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by E. A. [unclear] Col., AC
by E. E. MUECH, Capt., AC
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R E S T R I C T E DNAOR NO. 14176COPYWAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially report missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: Nuthamstead, England Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
GROUP 398th Bomb Gr (Hv); SQUADRON 601st Bomb Sq; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Nuthamstead; Course See Remarks
Intended Destination Neumunster, Germany; Type of Mission Operational Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
See remarks 2 224 Mi. northwest of Frankfurt
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 Apr 45 Time Unknown; and location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Unknown
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; (X) () Forced down; (Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; Serial No. 44-39184
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AIF Serial No. (a) _____
SW-029807 (b) SW-027627 (c) SW-027601 (d) SW-027563
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See Remarks: (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 8; Passengers _____; Total 8
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Status
1. Pilot	Emil J. Martineck	2nd Lt	0-1014551	EUS
2. CP	Theodore A. Kline	2nd Lt	0-2058830	KIA
3. Navigator	Campbell, Roger W.	2nd Lt	0-783036	EUS
4. Engineer	Aaron, Floyd R.	T/Sgt	38507332	KIA
5. Radio Operator	Cason, Alfred G.	T/Sgt	34355973	EUS
6. Waist Gunner	Edward L. Steele	S/Sgt	36889941	EUS
7. Bomb Turret Gunner	Francis J. Cardipee	S/Sgt	30842228	EUS
8. Tail Gunner	David Lawler	S/Sgt	37551992	EUS
9.				
10.				
11.				

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

WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						
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.						
15. AT _____ EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.						
16. ATTACH _____ DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____						

Date of Report 23 April 1945

WALLIS L. CAMPBELL, Capt. AC.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS:

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS: 2/10 tops 5,000 Feet. 2/10 Base 28,000 Feet. Vertical Visibility 20 miles. Unrestricted aloft. No contrails at any time. 224 mi. NW of Frankfurt.

2. Course: Per Atchd Deputy Gp Lead Navigators Log.

REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

This Aircraft was blown out of the formation shortly after the target and was allegedly landing on the Continent per a W/T Message received by 1st Air Division from the Air Service Command 13 April, 1945. The crew is believed to have landed safely with Aircraft.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS, 50 Cal Acft Machine Guns as follows:

(a) General Motors	1768252	(b) General Motors	1768011
(c) General Motors	1767914	(d) General Motors	1768035
(e) General Motors	1767844	(f) General Motors	1768469
(g) General Motors	1767905	(h) General Motors	1767930
(i) General Motors	1767910	(j) General Motors	1768223
(k) General Motors	1768254	(l) General Motors	1767945

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FORM NO. 14176

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location: Nuthampton, England Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
GROUP 398th Bomb Gp (Hv); SQUADRON 501st Bomb Sq; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Nuthampton; Course See Remarks
Intended Destination Boumster, Germany; Type of Mission Operational Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
See remarks 2 224 mi. northwest of Frankfurt
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 Apr 45 Time Unknown; and Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Unknown
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; (X) () Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____)
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial No. 44-39184
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1E3C-17; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
54-029807 (b) 54-027627 (c) 54-027301 (d) 54-027563
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See Remarks (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____; Passengers _____; Total _____
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Status
1. Pilot	Earl J. Hartsock	2nd Lt	0-1011351	MS
2. CP	Theodore A. Kline	2nd Lt	0-2098630	MS
3. Navigator	Campbell, Roger W.	2nd Lt	0-783036	MS
4. Engineer	Aaron, Floyd E.	1/sgt	30907132	MS
5. Radio Operator	Coben, Alfred S.	1/sgt	2435973	MS
6. Tail Gunner	Francis J. Gardipce	2/sgt	3681228	MS
7. Tail Gunner	David Lawler	2/sgt	3752192	MS
9.				
10.				
11.				

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

WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

13. IF PERSON 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.

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

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 23 April 1945

WILLIS L. CAMPBELL, Capt. AC.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS:

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS: 2/10 tops 5,000 Feet. 2/10 Base 28,000 Feet. Vertical Visibility 20 miles. Unrestricted aloft. No contrails at any time. 224 mi. NW of Frankfurt.

2. Source: Per Atchd Deputy Op Lead Navigators Log.

REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

This aircraft was blown up of the formation shortly after the target and was allegedly landing on the Continent per a W/T Message received by 1st Air Division from the Air Service Command 13 April, 1945. The crew is believed to have landed safely with aircraft.

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS, 50 Cal Aft Machine Guns as follows:

(a) General Motors 1768242	(b) General Motors 1768011
(c) General Motors 1767714	(d) General Motors 1768255
(e) General Motors 1767844	(f) General Motors 1768469
(g) General Motors 1767905	(h) General Motors 1767930
(i) General Motors 1767910	(j) General Motors 1768223
(k) General Motors 1768234	(l) General Motors 1767945

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WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

by M. M. MUEHR, Capt., AC Date MAR 15 1945

IMPORTANT: This Report will be compiled in triplicate to be distributed to the organization within 10 hours of the time the aircraft member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Nuthampstead, England Group 598th Bomb Gp (Ev)
Squadron 601st Bomb Squad Detachment None
Command or Air Force 8th Air Force Per Atchd Deputy Gp
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Nuthampstead Course Lead Navigators Log
Target or Intended Destination Neumunster, Germany
Type of Mission Operational Bombing 24 mi NW of Frankfurt
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY: 2/10 tops 5,000 Feet. 2/10 Base 28,000 Feet. Vertical visibility 20 miles.
Unrestricted aloft. No contrails at any time.
- GIVE: (a) Day 13 Month April Year 1945; Time Unknown and Location Unknown
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); last contacted by radio (X)
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 B-17G AAF Serial No. 44-39184
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 AAF Serial No. (a) SW-029807
(b) SW-027627 (c) SW-027601 (d) SW-027563
- INSTALLED DEVICES, or Aircraft Machine Guns as follows:

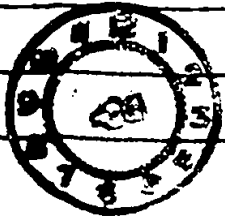
Make	Serial Number	Make	Serial Number
(a) General Motors	1768252	(b) General Motors	1768011
(c) General Motors	1767914	(d) General Motors	1768035
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(i) General Motors	1767910	(j) General Motors	1768223
(k) General Motors	1768234	(l) General Motors	1767925

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or Non Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 8 Passengers 0 Total 8

Following information listed for personnel aboard aircraft:

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Emil J. Martineck	2nd Lt	0-1014551	MIA <u>RTD</u>
2. CO-Pilot	Theodore A. Kline	2nd Lt	0-2058830	MIA
3. Navigator	Roger W. Campbell	2nd Lt	0-783036	MIA <u>RTD</u>
4. Engineer	Floyd R. Aaron	T/Sgt	38507332	MIA
5. Radio Operator	Alfred G. Cason	T/Sgt	34355973	MIA <u>RTD</u>
6. Waist Gunner	Edward L. Steele	S/Sgt	36889941	MIA <u>RTD</u>
7. B Turr Gunner	Francis J. Gardipee	S/Sgt	36842228	MIA <u>RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	David Lawler	S/Sgt	37551992	MIA <u>RTD</u>

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13. IDENTIFY WHICH TWO OR MORE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD OF AIRCRAFT AND WHICH PERSONS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BASED FOR SAID:

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Post held at Date</u>	<u>Last Station</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>How Found</u>
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

15. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ON BOARD OF THE FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) any other Reason (Specify) _____

14. ATTACH SMALL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR RE. OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR LAST POINT.

15. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FOUND LIVING, 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 23 April, 1945.

Wallis L. Campbell
WALLIS L. CAMPBELL, Capt. AC.

17. REMARKS OR COMMENTS OF INTEREST:

This Aircraft was blown out of the formation shortly after the target and was allegedly landing on the Continent per a ~~WTI~~ Message received by 1st Air Division from the Air Service Command 13 April, 1945. The crew is believed to have landed safely with Aircraft.

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

U.S. AIR FORCE - ITNELL ACCOUNT

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 3 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 forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

398th Bomb Gp 601 Bomb Sq /C 43-39184-U MISSION DATE 13 Apr 45

PILOT: Martineck, Emil J. 2nd Lt 0-1014551 DESTINATION Neumunster, Ger.
NAME RANK GRADE

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contact lost:

- (a) By coordinates Unknown
- (b) Approximate altitude Unknown
- (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):

No flak or enemy fighters.

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

Unknown.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Unknown.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last seen with escorts: None If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighters 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.):

Unknown.

7. Any other marks not covered by above:

The only report that this Headquarters has on this Crew is a telephone message from 1st Air Division reporting the crew and A/C safe on the Continent. Since then the crew has not been heard from.

8. Date of report 22 April 1945

NAME - None RANK SERA A/C

- 1. None
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER: (Sign Original and one copy):

Charles H. Kroh

Captain, Air Corps 0-568990 Asst. Intel. O.
RANK SERA DUTY

CHARLES H. KROH

RE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter 1, AG, 704 July 1944, CE-100-1, subject Martin, Air Corp Report, July 1944.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE COPY OF THE COURSE FLOWN, AS RECORDED IN THE DEPUTY GROUP LEAD NAVIGATOR'S LOG, OF COMBAT MISSION FLOWN 13 APRIL 1945 MUNSTER, GERMANY.

1141	BASE			TAKE OFF
1149	5159N	0016E	(TP)	2500 GEE
1200	5130N	0026E		6000 GEE
1212	5159N	0016E	v	8000 173/14G GEE FORMING
1258	5159N	0016E		8000 DEPT. BUNCHER
1304	5207N	0007W	(TP)	8000 GEE
1309	5212N	0006W		8000 GEE
1322	5235N	0030E		8000 347/21G GEE
1337	5253N	0120E		9000 COAST OUT CP NO. 1 3 1/2 LATE 3 SOUTH
1400	5325N	0242E		11000 310/18G GEE
1414	5342N	0340E		12000 GEE
1424	5354N	0425E		12500 GEE
1434	5407N	0500E	(TP)	16000 530/15 CP NO. 2 5 LATE 16 SOUTH
1437	5407N	0520E		16000 DE
1450	5413N	0632E		18000 GEE
1500	5418N	0706E		19000 M
1511	5426N	0801E		20000 M
1518	5420N	0840E	(TP)	20000 CP NO. 3 6 LATE 3 SOUTH
1531				20000 TARGET NO. 2
1537	5352N	1022E		20000 RALLY PT. - M
1542	5340N	1031E	(TP)	17000 PIL
1555	5259N	1103E	(TP)	16000 PIL
1606	5230N	1031E		15000 PIL
1620	5252N	0952E		14000 PIL
1628	5158N	0851E		13000 025/20 P M
1642	5153N	0820E	(TP)	11000 CP NO. 4, 7 EARLY 3 NORTH
1655	5149N	0728E		11000 GEE
1704	5148N	0656E		11000 GEE
1714	5148N	0612E		10000 GEE
1722	5145N	0548E		7000 010/16P GEE
1733	5140N	0451E		6000 PIL
1749	5133N	0335E		5000 CONTINENT COAST OUT
1759	5136N	0310E		5000 290/17G GEE
1807	5142N	0232E		5000 GEE
1815	5147N	0158E		5000 GEE
1827	5147N	1010E		3000 ENGLISH COAST IN
1840	5148N	0033E		3000 GEE
1853	5159N	0004E		1000 BASE
1900	5159N	0004E		LANDED

WEATHER: 2/10 Tops, 5,000 Feet. 2/10 Base, 28,000 Feet. Vertical Visibility twenty (20) miles. Unrestricted aloft. No contrails at any time.

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2nd Lt. Theodore A. Kline	Mrs. Cathryn A. Kline (wife) ✓ Monroe Center, Illinois
2nd Lt. Emil J. Martineck	Mrs. Grace H. Martineck (wife) ✓ 214 Emerson Avenue Aspinwall, Pennsylvania
2nd Lt. Roger W. Campbell	Mr. Leggett C. Campbell (father) ✓ 117 Heller Parkway Newark, New Jersey
T/Sgt. Floyd R. Aaron	Mrs. Ruth M. Aaron (mother) ✓ Box 135 Leachville, Arkansas
T/Sgt. Alfred G. Cason	Mrs. Alfred G. Cason (wife) ✓ Route Number Two Waycross, Georgia
S/Sgt. Edward L. Steele	Mrs. Margaret Steele (mother) ✓ Pishomingo, Mississippi
S/Sgt. Francis J. Gardipee	Mrs. June A. Gardipee (wife) ✓ 4232 North 47th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin
S/Sgt. David Lawler	Mr. Martin J. Lawler (father) ✓ Route Number Three Rochester, Minnesota

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M. Van Buren

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 14176

Name of crew member: **KLINE, Theodore A.**
 Rank: **2nd.Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-2058830**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Did he bail out? No one knows definitely.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Suspect anoxia.

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

Just oxygen check.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? By pilot, flying ship, after injured pilot was persuaded to bail out.

Any hearsay information: Two men were reported killed by pitchforks by Germans at Bad Oldesloe, approximately where he would have landed. This information was given me by one of the civilian police holding me prisoner. It is possible that one of these men could have been Kline.

Source: Information given in civilian jail at Bad Oldesloe (Gardipee)

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

No explanation for failure to leave plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown.

Dates and destinations if possible; Unknown.

Francis J. Gardipee

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 14176

Name of crew member: **AARON, Floyd R.**
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **38507332**
 Position: Crew (Member) ~~or Pilot (Pilot)~~ **Engineer**

Did he bail out? No one knows definitely.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Suspect anoxia.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just oxygen-check.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he last seen? Fighting fire in bomb-bay

Any necessary information: Two men were reported killed by pitchforks by Germans at Bad Oldesloe, approximately where they would have landed. This information was given me by one of the civilian police holding me prisoner. It is possible that one of these men could have been Aaron.

Source: Information given in civilian jail at Bad Oldesloe. (Jardijee)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Died with the plane, which was in flames or as above.

Total number of minutes of above information: Unknown.

Date and destination, if possible: Unknown.

Francis J. Jardijee
 6-2881-AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 14176

Name of crew member: KLINE, Theodore A.
 Rank: 2nd.Lt.
 Serial number: 0-2058830
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Did he bail out? ACCORDING TO GERMAN POLICE HE DID.

Where? NEAR BAD OLDERSLOE GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE WAS SETTING UP AUTOMATIC PILOT AND TELLING THE PILOT TO JUMP.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PLANE SETTING UP AUTOMATIC PILOT

Any hearsay information: HE WAS TELLING THE PILOT TO GO AHEAD AND JUMP AS HE WAS INJURED WHILE HE SET UP AUTOMATIC PILOT.

Sources: INTERPHONE - (all members)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE LOCAL POLICE AT BAD OLDERSLOE SAID THAT HE WAS KILLED BY CIVILIANS WHO BEAT HIM TO DEATH WITH CLUBS AND BY PITCHFORKS

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: THIS PARTICULAR MISSION WAS 13 APRIL 1945 TO NEUMUNSTER GERMANY.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 14176

Name of crew member: AARON, Floyd R.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 38507332
Position: Crew (bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~Pilot~~ ~~Engineer~~

Did he bail out? NO AS FAR AS I KNOW I WAS RADIO TALK-

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LOPEYED RADIO TALK DURING HE WAS FIGHTING THE FIRE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? TRYING TO EXTINGUISH FIRE IN BOMBAY WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Any necessary information: THE CO-PILOT SAID HE WOULD SET UP THE AUTOMATIC PILOT AS THE PILOT WAS INJURED. AARON SAID HE WOULD STAY WITH HIM. THE CO-PILOT ALWAYS SAID HE NEVER WOULD JUMP THIS PLANE. HE SAID SEVERAL TIMES PREVIOUSLY INTERPHONE CONVERSATION (call number)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I WAS HAPPY HIS LAST DAYS EARLY BURNED BY THE INTERCOMBATORY CENTER AT NY. HE WAS TOLD THAT I WOULD BE TOLD THAT HE WAS DEAD SO HE WOULD HAVE GONE THE PLANE DOWN. HE IS SUPPOSE TO BE ~~RECOVERED~~ DUBLED NEAR SAND CREEK OF GERMANY.

Total number of witnesses of _____ UNKNOWN

Date and destination if possible: THIS PARTICULAR MISSION WAS 13 APRIL 1945 TO THE INDIA. THE NEW HAVEN