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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

9769

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England ; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.  
Group 457th Bomb. Gp. (H) Squadron 748th ; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130 ; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Target or Intended Destination Magdeburg, Germany ; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/10ths cover
- GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month Sept. Year 1944 ; Time 11:17 ; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Between 51-57N 10-30E and 52-06N 11-39E  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X) ; Last contacted by radio ( ) ; Forced down ( ) ; Seen to crash ( ) ; or Information Not Available ( ).
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one ) Enemy Aircraft (X) ; Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) ; Other Circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G. ; AAF Serial Number 43-37834
- MARKING OF AIRCRAFT, if any No name
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-017014 ; (b) SW-017133 ; (c) SW-017229 ; (d) SW-017124
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number):  
(a) 1215694 ; (b) 1215973 ; (c) 1215767 ; (d) 1302060 ;  
(e) 1302549 ; (f) 1215626 ; (g) 1216008 ; (h) 1215811 ;  
(i) 1215809 ; (j) 1215872 ; (k) 1215939 ; (l) 1215692 ;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 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
1. Pilot	<u>pow</u> Lockwald, Fred. J.	2nd Lt.	0-1049249	MIA
2. CP	<u>MIA</u> Hrik, Joseph (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-761243	MIA
3. N	<u>pow</u> Rawls, James B. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-723435	MIA
4. B	<u>pow</u> Salganick, Seymour F.	2nd Lt.	0-772672	MIA
5. TTG	<u>pow</u> Killgo, Carlton J.	S/Sgt.	18042215	MIA
6. RO	<u>Killed</u> Jacobson, Harry I.	Sgt.	15172339	MIA
7. WG	<u>pow</u> Wranesh, John (NMI)	Sgt.	12214300	MIA
8. BTG	<u>pow</u> Sheffield, Drew L.	Sgt.	34403197	MIA
9. TG	<u>pow</u> Mahanah, Everett A. Jr.	Sgt.	12080980	MIA
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SALE:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

(Over)

Sept 18'



(S-2 Summary of  
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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

(S-2 Summary of  
Eye-Witness Accounts)

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 457 Sqdn. 748 A/C No. 43-37834

MISSION DATE 28 September 1944 FIRST PILOT Fred J. Lockwald  
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-104924 DESTINATION Magdeburg  
(Rank) (Serial No.)

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates Between about 5157-1030 and 5206-1139

(b) Approximate altitude 25,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading Unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation  
Unknown

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C):  
Twenty-five to fifty ME-109's and FW-190's attacked group just before I.P. Three attacks made from four to nine o'clock low.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

No description

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

No description

(Over)

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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 description

7. Any other remarks not covered by above: Between 1146 hours, the time of the first attack, and 1159 hours this aircraft and five others in the low squadron dropped out of the formation. Four of these were from the low flight, which contained only five aircraft at the time, and two were from the high flight. There is no eye-witness description definitely identifying this aircraft. A general observation was that two to three of the aircraft missing from the low squadron went down in flames and that two chutes were seen, but other details are lacking.

8. Date of report 1 October 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Lauren M. Spleth*</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-757120</u>	<u>42-97591</u>
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

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

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-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

\* Pilot of only aircraft not knocked out of the low flight of the low squadron. He and his crew were so busily engaged with E/A that none of them know what happened to #43-37834.

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

MARK 9769

B-17

9 man crew

AAF# 43-37834

DATE: 28 September 1944 AT: 1350

PLACE: Wetzleben near Wolfenbuettel

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

748th (HCo) Sqd. 457th Group

TARGET: Airbase Braunschweig - Br.

RANK	NAME	K U 3039
2nd Lt.	LOCKWALD, Fred John	ASN: 0-1049249
2nd Lt. <i>KIA</i>	JIRIK, Joseph	ASN: 0-761243
2nd Lt.	RAWLS, James B. Jr.	ASN: 0-723435
2nd Lt.	SALGANICK, Seymour Francis	ASN: 0-772002
S/Sgt.	KILG0, Carlton James	ASN: 76042215
Sgt.	JACOBSON, Harry (dead)	ASN: -----
S/Sgt.	SHEFFIELD, Drew Lawrence	ASN: 34403157
Sgt.	WRANESH, John	ASN: 12214500
Sgt.	MAHANNAN, Everett Allan Jr.	ASN: 12080980

*11 of the 490th  
complete crew  
KIA  
7 of 5*

(X ref to 9752)

*Complete crew listed above*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Drone H.Q. A(O) 13/III Airfield-command Halberstadt

PLACE: Halberstadt

DATE: 29.Sept. 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress II (B 17 F) 28.Sept. 44 - 1230 -EM-LANDING: AT: Eastern Edge Osterwieck 25 km N.W. of Halberstadt

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Rawls

Rank: 2th Lt.

FIRST NAME: James B.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-723435

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Veltheim, on 28.Sept. 44 - 1240 -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Drome H.Q. A(O) 24/YI Airfield-command Halberstadt

PLACE: Braunschweig-Broitzem

DATE: 28.Sept. 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) CF, unknown  
EM. LANDING: AT: " On 28.Sept. 44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Wranesch Rank: Sgt.  
 FIRST NAME: John

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1 2214300 T-43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Transit-camp West Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Brought in by Chief of the Police Weßel eben

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

For

Sign.

LT.Col. and Staffofficer



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: ~~Air-Borne~~ H.Q. A(0) 24/XI Airfield-command Halberstadt

PLACE: Braunschweig-Broitzsen

DATE: 27. Sept. 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown c/A 28. Sept. 44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Mahannah Rank: Sgt.

FIRST NAME: Everett

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 12080980 T-43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Transit-camp West Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Brought in by Chief of the Police of Wetzleben near Wolfenbuettel.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

For

Sign.

Lt.Col. and Staff Officer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air-Drome T.O. A(0) 24/XI Airfield-command Halberstadt**PLACE: **Braunschweig-Broitzem**DATE: **28.Sept. 44**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a **Fortress**EM. LANDING: AT: **unknown** on 28.Sept. 44NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Salganick** Rank: **2th Lt.**FIRST NAME: **Seymour F**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-772672 T-43-44**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Transit-camp West Oberursel**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Brought in by Chief of the Police of Wettleben (Wolfenbuettel)**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

for

Sign.

Lt.Col. and Staffofficer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Dome H.Q. A(0) 24/XI Airfield-command Halberstadt

PLACE: Braunschweig-Broitzem

DATE: 28. Sept. 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress  
EM. LANDING: AT: Wetzleben near Wolfenbuettel, on 28. Sept. 44  
at 1350 h.  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Leckwald Rank: 2nd Lt.  
FIRST NAME: Fred J.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-1049249 T-42-43  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Transit-camp West Oberursel  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE Brought in by Chief of the Police of Wetzleben  
near Wolfenbuettel  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

For

Sign.

Lt. Col. and Staff Officer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **AAr-Drome H.Q. A(0) 24/VI Airfield-command Halberstadt**PLACE: **Braunschweig-Boitzen**DATE: **28. Sept. 44**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a FortressEM. LANDING: AT: **Wetzleben near Wolfenbuettel, on 28. Sept. 44**  
at about 1400 hNAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Sheffield** Rank: **Sgt.**FIRST NAME: **Drew L.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **34403197 T-43-44**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Transit-camp West Oberursel**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Brought in by the Chief of the Police of Wetzleben near Wolfenbuettel.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

For

Sign.

Lt. Col. and Staff officer

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 28 September 1944 1350 hrs.

CASUALTY NO.

88 3059

PLACE OF CRASH Hetsleben near Halfenbuettel

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE Hq Air Base Brunswick-Broitzon

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D FOUNDED W/AD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
LOCKWALD 16 February 1917	Fred John Chicago, Ill.	2nd Lt.	0-1049249 captured	Dulag Luft
RAWLS	James B.	2nd Lt.	0-723435 captured	Dulag Luft
SALGANICK 28 January 1923	Seymour Francis Chicago, Ill.	2nd Lt.	0-772672 captured	Dulag Luft
WRANESH	John	Sgt.	12214300 captured	Dulag Luft
SHEFFIELD 25 June 1918	Drew Lawrence USA	S/Sgt.	34403197 captured	Dulag Luft
MAHANNAH	Everett Alan	Sgt.	12089980 captured	Dulag Luft
KILCO 12 February 1922	Carlton James , Anderson, Texas.	S/Sgt.	18042215 captured	Dulag Luft

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 10 October 1944 Wo.

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REMARKS: K U 3065

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Drew L. Sheffield  
34403197 T-43-43 O  
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Air-field-command A (O) 24/IIPLACE: Braunschweig-Broitzem, Group: CommanderDATE: 5. October 44REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a FortressEN. LANDING: AT: unknown, on Sept. 44NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Jirik

FIRST NAME:

JosephRank: unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0-761243

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

XXXXXXXX After search on 4. Oct. 44, 2-5 km South of WolfenbuettelH B A

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

unknownFor  
Signature

Distributor.:

Cptn.

Interrogation-center

MIA 28 Sep 44KIA "



2d Lt. Fred J. Lockwald

Mrs. Maureen Lockwald (wife)  
833 Clarence Avenue  
Oak Park, Illinois

2d Lt. Joseph Jirik

Mrs. Lorna B. Jirik (wife)  
3560 11th Street  
Riverside, California

2d Lt. James B. Rawls

Mrs. Ethel Rawls (mother)  
1308 Palafax Street  
Tampa, Florida

2d Lt. John Wranesh

Mr. Steve Wranesh (father)  
Halesboro, New York

2d Lt. Seymour F. Saiganick

Harry Saiganick (father)  
1833 South Laundale Street  
Chicago, Illinois

S/Sgt. Carlton J. Killgo

Mrs. Irene Killgo (wife)  
1526 Pipkin Street  
Beaumont, Texas

Sgt. Harry I. Jacobson

Mrs. Doris E. Jackson (wife)  
922 South 7th Street  
Huntington, West Virginia

Sgt. Everett A. Mahannah, Jr.

Mrs. Alice Mahannah (mother)  
145-68th Street  
Niagara Falls, New York

Sgt. Drew L. Sheffield

Mr. Merthie P. Sheffield (father)  
Route Number One, Westville,  
Florida.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JACOPSON, Harry I.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15172339  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? BETWEEN Halberstadt AND Hildesheim (Believed in near vicinity of Hildesheim)

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Relieved Him OF RT. WAIST GUN AFTER Ball T. BECAME INOPERATIVE. THIS WAS JUST BEFORE He Bailed

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN Radio COMPT. I WAS FIRST TO leave WAIST OF

Any hearsay information: PLANE BUT LATER I LEARNED FROM WAIST GUNNER Wralesh AND Tail GUNNER Mahannah THAT SGT. JACOBSON WAS behind THEM IN WAIST COMPARTMENT Ready FOR JUMPING. Our CAPTORS, GERMAN Police, INFORMED US THAT HIS CHUTE DID NOT OPEN AND THAT He WAS Killed due To Fall. Police said He would be buried There Police Presented HIS IDENTIFICATION Bracelet

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SINCE We, PILOT, Bombardier, WAIST GUNNER, Tail GUNNER, AND I, were forced To carry SGT. JACOBSON'S CHUTE WHICH WAS OPEN AND WITHOUT BLOOD STAINS (I DON'T believe His death WAS due To THE Fall BUT THAT he WAS Killed BY THE GERMANs BEFORE OR UPON landing)

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) SEPT. 17, 1944 TROOP CONCENTRATIONS Near ARNHEM HOLLAND (2) SEPT. 26, 1944 - OSNABRUCK GERMANY (3) SEPT. 27, 1944 Cologne GERMANY (4) SEPT. 28, 1944 - MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

OF AFPPA-12  
 See Reverse side FOR  
 LOCATION OF CRASH

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **JIRIK, Joseph (NMI)**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-761243**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Believed To but did NOT see him make jump. Was

Where? OK AND Had Adequate Time, Most Sure He did

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

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

him make a suggestion to attempt to fly back on one engine  
ABOUT 3 or 4 MINUTES BEFORE WE HAD TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? He was UNINJURED.

Where was he when last seen? I last saw him before TAKE-OFF.

Any hearsay information: NONE OF CREW SAW OR HEARD FROM

HIM AFTER bail-out except that the GERMAN police  
assured us that no body was in the wreckage.

Source: GERMAN CAPTORS

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

LT. JIRIK Must have evaded the enemy a short while  
AT least until he was out of the immediate vicinity

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: <sup>(1)</sup> SEPT. 26, 1944 - OSNABRUCK, GERMANY

<sup>(2)</sup> SEPT. 27<sup>1944</sup> - COLOGNE, GERMANY <sup>(3)</sup> SEPT. 28, 1944 - MAGDE-  
BURG, GERMANY

see reverse side <sup>OF AFPPA-11</sup> For location  
 OF crash.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Drew L. Sheffield Rank SGT. Serial No. 34403197
2. Organization H57 Gp Commander Hozier Rank MAJ. Sqn CO SMITH(?) Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, Maiden Burg, Ger., target time, APX. 1100, altitude, 2600 route scheduled, Brussels Bel  
Colonne Halberstadt, route flown SAME  
APPROXIMATELY
5. Where were you when you left formation? APX. AT THE I.P. (Halberstadt I think)
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". ENGINEER, Kilgo, Bailed out  
ABOUT 5 MIN. AHEAD AND AT FIRST ORDER AFTER APX 4 MIN. ATTEMPT TO STAY UP  
MAJ. Rawls Bailed out THEN I, F. GUN. W. GUN. & R. OPERATOR Bailed out  
OF WAIST ARCH. THIS WAS ABOUT 1105 IN VICINITY OF HALBERSTADT. PILOT &  
BOMBARDIER WERE CAPTURED WITHIN A 1/2 MILE OF US AND CRASH CO-PILOT MUST HAVE  
Bailed AT SAME TIME
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SEE REVERSE SIDE & MAP INCLUDED.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I last saw SGT JACOBSON IN RADIO COMPT.  
AND UNINJURED I last saw LT Jirik AT TAKE-OFF BUT  
HEARD HIM ON INTER-COM. ABOUT 2 OR 3 MIN. BEFORE BAIL-OUT.  
HE WAS UNINJURED
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
No Knowledge.

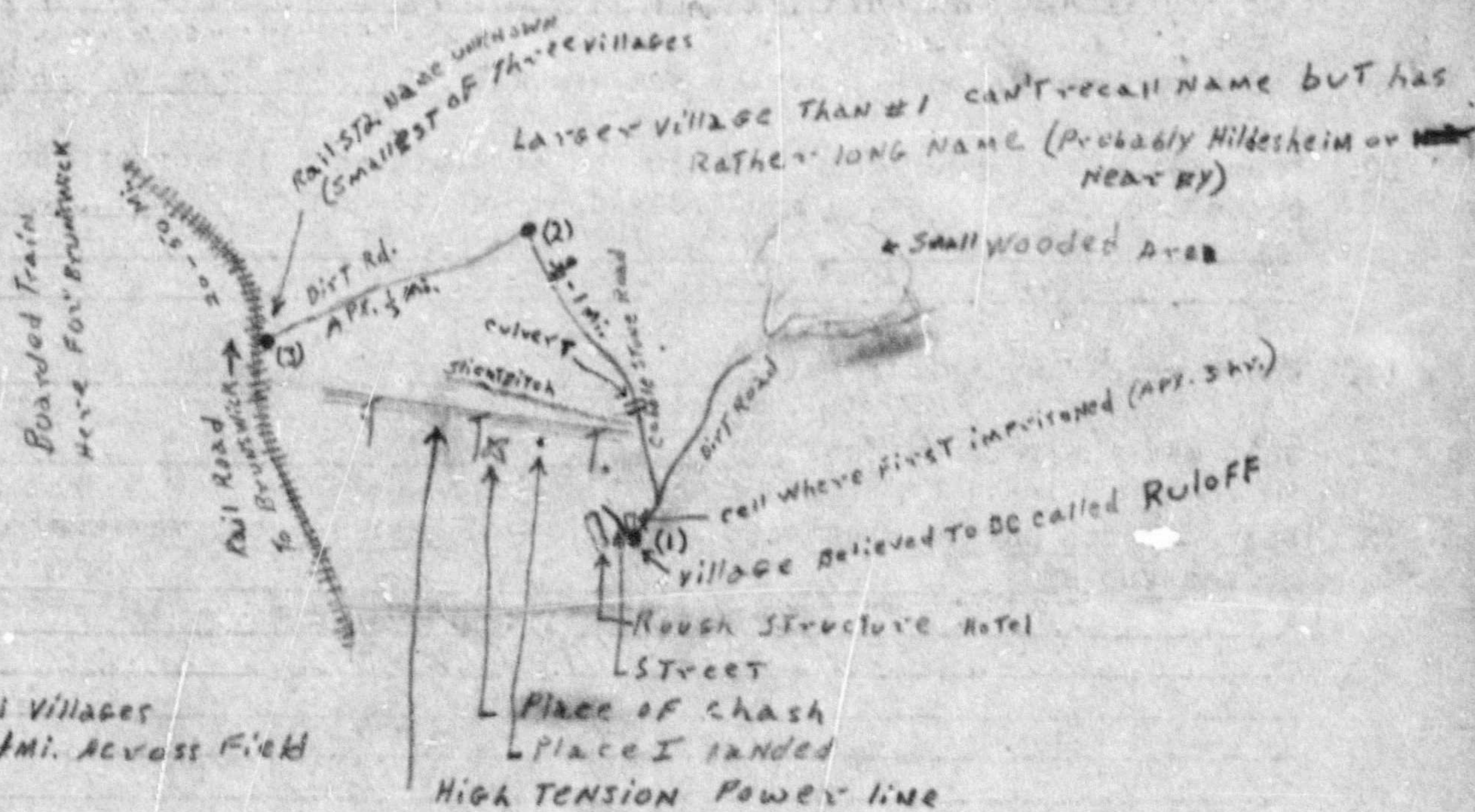
(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Dear Sir:

I will do my best to describe the exact spot where the plane crashed.

We were attacked by enemy fighters just about the time for the I.P. As best I remember the I.P. was Halberstadt. Three engines were knocked out and five broke out in No. 3. A bail-out order was given. Engineer, Killgo, jumped at this time. Pilot reconsidered with Nav. and co-pilot and attempted to keep plain up but found it impossible after approximately five min. We bailed out at about 1000 ft. I would say we were flying appx. 290° from time of leaving formation 'til bail-out.

The plane crashed very near a high tension line about 200 yds. from me. The exact spot is hard to give since I can't recall the names of the three near-by villages. Here is a sketch of land marks as I recall them.



DISTANCE BETWEEN VILLAGES  
1 + 2 is appx. 3/4 - 1 mi. across field

If you could furnish me a detailed invasion map of Magdeburg, Brunswick, Hildesheim, Halberstadt Area I am pretty sure I could pin-point crash spot.



OUTH  
SHIELDS  
AT & POOL  
LTDABROUGH

**BRITAIN**

EXTREME POSSIBLE LIMIT  
**SEA**  
MOST PROBABLE  
LOCATION

NEEDOLAND  
Cuxhaven

FRISIAN  
LEEWARDEN  
**NETHERLANDS**

ST. YARMCUTE  
Amsterdam  
's Grovenhage  
(The Hague)  
SPSWICH  
Rotterdam

R. Thomas  
BRUGG  
Ostende  
CALAIS  
GAND  
**BELGIUM**  
Bruxelles  
LILLE  
TOURNAI  
ARTS  
Abbeville  
DIEPPE  
NAMUR  
LIÈGE  
CHATELAIN  
CHATELAIN

NEL

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JACOBSON , Harry I.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15172339  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Waist Gunner (Engineer)~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In Vicinity of Magdeburg Germany

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The last words I heard, Was his answer to an Oxygen Check Aprox 5 Minutes Previous to the attack.

Was he injured? Not that I know of.

Where was he when last seen? He was seen at waist gunner, a escape door by waist gunners

Any hearsay information: The other Crew Members were told by the Germans that his chute had never opened, But all they saw was His identity Bracelet and chute which had been opened and showed signs of blood No one, To the best of my knowledge saw his body.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Only a suspicion, That he may have been killed by the Germans, As he was of Jewish Faith , And carried an Emblem signifying that he was of that faith, This is Merely my opinion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 17, 1944. Arnheim Belgium  
Sept 26, 1944. Vicinity of Colone . Sept 27, Vicinity of Kassel .  
Sept 28, 1944 Magdeburg Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JIRIK, Joseph (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-761243  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In vicinity of Magdeburg Germany

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

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

oxygen check to Bombadier, But after #3 Engine was set fire by a Fighter burst he never responded to my call for fire extinguisher

Was he injured? There was a possibility, But the pilot said he left the ship

Where was he when last seen? In co-pilots seat before leaving the ship

Any hearsay information: none at all

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He May have

tried to put up a fight as he was a veteran of the pacific theater,

So with his knowledge of combat he may have thought he could fight

his way out of a tight place

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3 Missions

Dates and destinations if possible: Sept 26, 1944 Vicinity of Colone

Sept 27, Vicinity of Kassel Sept 28, 1944 Magdeburg Germany



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KILIGO, Carlton J. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 18042215
2. Organization 8th AcF. Commander unknown Rank Col Sqn CO Smith Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombardment, target, Magdeburg Germany, target time, 12:05, altitude, 27,000 Approx route scheduled, Unknown  
route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? On Target I.P.
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". When our Group headed on the I.P. or run About 60 F.W. 190s Struck our ship was among the first hit Putting #3 engine out of commission, and setting it on fire We continued in formation until all our instruments and two more engines were gone, we bailed out imed after leaving formation.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In Vicinity of Magdeburg Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? /
12. What was their condition? /
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Harry I.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 15172339  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Member of the crew (Bomber)~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out

Where? Waist hatch if he did

If not, why not? don't know

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

Manning right waist gun

Was he injured? To my knowledge he was not.

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any hearsay information: The Germans told us that one of our crew bailed out and his chute did not open. Personally I doubt their statement.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: No. 1. Ground support over the Lines. No. 2. Cologne No. 3. Osnabruck No. 4. Magdeburg.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JIRIK, Joseph (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: C-761243  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~www~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? Nose hatch or bomb bay if he did bail out.

If not, why not? I don't know.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Pilot gave the bail out order ~~he~~ was at the controls then.

Was he injured? I don't know

Where was he when last seen? Don't know

Any hearsay information: For a time we thought he had escaped.

Source:  Germans told us.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He could talk Polish, Czech, & German so we had reason to believe that he may have escaped.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three.

Dates and destinations if possible: No. Cologne. No. 2 Osnabruck.  
 No. 3. Magdeburg.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name John WRANESH Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 12214300
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander Col. Lupet Rank      Sqn CO Smith Rank Capt.  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Magdeburg, target, oil refinery, target  
 time, 12 noon., altitude, 26,500 Ft. route scheduled, Can't Remember  
 route flown Can't Remember
5. Where were you when you left formation? Tail end.
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". Pilot, Nav. + Bombardier, Engineer went out the nose Tail gunner, ball gunner + myself went out the waist about the same time.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Rouleg. by a high tension line
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Unknown  
Radio Op. + Co. Pilot may have been.
11. Where were they in aircraft?
12. What was their condition?
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? To my knowledge they were O.K. when the pilot gave the bail out order.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JACOBSON , Harry I.  
Rank: Sgt.  
Serial number: 15172339  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes...as far as I know.

Where? Somewhere south of Magdenburg, Germany

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Waved to him just before leaving plane; asked if okay and received answer that he was.

Was he injured? Not as far as I know

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the radio room, heading for the waist door.

Any hearsay information: After landing and talking to rest of crew, someone suggested that he delayed pulling his rip-cord too long.

Source: other crew members

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (see above)

German guards said they had found his body and discovered his neck was broken; evidently parachute had not opened. (Since Jacobson was Jewish, some of us suspected foul play, but we had no proof...)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (incl. last one)

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not have dates or destinations, but all missions were during September 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JIRIK , Joseph (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-761243  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~MEMBER OF CREW~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes...as far as I know.

Where? South of Magdenburg, Germany

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Heard him acknowledge pilot's order to bail out (over interphone)

Was he injured? Do not know.

Where was he when last seen? In co-pilot's seat before we bailed out.

Any hearsay information: When discussing his fate with rest of crew (and listening to Germans) thought he might have evaded capture, since his knowledge of the language and country was supposedly very good, and also since guards evidently had discovered no trace of him.

Source: other crew members and German guards.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (see above)

Thought he might have evaded capture long enough to contact underground; or had gone down with plane, since no one (?) actually saw him bail out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (incl. last one) , I think.

Dates and destinations if possible: All missions during month of September, 44.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Everett A. Mahannah, Jr. Rank SGT Serial No. 12080980
2. Organization 457 Bomb group-748th Sq. Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 4th, target, Magdeburg, target time, 2pm (?), altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, ???  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown on course, until just before target
5. Where were you when you left formation? ?
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". The engineer (Sgt. Kilgo) bailed out about 15 minutes (?) before the rest of the crew, when the first bail-out order was given. Later, we all bailed out about the same time.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Somewhere south (?) of Magdeburg
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
11. Where were they in aircraft? ----
12. What was their condition? ----
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ----
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. -----

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Harry I.  
 Rank: Sergeant  
 Serial number: 15172339  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Operator~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 10 MILE SOUTH OF BRAUNSCHWEIG NEAR SEMENSTEDT,

If not, why not? — GERMANY

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

TO HIM OVER INTER PHONE

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM IN ENGLAND 28 SEPT 44

Any hearsay information: THE PILOT REPORTED A FEW DAYS

LATER THAT THE GERMANS HAD FOUND JACOBSON, HIS

CHUTE HAD NOT OPENED, THE GERMANS HAD HIS CHUTE

AND CHASH-BRACELET.

Source: FROM PILOT & OTHER CREW MEMBERS

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

SEE ABOVE

Total number of missions of above crew member: FOUR

Dates and destinations if possible: 17 SEPT 44 — NEAR EINDHOVEN, HOLLAND

26 SEPT 44 OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY

27 SEPT 44 KOBLENZ, GERMANY

28 SEPT 44 MAGDEBURG, GERMANY



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JIRIK, Joseph (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-761234  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~MEMBER OF CREW (PILOT)~~: CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW

Where? IF HE DID, WAS 10 MILES SOUTH OF BRACKENBURG, NEAR

If not, why not? I WAS SECOND TO LEAVE PLANE [SEMENSTEDT, GERMANY

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKED  
TO HIM OVER INTER-PHONE.

Was he injured? NOT THAT I KNOW OF

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM IN ENGLAND 28 SEPT 44

Any hearsay information: PILOT REPORTED A FEW DAYS LATER THAT  
JIRIK WAS MISSING. GERMANS HAD NO INFORMATION  
ON HIM.

Source: FROM PILOT & OTHER CREW MEMBERS

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

SEE ABOVE

Total number of missions of above crew member: THREE

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

26 SEPT 44 OSNABRÜCK, GERMANY

27 SEPT 44 KOBLENZ, GERMANY

28 SEPT 44 MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RAWLS, JAMES B., JR Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-723435
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander LUPER, JAMES Rank COL Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OIL REF., target, MAGDEBURG, GR., target time, 1200, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, I.P.  
BRAUNSCHWEIG, route flown ENGLAND - BRUSSELS - FRANKFURT - BRAUNSCHWEIG - MAGDEBURG
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF BRAUNSCHWEIG.
6. Did you bail out? ABOUT 10 MILE SOUTH OF BRAUNSCHWEIG NEAR SEMENSTEDT.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, I HAVE TALKED TO SIX OF THEM  
LT. SIRIK, & SGT. JACOBSON NOT SURE.
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". SGT. KILGO, ENG.  
WENT OUT FIRST, I WAS SECOND - NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER MEMBERS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR SEMENSTEDT, PILOT REPORTED
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? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? WETZLAR, GR. ABOUT OCT 6, 1944, GOOD CONDITION.  
ALL SEVEN MEMBERS WHO GOT OUT ALIVE.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO - KNOWLEDGE.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: JACOBSON, Harry I.  
 Rank: Sergeant  
 Serial number: 15172339  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on the flight (Bomber)~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 15 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

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

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

ON A XGEN CHECK ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE WENT DOWN

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? THE WAIST GUNNERS WERE THE LAST TO SEE HIM IN THE SHIP. HE LEFT THE SHIP ALIVE AND UNINJURED.

Any hearsay information: A GERMAN POLICEMAN TOLD US LATER IN THE DAY THAT HIS CHUTE HADN'T OPENED AND GAVE US HIS CRASH BRACKET. WE COULDN'T GET TO SEE THE BODY. ACCORDING TO THE WAIST GUNNERS HIS CHUTE HAD OPENED WHEN HE LEFT THE SHIP AND I'M OF THE OPINION THAT HE WAS KILLED BY CIVILIANS.

Source: GERMAN POLICEMAN NAMED SCHULTZ.

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

SEE ABOVE

I ASKED SCHULTZ IF HE WOULD RECEIVE A DECENT BURIAL, AND HE CLAIMED THAT THE BODY WOULD BE REMOVED TO A CEMETARY NEAR BERLIN

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: 1. SEPT. 10, 1944 KOELENZ 2. SEPT. 26, RUHR

2. SEPT. 27, RUHR 4. SEPT. 28, 1944 MAGDEBURG

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JIRIK, Joseph (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-761243  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on the ship~~ (Crewman): CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I THINK HE FROZE TO THE SHIP'S CONTROLS

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE ASKED FOR A HEADING.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: I SAW HIM ON THE FLIGHT DECK JUST BEFORE I BAILED OUT. I TOLD HIM THAT THE SHIP WAS READY TO BLOW UP AND TO GET OUT IN A HURRY. HE WAS STILL THERE WHEN THE PILOT LEFT THE SHIP, APPARENTLY HE COULDN'T GET HIM OUT.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE FROZE TO THE CONTROLS AND WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP. JUST AFTER I LEFT THE SHIP SHE WENT INTO A SPIN AND NOBODY ELSE GOT OUT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 1. SEPT 26, RUHR 2. SEPT 27, RUHR. 3. SEPT 28, 1944 MAGDEBURG.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SEYMOUR F. SARGANICK Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. 0-772672
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> BOMB GR. Gp Commander SOE. JIM LUPER Rank COL Sqn CO SMITH Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, HIGH ALT. BOMBING target. MAG DE BURG, target time, 1141, altitude, 26,000 FT. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON BOMB RUN
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". PILOT - BOMB BAY DOORS, ENGINEER, NAVIGATOR AND MYSELF - NOSE HATCH, WAIST GUNNER BALL AND RADIO MAN - WAIST DOOR, TAIL GUNNER - TAIL HATCH CO-PILOT - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT 20 MILES W/SW OF MAGDEBURG GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I BELIEVE THE CO-PILOT JOSEPH JIRIK WAS.
11. Where ~~were they~~ <sup>was he</sup> in aircraft? THE FLIGHT DECK
12. What was ~~their~~ <sup>his</sup> condition? UNINJURED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW THE BALANCE OF THE CREW, EXCEPT THE RADIO MAN, ON THE GROUND. WE WERE ALL IN GOOD CONDITION.
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)

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschluß-Nr. KU 3039

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 28.9.44 - 13.50  
 Abschlußort: Wetzleben b. Wolfenbüttel  
 Flugzeugtyp: Fortress  
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Braunschweig-Broitzel

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vorname: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
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LOCKWALD 16.2.17	Fred John Chicago, Ill.	2.Lt.	0-1049249	gef. Dulag-Luft
RAWLS	James B.	2.Lt.	0-723435	gef. Dulag-Luft
SALGANICK 28.1.23	Seymour Francis Chicago, Ill.	2.Lt.	0-772672	gef. Dulag-Luft
WRANESH	John	Sgt.	12214300	gef. Dulag-Luft
SHEPHERD 25.6.18	Drew Lawrence USA	S/Sgt.	34403197	gef. Dulag-Luft
MAHANNAH Jr.	Everett Alan Jr.	Sgt.	12080980	gef. Dulag-Luft
KILLGO 12.2.22	Carlton James Anderson, Tex.	S/Sgt.	18042215	gef. Dulag-Luft

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