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 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REMARKS: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.
 Group 457th Bomb. Gp. (H); Squadron 748th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course _____
 Target or Intended Destination Politz, Germany; Type of Mission _____
 Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10ths - Visibility good.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 7 Month Oct. Year 1944; Time 1252; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 53-33N 14-33 E.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); 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 (X); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 44-6469 ✓
7. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-27; AAF Serial Number _____
 (a) SW-026791; (b) SW-026944; (c) SW-026714; (d) SW-026851
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below also, type and Serial Number):
 (a) 1756575; (b) 1306399; (c) 1306666; (d) 1305510;
 (e) 1756799; (f) 1306390; (g) 1306702; (h) 1355975;
 (i) 1306793; (j) 641225; (k) 1306537; (l) 1306700;
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE WEAPONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status	<i>all POW</i>
1. PILOT	<u>van Moland, Vernon E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0764072</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
2. CP	<u>McMillin, Scott S. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0771098</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
3. E	<u>Higgins, Leo J. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0723360</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
4. E	<u>W. Jensen, Arthur G.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0773335</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
5. TAG	<u>Adkinson, William X.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>12239322</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
6. RO	<u>Woodruff, Cecil D.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>37151643</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
7. WE	<u>Howell, Earl S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>34666888</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
8. BTG	<u>Koziel, John R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33677919</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>
9. TM	<u>Annals, James A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39620888</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>BTD</u>

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
 Check Only One Column

NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>Tweten, Wayne B.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-757338</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>Allegan, Norman M.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>36731592</u>		<u>X</u>		
3. <u>Spleth, Lauren M.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-757120</u>		<u>X</u>		

(Over)

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Incl 15'

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, or SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH ANY OTHER DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 14 October 1944.

Gerald H. Calligan
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

17. REMARKS OR SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS:

GERALD H. CALLIGAN,
Capt., A. C.,
Statistical Officer.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation, was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.): _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

No chutes seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

What looked like arms and legs were seen to fly out of nose when A/C was hit.

8. Date of report 9 October 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	A.S.N.	A/C No.
1.	Wayne B. Tweten	1st Lt.	0-757338	42-32101
2.	Norman M. Allegan	T/Sgt.	36731592	42-32101
3.	Lauren M. Spleth	2nd Lt.	0-757120	43-38537
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

Hugh M. Hamill
HUGH M. HAMILL (Name) 1st Lt. (Rank) 0-571919 (A.S.N.) Asst. Gp. S-2 (Duty)

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-4AF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

MACR 9766

B-17

9 man crew

AAF# 44-6469

7 October 1944, 1315
Althof near Trepton
Type: Fortress
748 (M 130) Sqd.
457 Group
Target: Air Base Kamp
near Greifenberg/Pon.

MACR 9764

		KU 3134	
2nd/Lt. MILLIS	Jr. Scott Shade	0-771098	capt.
2nd/Lt. HOLLAND	Vernon Merle	0-764072	apt.
2nd/Lt. HIGGINS	Leo James Jr.	0-723360	capt.
2nd/Lt. JENSEN	Arthur G.	0-773335	capt.
S/Sgt. GUNNELS	James Alfred	39620888	capt.
S/Sgt. ACKERSON	William Donald	12239322	capt.
S/Sgt. KOZIML	John Robert	36779919	capt.
T/Sgt. WOODRUFF	Cecil Dorven	37151643	capt.
S/Sgt. HOWELL	Karl S.	34666888	capt.

? 1 dead

Mixed Crews

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7 Oct 44

22) 1315 o'clock Althof 12km east-south-east Treptow / Rega in UL 9 presumably
Fortress II 99% damage (crash-fire) 1 dead, 2 casualties, 4 prisoners,
2 fugitives.- (KU 3134).

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

~~7 October 1944~~ 1315 hrs.

CASUALTY NO.

~~89 3134~~

PLACE OF CRASH

~~Altair near Trepton~~

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

~~Fortress~~

REPORTING OFFICE

~~14 Air Base manufacturing Camp near Greifenberg~~

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
HILLIS	Scott Shade	2nd Lt. O-771098	captured	Dulag Luft West
HIGGINS 25 July 1924	Leo James Wine.	2nd Lt. O-73360	captured	Dulag Luft West
NOLAND	Vernon Merle	2nd Lt. O-764072	captured	Dulag Luft West
JENSEN	Arthur G.	2nd Lt. O-773335	captured	Dulag Luft West
WOODRUFF 12 March 1917	Cecil Dorven Richmond Mc.	T/Sgt. 37151643	captured	Dulag Luft West
KEEHL	John Robert	S/Sgt. 33677919	captured	Dulag Luft West
GUNNERS	James Alfred	E/Sgt. 39620888	captured	Dulag Luft West
ACKERSON	William Donald	S/Sgt. 12239322	captured	Dulag Luft West
HOWELL	Earl S.	S/Sgt. 34666888	captured	Dulag Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 9 November 1944 v.S.

BULAG-AIR, Kohnlar
received : 21 October 44
Cont. Reg. and Report Office

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air-field - Headquarters A (0) 3/ III**

PLACE: **Kamp, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania**

DATE: **7 October 44**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably Vertjress**

ON LANDING: AT: Althof, County Greifenberg, 13 km south of
Treptow/ Rega, on 7 October 44, 13 15

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

FIRST NAME: **John R.**

RANK: **corporal**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **5 877 919, F 45 - 44**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **same as crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Reserve Hospital Treptow/ Rega**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Signature: **Schmidt**
Capt. and Detachment Leader

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air- field - Headquarters A (O) S/ III**
PLACE: **Kasp, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania**

DATE: **7 October 44** **Probably Fortress**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,** **Probably Fortress**
EM. LANDING: AT: **Althof, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania**
12 km southeast of Tropolow/ Ragn
on 7 October 44 at 15 15

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **W A N N O L D**
FIRST NAME: **James A.**
Private

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **29 629 808 , T 44 - 44**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **same as crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Signature: Schacht
Capt. and Detachment Leader.

To: Dalg - Luft
Evaluation Center West
OBERSSEL

The following American Air Force Numbers were received on 19 Oct 44:

II.) 1.) Name:	Lee J. HIGGINS	<i>mia 7 Oct 44</i>
2.) Rank:	2nd Lt.	
3.) Army Serial Number:	O-723300 ✓	<i>Ells air corps</i>
4.) Date and Place of Birth:	25 Jul 1924 at Madison, Wis.	
5.) Kind of injury:	outer - soft - parts injury left thigh	
6.) Address of Relations:	Mother: Mrs. Lee T. Higgins 4015 Odessa Road RR 2 Madison, Wis.	
7.) Duration:	14 days	
8.) Private Property:	None	

Greifswald 21 Oct 44

The Chief Surgeon

Signature illegible

Lt. Col., MD

Signature illegible

Major, MD of the Reserve

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air- field - Headquarters A (O) S / III**

PLACE:

DATE: **Kamp, County Greifenberg / Pomerania**

REGARDING: **Gr. Schickel (DEAD)** OF, **Probably Paratrooper**

EP. LANDING: **~~XXXXXXXXXX~~** AT: **Althof, County Greifenberg / Pomerania**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **H o l a n d, on 7 October 44 at 15 15**
12 km southeast of Tropau / Baga

FIRST NAME:

REGIMENT NUMBER: (USA) **Verden Officer 1**
O- 754 073

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **same as crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Signature: Schickel

Capt. and Detachment Leader

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air-Field-Headquarters A (0) 2/III**

PLACE: **Kamp, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania**

DATE: **7 October 44**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably Fortress**

IN. LANDING: AT: Althof, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **12 km southeast of Treptow/ Paga**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Higgins, on 7 October 44 at 15 15**

FIRST NAME: **Leo**

RANK NUMBER: (USA) Private

0- 725 300, 7 35-44

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **same as crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Reserve Hospital Treptow/ Paga**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Signature: **Schacht**

Capt. and Detachment Leader

TELEGRAM FORM

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NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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Sequence No: 415

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18 October 44

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ROLL:

FROM:

L L B L

THROUGH:

(illegible)

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L L B L G To: 240, 14 October, 05 00

To Evaluation-center West, Oberursel/ Entsch

Service office reports to ~~my~~ accomplished settings into march of american prisoners of war:

Lt. ARTHUR G. JENNY, G- 773 335, T 43-44 A.F.
Sgt. CARL R. WOODHUFF, 37 141 543, T 43-42
Cv. Sp. WOODHUFF, No. 2 Overbrook, Kansas

Air- field- Headquarters, Kolberg I from 14 October 44

4-3224, AF (3)

signed I A. Wittmer, Major and Officer for special use.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L L S L**
 Sequence No: **104**

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TO:

DATE: **8 October 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **17 30**

ROLL:

FROM: **L L S L**

THROUGH: **Kochler**

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L R K P , No: 6 , 8 October , 01 45

* * * evaluation-center West, Oberursel/ Rhine

Subject: **Salvage of enemy Air-craft.**

- A. Place of crash: **Althof, 25 km southeast of Trier/ Rhen**
- B. **7 October 44 at 15 15**
- C. **Probably Fortress.**
- D. **Passengers could not be identified**
- E. **100% damage, through crash fire.**
- F. **Fate of crew: allegedly 1 dead (Name not determined yet) 4 prisoners, 2 wounded (in Reserve Hospital Trier/ Rhen), probably 2 fugitives.**

Local command Haupt. Grot. Schmidt.

Restricted.

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Air Field Headquarters

Local Command Camp

Headquarters Air District I/III

Local Headquarters, 8 October 44

Distributions

Evaluation Center West, Oberweil

Final report about capture of enemy air force equipment and captured air craft crew.

Time of crash: 7 October 1944 at 15 15
Place of crash: Althof, 12 km southeast of Trepow/ Rega
Type of air craft: B-17 G-, on return flight.
Markings of air craft: Letter U in square.
Identification No: 46 489, letter U underneath.
Kind of capture: not identified.
Condition of craft: 100% damage through fire in mid-air

For the inception of search actions for fugitive and missing members of crew the

Secret Field Police of Kolberg and Trepow and a unit of Piarow/

Kolberg have been alerted.

Supervision of air craft has been supplied by Country Guard, Air Field Piarow,

Air Field Headquarters Camp.

Prisoners:

5 men

- 1.) Officer: MELAND, VERNON O-764 072, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Transferred to evaluation center west 8 October 44.
- 2.) Private SIBBELS, JAMES A. 39 480 888, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Transferred to evaluation center west 8 October 44.
- 3.) Corporal GEMEL, JOHN H. 3 577 713 7, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Reserve Hospital Trepow.
- 4.) Private HIGGINS, LEO O- 765 388, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Reserve Hospital Trepow.
- 5.) Captured by army N G O school, Trepow on 8 October 1944.
- 6.) Probably fugitive are 3 men.

Signed: Schacht Capt.

Following instruments have been salvaged from American bomber Basing B 17.

- 1 Radio Transmitter RS - 375 - B
- 1 Radio Transmitter RS - 400 - A
- 1 Radio Receiver RS - 340 - B
- 1 Radio Receiver RS - 300 - A
- 1 Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 7 B
- 1 Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 20 B
- 1 Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 8 B
- 1 Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 6 B
- 1 Inverter Fe - 300 - A
- 1 Power Unit (Type and not be ascertained)
- 1 Dynamometer Fe - 80
- 1 Antenna Tuning Unit RS - 300 - B
- 1 Loading Unit RS - 400
- 1 Frequency meter RS - 201 - AA
- 1 Emergency Transmitter (Type not ascertainable like German RS 2
Emergency Transmitter.)

Signal Corp., Sgt.

Instrument attendant (Air Signal Division)

For the correctness
of the subject
signal (illegible)

Flight Staff Engineer
and Technical Leader

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Field Headquarters A (G) 3/III**PLACE: **Kellberg**DATE: **13 October 44**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,****EN. LANDING: AT:**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **WOODRUFF**FIRST NAME: **CECIL B.**Rank: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **By 1st Lt. T 42 - 45 P., CW. JF. Woodruff
Captured RE. B Cross Creek, Kansas**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE **Kearlin, 12 October 1944, 09 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dwight-Air, WittmarReceived: **21 October 44**

Cont. Registry and Report Office

Signed: **Wittmar**

Major and Officer for special use.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Field Headquarters A (0) 3/III**
 PLACE: **Koebin**
 DATE: **13 October 46**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**
EM. LANDING: AT:
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **JENSEN**
 FIRST NAME: **R**
ASHUR G.
 REGISTRATION NUMBER: (USA) **Lt.**
0 773 336, INDEX T 43-44, AF.
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Koebin, 13 October 46, 09 00**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Diag-Air, Uetlar**Received : 31 October 1946****Contr. Registry and Report Office****Signed: Witness****Major and Officer for special use**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Field Headquarters A (O) 3/III**

PLACE: **Kolberg**

DATE: **11 October 44**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**
EM. LANDING: AT:

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

FIRST NAME: **PAUL S.**

~~Rank~~ SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **Sgt.**
54 22 666 888, T 43-44 AB.F.

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kolberg, 10 October 1944, 18 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dating-Air, Wehrler**Received : 31 October 44****Conty. Registry and Report Office.****Signed : Wittmeier****Major and Officer for special use**

TELEGRAM FORM

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NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L L E L**
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TO:

DATE: **15 October**

THROUGH:

TIME: **05 05**

ROLL:

FROM: **L L E L**

THROUGH: **Pass**

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L B K G. MM 180, 11 October, 17 45
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Tamm

Service office reports to day the accomplished setting in march of the
prisoner Sgt. EARL S. HOWEL, 34 505 300/ (?) T 45-44, A.P.

Air Field Headquarters Kolberg IV, 12 October 44.
Signal: Wittmaler, Major and Officer for special duty.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L L E H**

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TO:

DATE: **14 October 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **03 30**

ROLL:

FROM: **L L E H**THROUGH: **Frank**

REMARKS:

Vary very urgent - B K G 257, 13 October, 16 25**To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Hamm****Copy to: Vary very urgent to Evaluation Center West, Oberursel****Vary very urgent to Corp Headquarters III Combat Post I G.L. 2, Berlin****Vary very urgent to Defense Officer, Defense District II, Stettin****Service Office reports the capture of 2 american aircraft's members.****1.) Lt. ARTHUR G. JENNIN, identif. tag No: G- 773 235, P 43-44, A.P.****2.) Sgt. GERALD B. WOODHUFF, identif. tag No: 37 151 643, P 43-43****OW. MP. WOODHUFF, Rt. 2, Overbrook, Kansas.****on 13 October 44 at 09 00, in Koprln on the Pommern County Kolberg.****Air Field Headquarters I Kolberg.****Signed: Wittmann ^{124.AP(5)}****Major and Officer for special duty**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Field Headquarters A (O) S/ III**

PLACE: **Kellberg**

DATE: **11 October 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**
EN. LANDING: AT:

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

FIRST NAME: **EARL S.**
 RANK: **Sgt.**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **54 605 130, 2 43-44, AB.P.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kellberg, 10 October 1944, 18 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Ensign Air- Mobilier

Received 4 November 44

Centr. Reg. and Report Office

Signoli Wittmeier

Major and Officer for special duty

Air Field Headquarters

Kolburg, 14 October 44.

A (O) S/ III, Kolburg

I, File No: 8

Reference : none

Subject : Capture of 2 American prisoners of war

To

Evolution Center West, Chornopol / Russia

In accordance to teletyped message from 14 October 44.

this service station transfers herewith the American prisoners of war:

- 1.) Lt. ARTHUR G. JENSEN
- 2.) Sgt. GREGG D. VOORHEYS

In the enclosure are appended :

each 1 closed envelope of confiscated articles with attached list of contents

3 more lists about confiscated articles

each 1 filled out form sheet I in closed envelope

1 transport list in triple issue in open envelope.

It is requested to sign one issue of transport list as reception confirmation and to hand the same over to transport leader.

Bilag-air, Webster

Received 4 November 44

Geny. Reg. and Report office

By order:

Wittmeyer

Major and Officer for special duty

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L I R I**
 Registration No: **298**

ACCEPTED:

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RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **12 October 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **08 20**

ROLL:

FROM: **L I R I**

THROUGH: **Weiser**

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L J K G . 188 12 October , 15 35

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Taunus.

Copy to : Evaluation Center West , Oberursel/ Taunus.

Camp Commander III , Combat Station I G.L. 3, Berlin.

Headquarters Air District I/III, Stettin.

Defense Officer of Defense District II, Stettin.

Service Office reports the capture of american air-craft number:

WAL. S. HOWELL, Identif. tag No: 34 666 666, 04-44 AB.F.,

on 10 October 1944, at 15 00 in Kolberg.

Air Field Headquarters I, Kolberg.

**Signal : Wittencior
 Major and Officer, for special duty .**

KU 31 34

Refer: KU 31 63
KU 31 62
KU 31 86

Identification tags:

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LEO J. HIGGINS JR.,	C- 723 360,	T 43-44, O.O.
EARL S. HOWELL,	546 6688A,	T 43-44, A.P.
VERNON M. HOLLAND,	C- 764 072,	T 43-44, O.P.
ROBERT S. HILLIS JR.,	C- 771 086,	T 43-44, B.P.
WILLIAM B. ANDERSON,	523 593 23,	T 44-44, A.P.
James A. GUNNELS,	29 620 885,	T 44-44, O.P.

7 October 44

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Fortress 17

Althof, 12 km, southwest of Treptow Rega

Air-field Kampf ?

1 dead (?)

6 prisoners of war ?

Dulag-Air, Wetzlar

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-field - Headquarters A (O) 3/ III

PLACE: Kamp, County Greifenberg/ Pomerania

DATE: 7 October 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably Fort:ress

LOCATION: AT: Althof, County Greifenberg, 13 km south of
 Treptow/ Rega, on 7 October 44, 15 15

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C o s i e l

FIRST NAME:

John L.

R a n k :

corporal

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

3 877 919, 15 45 - 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: same as crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Reserve Hospital Treptow/ Rega

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

Signature: Schacht

Capt. and Detachment Leader

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-field - Headquarters A (0) 3/ III

PLACE: Kamp, County Greifenberg/ Pommerania

DATE: 7 October 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably FortressACCIDENT: AT: Althof, County Greifenberg/ Pommerania
12 km southeast of Trepsew/ Rega
on 7 October 44 at 13 15

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: G u n n e l s
James A.

R a n k : Private

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39 630 888 , T 44 - 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: same as crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Signature : Schacht

Capt. and Detachment Leader.

MAJOR
9766

To: Dulag - Luft
Evaluation Center West
GREIFSWALD

The following American Air Force Members were received on 19 Oct 44:

- II.) 1.) Name: Leo J. HIGGINS
2.) Rank: 2nd Lt.
Army Serial Number: O-723360
3.) Date and Place of Birth: 25 Jul 1924 at Madison, Wis.
4.) Kind of injury: outer - soft - parts injury left thigh
5.) Address of Relations: Mother: Mrs. Leo T. Higgins
4015 Odana Road RR 3
Madison, Wis.
6.) Duration: 14 days
7.) Private Property: None

Greifswald 21 Oct 44

The Chief Surgeon

Signature illegible

Lt. Col., MD

Signature illegible

Major, MD of the Reserve

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air field-Headquarters A (O) 3/III

PLACE: Kamp, County Greifenberg/ Pommerania

DATE: 7 October 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Probably Fortress

IN LANDING: AT: Althof, County Greifenberg/ Pommerania
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 12 km southeast of Treptow/ Hoga

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H i g g i n s, on 7 October 44 at 13 15

FIRST NAME: Leo

Rank: Private

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O- 723 360, T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: same as crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Reserve Hospital Treptow/ Hoga

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Signature : Schacht
 Capt. and Detachment Leader

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L L B L**
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THROUGH:

(illegible)

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L K K G No: 340, 14 October, 06 00

To Evaluation-center West, Oberursel/ Taunus

Service office reports to day accomplished settings into march of american prisoners of war:

**Lt. ARTHUR G. JENSEN, 9- 773 335, T 43-44 A.P.
 Sgt. JOCIL D. WOODRUFF, 37 151 643, T 43-45
 Ov. Mp. WOODRUFF, Rt.2 Overbrook, Kansas**

Air- field- Headquarters, Kolberg I from 14 October 44

signed I A. Wittmaier, Major and Officer for special use,

6-3224, AF(5)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-062RURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L L S L
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DATE: 8 October 44

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TIME: 17 30

ROLL:

FROM: L L S L

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L B K P , No: 6 , 8 October , 01 45

" " " evaluation-center West, Oborursel/ Taunus

Subject: Salvage of enemy Air-craft.

- A. Place of crash: Althof, 12 km southeast of Treptow/ Baga
- B. 7 October 44 at 13 15
- C. Probably Fortress.
- D. Markings: could not be identified
- E. 100% damage, through crash fire.
- F. Fate of crew: allegedly 1 dead (Name not determined yet)
4 prisoners, 3 wounded (in Reserve Hospital
Treptow/ Baga), probably 2 fugitives.

Local command Kampf, Capt. Schacht.

Restricted.

KL 31 34

Air Field Headquarters

Local Headquarters, 8 October 44

Local Command Kamp

Distribution:

Headquarters Air District 1/III

Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Final report about capture of enemy air force equipment and enemy air craft crews.

Time of crash: 7 October 44 at 15 15
Place of crash: Althof, 12 km southeast of Treptow/ Rega
Type of air craft: B-17 G-, on return flight.
Markings of air craft: Letter U in square.
Admittance No: 46 469, letter U underneath
Kind of capture: not identified.
Condition of craft: 100% damage through fire in mid'air

For the inception of search actions for fugitive and missing members of crew the

Secret Field Police of Kolberg and Treptow and a unit of Finnow/

Kolberg have been alarmed.

Supervision of air craft has been supplied by Country Guard, Air Field Finnow,

Air Field Headquarters Kamp.

Prisoners: 6 men

- 1.) Officer? **MOLAND, VERNON** O-754 072, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Transferred to evaluation center west 8 October 44.
- 2.) Private **GUNNELS, JAMES A.** 39 620 888, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Transferred to evaluation center west 8 October 44.
- 3.) Corporal **COZIEL, JOHN R.** 3 677 919 ?, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Reserve Hospital Treptow.
- 4.) Private **HIGGINS, LEO** O- 723 360, captured in Althof, Time 14 00,
Reserve Hospital Treptow.
- 5.) Captured by army ^N M O O school, Treptow on 8 October 1944.
- 6.) Probably fugitive are 3 men.

Signed : Schacht Capt.

Following instruments have been salvaged from american bomber Boeing B 17 .

1 Radio Transmitter	BC - 375 - B
1 Radio Transmitter	BC - 458 - A
1 Radio Receiver	BC - 348 - B
1 Radio Receiver	BC - 966 - A
1 Transmitter Tuning Unit	TU - 7 B
1 Transmitter Tuning Unit	TU - 26 B
1 Transmitter Tuning Unit	TU - 8 B
1 Transmitter Tuning Unit	TU - 6 B
1 Inverter	Pe - 206 - A
1 Power Unit (Type can not be ascertained)	
1 Dynamo - Motor	Pe - 88
1 Antenna Tuning Unit	BC - 306 - B
2 Loading Unit	MC - 432
1 Frequency meter	BC - 221 - AA
1 Emergency Transmitter (Type not ascertainable like German ES 2 Emergency Transmitter.)	

Signed: Porepp, Sgt.

Instrument attendant (Air Signal Division)

For the correctness
of the subjects
signed: (illegible)

Flight Staff Engineer
and Technical Leader

Technical statements.

KU 31 34

Fuselage : 100%, Landing gear: 100%, Wings: 100%, Fin : 100% damage.

Type of engines :

Number of engines and	1.) G26 451, 90%	3.) G26 714, 90%
damage per cents :	2.) G26 944, 90%	4.) G26 791, 90%

Type of propeller : Hamilton - Standard, metal

Amount of blades : 3 Serial No.: Blade 1 - 8794
 Blade 2 - 8795
 Blade 3 - 8796

Propeller radius r - 1760 mill.
 0,7 x r - 1232 mill.

Depth of blade on this point - 310 mill.

Armament :

cal. Manufacturer Place of mounting Rigid or movable
 50 M2 Browning-machine unknown can not be ascertained
 12,7 mill. Buffalo-Arms-Corp.
 and Syracuse-New York unknown can not be ascertained

Armament :

Cal : 12,7 mill., amount can not be ascertained, belt
 Mixture proportion : P. W. 4
 Bombs on aircraft : can not be ascertained
 Type of bomb sight : Automatic Computing sight, Type K, Serial No:407 156
 Radio Equipment : see enclosure
 Fuel and oil : Burned up
 Amount of tanks : Burned up

Factory plates transferred to Enemy Equipment

Investigation Center of the Air Force
Berlin, Adlershof:2

Signed : Schroeder

Flight Staff Engineer and Tech. Leader

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Field Headquarters A (C) 3/III**PLACE: **Kolberg**DATE: **13 October 44**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,EN. LANDING: AT:NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **WOODRUFF**FIRST NAME: **OSCAR D.**Rank: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37 151 643, T 42 - 43 P., OW.MP. WoodruffRESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured** **HT. 2 Overbrook, Kansas**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Yesslin, 12 October 1944, 09 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dulag - Air, WetzlarReceived: **31 October 44**

Cent. Registry and Report Office

Signed: **Wittmeier**

Major and Officer for special use.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Field Headquarters A (O) 3/III**

PLACE: **Kolberg**

DATE: **13 October 44**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

EW. LANDING: AT:

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

FIRST NAME: **R
ARTHUR G.**

Rank: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O 773 335, ~~ENGINE~~ T 43-44, AF.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Keerlin, 12 October 44, 09 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dulag-Air, Wetzlar

Received : 31 October 1944

Centr. Registry and Report Office

Signed: Wittmeier

Major and Officer for special use

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Field Headquarters A (O) 3/III**

PLACE: **Kolberg**

DATE: **11 October 44**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**
EM. LANDING: AT:

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

FIRST NAME: **W.M. S.**

Mark 1
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **34 MS 666 888, T 43-44 AB.P.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kolberg, 10 October 1944, 18 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dulag-Air, Wehlar

Received : 31 October 44

Centr. Registry and Report Office.

Signed : Wittmeier

Major and Officer for special use

TELEGRAM FORM

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DATE: **13 October**

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TIME: **05 05**

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FROM: **L L B L**

THROUGH: **Fax**

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L B I G. ~~136~~ 136, 11 October, 17 45

Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Taunus

Service office reports to day the noncompleted setting in march of the
prisoner Sgt. EARL S. HOWELL, 34 666 2666 (?) F 43-44, AB.P.

Air Field Headquarters Kolberg IV, 13 October 44.

Signed: Wittmeier, Major and Officer for special duty.

- 1 Piece of manuscript, author Arthur G. Jensen
- 1 Immunization card of Arthur G. Jensen
- 1 Pilot and crew member
Physical Record card of Woodruff, Cecil D., S/Sgt. 37151643
- 1 Identification tag: Arthur G. Jensen, O-773335 T 43-44 A P
- 1 Identification tag: Cecil D. Woodruff, 37151643, T 42-43 O P
Wm.F. Woodruff
Rt. 2
Overbrook, Kansas

TELEGRAM FORM

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DATE: **14 October 44**

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TIME: **06 30**

ROLL:

FROM: **L L B L**

THROUGH: **Frank**

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L B K G 227 , 13 October, 15 25

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Taunus

Copy to : Very very urgent to Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Very very urgent to Camp Headquarters III Combat Post I G.L. 2, Berlin

Very very urgent to Defense Officer, Defence District II, Stettin

Service Office reports the capture of 2 american aircraft members.

1.) Lt. ARTHUR G. JENSEN, identif.tag No: O- 775 335, T 43-44, A.P.

2.) Sgt. GEORGE D. WOODRUFF, identif.tag No: 137 151 645, T 43-43

OW. MP. WOODRUFF, Rt. 2, Overbrook, Kansas.

on 12 October 44 at 09 00, in Koerlin on the Persante County Kolberg.

Air Field Headquarters I Kolberg.

Signed: Wittelschlag, AP(5)

Major and Officer for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPORT: **Air Field Headquarters A (0) 3/ III**PLACE: **Kolberg**DATE: **11 October 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,EM. LANDING: AT:NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **HOWELL**FIRST NAME: **EARL S.**Rank: **Sgt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **34 666 898, T 43-44, AB.P.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kolberg, 11/ October 1944, 18 00**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Dulag- Air- Wetzlar**Received: 4 November '44****Signed: Wittmeier****Centr.Reg. and Report Office****Major and Officer for special duty**

Air Field Headquarters

Kolberg, 14 October 44.

A (O) 3/ III, Kolberg

I, File No: 8

Reference : none

Subjekt : Capture of 2 american prisoners of war

To

Evaluation Center West, Oberursel / Taunus

In accordance to teletyped message from 14 October 44.

this service station transfers herewith the american prisoners of war:

- 1.) Lt. ARTHUR G. JENSEN
- 2.) Sgt. CHEIL D. WOODRUFF

In the enclosure are appended :

each 1 closed envelope of confiscated articles with attached list of contents

3 more lists about confiscated articles

each 1 filled out form sheet I in closed envelope

1 Transport list in triple issue in open envelope.

It is requested to sign one issue of transport list as reception confirmation and to hand the same over to transport leader.

Dulag-Air, Wetzlar

Received: 4 November 44

By order:

Centr. Reg. and Report office

Wittmeier

Major and Officer for special duty

KU 3134

Airfield Headquarters
A (o) 3/III Kolberg

(L) Kolberg, 13 October 1944

Shipping list

Rank	Name	First name	Identification tag
Lt.	Jensen	Arthur G.	O-773335 T 43-44 A P
Sgt.	Woodruff	Cecil D.	37151643 T 42-43 P OW MP Woodruff RT 2 Overbrook Kansas

signed: Wittmeier

Major and Officer for special duty

KU 3134

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

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FROM: L L R L

THROUGH: Weiser

REMARKS:

Very very urgent L B K G . 139 11 October , 15 25

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel/ Taunus.

Copy to : Evaluation Center West , Oberursel/ Taunus.

Camp Commander III , Combat Station I U.L. 2, Berlin.

Headquarters Air District 1/III, Stettin.

Defense Office of Defense District II, Stettin.

Service Office reports the capture of american air-craft member:

EARL S. HOWELL, identif. tag No: 34 666 888, T 43-44 AB.P.,

on 10 October 1944, at 18 00 in Kolberg.

Air Field Headquarters I, Kolberg.

Signed : Witt/aier
 Major and Officer for special duty .
 6-3224 AF (5)

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
britischen Flugzeuges

MAA

Abschuß-Nr. MP 3134

Abschußtag und Zeit: 7.10.44. 13.15.
Abschußort: Althof b. Treptow
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Welder, de Dienststelle: Fl. H. K. Kamp b. Greifenberg

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
WELLS Scott Shade	2/Lt.	0-771098	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HIGGINS Leo James 25.7.24. Wies.	2/Lt.	0-723360	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HOLAND Vernon Merle	2/Lt.	0-764072	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
JENSEN Arthur G.	2/Lt.	0-773335	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WOODRUFF Cecil Dorven 12.3.17. Richmond, Mo.	E/Sgt.	37151643	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
KOSTEL John Robert	S/Sgt.	33677919	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
GUNNEL James Alfred	S/Sgt.	39620888	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
ACKERSON William Donald	S/Sgt.	12239322	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HOWELL Earl S.	S/Sgt.	34666888	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

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DULAG-LUFT, den 9.11.44. v.S.