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to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AC
Date **MAR 15 1968**

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**BEHMAN RECORDS
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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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by F. M. MURKIN, Capt., AG
Date Aug 25 1944

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 SAF
Group 457th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 748th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Intended Destination Munich, Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Poor 10/10 Cloud
- GIVE: (a) Date 21 July 44; Time 1312; and Location Target Area
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether 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 one)
() Enemy Aircraft; Enemy anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97087
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-010800
(b) SW-010474; (c) 42-137894; (d) SW-006217
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 637926 - 638657
(a) 638480; (b) 389792; (c) 638159; (d) 389499 - 950308
(e) 898768; (f) 638600; (g) 638225; (h) 727529 - 949774
- 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	<i>et 10-1344</i> <i>mop</i> Schiffman, Byron S.	2nd Lt.	0554704
2. CP	<i>POW</i> Barton, William L.	F/O	T62413
3. N	<i>POW</i> Cohen, Irving J.	F/O	T125182
4. B	<i>KIA</i> Firing, Finn (NMI)	F/O	T2493
5. AEG	<i>KIA</i> Westwood, Joseph R.	T/Sgt	20908380
6. ROG	<i>KIA</i> Mostow, Nathaniel (NMI)	T/Sgt	14076974
7. AAEG	<i>KIA</i> Wilkerson, John R.	S/Sgt	39705452
8. AROG	<i>KIA</i> Kunz, Alfred (NMI)	S/Sgt	19072701
9. AG	<i>KIA</i> Epley, Wilbur L.	S/Sgt	37033831
10. AAG	<i>KIA</i> Nelson, Vernon A.	SGT	38411794

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 Yes; (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.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Attached.

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 4 August 1944

Gerald H. Galligan
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

Aug 30'

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HEADQUARTERS 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of P/W Officer
AAF STATION 130

A P O 557
2 August 1944

SUBJECT: Friendly A/C MIA.

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

1. On 31 July 1944 during a mission to Munich, Germany A/C 42-97087 piloted by Lt. Bryon S. Schiffman was lost due to flak over the target. Lt. Schiffman was flying #5 position in the low element of the low box and was hit at approximately 1312 hours at 25,000 feet.

2. Lt. John Schwall, Bombardier, in A/C 44-6118 (#3 position) observed that the #1 engine was on fire and that the plane began to disintegrate quickly (part of one wing falling off) and go into a spin. The plane then blew up. Three chutes were seen to open.

3. Another witness was Sgt Wesley R. McDonald, left waist gunner, in A/C 44-6118, who took motion pictures of the stricken ship. Both planes belonged to the 748th Bomb Squadron.

IRVING A. STONE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps
Ass't P/W Officer.

A TRUE COPY;

Gerald H. Galligan
GERALD H. GALLIGAN,

1st Lt., A. C.,
Group Stat. Officer

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Boeing B 17 G shotdown 1 km w of center of Perlach se of Munich 31 July 44 1320 .
K U N Z , Alfred dead 19072701 T 43
Buried at cemetery Unterhaching 9 Aug. 44 .

KU 2596

Bulang Luft. Vetzlar
 Received: 17 Aug 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

SECRET

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

--OBERURSEL--

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSQU No. 0264**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

13 August

THROUGH:

TIME:

2030

ROLL:

FROM:

LSUB

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

High priority **LSUB No.018 10 August 1230.** -
 To: Interrogation Center West, Oberursel. -
 Subject: Second report on downing of a Boeing 17 G on 31 July 1944 at 1415 2 km
 west of SWINACH, southeast of Hünich in a rye-field. -
 1 dead crewmember found by farmer during mowing on rye-field. - Type of craft:
 Boeing 17 G. - Markings of craft: white capital V in black triangle and black P. -
 License No.: 287007. - Shot down by Flak 3-3. - 3/risers transferred to Ober-
 ursel on 1 August 1944. - 5 dead interred at cemetery Unterhaching near Hünich
 on 31 July 1944. - On 9 August found and also interred at Unterhaching cemetery:
 K u n s, Alfred, Id. tag 18072701. - According to a roster which was found 1 man
 of the crew (c o s t w o e d) is still missing. -
 Airbase Headquarters A(e) 3/VII, Neubiberg. -

31 July 1944 1515
 1 km west of center Perleok
 southeast of Munich
 in a rye-field ?
 Flak (A)

Fortress G

U 297087-P

Airbase Neubiberg

Pilot	Lt. Schiffman	
Co-Pilot	Lt. Barton	
Navigator	Lt. Cohen	
Bombardier	P/O Firing, Eric	dead
	Sgt. Westwood	"
	Sgt. Hestow, Nathaniel	dead
	Sgt. Wilkerson, J. R.	dead
	Sgt. Kuns	"
	Sgt. Hyley, Wilbur L.	dead
	Sgt. Nelson, Vernon A.	dead

Dulag Luft, Weislar
 Received: 3 Aug 1944

Dalag Luft, Wetular
Received: 17 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters A(e) 4/VII**

PLACE: **Munich-Riem**

DATE: **5 August 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: **Beeing 17 G, markings: white N in black triangle, and black N. 1 km west of center Perlach near Munich, on 31 July 1944 at 1500****

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Ventwood**

FIRST NAME: **Josef R.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **20908388, F 43-43**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **on 1 August 1944 in woods 3 km south of airbase Munich-Riem (Community Waldtrudering)**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Munich-Western cemetery. Location of grave: 30 - 4 - 92, interred on 2 August 1944**

Signature

Dalang Luft, Weiblar
 Received: 5 Aug 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSQU No.35**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

3 August 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

2310

ROLL:

FROM:

LSQL

THROUGH:

Naag

REMARKS:

High priority LSQU No.115 3 August 1944. -
 To: Interrogation Center West, Oberursel. -
 2) Subject: Downing of a Boeing 17 G on 31 July 1944 at 1515 1 km west of
 center Perlach, southeast of Munich, in a rye-field. -
 Crew captured on 31 July 1944, about 1800, by Flak and Police. - Type of craft:
 Boeing 17 G. - Markings: white capital U in black triangle, and black P.2
 license No.: 297087. - Shot down by Flak. -
 3 prisoners: 2nd Lt. Schifman, Byron S. Id.tag 21798
 P/O Barton, William Id.tag 62413
 P/O Cohen, Irving J. Id.tag 125182
 Have been transferred to Oberursel on 1 August 1944. -
 Dead: Vining Id.tag 2893 Rank unknown
 Wilson, Vernon A. Id.tag 22412754 Rank unknown
 Epley, Wilbur L. Id.tag 27033831 Rank unknown
 Hastew, Nathaniel Id.tag 14078874 Rank unknown
 Wilkinson, J.R. Id.tag 29785453 Rank unknown
 Interred at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich on 31 July 1944. -
 According to a roster found in craft the following members of crew are still
 missing: TT Westwood and BVEK... -

2) Subject: Downing of a 4 Engine enemy aircraft in 31 July 1944 at 1330 near Lerchenn-Georgenstreet, Feldmoching near Munich. -
1 crew member captured on 31 July 1944 at Separation Center of the Waffen-SS near Ingelestaeter Street near KH 13. - Type, markings, License No. of craft and kind of capture unknown. - 1 prisoner; 2nd Lt. V. A. R. d., Merion H. Id. tag O-713782, has been transferred to Oberursel on 1 August 1944. - Whereabouts of the other crew members unknown. -
Airbase Headquarters A(e)3/VII, Neubiberg. -

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FORM 1

KU 2596

Dulag Luft, Weislar
Received: 10 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters**

PLACE: **Neubiberg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

Fortress 2
on 31 July 1944 at 1330
at Berlin near Munich

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Schiffman

FIRST NAME:

Byron S.

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

61798

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

31 July 1944 at 1330 at Neubiberg, Waldtrudering
in area of Search Light Position D 18

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Interrogation Center West
Hospital
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FORM 1

Dulag Luft, Weislar
Received: 10 Aug 1944

FORM 2806

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters**

PLACE: **Neubiberg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Bombardier 2**
EM. LANDING: AT: **on 31 July 1944 1330**
at Perlmach near Munich

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Barton

FIRST NAME:

William

RANK: **W/O**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

62418

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

31 July 1944 1330 at Neubiberg

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

./.

Distributors:
Air District Command
Interrogation Center West
Hospital
Draft

DJ/Ag Ltft, Wetzlar
Received: 15 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters**

PLACE: **Neubiberg**

DATE: **1 August 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Beeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1830**
EM. LANDING: AT: **1 km west of center Perlach southeast of Munich**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Cohen**

FIRST NAME: **Irving J.** RANK: **Flight Officer**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **125122**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **in area Neubiberg**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-/0**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-/0**

**Distributor:
Air District Command
Interrogation Center West
Hospital
Draft**

Datag Luft, Weislar
Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-**

PLACE: **Neubiberg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing 17E, on 31 July 1944 1830**
EM. LANDING: AT: **1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Firing

FIRST NAME:

Finn

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

T-3495 T 43-43 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich.

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag**
- 1 Ring, golden (Inscription FF)**
- 1 Chain, silver**
- 8 Photographs**
- 1 Compass, damaged**
- 2 Vocabulary**

Distributor: ./.

Dulag Luft, Weislar
Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-**

PLACE: **Homburg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17G, on 31 July 1944 1330**
1 km west of center Perlach near Munich
AT: ~~EM-1/AMC/AF/II~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Nelson**

FIRST NAME: **Vernon A.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **55411794 T-43-43 A**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **./.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **31 July 1944 at cemetery Waterbaching near Munich**

Personal effects:

1 Identification tag

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Of/ice-**

PLACE: **Homburg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1830**
1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich,
in rye-field.

~~EM. APPROX. AT:~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Spicy**

FIRST NAME: **Wilbur L.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **17033851 T 41-44 A**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **./.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich**

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag
- 1 Ring, silver
- 1 wristwatch, burnt

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Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-**

PLACE: **Neubiberg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17G, on 31 July 1944 1330**
1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich
AT: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **K E S E W**

FIRST NAME: **Nathaniel**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **14076874 2 42-43 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **./.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **31 July 1944 at cemetery Interhaching near
Munich**

Personal effects:

1 Identification tag

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-**

PLACE: **Humburg**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17G, on 31 July 1944 1513**
1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich

AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **VILKOPFER**

FIRST NAME: **J.R.** RANK: **probably Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **3270842**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **recovered dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **./.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **1 August 1944 cemetery Unterhaching**

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag**
- 1 Inhaler**
- 9 Passport photographs**
- 1 Miniature Compass**

Dalog Luft, Weizlar
Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-**

LOCATION: **H e u b i b e r g**

DATE: **31 July 1944**

DATE AND TIME: **31 July 1944 1312**
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) **1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich
in a rye-field**

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING) **Flak**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Beeing 17 G**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) **white capital U in black triangle and black P**

ADMITTANCE NO: **197087**

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES:
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **nothing found
mostly burnt, details see below
no damage**

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) **Heavy equipment examination center
Dalog Luft
Air District Command
Airbase District Command**

FT Frequencies:

Christal Unit DC-35 Frequency KG-5361, ~~no~~ Federal
Christal Unit DC-16 Frequency KG-7850 GP, Christal
Unit DC-15 Frequency KG-3300 Christal ~~product~~ KG-10.

Remark: Fin and tail gunner's position were crushed into the yard of the Bauhaus
sur Post (about 1 km from the crashpoint of the plane).

Crew No. 155. Ship No. 087.

Pilot	Schiffman	captured	Radio Op.	Hester	dead
Co-Pilot	Barton	captured	LW	Hinkerson	dead
Navigator	Cohen	captured	TW	Ems	missing
Bombardier	Firing	dead	Miss BT	Epley	dead
IF	Vestwood	missing	TO	Nelson	dead

6-3224,AF(4)

PERSONAL EFFECTS

of the member of enemy Air Forces Josef R. Westwood,
 crew member of the Boeing 17 G shot down on 31 July 1944,
 1 km west of center Perleth near Munich;

- 1 Identification tag 20903500 F 42-43
 with chain, silver

Munich, 4 August 1944

Signature
 Major and Operations Officer

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

31 July 44, time: 1320

CASUALTY NO. KU 2596

PLACE OF CRASH

Perlach near Muenchen

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Neubiberg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT	
Schiffman	Byton Stanley	2nd/Lt. 0-554704	captured	Dulag Luft	
Cohen	Irving Joseph	F/O. T-125182	"	" "	
Barton	William Leroy	" T-62413	"	" "	
Piring	Finn	" T-2493	Dead	Interred on 31 July 44 cemetery Unterhasching near Muenchen.	
Mestox	Nathaniel	Sgt. 14076974	"	etc.	
Wilkerson	J.R.	" 39705432	"	"	
Epley	Wibur L.	" 37033831	"	"	
Nelson	Vernon A.	" 38411794	"	"	
<u>Downing No. 1 KU 2596</u>		1. additional report of 13 Sept 44			
Kang	Alfred	Sgt. 19012701	dead	Interred on July 44 Cemetery Unterhasching	

Downing No. 2 2596

2. additional report on 25 Nov 44

Westwood Joseph R. Sgt. 20908380 dead

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft 8 Aug 44 - Vo.

KU 2603

July 4/43. Perlach (1 km W) 6 km S Munich, DD 4 -, 1315 hrs, Boeing, insignia : white U in black triangle, below black P. No. 297087.

2. Perlach KU 2596 (1km W) 6 km S Munich, DD 4, 1313 hrs, Boeing, 98 G, crash fire, insignia : white U in white triangle, below black P.No. 297 087 . 5 dead, 3 prisoners, shot down probably by flak.

2. Perlach, (1 km W) 6 km S Munich, - DD 4. - 1313 hrs Boeing, 98 G. Crash fire. insignia : White U in black triangle. Below black P No. 297 087. 5 dead. 3 prisoners. Shot down presumably by flak.

MACR 0829

B-17

10 man crew

AAF 42-97087

KU

Date: 31 July 1944
Time: 1815
Place: Perlach near Munich
Type: Fortress
Markings: 297387 - 7

748th (M.B.) Sqd.
Group 457

Target: Airfield Neubiberg

Rank	Name	Serial	Status
2nd Lt.	SCHIFFMAN Byron Stanley	ASH 0-554704	
Fl/O	BARTON William Le Roy	ASH T-68413	
Fl/O	BOHNE Irving Joseph	ASH S-125182	R/W
F/O	FIRING Finn	ASH T-3493	dead
Sgt.	WESTWOOD Joseph R.	ASH 20908380	dead
Sgt.	MOSTOW Nathaniel	ASH 14076974	dead
Sgt.	WILKERSON J. R.	ASH 39705453	dead
Sgt.	KUNE Alfred	ASH 19072701	dead
Sgt.	EPLEY Wilbur L.	ASH 37033831	dead
Sgt.	NELSON Vernon A.	ASH 38411794	dead

Buried Cemetery Untermaching near Munich 31 July

Ref MACR 7820
not on 497 file
see 11

✓ 2nd Lt. Byron S. Schiffman

Mrs. Selma H. Schiffman, (Mother)
1504 East 33rd Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

✓ P/O. Irving J. Cohen

Mr. Harry Cohen, (Father)
2324 Morris Avenue,
New York, New York.

✓ P/O. William L. Barton

Mrs. Florence Barton, (Mother)
1104 Main Street,
Smithport, Pennsylvania.

✓ P/O. Finn Firing

Mr. Osborne Firing, (Father)
125 Beach Avenue,
New Dorp, Staten Island, New York.

✓ T/Sgt. Joseph R. Westwood

Mrs. Nadine E. Westwood, (Wife)
619 Elm Street,
Marysville, California.

✓ T/Sgt. Nathaniel Mastow

Mrs. Bessie Mastow, (Mother)
4713 Third Place, Northwest,
Washington, D. C.

✓ S/Sgt. John R. Wilkerson

Mrs. Linnie Wilkerson, (Mother)
801 Lillian Street,
Benton, Arkansas.

✓ S/Sgt. Wilbur L. Epley

Mrs. Cora Epley, (Mother)
Rural Free Delivery #1,
Elk Creek Nebraska.

✓ Sgt. Alfred Kuns

Mrs. Vivian E. Kuns, (Mother)
Bern, Idaho.

✓ Sgt. Vernon A. Nelson

Mrs. Florence V. Nelson, (Mother)
Box 304,
Crosby, Texas.

2nd Lt. Byron S. Schiffman	Mrs. Selma H. Schiffman, 1504 East 33rd Street, Brooklyn, New York.	(Mother)
F/O. Irving J. Cohen	Mr. Harry Cohen, 2324 Morris Avenue, New York, New York.	(Father)
F/O. William L. Barton	Mrs. Florence Barton, 1104 Main Street, Smithport, Pennsylvania.	(Mother)
F/O. Finn Firing	Mr. Osborne Firing, 128 Beach Avenue, New Dorp, Staten Island, New York.	(Father)
T/Sgt. Joseph R. Westwood	Mrs. Nadine E. Westwood, 619 Elm Street, Marysville, California.	(Wife)
T/Sgt. Nathaniel Mestow	Mrs. Bessie Mestow, 4713 Third Place, Northwest, Washington, D. C.	(Mother)
S/Sgt. John R. Wilkerson	Mrs. Linnie Wilkerson, 801 Lillian Street, Benton, Arkansas.	(Mother)
S/Sgt. Wilbur L. Epley	Mrs. Core Epley, Rural Free Delivery #1, Elk Creek Nebraska.	(Mother)
Sgt. Alfred Kuns	Mrs. Vivian E. Kuns, Bern, Idaho.	(Mother)
Sgt. Vernon A. Nelson	Mrs. Florence V. Nelson, Box 304, Crosby, Texas.	(Mother)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **NELSON, Vernon A.**
 Rank: **Sgt**
 Serial number: **38411794**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown --tail blown or broke off

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before
we had an oxygen check

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Tail blown off-
bailed
if not wounded may have ~~jumped~~ out and been killed by civilians

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **EPLEY, Wilbur L.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **37033831**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: oxygen check
before bomb run

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Epley was short
and heavy set, couldn't fit in ball turret with chest or seat chute-no
blanket chutes available-tail blown off probably couldn't get out of ball
turret-if he did his chute was probably lost

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: KUNE, Alfred (M1)
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 19072701
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: oxygen check before bomb run

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: May have helped bail bunner

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: WILKINSON, John R.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 57705452
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: oxygen check before bomb run

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: may have tried to help some other crew member

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **BOSTON, Nathaniel (M1)**
 Rank: **T/Sgt**
 Serial number: **1A079814**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before we were hit I called the radio operator and asked him if he was throwing out "chaff" He replied, "yes sir, yes sir" That was all
 Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Tail back of radio room blown off-might have been wounded. May have been killed by civilians

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **WESTWOOD, Joseph R.**
Rank: **T/Sgt**
Serial number: **20908380**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? unknown

Where? unknown

If not, why not? unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: oxygen check before bomb run

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? unknown

Any hearsay information: Pilot said he saw Westwood going into the bomb bay presumably to bail out.

Source: Pilot Lt. Byron Schiffman

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: doubt if he was wounded, had better chance than rest of crew to bail out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: FIRING, Finn (NMI)
Rank: T/O
Serial number: T-2493
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? no

Where? -----

If not, why not? Wounded on bomb run--(not positive)

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: oxygen check before bomb run- no conversation

Was he injured? Yes I think so (not positive)

Where was he when last seen? In nose lying face down on floor

Any hearsay information: Navigator said he thought that bombardier had chute on under flak suit- motioned to navigator to leave him alone. Had strange look on his face, may have been ~~xxxx~~ mortally wounded and knew it.

Source: Navigator Irving J. Cohen

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I'm sure he was still in plane when it crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: none

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BARTON, WILLIAM L. Rank F/O Serial No. T-62413
2. Organization 457 BGP Commander Col. James R. Luper Rank Col. Sqdn CO 748 Sqd. Hosier Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, target, B.M.W. plant, target time, 12:00 Approx., altitude, 19,800 Approx. route scheduled, unknown
_____, route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Last ship, low squadron
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes-Only the pilot and Navigator bailed out as far as I know
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 behind navigator, at about 18,000-15,000ft. I was last out of plane. See back of this sheet.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In a field on the outskirts of Munich
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Bombardier, F/O Firing Not sure about rest of crew.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Entire tail of plane behind radio room was blown off so some of crew were probably blown out of plane without
12. What was their condition? chutes. Bombardier F/O Firing was wounded- Condition of rest of crew not known.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Only ones I saw besides F/O Firing were Pilot and Navigator whom I met later in the afternoon in a dungeon at a nearby airfield
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge of any other crews except surviving members whom I met in prison camp.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

We were hit on the bomb run in the nose. At that time I think F/O Firing (bombardier) was wounded. (Navigator (F/O Irving Cohen) said later that Firing waved him on when Cohen took ahold of his arm so Cohen bailed out.) After "bombs away" we started to "peel off" to the left and lose a 1000'. We had the plane at a 45° angle and a burst of flak tore a large hole in the right wing behind No. 3 engine and the flaps and entire outer wing panel ripped off. The pilot, Lt. Byron Schiffman bailed out. I got my flying boots caught in the rudder pedals but got loose and followed him to the nose escape hatch. (As soon as the ship was hit it fell off in a steep spin to the right. However it went into a flat spin soon afterwards) I started to bail out but saw Firing bent over the chair and bombsight in the nose. I grabbed him by the chute shoulder straps but lost my grip. I tried three or four times to get him out. He made no effort to help himself and fell forward each time. I never saw his face but I assume that he was wounded. The last time I had his shoulders about to the bulkhead but due to the centrifugal force, the planes nose at a fairly steep angle and him making no effort to help me I couldn't lift him out of the nose and I lost my grip again and he fell forward so I bailed out. I am sure that I was the last one to bail out of the ship because I think I got out at approx. 5,000 feet or less, and delayed my fall because I couldn't get out from under the ship which flattened out in its spin and had both outer wing panels gone and the tail behind the radio room gone, to around 1000 to 800' approx. The ship barely missed my chute and crashed in an open field and burst into flames. My chute swung about twice and I almost went into the flames which leads me to believe that I was last out of the ship. I saw no other chutes around me but I was dazed and trying to escape to might have missed them. The plane kept exploding at times so I'm sure no one could have survived the crash. ~~Then~~ We were talking to the crew of the ship ahead of us in prison camp later and they said that the tail of our ship was blown off so I imaging that some of the crew were blown out. This is all I can ~~remember~~ remember. I can't be absolutely positive on any details because events happened so fast.

If you can find any definite information on rest of crew I would appreciate knowing it.

Pilot (Lt. Schiffman) said that while he was floating in the air he saw another chute at quite a distance so he yelled, "hello". The man in the other chute answered back. It might have been the engineer who may have been killed by civilians after reaching the ground.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7629

Name of crew member: NELSON, Vernon A.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 2411794
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At his post

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: A lot of FLAK RATTLED THRU the tail and Body, I beleive he might have BEEN WOUNDED OR KILLED BY the FLAK.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 - FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, 1944, MUNICH.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **SPRY, Wilbur L.**
Rank: **S/lt**
Serial number: **3703532**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At his Post.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Either Hit
By FLAK OR INJURED when Body BROKE IN TWO

Total number of missions of above crew member: First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, 1944 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: KUEZ, Alfred (MIA)
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 29072701
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Night Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At his position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may have been wounded or killed by the FLAK that rattled through the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, MUNICH
1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7629

Name of crew member:

WILKINSON, John R.

Rank:

S/Sgt

Serial number:

9703452

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where?

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

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

Everything O.K.

Was he injured?

"No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen?

At his Position

Any hearsay information:

None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may have been wounded by the FLAK that rattled through the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible:

July 31, 1944 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: **BOSTOW, Nathaniel (MI)**
Rank: **T/Sgt**
Serial number: **14079674**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At His Position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He MAY Have BEEN wounded OR INJURED when the plane BROKE up.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, 1944 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7629

Name of crew member:

WESTWOOD, Joseph R.

Rank:

1/SGT

Serial number:

20702360

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

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

Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At His Position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He MAY have BEEN wounded By FLAK.

Total number of missions of above crew member: First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, 1944, MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: FRING, Fina (M)
Rank: T/O
Serial number: T-2493
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? "No Knowledge"

Where? _____

If not, why not? "No Knowledge"

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Everything O.K.

Was he injured? "No Knowledge"

Where was he when last seen? At his position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He MAY have BEEN wounded By FLAK.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: July 31, 1944 MUNICH

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BYRON S. SCHIFFMAN Rank 2ND Lt. Serial No. O-554704
2. Organization 457 B.G. Col. Looper Rank Col. Sqn CO Hosier Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, target, Jet PLANT, target time, 13:30, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Leaving target over Munich
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. The Co-Pilot AND NAVIGATOR, I do not think the others got out.
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". AFTER PLANE BROKE IN TWO DURING SPIN CAUSED BY RIGHT WING AND TAIL BEING HIT, RIGHT WING BLEW OFF. I MANAGED TO THE NAVIGATORS ESCAPE HATCH AND BAILED OUT FOLLOWED BY THE NAVIGATOR AND CO-PILOT - ON BAILING OUT I ALREADY BELIEVED THE NAVIGATOR AND BOMBARDIER HAD BAILED OUT BECAUSE I DID NOT SEE THEM. I LATER LEARNED FROM THE NAVIGATOR THAT THEY HAD BEEN FLATTENED BY THE CENTRIFUGAL FORCE.
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 3 above and individual questionnaires) I Believe there were seven, but it is only a supposition.
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN their positions AT TIME OF HIT (FLAK HIT)
12. What was their condition? "No Knowledge"
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? When I struggled from my seat into the compartment below I noticed the ENGINEER Sgt. Westwood making for the BOMB BAY. The SHIP WAS IN TWO OR MORE PARTS AT THIS TIME, IT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW Sgt. Westwood.
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)

I would appreciate any information you may have concerning the fate of my missing crewmen.

If you have any information other than the following which I have learned just recently:

1. — Fourteen American Airmen were shot down over Munich, July 31, 1944. And were buried in Munich, Two of the Airmen were identified as members of my crew.

2. — The graves were later removed to the American Cemetery at ULM, GERMANY.

Byron L. Schiff

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: NELSON, Vernon A.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 38411794
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-29 Superfortress~~: Tail Gunner

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: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: EPLEY, Wilbur L.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 37033831
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot/Fighter~~: Ball Turret Gunner

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: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: KUNZ, Alfred (NMI)
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 19072701
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight/flight/~~: Right Waist Gunner

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: NONE

Was he injured? No KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7829

Name of crew member: MOSTOW, Nathaniel (NMI)
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 14079674
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-24D #44747~~: Radio Operator

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: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WESTWOOD, Joseph R.
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 20908380
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight~~ Top Turret Gunner

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: NONE

Was he injured? No KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FIRING, Finn (NMI)
Rank: F/O
Serial number: T-2493
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight 1/10/44~~: Bombardier

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: HE SAID
"WHEN THE HELL IS HE GOING TO DROP."

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN THE NOSE

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I THINK
HE WAS UNABLE TO FIND HIS CHUTE AND
CRASHED WITH THE AIRPLANE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 31 JULY 44 MUNICH

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name COHEN, IRVING J. Rank F/O Serial No. T-125182
2. Organization 457 BGGp Commander LUPER Rank COL. Sqn CO HOSIER Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, ASSEMBLY PLANT, target time, 1315, altitude, 23,000 ft. route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 MILES WEST OF MUNICH
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".
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|----------------------------|--|
| <u>SCHIFFMAN, BYRON S.</u> | <u>BAILED OUT 10 MILES WEST OF MUNICH AT 20,000 FT</u> |
| <u>COHEN, IRVING J.</u> | <u>" " " " " " " " 14,000 "</u> |
| <u>BARTON, WILLIAM</u> | <u>" " " " " " " " 5,000 "</u> |
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 described above? BEFORE I BAILED OUT THE BOMBARDIER, FINN FIRING, WAS BEHIND ME APPARENTLY UNINJURED AND READY TO FOLLOW.
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)

DURING MY INITIAL INTERROGATION IN
MUNICH, THE GERMAN INTERROGATOR STATED
THAT THEY HAD FOUND FOUR BODIES
IN THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANE AND
HAD BURIED THEM.

KU 2596

Remarks:

KU 2603

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 17 Aug 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

S E C R E T

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSQU No. 0264

ACCEPTED:

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13 August

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FROM:

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Koehler

REMARKS:

High priority LSZG No.018 10 August 1230. -
 To: Interrogation Center West, Oberursel. -
 Subject: Second report on downing of a Boeing 17 G on 31 July 1944 at 1313 1 km west of Berlach, southeast of Munich in a rye-field. -
 1 dead crewmember found by farmer during mowing on rye-field. - Type of craft: Boeing 17 G. - Markings of craft: white capital U in black triangle and black P. - License No.: 297087. - Shot down by Flak 3 (3). - 3 Prisoners transferred to Oberursel on 1 August 1944. - 5 dead interred at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich on 31 July 1944. - On 9 August found and also interred at Unterhaching cemetery: K u n z, Alfred, Id.tag 19072701. - According to a roster which was found 1 man of the crew (W e s t w o o d) is still missing. -
 Airbase Headquarters A(o) 3/VII, Neubiberg. -

31 July 1944 1313
 1 km west of center Perlech
 southeast of Manich
 in a rye-field ?
 Flak (A)

Fortress G

U 297087-P

Airbase Neuhiberg

Pilot	Lt. Schiffman	
Co-Pilot	Lt. Bergen	
Navigator	Lt. Cohen	
Bombardier	F/O Firing, Fine	dead
	Sgt. Westwood	
	Sgt. Mostow, Nathanich	dead
	Sgt. Wilkerson, J. R.	dead
	Sgt. Kunz	
	Sgt. Epley, Wilbur L.	dead
	Sgt. Nelson, Vernon A.	dead

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 3 Aug 1944

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 17 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PO. T: Airbase Headquarters A(e) 4/VII

PLACE: Munich - Riem

DATE: 5 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, markings: white U in black triangle, and black B.
EW/LAB/RS/ AT: 1 km west of center Perlach near Munich, on 31 July 1944 at 1300

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Westwood

FIRST NAME: Josef R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 209083870 T 42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: on 1 August 1944 in woods 3 km south of airbase Munich-Riem (Community Waldtrudering)

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Munich-Western cemetery. Location of grave: 30 - 4 - 93, interred on 3 August 1944

Signature

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

31 July 44, time: 1330

CASUALTY NO. KU 2596

PLACE OF CRASH

Perlach near Muenchen

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Neubiberg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
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Schiffman	Byton Stanley	2nd/Lt.	O-554704	captured	Dulag Luft
Cohen	Irving Joseph	F/O.	T-135182	"	" "
Barton	William Leroy	"	T-62413	"	" "
Firing	Finn	"	T-2493	Dead	Interred on 31 Junly 44 cemetery Unterhasching near Muenchen.
Mostow	Nathaniel	Sgt.	14076974	"	dte.
Wilkerson	J.R.	"	39705452	"	"
Apley	Wibur L.	"	37033831	"	"
Nelson	Vernon A.	"	38411794	"	"

Downing No.: KU 2596

1. additional report of 13 Sept 44

Kunz	Alfred	Sgt.	19012701	dead	Interred on July 44 Cemetery Unterhasching
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Downing No.: 2596

2. additional report on 25 Nov 44

Westwood	Joseph R.	Sgt.	20908380	dead	
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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft 8 Aug 44 No.

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 5 Aug 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSQU No.36

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THROUGH:

Haag

REMARKS:

High priority LSMU No.115 2 August 1530. -

To: Interrogation Center West, Oberursel. -

2) Subject: Downing of a Boeing 17 G on 31 July 1944 at 1313 1 km west of center Perlach, southeast of Munich, in a rye-field. -

Crew captured on 31 July 1944, about 1500, by Flak and Police. - Type of craft:

Boeing 17 G. - Markings: white capital U in black triangle, and black P. #

License No.: 297087. - Shot down by Flak. -

3 prisoners:	2nd Lt. Schifman, Byron S.	Id.tag 61798
	F/O Barton, William	Id.tag 62413
	F/O Cohen, Irving J.	Id.tag 125182

Have been transferred to Oberursel on 1 August 1944. -

Dead:	Viring	Id.tag 2493	Rank unknown
	Nelson, Vernon A.	Id.tag 38411794	Rank unknown
	Epley, Wilbur L.	Id.tag 37033831	Rank unknown
	Mastov, Nathaniel	Id.tag 14076974	Rank unknown
	Wilkinson, J.R.	Id.tag 39785452	Rank unknown

Interred at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich on 31 July 1944. -

According to a roster found in craft the following members of crew are still missing: TT Westwood and BWKunz . .

2) Subject: Downing of a 4 Engine enemy aircraft in 31 July 1944 at 1330 near Lerchenau-Georgenstreet, Feldmoching near Munich. -
1 crew member captured on 31 July 1944 at 1400 at Separation Center of the Weifen-SS near Ingolstaedter Street near KM 13. - Type, markings, License No. of craft and kind of capture unknown. - 1 prisoner: 2nd Lt. Ward, Merion H. Illtag O-713252, has been transferred to Oberursel on 1 August 1944. - Whereabouts of the other crew members unknown. -
Airbase Headquarters A(o)3/VII, Neubibegr. -

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 10 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters
 PLACE: Neubiberg
 DATE: 31 July 1944
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress 2
 on 31 July 1944 at 1330
EM. LANDING: AT: at Berlach near Munich
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Schiffman
 FIRST NAME: Byron S. RANK: 3rd Lt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 61798
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 31 July 1944 at 1330 at Neubiberg, Waldtrudering
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: in area of Search Light Position D 16
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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 Interrogation Center West
 Hospital
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Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: 10 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters
 PLACE: Neubiberg
 DATE: 31 July 1944
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) JF. Fortress 2
 on 31 July 1944 1330
EM. LANDING: AT: at Perlach near Munich
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Barton
 FIRST NAME: William RANK: F/O
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) G2413
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 31 July 1944 1330 at Neubiberg
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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 Air District Command
 Interrogation Center West
 Hospital
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Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: 15 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Neubi berg

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1320
1 km west of center Perlach southeast of Munich
EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Cohen

FIRST NAME: Irving J. RANK: Flight Officer

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 125182

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: in area Neubi berg

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

PLACE: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1320
1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

F i r i n g .

FIRST NAME:

Finn

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

T-2493 T 42-43 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich.

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag
- 1 Ring, golden (Inscription FF)
- 1 Chain, silver
- 8 Photographs
- 1 Compass, damaged
- 2 Vocabularies

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Received: 4 Aug 1944

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POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

PLACE: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1320
1 km west of center Perlach near Munich
/EM / UNWD VNG: / AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Nelson

FIRST NAME: Vernon A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 38411794 T 43-43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

PLACE: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1320
1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich,
EM./LANDING: AT: in rye-field.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Epley

FIRST NAME: Wilbur L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37033831 T 41-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag
- 1 Ring, silver
- 1 wristwatch, burnt

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

PLACE: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1320
 1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich
EM./LANDING/ AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Hostow

FIRST NAME: Nathaniel

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 14076974 T 42-43 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 31 July 1944 at cemetery Unterhaching near Munich

Personal effects:

1 Identification tag

FORM :

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

PLACE: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G, on 31 July 1944 1313
 1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich
ERL/LADP/RSJ AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Wilkerson

FIRST NAME: J.R. RANK: probably Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39705452

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) recovered dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 1 August 1944 cemetery Unterhaching

Personal effects:

- 1 Identification tag
- 1 Inhaler
- 9 Passport photographs
- 1 Miniature Compass

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Received: 4 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase Headquarters -Operations Office-

LOCATION: Neubiberg

DATE: 31 July 1944

DATE AND TIME: 31 July 1944 1313
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) 1 km west of center Perlach, southeast Munich
in a rye-field

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING) Flak

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) white capital U in black triangle and black P

ADMITTANCE NO: 297087

EQUIPMENT: nothing found
F.T. FREQUENCIES: mostly burnt, details see below
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98% damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) Enemy equipment examination center
Dulag Luft
Air District Command
Airbase District Command

FT Frequencies:

Christal Unit DC-26 Frequency KC-8261, 250 Feteral
Christal Unit DC-16 Frequency KC-7500 CP, Christal
Unit DC-16 Frequency KC-3200 Christal product KC-MC.

Remark: Fin and tail gunner's position were crashed into the yard of the Gasthaus zur Post (about 1 km from the crashpoint of the plane).

Crew No. 135. Ship No. 087.

Pilot	Schiffman	captured	Radio Op.	Mostow	dead
Co-Pilot	Barton	captured	LW	Winkerson	dead
Navigator	Cohen	captured	TW	Kunz	missing
Bombardier	Firing	dead	BT BT	Epley	dead
T	Westwood	missing	TG	Nelson	dead

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Identification tags

Byron S Schiffman
 T-61798 T 43-44 O

H

William L Barton
 T-62413 T 43-44 O

P

Irving J Cohen
 T-125182 T 43-44 B

H

Identification tag

Alfred Kuz
19072701 T 43 B

P

PERSONAL EFFECTS

of the member of enemy Air Forces Josef R. Westwood,
crew member of the Boeing 17 G shot down on 31 July 1944
1 km west of center Perlach near Munich;

1 Identification tag 20908380 T 42-43
with chain, silver

Munich, 4 August 1944

Signature
Major and Operations Officer

Identification tags

Wilbur L Epley
 37033331 T 41-44 A
 P

Vernon B Nelson
 38411794 T 43 43 A
 P

Finn Firing
 T-2493 T 42-43 O
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