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THIS REPORT WILL BE FILED IN THE FILE BY EACH  
ARMY AIR FORCE ORGANIZATION WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE  
TIME AN AIR CRAFT OR CREW IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED  
MISSING.

ORGANIZATION: Location, Coy Name WUTHANFIELD, 8th Group 388th Bomb Bv  
Squadron 603rd Bomb Bv; Detachment, None  
Command, Army Air Force 8th Air Force Series of 8th None  
Special: Special Department 147 Station 181 Course, from Europe Army  
Target or Intended Destination, Marneburg, Germany Headed North  
Type of Mission, Operational Routine

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: CRASH OR BEEN LOST  
REPORTED 12/18/44 Clouds 5/10 to tops 7000 with 3/10 to tops 15000 and  
5/10 to tops 10000 Visibility 1/2 mi. directly ahead. 1/4 mi. vertically through haze  
51221-110618 of last known whereabouts of missing A/C:

(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (Y); last  
contacted by radio (R); forced down (D); seen to crash (C);  
or information not available (N).  
AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT  
OF: (Check only one. Enemy Aircraft (E); Enemy Anti-aircraft (A);  
Other Circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial No. B-24 Serial No. 42-117063  
Serial No. of Aircraft, if any, None  
Serial No. of Engine, if any, 1-1820-07  
Serial No. of Propeller, if any, 13-273158 Serial No. of Landing Gear, if any, 13-273158  
Serial No. of Tail Section, if any, 13-273158

WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (S)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (S)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (S)

PERSONNEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or (S) for Battle Casualty  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Position	Name	Grade	Serial No.	Remarks
Pilot	DEED, RUSSELL W.	2nd Lt	0-225578	HEA RTD
Co-Pilot	WHEATLEY, RICHARD J.	2nd Lt	0-114749	HEA RTD
Navigator	WHEATLEY, STANLEY R.	2nd Lt	0-3258462	HEA RTD
Bombardier	WHEATLEY, CHARLES J.	2nd Lt	0-725310	HEA RTD
Eng. In-Chief	WHEATLEY, ALPHONSE E.	S/Sgt	13103344	HEA RTD
Radio Operator	WHEATLEY, WENDE JR.	S/Sgt	38650006	HEA RTD
Ball Turret Operator	WHEATLEY, JEROME	Sgt	38485716	HEA RTD
Light Turret Operator	WHEATLEY, JAMES T.	Sgt	57524840	HEA RTD
Tail Gunner	WHEATLEY, GEORGE E.	Sgt	33114287	HEA RTD

PERSONNEL WHOSE NAMES ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK AIRCRAFT LOGS TO DETERMINE BASIS FOR SAME.

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contact By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Survived	Remarks
SWENSON, ALDON B.	2nd Lt	0-76549				X	
CLINE, HAROLD J.	Sgt	5883557				X	
BACROFT, JOSEPH D.	E/Sgt	5349925				X	
GOTT, JACK R.	Sgt	53521874				X	

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK YES RESPONSE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes  No   
 (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash Yes  No   
 or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.  
 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.  
 16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 3 November 1944

*William J. Campbell*  
 WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, Capt, LC, Statistical Section, Office of the Inspector General

REFERENCE TO OTHER REPORTS: (Statements Attached)

Other things seen this Group going down at approximately the same time were:

2170 42-53070, Pilot, 1st Lt Robert G. Campbell, O-318346, 401st Bomb Sq, 303th Op

2170 42-132832, Pilot, 1st Lt Herbert E. Norman, O-1291312, 603rd Bomb Sq



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INSTALLED WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1295414
2. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1294380
3. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1294823
4. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1294745
5. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1295175
6. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1295491
7. Buffalo Arms Co	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1295279
8. Savage Arms Corp.	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	952316
9. Savage Arms Corp.	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	481446
10. Frigidaire Div	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	744851
11. Frigidaire Div	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	744878
12. High Standard Corp	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	703307

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107053, Pilot, 2nd Lt  
Russell F Reed, O-825978, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 393rd Bomb Group, Heavy  
on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany, 2 November 1944.

Shortly after Bomb Away Lt Reed's aircraft was hit in the number two  
engine by a burst of flak starting a wing fire. The plane pulled out of the  
element formation and passed under the formation and down out of my view to  
the left. His wing was burning badly at the time he pulled out of the forma-  
tion. Several minutes later Lt Newmar's aircraft was hit in the tail section  
and left wing by 20 mm cannon fire from a German fighter plane. A severe  
wing fire developed under the left wing and behind the number one engine.  
Newmar's ship pulled up and over the element formation. He also was burning  
badly at the time.

I lost sight of both planes for a few minutes. I then saw one of them  
at a considerable distance below our formation. I saw four men leave this  
plane and drop away. Their parachutes did not open while I was watching.  
I am not certain which of these airplanes the crew members were leaving.  
It was too far away for me to identify the markings.

*Alexander B. Newmar*  
ALEXANDER B. NEWMAR, O-741849  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Bomber, B17G 42-36604

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-207053, Pilot, 2nd Lt.  
Russell F Reed, O-326878, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 395th Bomb Group Bv  
on Combat Mission to Marseburg, Germany 2 November 1944.

It was just after Bombs Away and we had been attacked by one P-51  
plane. Just after we took care of him, someone called out one of our planes  
burning at 2,000 o'clock low. I swung my turret and watched him. He passed  
under our plane and his left wing was all afire. There was no fire in the  
horizontal stabilizer, which appeared to be intact.

I followed and saw two men bail out but did not see their chute open.  
At this time he was away off at 9,00 o'clock and in a glide and then fighters  
formed to contain on our tail and I had to turn to them.

*Harold J. Crane*  
HAROLD J. CRANE, Sergeant  
Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Ball Turret Gunner, B17 42-37623

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft 317G 43-107053, Pilot, 2nd Lt  
Russell F. Reed, O-825978, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 368th Bomb Group BV  
on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 2 November 1944.

I was flying waist gunner on Lt Wimmer's crew. Shortly after  
Bombs away we were hit by fighters. Suddenly I noticed the plane on  
our right (I saw Mike) had a fire in the front wing. Our Co-pilot  
was trying to contact him and try to tell him to bail out. The plane  
was clipped under our ship, then turned over on its back and went into  
an upside down dive. At this point I got two men bailing out their  
chutes opening almost immediately. I saw no one else come out before  
the plane disappeared into the clouds.

*Joseph P. Bunker*  
JOSEPH P. BUNKER, 35499245  
2nd Lt, 603rd Bomb Grp  
368th Bomb, 317G 43-53864

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107053, Pilot, 2nd Lt  
Russell F Reed, S-823978, 803rd Bomb Squadron, 593th Bomb Group  
on Combat Mission to Hovesburg, Germany 2 November 1944.

I was flying Ball turret on 2nd Lt. H. Johnson's crew on 2 November 1944.  
About two or three minutes after bombs away I heard over the interphone that  
a plane was on fire behind us. I turned around and saw it at 7:00 o'clock.  
The number two engine was all ablaze. I think the tank was on fire also.  
My bombardier called me and told me to switch my sights over. I saw  
six chutes come out at a level about two thousand feet below us. One chute  
opened just above the clouds.

Just after this I heard our tail gunner, Sgt Leggett, report that  
there was some fighter activity in the squadron behind. About 4 minutes  
after this as we were in a shallow left turn, my bombardier, 1st Lt. Robinson,  
reported that a plane was in a flat spin just to the left of us. I watched  
it until it went into the clouds but could see no other.

About 5 minutes later the bombardier called up all hands to get ready  
burning. I have been that could have been our high group. The engine  
the nose and cockpit of the plane, once - - when it was in the air  
exploded again and disappeared a mass of flames and smoke. I followed  
it down a considerable distance until the smoke and flames disappeared.

WALTER D. BERRY, 30421034  
Sgt, 803rd Bomb Sq.  
Ball Turret Gunner; B17G 42-107053

Above statement certified true

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WALTER A. ROBINSON, S-777825  
2nd Lt, 1st Corps  
Bombardier; B17G 42-107053

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**REPORT OF LOSS - INMATES ACCOUNT**

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

Form 1001, 1-3-45, 100-10/0, 250, 11/10/44, 2 Nov 1944

1101 Road, Russell, E. 2nd Lt. - 32597508, 11/10/44, Germany

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

(a) By coordinates 50° 20' N 10° 30' E

(b) Approximate altitude 10,000 ft

(c) Last noted heading Being down

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Being down

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of attack, intensity and method of enemy attack, etc.), with particular reference to (a) type aircraft, (b) track - intensity and accuracy.

3. Description of extent of damage to aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc.) and damage from cockpit to airframe (engines).

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

went down - appeared to be under control.

(Over)

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

6. Number of paratroopers and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.). One to two minutes observed. Time and altitude of jumps unknown.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above: Nil

8. Date of report: 16 November 1944

NAME	GRADE	BRANCH	NO.
1. [Name]	[Grade]	[Branch]	[No.]
2. [Name]	[Grade]	[Branch]	[No.]
3. [Name]	[Grade]	[Branch]	[No.]
4. [Name]	[Grade]	[Branch]	[No.]

[Handwritten signatures and names]

9. If there is any information developing subsequent to this account that would indicate any discrepancy in any of the above, please advise the [Authority] by [Date] and [Location].

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Ship and Time Arrived

1 JAN 14 1970

Place of Origin

San Antonio

Type of Vessel

Motor

Reporting Office

Airport - Aguila

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PLACE OF ORIGIN

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Abasco, Puerto

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: 150 Miles N. of Berlin

DATE: 30 Nov 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: DOWNED OF

EX. LANDING AT:

NAMES (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

STATUS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

Unknown type, probably Boeing B 27 D

150 miles N. of Berlin, between 150°E and 60°N  
in the neighborhood of Berlin.

PROBABLE

CHARLES J

D- 100112 03-40 1

Captured.

University of Stomach MANCHESTER, CAMP  
LEIPZIG, 3 Nov 1945 14.00.

University of Stomach at Reserve Installation IV  
LEIPZIG-BIRKENHEAD and Airfield 10, 1 07/22  
1945.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR-FLIGHT NO. 37/111

PLACE: BOMBAY

DATE: 15 Nov 1944

REGARDING: SPASH: (BOMBED) OF: Unknown type

EN. LANDING: UNKNOWN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME):

H A P E S

FIRST NAME:

DEADLY R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O. 1035441 P 43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Airport of BANGALORE 15 Nov 1944 13.00-14.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

Temporary internment in Messrs. Halliday & Co. Ltd. Bangalore

until contact is established with the parent force.

Interviewed by: [Signature]

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NOV 15 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POB: **ALGERIA**

PLACE: **ALGERIA**

DATE: **5 NOV 1944**

REMARKS: **CHIEF (DORNER) OF** **Unknown Type**

**IN LANDING:** **AT:**

NAME (LAST OR SURNAME)

**BANKER**

FIRST NAME

**ROBERT**

SERIAL NUMBER (USA)

**111111 1-43-44**

RESULT (DSEAF OR CAPTURED)

**Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**Area of WILHELMSDORF, near BELTIC, 5 Nov 1944  
11:45-14:00**

NAME OF SUSPECT

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

**Residence of ALGERIA, 11/11/44  
11:45-14:00**

Coordinating function of  
CONTINUED.



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

UNIT: **1st Bombardment Group**

PLANE: **B-24**

DATE: **11 Nov 1944**

REMARKS: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF**

REMARKS: **RE. LANDING: AT**

NAME (LAST OR SURNAME):

**District HANZHOUSHI**

FIRST NAME:

**WANG**

SERIAL NUMBER (USA):

**RICHARD J.**

STATUS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**O-71473 T-43 24 2-6**

**Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**Captured HANZHOUSHI, near HANZHOUSHI, 11 Nov 1944  
11.30**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Continental Propaganda

1. Information Report No. 6-734 1944 T-43 24 2-6

2. Report will be submitted

Signature  
1st Lt. W. G.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: 4th Army Base, 438th  
PLACE: 438th Army Base, 438th  
DATE: 2 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF  
EX. LANDED: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

PROBABLE SERVICE

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Captured

Delivered to 4th Army Base, 438 (1) by  
Civilian 24.00

Confidential Property:

- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg, No. 18100000 0 00 00 0 0
- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg
- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg
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- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg
- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg
- 1 1st Lt. William H. Hagg

In Service

William H. Hagg

TELEGRAM FORM

DISPATCH MESSAGE

DATE OF MESSAGE WRITER

RECEIVED DATE

RECEIVED TIME

DATE 4 NOV 1944

TIME 07.20

FROM

THROUGH FRANK

FIRST MESSAGE TIME ON 4 Nov 1944

TO

Headquarters, United States Army, G-2, Washington, D.C. (Priority)

From: [Illegible]

[Illegible]

[Illegible]

FRANK, FRANK

No. 11

1. [Illegible text]

2. [Illegible text]

3. [Illegible text]

4. [Illegible text]

5. [Illegible text]

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[Illegible text]

**REMARKS**  
**(PART OF FINAL REPORT ON CAPTURE OF SUNKEN AIRCRAFT AND CREW)**

Percentage of wreckage: fuselage: 50% Landing gear: 50% Wings: 100% Tail: 50%

Type of engine: Valve-operated, air-cooled radial engine.  
 Engine No and structure: 100

1.	400	2.	300
1.	100	2.	200

Propeller: Number of blades: 3 Type: HAMILTON STANDARD  
 Dia. No. 6477 4-0 Serial No. Model: 17 3411 Blade: 17311

Propeller Radius: 1700 mm  
 0.7 by Radius; 1100 mm in this place  
 the blade has a depth of 100 mm

No.	Caliber	Type and Fabrication	Place of Impact, Time or Direction
1	12.7	Type 1-1 Right Hand Specification No. 2484 Contract No. AF 1129 No. 3 Lugs. Full length 100.00. BIRMINGHAM, AL.	Left and right center of fuselage. 1000 ft. above ground. Direction: from the southeast.

Applied lights: None

Dimensions: 141.12" 3000 inch unit

Material: 102  
 Markings: No 1000  
 Mark of Identification: Not to identify  
 Mark of Identification: Not to identify

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DATE: 11 Nov 1954 of 1950  
 PLACE: Keesler's nose  
 TYPE: Unknown  
 CHARACTER: Unknown  
 SOURCE: (H. 10) 1st  
 ORGAN: Medical Institute

11 Nov. 1954

Rank	Name	Number
1st Lt.	WALKER, Stanley Robert	0-2036402
C	PERCIVAL, Charles John	0-723118
C	WILLIAMS, Daniel Francis	0-233170
C	WALKER, Richard John	0-724720
1st Sgt.	THOMPSON, Carroll	3360756
C	WALKER, Stephen B.	3110166
C	WALKER, Mike	3160000
C	WALKER, Robert Victor	3710100
C	WALKER, George Martin	3160100
1st Sgt.	Thompson, Carroll	3360756

APR 2 1958  
 (Handwritten signature/initials)

1950

WALTER W. WATSON

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FORM 104 (REV. 11-15-53)

REPORT NUMBER

DATE: 11-14-64

REMARKS: CRASH (DOWNED) OF Unknown Type

REMARKS: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: ~~-----~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) NATHAN

FIRST NAME: BENJAMIN

SERIAL NUMBER (USA): O-205440 T-38A

STATUS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Area of MARIKUPURAM 11 Nov 1964 14.00-14.05

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ~~-----~~

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW: Temporary internment at Reserve Rehabilitation  
Center, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and Air Field No. 1, ~~XXXXXX~~  
MARIKUPURAM, which transferred to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~  
Camp.

XXXXXXXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXX

AF 3212

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield HQ A 37/III

PLACE: LEIPZIG

DATE: 3 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF:

Unknown type, probably Junker B 17 C

EN. LANDING: AT:

UNKNOWN, between ~~LEIPZIG~~ and ~~MERSEBURG~~  
18 in north-east of LEIPZIG.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

PROSER

FIRST NAME:

CHARLES J

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O- 74115 + 43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Vicinity of town ~~MERSEBURG~~, near  
LEIPZIG, 3 Nov 1944 14.00.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

Emergency Hospital of Reserve Battalion of  
LEIPZIG-~~STREITZ~~ near Airfield HQ A 37/III  
LEIPZIG.

Interviewed on 14 Nov 1944  
at 14.00

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

UNIT: 1st Lt. [illegible]

PLACE: [illegible]

DATE: 12/15/44

TYPE: CRASH (DOWNED) OF: Unknown Type

REASON FOR: [illegible] AT: [illegible]

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) BARTON

FIRST NAME: WALTER

SERVICE NUMBER (USA): 1014767 F 4E 44

STATUS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Area of [illegible], near [illegible], 12/15/44

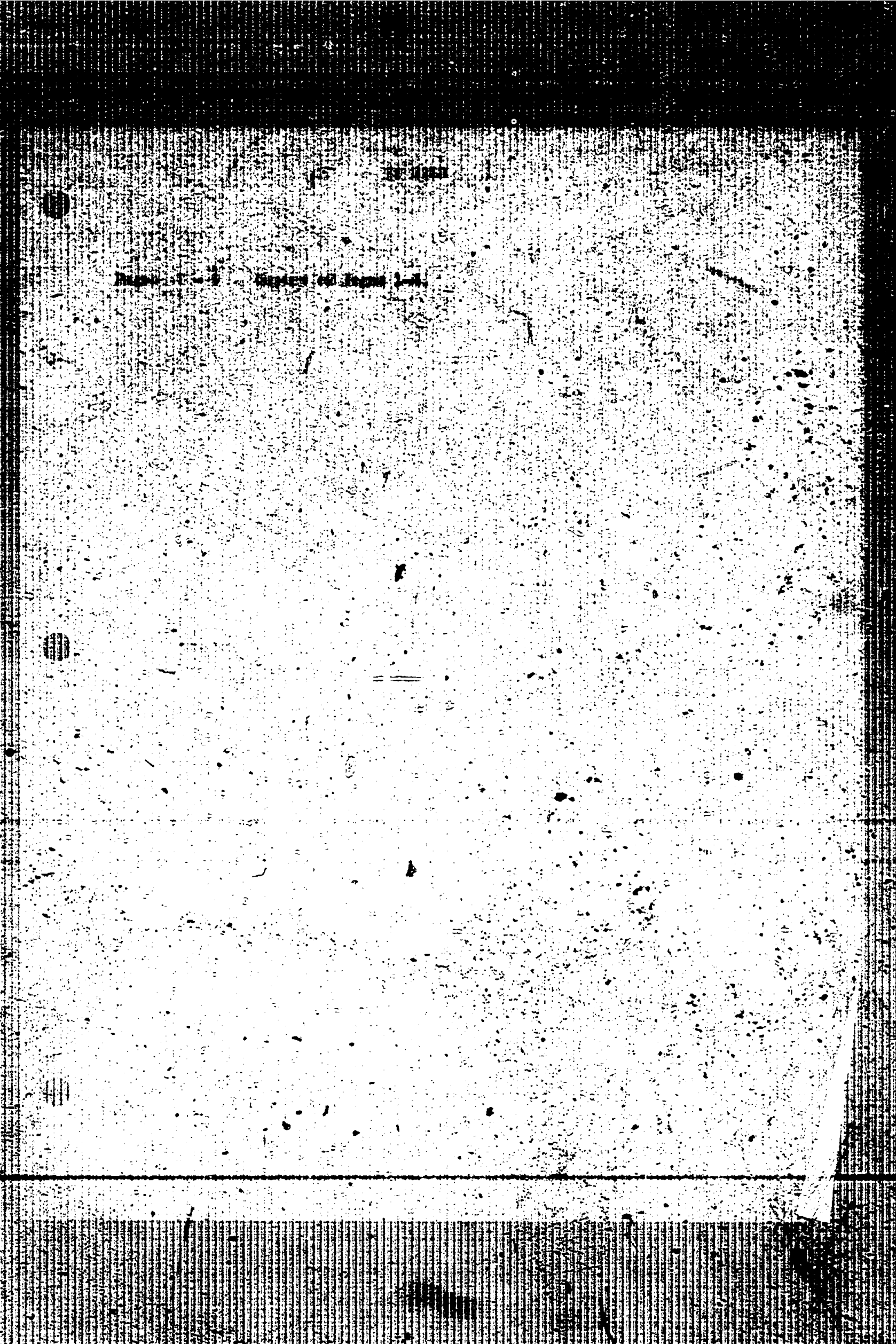
NAME OF HOSPITAL: [illegible]

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW: Temporary Detachment at [illegible], 12/15/44

[illegible]

[Handwritten mark]

[illegible]



REPORT OF CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Attifialal Pop Camp 58

PLACE: INDONESIA

DATE: 2 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF

EN. LANDING AT:

District BUKITREHONG

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

V A I S I S I

FIRST NAME:

RECHER J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

C- 716788 E-65 44 1-0

RESULT: (KILLED OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

District BUKITREHONG, near BUKITREHONG, 2 Nov 1944  
13.30

NAME OF HOSTAGE

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

CONTINUING FOOTNOTES

- 1. Identification tag in C- 716788 E-65 44 1-0
- 2. [illegible]
- 3. [illegible]

By: [illegible]  
[illegible]

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PORT: Heavy Flak Bn. 439  
PLACE: 439th Heavy Flak Bn. 439 (P) by  
divisions 14. CO

DATE: 2 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Presumably Jettisoned

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

D O T H E R S

FIRST NAME:

ARTHUR

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

1110344 F 43-44 0 3

RESULTS: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Delivered to 4/ Heavy Flak Bn. 439 (P) by  
divisions 14. CO

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

Continued Property:

- 1. Identification tag No. 1110344 F 43-44 0 3
- 2. Part of uniform
- 3. Canteen
- 4. Boots
- 5. P-43
- 6. Ring
- 7. Emergency Medical

In Custody of

UNITED STATES ARMY

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE MESSAGE

OVERSEAS

NAME OF DISTANCE MESSAGE WRITER

1111

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 4 Nov 1945

THROUGH:

TIME: 09.25

ROLL:

FROM: 1111

THROUGH: 1111

REMARKS:

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VERY URGENT 4 NOV 1945 17.10

TO

Commanding Officer, 1st Cavalry Division

11.33.20

Reference is made to your message of 4 Nov 1945.

It is noted that you are unable to contact the 1st Cavalry Division.

Please advise the 1st Cavalry Division of the above information.

Yours faithfully,  
The Director of Communications.

Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division, 11 Nov 1945.

Classification of this message: Secret.

Disposition of copy: 1 number sent, 1 number retained, 1 number destroyed.

1111-1111 1111/1111 1111/1111 1111/1111

1111, 1111

Air Field No. 100000  
Dumaine Airport Area 7/115 CINCINNATI

5 Nov 1945

**FINAL REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND CREW**

Distribution: Working Station for enemy Air Equipment  
Air District Command  
Dumaine Airport Area  
Caching Station West, CINCINNATI  
Hutch

Date of Crash: 8 Nov 1944 13.15 Place: Swampy KUMOWITZ, between WYNNHAM and  
WYNNHAM 16 mi south-east of WYNNHAM

Type of Aircraft: P-51C  
Returning  
Marking of Base: Destroyed.  
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on P-51C  
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above marker V in Triangle  
Admittance No: 7 217063  
Latter  
Dumaine Marker: H

Kind of Goods Found: Wreckage in 2 boxes  
Kind of Packages: Flat

For Search after Flight and missing Crew Members your attention:  
Local Police of WYNNHAM and County Council

Guarding of Staff was done by:  
Mark DATE, IDENTIFIED

Photographs were taken by: None  
Box No. 100

Appreciation and Thank You: Papers, Maps etc not found.

Number of Staff:  
Appreciation: 1  
Instruments: 1  
Equipment: 1

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The Military Engineers.





ESSENTIAL DATA

CLASSIFICATION NUMBER OF CAPTURE OF BOMB AIR EQUIPMENT AND CROSS

Percentage of wreckage Fuelage: 90% Landing gear: 90% Wings: 100% Tail: 90%

Type of engine: Valve-actuated, air-cooled radial engine.  
Engine No. and markings: 143

1.	40%	2.	35%
3.	50%	4.	30%

Model-Propeller: Number of blades: 3 Type: HAMILTON STANDARD  
DIN. No. 4077 A-B Marking: Blade: 17 3411 Blade: 17310

Propeller Radius: 2700 mm  
C, P by radius: 2100 mm at 1/4 inch plane  
the blade has a depth of: 210 mm

MARKINGS:

No.	Color	Type and Fabrication	Place of Install. Marked by
1.	Red	Type 4-2 Right Hand Specification No. 20134 Dimensions No. 40 41203 In 4 Mfg. Co. INDUSTRIAL 17.	Left and right number of fins are staked above carburetor. Markings: 17310 17311 (non-removable) 17312

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**Stellung über den Abschuss eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

**Abschuss-Nr. FI 1232**

**Abschusstag und Zeit:** 2.11.44 - 13.00  
**Abschussort:** b. Leipzig  
**Flugzeugtyp:** Portrease  
**Wahrscheinliche Dienststelle:** Fl. B. Xdtr. Brandis

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vorsegen: Geburtsort und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Sta.- karte:	gef.- numr.: tot:	Verbleib: welcher Lager Art d. Verwendung Gründlage
MITTS	Stanley Robert	2. Lt.	0-105444	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
PROCTOR	Charles John	2. Lt.	0-723618	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
REED 10.12.22	Russell Francis Ohio	2. Lt.	0-523478	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
WHEATLEY	Richard John	2. Lt.	0-744789	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
THORPE 16.6.25	Darrell	3. Sgt.	1558595	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
BRIDGES 27.1.21	August Victor USA	3. Sgt.	17324640	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
GROTHUES	Alphonse B.	3. Sgt.	16105646	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
BAHNE	George Edwin	3. Sgt.	19274267	gef.	Dalang-Luft West
BARNES	Mike	3. Sgt.	16658006	gef.	Dalang-Luft West

**Bemerkungen:** MARK - 12158

**Beleg-Nr. des** 21.11.44 **Vo.**