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by S. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AC
Date ~~1-19-68~~

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THE AIR FORCE
MILITARY AIRCRAFT REPORTING FORM

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled and submitted to the nearest Air Force command office within 10 days of the date of the report. It is a military reporting device.

- 1. ORIGINATOR: Location, by name Muthamstead, England 388th Bomb Sq (H)
 Station 302nd Bomb Squadron None
 Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
- 2. STAFF: Place of departure Muthamstead, England
 Final or intended destination Pilsen, Czechoslovakia
 Type of Mission Operational Bombing

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF DEPARTURE: None
 At of Acft-22000, Temp-29 Deg. Wind-290Deg. 27 Knots. Clouds: 7-8/10 17 Base 12-13000 Ft
 Tops 15-16000. 1-2/10 High cloud est. 24-28000. Vis: Unrestricted. No Contrails.

- 4. TIME: (a) Day 25 Month April Year 1945; Time (Approx) 1114 Greenwich Location
 (Approx) 4944N-1824E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (c) Aircraft wreckage last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio ()
 Force down () ; Seen to crash () or intentionally set down () .

5. AIRCRAFT WAS IDENTIFIED AS: (Check only one) Empty Aircraft () ; Other (X) Other Circumstances as follows:

- 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G Serial No. 42-97266

7. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: None

- 8. ENGINE: Type, Model and Series B-1820-97 Serial No. (a) SW-021425
 (b) SW-027635 (c) SW-016777 (d) SW-006750

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS, 50 Cal. or 1/2 Machine Guns as follows:

Make	Serial Number	Make	Serial Number
(a) Colt Arms	775355	(b) High Standard	1032999
(c) Frigidaire	651425	(d) Frigidaire	651201
(e) High Standard	599321	(f) High Standard	599232
(g) Colt Arms	54129	(h) Spark Plug	64997
(i) Frigidaire	652506	(j) Frigidaire	655572
(k)		(l)	

10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or Non-Battle Casualty

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: 8 Passengers 8 Total 8

Following information listed for personnel aboard aircraft:

Group Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Allen T. Ferguson, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-378761	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
2. Co-Pilot	John T. Halbert	T/C	T-136261	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
3. Navigator	Howard W. Feldman	2nd Lt	0-206526	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
4. ENG	Joseph A. Houston, Jr.	T/Sgt	14196071	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
5. R-Operator	Michael J. Brennan, Jr.	T/Sgt	42043778	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
6. ENG	Harry I. Mazer	S/Sgt	12220404	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA RTD
7. BTG	William B. O'Malley, Jr.	S/Sgt	36759594	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA RTD
8. TG	Byron C. Young	S/Sgt	17158339	MIA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA
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Serial Number	Name	Grade	Service Number	Remarks
1.	Lawrence, James A.	S/Sgt	14118122	X
2.	Wierdak, Florian F.	Sgt	36720384	X
3.	Cewalt, Donald J.	S/Sgt	37534116	X
4.	Brewell, Carlton B.	S/Sgt	36971940	X
5.	Wrobel, Eugene A.	Sgt	36657557	X

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2 May, 1945.

Andrew Holt, Jr.
 ANDREW HOLT, JR., 1st Lt. A.C.

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FORMATION PLAN

25 April, 1945.

Lead Squadron "A" Group

	D-7 Mundhenke Y-7879-N	F-7 ROBINSON Marchbanks E-8588-Y PFF	C-8 Green M-7976-U PFF	D-1 Adams Y-8780-R
D-6 Roper N-5821-Y B Monitor D-5 Koenig N-3458-T S. J. (Doran)	D-6 Chappel #2 D-6 Jaurouci N-2898-F	D-10 Starkey N-9224-M C Monitor	D-2 Hernden N-8061-K	D-4 Marchner N-8517-J S.J. (Piskin) Ret. at E.C. C Monitor

Low Squadron "A" Group

	B-3 King A-8068-L S.J. (Dunn) B-1 Iolar A-9146-N S.J. (Brewer)	D-7 Manauer Beckstrom N-8868-Y PFF	B-6 Clerjn A-9742-F	B-8 Donovan A-8318-P
B-2 Yeeman N-7882-K		B-4 Morley A-9298-J	D-3 Williams A-8889-F	B-7 Branyon A-8881-T Ret. at E.C.
B-5 Leann A-8680-U				

High Squadron "A" Group

	F-5 Heathcote E-8794-J B Monitor F-8 Zins E-8500-F	B-5 Pryor Thompson A-8214-S PFF	F-8 Coffee E-8885-M	F-6 Wallingsford E-8887-L S.J. (Carabas) F-3 Agnew E-2882-C Ret. at E.C.
F-3 Cady E-8514-N		F-2 Miller E-8274-B S.J. (Somerville)	F-7 Coville E-8652-V	
F-9 Ferguson E-7286-G				

Low Low Squadron "A" Group

	C-8 Hill N-7248-F	C-8 Tatchio Nolan N-8716-C PFF	C-8 Shimek N-8888-F	C-7 Beck N-8506-E S.J. (Bourie) D-8 Bischoff A-7977-R Ret. at E.C.
C-2 Kozzel N-8887-D	C-9 McLean N-6157-W	C-1 Watson N-8888-L S.J. (Cadous)	C-1 Eisele N-8564-Y	
C-4 Maltman N-9182-V				

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statement concerning aircraft B-17G 44-37008, pilot, and Lt. Allen H. Ferrusen, O-773761, 602nd Bomb Sq, 395th Bomb Group (W) on combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1948.

While on the combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, 25 April, 1948, we were flying lead of the low element, High Squadron. The aircraft B-17G 44-37288 was flying number five (5) position of low element, High Squadron. Just before bombs were released out of the formation with smoke coming out of his left wing. It went up to nine (9) o'clock losing altitude and then he slipped under our formation. As he did this I saw someone jump out. I didn't see the chute open. This was the last I saw of the plane for a while and the person that jumped out. I saw the plane at seven (7:00) some minutes later. It was just about cloud level and the plane seemed to be under control southwest of the target.

James A. Lawrence

JAMES A. LAWRENCE, 14196121
C/Lt - 602nd Bomb Squadron
WFO - B-17G 44-3274

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Statement concerning aircraft B-17G 44-87288, pilot, 2nd Lt Allan H. Ferguson, O-778761, 602nd Bomb Sq, 498th Bomb Group (HW) on combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1945.

While on a combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1945, I was flying as Tail Gunner in aircraft B-17G 44-8644, which was the number five (5) ship of the high element in the High Squadron.

Right after the second (2nd) bomb run the waist gunner called my attention to the aircraft "B for George" (B-17G 44-87288). I picked him up at the 4:30 position and the plane seemed to be under control. The No. two (2) engine was leaving a trail of black smoke. Near the area where the bombs hit I saw three parachutes open. Possibly there were more but I couldn't see them because of the white cloud background. The plane after a good minute and half of almost level flight, started a lazy left spiral. The spiral lasted at least sixty-three (63) seconds. I'm not sure because of the distance I was then. I saw either the sun reflect or else the ship exploded. I am more positive the ship gushed into flames. That was all I saw of the ship. I did notice the chutes hit below the smoke caused by the bomb hits.

Florin F. Wierday

FLORIAN F. WIERDAY, 56720384
Sgt - 602nd Bomb Squadron
TG - B-17G 44-8644

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Statement concerning Aircraft B-17G 44-97268, Pilot, 2nd Lt, Allan W. Ferguson, 9-773781, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 308th Bomb Group CV on Combat Mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia 25 April 1945.

Flying in Aircraft B-17G 44-8274 as Ball Turret Gunner on combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia 25 April 1945, I saw the following: Our aircraft was flying lead of the low element of the high squadron. We passed over the target once without dropping our bombs then we circled, making a 360 degree turn, and made a second run. Just before bombs away the flak was moderate and accurate. "D" for George" (B-17G 44-97268) peeled out of the formation, coming out toward front of formation then turning and heading back. While the aircraft was flying at an angle, wings nearly vertical, it released its bombs about three hundred (300) yards back. It then went into a fast glide back in the direction of the formation. After starting to spin and spiral the pilot finally leveled the ship out at approximately the cloud level. Seconds before this two (2) chutes were seen to open (the aircraft was then flying straight and level, apparently under control). About thirty (30) seconds later the plane disappeared into the clouds.

Donald S. Oswalt
DONALD S. OSWALT, 37534118
S/Sgt, 602nd Bomb Squadron
B.T.O. B-17G 44-8274

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Statement concerning aircraft B-17G 43-37266. Pilot, 2nd Lt Allen
H. Ferguson, O-778763, 602nd Bomb Sq, 694th Bomb Group (TV) on combat
mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1945.

While on a combat mission to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1945,
I saw "G for George" (Aircraft B-17G 43-37266) go down just after the
second bomb run over the target. Our crew was flying the number four
(4) position of the high squadron and "G for George" was flying on our
left. Smoke was streaming from either the number one (1) or two (2) en-
gine. The pilot pulled far out to our left and started down and then lev-
eled off again. He started down once more then pulled under us and over
to our right. He then went between an opening in the clouds and one para-
chute came out and the ship went straight down.

Carlton G. Creswell

CARLTON G. CRESWELL, 36871940
S/Sgt - 602nd Bomb Squadron
WG - B-17G 43-37294

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Statement concerning aircraft B-17G 42-97266, Pilot, 2nd Lt Allen
H. Ferguson, O-778761, 802nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group (Ev) on combat
mission to Pilzen, Czechoslovakia, on 25 April, 1945.

I was flying in aircraft B-17G 44-8500, which was the 11. four (4) ship
in the low element of the high squadron on a combat mission to Pilzen,
Czechoslovakia on 25 April 1945. As we were over the target when I felt
three (3) bursts of Flak shake the ship. About this time I noticed one
engine of "01" for George (42-97266) smoking and in a few seconds he
peeled off and went down with the engine still smoking but apparently
under full control. I counted three (3) chutes before losing sight
of the plane which still seemed to be under control.

EUGENE A. WROBEL, 36657553
Sgt, 802nd Bomb Squadron
B.T.O., B-17G 44-8500

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

REPORT OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT - (Form 1)

1. Description: a. If aircraft recovered, only sections of an F-61
b. Question number 6 not applicable to Fighter Groups.
c. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be
retained. d. If not flying officer will sign original and second
copy.

2. Unit: 398th Bomb Gr 76802 Bomb Sq A/C 48-97588-3 11 107 25 Apr 45

3. Name of Pilot: Lt. Ferguson, Allan H. Jr. and Lt. C-77876117 117 117 Pilsen, Czechoslovakia

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

Time: 1114 D88E

- (a) By coordinates 4944N-1334E
- (b) Approximate altitude 28,500 feet
- (c) Last known heading Unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance
from formation Unknown

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

No enemy aircraft opposition. Flak for High Squadron and
this A/C, moderate and accurate.

6. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft
(including flak, explosions, etc):

A/C was seen to have been hit in left wing by flak. No
fires or explosions were observed although smoke was
reported coming from #2 and #3 engines when in steep dive.

7. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

A/C was seen to do several violent spins. Went down
through clouds in steep dive.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of the area, did it land 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 aircraft downed. Description of jump (approximate altitude, time, etc.). None

No precipitates were observed by witnesses listed below. Aitch accounts claim 1403.

7. Any other pertinent information covered by items:

None

8. Date of report 1 May 1946

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
1. <u>Zins, Samuel I.</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-836975</u>	<u>44-8500-3</u>
2. <u>Miller, Herbert E.</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-778554</u>	<u>44-8274-3</u>
3. <u>Wallingsford, Robert NWI</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-836579</u>	<u>44-88627-4</u>
4. <u>Drayton, Royce L.</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-771503</u>	<u>43-38631-2</u>

INTERROGATED OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Charles H. Kroh

Capt. Air Corps

0-538990

Asst. Intel. O.

CHARLES H. KROH

NOTE: Supplemental information developed subsequent to this account will be forwarded in separate memorandum in par 8, letter 1, AG, 70- (5 July 44) 03-1-1, subject "Missing Air Crew Reports," 1 July 1944.

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

= X E R A O E

MISSING AIR CRAFT ABOVE No S-130

England

1. Origin: RAF Station Nuthampstead; Command or Unit: 8th Air Force
Group: 398th Bomb Gp (BG); Squadron: 502nd Bomb Sq. Det. (Bomb); None

2. Origin: Point of Departure: Nuthampstead, Eng. Course

3. Intended Destination: Pilsen, Czechoslovakia; Type of Mission: Operational Bombing

4. Weather Conditions and Visibility at Time of Crash or Last Reported: Ht of

Acft-22000. Temp-28 Deg. Wind-290 Deg. 27 Knots. Clouds: 7-3/10 M7 Base 12-15000 Ft Tops 15-16000. 1. TIME: () Day 25; Month April; Year 1945; Time (Approx); Location (Approx);

** (see below) 4944N-1324E of last known or probable of missing aircraft.

5. Was aircraft damaged? () Yes; (x) Lost; () Lost - damaged; () Lost - damaged by radio; () Parachuted; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.

6. Was aircraft lost, or is believed to have been lost, in a crash or in flight? (Check only one) () In flight; () In crash; (x) Other circumstances as follows:

7. Manufacturer: Boeing; Model: B-17E; Serial Number: 42-97266

8. Engine: Boeing; Model and Series: B-1820-97; Serial Number: SW-021425

9. Engine: () SW-027638; () SW-016777; () SW-006750

10. Engine: () Colt Arms 775855; () High Standard; () Other

11. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

12. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

13. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

14. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

15. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

16. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

17. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

18. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

19. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

20. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

21. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

22. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

23. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

24. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

25. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

26. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

27. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

28. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

29. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

30. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

31. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

32. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

33. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

34. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

35. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

36. Engine: () see below; () see below; () see below

*1-3/10 Hgh cloud est. 22-28000. Vis: Unrestricted. No Contrails.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

INVESTIGATION REPORT

DATE: _____

TO: _____

FROM: _____

SUBJECT: _____

CHARACTER OF CASE: _____

REMARKS:

1. On _____ at _____

2. _____ established, _____

Special Agent in Charge
July 1954
Director

INVESTIGATION SHEET

CASE NO. _____

NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

SEX _____ RACE _____
(M) (F) (C) (O)

DATE OF ARREST _____ SUBJECT STATUS _____

REMARKS:

MISSING AIRCRAFT RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE
AFSC 337

IDENTIFICATION SHEET

CASE NO. _____

NAME _____ RANK _____

(FIRST, LAST) _____

HOME AIRCRAFT _____ AIRCRAFT NUMBER _____

ORGANIZATION _____ UNIT _____
(SQ) (GR) (DIN) (RE)

DATE OF _____ CURRENT STATUS _____

REMARKS:

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GRAVE REGISTRATION
Form No. 1
(Revised 1 Sept. 1943)

REPORT OF BURIAL

TM 10-630 AND AR 30-1015

26 February 1946
Date

Y O U N G, Byron O S/Sgt 17156339
Name First Initial Rank Serial No.

389 Bomb. Gp. H.
Unit Organization

LITICE, Czech. (WL 045367) 25 April 1945 K I A
Place of Death Date of Death Cause of Death

0900 - 16 August 1945, St. AVOLD U.S. Military Cemetery R - 270506
Time and Date of Burial Name of Cemetery Name or Coordinates of Location

49 2 D D Cross
Grave Number Row Number Plot Number Type of Marker

Disposition of Identification Tags: Buried with body Yes No Attached to Marker Yes No

If No Identification Tags Previously buried as Unknown X-1079 (St. AVOLD).
 How were remains identified? Identified through:

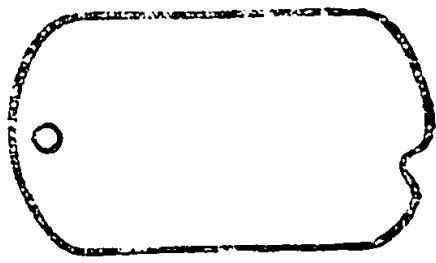
- 1) Remains of X-1079 were removed originally from wreckage of A/C 42-97266.
- 2) S/Sgt Young is the only crew member of A/c 42-97266 not accounted for previously.
- 3) What means of identification were buried with the body?
 Marking "B.O. Young" found in coveralls on remains of X-1079.
- 4) Tooth chart of S/Sgt Young and tooth chart of X-1079 are in agreement on teeth available for comparison.

To determine Right or Left use Deceased's Right and Left.

Who is buried on:

Deceased's Right:	<u>BRENNEN</u>	<u>42045778</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>Bomb. Gp.</u>	<u>48</u>
	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Plot</small>	<small>Organization</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>
Deceased's Left:	<u>FERGUSON</u>	<u>0-778761</u>	<u>S/Lt</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>Bomb. Gp.</u>	<u>50</u>
	<small>Name</small>	<small>Serial No.</small>	<small>Rank</small>	<small>Plot</small>	<small>Organization</small>	<small>Grave No.</small>

Signature of Officer, Chaplain and if possible Organization of person furnishing above data when other than official report, or date



If point of identification tag is not attached to below:

Emergency Address: Unknown
Name

Religion: Unknown

List only Personal Effects Found on Body and disposition of same:

NONE

This corrected copy of Report of Burial, prepared in the Office of the American Graves Registration Command.

REBURIAL

Previously buried in U.S. Mil. Cem.
 NURNBERG, Germany. Plot D, Row 2.
 Grave 49. (as: WUSTESS, Joseph A.)

N. F. SLOANE,
 Capt., AMC.

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IF DECEASED UNIDENTIFIED

Take Fingerprints of Both Hands. If unable to obtain a complete set of Fingerprints, Take Those You Can, and fill in the following:

Height:	Laundry Marks:
Weight:	Number of Rifle:
Color of Eyes:	Wear Glasses?
Color of Hair:	Is Tooth Chart Attached?
Race:	

(If possible, have medical personnel take a tooth chart, if no medical personnel present, fill in a tooth chart below. In space below, locate, and describe any scars, birthmarks, moles, deformities, etc.)

Clothing markings on: Shirt wool OD size 14 1/2 x 32
AAF trousers fur lined " 36
Coveralls marking: B. O. Young J-13 " 36 R

Note below any identifying clues found, such as letters, photographs, probable organization of deceased, etc.

Deceased formerly known as Heustess, Joseph A.
ASN 14125271. Per letter from Headquarters
AGFRR, 24 January 1946 changed to Unknown X-1079.

TOOTH CHART

		Deceased's Left							
		8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Upper	X								
	O								
Lower	X								
	O								

Indicate: missing natural teeth by X; or worn by O; fillings by O; bridges by O linking anchor teeth; replacements by artificial teeth by X.

Characteristics:

Other Data:

If this is an Isolated Burial, make a Sketch of the Location, oriented with Permanent Landmarks. If more space needed attach separate sheet. Indicate North.

REPORT

REPORT ON AIRCRAFT No S-180

1. ORIGINATOR: Location Nuthampstead, England ; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
Command 398th Bomb Gp (Heavy) on 602nd Bomb Sq. Detachment ; Name: _____
2. CRUISE: Point of Departure Nuthampstead, Eng. ; Destination Pilsen, Czechoslovakia ; Type of Mission Operational Bombing
3. MISSION: Operational Bombing ; Altitude 12-13000 Ft ; Top of Clouds 15-16000 ; Temp 38 Deg. ; Wind 290 Deg. 27 Knots. ; Clouds: 7-8/10 M7 Base 12-13000 Ft Top 15-16000.
4. DATE: (a) 2725 ; (b) April ; (c) 1945 ; (d) Time (Approx.) ; (e) Location (Approx.)
5. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 4944N-1324E ; (a) Serial Number ; (b) Engine Number ; (c) Propeller Number ; (d) Other Identification

6. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other
 () Partial Bomb ; () Spent to Crash ; or () Information not available.
7. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other

8. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other
9. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other

10. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other
11. REMARKS: _____
 () Spent ; () Lost ; () Recovered ; () Other

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Present Status</u>
1. Pilot	Allan H. Ferguson, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-578761	SLG
2. Co-Pilot	John R. Halbert	F/O	T-133261	K/A
3. Navigator	Howard U. Feldman	2nd Lt.	0-2065526	A/A
4. ENG	Joseph A. Houstess, Jr.	T/Sgt	14125271	K/A
5. Radio Operator	Michael J. Brennan, Jr.	T/Sgt	42043773	K/A
6. RWG	Harry I. Maser	S/Sgt	12220404	K/MC
7. BTG	William D. O'Malley, Jr.	S/Sgt	36759594	R/MC
8. TG	Byron O. Young	S/Sgt	17156339	K/A

11. REMARKS: * (a) Colt Arms 775855 (b) High Standard 1092999
 (c) Frigidaire 651423 (d) Frigidaire 651201
 (e) High Standard 599221 (f) High Standard 599232
 (g) Colt Arms 54129 (h) Spark Plug 64997
 (i) Frigidaire 652506 (j) Frigidaire 655572

**1-2/10 Hgh cloud est. 22-28000. Vis: Unrestricted. No Contrails.

AG 319.i Cas 1st Ind. JWP/JPM.
 HEADQUARTERS 1st AIRBORNE DIVISION, APO 367, JS WY, 19 May 45

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704
 (5 Jul 44) OB-3-RAF-1, dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of
 the crew members of subject aircraft to be as shown on the various
 missing air crew reports inclosed.

FOR THE THEATRE COMMANDER:

E. M. DUNN,
 Colonel, USAF
 Assistant Adjutant General.

6 Incls:
 E/c (sup & trip w/d)

<u>Young, Byron C.</u>	S/Sgt.	17156339	KIA
Ferguson, Allan H.	2nd Lt.	O-778761	KIA
Halbert, John R.	F/O	T-133261	KIA
Feldman, Howard U.	2nd Lt.	O-2065526	KIA
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: YOUNG, Byron O.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 17153339
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~Flight 14324~~: Tail Gunner

File Nr. 14324

Did he bail out? Not sure; if not, cannot say.Where? Wright Field, Cleveland, Ohio, Near airfieldIf not, why not? UnknownLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? Unknown Reported killed in action. Unknown in plane.Where was he when last seen? In tailAny hearsay information: NoneSource: NoneAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If it was

Young who bailed out, and who I saw float to the ground, he was most
probably killed by his captors, who were very near to him.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission, April 25, 1945

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BRENNAN, Michael J. Jr. File Nr. 14224
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 42043778
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~ENGINE~~ ~~ENGINE~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Not sure; If not, Young did.

Where? Pilzen, Czechoslovakia; Outside of town; Near airfield.

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was
right behind me at waist door.

Was he injured? Reported killed in action. Not injured by flak.

Where was he when last seen? Making his way to waist door.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If it was
Brennan who bailed out, and who I saw float to the ground, he was
most probably killed by captors who were very near to him.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission, April 25, 1945.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HEUSTESS, Joseph A. Jr. File Nr. 14234
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 14135271
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 51st Bombardment Group~~: BF 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: None

Was he injured? Reported killed in action. Unknown in plane.

Where was he when last seen? in position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his rate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission, April 25, 1945

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FERGUSON, Allan F. Jr, File No. 14884
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-778781
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

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: Just after
being hit with flak. Gave instructions were unaudible.

Was he injured? Unknown in plane; reported killed in action.

Where was he when last seen? In position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission April 25 1945

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PLIMMER, Howard W. File No. 14084
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-2080020
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Light Fighter~~: Navigator

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: Just
before bomb run when he went off interphone to toggle bombs.

Was he injured? Unknown in plane, reported killed in action.

Where was he when last seen? In position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission, April 25, 1945.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: 1st Lt. PAUL, John W. File No. 14284
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 1-168261
Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Eighteen) 33-1 Pilot

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: None

Was he injured? Unknown in plane. Reported killed in action.

Where was he when last seen? In position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

Any explanation of his rate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Last mission April 25, 1945

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: YOUNG, Byron O.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 17156339
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight Engineer: Tail Gunner

File Nr. 14224

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Pilzen, Czech.

If not, why not? —

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

I was about to bail out, I looked into the tail, and
he was gone.
 Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? Parachute opened he disappeared as I approached
ground.

Any hearsay information: —

At my Bomb Group, I was told by other members
on the mission that only 3 parachutes were
seen leaving ship, after it had been hit.

Source: Squadron members on mission

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Though
he may have been wounded, his chute did open
and he reached the ground successfully. I heard
shots in his direction after I had landed. I
presume that he was killed by irresponsible German groups

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BERNARD, Michael J. Jr. File Nr. 14224
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 42045778
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of XXXX XXXXXX~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

him standing in Radio Room preparing to leave

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In Radio Room

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Squadron members claimed ship was down loop, after
three circles were seen. Possibly knocked
unconscious.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HEUSTESS, Joseph A. Jr.** File Nr. **14224**
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **14125271**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-29~~ **BT Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

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: _____

looping ship antics as stated before.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 20-25

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FELDMAN, Edward U. File Nr. 14224
Rank: 2nd/Lt.
Serial number: 0-2065526
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No

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: Since he was releasing bombs
he was able to jettison them after the
ship was struck.

Source: Fellow Squadron members.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 20

Dates and destinations if possible: -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HALBERT, John R.

File Nr. 14224

Rank: F/O

Serial number: T-133261

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~CO-PILOT~~: CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

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: About 1

Dates and destinations if possible: -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **FERGUSON, Allan H. Jr,**
Rank: **2nd/Lt.**
Serial number: **0-778761**
Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~XXXXXX~~: Pilot

File Nr. 14224

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: Approx. 20-26

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name _____ Rank _____ Serial No. _____
2. Organization _____ Op Commander _____ Rank 1st Lt 1st Lt CO Rossy Rank 1st Lt Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year _____ 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? _____
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) 6 - 1