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H. C. MAYER, NAPS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1951.



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1. Date of Report: 21 Nov 1944  
2. Location: NUTHAMPSTEAD, HEG  
3. Unit: 50th Bomb Ev, 8th Air Force  
4. Station: Station 131, Herseburg, Germany  
5. Type of Mission: Operational Bombing  
6. Weather: Clouds 10/15 layered tops 28000 Lt of acrit 28000 Temp 45 Moderate to dense persistent contrails. Vis nil vertically and unrestricted aloft.

7. Aircraft Type: B-24 Model No. B-17G Serial No. 43-38147  
8. Name: "Fuddy-Duddy"  
9. Serial No.: (a) SW-023570 (b) SW-023556 (c) SW-023357 (d) SW-023788

10. Crew List: (a) Battle Casualty (b) M.I.A. (c) MIA (d) MIA

11. Remarks: (a) Battle Casualty (b) M.I.A. (c) MIA (d) MIA

Crew Position	Name	Rank	Serial Number	Status
Pilot	HOMELL, CHARLES E	1st Lt	0-817445	MIA KIA
Co-Pilot	BREAN, WILLIAM M	2nd Lt	0-628943	MIA KIA
Navigator	LEWDER, JOHN J JR	1st Lt	0-717668	MIA KIA
Bombardier	GAYNER, ROBERT T.	2nd Lt	0-745775	MIA KIA
Engineer	GLANCY, RAUPE F	S/Sgt	30274220	MIA KIA
Radio Operator	BAHLING, JOHN W	T/Sgt	36333591	MIA RTD
Bell Turret Gunner	ARCHELSON, BROCKS U	S/ Sgt	20941465	MIA KIA
Left Waist Gunner	LAUREN, WILLIAM H JR	S/Sgt	31180915	MIA RTD
Right Waist Gunner	ECHEVARRIA, JOSE M	S/Sgt	39918332	MIA RTD
Tail Gunner	COLE, FRED W.	S/Sgt	37607165	MIA KIA

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

12. **IDENTIFY PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THE CREW OF AIRCRAFT, AND WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW TO INDICATE THIS FACT:**

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted by	Last Sighted	Survived Crash Landing
1. <u>FRACKES, IKE E JR</u>	2nd Lt	0-723710		X	
2. <u>HAAS, JAMES R</u>	1st Lt	0-704193		X	
3. <u>GIDCUMB, ALLEN D</u>	2nd Lt	0-711648		X	
3. <u>HYNDMAN, STAVEL</u>	1st Lt	0-768107		X	
13. <u>SALSANO, CARMINE</u>	S/Sgt	32811844		X	

13. **IF ANY OF THE ABOVE PERSONS SURVIVED, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:** (a) Parachute used Yes  
 (b) Persons seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_  
 or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. **ATTACH AIRCRAFT PROFORMA, NAME, GRADE, OR RANK, AND APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OF BEFORE PROX.**
15. **ATTACH EVIDENCE DESCRIBING OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO AIRCRAFT.**
16. **GIVE NAME, GRADE, RANK, OR POSITION OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF SEARCH.**
- No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 28 November 1944

*Wallis L Campbell*  
**WALLIS L CAMPBELL, CAPT, AC, STATISTICAL O.**  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

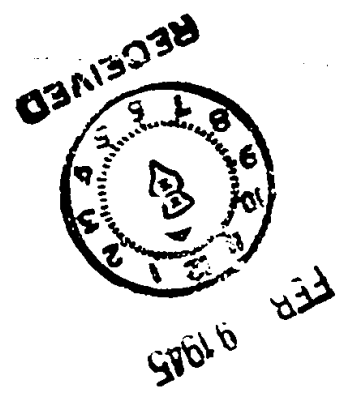
17. **REFERENCES OR THE WITNESS STATEMENTS:**  
 (Statements of witnesses attached.)

Intelligence Reports state that Bombs were away at 1155  $\frac{1}{2}$  and that fighters attacked planes of the 398th Bomb Group Hq at 1150. Members of the High Squadron believe that their attacks came at approximately 1200.

AIRCRAFT B17G 43-38147 was probably hit by one of these fighters in the left wing around number two engine. It is believed that this ship was the one which moved from the lead element to the left of the formation in a slight glide with four men bailing out just in front of the low element of the squadron. A fifth man was seen bailing out just before the ship blew up at the cloud level. After the explosion one wing was seen going down in flames into the ten-tenths, 28,000 foot clouds.

Other Aircraft and their Commanders that are reported as Missing in Action from this formation were:

- B17G 42-102600--1st Lt Frederick C Wlamer, 0-558118
- B17G 43-38671 -1st Lt Robert W Lehmer, 0-756264
- B17G 44-8348--1st Lt Kenneth S Hastings, 0-764011
- B17G 42-107138--1st Lt Paul H Rich, Jr., 0-817531



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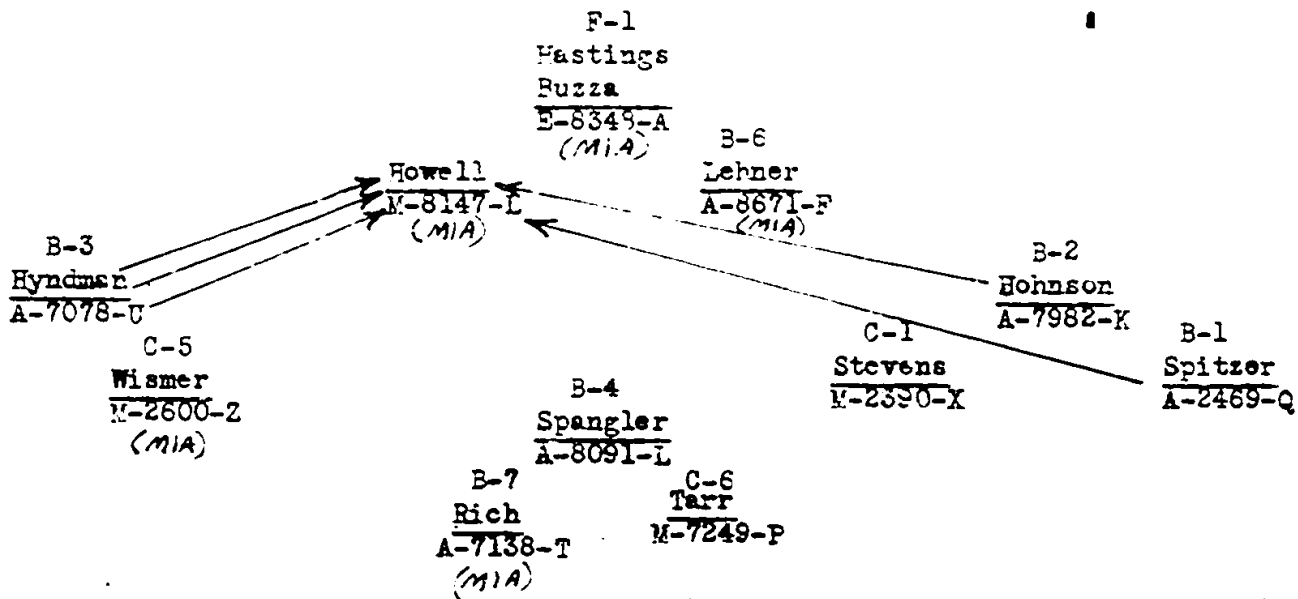
INSTALLED WEAPONS

	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280006
2.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280575
3.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280550
4.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1279965
5.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280474
6.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280257
7.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1279945
8.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280227
9.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280252
10.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280528
11.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	128 247
12.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1280496

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398th Bombardment Group BV  
Lersburg, Germany 21 November 1944

HIGH Squadron "B" Group 1st CBW Formation  
Five minutes before fighters hit.



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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38147, Pilot, 1st Lt Charles E Howell, O-817445, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group BV on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

After fighters hit the formation busted up--the lead crew bailed out and the lead ship peeled out of formation and went down as number one engine was feathered and number two windmilling. I heard over the interphone at some time that "F" Freddie peeled out and down to right with a FW on his tail. We dived into the cirrus bank and contrails below. As we did I saw a plane out in front of us and below and to the left also drop down into the clouds, flying on a parallel course. After being in the clouds for about a minute or so I noticed the ship had pulled out and off to the left of us still flying on a somewhat parallel course. At this time that we went into the cloud bank this ship appeared to be under control and OK. I saw no more of him after I noticed him the second time at a distance. I have reason to believe it was Howell because there were just the three ships of the lead element in front of us and the other two ships had been seen to dive out of the formation previously.

Ike E. Reacker, Jr.  
IKE E REACKER, JR., O-723710  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Navigator, B17G 43-37982

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft Bl7G 48-38147, Pilot, 1st Lt Charles E Howell, O-417445, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group RV on Combat Mission to Herseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

On the mission to Herseburg, Germany 21 November 1944, our crew was flying number two on the high element of the High Squadron. We were flying about three hundred feet above the lead element. About twenty-five minutes after Bombs Away just before enemy fighters hit us, I saw the lead element of three ships. At that time they were intact. My attention was then diverted to the enemy fighters in the area. Shortly I saw the men in the lead ship bail out, one ship came across in a diving turn to the right under us. I looked up then and the third ship in that element had disappeared.

*James R Haas*

JAMES R HAAS, O-704193

1st Lt, Air Corps

Bombardier, Bl7G 42-102469

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38147, Pilot, 1st Lt Charles E. Howell, O-817446, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Ev, on Combat Mission to Werszburg, Germany, 21 November 1944.

Howell arrived late and took No. 3 position in the lead element, Spitzer, who had filled in the No. 3 position, moved back into the diamond of lead element and as far as I knew Lehner was deputy lead. Later on Spitzer moved out.

I saw Wismer, who was flying our right wing shortly after we left the target. He was with us until the fighters hit us. At the time he was out of position - out wide and a short way back. After the fighters hit, none of us saw him again.

After the fighters hit us, I saw five chutes come out of one ship, which was crossing under us and to our left. This we believed to be Lt Howell. Later the ship exploded. At about the same time I saw another ship's crew bale out to the front and under us. I saw about six men come out of this ship. Over interphone I heard our waist gunner say that nine had come out. I do not know whose crew this was but I believe it must have come from our lead element.

*Allen D. Gidcomb*  
ALLEN D. GIDCOMB, O-711643  
2d Lt, Air Corps,  
Co-Pilot, B17G 42-107078.

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-35147, Pilot, 1st Lt Charles E Howell, O-817445, 503rd Bomb Squadron, 396th Bomb Group BV on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany, 21 November 1944.

Lt Howell arrived at the formation late and took the left wing of the leader, after Lt Spitzer moved out of the left wing position. When the fighters attacked the formation I saw one fighter hit Lt Howell's ship and I saw a small burst of flame on his left wing just by number two engine. We were then hit by a fighter ourselves and I didn't pay any attention to the other ships for a number of minutes because our own ship was damaged.

I next saw a ship pass over in front of us moving to the left in a slight glide. We saw five chutes come out of this ship and then the waist gunner saw the ship explode.

The last we saw of Lt Wismer was just before the fighters hit. I called my waist gunner and asked him if he could see our wing man and he said that he was a little below and behind us. That is the last we saw of him.

*Staver J. Hyndman*

STAVER J HYNDMAN, O-766107  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Pilot, B17G 42-107078

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38147, Pilot, 1st Lt Charles E Howell, O-817446, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hq on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Before we got hit by fighters someone up front asked us where our right wing man was. I looked out of the right waist and I saw the right wing man falling back and below us and disappearing into contrails.

I was at the left waist window at the time after we got hit by fighters. The pilot called over the interphone and said to count the chutes of a plane to the left of us and in front. I counted four chutes that came very close by to us. I then saw the ship go down gradually and turning to the left. It looked as if it was out of control. As it got down, almost to the cloud level. I saw another chute from the same ship. I then saw the ship blow up and the wing going down in flames.

I saw four chutes floating down to the left. I did not see the ship that they came from. I heard someone say over the interphone from the front of our ship that some more chutes were coming out of the aircraft going down up ahead of our plane.

*Carmine R. Salsano*

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CARMINE R SALSANO, 32811844  
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Waist Gunner, B17G 42-107078

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

FORM 398

SCF

1/C 4337147-1

21 Feb. 1944

Pilot: 1st Lt. Charles E Howell O-817445

Station 131

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

- (a) by coordinates Target Area (approximate (5121 N - 1200 E) )
- (b) approximate altitude 29,000 feet
- (c) last noted heading unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation unknown

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

Flak believed to be accurate - intensity unknown.  
Enemy fighter opposition intense.

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

Saw ship hit in left wing with explosive shells from Enemy fighters.  
Plane had one wing dipped in shallow dive to the left and then exploded.

4. If aircraft out of control describe appearances:

nil.

(Over)

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5. If witness aircraft was out of formation as at last para of report: nil If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter and if noted (group number, color and/or insignia aircraft numbers, etc.): nil

6. Nature of par chute seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

5 chutes.

7. Any other matters not covered by above:

nil.

8. Date of report 28. November, 1944.

Report made by:          Rank SER A/C No.

1. Hyndman, Stever J., 1st. Lt. 0-768197 078-V

REPORT BY WITNESS (for oral and written copy):

Matthew Meyer  
Meyer, Matthew

Capt.

0-561680

Asst. Group.  
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ATTENTION: AFPPA-8  
MAC

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-3-AAP-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Second Lt. William M. Bryan 0828943  
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)  
603rd. bomb squadron  
(Organization)  
reported missing, missing in action, 27 November 1944, which report  
(Date)  
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Personal Affairs Division  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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5-5789, AF

(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 8 Feb 45)

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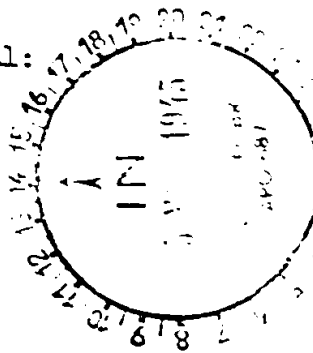
SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. 5-1 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 837, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. William M. Bryan, 0828943, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38147. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, JR.  
Asst. Adjutant General.



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AG 319.1 Gas 2nd Ind. JMF/JFR  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APC 6c7, U S ARMY, 6 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., Attention: AFPPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew report concerning aircraft number 43-36147, piloted by 1st Lt. Charles E. Howell, C-617445, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement thru headquarters, AG 369.33 Gas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. William L. Bryson, C-628943, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

*Hm Rund*

H. A. RUND, w  
Colonel, AGD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION: AFPPA-8  
MAC

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

9 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGC letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of First Lieutenant Charles E. Howell, Jr. 0817445  
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)  
603rd. bomb squadron, 398th bomb group  
(Organization)  
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report  
(Date)  
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:



*J. Marsh*  
JOHN D. MARSH  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Personal Affairs Division  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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5-5799, AF

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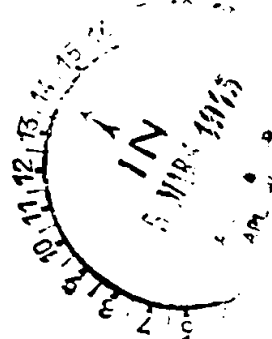
SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. - 1 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 1st Lt. Charles E. Howell, Jr., 0817445, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38147. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



*H.S. Wilson, Jr.*

H.S. WILSON, Jr.  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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ADDRESS ONLY TO  
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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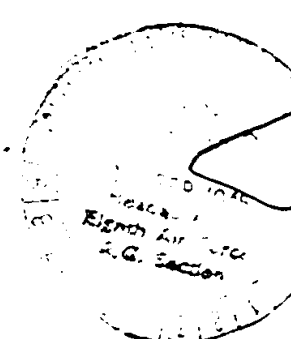
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(Grade) (Name) (ASN)  
398th bomb group, 603rd bomb squadron  
(Organization)  
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report  
(Date)  
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:



*J. D. Marsh*  
JOHN D. MARSH  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Personal Affairs Division  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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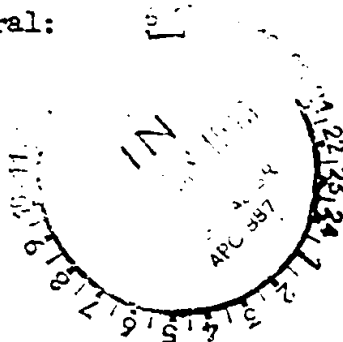
SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. - 1 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 1st Lt. John J. Leyden, Jr., 0717668, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38147. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. S. Wilson, Jr."

H. S. WILSON, Jr.  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 319.1 Cas 2nd Ind. JWP/JFR  
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 987, U S ARMY, 8 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., Attention: AFPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-38147, piloted by 1st Lt. Charles S. Howell, C-817445, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Charles S. Howell, Jr., C-817445, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



*Hm Rund*  
E. M. RUND, w  
Colonel, AGD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

AG 319.1 Cas.

2nd Ind.

JWP/JFR

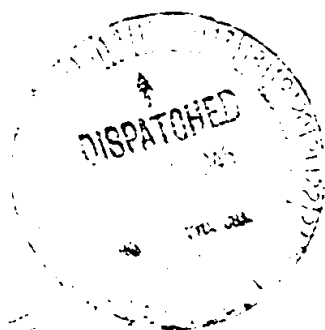
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 8, March 1945.

TC. Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., Attention: AFPPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-36147, piloted by 1st Lt. Charles E. Howell, C-817445, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360,33 Cas, dated 26 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. John J. Leyden, Jr., C-717668, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



*H. K. RUND*  
H. K. RUND, *w*  
Colonel, AGD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

KU 3348

Nationality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Flyer

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Delay and Changes: Died 21 Nov 44, at 1300 hours Erfurt  
Cemetery

Place of Grave: / Trugleben near Eisenach, grave No. 1

Reported by: Dulag Luft No. 2653/45, 6 Jan 45

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Dead List No. 77

Serial No. 27



SN 3848

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Name: Unknown

Arm or Service: Aircraft type Fortress

Rank: Pilot

Date of Death: 21 Nov 44, at 1300 hours

Place of Death: Erfurt

Place and No. of Grave: Cemetery Etzleben near  
Eisenach, Grave No. 1

Reported by: Dulag Luft No. 2653/45 ( Jan 45

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase-Headquarters A(9) 31 / III  
 PLACE: Erfurt - Bindersleben  
 DATE: -----

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy aircraft (type unknown) on Nov. 21,  
 1944 ; 13.00.  
EM. LANDING: AT: near Gotha  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S c h e v e r a Rank: St/Sgt.  
 FIRST NAME: John  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 50019332  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) ca ptured  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Gotha, Flak-quarters , Nov. 21, 1944  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase-Headquarters A(c) 31/III**  
 PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**  
 DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B-17 Fortress , on Nov: 21, 1944**  
EN. LANDING: AT: **between Erfurt and Gotha**  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **L a n d r i e** Rank: **St/Sgt.**  
 FIRST NAME: **William**  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **31180915**  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **near Erfurt on November 21 , 1944.**  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

Glancy

T/sgt.

Type of plane :

Fortress

Nr of Squadron:

603 h.36.Sq.

Date of shot down:

21. Nov. 1944

Place of shot down:

Erfurt.

Crewmembers:

s. S/Sgt. Landrie W.E. Jr.

KU 3348 A

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13) 1230 o'clock - Trudisben, 4 1/2 km west of Getha, in NB 2, Fortress II,  
60 - 85 s. 7 dead, 2 captured. Markings: after insignia "H 8 - L". Claim 14. W. etc.

X U - 3348

Type of aircraft: Fortress  
Place of crash: Trugleben near the high-way  
Gotha-Eisenach  
Time of crash: 21 Nov. 44

ATCHISON, Brooks U.  
20941465 T 43-44

dead

GAYNOR, Robert T.  
0-743775 T 44

dead

GLANCY, Ralph P.  
23474230 T 43-44 O

dead

HOWELL or GILLUS (unknown)  
ASN: ASN:

dead

BRYAN, William M.  
ASN:

Lt.

dead .

MARK 120

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B-17  
AAF 43-18147  
10-7-47

November 21, 1944 at 13.00

KU 1115A

Erfurt

Type: Fortress

603 Heavy Bombardment Sqd.

398 Group

1st Lt.	HOWELL, <i>Charles E.</i>	0817445
1st Lt.	BRYAN	
1st Lt.	GAYNOR	
S/Sgt.	ECHIVERRIA, Jose, Maria	39 91 83 32
S/Sgt.	LAUDRIE, William, H. Jr.	31 18 09 15
T/Sgt.	GLANCY	
T/Sgt.	BAHLING	
S/Sgt.	ATCHELSON	
S/Sgt.	COLE, Fred	

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Inscription on Identification-  
tag.

Willie H	Landrie	
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (e) III / III**PLACE: **Erft - Niederlehen**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Parsons**  
**Parsons** AT: **Erftlehen, on highway Getha - Huesen**  
**Date: 21 November 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **G <sup>TV</sup> y k o r**

FIRST NAME: **R o b e r t 2.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 743773 2 44**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Erftlehen, Grave No. 5 on Nov. 25, 44**

*AK CR 11210*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (o) II / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Hinderleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Mustang****~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Ziegenhain, at Highway Gotha - Hirschbach  
23 Nov. 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

} unidentified

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

} dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Ziegenhain, grave No. PW 1  
23 Nov. 1944**

MACR 11210

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (o) III / III**PLACE: **Erfurt Hindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress****~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Trugleben at highway Gotha - Hildesheim****Date: 21 Nov. 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**BRYAN**

FIRST NAME:

**William**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**2nd Lt.****unknown**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Trugleben, grave No. PV 2, 23 Nov. 1944****MACK 1121**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A (o) XI / III

PLACE: Erfurt - Reichsleben

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress  
EMERLANDING: AT: Trugleben & highway ~~to~~ Gotha - Eisenach  
Date: 21 November 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Brooks  
FIRST NAME: Atchison  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 20941465 T 43 - 44  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: . / .  
NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Trugleben, grave No. PW 3 23 Nov. 1944

MHC R 11210

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (e) III / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Erfurt**  
**EWK 112000000 AT: Trugleben at highway Gotha - Eisenach**  
**Date: 2 Nov. 44**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **G i a n c y**

FIRST NAME: **R a l p h F.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **38474330 T 43 - 44**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Cemetery of Trugleben, grave No. PW 7  
23 November 1944**

MACK 11210

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (o) XI / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress****EX-LANDING: AT: Trugleben at highway Gotha - Kischok**  
**Estab: 21 Nov. 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**Layton Jr.**

FIRST NAME:

**John J.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**O - 71765. P 43 - 44 O**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Trugleben, Grave No. PW 4 23 Nov. 44****No assets.***MACR 11210***Approved for Release****John J. Layton Jr.**  
**O - 71765 P 43 - 44 O****O**

27 November 1944

FIELD REPORT ON CAPTURE OF BOMB AIR ENGINE EQUIPMENT AND CREW.

To: Army Equipment Research Center  
Air District Command III  
Command Air Base  
Information Center Oberursel

Reference: 27. Nov. 44      Time: 1200      Place: Trugeloben near Gotha

Type of craft: Boeing Fortress B 27 G      on return trip  
Markings: H 8 L      Serial No.: 45 - 38147      Order No. W 535 - AC 20 252  
Type of capture: Crash      Shot down by Fighter      Reason: BS %

Name of the crashed craft: B-1 Home Guard Trugeloben / Gotha

Y. List:

1) Lt. Ryan	William		grave No. 2	) Cemetery of Trugeloben (Prisoners of War)
2) Gaylor	Robert F.	0274378	" 3	
3) Glancy	Ralph F.	33774320	" 7	
4) Brooks	Madison	20961485	" 5	
5) Cole	Paul W.	37087155	" 6	
6) Loyden Jr.	John J.	0-717658	" 4	
7) unidentified			" 1	

Equipment shipped to Oberursel on 24 Nov. 1944.

signed: Freytag, Major and Operation Officer.

TECHNICAL DATA:

Engine: Pratt & Whitney 80 %      Landing gear: 70 %      Wings: 90 %      Tail Unit: 90 %

Engine: 2 Cylinder Pratt and Whitney

1) SN 023357      90 % damage

2) SN 023356      72 % damage

3) No. unrecognizable, 80 % damage

4) S 47 005      80 % damage

Engine: Metal, Exhaust 4

2. Revolving Mech. Comp. Cal. 23 x 2

Engine: Kingpins, dismountable.

Wings: None

Wings: Completely destroyed

Type: Hamilton Standard 100 No. 84 77 A - 0

in skin, tail and waist turrets, flexible.

Amplitude: Cal. 12.7 mm in bolts.

Markings: unrecognizable

Radio Equipment:

Indicator: Type 62, Ref. 100 - 12000 Serial No. 6 16824

Frequency: DC 221 - AA Serial No. 1204, Order No. 17135 - PE - 42

Antenna Tuning Unit: B G 306 B Serial No. 102138

Transmitter Tuning Unit: F U 26 B Serial No. 57859

Transmitter Tuning Unit: F U 6 - B, F U 7 - F, F U 8 - B Serial No. 57858

Radio Receiver: B G 345 - a, Serial No. 1780, Order No. 2541 WF 42

Amplifier: none found.

Control: "

Panel: "

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MA CR 11210

signed: Freytag  
Major and Operation Officer

A. F. Hospital (alias)  
File No. 42(II)4816.

(15) Oetna, 23 November 1944  
Chirurgus St. 91

Subject: British - American members of the AF Forces in hospitals

Reference: Supreme Command A.F., Chief of Med. Dep. File No. 5300/44(23) restr. 7/3/44.

To

D u l a g (Luft)

Chirurgus / Frankfurt / Main

Referring to above mentioned order we report I

On 21 Nov. to this hospital was admitted:

Name: B a h l i n g

First Name: J o h n V.

Rank: T/Sgt.

Date of birth: 16 May 1916 Chicago

Serial No.: 2522001 T 44 0

Home address: Mother: Jane Mc Masters, Chicago, 4721 Lexington St.

Kind of disease: Skull basis fracture, concussion of the brain

Duration of treatment: uncertain.

The Chief Surgeon:

(Signature illegible)

A. G. M. M. J.



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (e) II / III**PLACE: **Erfurt Munster-Loben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress**  
**~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: **Frangleben, at highway Gotha - Eisenach****  
**~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **Datol: 21 Nov. 1944 Time: 1230****

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**C o l o**

FIRST NAME:

**F r e d W.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**37007163 T 43 - 44 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Frangleben, Prisoner of war grave No. 6**  
**23 November 1944****Do Acosta****Attached log tag:****Cole Fred W**  
**37007163 T 43 - 44 0***MPC 1121*

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

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DATE:

26 Nov. 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

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FROM:

ILGH

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

\*\*\* 520 2117 478 25/11 1030 . -

To Information Center West Oberursel . -

Report on capture of an enemy aircraft :

- A) Place of crash: Highway Getha - Hirschach, 500 m west of Eruegleben, 200 m north of the road.
- B) Time of crash: 21 November about 1230 o'clock. / -
- C) Type of craft: Boeing Fortress B 17 G . -
- D) Markings: After insignia H 8 - L . -
- E) Admittance No.: 43 - 25147, Order No. V - 225 - A 0 20 292 . -
- F) Kind of capture: Sink . -
- G) Condition of craft: 85 % damaged . - Motor: 80 - 80 % . -
- H) Disposition of the crew: 7 dead, 2 captured . -

Mr Base Headquarters A (e) II / III, Mr Base Brief, signed Foytag, Major and Operation Officer.

Handwritten: 11-210

Downing No. KU 3348

REPORT ON DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT.

Date of crash: 21, Nov. 44 15.00  
Place of crash: TRUENEN  
Type of craft: PO-4  
Reporting office: REPORT - BIRMINGHAM

C R E W :

LANDRIE 1981	William E. Jr. USA	S/Sgt captured	51180915 Dulag Luft West
ECHEVARRIA 19. Nov. 24	Jose Marie USA	S/Sgt Captured	39915532 Dulag Luft West

Downing No. KU 1115 A 1st subsequent report of 5. Jan. 45

It is requested to change this number into KU 3348.  
Place of crash: TRUENEN  
Further addition:

BRYAN	William M.	1st Lt dead	Cemetery TRUENEN near HIGENACH, grave 2
CAVOR	Robert T.	1st Lt dead	O - 1745775 ditto, grave 3
LYDEN	John J. Jr.	Officer dead	O - 717663 ditto, grave 4
GLAWCY	REMARK Ralph F.	T/Sgt dead	55474820 ditto, grave 7
BROOKS	Atchison	S/Sgt dead	20241465 ditto, grave 8
COLE	Fred W.	S/Sgt dead	57607163 ditto, grave 6
1 Unknown dead			ditto, grave 1

MILIG LUFT, 14. Dec. 44 No.

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MIA 2 R 11510  
 B-17  
 RAF 43-38147  
 10-7-44

KU 1115A

21 Nov. 44 at 1230		12 Dec.		KU-5348
Trugleben, Gotha		2 1st. Lt. RYAN	William K.	G-828943 dead
Fortress 438147		5 1st. Lt. CLAYTON	Robert T.	O-1743778 dead
603 (E. Co.) Sqd.		4	LEYDEN JR	John J.
398 Group		1st. Lt. HOWELL		G-717868 dead
War 1115a		7 S/S	GLASBY	Ralph F.
Air Base Com. Erfurt		3 S/S	BROOKS	Atchison
		6 S/S	COLE	Fred W.
		S/S	ECHIVARRIA	Jose Marie
		S/S	LANDRIE	William H. Jr.
		T/S	BAELING	John W.

7 dead ( 1 unknown grave No. 1) Resp. Gotha  
 cemetery Trugleben

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A (c) III / III

PLACE: Erfurt - Minderleben

DATE:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress

REGARDING:

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: Trugleben, on highway Gotha - Eisenach  
Date: 21 November 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G a y k e r

FIRST NAME:

R o b e r t.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O - 743775 T 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

. / .

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Trugleben, Grave No. 5 on Nov. 23, 44

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters & (o) XI / XII**PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress****~~XXXXXXXXXX~~**AT: **Fraugleben, at highway Gotha - Misbach**  
Date: **23 Nov. 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) )

FIRST NAME: ) **unidentified**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) )

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Fraugleben, grave No. PW 1**  
**23 Nov. 1944**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (o) XI / III**PLACE: **Erfurt Bindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress**  
**PROCESSED** AT: **Erngleben at highway Gotha - Misnach**  
Date: **21 Nov. 1944**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **B r y a n**FIRST NAME: **W i l l i a m**  
**2 nd Lt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **unknown**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **. / .**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Erngleben, grave No. PW 2, 23 Nov. 1944**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Mr Base Headquarters A (o) XI / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Hindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress**~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: **Trugleben & highway Gpx Gotha - Eisenach**  
Date: **21 November 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**B r o c k s**

FIRST NAME:

**A t c h i s o n**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**20941465 T 43 - 44**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Trugleben, grave No. PW 3 23 Nov. 1944**



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (c) XI / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Binderalben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress****~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Trugleben at highway Gotha - Eisenach****Date: 21 Nov. 44**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**G l a n c y**

FIRST NAME:

**R a l p h F.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**35674280 T 43 - 44**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Cemetery of Trugleben, grave No. PW 7  
23 November 1944**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (o) 31 / III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress****EMERGENCY LANDING: AT: Trugleben at highway Gotha - Misbach****Date: 21 Nov. 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**L e y d e n jr.**

FIRST NAME:

**J o h n J.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**O - 717668. T 43 - 44 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Trugleben, grave No. PY 4 23 Nov. 44****No assets.**Attached dog tag:**John J. Leyden jr.****O - 717668 T 43 - 44 0****C**

Air Base Headquarters I / III  
B F R P T

27 November 1944

FINAL REPORT ON CAPTURE OF BOMBY AIR FORCE'S EQUIPMENT AND CREW.

To: Bomby Equipment Research Center  
Air District Command III  
Command Air Base  
Information Center Oberursel

Crash Date: 21. Nov. 44      Time: 1230      Place: Trugleben near Gotha

Type of craft: Boeing Fortress B 27 G      on return trip  
Markings: H 8 L      Serial No.: 43 - 38147      Order No. W 535 - AC 20 292  
Kind of capture: Crash      Shot down by: Fighter      Damage: 85 %

Guard at the crashed craft by: Home Guard Trugleben / Gotha

7 dead:

1) Lt. Bryan	William		grave No. 3	)	
2) Gaykar	Robert F.	01743775	"	5	) Cemetery
3) Glassy	Ralph F.	33474280	"	7	) of
4) Brooks	Abchison	20941465	"	3	) Trugleben
5) Cole	Fred W.	37607163	"	6	) (Prisoners
6) Leyden jr.	John J.	0-717668	"	4	) of
7) unidentified			"	1	) War)

2 prisoners. shipped to Oberursel on 24 Nov. 1944.

signed: Freytag, Major and Operation Officer.

TECHNICAL DATA.

Engine: Radial: 90 % . Landing gear: 70 % . Wings: 90 % . Tail Unit: 90 %  
Motor: 9 Cylinder Pratt and Whitney

- |              |             |                        |             |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1) SV 023357 | 60 % damage | 2) No. unrecognizable, | 80 % damage |
| 3) SV 023556 | 72 % damage | 4) G 47 005            | 30 % damage |

Propellers: Metal. Blades: 4      Type: Hamilton Standard D43 No. 64 77 A - 0  
Swinging Mech. Gun: Cal. 50 M 2      in chin, tail and waist turrets, flexible.

Sights: Ringsight, dismountable.      Ammunition: Cal. 12.7 mm in belts.

Exhaust: None      Bandwidth: unrecognizable

Radars: Completely destroyed

Radio Equipment:

Indicator: Type 62, Ref. 100 - 12900 Serial No. 4 16654      damaged

Frequencymeter: BC 221 - AA Serial No. 1004, Order No. 17133 - PH - 42      damaged

Antenna Tuning Unit: B C 305 B Serial No. 101133      damaged

Transmitter Tuning Unit: T U 26 B Serial No. 67859      damaged

Transmitter Tuning Unit: T U 6 - B, T U 7 - B, T U 8 - B Serial No. 67859      damaged

Radio receiver: B C 343 - a, Serial No. 1760, Order No. 2541 WF 42      damaged

Aerials: none found.

General: " " "

Tools: " " "

9 type plates being forwarded to the body research center of A.F. Berlin Adlershof.

signed: Freytag  
Major and Operation Officer

A. F. Hospital Gotha  
File No. 42a(II)492a

(15) Gotha, 23 November 1944  
Ohrdrager St. 91

Subject: British - American members of the Air Forces in hospitals

Re: CTR. 1 Supreme Command A.F., Chief of Med. Dep. File No. 5200/44/217 restr. 7/3/44.

To

B u l l e t (Luft)

Oberursai / Frankfurt / Main

Referring to above mentioned order we report F

On 21 Nov. to this hospital was admitted:

Name: B a h l i n g

First Name: J o h n W.

Rank: 2/Sgt.

Date of Birth: 16 May 1915 Chicago

Serial No.: 36333331 F 44 0

Home address: Mother: Jane Mc Masters, Chicago, 4711 Lexington St.

Kind of disease: Skull basis fracture, concussion of the brain

Duration of treatment: uncertain.

The Chief Surgeon:

(Signature illegible)  
1st Lt. M.D.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Headquarters A (e) XI / XII**PLACE: **Erfurt Minderleben**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress**~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: **Ersleben, at highway Gotha - Meesbach**  
Date: **21 Nov. 1944** Time: **1230**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**G o l e**

FIRST NAME:

**F r e d W.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**37507163 T 43 - 44 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**Dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**. / .**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

**. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Ersleben, Prisoner of war grave No. 6**  
**23 November 1944****No Assets****Attached tag tag:****Gole Fred W  
37507163 T 43 - 44 0**

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

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DATE:-

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TO:

DATE: 26 Nov. 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0840

ROLL:

FROM: LLGX

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS:

\* \* \* SSD LHEP 476 25/11 1030 . -

To Information Center West Oberursel . -

Report on capture of an enemy aircraft :

- A) Place of crash: Highway Gotha - Himmach, 500 m west of Irngieben, 200 m north of the road.
- B) Time of crash: 21 November about 1230 o'clock. / -
- C) Type of craft: Boeing Fortress B 17 G . -
- D) Markings: After insignia H 8 - L . -
- E) Admittance No.: 45 - 33147, Order No. V - 535 - A G 20 292 . -
- F) Kind of Capture: Flak . -
- G) Condition of craft: 85 % damage . - Motors 60 - 80 % . -
- H) Disposition of the crew: 7 dead, 2 captured . -

Air Base Headquarters A (e) XI / III, Air Base Erfurt, signed Freytag, Major and Operation Officer.

1st Lt. Charles E. Howell	Mrs. Rita L. Howell (Wife) 2811 Finchester Street Baltimore, Maryland
2nd Lt. William M. Bryan	Mrs. William M. Bryan (Wife) 3323 Brantford Road Toledo, Ohio
1st Lt. John J. Leyden, Jr.	Mrs. Edna L. Leyden (Mother) 1065 West 35th Place Los Angeles, California
2nd Lt. Robert T. Gaynor	Mrs. Irene M. Gaynor (Mother) 212 East Main Street Woodville, Ohio
S/Sgt. Ralph F. Glancy	Mrs. Margaret Glancy (Mother) 5246 Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
T/Sgt. John W. Bahling	Mrs. Jennie Bahling (Mother) 4741 West Lexington Street Chicago, Illinois
S/Sgt. Brooks U. Atchison	Mrs. Margaret L. Atchison (Wife) 2549 Gillham Road Kansas City, Missouri
S/Sgt. William H. Landrie, Jr.	Mrs. Alice H. Landrie (Mother) 93 Ocean Street Providence, Rhode Island
S/Sgt. Jose M. Echovarria	Mrs. Aruzza P. Arguaga (Mother) Paradise Valley, Nevada
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Mrs. Alice M. Landris (Mother)  
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S/Sgt. Jose M. Echevarria

Mrs. Aruara P. Aruanga (Mother)  
Paradise Valley, Nevada

S/Sgt. Fred W. Cole

Mrs. Luetta M. Cole (Wife)  
4615 Tennessee Avenue  
Saint Louis, Missouri



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WILLIAM H. LANDRIE JR. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 31180915
2. Organization 398th Bp Commander HUNTER JR Rank COL. Sqn CO MILLER Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOVEMBER day 21st did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MERSEBERG, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, 12:05 PM, altitude, 29,500 route scheduled, FORGOTTEN BOMB  
BOMBS AWAY; route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN CLOUD BANK
6. Did you bail out? I WAS THROWN OUT BY VIOLENT MOVEMENT OF PLANE
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, NAMELY: J. ATCHISON; J. ECHEVARRIA AND MYSELF IN THAT ORDER. FATE OF REST OF CREW UNKNOWN TO ME.
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". JOSE ECHEVARRIA BAILED OUT ABOUT 3 OR 4 MINUTES BEFORE I WAS THROWN OUT. THE BALL GUNNER ATCHISON WAS THE FIRST MAN OUT OF THE PLANE; ECHEVARRIA WAS NEXT AND THEN I WAS THROWN OUT. I HAVE NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THE REST OF THE CREW
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) NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? UNKNOWN
12. What was their condition? UNKNOWN TO ME
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW J. ECHEVARRIA ON THE 8TH OR 9TH OF FEBRUARY 1944 IN A SMALL GERMAN TOWN WHILE ON THE MARCH WITH MEMBERS OF STALAR-LUFT #4. HE SEEMED TO BE IN FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH. I HAVE NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM HIM FROM THAT DAY ON.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. J. BAHLING RD IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL. RECEIVED LETTER FROM HIS SISTER

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

OVER.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN I WILL RECEIVE MY PURPLE HEART  
FOR WOUNDS SUSTAINED ON THIS LAST MISSION. ALSO WHETHER OR  
NOT I HAVE A DFC COMING AND ANOTHER CLUSTER ON MY  
AIR MEDAL.

I SERVED IN THE AAF FOR ALMOST THREE  
YEARS AND DIDN'T RECEIVE A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.  
KNOWING I WILL RECEIVE YOUR REPLY GIVING THE  
INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE, I REMAIN

SINCERELY

William H. Landree Jr.

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Providence, R.I.

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: COLE, Fred W.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 37607163  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Bomber)~~: Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN TO ME

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

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or a time of loss of plane: OXYGEN CHECK AT 12:28PM. AT 29500 HE ANSWERED BOMBARDIER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON 1ST BEING AIRBORNE AT START OF MISSION

Any hearsay information: PLANE WAS TOLD THAT ONLY THREE MEMBERS OF CREW WERE ALIVE WHEN I ARRIVED AT HOME ON 15TH OF JUNE 1945.

Source: LETTERS BETWEEN RELATIONS OF CREW MEMBERS

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 to the best of my knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11216

Name of crew member: ATCHISON, Brooks U.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 20941465  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (11/1/44)~~: Ball turret Gunner.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER GERMAN TERRITORY IN ERFURT-GOTHA AREA

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

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

Was he injured? DID NOT SEEM TO BE.

Where was he when last seen? SAW HIM DIVING OUT OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: HEARD THAT HE WAS DECEASED

Source: HE SAME AS COLE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27 TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: CANNOT REMEMBER BUT HE FLEW ABOUT THE SAME MISSIONS THAT I DID

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 11210

Name of crew member: Glancy, Ralph F.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33474230  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Lightning)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

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

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: AT 12:22 P.M. OXYGEN CHECK HE WAS 1ST ONE TO WARN CREW OF ATTACK BY ENEMY ACFT. AT 12:32 P.M.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON GROUND BEFORE MISSION

Any hearsay information: REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION

Source: HIS PARENTS.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS MINE

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: GAYNOR, Robert T.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-743775  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~: Bombardier.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

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

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Took REPORTS  
OF CREW'S OXYGEN CHECK AT 12:28 PM.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ~~FOR~~ I HELPED PULL PINS ON BOMBER  
AFTER CHANNEL CROSSING WAS STARTED.

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Source: LETTER FROM HIS MOTHER TO MY PARENTS

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: L E Y D E N, John J. Jr.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: -C-717668  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as a Pilot (Fighter)~~: Navigator.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

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

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

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

PILOT ON POSITION OF PLANE AND ETA ON FRIENDLY TERRITORY

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON GROUND BEFORE TAKE OFF.

Any hearsay information: MIA

Source: LETTER FROM HIS MOTHER TO MINE.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 11210

Name of crew member: BRYAN, William M.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-828943  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where?                     

If not, why not?                     

Last contact or ~~conversation~~ just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SPOKE TO HIM PRIOR TO TAKEOFF.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? BEFORE MISSION.

Any hearsay information: MIA

Source: LETTER FROM HIS WIFE TO MY MOTHER.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible:



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: **HOWELL, Charles E.**  
 Rank: **1st Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-817445**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~not Pilot~~ **Pilot.**

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ASKED NAVIGATOR  
FOR POSITION REPORT AT APPROX 12:25 P.M.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON GROUND BEFORE MISSION.

Any hearsay information: MIA

Source: LETTER FROM HIS WIFE TO MY MOTHER

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18 TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: COLE, Fred W.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 37607163  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out? No

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

If not, why not? 12/1/45

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: None

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

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: Not Known

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: **ATCHISON, Brooks U.**  
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **205411463**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Navigator)~~: **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 hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

IN ORDER TO GET OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 11210

Name of crew member: Glancy, Ralph F.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 32474230  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Fighter)~~: Engineer.

Did he bail out? Yes

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: **G A I N O R, Robert T.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **O-743775**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunner~~ <sup>(Flight)</sup>: **Bombardier.**

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

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

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

*... was to get out*

Total number of missions of above crew member: *not known*

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: **L E Y D E N, John J. Jr.**

Rank: **1st Lt.**

Serial number: **-0-717668**

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ <sup>Navigator</sup>: **Navigator.**

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 11210

Name of crew member: **BEYAN, William M.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-828943**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ **Co-Pilot.**

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 V V

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11210

Name of crew member: HOWELL, Charles E.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: C-817445  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~member (Bomber)~~: Pilot.

Did he bail out? Yes

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN M. Rank Rank 757 Serial No.         

2. Organization          Gp Commander          Rank          Sqn CO          Rank           
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1951 month          day          did you go down?

4. What was the mission,         , target,         , target  
time,         , altitude,          route scheduled,           
        , route flown         

5. Where were you when you left formation?         

6. Did you bail out?         

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Y-N

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".           
                            
                          

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground?         

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)           
                                                       
                          

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)

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

**Abschub-Nr.** KU1115.A.

**Abschubtag und Zeit:** 21.11.44 13.00

**Abschubort:** Braun

**Flugzeugtyp:** Bombardier

**Meldende Dienststelle:** Worms-Binderleben

**Besatzung:**

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BOHEVARNIA 19.11.24	Jose Marie USA	S/Sgt.	39918332	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

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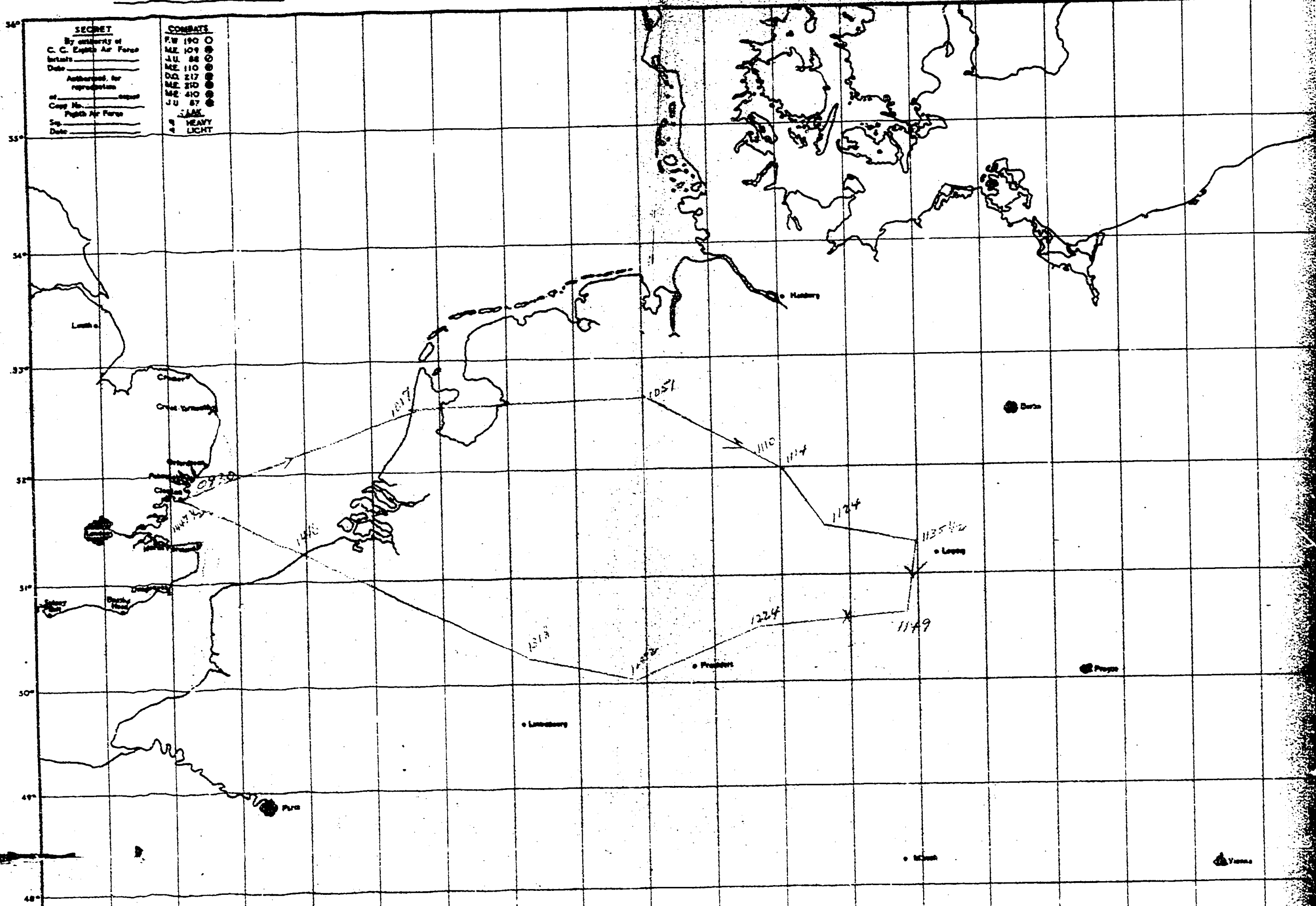
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