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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIRCRAFT 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: 1st AF Station 131; Command or Air Force 9th Air Force  
Group 390th Bomb Av; Squadron 603rd Bomb v; Detachment None
2. SPECIES: Point of Origin 1st AF Station 131 Course per attached chart  
Intended Destination Leipzig, Germany & Return Type of Mission Operational
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAVU with slight haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 July 1944; Time Approx 1003; and Location Naurberg, Germany  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted, ( ) Last Contacted by Radio,  
( ) Forced Down, (x) 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; A.I.F. Serial Number 42-102500
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97, A.I.F. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-014355; (b) SW-014276; (c) SW-014397; (d) SW-014300
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	Frig. Div. General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	971976
(b)	Frig. Div. General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	651485
(c)	Frig. Div. General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	981775
(d)	General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	269472
(e)	General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	269390
(f)	Chapin General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	733572
(g)	Chapin General Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	733575
(h)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	981714
(i)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	111719
(j)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	651913
(k)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	651931
(l)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	982110
(m)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C Mach Gun	652679
(n)			
(o)			
(p)			
(q)			
(r)			
(s)			
(t)			

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty NI  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

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10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9

<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IN FULL</u> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
1. Pilot	WISEMONGER, ERD A	2nd Lt	0-758477
2. Co-Pilot	BECKER, MAX N	2nd Lt	0-761868
3. Navigator	MacFERRAN, WILLIAM S	2nd Lt	0-717468
4. Bombardier	EBERT, LLOYD	2nd Lt	0-76189
5. Eng Turret Gunner	Caster, William I	S Sgt	16120780
6. Radio Gunner	Green, Sam B	Sgt	28128904
7. Ball Turret Gunner	Robins, Charles W	Sgt	39817215
8. Right Waist Gunner	Engelhardt, William H	Sgt	38121342
9. Tail Gunner	Wilson, William J	<b>371</b> Sgt	37675199
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)

<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted</u>		<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forced Landing</u>
			<u>By Radio</u>	<u>Last Sighted</u>		
1. SPITZER, ERNEST W	2nd Lt	0-693902			X	
2. LIVINGSTON, FERRY J	S Sgt	16129489			X	
3. LERE, MAURICE H. F.	Cpl	38438830			X	

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

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:

(Eye Witness Description 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 knowledge of search being made.

Date of Report 10 July 1944

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)  
 WALLIS L. CATER  
 1st Lt, Air Corps  
 Statistical Control Officer

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398th Bombardment Group (H)  
Leipzig, Germany Mission 7 July 1944

Lead Group 1st "A" CBW Over Target

		F		
		GEN GROSS		
		<u>Douglas</u>		
		7740-Q PFF		
	C		F	
	<u>Wenzel</u>		COL HUNTER	
	7214-Y		<u>Rudrud</u>	
		C	7746-C PFF	
		<u>Baker</u>		
		2519-A		
	C		C	
	<u>Folger</u>		<u>Lovelace</u>	
	7218-T		2599-U	
	D			C
	<u>Dalton</u>			<u>Rice</u>
	7394-P			2600-Z
D		D		
<u>Falkenbach</u>		<u>Wiermey</u>	C	
7190-L		7096-K	<u>Wheeler</u>	
	D		2467-J	
	<u>Davis, J A</u>			B
	2565-M			<u>Davis, J H</u>
				2596-N
D		D	B	
<u>Darner</u>		<u>Weekley</u>	<u>Taylor</u>	
7338-C		7080-S	2445-R	
				D
				<u>Gilson</u>
				7385-X

Low Group 1st "A" CBW Over Target

		F		
		DEMLAP		
		<u>WALKER</u>		
		7094-I		
	F		F	
	<u>Clark</u>		<u>Hough</u>	
	7188-G		2543-B	
		F		
		<u>Zimmerman</u>		
		2610-Y		
	F			
	<u>Bohene</u>			
	2506-L			
	B		F	
	<u>Cullinan</u>		<u>Woodson</u>	
	2553-K		7150-K	
B				
<u>Fahrenthold</u>	B		F	
7317-P	<u>Miswonger</u>		<u>Driscoll</u>	
	2508-J		2593-C	
				F
				<u>Rudow</u>
				2597-V
	B		B	
	<u>Daver</u>		<u>Novak</u>	
	2579-C		7078-U	
B				
<u>Foster, D L</u>	B			
2568-N	<u>Spitzer</u>			
	2562-B			
		B		
		<u>Howden</u>		
		6083-V		
				R
				<u>Gallagher</u>
				7348-R

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Ku 2425

J 1570

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1 Identification tag:

Max N. B e c k e r

O - 764868 T 43 - 44

O, P.

1 Identification tag:

William S. MacFarran

O - 717468 T 43 - 44 O, P.



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I Identification tag:

Charles W. R o b i n s

39917215 T 43 - 44      0, P.

Ku 2425

1 Identification tag:

William J. Wilson

371

37675159 T 43 - 44

B, P.

Ku 2425

1 Identification tag:

William I. C a s t e r

18120780 T 42 - 43

O, P.

Ku 2425

1 Identification tag:

Lloyd M. E b e r t

O - 769109 T 43 - 44 O, P.

Ku 2425

1 Identification tag:

Sam B. Green

38428904 T 43 - 44 O, P.

Air Base Command A (O)33/III  
 Weimar  
Acceptance Command I

Weimar - Nohra, 9 July 1944.

Salvage - Report.

- I)
- 1.) Place of crash: At Liebschwitz railway-station, 5.5 km south of Gera .
  - 2.) Time of crash: 7 July 1944 (exact time unknown.)
  - 3.) Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G, Briggs Unit No.4184 - L Gov.-Seria 1  
 No. 143257 Part No. B-85-4772700
  - 4.) Number of engines: 4
  - 5.) Arrival of acceptance-command: 7 July 1944, at 1600.
  - 6.) Strength of acc.-command: 1 officer as leader  
 1 M/Sgt. as signal officer  
 1 M/Sgt. as armorer-artificer  
 1 shop headmen as engineer  
 1 corporal as driver  
 4 enlisted men (privates) as maintenance shop  
 personnel.
- II)
- 1.) Armament:
    - Number of arms: 9 machine guns, 1 twin-barreled machine gun.
    - Caliber: 12,7 mm
    - Built in: 2 at the nose, 1 twin-barreled machine gun at the tail-gun  
 position, in the middle of fuselage: 2 for shooting upwards,  
 1 for shooting downwards, control cabin: 2 at the right and  
 2 at the left side.
    - Flexible or fixed: In the fuselage flexible machine guns on top and at the  
 bottom, twin-barreled machine gun in tail-gun position  
 also flexible. Whether or not the rest of the machine  
 guns is flexible cannot be ~~verified~~ verified.
    - Kind of belts: Automatic belts.
  - 2.) Armor plating:
    - Thickness of plating,  
 how built in? Thickness: 8 and 10 mm. Plating built in on both  
 sides of the fuselage is 8 mm thick, tail plating  
 10 mm.
    - Description of the armor  
 for protection of crew mem-  
 bers in gun-positions, on fuel  
 and lubricants tanks and on  
 power plants: } cannot be verified.
    - Protection of containers: rubber-tanks.

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3.) Radio-equipment:

- 1) Radio-Receiver BC - 966 - A
- 2) Frequency-Meter BC - 221 - T
- 3) Radio-Receiver BC - 348 - N
- 4) Radio Transmitter BC - 457 - A
- 5) Inverter Unit PE - 206 - A
- 6) Inverter Spec-No. 1B0494
- 7) Rack FT - 244-A
- 8) Dynamotor Type D
- 9) Dynamotor Unit PE - 73 - C
- 10) Dynamotor Unit PE - 94 - B
- 11) Dynamotor Unit PE - 73 - C
- 12) Radio-Receiver BC - 45 - B
- 13) Antenna Tuning Unit BC - 306 - A
- 14) Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 9 - B
- 15) " " " TU - 26 - B
- 16) " " " TU - 6 - B
- 17) " " " TU - 5 - B
- 18) " " " TU - 8 - B
- 19) " " " TU - 7 - B
- 20) Radio Transmitter BC - 375 - E
- 21) Receiver type R 1375
- 22) R F Unit, type 25
- 23) Indicator type 62

4.) Frequencies:

No readings possible.

5.) Type of engines:

Radial-engines

No. of engines:

cannot be identified

6.) Markings of aircraft:

N. 7. American nationality marking. J  
 on rudder assembly: W  
 102508  
 H

7.) Sagrels of gasoline and lubricants:

Could not be taken.

III.)

Where there any bombs in that plane:

No bombs.

Did the authorized bomb disposal unit destroy the bombs?

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When?

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IV. Information about the crew:

- 1.) Number of prisoners: 7
- a) What unit captured them: the rural police
- b) What unit were they transferred to: to Air Base Command Weimar-Nohra, from where they were delivered to Oberursel
- c) Date of delivery: 9 July 1944
- 2.) Number of the wounded: 1
- a) Which physician performed the first aid: the Chief-Surgeon of General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus" at Gera
- b) Which hospital were these wounded delivered to that could not be transported: General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus", Gera.
- 3.) Number of dead: 2
- a) Which garrison commander were the dead transferred to for interment: Garrison commander of Gera
- b) Place of interment: Gera
- 4.) Is there any suspicion of crew members being at large: no
- Have parachutes been found: no

V. Remarks:

The middle part of the fuselage lies west of Liebschwitz railway-station in the Elster river, the left wing and 1 engine lie at Dauben-Prekeln, another engine lies close to the railway-tracks Gera-Weiden between the highway and the roadbed, about 200 m ~~northwest of this spot~~ from this spot west of the highway lies the right wing. About 200 m to the north on the bank of the Elster river lies the third engine, the fourth engine to the east near Liebschwitz railway-station in the ditch close to the railroad-crossing. 800 m to the north between the Elster river and the railway-tracks is the front part of the fuselage lying 600 m northwest of this fragment are the tail assembly with tail-turret.

The six prisoners were housed in the Reuss-permanent barracks, 1 dead was recovered from out of the Elster river, for the other dead was intently searched among the debris, but without any success. On 9 July 44 he was found dead in a wheatfield and reported to this post by the garrison commander of Gera. A serious casualty was delivered to "Waldkrankenhaus" Gera through men of the administrative services. He is not fit for transportation.



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Members of Army search detachments emptied the pockets of the prisoners and the dead without making a list of what they took. Furthermore identification tags and engine-plates were taken away, ~~though~~ nobody knows which group did it, though. Detachments of the Army and of the anti-aircraft-defense were supposedly seen at the spots where the debris are lying. Members of the Army took away private money and escaping funds from the prisoners.  
also ✓

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Ministry of Aviation/Research Staff, Berlin.  
Air District Command III/Ic, Berlin.  
Airdrome Command 5/III, section Ic/Captured Materiel  
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Signature illegible  
Captain and leader of the acceptance  
command.

## R e s t r i c t e d .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O) 33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944.

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
EM. LANDING: AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south of  
~~Location~~ Gera, on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) N i s e w o n g e r

FIRST NAME: Boyd A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt. , O - 758477 T 41 - 43 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact place and time of capture are not  
known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - -

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

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 Airdrome Command 5/III, Erfurt,  
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O) 33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. Boeing B 17 G~~REFUGEE~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B e c k e r

FIRST NAME: Max N.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 764868 T 43 - 44 Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944. Exact time and place of capture are not known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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R e s t r i c t e d .

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Air Base Command A ~~SIG~~ (O)33/IIIPLACE: Nohra 2 ~~via~~ Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
~~Serial Number~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) E b e r t

FIRST NAME: Lloyd M.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 769109 T 43 - 44 O Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are not known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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## R e s t r i c t e d .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A 40)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 ueber Wimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
~~ON 4/20/44~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway-station

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) W i l s o n

FIRST NAME: William R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 3767<sup>5</sup> 159 T 43 - 44 B, Rank: Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: - - - -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) On 7 July 1944.

FIRST NAME: R o b i n s  
Charles

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) unknown Rank: unknown.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) serious casualty

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus" Gera.

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 GFM LANDING:  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway - station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
On July 7, 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C a s t e r

FIRST NAME: William I.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18120780 T 42 - 43 0 Rank; S/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G~~5th Bombing~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway- station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

MacFerron

FIRST NAME:

William S.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 717468 T 43 - 44 O. Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
7 July 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G r e e n

FIRST NAME:

Sam. B.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

3842890 T 43 - 44 0 Rank: S/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

7 July 1944, exact time and place unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

LOCATION: Weimar - Hohra

DATE: 8 July 1944

DATE AND TIME: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown.  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: According to statements of the population aircraft was shot down by  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, 2 fighters  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: N. 7 -American nationality marking- J  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: unknown

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES: unknown

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98 % loss

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Interrogation Center West, Oberursel

Ministry of Aviation, Aeronautic Research Staff?Armament, Berlin.

Air District Command III/Ic, Berlin-Dahlem

Airdrome Command 5/III, Erfurt.

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Air Base Command A(0)33/III

Nohra, 12 July 1944

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Lo/captured material.

To

D i s t r i b u t o r

Additional report on interment of members of enemy air forces.

Post: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

Place: Weimar - Nohra

Date: 12 July 1944

Subject: Crash of a Boeing at Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera, on 7 July 1944.

1.) Name: E n g e l h a r d t  
First name: Willis  
ASN: 33414342 " 44 a

Place and date of interment: East Cemetery, Gera, row VIc, grave 35, on 10 July 1944, at 1000.

2.) Name: W i l s o n  
First name: William  
ASN: 37675159 T 43 - 44 B

Place and date of interment: Gera East Cemetery, row VI C, grave 34, on 10 July 1944, at 1000.

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## R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. Boeing B 17 G, at Liebschwitz railway-station,  
~~Eschschütz~~ AT: 5,5 km south Gera on 7 July 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) E n g e l h a r d t

FIRST NAME: William

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33414342 T 43 - 44 a Rank: unknown.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: - - - - -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Municipal East Cemetery, Gera. (Exact time will be reported later)

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 9 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2255

CALL:

FROM: LSCL

THROUGH: Koehler

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REMARKS: Highest priority, LENO No.237, 9 July, at 1155.

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To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash of a Boeing. Additional report to teletype LENO 184 of 8 July.

- A) Place of crash: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5 1/3 km south Gera.
- B) Time of crash: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown.
- C) Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G
- D) Marking: N 7 - American nationality marking - J
- F) What became of crew: Name of dead found meanwhile is William Engelhardt, 33414342  
T 43 - 44 A, rank unknown.

Interment will be performed on East Cemetery, Gera. Date and place of grave will be reported later.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Hohra.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 9 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2255

ROLL:

FROM: LSCL

THROUGH: Koehler

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REMARKS: Highest priority LBNO 235 9 July, at 1040.

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To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash near Liebschwitz railway-station, 51,2 km from Gera, on 7 July 1944.  
Stop search. The ninth member of the crew has been recovered dead.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Hohra.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

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THROUGH: Breunig

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REMARKS: Highest priority LBNO 235 9 July at 1040

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To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Copy of teletype translated on page 160.

TELEGRAM FORM

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THROUGH: Haag

REMARKS: A LBNO No.283 10 July, at 2200.  
 Same text to: Counterintelligence post of Military Area IX/Kassel-Wilhelmshoehe  
 Air District Command III/Ic, Berlin-Dahlen  
 Garrison Command, Gera  
 Criminal Investigation Police Station, Gera.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Report on crew member at large.

Crash near Liebschwitz railway-station on 7 July 1944, at 1007, type Boeing B 17 G.

Reference: Teletypes LBNO 232 of 8 July and 235 of 9 July 44.

In the course of recovery performed today 8 open and 2 closed parachutes were found, meaning that there have been 10 crew members in the plane. One of them still being at large please start searching.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Mohra.



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FROM: LSE

THROUGH: Wittich

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REMARKS: Highest priority LBNO 233 8 July X at 2345.

To LSGI: To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel

To LBBI: Additional report to teletype LBNO 184 of 8 July 44.

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to f) What became of the crew: the other dead (suppose he is really dead) has not been found yet. Report on crew members at large will be transferred. Charles Kobins, reported as being captured, is in the hospital "Waldkrankenhaus", Gera. He is not fit for transportation.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Hohra.

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FROM: LSEM

THROUGH: Wittich

REMARKS: Highest priority      LBNO 232      8 July, at 2345.

To 7 Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash near Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km from Gera, on 7 July 44, at  
1907Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G.

Eight crew members were secured, their names identified. A ninth crew member probably at large. Please start search.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.

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DATE: 8 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1725

ROLL:

FROM: LSCL

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS: Highest priority IBNO 184 8 July at 0745  
 Same text to: Air District Command III, Erfurt, Captured materiel, Berlin-Dahlem  
 Airdrome Command 5/III, Erfurt.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

- Crash of a Boeing. A) Place of crash: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
 B) Date of crash: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown. C) Type of plane: Boeing B17G  
 Briggs Unit No. 4184 - L.Gov. Serial No. 143257 Part. No. B - 85 - 4772700  
 D) Marking: N 7 - American nationality marking - J.  
 E) Condition of plane: 98 % loss.  
 F) Crew: one dead so far. Probably there will be another dead in fuselage which is  
 lying in the Elster river. If so, report will be made. Name of recovered dead:  
 Sgt. W i l s o n, William R., ASN 37675159 T 43 - 44 B  
 2) Number of prisoners: 7. Names: 2nd Lt. Lloyd M. Ebert, ASN 0-769109 T 43 - 44 ,0  
 2nd Lt. Boyd A. Wisewonger, ASN 0-758477 T 41 - 43 B., S/ Sgt. Sam B. Green, ASN  
 38428904 T 43 - 44 C, 2nd Lt. William S. MacFarron, ASN 717468 T 43 - 44, O.  
 2nd Lt. Max N. Becker, ASN 0-764868 T 43-44 O., S/Sgt. William J. Caster, ASN ~~181~~  
 18120780 T 42 - 43 O. Charles Kobins, rank unknown, ASN unknown, wounded.  
 3) Number of casualties: none.  
 4) Probable number of members at large: Unless a body will be found in the fuselage,  
 one man must be assumed being at large. Report will be sent later.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.

2 Identification tags:

William H. Engelhardt  
33414342 T 43 - 44 A, P.

William H. Engelhardt  
33414342 T 43 - 44 a, P.

The following information is on the reverse side of leaf:

Thomson, Thomas Patrick

412 774

Type of plane: Lancaster

Day of crash: 31 March 1944

Place of crash: near Oberhausen

Day of interment: 5 April 1944

Place of grave: Municipal Cemetery, Hersfeld.

Crew members: Dawson (dead)  
Green (dead)  
Utz, E.A. (dead)

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of leaf*

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REMARKS: Highest priority LBNO 185 8 July at 0745  
 Same text to: Air District Command III/Ic, Berlin-Dahlem  
 Ministry of Aviation, Aeronautical Research Staff/C Armament, Berlin  
~~Airdrome Command 5/III?Ic, Erfurt.~~

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Information on capture of enemy aircraft. Post: Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra, Date: 8 July 1944.

Date of crash: 7 July 44, exact time unknown.

Place of crash: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.

Kind of capture: According to the population downed by 2 fighters.

Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G. Marking: N 7 - American nationality marking - J.

License Number: unknown. Photo equipment: was not found. F.T. frequencies: unknown.

Condition of plane: 98 % loss.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.

2nd Lt. Boyd A. Kiewonger	Mrs. Margaret R. Kiewonger, (wife) 16 South 5th Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt. Max N. Becker	Mrs. Constance G. Becker, (wife) 829 North Birch, Santa Ana, California.
2nd Lt. William S. MacFarran	Mr. William MacFarran, Jr., (father) 1611 Jewell, Topeka, Kansas.
2nd Lt. Lloyd M. Abert	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Abert, (mother) 715 19th Street, Sacramento, California.
S/Sgt. William I. Caster	Mr. William D. Caster, (father) Box 685, Tatum, New Mexico.
Sgt. Sam B. Green	Mrs. Jessie M. Green, (mother) Route #1, Box 217, Paris, Texas.
Sgt. Charles H. Robins	Mr. Royal C. Robins, (father) Layton, Utah.
Sgt. William H. Engelhardt	Mrs. Peter V. Engelhardt, (mother) 659 Means Avenue, Bellevue, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. William J. Wilson 371	Mr. William Cochran, (grandfather) 703 Montgomery Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

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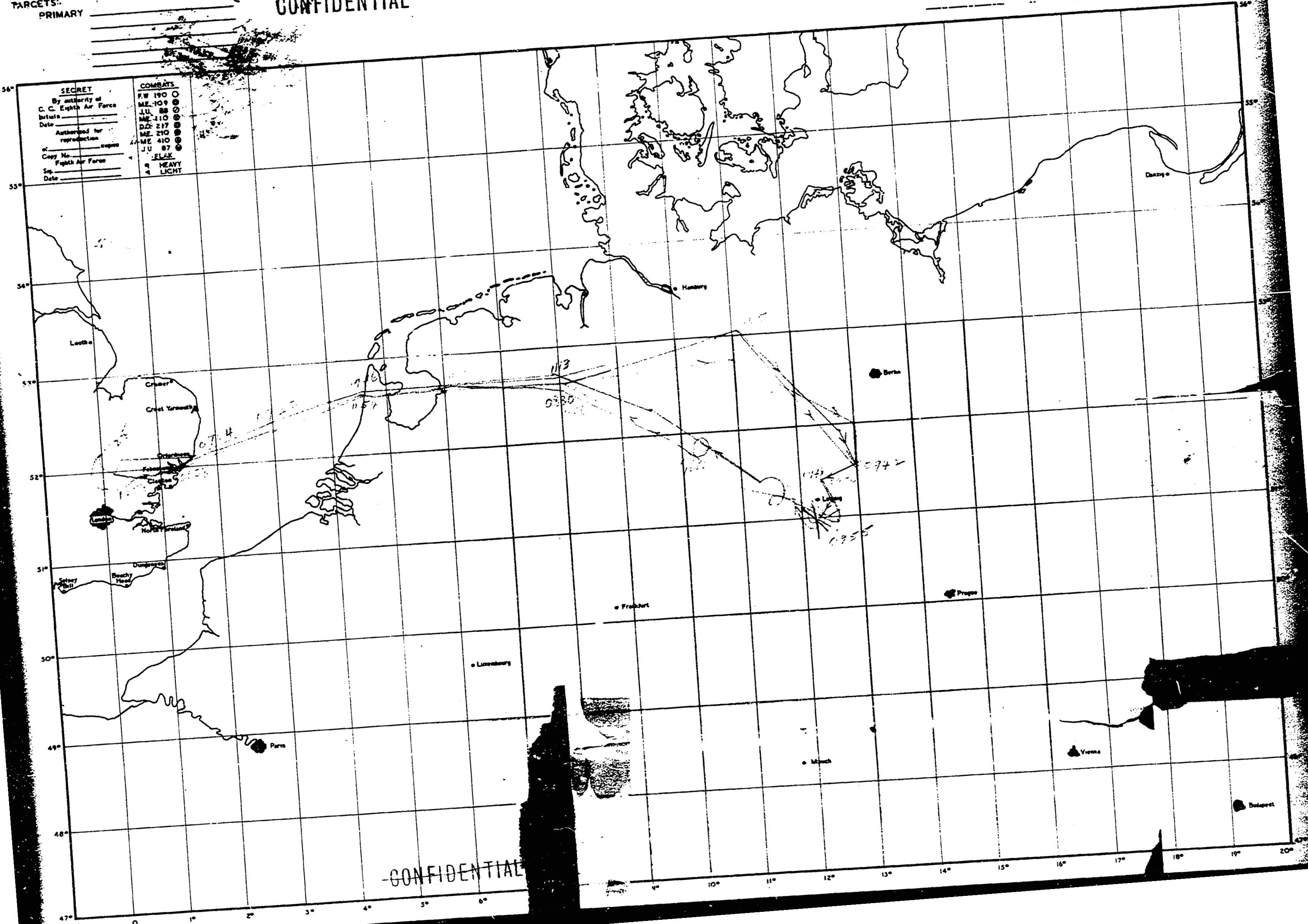
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**Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102508 J, Pilot  
2nd Lt, Boyd A Nisewonger, O-758477, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb  
Group on Leipzig, Germany mission 7 July 1944.**

I was flying left waist gunner on Lt Rudow's crew in the high  
squadron of the low group on the mission to Leipzig, Germany 7 July 1944.

About two minutes after coming away, I saw flak hit the number four  
engine of Lt Nisewonger's ship over in the low squadron of our group. The  
wing broke off at number four engine. Then his plane, completely enflamed,  
shifted sideways to the right for about five thousand feet down, then it  
started in a spin to the left. About that time four chutes came out, and  
a little later another came out (totaling five chutes). The plane dropped  
some more and then blew up completely at about five or ten thousand feet  
above a wooded area about three or four miles from the target.

*Hamilton H. F. Lile*

HAMILTON H. F. LILE, 38438830  
Cpl, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398 Bomb Gp (H)  
Left Waist Gunner B17G 42-102597

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102508 J, Pilot 2nd Lt Boyd A Nisewonger, O-758477, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 316th Bomb Group on Leipzig, Germany mission 7 July 1944.

I heard our pilot say over the interphone that a ship had been hit at nine o'clock. Then I heard our waist gunner say a wing had come off and was coming by. I looked out of the tail position toward nine o'clock where I saw a wing float by with one motor still intact. This happened about one or two minutes after the bombs had been dropped.

I didn't see the actual explosion, but after the wing went by quite a few parts also came by. I didn't notice the rest of the ship until about five minutes later after a turn to the right where I saw the trail smoke. I caught sight of the ship just before it hit in a large wooded area. This area seemed to be left and a few miles from the target. That would be about Southwest of the target.

I counted five chutes floating down after we had gone a little way. I counted them two or three times to make sure I was right. They must have been about four thousand feet below us at the time I counted them. They were closely grouped so they probably landed close together.

*Perry J Livingston*  
PERRY J LIVINGSTON, 16129489  
S Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq.  
Tail Gunner B17G 42-97348 R

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Eye witness description of missing aircraft B-24-102562, Pilot 2nd Lt Boyd A. Wisewonger, O-758477, 606th Bomb Squadron, 595th Bomb Group on Leizung, Germany mission 7 July 1944.

We were proceeding down the bombing run and ahead the flak was very intense. I was flying number two of the second element of the low squadron and snip number one piloted by Lt Wisewonger was number two in the lead element of the low squadron therefore he was directly in front of my snip. He had passed over the target without dropping our bombs and were just out of the flak when I noticed that his snip was giving him trouble. There was either smoke or gasoline coming from behind his number three engine. Suddenly there was an explosion with a large flame at the number three engine. The right wing and number four engine went sailing through the air and the main part of the snip started cart wheeling downward through the air. I had no further view of the falling snip but members of the crew said that as many as six crates came from the falling plane.

Boyd A. Wisewonger  
Pilot, 606th Bomb Squadron  
and 595th Bomb Group  
Pilot 2nd Lt ~~Boyd A. Wisewonger~~ O-758477 #26

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EBERT, LLOYD M. Rank 2<sup>ND</sup> LT Serial No. 1-231717
2. Organization 378<sup>TH</sup> B.G. Co Commander HINTER Rank Capt. SqN COMVRSW C. WAGNER Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, TIERRA, target, AIE ASSEMBLY ROUT, target  
time, 12:12, altitude, 2,000 route scheduled, ---  
route flown ---
5. Where were you when you left formation? 11th FFA, Germany
6. Did you bail 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". W & MACFERRAN PAILED  
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9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 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) ---
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? ---  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ---  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ENGELHARDT, William H.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33414342  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? NO

If not, why not? NO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? NO

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: NO

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 7 Jul 44, 8 Jul 44, 6 Jul 44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, William J.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 37675159  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? INDONESIA

If not, why not? NO

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

THE LAST CONTACT WAS AT THE TIME OF LOSS OF PLANE.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? INDONESIA

Any hearsay information: NO

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

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

WAS KILLED BY AN ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

HE WAS NOT SEEN AFTER THE LOSS OF HIS PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: NO

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ENGELHARDT, William H.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33414342  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? I DON'T BELIEVE SO  
 Where? GERA, GERMANY (TARGET WAS LEIPZIG)  
 If not, why not? PLANE BLEW UP BEFORE EVERYBODY WAS OUT.  
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I ASKED HIM  
IF HE COULD SEE WHERE SMOKE WAS COMING FROM - HE REPLIED - HE COULDN'T  
 Was he injured? NOT WHEN LAST SEEN  
 Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST BY BALL TURRET WITH 'CHUTE ON.  
 Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Source: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WE BELIEVE  
THAT ANOTHER BURST OF FLAK HIT US AFTER WE CAUGHT  
FIRE AND THAT HE WAS EITHER KILLED BY THIS OR  
WAS RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY THE EXPLOSION AND FELL  
WITHOUT A PARACHUTE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3  
 Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 4, 1944 - TOURS, FRANCE  
JULY 6, 1944 DIEPPE FRANCE (OR NEARBY)  
JULY 7, 1944 LEIPZIG GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, William J.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 37675159  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I DON'T KNOW

Where? GERA GERMANY (TARGET WAS LEIPZIG)

If not, why not? PLANE BLEW UP.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I BELIEVE  
THE LAST CONTACT WAS AN OXYGEN CHECK MADE BY BOMBARDIER <sup>AT</sup> I.P.

Was he injured? I DON'T BELIEVE SO (NOT BEFORE EXPLOSION)

Where was he when last seen? MY FIRST PILOT SAW HIM ON THE GROUND - HE WAS DEAD

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WE BELIEVE  
THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY FLAK BEFORE  
PLANE EXPLODED, AS ~~MAY~~ MY FIRST PILOT SAID HE  
WAS CUT PRETTY BADLY WHEN HE SAW HIM ON THE  
GROUND.

Total number of missions of above crew member: THREE

Dates and destinations if possible: JULY 4, 1944 TOURS, FRANCE  
JULY 6, 1944 - NEAR DIEPPE FRANCE  
JULY 7, 1944 - LEIPZIG, GERMANY

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MAX N. BECKER Rank 2ND LT Serial No. 0-764868
2. Organization A/C Co. Commander HUNTER Rank COL. Sq. CO TAYLOR Rank CAPT.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, THIRD, target, LEIPZIG GERM., target time, 1000, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, NORTH NEAR MAGDEBURG, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? S.W. OF LEIPZIG
6. Did you bail out? WAS BLOWN OUT.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES 2 MEN BAILED OUT BOMBARDIER + NAV. 4 OF US WERE BLOWN OUT PILOT, RADIO OPER., ENGINEER, & MYSELF (2ND PILOT). THE BALL TURRET GUNNER DOES NOT KNOW HOW HE GOT OUT HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS FOR ABOUT A WEEK AFTERWARDS.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". WHEN I SAW FIRE IN R. WING I GAVE BAIL OUT ORDER OVER INTERPHONE BOMB. + NAV. MANAGED TO CLEAR SHIP BEFORE IT BLEW UP. BUT EVERY BODY ELSE I KNOW OF, WAS BLOWN OUT OF THE SHIP WHEN IT EXPLODED. THE FIRST PILOT AND MYSELF HAD JUST SET THE AUTO-PILOT AND WERE PUTTING ON OUR CHUTES WHEN IT EXPLODED. THE ENGINEER WAS IN BOMB BAY, RADIO OPER. WAS IN RADIO ROOM ON WAY TO BOMB BAY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? GERA, GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ENGELHARDT, William H.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33414342  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~cockpit (Pilot)~~: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? Georgia - rest of crew at at town of  
Georgia - about 20 miles SW of Tifton

If not, why not? High altitude - no parachute

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

Was he injured? No - not at time of last conversation

Where was he when last seen? in waist of plane

Any hearsay information: None after war when  
he returned to his wife in one land  
then visited him ~~in~~ MIA

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: down on 3rd mission

Dates and destinations if possible: 1. 11/14/44 - 44 Tifton, Georgia  
2. 11/15/44 - 44 Tifton, Georgia  
3. 11/17/44 - 44 Tifton, Georgia

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, William J.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 37675159  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Station):~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown  
 Where? Leggia of Gera - 20 miles S.W. of Leggia  
 If not, why not? Wreck plane in low terrain  
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: about 10 minutes before last contact  
 Was he injured? Not at time of last conversation  
 Where was he when last seen? in tail position  
 Any hearsay information: Germans took Lt. Niswonger (1st pilot of crew) to back in ground just outside Gera. Remembered to name it was not Wilson. When I was asked to identify picture Source: Lt. Wilson - that the Germans had was Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: taken over his person

Total number of missions of above crew member: down on 3rd mission

Dates and destinations if possible: July 4-44 over France  
July 5-44 Special (3) July 7-44 Leggia  
Germany

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William S. Macferran Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-717465
2. Organization 398th Sq Commander ~~Hunk~~ Rank Col Sqn CO ? Rank ?  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Third, target, Leipzig, target, to drop 200,  
time, about 10:00??, altitude, 17,500 route scheduled, Dummer Lake,  
route flown same as scheduled East, South East  
to Leipzig
5. Where were you when you left formation? 10-15 miles SW Leipzig
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes Strip flew without  
warning: I saw 6 chutes after I was 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". Lt Ebert, Lt Becker  
Lt Wisowonger, Sgt Green, Sgt Vasler all seen  
in POW Camp No knowledge of how they  
left ship
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Within 5 miles of Gerd
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 that I'm  
sure of
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. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ~~X~~  
well and was  
7/1945 (those listed in 8) at POW  
camp at Barth, Germany. I told Capt I  
(Any additional information may be written on the back)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

7 July 44, time: ./.

CASUALTY NO. KU 3425

PLACE OF CRASH

Liebschwitz

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Weimar Nora.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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HISWONGER	Boyd Albert	2nd/Lt.	G-758411	captured	Dulag Luft
EBERT	Loyd Martin	"	G-769109	"	" "
MACFERRAN	William Sewall	"	G-717468	"	" "
BECKER	Max Nicholas	"	G-764868	"	" "
CASTER	William Ira	S/Sgt.	18120780	"	" "
GREEN	Sam Buford	S/Sgt.	38428904	"	" "
ENGELHARDT	William	Sgt.	33414342	dead	Town cemetery Gera
WILSON	William P.	Sgt.	37675159	"	dto.
KOBINS	Charles	Sgt.		wounded	Hospital, 25 Sept Dulag.

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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 21 July 44 No.

29.) 10.07 h at the station of LIEBSCHWITZ, 5 1/2 km south of BRHA, in NE 7; FORTRESS II;  
KU - 2425 destroyed to 98%; markings: N 7-American insignia- "J". 2 dead,  
1 prisoner, 1 fugitive.-----

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29.) 10.07 h Station LIEBSCHWITZ, 5 1/2 km south of BRHA, in NE 7; FORTRESS II;  
KU - 2425 destroyed to 98%. Markings: N 7 -American insignia- I. 2 dead,  
7 prisoners, 1 man is fugitive.

- 3.) Radio-equipment:
- 1) Radio-Receiver BC - 966 - A
  - 2) Freq wazny-meter BC - 221 - T
  - 3) Radio-Receiver BC - 348 - H
  - 4) Radio Transmitter BC - 457 - A
  - 5) Inverter Unit PE - 206 - A
  - 6) Inverter Spec-No. 180494
  - 7) Rack FT - 244-A
  - 8) Dynamotor Type D
  - 9) Dynamotor Unit PE - 73 - C
  - 10) Dynamotor Unit PE - 94 - B
  - 11) Dynamotor Unit PE - 73 - C
  - 12) Radio-Receiver BC - 45 - B
  - 13) Antenna Tuning Unit BC - 306 - A
  - 14) Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 9 - B
  - 15) " " " TU - 26 - B
  - 16) " " " TU - 6 - B
  - 17) " " " TU - 5 - B
  - 18) " " " TU - 8 - B
  - 19) " " " TU - 7 - B
  - 20) Radio Transmitter BC - 375 - Z
  - 21) Receiver type R 1355
  - 22) R F Unit, type 25
  - 23) Indicator type 62

4.) Freq wazny: No readings possible.

5.) Type of engines: Radial-engines  
No. of engines: cannot be identified

6.) Markings of aircraft: N. 7. American nationality marking. J  
 on rudder assembly: W  
 102508  
 H

7.) Samples of gasoline and lubricants: Could not be taken.

III.) Were there any bombs in that plane? No bombs.

Did the authorized bomb disposal unit destroy the bombs? - - - -

When? - - - -

Air Base Command A (0)33/III  
 Weimar  
Acceptance Command I

Weimar - Kohnra, 9 July 1944.

DELIVERY - REPORT.

- I)
- 1.) Place of crash: At Liebschitz railway-station, 5.5 km south of Gera.
  - 2.) Time of crash: 7 July 1944 (exact time unknown.)
  - 3.) Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G, Briggs Unit No. 4184 - L Gov.-Serial No. 143257 Part No. B-84-4772700
  - 4.) Number of engines: 4
  - 5.) Arrival of acceptance-command: 7 July 1944, at 1600.
  - 6.) Strength of acc.-command:
    - 1 officer as leader
    - 1 M/Sgt. as signal officer
    - 1 M/Sgt. as armorer-artificer
    - 1 shop headman as engineer
    - 1 corporal as driver
    - 4 enlisted men (privates) as maintenance shop personnel.

- II)
- 1.) Armament:
    - Number of guns: 9 machine guns, 1 twin-barreled machine gun.
    - Calibers: 12,7 mm
    - Built in: 2 at the nose, 1 twin-barreled machine gun at the tail-gun position, in the middle of fuselage: 2 for shooting upwards, 1 for shooting downwards, control cabin: 2 at the right and 2 at the left side.
    - Flexible or fixed: In the fuselage flexible machine guns on top and at the bottom, twin-barreled machine gun in tail-gun position also flexible. Whether or not the rest of the machine guns is flexible cannot be definitely verified.
    - Kind of belts: Automatic belts.
  - 2.) Armor plating:
    - Thickness of plating, how built in? Thickness: 8 and 10 mm. Plating built in on both sides of the fuselage is 8 mm thick, tail plating 10 mm.
    - Description of the armor for protection of crew members in gun-positions, on fuel and lubricants tanks and on power plants: ) cannot be verified.
    - Protection of containers: rubber-tanks.

IV. Information about the crew:

- 1.) Number of prisoners: 7
- a) What unit captured them: the rural police
- b) What unit were they transferred to: to Air Base Command Weimar-Neutra, from where they were delivered to Oberursel
- c) Date of delivery: 9 July 1944
- 2.) Number of the wounded: 1
- a) Which physician performed the first aid: the Chief-Surgeon of General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus" at Gera
- b) Which hospital were those wounded delivered to that could not be transported: General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus", Gera.
- 3.) Number of dead: 2
- a) Which garrison commander were the dead transferred to for interment: Garrison commander of Gera
- b) Place of interment: Gera
- 4.) Is there any suspicion of crew members being at large: no
- Have parachutes been found: no

V. Remarks:

The middle part of the fuselage lies west of Michelschitz railway-station in the Elster river, the left wing and 1 engine lies at Leuben-Preackeln, another engine lies close to the railway-tracks Gera-Weiden between the highway and the roadbed, about 200 m northwest from this spot west of the highway lies the right wing. About 200 m to the north on the bank of the Elster river lies the third engine, the fourth engine to the east near Michelschitz railway-station in the ditch close to the railroad-crossing. 800 m to the north between the Elster river and the railway-tracks is the front part of the fuselage lying 600 m northwest of this fragment are the tail assembly with tail-turret.

The six prisoners were housed in the Reuss-permanent barracks, 1 dead was recovered from cut of the Elster river, for the other dead was intently searched among the debris, but without any success. On 9 July 44 he was found dead in a wheatfield and reported to this post by the garrison commander of Gera. A serious casualty was delivered to "Waldkrankenhaus" Gera through men of the administrative services. He is not fit for transportation.



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Members of Army search detachments emptied the pockets of the prisoners and the dead without making a list of what they took. Further more identification tags and engine-plates were taken away, although nobody knows which group did it, though. Detachments of the Army and of the aircraft-defense were supposedly seen at the spots where the debris are lying. Members of the Army took away private money and belongings funds from the prisoners.  
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 Ministry of Aviation/Research Staff, Berlin.  
 Air District Command III/1c, Berlin.  
 Airbase Command 5/III, section 1c/Captured Material  
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 Capt. in and leader of the acceptance  
 command.

**R e s t r i c t e d .**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (C) 33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944.

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south of  
 Gera, on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) N i s e w o n g e r

FIRST NAME: Boyd . .

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt. , C - 758477 T 41 - 43 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact place and time of capture are not  
 known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O) 33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~AT: Liebeschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B e c k e r

FIRST NAME: Max H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 764868 T 43 - 44 Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944. Exact time and place of capture are not known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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R e s t r i c t e d .

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A ~~S~~ (O)33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 ~~via~~ Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
EM. LANDING: AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on 7 July 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) E b e r t

FIRST NAME: Lloy d M.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 769109 T 43 - 44 0 Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are not known.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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R e s t r i c t e d .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (C)33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 ueber Wimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
PK. XHNDGNGGK AT: Liebschwitz railway-station  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) W i l s o n  
FIRST NAME: William R.  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 3787<sup>5</sup> 159 T 43 - 14 B, Rank: Sgt.  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) ~~dead~~  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: - - - -  
NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - -  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: - - - -

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KU 2423

W I L S O N , William R.

Sgt.

37675159 T 43 44 B

downing 7 July 1944

Station Liebschwitz, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  Km S Gera

dead

MAR 7217

B-17 111

02-12517

9 man crew

DATE:	TIME:	RANK:	NAME:	NO - 2125
7 July 1944		2nd Lt	HEBERT, Lloyd Martin	ASN: 0-769109
PLACE: Liebschwitz, 5 km south of Gera		2nd Lt	HISENOWER, Boyd Albert	ASN: 0-758477
		2nd Lt	MAC FERRAN, William Sewall	ASN: 0-717468
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress		2nd Lt	HECKER, Max Nicholas	ASN: 0-764868
MARKINGS: N 102508 N	35	Sgt	HECKLHAEDT, William	ASN: 33414342 dead
		Sgt	WILSON, William J	ASN: 37675159 dead
603 (HBo) Sqd - 398 Group		S/Sgt	GREEN, Sam Buford	ASN: 33428904
		S/Sgt	CASPER, William Ira	ASN: 16120780
TARGET: Airbase Weimar - Nebra		Sgt	ROKINE, Charles William	ASN: 39917215
		Hospital		

dead were buried in east-cemetery of the City of Gera.

## R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O)33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 via Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
XXXXXXXXXXXX AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) On 7 July 1944.  
 R o b i n s

FIRST NAME: Charles

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) unknown Rank: unknown.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) serious casualty

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: General Hospital "Waldkrankenhaus" Gera.

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

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## R e s t r i c t e d .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(O)33/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
EM. LANDING: AT: Liebsewitz railway - station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
Ca July 7, 1944.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

C a s t e r

FIRST NAME:

William I.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

18120780 T 42 - 43 0 Rank; S/Egt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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## R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

PLACE: Nohra 2 via Weimar.

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 GFM LANDING:

AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

7 July 1944.

~~MacFarron~~

FIRST NAME:

William S.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

717468 T 43 - 44 G. Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place of capture are unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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R e s t r i c t e d .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(0)30/III

PLACE: Mohra 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G  
SECRETARY: AT: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
 7 July 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) G r e e n  
 FIRST NAME: S m . B .

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 3642690 T 43 - 44 0 Rank: 8/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 7 July 1944, exact time and place unknown.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - - -

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command (O) 13/III

LOCATION: Weimer - Rehr

DATE: 8 July 1944

DATE AND TIME: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown.  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera  
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: According to statements of the population aircraft was shot down by  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING) 2 fighters

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: No. 7 - American nationality marking - J  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF AIRCRAFT)

ADMITTANCE NO: unknown

EQUIPMENT:  
F.T. FREQUENCIES: unknown  
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98 % lossDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:  
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Air District Command III/1c, Berlin-Dahlen  
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Air Base Command A(0)33/III

Mohra, 12 July 1944

W e i n a r

In/captured materiel.

To

D i s t r i b u t o r

Additional report on internment of members of enemy air forces.

Post: Air Base Command A(0)33/III

Place: Weimar - Mohra

Date: 12 July 1944

Subject: Crash of a Boeing at Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera, on 7 July 1944.

1.) Name: E n g e l h a r d t  
First name: William  
ASN: 33424342 T 44 a

Place and date of internment: East Cemetery, Gera, row VIc, grave 34, on 10 July 1944, at 1000.

2.) Name: F i l s o n  
First name: William  
ASN: 37675159 T 43 - 44 B

Place and date of internment: Gera East Cemetery, row VI C, grave 34, on 10 July 1944, at 1000.

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## R e s t r i c t e d

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A(7)33/III

PLACE: Nohre 2 via Weimar

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G, at Liebschwitz railway-station,  
5,5 km south Gera on 7 July 1944  
ENGELHARDT AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Engelhardt

FIRST NAME: William

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33114342 T 13 - 11 a Rank: unknown.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -----

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Municipal East Cemetery, Gera. (Exact time will be reported later)

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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TO:

DATE: 6 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2255

ROLL:

FROM: LSCL

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS: Highest priority, LENO No.237, 7 July, at 1155.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash of a Boeing. Additional report to teletype LENO 184 of 8 July.

- A) Place of crash: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5 1/3 km south Gera.
- B) Time of crash: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown.
- C) Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G
- D) Markings: N 7 - American nationality marking - J
- F) What became of crew: Name of dead found meanwhile is William Engelhardt, 39414342  
T 43 - 44 A, rank unknown.

Interment will be performed on East Cemetery, Gera. Date and place of grave will be reported later.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.

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TELEGRAM FORM

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9 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

2255

ROLL:

FROM:

LSCL

THROUGH:

Kochler

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REMARKS:

Highest priority LBNO 235 9 July, at 1040.

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To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash near Liebschwitz railway-station, 51,2 km from Gura, on 7 July 1944.  
Stc, search. The ninth member of the crew has been recovered dead.

Air Base Command A(0)93/III, Weimar-Neuhra.



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DATE: 11 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0600

ROLL:

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Haag

REMARKS:

A LBNO No.283 10 July, at 2200.

Same text to: Counterintelligence post of Military Area IX/Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe  
Air District Command III/Is, Berlin-Dahlem

~~Garrison Command, Gera~~

Criminal Investigation Police Station, Gera.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Report on crew member at large.

Crash near Liebschütz railway-station on 7 July 1944, at 1007, type Boeing B 17 G.

References: Teletypes LBNO 232 of 8 July and 235 of 9 July 44.

In the course of recovery performed today 8 open and 2 closed parachutes were found, meaning that there have been 10 crew members in the plane. One of them still being at large please start searching.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.

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Wittich

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REMARKS:

Highest priority LBHO 233 8 July Y at 2345.

To LSGL: To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel

To LBBH: ~~Additional report to teletype LBHO 184 of 8 July 44.~~

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to f) that because of the crew: the other dead (suppose he is really dead) has not been found yet. Report on crew members at large will be transferred. Charles Kobins, reported as being captured, is in the hospital "Waldkrankenhaus", Gera. He is not fit for transportation.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Hohra.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

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8 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

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ROLL:

FROM:

LSEH

THROUGH:

Wittich

REMARKS:

Highest priority LENO 232 8 July, at 2345.

To 7 Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Subject: Crash near Liebshirts railway-station, 5,5 km from Gara, on 7 July 44, at 1007

Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G.

Eight crew members were secured, their names identified. A ninth crew member probably at large. Please start search.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimer-Nohra.

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DATE: 8 July 1944

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FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS:

Highest priority LENO 164 8 July at 0745

Same text to: Air District Command III/10, Captured material, Berlin-Dahlem  
Aircross Command 5/III, Erfurt.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

- Crash of a Boeing. A) Place of crash: Liebschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.  
 B) Date of crash: 7 July 1944, exact time unknown. C) Type of plane: Boeing B17G  
 Briggs Unit No. 4184 - L.Gov.Serial No. 143257 Part.No. B - 85 - 4772700  
 D) Markings: N 7 - American nationality marking - J.  
 E) Condition of plane: 98 % loss.  
 F) Crew: one dead so far. Probably there will be another dead in fuselage which is  
 lying in the Elster river. If so, report will be made. Name of recovered dead:  
 Sgt. F i l s o n, William R., ASN 37675159 T 43 - 44 B  
 2) Number of prisoners: 7. Names: 2nd Lt. Lloyd H. Ebert, ASN 0-769109 T 43 - 44 ,O  
 2nd Lt. Boyd A. Wiswonger, ASN 0-758477 T 41 - 43 B., S/ Sgt. Sam B. Green, ASN  
 38428904 T 43 - 44 O, 2nd Lt. William S. MacFerron, ASN 717468 T 43 - 44, O.  
 2nd Lt. Max H. Becker, ASN 0-764868 T 43-44 O., S/Sgt. William J. Carter, ASN 18120780 T 42 - 43 O. Charles Kobins, rank unknown, ASN unknown, wounded.  
 3) Number of casualties: none.  
 4) Probable number of members at large: Unless a body will be found in the fuselage,  
 one man must be assumed being at large. Report will be sent later.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimer-Wohre.

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DATE: 8 July 1944.

THROUGH:

TIME: 1725

ROLL:

FROM: LSCL

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS: Highest priority IBNO 185 8 July at 0745  
 Same text to: Air District Command III/1c, Berlin-Dahlem  
 Ministry of Aviation, Aeronautical Research Staff/C Arruzant, Berlin  
 Airbase Command 5/III/1c, Erfurt.

To Interrogation Center West, Oberursel.

Information on capture of enemy aircraft. Post: Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra, Date: 8 July 1944.

Date of crash: 7 July 44, exact time unknown.

Place of crash: Hirschwitz railway-station, 5,5 km south Gera.

Kind of capture: According to the population downed by 2 fighters.

Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G. Marking: N 7 - American nationality marking - J.

License Number: unknown. Photo equipment: was not found. F.T. freq. band: unknown.

Condition of plane: 98 % loss.

Air Base Command A(0)33/III, Weimar-Nohra.