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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Ralph Carson Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-703625
2. Organization 398 thBp Commander Hunter Rank Col. Sqn CO M. Daley Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 30th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Dessau, target, Aircraft Factory, target time, 11:10 AM, altitude, 24,000 ft. route scheduled, N.E. approach to Germany, route flown As briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? On the bomb run 10 Kilo. S of target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 7 out of 9 bailed out
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". In order, top turret gunner co-pilot, navigator, and bombardier went out navigators escape hatch. Waist gunner, tail gunner, and radio operator bailed out waist escape hatch. Pilot was killed in the cockpit while on the bomb run.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Plane crashed into ground in the vicinity of Dessau, Akin, and Eothen.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Thomas L. Thompson, 1st Lt., o-809892- Pilot
Ernest A. Pannell Jr. Sgt. 32756327 Ball Turret Gunner
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot was in cockpit, Turret Gunner was either in the waist or the radio room.
12. What was their condition? Thompson was dead, Pannell no information.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The dead bodies of Thompson and Pannell were identified for the Germans by Sgt. John Hamey (of Wilks-Barre, Pa.)
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)

In my opinion Lt. Thomas L. Thompson and Egt. Ernest A. Pennell were definitely killed on May 30th in combat on or about 11:15 on the bomb run a few kilometers south of Dessau.

Through the Germans I was told that Staff Sgt. Victor Frisbie landed in a small lake and was drowned. This is purely hearsay.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew members: THOMPSON, Thomas L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-809892
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxx Pilot~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? In my opinion he was killed in the first Fighters sweep.

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

Gave Tom time of I.P. to alter course on Bomb Run. Communications and Oxygen system were shot out.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Dead on ground by crew members.

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Nemev told me that he had identified Thompson's body for the Germans and he took Tom's Crucifix from the body to return to his wife and family.

Source: _____

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

Killed instantly by enemy fire.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible; May 2 or 3, Cherbourg.

Nancy, Stuttgart, Berlin, and Dessau

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew members: FRISBIE, Victor
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial numbers: 39324590
 Positions: Crew (Bomber) ~~engineer (engineer)~~; Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 10 Kilc. South of Dessau, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

No contact, communications system was shot out

Was he injured? I don't believe so

Where was he when last seen? He parachuted out at approx. 24,000 Ft.
 His chute did open but I never saw him again.

Any hearsay information: Told by the Jerries that he landed in a small
 lake and was drowned.

Sources: _____

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

I am inclined to believe the Jerry story as I did see the lake
 as I was coming down in the chute, as he was headed in that
 general direction.

Total number of missions of above crew members: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Cherbourg, Nancy, Stuttgart?, Berlin,

?? Dessau

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew member: PENNELL, Ernest A. Jr.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32766327
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret Gunner~~; Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where? _____

If not, why not? No explanation as he was not injured visibly and he waved the tail gunner out the waist door but never got out himself. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of crash:

A few minutes before communication were shot out he called out enemy fighters in their position, from his ball turret. Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? He was identified by a crew member after the ship crashed. His face and body were almost beyond recognition. Any hearsay information:

It is my opinion that this crew member went beyond the call of duty, as he was last seen alive at the waist escape hatch, he laughingly waved the tail gunner out the exit. I believe he crawled from the waist through the radio room, through the bomb bay on the way to the cockpit. I believe the ship crashed while he was enroute.

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible; Cherbourg, Nancy, Stuttgart?, ????

Berlin, and Dussau

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John Namcy Rank T/1 Sgt. Serial No. 13127406
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander Rank For 1st Sqn CO — Rank —
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 30 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, JU 88 Factory Dessau, target
time, 11:05, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, —
route flown —
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER IP
6. Did you bail out? I was knocked out. Woke up after other members
of my crew threw me out.
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) Refer to 8
11. Where were they in aircraft? — No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? 1 SW - Co Pilot, Nat, Bomb, R.O and
T. G. Frankfurt in fair condition
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) A-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 5312

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Thomas L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-809892
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Gunner (Bomber)~~; Pilot

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information:

from R. O. George Gayne
Claims he saw the body of Pilot + Ball turret
gunner. also thinks Victor Frube bailed out + landed
in the river Elbe.

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew member: FRISBIE, Victor
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39324590
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Abolished (Bomber)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any heresay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 5312

Name of crew member: PENNELL, A. Jr, Ernest
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32756327
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~woodchuck (Blocker)~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any heresy information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suggestion: Ernest Pennell, to my belief died a hero's death. according to the story of R.O. + T.G. I believe Ernie came out of the ball and instead of bailing out he went forward to the nose to make sure everyone was out. as result the ship went down + Ernie couldn't make it

Total number of missions of above crew members: _____

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DOHERTY JOHN H. Rank 2ND LT Serial No. 0-756866
2. Organization 398th Bomb Gp Commander HUNTER F.P. Rank COL. Sqn CO DAILEY E.B. Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name) (New Lt. Col.)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 30 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, DESSAU, GERMANY, target, Focke WOLF PLANT, target time, 11:15, altitude, 25,000 FT route scheduled, _____, route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT ¹⁰ MINUTES 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". IN THE NOSE, THE COPILOT WENT FIRST, NAVIGATOR SECOND THEN I BAILED OUT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ORDER THEY WENT OUT OF THE WAIST. BEFORE THE CO-PILOT WENT, WE THREW THE TOP TURRET GUNNER OUT, HE WAS WOUNDED, HE IS O.K. TODAY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? VICINITY OF KOTHEN + AIKEN 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) THE PILOT + BALL TURRET GUNNER
11. Where were they in aircraft? DO NOT KNOW
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE DID NOT SEE THEM
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL OUR CREW EXCEPT SGT. FRISBIE WERE IN JAIL AT KOTHEN, GERMANY THE DAY AFTER WE WERE CAPTURED.
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 # 5312

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Thomas L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-809892
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? DO NOT KNOW - ACCORDING TO THE CO-PILOT HE PLANNED TO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of bail out: _____

Was he injured? THE CO-PILOT SAID HE WAS NOT

Where was he when last seen? IN THE COCKPIT

Any hearsay information: HE HAD HIS CHUTE ON AND TOLD THE
 CO-PILOT TO GO AHEAD + HE WOULD FOLLOW - THE INTERPHONE
 WAS OUT + I DID NOT TALK TO HIM.

Sources: FROM THE CO-PILOT C.M. ZUFALL 2ND LT.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible; 6 May 44 SEBTEVAST, FRANCE, 9 May 44

St. Dizier, France, 19 May 44 Berlin, Germany, 23 May 44 Woippy, France,

25 May 1944 Nancy, France, 30 May 44 Dessau, Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew member: FRISBIE, Victor
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 39324590
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? AROUND AIKEN + KOTHEN GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of bail out: NONE

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? BAILING OUT

Any hearsay information: HE BAILED OUT + WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN. ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS, THE NAVIGATOR, I BELIEVE ASKED THE GERMANS IF THEY HAD CAPTURED SGT. FRISBIE. THEIR REPLY WAS THAT THEY HAD HIM BUT WE NEVER SAW HIM.

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BASED ON SUPPOSITION, I WOULD SAY THAT THE CIVILIANS GOT A HOLD OF HIM FIRST.

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: 6-May 44 Bettencourt, France, 9 May 44 St. Dizier, France, 19 May 44 Berlin, Germany, 23 May 44 Woippy, France, 25 May 44 Nancy, France, 30 May 44 Dessau, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 5312

Name of crew member: PENNELL, Ernest A. Jr.

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 32756327

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Fighter)~~: Ball Turret GunnerDid he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO ONE KNOWS - HE WAS OUT OF THE TURRET + CHUTE ON ^{HAD HIS}Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of disappearance: HE TOLD
ONE OF THE BOYS TO GO AHEAD + He would followWas he injured? NO.Where was he when last seen? In the waist of the ship.Any hearsay information: None

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suggestion: It is my
idea that he probably saw the pilot still in the
plane + went to see if he was o.k. + then it was
too late. He was that type of guyTotal number of missions of above crew member: SixDates and destinations if possible; 6 May 44 Sedan France, 9 May 44
St. Dizier, France, 19 May 44 Berlin Germany, 23 May 44 Woippy France
25 May 44 Nancy, France 30 May 44 Dessau, Germany

CASE NUMBER
INVESTIGATION

FORM 302 BEING PREPARED

DATE 8/21/77

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LT. SULLIVAN

NAME GRADE Serial No.

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-S 293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (5 cys)

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

AIR MAIL

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GEORGE H. GAGNE Rank T-SGT Serial No. 31281454
3983-600 Number
2. Organization 12 AF Gp Commander HUNTER Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 30TH did you go down?
4. What was the mission, DESSAU GER., target, SYNTHETIC OIL FACTORY target
time, 11.00 AM, altitude, 2000 FEET route scheduled, _____ ?
_____, route flown ROUTE SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOMEWHERE BETWEEN AXEN AND KOTZEN
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". Sgt. NAMEY, Lt. ZUFALL, Lt. GARSON, Lt. DOHERTY BAILED OUT OVER KOTZEN GERMANY FROM THE FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH LANDING IN KOTZEN. - MYSELF, SGT. FRISBIE SGT. HARTNER BAILED OUT WAIST DOOR OVER AXEN GERMANY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR AXEN 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) 1st Lt. THOMAS L. THOMPSON S.N. 0-809892 SGT. ERNEST A. PENNELL JR. 32756327
11. Where were they in aircraft? PENNELL WAS NEAR RADIO ROOM
12. What was their condition? NEITHER WERE HURT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? 2nd Lt. MAX ZUFALL, Co-Pilot - Good Condition - FRANKFURT GER. JUNE 25 1944 - 2nd Lt. RALPH GARSON - NAVIGATOR - Good Condition FRANKFURT GERMANY - SAME DATE - 2nd Lt. JOHN DOHERTY - BOMBARDIER Good Condition - SAME LOCATN - SAME DATE - JOHN NAMEY - POOR Condition MARCH 1945 2nd ENGINEER - GEORGE HARTNER - GUNNER - POOR Condition - MARCH 1945 -
14. Please give any similar information of 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 File # 5312

Name of crew member: FRISBIE, victor
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 39324590
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Bomber)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? OVER AHEN GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of _____ of plane: "WE'RE HIT - I'M GOING TO SEE THE PILOT - TO SEE IF HE NEEDS ANY HELP"Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.Where was he when last seen? HE WAS HOVERING APPROX. 50-100 FEET OVER THE ELBE RIVER

Any hearsay information: ~~NO~~ YES - THE GERMAN -
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (MAJOR) AT KÖTHEN GERMANY SAID
THAT THE ELBE RIVER AND VICINITY WHERE HE HAD FELL
IN WAS SEARCHED THOROUGHLY BUT TO NO AVAIL, THE CURRENT
WAS QUITE STRONG AND THEY NEVER RECOVERED THE BODY

Source: C.O. KÖTHEN AIR BASE -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suggestion: HE BAILED
OUT DIRECTLY AFTER I HAD AND I WATCHED HIS CHUTE
DESCEND TOWARD THE RIVER. I WATCHED HIS CHUTE BURN
INTO THE WATER, THEN SINK OUT OF SIGHT. I WATCHED TILL
IT HIT THE GROUND BUT NEVER SAW HIS BODY OR CHUTE AGAIN

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 COMPLETED MISSIONSDates and destinations if possible: SAME AS OTHERS

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 5312

Name of crew member: PENNELL, Ernest A. Jr.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32756327
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret Gunner~~; Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? NO - HE WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP IN AKEN GER.

Where? _____

If not, why not? REASON UNKNOWN.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: "THANKS FOR HELPING ME ON WITH MY CHUTE"

Was he injured? I THINK HE WAS, BUT HE DIDN'T LOOK OR ACT LIKE

Where was he when last seen? ^{ALIVE} IN THE RADIO ROOM OF OUR SHIP. ^{HE WAS}

Any hearsay information: NONE

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suggestion: AFTER I HELPED HIM ON WITH HIS CHUTE HE HEADED FOR THE NOSE OF THE SHIP TO ASSIST THE PILOT & CREW IN FORWARD PART OF SHIP. BEING THE BALL GUNNER HE KNEW HOW BADLY THE SHIP WAS DAMAGED. IN GOING FORWARD MY BELIEF IS HE FELL IN THE BOMB BAY & ^{HAVE NEVER MADE IT OUT.}

Total number of missions of above crew member: SAME AS OTHERS

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME

Name of crew member: THOMPSON, Thomas L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-809892
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NO-LAST TIME I SAW HIM, HE WAS STILL IN PLANE

Where? _____

If not, why not? ATTEMPTED TO LEVEL PLANE SO CREW COULD BAIL OUT.

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

"TO MY KNOWLEDGE" GET SET, WE'RE AT THE I.P."

Was he injured? YES. HE HAD BULLET WOUNDS IN HIS CHEST.

Where was he when last seen? IN AKEN, GERMANY, ON MAY 30TH 1944

Any hearsay information: YES, I HEARD RUMORS THAT HE HAD BAILED
OUT OF THE PLANE LAST, AND WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND,
GERMAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ON LEARNING HE WAS THE
PILOT PROMPTLY SHOT HIM. THE WOUNDS PROVED FATAL. FOR
I SAW HIM ^{LATER} THE GERMAN'S SAID THEY REMOVED HIS BODY FROM PLANE

Sources: FRENCH WORKER IN TOWN OF AKEN WHERE I WAS CAPTURED

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

MY BELIEF IS THAT HE NEVER LEFT THE PLANE, FOR, AFTER HE BAILED OUT
I WATCHED THE BURNING PLANE GO DOWN AND SAW BUT TWO
CHUTES EMERGE AFTER I DID. THEN SUDDENLY THE PLANE
SEEMED TO EXPLODE & THERE WASN'T ANY MORE TO SEE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 COMPLETED MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: ALL MISSIONS IN MONTH OF MAY.

CHERBOURG - ST. DEZIER - NANCY - METZ, IN FRANCE

BERLIN ON MAY 24TH - DESSAU ON MAY 30TH. IN GERMANY

1st Lt. Thomas L. Thompson

Mrs. Patricia A. Thompson, (wife)
262 Lincoln Avenue,
Bunkirt, New York.

2nd Lt. Conrad H. McFall

Mrs. Margaret L. McFall, (wife)
918 Lark Avenue,
New Albany, Indiana.

2nd Lt. Ralph Carson

Mr. Julian S. Carson, (brother)
1519 Balmor Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

2nd Lt. John H. Deherty

Mrs. Maxine F. Deherty, (wife)
113 E West 16th Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

5/Sgt. Vichar Friskie

Mrs. Ella M. Friskie, (mother)
Route Four,
Hillsboro, Oregon.

3/Sgt. George H. Gagne

Mrs. Gertrude Gagne, (mother)
19 West Liberty Street,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

2/Sgt. John Hancy

Mr. Elias Hancy, (father)
218 High Street,
Elihu-Parre, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. George H. Hartwell

Mr. Aubi G. Hartwell, (father)
3304 Avenue G,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sgt. Ernest A. Fennell, Jr.

Mrs. Ellen H. Fennell, (mother)
111 Calver Avenue,
Explorest, New Jersey.

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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUEHCH, Capt., AC
Date **MAR 15 1946**

WAR DEPARTMENT
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Date **MAR 15 1946**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location United Kingdom; Command or Air Force Eighth Air Force
Group 398th Bomb (M); Squadron 600th Bomb (M); Detachment None
- 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure RAF Station 131 Course As per track chart attached
Intended Destination Beers, Germany Type of Mission Operational

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear with slight haze

- 4. GIVE: (a) Date 30 May 1944; Time approx. 1240; and Location approx. 52° 15' N 06° 25' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted, () Last Contacted by Radio, () Forced Down, () Seen to crash, or () Information not Available.
- 5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-Aircraft, (X) Other Circumstances as Follows: Unknown

- 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-102498 X
- 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series A-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number
(a) SV-014472; (b) SV-014589; (c) SV-014373; (d) SV-014595
- 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

	MAKE	TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a)	High Standard	Browning Machine Gun, Cal. .50 A.C.M.G.	601600
(b)	Brown Lips Chapin	" " " " " "	730569
(c)	Frigidaire, G. H.	" " " " " "	649170
(d)	" " " "	" " " " " "	655836
(e)	" " " "	" " " " " "	651363
(f)	" " " "	" " " " " "	652475
(g)	" " " "	" " " " " "	969403
(h)	" " " "	" " " " " "	651614
(i)	" " " "	" " " " " "	981744
(j)	" " " "	" " " " " "	649179
(k)	" " " "	" " " " " "	646836
(l)	" " " "	" " " " " "	952391
(m)	" " " "	" " " " " "	981988
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- 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty NIA
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

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10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew Nine(9) Passengers None; Total Nine(9)

Status	CREW POSITION	NAME IF FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL
				NUMBER
KIA	Pilot	Thompson, Thomas L.	1st Lt	0-809892
EUS2	CoPilot	Sufall, Conrad H.	2nd Lt	0-700385 RTD
"	3. Navigator	Garson, Ralph (MI)	2nd Lt	0-703625 RTD
"	4. Bombardier	Deherby, John H.	2nd Lt	0-756866 RTD
DEB	Left Waist Gunner	✓ Frieble, Victor (MI)	S/Sgt	39124590
EUS6	Radio Operator Gunner	Capps, George H.	S/Sgt	3124154 RTD
"	7. Top Turret Gunner	Haney, John (MI)	S/Sgt	13127486 RTD
"	8. Tail Gunner	Hartwell, George W.	Sgt	18124058 RTD
KIA	9. Ball Turret Gunner	Pennell, Ernest A., Jr.	Sgt	32756327
10.				
11.				
12.				

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME: (Check Only One)

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Campbell, Van B.	2nd Lt	0-693620		X		
2. Esbach, Raymond B.	S/Sgt	32601776		X		
3. Granichan, Leo L.	S/Sgt	17029022		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Airft under control when last seen.

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

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

(For Statements attached)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search

Date of Report 1 June 1944



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(Signature)
1st Lt Air Corps

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102498, Pilot 1st Lt Thomas I Thompson, O-809892, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Dessau, Germany mission 30 May 1944.

Lt Thompson was flying second place in echelon on our right wing, on second place out on our right wing. He was well up in formation when we went over the target at which time the flak was intense and fairly accurate. At this time we were hit by fighters from one o'clock slightly high and also one fighter from eleven o'clock over the top of our plane. I presumed this latter fighter was the one that hit Thompson's ship.

After the fighters had passed through I followed them to the rear of us when at the same time I saw Lt Thompson's ship sway violently such as a plane does in prop wash, and while watching his plane I noticed a large hole in the side of the fuselage in the vicinity of the cockpit. The exact location of the hole would be described as just below the pilots side window and half way back.

From here on I noticed he fell back and down losing about 10,000 ft altitude. The next time I saw him was after we started back on course about ten minutes later. At this time he was about one-half mile back and below the formation and was being attacked by enemy fighters. At the time of this attack he was doing Evasive Action by using the "Falling Leaf" maneuver. Our crew reported at this time that they saw two planes go down in smoke that were attacking his plane.

From here on I did not follow him closely but on our way out I glanced back and saw Lt Thompson's ship and he seemed to maintain his altitude but not his air speed. The last I saw of him was about half way out of enemy territory at approximately 1240 hours.

From all appearances I presumed he had his plane under control after the ordeal and all his engines were operating. It appeared that he would make it back to his base.

Van B. Campbell

VAN B CAMPBELL, O-693620
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Co-Pilot B17G 42-102599

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102498, Pilot 1st Lt Thomas L Thompson O-809892, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group en Dessau, Germany mission 30 May 1944.

Lt Thompson was flying second out on our right wing. He was in formation going over target. Twenty M. M. shell hit on left hand side of the cockpit between pilot's seat and the upper turret. His plane dropped back and lost altitude. When he was about thirteen hundred yds in back of the formation he was attacked by seven fighters. One of the fighters was shot down by his crew. The pilot of the fighter bailed out. When Lt Thompson was attacked by the fighters he was using Falling Leaf Evasive Action. He followed us to about one hundred and fifty miles of the French coast at a lower altitude. The last I saw of the plane it was still following us with all four engines running.

Raymond E. Hoebach
RAYMOND E HOEBACH, 32601776, S Sgt
Tail Gunner B17G 42-102599

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102498, Pilot 1st Lt
Thomas L. Thompson, O-809892, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on
Dessau, Germany mission 30 May 1944.

Lt Thompson's ship was off our right wing shortly after Bombs Away (at 1109),
when fighters hit us, and in firing at the fighters from the right waist gun I
noticed their ship had been hit just between the cockpit window and upper turret on
the Pilot's side. At the time, the ship was not on fire and seemed to be under control
as it slipped past our tail and began its descent.

Leo R. Cunningham

LEO R. CUNNINGHAM,
S/Sgt 17029022
Right Waist Gunner
B17G 42-97380

Leo R. Cunningham

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398th Bombardment Group (Hv)
Dossau, Germany Mission 30 May 1944

LOW BOX FORMATION OVER TARGET

Killen
Arlin
7855-A

Balton
2565-M

Heintzelman
7509-J

Frasier
7096-A

Davis, J.H.
2596-N

Madjes
2391-B

Krueger
6083-V

Allen
2610-Y

Dartschi
2508-J

Fisher
7057-U

Roderick ***
7324-X

Dollar
2511-P

Stoll
2562-G

Foster, D L
7186-L

Foster, F K
7348-R

HIGH OF HIGH BOX FORMATION OVER TARGET

C O M P O S I T E

Bestervelt
2599-U

Reed
2487-F

Love, D B
7380-R

Thompson
2493-V

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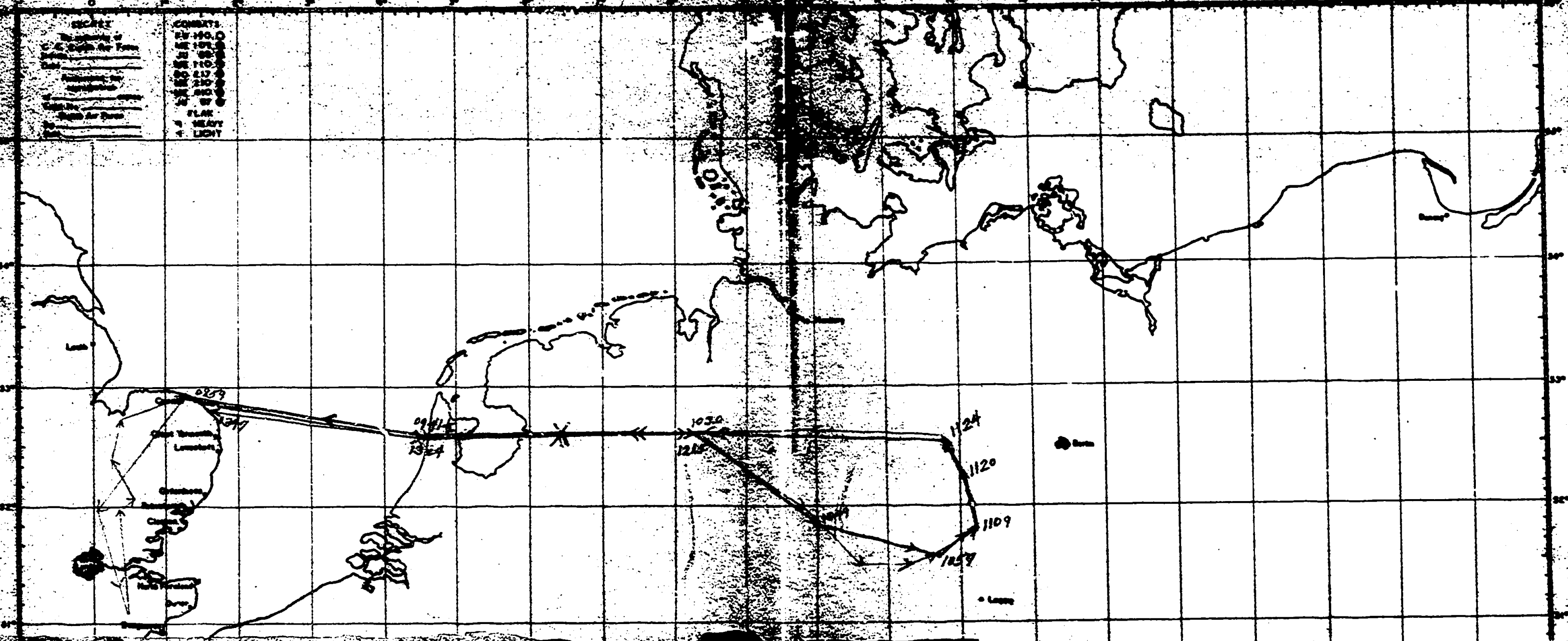
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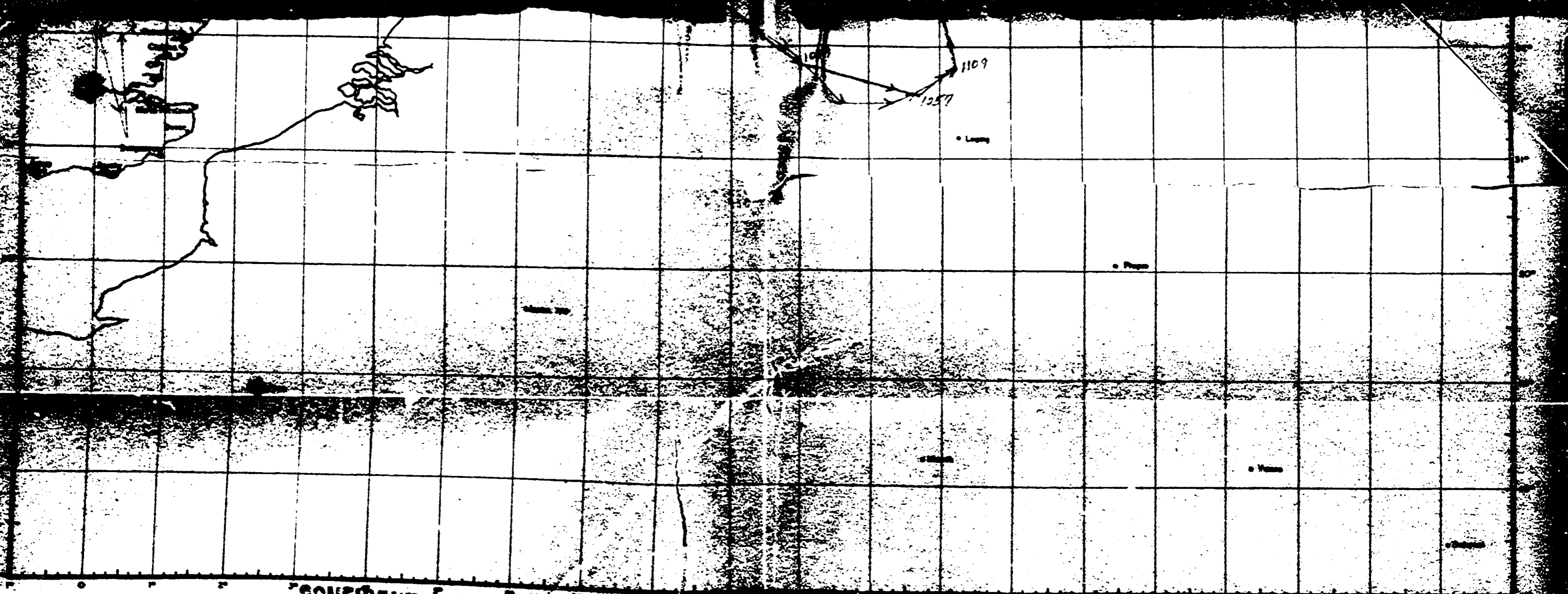
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START Dessau, Germany

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY 378 B G (H)
1st CRW

SECRET	COMBAT
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9 man crew

6 - EUS
2 - KIA
1 - PDD (Frisbie)

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DATE: 30 May 1944	LT: 1110	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 2124
PLACE: Aken, west of Dessau		2nd Lt	ZUFALL, Conrad Maxwell	ASN: 0-700385
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress		1st Lt	THOMPSON, Thomas L - KIA	dead ASN: 0-809892
600 (HBo) Sqd - 398 Group		2nd Lt	DOHERTY, John H	ASN: 0-756866
AIRBASE: Nuthampstead		2nd Lt	GARSON, Ralph	ASN: 0-703625
TARGET: Airbase Hq - Koethen		S/Sgt	NAMEY, John	ASN: 13127406
		T/Sgt	GAGNE, George H	ASN: 31281454
		S/Sgt	HARTWELL, George Washington	ASN: 18124058
		S/Sgt	PENKELL, Ernest - KIA	dead ASN: --
		T/Sgt	FELSBIE, V - PDD	

Buried in cemetery Aken / Elbe-river on
1 June 1944

IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

- 1. Deberry, John H. O-750006 T 45-4
 - 2. Zufall, Conrad H. O-700005 T 45-45 AB
 - 3. Carson, Ralph O-700005 T 45-44 A
 - 4. Haney, John 15157406 T 45-5 A
 - 5. Cagne, George H. 51251404 T 45-45 B
 - 6. Thompson, Thomas L. O-000002 T 45-4 AB (1 extra identification tag)
- 7.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **to Investigation point west -OBERURSEL-**

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen**

ACCEPTED:		DELIVERED:	Dulang-Luft Wetzlar
RECEIVED:		DATE:-	Received 15th June 1944
		TIME:	Registration-office
		TO:	
DATE:	18th June 1944	THROUGH:	
TIME:	1709	ROLL:	
FROM:	LEOM		
THROUGH:	Pass		

REMARKS: **None**

For distribution to:
 Air district III commanding-officer Berlin-Taklow(III/I)
 Commanding-officer 3/III airfield Magdeburg - Ost
 Investigation point west Dulag Oberursel

Reference: Distance-message LMK # 610 dated 21st May 1944
Subject: Crash of a Fortress on 30th May 1944 above the town of Ahren/ Elbe

Instituted search for the last missing member of enemy air forces without any result. As to declarations of the other prisoners is the identified engineer F R I S B I E said to be drowned in the river Elbe. That message was learned by 4 examinations. The control was made by the president of the district Calbe.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Commanding-officer airfield Nothen / Anhalt**PLACE: **Nothen / Anhalt**DATE: **31st May 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-engine bomber
crashed on fire above Anst
Date: 30th May 1944, time: 1130**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **#:**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

D e h e r t y

FIRST NAME:

John E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0-73000

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Anst - 30th May 1944 - time : 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen/Anhalt**PLACE: **Koethen / Anhalt**DATE: **31st May 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, 2 four-motored bomber crashed on five
above Anhalt on 30th May 1944, time: 1110**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **AT:**
EN. LANDING:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Z u f e l l

FIRST NAME:

Conrad M.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-70085

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Anhalt on 30th May 1944 about 1130NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-----**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-----****MACR 5312**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt**PLACE: **Koethen / Anhalt**DATE: **31st May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **a four-engine bomber . Crashed on fire**
Surviving: **above Aken on the 30th May 1944, time : 1130.**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G A P S E R

FIRST NAME:

Ralph

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-70685

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Aken on 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT: _____

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt**PLACE: **Koethen / Anhalt**DATE: **1st May 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **a four-engine bomber. Crashed on fire above Anklam on the 30th May 1944, time: 1115**
EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

H a m e J

FIRST NAME:

John

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

15127406

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Anklam on the 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt**PLACE: **Koethen / Anhalt**DATE: **31st May 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-motored bomber. Crashed on fire above
Alten on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **AXX**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Hartwell

FIRST NAME:

George W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

10104000

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Alten on the 30th May 1944 about 1130NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-----**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-----****MACR 5312**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Commanding-officer airfield Roethen / Anhalt

POST:

Roethen / Anhalt

PLACE:

31st May 1944

DATE:

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
EM. LANDING:

a four-motored bomber. Crashed on fire above
of, Aken on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110

XX
AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Cagne

FIRST NAME:

George H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

81261454

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Aken on the 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **to investigation point west of Dulg OBERURSEL/ Tamms**

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **Commanding-officer airfield Koethen**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED: **Dulg - Luft He/zlar**

DATE: - **received 2nd June 1944**

RECEIVED:

TIME: **Registration-of-Nice**

TO:

DATE:

2nd June 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

1515

ROLL:

FROM:

LSFT

THROUGH:

Nowak

REMARKS:

None

For distribution to :

Air District III Berlin - Dahlen

Commanding - officer S/III Magdeburg Ost - airfield

Subject : Crash of a four-motored Bomber on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110 above Aken / Elbe north to Koethen.

Crew : 6 prisoners and 2 dead. One could not be established. Type of the plane, markings of craft and admittance No. not to be established because of the craft's exploding in the air above Aken.

Prisoners : Bombardier and lieutenant John H. D e h e r t y - serial number O-700000, navigator and lieutenant Ralph C a r s o n - serial number O-700000, Gunner S/Sgt. John H a m e y - serial number 15157000 injured on his arm and his thigh, and pilot Conrad M. Z u f a l l - serial number O-700000, gunner Sgt. George W. H a r t w e l l - serial number 15154000, wireless-operator (George H. G a g n e - serial number 15151454. Dead : 1st pilot Thomas L. T h o m p s o n - serial number 0000000, gunner Ernest P e n n e l l (without identification tag). Engineer F r i s b i e is missing. Frisbie is supposed to be drowned in the river Elbe or he could land in the wood north to the river Elbe.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding-officer air field Koethen

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

Dulang-Inst Wetlar

DATE:-

received 8th June 1944

RECEIVED:

TIME:

Registration-office

TO:

DATE: 1st June 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0700

ROLL:

FROM: LBTR

THROUGH: IB

REMARKS: none

Subject : Crash above Alton

Reference : Distance - message 31st May 1944 above Hamburg.

Type of craft B 17 G. Remarks on the stabilizer 400 W - A and on the fuselage
 of B. Identification number Briggs Unit of 4125 - R. Coy. serial number 145 522.
 Radio - receiver EC - 303 - G. Used frequency 3.9 MC.

Commanding-officer
 airfield Kertzen
 dated 1st June 1944

Inventory of personal effects and equipment of dead

Ernest P e n n e l l - identification tag not to be established

Crash of a Fortress on the 30th May 1944, time 1110 above Akon.

Inventory:

- 1 comb
 - 1 pocket-light
 - 1 compass
 - 1 bag for escape, closed
 - 1 emergency food package, used.
-

Thomas L. T h o m p s o n - serial number 309362 - *MARK 5312*

Crash of a fortress on the 30th May 1944, time 1116 above Akon

Inventory:

- 3 identification tags with chains
- 1 bunch of keys
- 1 prayer-book
- 2 pocketknives
- 1 wrist watch
- 1 pocket light
- 15 post-pictures
- 3 pencils
- 3 medals
- 1 golden ring
- 1 belt
- 1 notice book
- 1 book of stamps
- 1 paper of flight direction
- 1 note-sheet
- 1 receipt
- 1 rosary
- 2 shillings
- 3 Pennys
- 15 pence

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: ~~Commanding-Officer~~ airfield Keethon

PLACE: Keethon / asphalt

DATE: 2nd June 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a fortress
~~Strickland~~ AT: ~~Aben / Kibe~~, date 30th May 1944, time: 1110

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) P e n n e l l
 FIRST NAME: Ernest
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) not to be established
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: _____
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT: At the cemetery of Aben / Kibe
 Date : 1st June 1944, time : 1800

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: ~~Commanding-Officer~~ airfield Keethon

PLACE: Keethon / Anhalt

DATE: 2nd June 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Aken / Elbe, date 30th May 1944, time 1110

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Thompson

FIRST NAME: Thomas L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 808892

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Aken / Elbe
date: 1st June 1944, time: 1500

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To:

Interrogation Center West Oberursel

Sites of crash in the Airdistrict III on 30 May 1944 (daylight raid on Central Germany)

2. time: 11,10, Aken/Elbe, 1 1/2 km W Dessau in ME 4, 4 engine bomber exploded in the air
KU 22-24 21 24

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Report on capture of an airplane of the V SAAF

Case No. Ev 2124

Date and time airplane was shot down: May 30, 1944 - 11,10
 Place of crash: Alcoa
 Type of plane: Fortress
 Reporting office: Madison

	NAME	RANK	ASN	CAPT'D SHOT'D WOUN'D DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT NAME OF CAMP
WALL					
Nov. 18, 18	Conrad Maxwell	2/Lt.	O-700 885	capt'd	Ring L. ft
DOHERTY					
Mar. 17, 17	John Houston Bante, Ydi	2/Lt.	O-736 866	"	"
CARSON					
Jan. 16, 18	Ralph Cleveland, Ohio	2/Lt.	O-703 825	"	"
HANKY					
1930	John	3/Sgt.	1212 7406	"	"
HARTWELL					
	George Washington	3/Sgt.	1212 4088	"	"
<u>Case No. Ev 2124. 1st additional report of June 18, 1944</u>					
GAGNE					
Feb. 14, 21	George H.	2/Sgt.	1128 1454	"	"
<u>Case No. Ev 2124. 2nd additional report of Aug. 23, 1944.</u>					
THOMPSON					
	Thomas L.	1/Lt.	O-808 872	dead	Cemetery at Alcoa on the Elbe river.
PHINNEY					
	Ernest	3/Sgt.	- - -	dead	same cemetery

Ring L. ft, June 8, 1944.

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T O M P S O N , Thomas L.

downing

dead

30 May 1944

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Abon

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KG 2124

PENNYL, Ernest

KU 2124

drowning

30 May 1944

Alton

dead

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5312-22

Identification Tags of the following men

1. Doherty, John H. O-756866 T 43-4
 2. Zufall, Conrad M. O-700385 T 43-43 AB
 3. Garson, Ralph O-703825 T 43-44 A
 4. Namey, John 13127406 T 42-3 A
 5. Gagne, George H. 31281454 T 43-43 B
 6. Thompson, Thomas L. O-809892 T 43-4 AB (1 extra identification tag)
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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to Investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen

ACCEPTED:		DELIVERED:	Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
RECEIVED:		DATE:-	received 15th June 1944
		TIME:	Registration-office
		TO:	
DATE:	12th June 1944	THROUGH:	
TIME:	1700	ROLL:	
FROM:	LSFM		
THROUGH:	Fass		

REMARKS: none

For distribution to :
 Air district III commanding-officer Berlin-Dahlen(III/I)
 Commanding-officer 3/III airfield Magdeburg - Ost
 Investigation point west Dulag Oberursel

Reference: Distance-message LBKE # 910 dated 31st May 1944
Subject: Crash of a Fortress on 30th May 1944 above the town of Aken/ Elbe

Instituted search for the last missing member of enemy air forces without any result. As to declarations of the other Prisoners is the identified engineer F r i s b i e said to be drowned in the river Elbe. That message was learned by 4 examinations . the control was made by the president of the district Calbe.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-motored bomber
 crashed on fire above Aken
XXXXXXXXXXXX at: Date: 30th May 1944, time: 1110

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

D o h e r t y

FIRST NAME:

John H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-756866

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Aken - 30th May 1944 - time : 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer airfield Koethen/Anhalt

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-motored bomber crashed on fire
above Aken on 30th May 1944, time: 1110~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

REF:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Z u f a l l

FIRST NAME:

Conrad M.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-700385

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Aken on 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-motored bomber. Crashed on fire
 above Aken on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110
~~SM-1410146~~ ~~A5~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) G a r s o n

FIRST NAME: Ralph

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-703625

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: In Aken on 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a four-motored bomber. Crashed on fire
above Aken on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) N a m e y

FIRST NAME: John

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13127406

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: In Aken on the 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt

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AC:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

H a r t w e l l

FIRST NAME:

George W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

18124058

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED);

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

In Aken on the 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen / Anhalt

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DATE: 31st May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) of, a four-motored bomber. Crashed on fire above
Aken on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Adc

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Cagne

FIRST NAME: George H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 31281454

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: In Aken on the 30th May 1944 about 1130

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: _____

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to investigation point west Dulag BERURSET- / Taunus

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding-officer airfield Koethen

ACCEPTED:		DELIVERED: Dulag - Luft Metzlar
RECEIVED:		DATE:- received 2nd June 1944
		TIME: registration-office
		TO:
DATE:	2nd June 1944	THROUGH:
TIME:	1515	ROLL:
FROM:	LSP	
THROUGH:	Nowack	

REMARKS: none

For distribution to :
 Air district III Berlin - Dahlem
 Commanding - officer 3/III Magdeburg Ost - airfield.

Subject : Crash of a four-motored bomber on the 30th May 1944, time : 1110
 above Aken / Elbe north to Koethen.

Crew : 6 prisoners and 2 dead. One could not be established. Type of the
 plane, markings of craft and admittance no. not to be established because of
 the craft's exploding in the air above Aken.

Prisoners : Bombardier 2nd lieutenant John E. D o h e r t y - serial number
 O-756866 , navigator 2nd lieutenant Ralph G a r s o n - serial number O-703625,
 Gunner S/Sgt. Hohn N a m e y - serial number 13127406 injured on his arm and
 his thigh, 2nd pilot Conrad M. Z u f a l l i - serial number O-700395 , gunner
 Sgt. George W. H a r t w e l l - serial number 18124058, wireless-operator
 George E. G a g n e - serial number 31281454. Dead : 1st pilot Thomas L.
 T h o m p s o n - serial number 0809892, gunner Ernest P e n n e l l
 (without identification tag). Engineer F r i s b i e is missing.
 Frisbie is supposed to be drowned in the river Elbe or he could land in the
 wood north to the river Elbe.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding-officer air field Koethen

ACCEPTED:		DELIVERED:	Dulag-Luft Wetzlar
RECEIVED:		DATE:-	received 5th June 1944
		TIME:	Registraticn-office
		TO:	
DATE:	1st June 1944	THROUGH:	
TIME:	0700	ROLL:	
FROM:	LBTR		
THROUGH:	Hb		

REMARKS: none

Subject :Crash above Aken

Reference : Distance - message 31st May 1944 above Bernburg.

Type of craft B 17 G. Remarks on the stabilizer 489 W - A and on the fuselage # 8. Identification number Briggs Unit # 4163 - R . Gov. serial number 145 886. Radio - receiver EC - 348 - O. Used frequency 3,9 MC.

Commanding officer
airfield Koethen
dated 1st June 1944

Inventory of personal effects and equipment of dead

Ernest P e n n e l l - identification tag not to be established

Crash of a Fortress on the 30th May 1944, time 1110 above Aken.

Inventory:

1 comb
1 pocket-light
1 compass
1 bag for escape, closed
1 emergency food package, used.

Thomas L. T h o m p s o n - serial number 809392

Crash of a fortress on the 30th May 1944, time 1110 above Aken

Inventory:

2 identification tags with chains
1 bunch of keys
1 prayer-book
2 pocketknives
1 wrist watch
1 pocket light
15 pass-pictures
2 pencils
3 medals
1 golden ring
1 belt
1 notice book
1 book of stamps
1 paper of Flight direction
1 note-sheet
1 receipt
1 rosary
2 shillings
5 Pennys
15 pence

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-Officer airfield Koethen

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 2nd June 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a fortress
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Aken / Elbe, date 30th May 1944, time: 1110

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) P e r n e l l
 FIRST NAME: Ernest
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) not to be established
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: _____
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Aken / Elbe
 Date : 1st June 1944, time : 1500

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding-Officer airfield Koethen

PLACE: Koethen / Anhalt

DATE: 2nd June 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a FortressAT: Aken / Elbe, date 30th May 1944, time 1110

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Thompson

FIRST NAME: Thomas L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 809892

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: _____

NAME OF HOSPITAL: _____

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: At the cemetery of Aken / Elbe
date: 1st June 1944, time; 1500

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Doherty, John T.	0-756,866	POW	19 Jun	172087
Hartwell, George W.	1-124058	POW	19 Jun	172087
Garne, George H.	31281454	POW	24 JUN	179062
Garson, Ralph	0-703625	POW	19 Jun	172087
Pennell, Ernest A. Jr.	32756327	KIA	9 Jun	255119
Namey, John	13127476	POW	19 Jun	172087
Zufall, Conrad M.	0-700385	POW	19 Jun	172087
Thompson, Thomas L.	0-809892	KIA	9 Sep	255119