.) <u>Place of crash:</u> | Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen |
| 2.) <u>Time of crash:</u> | 21 June 1944 1034 hours |
| 3.) <u>Type of plane:</u> | Boeing Fortress B 17 |
| 4.) <u>Number of engines</u> | 4 |
| a.) damaged parts in % | 90% |
| b.) damaged parts | By crash and fire totally destroyed |
| 5.) <u>Arrival of the Salvage-Command on the place of crash:</u> | 21 June 44. Plane was already guarded by Landguard Wutsetz |
| 6.) <u>Number and personnels of the salvage command:</u> | |
| Leader of the command: | Cpt. Renner |
| technical officer (N) | Inspektor Stengele |
| technical officer (fl.) | Obering. Brunemann |
| 2 ammunition-officials and 1 Radio-expert. | |
- II.
- | | |
|---|--|
| 1.) <u>Armament and ammunition:</u> | |
| a.) 4 MG Colt Caliber 12,7 mm Illin destroyed | (useless) |
| b.) 300 shots ammunition Caliber 12,7 mm not usable | (useless) |
| 2.) <u>Armouring:</u> | normal, 7 mm |
| 3.) <u>Radio-sets:</u> | totally destroyed, almost nothing to be found |
| 4.) <u>Establishing of frequencies:</u> | impossible (valve) |
| 5.) <u>Marks of manufacturing:</u>
(type of engines) | 9 cyl. aircooled, pneumatic-controlled radial-motor
Type: Wright, licence Studebaker. |
| 6.) <u>Plane identifications:</u> | on the rudder: U. 231656 R |
| 7.) <u>Fuel and Lubrication-tests:</u> | not at hand |
| 8.) <u>Radio-sets:</u> | not found |
- III. Bombs: 25 incendiary-bombs 3,7 kg of those 10 with dissection. useless
- IV. a. Plane-crew: The following prisoners have been captured immediately after crash and taken over by the salvage command. Transfer of the prisoners on the 23 June 44 to: Prisoner-collecting point Airbase-Headquarter 4/III Berlin-Staken.
- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 1.) S/Sgt. Francis Iaver Heekin | identification tag: | 35125563 |
| 2.) S/Sgt. George Vassilepoulos | " | 39083215 |
| 3.) T/Sergt Joseph Frank Schankin | " | 36577981 |
- According to the statement of the prisoners: 9 men crew, of those 3 Prisoners and 5 dead. Remainder supposedly captured by another salvage command.
- b. The dead have been recovered by a salvage command on the place of crash, and buried on the 21 June 1944 at about 1900 hours on the district-cemetery Friesack/West Dept. 2 Place for enemy Airmen.
- | | | |
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| 1.) S/Sgt. Frank Garis, | identification tag: | 55574008 |
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cont'd from page 3.

- 2.) and Lt. Chester Perkins, without identification tag
- 3.) 2nd Lt. Hershel L. Wilson, identification tag: O-812711

Remarks:

Fuselage and a greater part of the wings dropped on a small meadow at mid a forest and have been destroyed totally by crash fire.

The demanded salvage-command had been charged with the salvage of the parts. (Salvage command 7/III Berlin-Staaken.) In the meantime the plane has been shipped by an unknown salvage-command as known by a telephon-call with the district of a local unit.

All Engine-details - still to be determined - as well as cylinder-type-plates have not been received by this unit.

Further to be determined details while salvaging could not be conveyed, because the plane was already recovered by another salvage command without knowledge of this unit.

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- 2.) Reich-Air-Department G1 C-Rue-Berlin W 8
- 3.) CampCommand III , lc
- 4.) Airbase-Headquarter 4/III, Berlin-Staaken
- 5.) Flight Ober-Ing. Brunnemann
- 6.) Sketch

Signature (illegible)

Captain

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 1329**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **22 June 1944**

THROUGH:

TIME: **1825**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**

THROUGH: **illegible**

REMARKS:

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Urgent. - LBNR N. 1402 21 June 1944 2345 hours

To: Evaluation Center West, Oberursel. On Friesacker Zootzen, 25 km NW-Hauen on the 21 June 1944. at 1034 hours BOKING Fortress B 17, identifications on the rudder U - 231656 R - supposedly downed by hunter. 90% damage by crash and fire. Recovered deads 4 men S/Bgt. Frank Garcia Ident.tag 36574008. 2nd Lt. Chester Perkins without dog tag, 2nd Lt. Hershel L. Wilson, ident. tag 0-812711, 2nd Lt. Jack H. Sroat, ident. tag: T 2195. 3 Prisoners, according to statements of the prisoners 2 men not yet captured.

Airbase-Headquarter 25/III Neuruppin 21 June 1944, 2320 hours.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin,**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944, 0200 hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **1 Boeing Fortress B 17 Marks: U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootsen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 1034 hours.**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

H e e k i a

FIRST NAME:

Francis Xaver

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

S/Sgt. 35125563

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point
Airbase district 4/III Berlin-Staaken**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Friesack/Westh. immediately after crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**

POST:

Neuruppin

PLACE:

22 June 1944 0200 hours

DATE:

1 Boeing Fortress B 17 marks U 231656 R

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**Friesacker Zootsen 25 km NW Nanzen**EM. LANDING:

AT:

21 June 1944 at 1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

V a s s i l e p o u l e s**George**

FIRST NAME:

S/Sgt. 39083215

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point**Airbase district 4/III Berlin Staaken**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Friesack/Westh. on 21 June 44 immediately after crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 02)) hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **1 Boeing Fortress B 27 Marks: U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootsen 25 km NW Nauen 21 June 44
1034 hours**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

S c h a n k i n

FIRST NAME:

Joseph Frank**T/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

36577981 not at handRESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point
Airbase district 4/III Berlin Staaken**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21.6.44 Friesack/Westh. immediately after crash.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Airbase Headquarter A 25/III**

LOCATION: **Neuruppin**

DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**

DATE AND TIME: **21 June 1944 1034 hours**

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: **Frissacker Zootser 25 km NW Nauen**
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: **supposedly downed by hunter**
(PLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing Fortress B 17**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **U 231656 R on the rudder**
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO?

EQUIPMENT: **not found**

F.T. FREQUENCIES: **not to be established**

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **90 % damage by crash-fire**

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootsen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 at 1034 hours**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G a r s i a

FIRST NAME:

Frank**S/Sgt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **36574008**RESULT. (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered.**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Community-cemetery Friesack/Westh. Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen on 21 June 44 1900 hours**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **1 Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 at 1034 hours**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

P e r k i n s

FIRST NAME:

Chester

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

2nd. Lt.**without identification tag**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Community-cemetery Friesack/Westh. Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen at 1900 hours on
the 21 June 44**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **1 Boeing Fortress B 17 Marks: U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **21 June 1944 1034 hours**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **S r o u t**FIRST NAME: **Jack H. 2nd. Lt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **T 2195**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Community-cemetery Friesack Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen on 21 June 44 1900 hours**

KU 2317

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944 0200 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: Friesacker Zootzen 25 Km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: Wilson
Hershel L. 2nd. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-812711

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recover

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: community-cemetery Friesack Dept. 2
place for enemy airmen on 21. June 44 1400 hours

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LSOU 1162

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 27 June 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2030

ROLL:

FROM: LS3E

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

Urgent: LBNF 317 26 June 1944 1430

To: Evaluation Center West Oberursel.

Subject: Places of crash at Headquarter III on 21 June 1944
day-raid on Berlin

- 13.) 1034 hours Friesacker Zootzen. 25 Km NW Nauen.
In EF 8 (german grid system) "FORTRESS" II 90% damage
Identifications: U 231 656 on the tail-unit, 4 dead, 3 prisoners,
2 unknown fate.

KU 2318

G A R Z I A , Frank

3/Sgt.

36574008

downing 21 June 1944, 1034 Friesacker Zootsen, 25 Km NW Naen

dead

KU 23 17

P E R K I N S , Chester

2nd/Lt.

-

downing 21 June 1944, 1034 Friesacker Zootsen, 25 Km NW Naen

dead

KU 2317

S R O U T , Jak H.

2nd/Lt.

T 2195

downing 21 June 1944, 1034 Friesacker Zootsen

dead

REPORT on CAPTURE of an
AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. KU 2317

DATE and TIME
AIRCRAFT was shot down: Jun. 21, 1944, - 10,34

PLACE of CRASH: Friesacker Zootzen near Nauen

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

REPORTING STATION: Air Base Command Neuruppin

C R E W :

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
SCHANKIN Joseph Frank Feb. 9, 23 Mich.	T/Sgt.	3657 7921	captured	Dulag Luft
VASSILOPOVLOS George Nick	S/Sgt.	3908 3215	"	"
HEEKIN Francis Xavier	S/Sgt.	3512 5563	"	"
WILSON Hershel L.	2/Lt.	0-812 711	dead	
PERKINS Chester D.	2/Lt.	- -	"	
STROUT Jack H.	2/Lt.	T - 2195	"	
GARZIA Frank J.	S/Sgt.	3657 4008	"	
ATTLETON EDWARD L.	Sgt.	3128 7552	"	

REMARKS: _____

DULAG-LUFT
Date July 3, 1944.
No. _____

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Vicks
100708

AV 1080/44

KU
2317

2.	Crash of Boeing Fortress B 17 NrU 231656 R on 21 June 1944 at 1034 near Friesacker Zootsen 25 Km NW of Haven	G A R Z I A S/Sgt. Frank 35574008	Community Cemetery of Friesack/Westh. Section 2 for ene- my Aircrow members on 21 June 1944 at 1900.
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3.	"	2nd/Lt P E R K I N S Chester	"
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4.	" KU2317	2nd/Lt W I L S O N Herchel L. O-812711	"
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5.	" 2317	2nd/Lt. S R O U T Jack H. T 2195	"
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6.	" KU2317	A T T L E T O N Edward L. 31287562	Community Cemetery Friesack/Westh. Section for enemy Aircrow Members 2 on 23 June 1944 at 1600
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24 February 1945
Italy
Verona

F/S. Lawrence, Peter, Gertrude ?

F/S. Pedall, A. W. ?

F/S. Johnson, D. E. Hosp. ?

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 21 Jun 1944, 2400 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, aircraft which was not taken over by this Headquarters.
EM. LANDING: AT: ./.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Gaudinier ✓

FIRST NAME: Bailey *J.*

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-755919 ✓

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) 23 Jun 1944 shipped to POW-Collection Center Air Base Area
Command 4/III, Berlin-Staken

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Friesack/Westh. 21 Jun 1944, 1130 hours

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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Signature illegible
Captain

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REPORT on CAPTURE of an AIRCRAFT of the USAAF

Case - Nr. KU 2317

DATE and TIME AIRCRAFT was shot down: Jun.21, 1944, - 10,34

PLACE of CRASH: Friesacker Zootzen near Nauen

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

REPORTING STATION: Air Base Command Neuruppin

C R E W :

NAME and FIRST NAME: DATE and PLACE of BIRTH:	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER:	CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD:	DISPOSITION: NAME of CAMP TYPE of INJURY GRAVE LOCATION
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STROUT Jack H.	2/Lt.	T - 2195	"	
GARZIA Frank J.	S/Sgt.	3657 4008	"	
ATTLETON EDWARD L.	Sgt.	3128 7552	"	

REMARKS: _____

DULAG-LUFT
Date

July 3, 1944.

We.

Forwarded to Theater Judge Advocate

ETO 10/15/46
W. E. B.

MA CR. No. 6004

List of Identification tags:

Edward L. A t t l e t o n	31287652 T 43 44 B P
GEO. V a s s i l o p o u l o s	39083215 T 43 44 O C
GEO. V a s s i l o p o u l o s	39083215 T 43 44 O C
Jack H. S r o u t	T-2195 T 43 44 O P
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Airbase-Headquarter 25/III
Neuruppin - Test-Dept.

10 August 1944

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They will be reported as follows:

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- 5.) Rank unknown, Edward, L. Attleton, " " 31287552

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- 2.) Reich Airforce-Department G1 C-Rue-Berlin W 8
- 3.) Camp Command III.Ic
- 4.) Command Fly-district 4/III, Berlin-Staaken
- 5.) Flight Ing. Brunemann
- 6.) Sketch

Signature (illegible)

Captain

Stamp: DULAG-Luft, Wetzlar,
 received 16 August 44
 Central file and report center

Forwarded to Theater Judge Advocate

E. TO 10/15/46
 REB

7 July 1944

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- I.
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| 1.) <u>Place of crash:</u> | Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen |
| 2.) <u>Time of crash:</u> | 21 June 1944 1034 hours |
| 3.) <u>Type of plane:</u> | Boeing Fortress B 17 |
| 4.) <u>Number of engines</u> | 4 |
| a.) damaged parts in % | 90% |
| b.) damaged parts | By crash and fire totally destroyed |
| 5.) <u>Arrival of the Salvage-Command on the place of crash:</u> | 21 June 44. Plane was already guarded by landguard Wutzetz |
| 6.) <u>Number and personnels of the salvage command:</u> | Forwarded to Theater Judge Advocate |
| Leader of the command: | Cpt. Renner |
| technical officer (N) | Inspektor Stengels |
| technical officer (fl.) | Obering. Brunnemann |
| 2 ammunition-officials and 1 Radio-expert. | |
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| 1.) <u>Armament and ammunition:</u> | |
| a.) 4 MG Colt Caliber 12,7 mm Iliin destroyed | (useless) |
| b.) 300 shots ammunition Caliber 12,7 mm not usable | (useless) |
| 2.) <u>Armouring:</u> | normal, 7 mm |
| 3.) <u>Radio-sets:</u> | totally destroyed, almost nothing to be found |
| 4.) <u>Establishing of frequencies:</u> | impossible (valve) |
| 5.) <u>Marks of manufacturing:</u>
(type of engines) | 9 cyl. aircooled, pneumatic-controlled radial-motor
Type: Wright, licence Studebaker.
on the rudder: U. 231656 R |
| 6.) <u>Plane identifications:</u> | |
| 7.) <u>Fuel and Lubrication-tests:</u> | not at hand |
| 8.) <u>Radio-set:</u> | not found |
- III. Bombs: 25 incendiary-bombs 3,7 kg of those 10 with dissection. useless
- IV. a. Plane-crew: The following prisoners have been captured immediately after crash and taken over by the salvage command. Transfer of the prisoners on the 23 June 44 to: Prisoner-collecting point Airbase-Headquarter 4/III Berlin-Staaken.
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| 1.) S/Sgt. Francis Xaver Heekin | identification tag: 35125563 |
| 2.) S/Sgt. George Vassilopoulos | " " 39083215 |
| 3.) T/Sergt Joseph Frank Schankin | " " 36577981 |
- According to the statement of the prisoners: 9 men crew, of those 3 Prisoners and 5 dead. Remainder supposedly captured by another salvage command.
- b. The dead have been recovered by a salvage command on the place of crash, and buried on the 21 June 1944 at about 1900 hours on the district-cemetery Friesack/West Dept. 2 Place for enemy Airmen.
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| 1.) S/Sgt. Frank Garzis, | identification tag: 36574008 |
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- 2.) and Lt. Chester Perkins, without identification tag
- 3.) 2nd Lt. Hershel L. Wilson, identification tag: O-812711

Remarks:

Fuselage and a greater part of the wings dropped on a small meadow at mid a forest and have been destroyed totally by crash fire.

The demanded salvage-command had been charged with the salvage of the parts. (Salvage command 7/III Berlin-Staaken.) In the meantime the plane has been shipped by an unknown salvage-command as known by a telephon-call with the district of a local unit.

All Engine-details - still to be determined - as well as cylinder-type-plates have not been received by this unit.

Further to be determined details while salvaging could not be conveyed, because the plane was already recovered by another salvage command without knowledge of this unit.

Distributor:

- 1.) Evaluation Center west, Oberursel.
- 2.) Reich-Air-Department G1 C-Rue-Berlin W 8
- 3.) CampOCommand III , lc
- 4.) Airbase-Headquarter 4/III, Berlin-Staaken
- 5.) Flight Ober-Ing. Brunnemann
- 6.) Sketch

Signature (illegible)

Captain

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 1329**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **22 June 1944**

THROUGH:

TIME: **1825**

ROLL:

FROM: **LSEB**

THROUGH: **illegible**

REMARKS:

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Urgent. - LBNR N. 1402 21 June 1944 2345 hours

To: Evaluation Center West, Oberursel. On Friesacker Zootsen, 25 km NW-rauen on the 21 June 1944. at 1034 hours BOEING Fortress B 17 , identifications on the rudder U - 231656 R - supposedly downed by hunter. 90% damage by crash and fire. Recovered dead: 4 men S/Sgt. Frank Garzia Ident.tag 36574008. 2nd Lt. Chester Perkins without dog tag, 2nd Lt. Hershel L. Wilson, ident. tag: O-812711, 2nd Lt. Jack H. Sroust, ident. tag: T 2195. 3 Prisoners, according to statements of the prisoners 2 men not yet captured.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin,

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944, 0200 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 Marks: U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 1034 hours.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: H e e k i n
Francis Xaver

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) S/Sgt. 35125563

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point
Airbase district 4/III Berlin-Staaken

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Friesack/Westh. immediately after crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**

PLACE: **Neuruppin**

DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **1 Boeing Fortress B 17 marks U 231656 R**

EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 at 1034 hours**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

V a s s i l o p o u l o s

FIRST NAME:

George

S/Sgt. 39083215

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point
Airbase district 4/III Berlin Staaken**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Friesack/Westh. on 21 June 44 immediately after crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944 02)) hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 Marks: U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen 21 June 44
1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: S c h a n k i n
Joseph FrankSERIAL NUMBER: (USA) T/Sgt.
36577981 not at hand

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) on 23 June 44 directly to PW-collecting point

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Airbase district 4/III Berlin Staaken
21.6.44 Friesack/Westh. immediately after crash.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPOST: **Airbase Headquarter A 25, III**LOCATION: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**DATE AND TIME: **21 June 1944 1034 hours**
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: **Friesaker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen**
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: **supposedly downed by hunter**
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing Fortress B 17**MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **U 231656 R on the rudder**
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT: **not found**
F.T. FREQUENCIES: **not to be established**
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **90 % damage by crash-fire**DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin**PLACE: **Neuruppin**DATE: **22 June 1944 0200 hours**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 R**EM. LANDING: AT: **Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 at 1034 hours**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: **G a r s i a
Frank**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **S/Sgt.
36574008**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered.**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Community-cemetery Friesack/Westh. Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen on 21 June 44 1900 hours**Forwarded to Theater Judge Advocate
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944 0200 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: Friesacker Zootzen 25 km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 at 1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

P e r k i n s

FIRST NAME:

Chester

2nd. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

without identification tag

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Community-cemetery Friesack/Westh. Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen at 1900 hours on
the 21 June 44

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944 0200 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 Marks: U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: 21 June 1944 1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S r o u t

FIRST NAME: Jack H. 2nd. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) T 2195

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Community-cemetery Friesack Dept. 2
Place for enemy airmen on 21 June 44 1900 hours

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter Neuruppin

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: 22 June 1944 0200 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 1 Boeing Fortress B 17 U 231656 REM. LANDING: AT: Friesacker Zootzen 25 Km NW Nauen
21 June 1944 1034 hours

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: W i l s o n
Hershel L. 2nd. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-812711

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: community-cemetery Briesack Dept. 2
place for enemy airmen on 21. June 44 1900 hours

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Paul
Shankin, Joseph Frank, S/Lt.

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 9 men

DATE: 21 June 1944	AT: 1034	RANK:	NAME:	HI - 2317
PLACE: Friescher Zeezon near Hanna, Friesland		2nd Lt	WILSON, Herbert L ^{schel}	dead ASH: O-812711
		2nd Lt	PERKINS, Chester B	dead ASH: —
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress		2nd Lt	SCOUT, Jack H	dead ASH: — T-2195
MARKINGS: 231656		T/Sgt	SCHANIN, Joseph Frank	ASH: 36577981
751 (MB) Sqd - 457 Group		S/Sgt	VASSILOPOULDS, George	ASH: 39083215
		S/Sgt	HICKIN, Francis Xavier	ASH: 35125563
TARGET: Airbase HQ - Neuruppin		S/Sgt	GARZIA, Frank J	dead ASH: 36574008
		Sgt	ATKINSON, Edward J.	dead ASH: 31287552

4 dead, buried in community - cemetery Friesland, Westerbavalland

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