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

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- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Bathurstead, England Group 398th Bomb Hq
Squadron 603rd Bomb Hq Detachment NONE
Command or Air Force 8TH AIR FORCE
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Bathurstead, England Course 260 miles
Target or Intended Destination Vlotho, Germany
Type of Mission Operational Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10 base, 21,000 feet. moderate persistent contrails and haze, 21,000 feet and up. Thick haze on ground giving vertical visibility - Nil
- DATE: (a) Day 14 Month March Year 1945; Time 1523 and Location 52185-0805E
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 as follows:
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G AAF Serial No. 43-37825 ✓
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-57 AAF Serial No. (a) 42-78344
(b) SW-025497 (c) SW-012280 (d) SW-027449
- INSTALLED WEAPONS, 50 Cal Aorft Machine Guns as follows:

Make	Serial Number	Make	Serial Number
(a) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1215992</u>	(b) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1215673</u>
(c) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1218951</u>	(d) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1213796</u>
(e) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1217564</u>	(f) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1217177</u>
(g) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1302651</u>	(h) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1213114</u>
(i) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1215955</u>	(j) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1215954</u>
(k) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1213306</u>	(l) <u>Savage</u>	<u>1215647</u>

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle 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
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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. Pilot | <u>RICHARD F. ELLIS</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-926771</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>WILLIAM J. LEWANDOWSKI</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-2066445</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 3. Navigator | <u>KENNETH R. FEK</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-2072859</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 4. Bombardier | <u>LEONARD W. SNYDER</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-2060727</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 5. Engineer | <u>EUFUS G. WHITE</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>34637631</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 6. Radio Operator | <u>JAMES G. SCHOFIELD</u> | <u>T/Sgt</u> | <u>14172993</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 7. Ball Turret Gunner | <u>LEO E. PAER JR.</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>18131885</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 8. Waist Gunner | <u>HENRY L. MCCRACKEN</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>19180087</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 9. Turret Gunner | <u>DONALD G. PIERSON</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>16161702</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
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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</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Saw</u>	<u>Saw Forced</u>
			<u>by Radio</u>	<u>Sighted</u>	<u>Crash</u>	<u>Landing</u>
1. <u>ROBERT E. BROWN</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-799329</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>HERBERT A. PAGAN</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>13087826</u>		<u>X</u>		
3. <u>PAUL J. HARTMAN</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>15127495</u>		<u>X</u>		
4. <u>GARRETT G. CROFT</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>36871910</u>		<u>X</u>		

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) any other Reason (Specify) _____

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

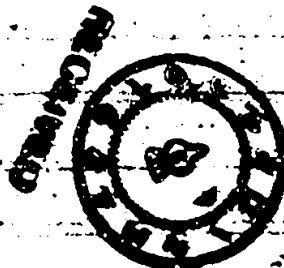
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE, NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 28 March 1945

Wallis L. Croft
WALLIS L. CROFT
Captain, Air Corps

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:
(See attached statements)



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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

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Statement regarding missing aircraft #179 44-17702-1, Pilot 1st Lt Robert J. Ellis, O-20771, 42nd Bomb G, 30th Bomb Wing, 14th Air Force, Wiesbaden, Germany, on March 14, 50.

Right after passing over Cambrai, Germany, I looked up from 30 feet altitude, to see what course action we would have to take to get out of the flak. I was looking the last formation, and as I looked up I saw Lt Ellis's ship begin to drop back toward my formation. As he reached my left wing, he turned 30 degrees to the right and passed very narrowly 200 feet directly over the top of me. I noticed a small flame in the rear of his bomb bay. I saw he was clear of my high element. The ship made another 30 degree turn to the right and the flak began to get larger. Ellis's ship was the same size and color as the other ship I saw. As he turned to the right and began looking only slightly behind me, I saw my eyes on his ship through the hole in the fuselage above and under the wings.

Robert J. Ellis

1st Lt Robert J. Ellis, O-20771
42nd Bomb Group, 14th Air Force
Wiesbaden, Germany

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Richard D. [Illegible]

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Estimated observing aircraft number 1172 45-37525-5, Pilot 2nd Lt
Michael P. Ellis, O-22771, 603rd Bomb Sq, 392nd Bomb Group BV on
combat mission to Tilsa, Germany, 14 March 1945.

Just after bombs away on a target at Gumbrecht, Germany, 14 March 1945,
one plane from the high element in our group pulled up high above our formation
and turned over to the right. The number three engine had caught
on fire - turbo-supercharger and waste gate. A few seconds later the plane
went into a 90 degree dive with intense fires all around the number three
engine and the right wing. I saw no other and I could no longer see the
ship from the top turret.

Paul J. Weston

Paul J. Weston, 1512737
603rd Bomb Sq

Form Approved GPO: 1964 O-107-107

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By: L. J. Weston

Date: 1-1-45

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Statement concerning missing aircraft: EL78 43-37525-3, Pilot, 2nd Lt
Richard P. Ellis, O-92677L, 603rd Bomb Sq, 396th Bomb Group Hq, on
combat mission to Vlotho, Germany, 14 March 1945.

March 14, 1945. I saw a plane pass directly over the top of our ship and
moving to the right, just after we had bombed the target at Osnabruck,
Germany. He had been in the high squadron and was losing altitude rap-
idly. His number three engine was on fire. After he had gone about a
thousand yards to the right, he started in a banking right dive and
suddenly burst into flames, as he was heading back toward the target.

I saw no crates leave the ship.

Carlton G. Crowell

Carlton G. Crowell, 3587140
Egt 602nd Bomb Sq
Right Waist Gunner, EL78 43-38774-1

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14 March 45, 1100 h

near Yeloc near Comabruok

Type of plane : Boeing, 95 % wreckage

Crew : 2 prisoners, 5 dead, 2 missing.

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

14 March 45 about 1500 h

PLACE OF CRASH:

Ickse near Osnabrueck, map grid 28 48

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing B 17

REPORTING OFFICE:

Sq. Airbase A (G) 19/XI Achmer

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:

SCHOFIELD, James G.

DATE OF BIRTH:

—

RANK:

Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER:

14172903

CAPTURED: near Osnabrueck ~~WITTED~~

DEATH

on 14 March 45 about 1500 h

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF INJURY:

Information Center West

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

He bailed out, plane exploded in the air after direct hit
by AA.

Signed: Muller

Major and Staff-Officer of Airbase.

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 14 March 45 about 1500 h

PLACE OF CRASH: Iaker near Osnabruck

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

REPORTING OFFICE: Hq. Airbase A (G) 19/XI Achmer

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: P I E R S O N , Donald G.

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 June 1925

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: 16161702

CAPTURED: in Iaker ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~

on 14 March 45 about 1500 h

DISTRIBUTION: ~~WATCH CAMP:~~

TYPE OF INJURY:

Information Center West

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

He bailed out , plane exploded in the air after direct hit by AA.

Last address before the war : Belleville, Wisc.

signed : Knaller
Major and Staff-Officer of Airbase

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Eq. Airbase A (O) 19/XI**PLACE: **Achmer**DATE: **15 March 45**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. Boeing B 17****EM. LANDING: AT: Ickor near Osnabrueck, map grid GR 48,
14 March 45, about 1900 h**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **P E E K**FIRST NAME: **Kenneth E. 2nd Lt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-2072859**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **14 March 45 about 1500 h, in Ickor**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

He will be transferred to Information Center West**Date of birth : 15 April 1923****Last address before the war : Father Mr F.E. Peck****Do Queen - Arkansas****He bailed out, the plane exploded in the air after direct hit
by AA.**signed : **Mauller****Major and Staff-Officer of Airbase.**

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Hq. Airbase A (C) 1971**

PLACE: **Lehr**

DATE: **15 March 45**

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

EM. LANDING: AT: Lehr near Osnabruck, map grid GR 48
on 14 March 45 about 1500 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Mc GRACKEN**

FIRST NAME: **Edward L. 2/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **19180087**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **14 March 45 in Lehr about 1500 h**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **FW Hospital of Ibbenburen**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Year of Birth : 1924

Last address before the war : Mother : Mrs Hazel McGracken
6332 Home Ave, Bell - California.

He bailed out, the plane exploded in the air after direct hit
by AA.

signed : Mueller
Major and Staff Officer of Airbase

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 4865

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NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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DATE:

27 March 45

THROUGH:

TIME:

2320 h

ROLL:

FROM:

LFHR

THROUGH:

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REMARKS:

B LPAR no 189 27 March 1250.

To Air Corps Command, XI Dep. Id(?) Wehrburg-Kinrossen

Subject: 8/10 of Boeing B 17 in Lake near Gumbrecht, map grid CR 43, on 27 March 45, about 1500 h, plane was hit directly by AA.

Insignia: N 7 J +. Identification no: 39825 above number a triangle with W in it, beneath number: J. Without camera nor photographs were taken.

Plane exploded in the air 95 % destroyed. Crew: presumably 11 (2 of whom were drifted Angel, North of Wittlage)

Captured: 2nd Lt. Kenneth R. Park, ASN D-2072879; B/Sgt Edward F. MacFadden ASN 19180087; Sgt Donald G. Pierson 1616762; Sgt James G. Schaffeld ASN 16172903.

Dead: 2nd Lt. William J. Lovelock/ASN D-2066125; grave no 199; 2nd Lt. Richard F. Elliot ASN G-92671; grave 160; Cpl. Cecil White ASN 3463761; grave 161; Sgt. Lee E. Parr Jr. ASN 16131885.

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group on 17. Officer Leonard W. Snyder, ASN: 0000727, grave no. 131.
The flight was launched on 15 March 45 at 0835 L, on the PT-Summary of
the 1st Air Group in the 2nd row.
Major [unclear] will be transferred to the PT-Hospital of [unclear],
the other [unclear] will stay here.

By: [unclear] A (S) 19/11 [unclear] Rep. 15 File-serial 6 (copy of enemy plane)
15 March 45 (signed : [unclear], Major)

S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

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

GROUP 338th Bomb Gp SC 603 Bomb SqA/C # 43-37825-J MISSION DATE 14 March 1945
FIRST PILOT Ellis, Richard F. 2nd Lt 0-926771 DESTINATION Osnabruck, Germany
NAME RANK SER #

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted: Time - 1523

- (a) By coordinates 5218N-0905E
- (b) Approximate altitude 23,100 feet
- (c) Last noted heading 360 True
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 1 - 2 thousand feet down

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak; intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft): Flak - 3 minutes before target - moderate and very accurate.

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

A/C was hit in number three engine. Dropped down 1-2 thousand feet and was seen to explode.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

A/C pulled out to right after receiving hit, leveled off twice then dove straight down and exploded.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last seen with escort? None If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). None

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

The haze was such that it prevented observation of any parachutes or delayed jumps.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Nil

8. Date of report 18 March 1945

<u>WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	<u>Godfrey, John C.</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-721701</u>	<u>42-97266-G</u>
2.	<u>Andrade, Andrew (NMI)</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-823780</u>	<u>43-38652-V</u>
3.	<u>Heathcote, William C.</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>2nd Lt 0-516105</u>	<u>43-38794-J</u>
4.	<u>Beam, Earl B.</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-770551</u>	<u>44-8274-B</u>

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Charles H. Kroh</u>	<u>Captain, Air Corps</u>	<u>G-568990</u>	<u>Asst. Intel. O.</u>
<u>CHARLES H. KROH</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 3, letter 1, AG, 704 15 July 44, OS-3-44 F-4, subject Missing Air Crew Reports, 7 July 1944.

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

Col. Robert H. Hill

Mr. Robert H. Hill (active)
100 West Street
New York, New York

Col. William F. ...

Mr. William F. ... (active)
100 West Street
New York, New York

Col. Kenneth E. Park ✓

Mr. Kenneth E. Park (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

Col. Edward G. ...

Mr. Edward G. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

S/Lt. Robert G. ...

Mr. Robert G. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

S/Lt. James G. ... ✓

Mr. James G. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

Sgt. ...

Mr. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

S/Lt. ... ✓

Mr. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

Sgt. ...

Mr. ... (active) ✓
100 West Street
New York, New York

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ELIIS Richard F. File 13071
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-926771
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unable to get out before explosion.

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In pilot position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____
Unable to get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEWANDOWSKI William J.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-2066445
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co Pilot

File 13091

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? DEAD Wounded

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

None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Co Pilot position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Seriously wounded, unable to get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 13071

Name of crew member: SNYDER Leonard W.
 Rank: 2nd.Lt.
 Serial number: 0-206 0727
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded

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

None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Bombardier position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Seriously wounded, unable to get out; before explosion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: thirteen

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **EVES C. HITE** File 13091
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **24 576 31**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ (Engineer): **Engineer**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Trapped in blazing turret, unable to get out.

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

None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Time of departure

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Flak burst in turret caused oxygen fire, unable to get out ~~later~~ before explosion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: thirteen

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PAER Leo E. Jr. File 13091
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 18131885
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Engineer~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? unknown

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Just emerged from turret.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____
Unable to clear ship. (supposition)

Total number of missions of above crew member: thirteen

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PIERSON Donald G. File 13091
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 16161702
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Radio Operator~~ Turret Gunner

Did he bail out: Yes

Where? Osnabruk, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Tail position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I met Sgt

Pierson on 16 Mar. 45 Outside of Osnabruk Germany. We were taken along
with Lt Peek to Penniberg for Interrogation. From there we were taken
to Stalag Luft 1 at Barth Germany.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ten

Dates and locations if possible: unknown

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Schofield, James G. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 14172903
398 Bomb Gp.
2. Organization 8 AAF Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month March day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Osnabruk Germany, target time, 1500, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Three others
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". Our aircraft exploded over the target. Lt. Peek, Sgts Pierson, McCracken and I were blown clear of the ship.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Several miles from the target
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lts. Ellis, Lawndowak! Snyder, Sgts. White, Parr,
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot, Co Pilot, Bombardier, Engineer, and Ball Ganner, each were in their respective positions.
12. What was their condition? Co Pilot, Bombardier and Engineer were wounded.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw the other three survivors outside of Osnabruk on the 16 Mar 45. Lt Peek and Sgt. McCracken were seriously wounded
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PIPERSON Donald G. File 13091

Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 16161702
Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~of [illegible]~~ Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approx. 1/2 way west of Cambalache, Tex.

If not, why not? _____

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

was positive

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Salado Ft. I-12 north Tex.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **PAIR Lee E. Jr.** File **13091**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **38131885**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Hang in Central Cabin (Supposition)

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

Was he injured? Fatally

Where was he when last seen? Before take-off

Any hearsay information: D. G. Pierson said he assisted him from Ball Turret Position.

Source: D. G. Pierson

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

injured according to Germans who possessed identification tags.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 13091

Name of crew member: RUFUS C. WHITE
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 346 376 31
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Second Officer (Engineer)~~: Engineer

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Fatally injured

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 25
leaking from wing tanks

Was he injured? Yes - Fatally

Where was he when last seen? Bo. Fore T-250 - 11

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Fatally
injured according to Germans who possessed
his identification tags

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **SWIDER Leonard W.** File 13091
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-256 1727**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of~~ **Barbarian**

Did he bail out? N

Where? _____

If not, why not? Fataally injured

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

Was he injured? Fataally

Where was he when last seen? Just prior to explosion of Aircraft

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

 injured according to Germans who possessed his
 identification tags

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: 12222551 William J.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-286445
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: Co Pilot

File 13091

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Fatally injured

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

Was he injured? Fatally

Where was he when last seen? 30 min. before target

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

injured according to Germans who possessed
his identification tags

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ELLIS Richard P. File 13091
 Rank: 2nd.Lt.
 Serial number: 0-926771
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Fatally injured

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

Bill (Co-Pilot) White's (Engineer) on fire

Was he injured? Fatally

Where was he when last seen? 30 miles before target

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

injured according to German who possessed
his identification tags

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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 (27)

1. Your name PEEK, KENNETH, R. Rank 1st LT. Serial No. 0-2072257
2. Organization 398th Gp Commander Eusian Rank Col. Sqn CO Miller Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month March day 14th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13, target, Quadrants, Mar., target time, 15:45, altitude, 28,000 app. route scheduled, ?
?, route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? # 2 lead element, high Sq.
6. Did you bail out? No. - Blown out by explosion
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - Donald G. Pierson, and McCracken, and Radio Operator
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". Saw D. G. Pierson and Radio Operator in Stalag Luft I-A - Bertha Germany
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) Do not know - Pressure Pilot, Co-Pilot, Engineer, and Ball Gunner were. And Bombardier
11. Where were they in aircraft? Do not know.
12. What was their condition? Do not know.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?

14. Please give 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) A-1

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FIGGINS, James P. Jr.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-2070259
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? YES

Where? SOUTHWEST OF SZOMBATHELY, HUNGARY

If not, why not? _____

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

INTERPHONE FOR OXYGEN CHECK

Was he injured? SPRAINED ANKLE ON LANDING

Where was he when last seen? STALAG VIIA MORSEBURGH, GERMANY

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: AROUND 20

Dates and destinations if possible: ZAGBER - 1-19-45 MORSEBURGH 2-1-45

FLORIDORF 2-7-45 VILLACH 2-14-45 GRAZ 2-19-45 MANIERA 2-22-45 ~~AUGSBURG 2-27-45~~

VIENNA 2-28-45 LINZ 3-2-45 VERONA 3-8-45 VIENNA 3-14-45 NOVE ZAMKI 3-14-45

MUHLDORF 3-19-45 VIENNA 3-22-45 (OTHERS NOT AVAILABLE)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

FREIT, Richard F.

Rank:

Opl.

Serial number:

25 627 381

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~WAS~~

Passer

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER HUNGARY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WHILE RIDDING PLANE OF EXCESS HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? STALAG III A MOSEBURG GERMANY

Any hearsay information: BAILED OUT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE REST OF CREW - WAS RETURNED WITH REST OF CREW FIVE DAYS BEFORE LIBERATION - DATE OF LIBERATION (4-29-45)

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: ZAGREB 1-19-45 ANDERLEBRUNN 2-14-45 ELBRISDORF 2-7-45 VILLACH 2-14-45 GRAZ 2-19-45 MANIAGO 2-22-45 ~~VIENNA 3-12-45~~ VICENZA 2-28-45 LINZ 3-2-45 VERONA 3-8-45 VIENNA 3-12-45 NOU ZANKY 3-14-45 MUNDORF 3-19-45 VIENNA 3-22-45

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MAURICE C. PARENT Rank S/SET Serial No. 81322209
2. Organization 15th AAF Gp Commander? SCHROEDER Rank Col. Sqn CO? MARTIN Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, VIENNA, target, MAIN M/Y, target
time, 1300, altitude, 23,500 route scheduled, OFF SPUR
OF ITALY 4 UP YUGO COAST, route flown SAME AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON BOMB RUN
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ALL MEMBERS BAILED OUT
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". EVERYONE BAILED OUT THROUGH BOMBAY DOORS.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOUTH WEST OF SOMBATHELY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? ✓
12. What was their condition? ✓
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW EVERYONE BUT R.F. PETTIT JUST BEFORE BAILING OUT. HE HAD BAILED OUT EARLIER. LYNE J. WILSON 2ND LT. A.C. WAS WOUNDED IN LEFT ELBOW AT THE TIME, BUT STILL FLEW PLANE LEVEL.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. "NO KNOWLEDGE"

(Any additional information may be written on the back) A-1

I WAS SERGEANT AT TIME OF INCIDENT.

APPARENTLY SOME MATERIAL IS MISSING IN WHAT YOU CLAIM TO HAVE SENT ME. I HAVE NO CREW LIST ATTACHED, AND AFPPA-8 ENDS WITH "RE-".

Maurice C. Parent