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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REPORT: 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 Base England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F. Group 457th Bomb. Gp. (H) Squadron 748th; Detachment
2. SPECIES: Place of Departure Station 130; Course Target or Intended Destination Magdeburg, Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS (OR BEST LOG REPORTED): 10/10ths cover.
4. DATE: (a) Day 28 Month Sept. Year 1944; Time 1147; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Between 51-57N10-30E and 52-06N139E. (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 (X); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows:
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; AAF Serial Number 42-97470
7. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Oh-Kay"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-27; AAF Serial Number (a) 42-78813; (b) SW-003070; (c) SW-545; (d) SW-004671
9. IDENTIFIED PARTS (Furnish below date, type and serial number): (a) 931219; (b) 243045; (c) 247816; (d) 948862; (e) 948808; (f) 230489; (g) 249119; (h) 113056; (i) 948665; (j) 248902; (k) 229027; (l) 240096; (m) ; (n) ; (o) ; (p)
10. THE PARTS 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
1. PILOT	Ellsworth, Robert I. <i>POW</i>	1st Lt.	0-760808	MIA RTD
2. CP	Van Ingen, John V. <i>POW</i>	2nd Lt.	0-329108	MIA RTD
3. B	Metcalf, Thomas O. Jr. <i>POW</i>	2nd Lt.	0-771951	MIA RTD
4. TRG	Creighbaum, James D. <i>POW</i>	T/Sgt.	19056882	MIA RTD <i>NY</i>
5. RO	Mallin, James A. <i>POW</i>	T/Sgt.	16078714	MIA RTD
6. LWB	Lafayette, Elmer T. <i>POW</i>	S/Sgt.	35881124	MIA <i>US</i>
7. RWG	Maher, Lawrence J. <i>POW</i>	S/Sgt.	36731585	MIA RTD
8. RT	Milbauer, Melvin (NMI) <i>POW</i>	S/Sgt.	32813868	MIA RTD
9. TG	Smolinski, Joseph J. <i>POW</i>	S/Sgt.	36654346	MIA <i>US</i>

12. IDENTIFY HEREIN THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
		by Radio	Last Sighted	Forced Crash	Landin
1.					
2.					
3.					



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13. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SEVERAL YES: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
14. ATTACH WITH PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH WITH ITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERVICE NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND DATES: _____

Date of Report: 5 October 1944

Gerald H. Galligan
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. DETAILS OF WITNESS STATEMENTS:

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

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(S-2 Summary of
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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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 457th Sqn. 748th A/C No. 42-97470

MISSION DATE 28 Sept. 1944 FIRST PILOT Robert I. Ellsworth
(Name)

1st Lt. O-760808 DESTINATION Magdeburg
(Rank) (Serial No.)

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

(a) By coordinates Between about 5157-7030 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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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 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>O-757120</u>	<u>42-97591</u>
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

<u><i>Hugh M. Hamill</i></u> <u>HUGH M. HAMILL</u> (Name)	<u>1st Lt.</u> (Rank)	<u>O-571919</u> A.S.N.	<u>Asst. Cp. S-2</u> Duty
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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 knows what happened to #42-97470.

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

Mellin & Lafayette both had post-cards.
24 Oct 44 Broadcast - Lafayette

Van Inger	POW	335155	V5/2557
* Kneighbaum	POW #	3814	
Maher	POW	337143.2	CA Notify 8/Dec
Smolinski	POW	362105	PWC card dated 3 Oct. 40

05/2586 Card dated end of Oct. Enquiring

MALDEN
AAF # 42-97470

MACR 9771
B-17
Transceiver
AAF # 42-97470

DATE: 28 September 1944 AT: 1230
PLACE: Osterwick near Halberstadt
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress ^{MACR} 9771
748th (HCo) Sq. 457th Group

*11/21/44 - 491164
complete records
in 805*

TARGET: Airbase Halberstadt

RANK	NAME	K U 3034
2nd Lt.	VAN INGEN, John Viegor	ASH: C-829108
1st Lt.	ELLSWORTH, Robert Irvin	ASH: C-760808
2nd Lt.	MELDRIG, ^{Caroline}	ASH: ^{24 August 44} 3605430 ^{Bus}
2nd Lt.	MERGALFE, Thomas Oren	ASH: C-771951
S/Sgt.	MILBOUER, Melvin	ASH: 32813868
T/Sgt.	MELLIN, James Albert	ASH: 16078714
T/Sgt.	KREIGHBAUM, James David	ASH: 19056882
S/Sgt.	MAKER, Lawrence J.	ASH: 35731585
T/Sgt.	LAFAYETTE, Elmer T.	ASH: 36881164

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: H.Q. Airbase A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

DATE: 28. Sept. 44

DATE AND TIME: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230 -
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: east of Osterwick, 25 km of Halberstadt
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: Fighter
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress II B 17 F

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: V - - - -
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: - - - - -

EQUIPMENT: No
F. T. FREQUENCIES: Equipment has been salvaged, damaged
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 90% lossDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Plane exploded in the air. Parts of the plane were scattered 2 km around.
The fuselage broke into 3 parts, wings burnt up to the outside Engines.

Engines: Wright Cyclone with turbo super charger, 3 Engines have been torn out and
are 75% loss, 1 Engines burned out.

Protection: torn down, plate 8 and 10 mm thick. Glass at tail turret 28 mm thick

Propeller: 3 bladed Metal Hamilton-variable pitch propeller.

Armament: 11 Guns 12,7 mm

- 1 Issue Record (Joseph J. Szolinski)
- 1 " " (Kreighbaum)
- 1 Authorization of class B Allotment (Maher)
- 1 physical Record "
- 1 Mess mark "

1 Identification-tag:

Lawrence J. Maher
36731585 T-43-44

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OF APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~UNKNOWN~~)
II B-17 F)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230 -

AT: 55271 east-side of Osterwieck 25 km north-west of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) LaFayetteFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Elmer T.RANK: T/Sgt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 36821124

NATIONALITY: _____

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berssel
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: _____

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINEDDATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

9.Oct.44

THROUGH:

TIME:

0945

ROLL:

FROM:

L L E N

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

S S D L F G T 96 8.Oct.44-2300-

To Interrogation-center West Oberursel

Directed to Interrogation-center West

" " H.Q.Airbase 12 XI/IC Mellendorf/Hann.

MIA 28 Sept 44

To Air-distr. XI/IC Hamburg, Hakenese

EUS

Concerning: Capture of an enemy airman downed: unknown

The enemy airman, ^{Subject I.} Officer L. F. Ellsworth O-760808 T-43 has been captured on 7.Oct.44 at the Weser-bridge near Beverungen/Weser and has been taken from jail Beverungen on 8.Oct.44 by H.Q.Airbase Goettingen.

Prisoner will be transferred to Oberursel on 9.Oct.44 - 0100 -

H.Q.Airbase A(0) 277XI Goettingen

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/IIILOCATION: Ha 1 berstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDING) Fortr. II b MTF AND TIME. 28. Sept. 44
CRASH)AT: NEAR: east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt.

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) SmolinskiFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Joseph J.RANK: St/Sgt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 36654346

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 28. Sept. 44-1250-
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: near Ierssel
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(O) 13/IIILOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) Fortr. B 17 F
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)
~~XXXXX~~)DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -AT: east of Osterwick. 25 km NE of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) van IngenFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) J.V.RANK: 2th LT.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 0-529108NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Osterwick
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: _____STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/IIILOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDING) Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
CRASH)AT: 5 km east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) NetcalfFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Thomas G.RANK: 2th Lt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 0-771951NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1250-
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berssel
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase DISTRIBUTOR:
 OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/III
 LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~EMERGENCY-LANDINGS~~) Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
CRASH)

AT: 5 km east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) Metcalf
 FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) Thomas O.

RANK: 2th Lt.
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 0-771951

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Bernsel
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.O., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/IIILOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
FORTRAN B 17 F) Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
DOWNED)AT: 25 km east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) Maher
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Lawrence J.RANK: Sgt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 36731585NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1300 -
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Dardeshelm
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
~~CRASH~~)

Forstr. B 17 F

DATE AND TIME:

28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -

AT:

NEAR:

xxxx east of Osterwiek, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) Hilbeuer

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Melvin

RANK: Sr/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 32813868

NATIONALITY:

USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF 28 Sept 44 - 1250 -

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Beranel

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
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REMARKS:

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INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase DISTRIBUTOR:
 OFFICE OR STATION: A(O) 13/III
 LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Refri DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
~~XXXXXX~~) Fortr. B 17 F

AT: XXXX east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) Hollin

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Jamon

RANK: T/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 16078714

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1235 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Osterwick
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase DISTRIBUTOR:
 OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/III
 LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED }
~~ENEMY AIRCRAFT~~ } Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
~~ENEMY~~ }

AT: east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) Kreighbaum
 LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) James D.
 GIVEN NAME)

RANK: T/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 19056882
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1250 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berswal
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

OBERSURSEL

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 29 Sept 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1105

ROLL:

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: ?

REMARKS: SSD - LEUD No.: 187 28 Sept 1944, time: 2230

Answer necessary

Correction will follow

To Interrogation Center , Obersursel
 Concernig: Downig of a Fortress II (B 17 F)
 on 18 Sept 44, time : 1213, At east side of Osterwick
 12 km^W of Halberstadt, by fighter, kmax 95% loss
 Markings and serial No. can not be found.
 Downing by fighter unit will be investigated
 2 prisoners, so far:
 1.) 2nd Lt. I van Ingma, O-829108
 2.) Sgt. James Sumalin, 16078714
 both prisoners will be transferred to Obersursel
 Air Base detachment Halberstadt

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

~~28 September 1944~~ 1530 hrs.

CASUALTY NO.

~~KU 3034~~

PLACE OF CRASH

~~Ostrowick near Halberstadt~~

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

~~Fortress~~

REPORTING OFFICE

~~5. Air Base Halberstadt~~

NAME		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
VAN INGEN	John Visger	2nd Lt.	0-829108	captured	Dulag Luft
METCALFE	Thomas Oren	2nd Lt.	0-771951	captured	Dulag Luft
KREIGHBAUM	James David	T/Sgt.	19056882	captured	Dulag Luft
LAFAYETTE	Elmer T. Rich.	T/Sgt.	36851124	captured	Dulag Luft
MELLEN	James Albert	T/Sgt.	16078714	captured	Dulag Luft
MAHER	Lawrence J.	S/Sgt.	36731585 32813868	captured	Dulag Luft
MILBOUER	Kelvin	S/Sgt.	36654346	captured	Dulag Luft
4 October 1944					
SHOLINSKI	Joseph John Chicago Ill.	S/Sgt.	36654346	captured	Dulag Luft

Casualty No. KU 3034

First Supplementary Report, dated 2 November 1944

ELLSWORTH

Robert Irvin

1st Lt.

0-760808

captured

Dulag Luft

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 9 October 1944 No.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: **SMOLINSKI Joseph J**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **24654348**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? YESWhere? OUT OF TAIL HATCH

If not, why not? _____

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

TAIL GUNNER ANNOUNCED FIGHTERS FROM SIX O'CLOCK LOWWas he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? AS PRISONER OF WARUPON RETURN TO STATES AFTER LIEG-RATIONAny hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

 _____Total number of missions of above crew member: 19 MISSIONSINCLUDING THE ONE SHOT DOWN ONDates and destinations if possible: DON'T REMEMBER

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: **LAFAYETTE Elmer ?**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **30801124**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or (Fighter/Navigator)~~: **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NOSE ESCAPE HATCH

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DON'T RECALL

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? AFTER LIBERATION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: DON'T KNOW

Dates and destinations if possible: DON'T REMEMBER

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name MELLIN, JAMES ALBERT Rank T/SGT Serial No. 16078714
457th Bomb GP 748th BM SQ.
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander FRANCIS Rank COL Sqn CO DON'T REMEMBER
(full name) (full name) Rank _____
3. What year 1944 month SEPT. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, STRATEGIC BOMBING, target, MAGDEBURG, GER., target time, 1145 APPROX, altitude, 23,000-25,000 FT route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN THE RADIO ROOM
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, PILOT & CO-PILOT BAILED OUT THROUGH BOMB BAY; BOMBARDIER THROUGH NOSE HATCH; WAIST & BALL GUNNERS THROUGH WAIST ENTRANCE DOOR
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX. 30 MILES WEST & LITTLE NORTH OF HALBERSTADT - CLOSEST TOWN OF OSTERWIECK
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) a-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: LAFAYETTE Elmer ?
 Rank: S/SGT
 Serial number: 36881124
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (~~ENGINEER/COPILOT~~): Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER MADGNEGURG GERMANY

If not, why not? -

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

MENTIONED TO THE REST OF THE CREW TO BAILOUT

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? BEING HELD IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS ^{GERMANY}

Any hearsay information: THE ONLY INFORMATION I CAN

GIVE IS THAT THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM

WAS IN PRISON CAMP. STALAG LUFT 3D

KEEFHEIDE GERMANY. WHEN THE RUSSIANS

WERE CLOSING IN HE WAS TAKEN TO ANOTHER CAMP

Source: MY OWN

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

ALIVE WHEN I LAST SAW HIM. DECEMBER 20, 1944

THE CREW I WAS FLYING WITH WAS

NOT MY ORIGINAL CREW. I WAS FLYING

SPARE GUNNER

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT POSSIBLE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: **SMOLINSKI Joseph J**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **36654346**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~SMOLINSKI~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? MADGENSBURG GERMANY

If not, why not? -

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

When He Bailed Out

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? IN PRISON CAMP.

Any hearsay information: When The Russians were

Advancing Near Our Camp He was

Evacuated To Another Prison Camp.

BARTH. NEAR THE RHINE RIVER IN GERMANY

Source: My Own

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

He was Alive when I last saw

Him in Prison Camp Dec 20, 1944

Total number of missions of above crew member: 21

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT POSSIBLE

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MELVIN MILBOVER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 32813868
2. Organization AAF Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO 457th Bn Rank Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month SEPT day Monday did you go down? Yes
4. What was the mission, 21, target, MADGEBURG GERM, target time, 12.51, altitude, 34,000 ft route scheduled, -
route flown -
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10 miles From Target
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".
No Knowledge
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) 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? All The Rest of the Crew were 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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: LAFAYETTE BLAIR T
 Rank: S/MSG
 Serial number: 33821124
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? WASSERLY GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

CHECK ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE BEING HIT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW HIM AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE
FRANCE

Any hearsay information: NO NOT THAT I KNOW OF

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WAS ALL RIGHT

THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: **SWOLINSKI Joseph J**
 Rank: **S/SGT**
 Serial number: **30554346**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer/Navigator~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? WASSERLY GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

ABOUT 10 MINUTES BEFORE BEING HIT.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? CAMP LUCKY STRIKE FRANCE

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WAS ALL RIGHT

THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JAMES D KREIGH BAUM Rank T/SCT Serial No. 19056582
2. Organization 457th BR. Gp 749th Bom Sqd. 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, 19, target, _____, target time, 10:40, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST AFTER WE TURNED ON THE IP
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 NAIL GUNNER AND BOMB DROPER OUT THE NOSE PILOT & CO PILOT & I OUT THE BOMB BAY, BALL GUNNER, WAIST GUNNER & RADIO MAN OUT THE WAIST, TAIL GUNNER OUT THE TAIL ALL AS SAUN AS THE ORDER WAS GIVEN
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 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)

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THE RADIO MAN AND CO PILOT BROKE THEIR
ANKLES WHEN THEY HIT THE GROUND, THAT IS ALL
THAT WERE INJURED .

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: SMOLINSKI Joseph J
Rank: S/SGT
Serial number: 36654346
Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~XXXXXX~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Tail Gunner escape door.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A check to see if he was O.K. shortly before we were hit.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At Camp Lucky Strike in France by myself. In May 1945 waiting to be shipped home.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: S/Sgt Joseph J.

Smolinski was not killed or injured. He is home in the United States.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19

Dates and destinations if possible: 28 Sept 44 Magdeburg.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert I. Ellsworth Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-760808
2. Organization 457 B. Gp Commander Luper Rank L. Co Sqn CO Dickerson Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Magdeburg, Germany, target time, 1215 (approx.), altitude, 25000 ft. route scheduled, enter W. Ger below Cologne., route flown Scheduled rte.
5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 4 in the lower 6 ship element
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes (entire crew)
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". C.P. Van Ingen and Eng. Kre'ghbaum bailed out bomb bay. ~~NEXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and Bom. Metcalfe bailed out nose hatch, WG Maher, BG Milbouer, and RO Mellin bailed out waist door. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. P Ellsworth bailed out nose hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In pieces near where I hit the ground.
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? None
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? S/Sgt. Joseph J. Smolinski, in France at Camp Lucky Strike in good condition, 30 May 1945.
S/Sgt. Elmer T. LaFayette. Recieved a letter from him in July 1945.
He was home and said he was in good condition.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)
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The entire crew bailed out safely.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: LAFAYETTE Elmer T
Rank: S/SOT
Serial number: 36881124
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Nose Hatch

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A check to see if he was O.K. Shortly before we were hit

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At Camp Lucky Strike in France, by another crew member.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: S/Sgt Elmer T.

LaFayette was not killed or injured. He is home in the United States.

I recieved a letter from him in July 1945. He said he was alright.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ?

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9771

Name of crew member: LAFAYETTE Bloor T
 Rank: A/SGT
 Serial number: 36801124
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 50 miles South west of MAGDEBURG, GERMANY

If not, why not? —

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

I SAW HIM BAIL OUT OF NOSE HATCH [HE WAS FLYING AS NOSE GUNNER]

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AT INTERROGATION CENTER, OBERURSEL, GERMANY

Any hearsay information: AFTER BEING LIBERATED I WAS SENT TO

CAMP LUCKY STRIKE NEAR LeHAVRE, FRANCE. AT THIS CAMP

THERE WAS A CARD INDEX OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHO HAD

PASSED THRU TO BE REPATRIATED. HIS NAME WAS THERE. THESE

CARDS WERE FILLED OUT BY THE MEN THEMSELVES.

Source: —

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

POSITIVE THAT THIS MAN IS ALIVE, WELL, & IN

THE UNITED STATES.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ESTIMATE - 14

Dates and destinations if possible: HE FLEW ABOUT 4 MISSIONS WITH

OUR CREW, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH ONES.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THOMAS O. METCALFE, Jr. Rank 1st LT Serial No. 0-711951
2. Organization 57 B.C. Gp Commander ~~J. LUPER~~ Rank Col. Sqn CO G. HUZIER Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MAGDEBURG, target, TANK FACTORIES, target time, DAUT RECAL, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, SOUTH
Thru 2 to GERMANY NORTH, route flown same
To BRUNSWICK & DAUT TO TAP at
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 MIAS SOUTHEAST BRUNSWICK
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". EVERY MAN ON CREW BAILED OUT SUCCESSFULLY AND I SAW THEM ALL SAFTHE GROUND.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BLEW-UP.
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? SAW PILOT IN U.S., CO-PILOT IN FRANCE ENGINEER & TAIL GUNNER IN FRANCE, GUN AFTER THE WAR, SAW NOSE GUNNER, RADIONMAN & WAIST GUNNER IN DELAG SVET AT WETZLAR ~~FRANCE~~ AFTER GERMANY AFTER CAPTURE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschluß-Nr. KU 3014

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 20.9.44 - 12.30
 Abschlußort: Ostarkieck b. Halberstadt
 Flugzeugtyp: Forbress
 Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Halberstadt

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

✓ VAN INGEN	John Visger	2. ^{lt.}	0-829708	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ METCALFE	Thomas Oren	2. ^{lt.}	0-771951	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ KREICHBBAUM	James David	T/Sgt.	12056882	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ LAPAYETTE ---	Elmer T. Mich.	T/Sgt.	36861124	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ MELLIN	James Albert	T/Sgt.	16078714	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ MAHER	Lawrence J.	S/Sgt.	36731585	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ MILBOUER 4.10.24	Melvin	S/Sgt.	32813868	gef.	Dulag-Luft
✓ SMOLINSKI ---	Joseph John Chicago, Ill.	S/Sgt.	36654346	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: 9771

DULAG-LUFT, den 9.10.44 Wg.

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- 1 Individual physical record of Pfc. Smolenski
- 1 Dinghy Drill
- 6 Identification-tags

1.) Joseph J. Smolenski
 366554346 T-43-44 O
 C

2.) Melvin Milbouer
 32813868 T-43-44 O
 P

3.) J.V. von Ingen
 0-829108 T-43-44 B
 P

4.) Thomas O. Metcalfe
 0-771951 T-43-44 A
 C

5.) James A. Mallin
 16078714 T-43-44 A
 Mrs. Julia Mallin
 616 Janson St.
 Berlin Wis. C

6.) James D. Kreighbaum
 19055882 T-41-42 A
 Flo. Kreighbaum
 RT 2 Box 873
 Reedley Calif. P

- 1 Physical Record card (S/Sgt.Kreighbaum)
- 1 Identification card (draft Identification)
- 1 Mess card (?) (" ")
- 1 Identification-tag

Robert I. Ellsworth
O-760808 T-43-44 O
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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: H.C. Airbase A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

DATE: 29. Sept. 44

DATE AND TIME: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230 -
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: east of Osterwick, 25 km of Halberstadt
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: Fighter
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress II B 17 F

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: - - - - V - - - -
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: - - - - -

EQUIPMENT: no

F.T. FREQUENCIES: Equipment has been salvaged, damaged

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 90% loss

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Plane exploded in the air. Parts of the plane were scattered 2 km around.
The fuselage broke into 3 parts, wings burnt up to the outside Engines.

Engines: Wright Cyclone with turbo super charger, 3 Engines have been torn out and
are 75% loss, 1 Engine burned out.

Protection: torn down, plate 8 and 10 mm thick. Glass at tail turret 28 mm thick

Propeller: 3 bladed Metal Hamilton-variable pitch Propeller.

Armament: 11 Guns 12,7 mm

- 1 Issue Record (Josph J.Smolinski)
- 1 " " (Kreighbaum)
- 1 Authorisation of class B Allotment (Maher)
- 1 physical Record "
- 1 Mess mark "

1 Identification-tag:

Lawrence J. Maher
36731585 T-43-44

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OF STATION: A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~EMERGENCY LANDING~~ II B-17 F DATE AND TIME: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230 -
~~CRASH~~)

AT: ~~5500~~ east-side of Osterwick 25 km north-west of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) LaFayette
 LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Elmer T.
 GIVEN NAME)

RANK: T/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 36881124
 SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28. Sept. 44 - 1230 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berssel
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
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POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

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INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 9.Oct.44

THROUGH:

TIME: 0945

ROLL:

FROM: L L E N

THROUGH:

REMARKS: S S D L B G T 96 8.Oct.44-2300-

To Interrogation-center West Oberursel

Directed to Interrogation-center West

" " H.Q.Airbase 12 XI/IC Mellendorf/Hamm.

To Air-distr. XI/IC Hamburg,Blakenese

Concerning:Capture of an enemy airman downed;unknown

The enemy airman,Officer I.E.Ellsworth O-760808 T-43;has been captured on 7.Oct.44 at the Weser-bridge near Beverungen/Weser and has been taken from jail Beverungen on 8.Oct.44 by H.Q.Airbase Goettingen.

Prisoner will be transferred to Oberursel on 9.Oct.44 - 0100 -

H.Q.Airbase A(0) 277XI Goettingen

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/III

LOCATION: Ha 1 berstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Fortr. II b 10A R AND TIME: 28.Sept.44
XXXXXX)

AT: 6000r east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) Smolinski

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) Joseph J.

RANK: St/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 36654346

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28.Sept.44-1250-
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: near Berssel
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G. F. P. OR S. D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/IIILOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED } Fortr. B 17 F
EMERGENCY LANDING }
CRASH } DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -AT: xxxx east of Osterwick. 25 km NW of Halberstadt
NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) van IngenFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) J.V.RANK: 2th LT.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE O-829108NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44-1235-
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Osterwick
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG;
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: A(0) 13/IIILOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
28 Sept)AT: 15 km east of Osterwick, 25 km SW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME)
FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME) Motcalfe
CHRISTIAN NAME)
FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME) Thomas O.RANK: 2th Lt.SERIAL
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE 0-771951NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44-1250-
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Borssele
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
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REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: H.Q. Airbase

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OF STATION: A(O) 13/III

LOCATION: Halberstadt

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~DOWNED~~)
~~RECOVERED~~) Fortr. B 17 F DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept.44 - 1230 -
~~RECOVERED~~)

BY: ~~DOWNED~~ east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) Maher

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) Lawrence J.

RANK: St/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
 SERVICE 36731585

NATIONALITY: USA-A.G.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept.44 - 1300 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Dardeshain
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
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DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

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 OFFICE OR STATION: A(O) 13/III
 LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Fortr. B 17 DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
CRASH)

AT: 14 km east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) Milbouer
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Melvin
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: St/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 32813868
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1250 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berssel
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
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LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Fortr. B 17 DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
CRASH)

AT: 14 km east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) Milbauer
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Melvin
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: St/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 32813868
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: USA-A.G.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
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EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Berssel
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 LOCATION: Halberstadt OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Portr. B 17 F) DATE AND TIME: 28 Sept. 44 - 1230 -
~~XXXXXXXX~~)

AT: east of Osterwick, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

* SURNAME)
 FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME) Mellin

CHRISTIAN NAME)
 FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME) James

RANK: T/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 16078714

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 28 Sept. 44 - 1235 -
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Osterwick
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
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 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

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REGARDING: DOWNED)
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~~CRASH~~)
 AT: East of Osterwieck, 25 km NW of Halberstadt

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME)
 FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME) Kreighbaum

CHRISTIAN NAME)
 FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME) James D.

RANK: T/Sgt.
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 19056882

NATIONALITY: USA-A.C.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 29 Sept 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1105

ROLL:

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH:

REMARKS: SSD - LEHD No.: 187 28Sept 1944, time 2230

Answer nessesary

Correction will follow!

To Interrogation Center Oberursel

Concernig: Downing of a Fortress II (B 17 F)

on 18 Sept 44, time 1213, at east side of Osterwick

12 Km NW of Halberstadt, by fighter, 95 % loss

Markings and serial No. can not be found.

Downig by fighter unit will be investigated

2 prisoners, sofar;

1.) 2nd Lt. I van Ingen, O-829108

2.) Sgt. James Samelln, 16078714

Both prisoners will be transferres to Oberursel.

Air Base Detachment Halberstadt

Identification-tag

Elmer T. Lafayette
36881124 T-43-44 A
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2 Special Orders Extracts
1 Pass (temporary)

eb/1/9/45

1st Lt. Robert L. Ellsworth

Mrs. Patricia J. Ellsworth, (wife) ✓
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Riverside, California.

2nd Lt. John V. Van Ingan

Mr. John Van Ingan, (father) ✓
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Canastota, New York.

2nd Lt. Thomas G. Metcalfe, Jr.

Mr. Thomas G. Metcalfe, (father) ✓
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Gauton, Mississippi.

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Mrs. Florence E. Kraighbaum, (mother) ✓
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2/Sgt. James A. Wallin

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Mrs. Hazel E. LaFayette, (wife) ✓
5719 Elmira,
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S/Sgt. Lawrence J. Maher

Mrs. Mary E. Maher, (mother) ✓
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P/Sgt. Melvin Milbauer

Mrs. Frances Novick, (sister) ✓
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Mrs. Evelyn E. Szalinski, (wife) ✓
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