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by W. DONAHUE, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

Date 15 FEB 1945 WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS 8TH AIR FORCE

IMPORTANT: This Report will be compiled in triplicate and sent Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name WUTEHAMPTSTEAD, ENGLAND Group 398TH BOMB BV
Squadron 603RD B.V. EV Detachment NONE
Command or Air Force 8TH AIR FORCE
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure WUTEHAMPTSTEAD, ENGLAND Course Approx 88° Mag
Target or Intended Destination BERLIN, GERMANY
Type of Mission OPERATIONAL BOMBING
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR TIME LAST REPORTED:
Temp -42C, Height of Acraft 25000 ft. Clouds: 6-10/10, L5 tops 10-12,000 ft.
Contrails: light non-persistent. Visibility 10 to 15 miles aloft.
- GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month Feb Year 1945; Time 1044 Approx and Location 5247N-1127E Approx of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (
Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or information not available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT of: (Check only one) Enemy aircraft (); Enemy anti-aircraft (); Other Circumstances follows: MID-AIR COLLISION.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G AAF Serial No. 43-38697 ✓
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: NONE
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 Serial No. (a) SW-38697
(b) SW-02724 (c) SW-027453 (d) SW-027333
- INSTALLING UNITS, 50 Cal. Machine Guns as follows:

| Make | Serial Number | Make | Serial Number |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| (a) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476833</u> | (b) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476812</u> |
| (c) <u>Savage</u> | <u>1046485</u> | (d) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476486</u> |
| (e) <u>Savage</u> | <u>1046769</u> | (f) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476761</u> |
| (g) <u>Savage</u> | <u>1046438</u> | (h) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476423</u> |
| (i) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476462</u> | (j) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1477496</u> |
| (k) <u>Savage</u> | <u>1046623</u> | (l) <u>Frigidaire</u> | <u>1476809</u> |

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Survived Casualty
or Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9

Following information listed for personnel aboard aircraft:

| Crew Position | Name in Full | Rank | Serial Number | Current Status |
|---------------|--------------|------|---------------|----------------|
|---------------|--------------|------|---------------|----------------|

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Pilot | <u>POWELL, PERRY E</u> | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>0-768657</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>WALKER, SAMUEL T JR</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-715892</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 3. Navigator | <u>PHELPS, BRUCE E</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-722755</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 4. Toggler | <u>LUCKIE, MARVIN Y JR</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>34807652</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 5. Engineer | <u>HARPER, CLARENCE H</u> | <u>T/Sgt</u> | <u>36517784</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 6. Radio Operator | <u>COLGAN, ROBERT H</u> | <u>T/Sgt</u> | <u>34782582</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 7. Ball Turret Gunner | <u>ALEKSYN, ALBERT J</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>15140335</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>L'ESTRANGE, THOMAS A JR</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>33401456</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 9. Tail Gunner | <u>BANCROFT, JOSEPH D</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>35499925</u> | <u>MIA KIA</u> |
| 10. | | | | |
| 11. | | | | |

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

| <u>Name in Full</u> | <u>Rank</u> | <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Contacted by Radio</u> | <u>Last Sighted</u> | <u>Saw Crash</u> | <u>Saw Force Landing</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. SAFERITE, WENDELL A | 2nd Lt | 0-576141 | | X | | |
| HAYS, THOMAS R | Sgt | 39420878 | | X | | |
| 2. BENE, DONALD D | S/Sgt | 35897697 | | X | | |
| MAYRS, JAMES I | 2nd Lt | 0-2056623 | | X | | |
| 3. AKINS, KENNETH L | S/Sgt | 35699269 | | X | | |
| MALIN, EDWARD J | 2nd Lt | 0-776743 | | X | | |
| 4. PERRON, EDWARD H | S/Sgt | 14105457 | | X | | |

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OR MORE 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) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 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 NO. OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT OF SEARCH. No knowledge of any search.

Date of Report 9 February 1945.

Wallis L Campbell
WALLIS L CAMPBELL
Captain, Air Corps
Statistical Officer

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

(Statements Attached)

This aircraft collided with Missing Aircraft B-17G 42-S7387 under the command of 1st Lt John R. McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq Ev, 398th Bomb Group Ev.

MAR 14 1945

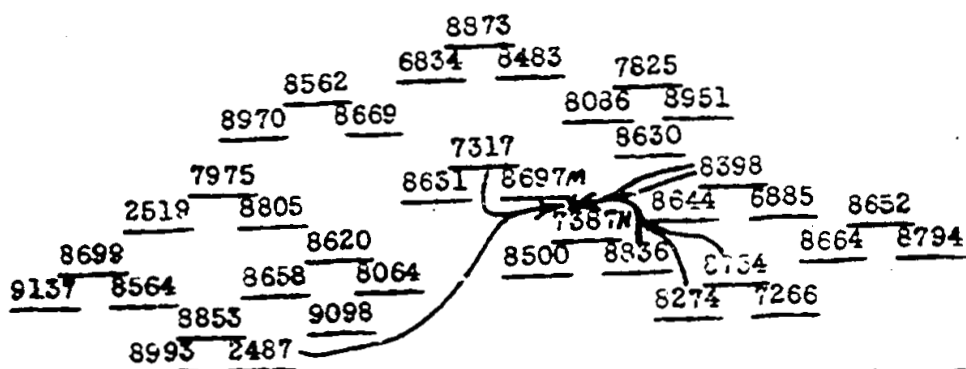


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398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP BV
 Berlin, Germany Mission
 3 February 1945

Formation Plan After Assembly



Lead Sq "A" Group

Lt Col Ensign
 Smith
 M-8373-K GH PFF

Slythe
 A-6834-H

Brandstatter
 Steele
 M-8453-T GH PFF

Thomas
 A-8562-V

Pinner
 A-8970-A

Stockman
 A-8669-G

Hanauer
 A-7317-P

Selby
 A-8631-T

Powell
 A-8697-M

Aniello
 A-7825-G

Overtcn
 A-8086-C

Hyndman
 A-8630-U

Tarr
 A-8951

Low Sq "A" Group

Hershberger
 Hall
 E-8398-Q PFF GH

Shappell
 E-8644-N

Ashworth
 E-6885-M

McCormick
 E-7387-E

Brown
 N-8500-F

Laniell
 E-8836-T

Schifull
 E-8754-A

Saferite
 E-8274-B

Godfrey
 E-7266-G

Andrako
 E-8652-V

Gray
 E-8664-P

Ferguson
 E-8794-J

High Sq "A" Group

Anderson
 Johnson
 M-7975-U PFF

Sheffer
 M-2519-A

Trevorrow
 M-8005-Z

Dean
 M-8699-J

Shiemk
 M-9137-H

Sponholtz
 M-8564-X

Siatek
 M-8853-L

Grinter
 M-8993-V

Riley
 M-2487-B

Kenyon
 E-8620-F

Beatty
 N-8658-A

Baldwin
 M-8064-E

Lipnick
 N-8090-C

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, O-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

While looking out side window at about 1045 I happened to notice
that the lead squadron was getting quite close and the low low element
of Lead Squadron was about even; ship "H" seemed to be getting a lot
of propwash and looked as if it were out of control. Ship number
8097-M dropped about three to four hundred feet and seemed to shoot
up on a forty five degree angle and the right wing of 8097 cut 387 in
half between the ball turret and the radio room. Ship number 687 fell
apart in two pieces and 697 went up into a stall and fell off on the
left wing into a spin. I lost sight of them after that. I saw no
chutes.

Powell

Pic. Comstock

Wendell A. Safrite

WENDELL A. SAFRITE, O-576141
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 44-3274

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, O-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Fw on
Operational Bombing Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

I saw a ship to the rear and left of us start going sideways toward another ship left of it. Both ships seemed to see and try to avoid hitting but they both seemed to hit propwash and the ship closest to our ship sat down on top of the other ship and its props chewed the other ship in half, just above the waist window. The front section of the ship that was cut in half went into a spin. Its tail section floated away and I saw one white chute from this tail section just before it went through the clouds. The other ship dipped to the right about three hundred feet on its left wing after the collision, went into a spin under us and out of my sight.

Thomas R Haws

THOMAS R HAWS, 39420878
Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq
Tail Gunner, B17G 43-38754

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Ferry E Powell, O-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

Lt Powell's plane had gone over to the right to avoid propwash. Evidently he caught propwash from another element and went into a dive. He pulled out abruptly and his plane broke in half between the radio room and ball turret. The front half of the plane turned a loop and cut part of the nose of Lt McCormick's plane off. The tail half of Lt Powell's plane hit the tail section of the other plane tearing part of the horizontal stabilizer off and about all of the vertical stabilizer off. About that time an orange parachute went out and a second later a white one went out. I believe it to be the waist gunner on Lt Powell's crew. Both planes dropped off into spins and I followed them down to the cloud layer. Nothing else was seen.

Donald J. Dunn


DONALD J. DUNN, 35397697
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq.
Tail Gunner, B17G 42-97317

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, O-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

We were flying number two of the low, low element of the high
squadron South-East of Dummer Lake at 1044 $\frac{1}{2}$, when I glanced out the
window on my right and saw the two planes just after the collision.
I immediately called the crew on interphone and told them to count
the chutes.

One plane was cut or broken into about the ball turret. It
continued to break up into smaller pieces on the way down. The other
plane, in the collision had (I think) the left Horizontal Stabilizer
torn off. It disintegrated more completely than the first ship after
it had spun down a way.

I saw one white chute open but could not identify which ship it
came from. Three or four other members of our crew saw the one chute
open.



JAMES D MAIRS, O-205662S
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Navigator, B17G 42-102487

Statement concerning missing aircraft Bl7G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, O-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

About an hour before bombs away 3 February 1945 I noticed two
planes flying about level up at seven o'clock. One plane was flying
under the other ship, I saw the under ship raise its nose in a climb
such that the planes hit in mid-air. It seemed to me that the lower
ship broke in half at the ball turret. As the two parts went down I
saw no one leave either part. The other ship went down about one or
two thousand feet and then broke at about the tail wheel. About that
time I noticed one parachute opening in about the vicinity of the
tail section.

Kenneth L Akins

KENNETH L AKINS, 35699269
S/Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq.
Tail Gunner, Bl7G 44-8398

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38897, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, O-762657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Ev, on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

On the 3rd of February on a combat mission I saw two ships collide
in the vicinity of our I.P. The time was about 1045. From my observation
McCombs ship # 7387-H was split into at about the radio room. Its tail dropped
past our ship # 8836-T. I am pretty sure that the letter on the tail was
"H". The other ship seemed to be under control. I watched it as it
dropped from formation seemingly under control. It passed out of my view.

I did not see any crew member bail out of either ship.



EDWARD J MALIN, O-776743
2nd Lt, Air Corps
B17G 43-38836, Bombardier

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697, Pilot, 1st Lt
Perry E Powell, C-768657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Ev on
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany, 3 February 1945.

At approximately one hour before bombs away I saw two aircraft collide in mid-air. It appeared that the lower of the two aircraft came up under the higher one. The lower aircraft was immediately cut in half at the ball turret and the tail section fell behind our own tail until no longer visible to me. The front of the plane went down in a steep dive disappearing through the clouds. I saw no parachutes open from this aircraft.

The high aircraft fell over on its left side after the collision with the right half of the horizontal stabilizer cut away and the other damaged noted. This aircraft fell for approximately two thousand feet before it appeared that the pilot had the ship partially under control. The tail section then snapped off at about the tail wheel and the front of the ship went down in a dive. I saw one parachute open from this aircraft. It appeared to have come from the tail immediately after it snapped off also. I saw what appeared to be a body falling through the air but lost track of it when the other chute appeared,

I was flying as left waist gunner for Lt Hall in the lead ship of the low squadron. The accident appeared at seven-thirty level.

Edward H. Ferron
EDWARD H FERRON, 14105457
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq
Waist Gunner, B17G 44-8398

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

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 number, number, etc.) Nil

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

1 parachute was observed shortly after collision.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Nil.

8. Date of report 11 February 1945

| <u>NAME - GRADE:</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL</u> | <u>I/C</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. Selby, Claude H. | 603 | Capt | O-424735 | 631 T |
| 2. Terr, Joseph A. Jr. | 603 | 2nd Lt | O-325328 | 751 B |
| 3. Henauer, James A. | 603 | 1st Lt | O-4058171 | 317 P |
| 4. Smith, John E. | 603 | 2nd Lt | O-822834 | 373 X |

APPROVING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Charles H. Ford Captain O-568990 Intel
RANK SERIAL DUTY

All supplemental information regarding this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 2, letter 1, CG, 704 15 July 44, CG-4-11-2-4, subject "Latin, Air Ops Reports", 1 July 1944.

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

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

UNIT 398th B.C. 603rd A/C 45-38697-11 MI 107 APR 3 Feb 45
Powell, Perry E, 1st Lt 0-768657
LOCATION ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 122225x AIRFIELD Berlin, Germany
TYPE FANX AIR #

6. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or last contact. Time: 1044

(a) Grid coordinates 5247N-1137E

(b) Approximate altitude 25,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading Unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation collided in air.

7. Describe enemy operations (intensity of attack, intensity and nature of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft): Nil and not applicable.

8. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (incorporating fires, explosions, etc): Reports indicate that the fuselage was severed at about the radio compartment by the collision. No fires or explosions were noted.

9. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:
A/C was definitely out of control. Went down in spin out of sight into clouds.

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

3 February 1945 1032

CASUALTY NO. KU 3651

PLACE OF CRASH

Lehnke near Hann.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICER

Air Base Lueneburg

| NAME | RA | SERIAL NUMBER | CAPT'D WOUND'D DEAD | PLACE OF INTERMENT |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| BANCROFT 25 May 1921 | Joseph David Louisville, Ky. | S/Sgt. 35499925 | captured | Dulag Luft West |
| WALKER | Samuel | 2nd.Lt. 0-715892 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke <i>KIA 3 Feb 45</i> |
| PEELPS | Bruce <i>E.</i> | 2nd.Lt. 0-722753 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |
| LUCKIE | Marvin | S/Sgt. 34807652 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |
| HARPER | Clarence H. | T/Sgt. 36817784 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |
| COLGAN | Robert H. | T/Sgt. 3478 ³³⁸² 882 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |
| ALEKSIN | Albert M. | S/Sgt. 15140333 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |
| L'ESTRANGE | Thomas A. <i>dr.</i> | S/Sgt. 33401456 | dead | Cemetery Lehnke " " |

Case 5431

MACR 12215

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 20 February 1945 No.

MA3F 12215
 @-17-32617
 RAF 43-32617
 9721

3 Febr. 1945 1032
~~Lehke by Hannover~~
 Type: Fortress
 603 HCo Sqd.
 398 Group
 Target: Airbase
 Luensburg

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 0721 5 031
 0721 5 031

19 Febr.

KU 3651 ✓

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|------|
| 1st Lt. PORELL | Parry | 0768057 | dead |
| 2nd Lt. HAIKES | Samuel P. | 0-715892 | dead |
| 2nd Lt. PHELPS | Bruce E. | 0-722753 | dead |
| S/Sgt. LUCKIE | Harvie Jr. | 34807652 | dead |
| T/Sgt. HARPER | Clarence A. | 36817784 | dead |
| T/Sgt. COLMAN | Robert E. | 36783882 | dead |
| S/Sgt. ALEXSYM | Albert E. | 15140333 | dead |
| S/Sgt. L'ESTRANGE | Thomas | 33401456 | dead |
| S/Sgt. BARCROFT | Joseph David | 25499925 | capt |

Cemetery Lehke MCR 12215

KU 3651

1 Basing west of Lehke on 3. February 1945 at 10:4 AM. - 8 men dead. - 99 % damage. -

11-11-22-27
Type of plane: Boeing B 17
Date of crash: 4 Febr., 45 1032
Place of crash: ~~W O Lehigh~~

KU - 3651

H A R P E R , Clarence H.
36817784

dead

MIA 3 Feb 45
KIA 3 Feb 45

4-3-45

DATA ABOUT CAPTURED ENEMY AIR CREW

Service Br. Air Base Command Luneburg, 2 Mar 1945

Subject: Shooting of a Boeing B 17 near Westerly Lehnke, 2 Mar 45

TOTAL OF CAPTURED: 1 man, S/Sgt. Joseph D. Bancroft, 35499925 T 43-44,
captured near Kahlstorf at 12:00. Transported to
Oberursel.

TOTAL OF DEAD: 7 men. All were found dead

PLACE OF BURIAL

S/Sgt. Marvin Luckie, 34307652 T43-44

Cemetery Lehnke, 2 Apr 45
at 4:00 p. m.

S/Sgt. Thomas L'Estrange, 33401456 T43-44

As above

2/Lt. Samuel T. Walker, 0715092 T43-44

As above

2/Lt. Bruce G. .lps, 0722753 T 43-44

As above

T/Sgt. Clarence J. Harper, 36817784

As above

F/Sgt. Robert H. Colgan, 34763682 T 43

As above

S/Sgt. Albert J. Aleskyn, 15140333

As above

KU 3651

ITEM: IDENTIFICATION TAGS

| <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>ASN</u> |
|---------------|--|------------|
| 1' | Thomas L'Estrange | 33401456 |
| | Next of kin, Ella L'Estrange, 1636 Broadway St., Pittsburgh, Pa. | |
| 1' | Robert E. Colgan | 3478382 |
| 1' | Marvin Y. Luckie Jr. | 34807652 |
| 1. | Samuel T. Walker Jr. | 0715892 |
| 1' | Clarence H. Harper | 36817784 |
| | Next of kin, Minnie Harper, Winneconne, Wisconsin | |
| 1' | Bruce E. Phelps | 0722753 |
| 1 | Gabriel R. Dumaine | T-185469 |
| | Next of kin, Margaret Dumaine, Fairfax, Va. | |
| 1 | Joseph D. Bancroft | 35499925 |

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Phelps: Officers Pay Data Card
 Identification Card-Enlisted Mess and Corps.
 Card-Altitude Training Unit, MacDill Field
 Card-American Moby Club
 3 white receipts
 AAF Form No. 206

Walker: AAF Form No. 206
 Officers Pay Data Card
 1 Sales Slip
 1 Instrument Pilot Certificate
 3 receipts
 1 card-Altitude Training Unit, MacDill Field
 1 card-Bicycle License
 1 Officers Identification Card, No. 1123436

L'Estrange: AAF Form No. 206
 2 shipping tickets
 1 white and 1 green card, Learner's Permit and Operator's License
 2 identification cards

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Colgan: 1 identification card
1 Junior Operator's License, No. 952202
1 Certificate of Technical Training
1 card-Caterpillar Club
1 card-First Three Grad. Club
1 bicycle license

Bancroft: VA Insurance Form 350
1 Western Union Telegram
1 Identification Card
1 slip of paper with a name and address on it
1 pink card
1 blue card
1 V-Mail letter
American Nat'l Red Cross Grant-Loan Receipt
1 AAP Form No. 206

Albert J. Aleskyn, 15140333

Individual Issue Record page
Chauffeur's License-No. 158699

Miscellaneous Items:
(Unidentifiable)

1 receipt, number, 1691
1 card with name Flora Anita Charley on it
1 slip of paper with a name and address on it
a page torn from a memo pad with names and addresses on it
torn slip of paper with-Southern Engraving Co.-on it
1 Guest's receipt stub, no. 01754
1 card- Currys' Long Bar
1 card-Military Tailors

KU 3651

KU 3651 11.) 1032; east of Lebak; 7.5 km southeast of Ulsan; E B 1; Eeing;
99% destr; Insignias on fuselage N 7 star, on ladder 338697 in
black triangle; N under it; 8 kills; Recovery by Lueneburg;

3705

Report Concerning Air Forces Personnel

Hdr: Airbase Command A 21/XI
Place: Luneburg
Time: 3 Feb 45
Subject: Downing of a Boeing B 17 west of Lehrke, 3 Feb 45, at 1032 hours
Name: Luckie, Marvin, 34807652
Lestrangoe, Thomas, 33401456
Walker, Samuel T., O 715692
Phelps, Bruce, G., O 722753
Harper, Clarence W., 36817794
Colgan, Robert H., 34783882
Aleskyn, Albert J., 15140333

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Date of Burial: Cemetery Lehrke, 4 Feb 45 L. 1600 hours.

Name: Bancroft, Joseph D., 35499925

Disposition: Sent to Oberursel

Place and Time of Capture: Kahlstorf, at 1200 hours

3 Feb 45

Identification Tags

Joseph D. Bancroft, 35499925 and Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
and miscellaneous

L'Estrange, Thomas, 37401456 and Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
and miscellaneous

Samuel T. Walker Jr., O 715892 and Identification card and miscellaneous

Phelps, Bruce E., O 722753 and Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card.

Gabriel P. Dumaine, F 185469

Clarence E. Harner, 36917784

Marvin Y. Luckie Jr., 34807652

Robert H. Colgan, 3478382

MACR
12215
B-17
9 men
A-7 43-38697

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TOTAL OF DEAD: 7 men. All were found dead PLACE OF BURIAL

| | | |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| S/Sgt. Marv ^Y Luckie, ^(AC) 34807852 T43-44 | MIA 3 Feb 45 KIA 3 Feb 45 | Cemetery Lehmke, 2 Apr 45 at 4:00 p. m. |
| S/Sgt. Thomas L'Estrange, 33401456 T43-44 | | As above |
| 2/Lt. Samuel T. Walker, 0715892 T43-44 | | As above |
| 2/Lt. Bruce ^E Phelps, ^(AC) 0722753 T 43-44 | MIA 3 Feb 45 KIA 3 Feb 45 | As above |
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As above

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As above

T/Sgt. Clarence H. Harper, 36817784

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1st Lt. Perry E. Powell

Mrs. Elias J. Powell (wife)
719 West Third Street
Grand Island, Nebraska

2nd Lt. Bruce E. Phelps

Mrs. Wanda F. Phelps (wife)
408 South Cherry Street
Guthrie, Kansas

2nd Lt. Samuel T. Walker, Jr.

Mr. Samuel T. Walker Sr. (father)
2419 Iowa Street
Hemeton, Texas

2/1st. Clarence E. Harper

Mrs. Marie E. Harper (mother)
Winchester, Missouri

2/1st. Robert E. Colgan

Mr. Arthur E. Colgan (father)
Route One
New Port Richey, Florida

2/1st. Joseph B. Danzoff

Mrs. Mary J. Danzoff (wife)
119 Southcast Parkway
Louisville, Kentucky

2/1st. Thomas A. Leetrange, Jr.

Mrs. Ella Marie Leetrange (mother)
1625 Duttonburg Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2/1st. Albert J. Alshagen

Mr. Anthony J. Alshagen (father)
2827 Danvers Avenue
Lorain, Ohio

3/1st. Marvin Y. Lucie, Jr.

Mrs. Mary A. Lucie (wife)
606 Scott Street
Tomball, Alabama

3 Feb 45, 1032

east of Lehmke; 7.5 km southeast of Lehmke; ES 1

Boeing - 99% damage

8 dead

Remainder unidentified
dead member of this crew

Fossil, Perry - 0768657
shown KIA on map

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **airbase HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Lanneberg**

DATE: **3 Feb 45**

CRASH: (DOWNED) **OF Boeing B 17** **Date: 3 Feb 45**

REGARDING: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX **AT: west of Lehnke** **Time: 1032**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

LESTRANGE

Victory 490

FIRST NAME:

Thomas

American

Rank:

S/Sgt

1st Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

33401456 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **in cemetery Lehnke on 4 Feb 45 at 1500**

To: **Airdistrict Command XI**

**signed: illegible
Major and officer for
special duty**

checked

Restricted

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Luzenburg**

DATE: **3 Feb 45**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing 3 17** Date: **3 Feb 45**

EN. LANDING: AT: **west of Lehnke** Time: **1032**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

LUKIE

03 on 490

FIRST NAME:

Marvin

1 Luckie

RIF

Rank:

S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

34507652 T 43-66

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **in cemetery Lehnke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600**

To: **Airdistrict Command XI**

signed: illegible
Major

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Loeneburg**

DATE: **3 Feb 45**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17**

~~EM. LANDING:~~ AT: west of Lehnke

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **PHILPS**

FIRST NAME: **Bruce G.**

~~Rank:~~ SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **2nd Lt
O-722753 ? 43-44**

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R.A. on Visio
since 1-24-46*

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **in cemetery Lehnke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600**

To: airdistrict Command XI

signed: illegible
Major and officer for
special duty

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase H, A 21/XI

PLACE: Luaneburg

DATE: 3 Feb 45

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45

SM. LANDING: AT: west of Lohmke Time: 1032

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HARPER

FIRST NAME: Clarence H.

Rank: T/Sgt
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 36817786 T 43-46

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: cemetery Lohmke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600

To: Airdistrict Command XI

signed: illegible
Major and Officer for
special duty

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase HQ A 21/XI**
PLACE: **Luernburg**
DATE: **3 Feb 1945**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B 17** Date: **3 Feb 45**
EXCISE INDEX AT: **west of Lehnke** Time: **1032**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **COLOAN**
FIRST NAME: **Robert H.**
Rank: **T/Sgt**
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **3478382 T 43**

701-1090
1-15-46
27th 1-124-46

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **sanctuary of Lehnke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600**

To: **Airdistrict Command XI**

signed: illegible
Major and officer for
special duty

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: 3 Airbase HQ A 21/XI

DATE: Exonburg

3 Feb 45

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT:

Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45

west of Lebak Time: 1032

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAM)

ALESKE

Blackburn

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FIRST NAME:

Albert J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

3/Sgt

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

15140333

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

cemetary Lebak on 4 Feb 45 at 1600

To: Airdistrict Command XI

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Major and officer for
special duty

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE: **Lamberg**

DATE: **3 Feb 45**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Boeing B-17** Date: **3 Feb 45**
XXXXXXXXXXXX AT: **west of Lehnke** Time: **1032**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

WALKER

FIRST NAME:

Samuel T.

Rank:

2nd Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-715892 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

sanctary Lehnke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600

To: **Airdistrict Command XI**

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Major and Officer for
special duty**

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Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**POST: **Airbase HQ A 21/XI**PLACE: **Liezenburg**

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DATE: **3 Feb 45 2145**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,****Beeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45****EM. LANDING: AT:****west of Lehnke Time: 1032**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BARCROFT*707 on 490*

FIRST NAME:

Joseph D.*unc***Rank:** SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)**S/Sgt***1 May - 46***35499925 T 43-64**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured, transferred to Oberarsel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Kahlstorf, 1200

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To: Airdistrict Command XI**signed: illegible
Major and officer for
special duty**

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