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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 reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station No. 121; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force.
Group 91st Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 324th Bomb Sq; Detachment -----
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure AAF Station No. 121; Course Route to Halle, Germany.
Intended destination Halle, Germany; Type of mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear
4. GIVE: (a) 15 AUG 44; Time 1000; and Location East of Eisenach, Germany.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() 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 (x) Enemy aircraft; () enemy anti-aircraft; () other circumstances as follows

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-38012 *
7. ENGINE: Type, Model and Series R-1820-9; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-021440
(b) SW-021290; (c) SW-021825; (d) SW-021761
8. INSTALLATION WEAPONS (Furnish below); Type and Serial Number

NAME	TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a) High Standard Mfg Co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	603356
(b) High Standard Mfg Co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	601180
(c) High Standard Mfg Co.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	555135
(d) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1183441
(e) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	132818
(f) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1180744
(g) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1181131
(h) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1182606
(i) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1182931
(j) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1183609
(k) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1182786
(l) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1132927
(m) Savage Arms Corp.	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1132588
(n)		
(o)		
(p)		
(q)		
(r)		
(s)		
(t)		

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) battle casualty 2
or (b) non-battle casualty

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10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; passengers 0; Total 9

crew position	name in full (last name first)	Rank	Serial number
1. Pilot	(1091) PENCE, VINCENT A.	2nd Lt.	0-754120 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	(1091) VAN SANT, FRED W.	2nd Lt.	0-767917 RTD
3. Navigator	(1094) SIBBICK, ROBERT W., JR.	2nd Lt.	0-720024 RTD
4. Bombardier	(1055) CARLSON, HERBERT	2nd Lt.	0-759255 RTD
5. Top Turret Gun.	(748) PRANGE, RAYMOND V.	S/Sgt.	1910105 RTD
6. Ball Turret Gun.	(612) BRUDO, CHARLES S.	Sgt.	33200195 RTD
7. Tail Gunner	(748) HUGHES, WILLIAM M.	Sgt.	3755251
8. Left Waist Gun.	(611) WEAVER, WILLIAM J.	Sgt.	35893390 RTD
9. Right Waist Gun.	(757) MEENACH, WENDELL O.	S/Sgt.	15104134 RTD

NOTE: Wendell O. Meenach, 15104134, and Raymond V. Prange, 1910105, promoted from Sgt. to S/Sgt. per par 10, SO 130, Reg. 31st Bomb Grp (H), 15 August 1944.

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR S.I.E.:

Name in full (last name first)	Rank	Serial number	contacted by radio	Last sighted	check only one column saw crash	saw parachutes falling
1. WITTY, EDWARD L.	2nd Lt.	0-821133		x		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) parachutes were used 0; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash —; or (c) any other reason (specify) —

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

14. EXHIBITS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

"We were flying in No. 2 position of lead element, altitude 25,400 feet, time 1000 to 1010 hours. At this time we were hit from the rear at 5 o'clock level by approximately 25 enemy fighters. Aircraft B-17-G, 43-38012, was leading the No. 3 element, and I saw 20-MM shells hitting and exploding all over the aircraft. No. 4 engine caught on fire and aircraft seemingly went out of control. The ship then went into a shallow dive, rolled over on it's back and exploded in that position with bombs on board. This aircraft disintegrated in mid-air and no parachutes were seen to come from it."

/s/ Edward L. Witty
/t/ EDWARD L. WITTY,
2nd Lt., A. C., 0-821133,
324th Bombardment Squadron,
91st Bombardment Group (H).

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: No search.

Date of report 21 August 1944.

Harry W. Firstbrook
(Signature of preparing officer)
HARRY W. FIRSTBROOK,
1st Lt., A. C., Staff Officer.

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15 August 1944.

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EXTRACT

10. Under the auth contained in AR 615-5, and upon the recommendation of the Squadron Commander, organs indicated, the fol promotions of EM are announced, eff this date, vice existing vacancies:

324TH BOMB SQUADRON (H)
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt Wendell O. Meenach, 15104134

Sgt. Raymond V. Prange, 19103105

By order of Colonel TERRY:

LOUIS H. MAGEE,
Major, A. C.,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Joseph G. Sterling
/t/ JOSEPH G. STERLING,
Captain, A. C.,
Asst. Adjutant.

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CERTIFIED A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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HARRY W. FIRSTBROOK,
1st Lt., A. C.,

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19 August 1944.

Attachment to Missing Air-crew Report: B-17-G, 43-38012, 324th Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group (H), AAF Station No. 121.

Mission Date: 16 August 1944.

Target: Halle, Germany.

STATEMENT OF EYEWITNESS

"We were flying in No. 2 position of lead element, altitude 25,400 feet, time 1000 to 1010 hours. At this time we were hit from the rear at 5 o'clock level by approximately 25 enemy fighters. Aircraft B-17-G, 43-38012, was leading the No. 3 element, and I saw 20 MM shells hitting and exploding all over the aircraft. No. 4 engine caught on fire and aircraft seemingly went out of control. The ship then went into a shallow dive, rolled over on it's back and exploded in that position with bombs on board. This aircraft disintegrated in mid-air and no parachutes were seen to come from it."

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2 July 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Records of personnel imprisoned at Stalag Luft III, South Compound, Sagan, Germany, kept by 1st Lt Ewell R. McCright, 0727112

1. First Lieutenant Ewell R. McCright, 0727112, a liberated prisoner of war of the German Government forwarded to Special Determination Sub-Section, Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, AGO, three volumes of records kept by him while he was interned in the South Compound, Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany. These records were a compilation of information received from the officers and men who entered the prison camp between July 1942 and 27 January 1945. Each man was listed by name and serial number and other pertinent detail was recorded, and a number was assigned to each item.

2. The volumes were examined for all evidences of death of members of the United States Army that might be found. Forty seven items out of the more than two thousand were found to contain statements indicating death. From closer investigation it was found that the percentage of error was such as to render the information invalid for purposes of changing the casualty status of the men concerned. However, in many cases, investigation disclosed other and more valid evidence which was used. The investigation included examination of pertinent Missing Air Crew Reports in each case where such a report existed. Upon the decision that these records did not constitute valid evidence, no further investigation was made in the case of air crew members for whom no Missing Air Crew Report existed.

3. A report of the facts discovered in each of the 47 items is given below, using the index number assigned by Lieutenant McCright and the name of the prisoner from whom information was obtained

Book One

(a) 21 - Crotteau, H. P., 0404012. Shot down 1 September 1942, over El Alamein Buried crew in desert. No MACR and no further investigation

(b) 22 - Biers, Irving, 0659064. Shot down 3 September 1942, over El Alamein Buried crew in desert. No MACR and no further investigation

(c) 46 - Sconiers, E. T., 0724273. Shot down 21 October 1942 Died at Lubin, Germany, 23 January 1944. Official record shows "Died Non-Battle 24 January 1944".

(d) 64 - Rickets, Elmer A., 0727776. Shot down 12 November 1942 at Cherbourg, France. Only survivor of 8-26 crew. No MACR and no further investigation.

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- (a) 180 - Guike, Wayne H., 0727007. Shot down 26 February 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Navigator and a sergeant only survivors. No MACR and no further investigation.
 - (f) 1262 - Farrar, J., 35568298. Captured 29 January 1944 at Anzio, Italy. 80 paratroopers in drop, 66 killed. No investigation.
 - (g) 1267 - Morisrity, C. F., 31230740. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Germans told him six members of crew dead. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2911.
 - (h) 1268 - Buda, Daniel, 32258103. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Sergeant on back slid off when parachute opened. Investigation is SD Case 3911.
 - (i) 362 - Kissinger, Louis L., 0729632. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel. Lone survivor. Investigation in SD Case 256.
 - (j) 363 - Hill, William E., 0727342. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel, Germany. Lone survivor of officers. Investigation in SD Case 189.
 - (k) 385 - Austin, Paul F., 0795171. Shot down 17 May 1943 over English Channel. Sole survivor of officers. Information appears correct; all other officers officially reported killed in action.
 - (l) 1303 - Jones, Kleber, 18102505. Fell from hospital window at Staling DKA, Hania. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 14 October 1943".
 - (m) 1307 - Carpenter, Wade A., 0533302. Shot down 3 March 1944 over Donnelles, France. Bombardier trapped in plane. Bombardier officially reported killed in action.
- Book Two
- (a) 467 - Pinson, William H., Jr., 0791495. Shot down 11 June 1943 over sea near Borkun, Germany. Lone Survivor. Information appears to be correct.
 - (b) 468 - Gossert, Sam, 0734079. Shot down 11 June 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.
 - (c) 521 - Gannon, Vincent J., 0565402. Shot down 13 June 1943 over Frisian Islands. One of two in ship who regained consciousness. Investigation to be found in SD Case 415.

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(d) 590 - Hughes, William G., 0790242. Shot down 25 June 1943 over Oldenberg, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(e) 592 - Demchak, Nicholas, 0792440. Shot down 25 June 1943 over North Sea, off Emden, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(f) 689 - Manning, Richard N., 0734481. Shot down 14 July 1943 near Paris, France. Co-pilot's head blown off. Pilot injured, pointed ship at marshalling yards and crashed with it. Pilot and Co-pilot both have returned to duty.

(g) 793 - Wolford, Lawrence R., 0724258. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Heligoland, Germany. Lone survivor. Investigation to be found in SD Case 889.

(h) 805 - Kendall, Reginald D., 0675598. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Kassel, Germany. Navigator and bombardier lying on floor of nose. Information appears to be correct.

(i) 878 - Miles, C. C., 37015330. Killed by rifle shot from guard 9 April 1944, buried 12 April 1944 in prisoner of war cemetery. Officially reported "Killed Non-Battle 9 April 1944".

(j) 946 - Shaffer, L. C., 33012446. Died from complications after appendectomy 15 November 1943. Buried prisoner of war cemetery, Sagan, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 16 November 1943".

(k) 980 - Graves, W. D., 20704293. Captured 21 February 1943, North Africa. "Carter" killed by Arabs while he and Graves were attempting to escape. No "Carter" was identified among those for whom Findings of Death were issued in February 1944.

(l) 1033 - Schoonmaker, Theodore P., 0790182. Shot down 11 January 1943 over Naples, Italy. Lone survivor. No MACR and no further investigation.

(m) 1131 - Mann's, C. P., 0738710. Died 4 June of dementia praecox and pneumonia, buried 12 June Municipal Cemetery, Leignitz, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 8 June 1944".

(n) 1176 - Schmidt, Delmar O., 0670265. Shot down 14 October 1943 over Souissons, France. Lone survivor. All members of crew have returned to duty.

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(c) 1197 - Heckert, Reine E., 0740811. Shot down 8 October 1943 over Bremen, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

Book Three

(a) 1651 - Kooney, William, 18217184. Shot down 6 May 1944 over Albania. Carried Radio Operator who was shot in back six miles. Information appears to be correct.

(b) 1684 and 1733 - McLaughlin, John L., 0760348. Saw Frank Gray in Hungary awaiting execution after escape. Information correct.

(c) 1717 and 1718 - Setliff, Jack W., 0692658. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Bombardier killed while parachuting. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2110.

(d) 1723 - Casadevall, Joseph M., 0703450. Shot down 30 June 1944 over Hungary. Only captive. Investigation in SD Case 3021.

(e) 1730 - Richards, Clinton W., 0764461. Shot down 26 June 1944 over Weiner-Neustadt, Austria. May be lone survivor - only captive. Information appears to be correct.

(f) 1731 - Alexander, Robert C., 0824691. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Parachuted with co-pilot who fell off back when chute opened. Co-Pilot officially reported killed in action. SD Case 5813.

(g) 1795 - Joyce, Byron S., 31445281. Shot down 2 August 1944 over Italy in water. Heard other crew members calling for help. See also items 1794 and 1796. Information appears to be correct.

(h) 1895 - DeWilde, Charles M., 0718174. Shot down 9 August 1944 over Rotterdam, Holland. Pilot and Co-Pilot killed in crash. Pilot and Co-Pilot both reported killed.

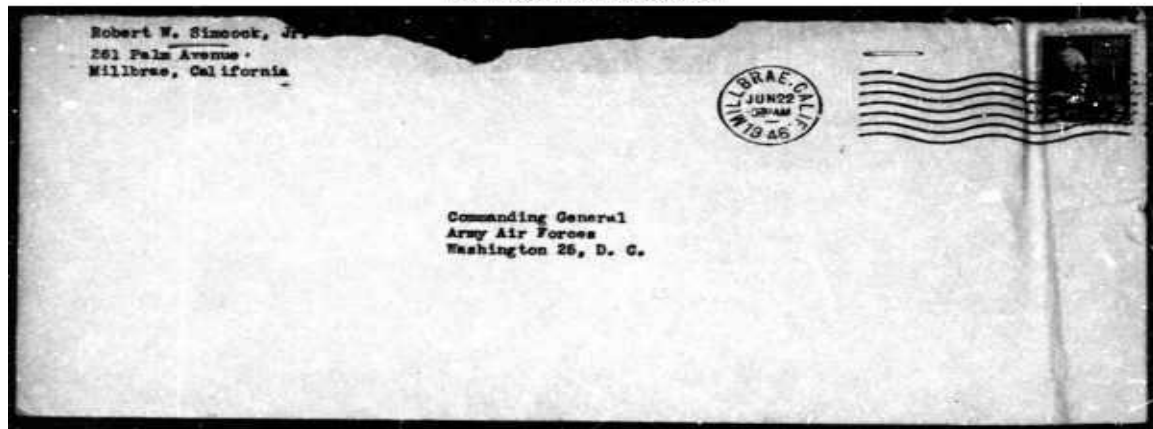
(i) 1926 - Wellbrock, Richard L., 0819438. Shot down 22 August 1944 over Vienna. Four crew members bailed out, nothing left of plane after crash. Information appears to be correct.

(j) 1932 - Abbott, Jack L., 0557876. Shot down 28 August 1944 over Sokolac, Yugoslavia. Furda and Goodwin killed by civilian rifle fire. Furda and Goodwin both availed and returned to duty.

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- 8180 13 PPA 2
1. Your name Robert W. Simcock, Jr. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-720024
 2. Organization Plat Gp Commander Terry Rank Col Sqn CO - Rank -
(full name) (full name)
 3. What year 1944 month August day 16 did you go down?
 4. What was the mission, 10th or 11th, target, North of Meraberg, target
time, 11 AM (approx), altitude, 23000 route scheduled, Briefing
August 16, 1944, route flown same
 5. Where were you when you left formation? 40 north of Kassel, Germany
 6. Did you bail out? Yes
 7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
 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".
No Knowledge
 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 20 miles from my position
 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
No Knowledge
 11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail
 12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
 13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Take Off
 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)

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AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Holden, Willard M. File # 6190
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 37599251
Position: Crew (Bomber) gunner (tail gunner): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No KnowledgeWhere? -If not, why not? -Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DiscussionRegarding Colors of Approaching Aircraft between Holden & BrudoWas he injured? No KnowledgeWhere was he when last seen? Take offAny hearsay information: -Source: -Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: -Holden checked in on gun check over Channel. Reporting left tail gun inoperative.No check back. Believed attacking fighters found this weak spot & Holden was hit.Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 or 7Dates and destinations if possible: -

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 6180

Name of crew member: Holden, Willard H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 3732031
Position: Crew (Bomber) Engineer (Right): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge, he did not.

Where?

If not, why not? It is possible he was killed or wounded during the fighter attack.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: My last information was before the attack. After the conversation I tuned in on the V.H.F. radio and was on that during the attack.

Was he injured? It isn't positive, but it is my belief he was.

Where was he when last seen? In the tail gun position.

Any hearsay information: None of the crew members was positive as to his fate.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: This is the Bombardiers report. Sgt. Holden called off that fighters were coming in from the rear at six o'clock level and high. He next said they were Germans and that he was going to fire on them. At that time the fighters started firing. We were immediately hit in #2 engine and the right wing was burning around the inboard fuel tank. Sgt. Holden wasn't heard of after that and it is my supposition that he was dead or seriously wounded. It was very shortly after the attack that I gave the order to bail out!

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: Munich July 31, Chartres France Aug. 1, Mulhouse Aug. 3, Pienamunde Aug. 4, Nienburg Aug. 5, South coast France Aug. 11, South of Paris Aug. 12, Railroad bridge over Seine Aug. 13, Cologne Aug. 15 and Leipzig the day we were shot down August 16, 1944.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Vincent A. Ponke Rank Captain Serial No. 0-764120
2. Organization 91 B. Gp Commander H. W. Tarr Rank Col. Sq. COL J. Klatta Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 16 did you go down? Yes
4. What was the mission, Leipzig, target, Air Drome, target
time, 10:00, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, Direct
route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Göttingen, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
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". When I gave the order to bail out the men in the front of the ship went out in the order of Engineer, Navigator, Co-Pilot, Bombardier and Pilot. In the rear the Radio Operator, Ball turret and waist gunner went out. Of the Tail gunner I have no knowledge of him bailing out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? My aircraft exploded in the air.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) The waist gunner was in the ship when it exploded. To the best of my knowledge the tail gunner must have been in it too.
11. Where were they in aircraft? At their gun positions.
12. What was their condition? The waist gunner was wounded and lying on the floor. The tail gunner is unknown.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I met the rest of the men on the grounds after we were captured. The ball turret gunner and the navigator were wounded. The rest were not wounded and did not seem to be hurt in any way.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I have no other information.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Holden, Willard M. File 6130
Rank: 2nd
Serial number: 37599251
Position: Crew (Bomber) Engineer (Tail Gunner)

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? #

If not, why not? #

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

Last words I heard from Holden: "Shoot at him! Shoot at him!"

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? In the plane's tail

Any hearsay information: That the tail was hit badly and that

Holden must have been wounded or killed.

Source: Crew members.

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

Holden must have been hit during the first fighter's attack,
and either killed instantly or wounded so that he wasn't
able to take care of himself.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Ten missions

Dates and destinations if possible: August 16, 1944 (Last Mission)

Destination close or in Leipzig.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Brudo, Charles S. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 39200195
2. Organization 91 Bb Co Commander Rank Sqn CO No Knowledge
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 16th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, To Bomb, target, Leipzig, target
time, No Knowledge, altitude, 24,500 feet route scheduled,
No Knowledge, route flown, No Knowledge
5. Where were you when you left formation? No Knowledge
6. Did you bail out? I was thrown out by, or fell after shrapnel explosion
occurred in ball turret.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
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".
No knowledge.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? #
12. What was their condition? #
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above?
Didn't see anybody after taking off from England while in flight.
Same day we were shot down I saw Pilot and Radioman, as P. W's.,
in good physical condition. A few days later I saw, in hospital,
Navigator and Waist Gunner Weaver both injured, the latest
seriously.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name VAN SANT, FRED W. Rank 2nd LT Serial No. 0-761917
91st AB.
2. Organization 224th Gp Commander Rank Col San CO Rank CAPT.
(full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUG. day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LEIPZIG, target, OIL (3), target
time, 10:10 AM, altitude, 24,000 FT. route scheduled,
route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. 40-50 MI. EAST OF KASSEL
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SOME
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". PILOT-VINCENT FANAS Bailed out
WASER HATCH; Co-PILOT-MICHAEL-NOSE HATCH; BOMBARDIER-HERBERT CARLSON-NOSE HATCH; NAVIGATOR-
ROBERT SIMIAK-NOSE HATCH; ENG. RAY PRANGER-NOSE HATCH; RADIO-WILLIAM MEENACH-WHIST;
TAIL TURRET-CHARLES BRUCE-SHOT OUT OF TAIL TURRET; WING GUNNER WILLIAM WEADER Blown out by
PLANE EXPLODING (?)
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?
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name VAN SANT, FRED W. Rank 2nd LT Serial No. 2762917
2. Organization 224 Sq Op Commander ? Rank Cpl Sqn CO 27 Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUG day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LEIPZIG, target, OK (?), target
time, 10:10 AM, altitude, 24,000 FT. route scheduled,
route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. 40-50 MI. EAST OF BRESNA
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SOME
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". PILOT VINCENT POWERS BAILLED OUT; COPILOT VAN SANT - NOSE HATCH; FORWARDER HERBERT CARLSON - NOSE HATCH; BUNGARD; ROBERT SUGOCK - NOSE HATCH - ENG. RAY PRANGE - NOSE HATCH; RADIO WILLIAM ANDERSON - WAIST; GAIL THURST GIBBEL BRUDD NOT OUT; WAIST - WILLIAM WEAVER BLOWN OUT BY PLANE STRIKING (?)
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)

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AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File also

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

OF FIGHTERS AT 6 O'CLOCK

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: NO

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

Authority: NND 735001

APPDA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 8190

Did he bail out? DON'T KNOW

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HIS REPORT
OF FIGHTERS AT 6 O'CLOCK

Was he injured? DONT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? BY ME - GETTING INTO THE PLANE.

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9-11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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MAC R — 8180

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 16 August 1944 2015 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. KU 2771

PLACE OF CRASH : Wittenhauser near Kassel

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE: Kassel

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
✓ VAN SANT Fred Willard	2nd Lt.	0-767917	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ CARLSON Herbert	2nd Lt.	0-7692858	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ JONES Vincent August USA	2nd Lt.	0-764120	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ BRUDO Charles Salomon 25 December 1924 Turkey	Sgt.	39200195	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ FRANGE Raymond Vernon	Sgt.	19103105	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ Casualty No. KU 2771	First Supplementary Report, dated 13 September 1944			
✓ MEENAHN Wendell Oris 1921	S/Sgt.	15104134	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ SIMCOCK Hubert Warspite Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-720024	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ WEAVER William John	S/Sgt.	35893390	captured	Dulag Luft
✓ Casualty No. KU 2771	Second Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944			
✓ HOLDEN Willard M.	Sgt.	37559251	dead	Cemetery Brunschard near Kassel

DULAG LUFT, 30 August 1944 No.

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mlw/12/9/44

2nd. Lt. Vincent A. Foske

Mr. Henry H. Foske, (Father)
425 South 5th Street,
Bress, Illinois.

2nd. Lt. Robert W. Simcock, Jr.

Mrs. Dorothy S. Simcock, (Wife)
731 Winchester Drive,
Burlington, California.

2nd. Lt. Herbert Carlson

Mr. Gustave A. Carlson, (Father)
239 Dean Street,
Brooklyn 17, New York.

2nd. Lt. Fred W. Van Sant

Mrs. Clara M. Van Sant, (Mother)
3921 Burchhalter Avenue,
Oakland, California.

S/Sgt. William J. Weaver

Mrs. Mary E. Weaver, (Wife)
209 East Fourth Street,
Connersville, Indiana.

S/Sgt. Wendell C. Menach

Mrs. Ellen J. Menach, (Wife)
2134 Broadway,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sgt. Willard H. Holden

Mr. Clinton C. Holden, (Father)
Sabin, Minnesota.

Sgt. Raymond V. Frange

Mrs. Laura J. Frange, (Wife)
1905 Southwest,
Portland, Oregon.

Sgt. Charles S. Brude

Mr. Morris Cordova, (Brother-in-law)
707 13rd. Street,
Seattle, Washington.

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K U 2757

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Identification tags of the following men.

1.	Buntin	Douglas	19182145	T 43 - 44	0
2.	Donley	Earl, W.	T - 2490	T 43 - 44	0
3.	Sincock	Robert, W.	O - 720024	T 43 - 44	0

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FORM 1

K U 2757 .

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Commanding officer of air base A (C) 32/III

PLACE: Nordhausen / Harz

DATE: August 17, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. A Boeing B 17 G on August 16, 1944 at 10.20
RE/11111111 AT: 3 km.northward of Teistungen, about 35 km.eastward of
Göttingen.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M i d d l e t o n

FIRST NAME: James, I. I/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 15105376

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: On August 16, 1944 about 11.00 near Teistungen.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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K U 2757

August 16, 1944

10.20

Fortress B 17 G

3 km. southward of Teistungen, 35 km. eastward of Goettingen

L G A 46126 -P

?

?

Fighter (A)

99 % crash

S. Buntin, Douglas

2 prisoners, 3 * 2 * unknown

* DEAD

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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

R U 2757

Commanding officer of air base A (O) 32/III
Nordhausen

Nordhausen, August 17, 1944
Air base

To

Investigation Point West

Oberursel / TaunusList of transport

By the commanding officer of air base Nordhausen will be handed over:

2 prisoners

1 packet

4 envelopes (closed) with confiscated subjects.

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FORM 92

K U 2757

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Commanding officer of air base A (O) 32/III
 LOCATION: Nordhausen / Harz
 DATE: August 17, 1944
 DATE AND TIME: August 16, 1944 at 10.20
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN
 PLACE OF CRASH: 3 km. southward of Teistungen, 35 km. eastward of
 (NEAREST TOWN) Goettingen.
 KIND OF CAPTURE: Dayfighter
 (FLAK. HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
 EMERGENCY LANDING)
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: On the fuselage L G P. On the stabilizer (stabi-
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) lizer is painted red) a white A in a black triangle
 Below 46126 - below P.
 ADMITTANCE NO:
 EQUIPMENT: Not established
 F.T. FREQUENCIES:
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99 % crash
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
 (BULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

6-3224, AF(4)

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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

K U 2757

S S D IBNH 133 16/8 TELEGRAM FORM
21.30
DISTANCE - MESSAGE To investigation point west - OBERURSEL -
NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Commanding officer of air base A (O) 32/III (15)
Nordhausen / Hara

ACCEPTED: DELIVERED:
DATE: -
RECEIVED: TIME:
TO:
DATE: August 17, 1944 THROUGH:
TIME: 19.00 ROLL:
FROM: LSPM
THROUGH: Breunig

REMARKS: According to report D (Luft) 27C5/07 part II G and VII. Place of crash:
3 km. southward of Teistungen, about 35 km. eastward of Goettingen.
Time of crash: August 16, 1944 at 10.20

Type of plane: Boeing B 17 G
Identifications: On the fuselage L G P. On the stabiliser (stabili -
ser is painted red) a white A in a black triangle.
Below 46126 - below P
Condition of aircraft: 99 % crash
Fate of the crew: 2 prisoners, 3 dead men - more dead men probably
burned with the plane.
Name of the dead men: Douglas Buntin, the names of the other dead men
will be found out.
Addition: Inform were only - commanding officer of air district
5/III, I C Erfurt - investigation point west: Ober -
ursel and air district command III, I C Berlin.

6-3224, AP (5)

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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

K U 2757

AA LBNF 156 22/8 TELEGRAM FORM 17.15

DISTANCE - MESSAGE To investigation point west -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air District Command III, I C T 2 (Berlin)

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: August 23, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 14.45

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Kron ??

REMARKS: Previous list of shooting downs of August 16, 1944 during a day attack against middle Germany.

	1.	10.20	- 3 km. Steigungen, 24 km. east-south-eastward of Goettingen
		1A 2	Fortress II.
K U 2761	2.	10.30	Vollradisroda - 6 km. west-south-westward of Jena ND 4 Fortress II
J 1955	3.	10.40	Wernigerode, 18 km. west-south-westward of Halberstadt JB 5
			Mustang P 47
K U 2748	4.	10.50	eastward of Molau, 5 km. eastward of Camburg (11 km. south - west -
			ward of Naumburg - 8 - Fortress II.
K U 2768	5.	10.58	northward of Mosigkau, 6 km. south - westward of Dessau, JE 8
			Liberator
K U 2743	6.	10.59	northward of Mosigkau, 6 km. southward of Dessau, JE 88 Liberator
K U 2736	7.	11.06	Gerwisch, 12 km. south - south - westward of Burg near Magdeburg
			HD 2 Liberator
K U 2745	8.	11.08	Lostau, 9 km. northward of Magdeburg HD 1 Liberator
K U 2737	9.	11.09	Barleben, 9 km. northward of Magdeburg HD 1 Liberator
K U 2760	10.	11.15	Stapelburg, 27 km. Westward of Halberstadt A/I B 5 Liberator
K U 2750	11.	11.30	2 km. northward of Weissenfels, 33 km. south - westward of Leipzig
			ME 5 Fortress II
2749	12.	11.30	Obermolbits, 4 km. north - westward of Altenburg in ME 9 Fortress II
2759	13.	11.30	Oberschnau, 8 km. westward of Freiberg/Sa. NG 5 probably " "
K U 2758	14.	11.35	Rehmsdorf, 6 km. east - north - eastward of Zeitz ME 8 Fortress II
K U 2762	15.	11.35	Between Rehmsdorf and Chrimmitschen ME 8 Fortress II
K U 2763	16.	11.40	Cauerwitz, 16 km. south-westward of Weissenfels MD Fortress II
K U 2738	17.	11.45	Denben, 9 km. north-westward of Zeitz ME 4 Fortress II

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MACR 8180
B-27
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DATE: 16 August 1944 AT: 1015
PLACE: Wittenhausen near Kassel
TYPE OF CMT: Fortress
324th (AB) Sq. 91st Group
Remarks: 2742 ?

*not for 490 file
MACR 8180
this is complete now*

RANK	NAME	K U 2773
2nd Lt.	CARLSON, Herbert	ASN: 0-768286
2nd Lt.	VAN SANT, Fred Willard	ASN: 0-767917
2nd Lt.	FOKER, Vincent August	ASN: 0-754125
2nd Lt.	SINGOCK, Robert Marjite	ASN: 0-720024
S/Sgt.	WHAVER, William John	ASN: 3588230
Sgt.	FRANKE, Raymond Vernon	ASN: 18103103
S/Sgt.	HEMMACH, Wendell Gris	ASN: 18104124
Sgt.	BRUNO, Charles Salomon	ASN: 38200195
Sgt.	HOLDEN, Willard M. (dead)	ASN: 37588251

1 dead buried in cemetery Kraschewitz.
17 August 1944.

See MACR 7901 for K4 2740 and 2773
" " 7179 " K4 2771 " 2769
" " 7904 " K4 2779
" " 8180 " K4 2742

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USA 1000 A - 71

Identification Tag for

BURKHALTER, C.E. JR.
34765174 T 43

C.E. BURKHALTER, SR.
RT 1
LINDALE, AL.

USA 1000 A - 70

THOMAS H. CARTER
34773901 T43 44

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 16 August 1944 1015 hrs. CASUALTY NO. KU 2771

PLACE OF CRASH : Witschenhausen near Kassel

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE: Kassel

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
VAN SANT Fred Willard	2nd Lt.	O-767917	captured	Dulag Luft
CARLSON Herbert	2nd Lt.	O-769238	captured	Dulag Luft
FORKE Vincent August USA	2nd Lt.	O-764150	captured	Dulag Luft
BRUDO Charles Salomon 25 December 1924 Turkey	Sgt.	39200195	captured	Dulag Luft
FRANGE Raymond Vernon	Sgt.	19103105	captured	Dulag Luft
Casualty No. KU 2771		First Supplementary Report, dated 13 September 1944		
BERNARD Wendell Oris 1921	S/Sgt.	15104114	captured	Dulag Luft
SINCOCK Robert Warrspite Jr.	2nd Lt.	O-720024	captured	Dulag Luft
WRAVER William John	S/Sgt.	35093390	captured	Dulag Luft
Casualty No. KU 2771		Second Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944		
HELDEN Willard H.	Sgt.	37354251	dead	Cemetery Bruchow near Kassel

DULAG LUFT, 30 August 1944 No.

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KU 2771

MA-8-8180

List of Identification tags

		Note
Fred W Van Sant	O-767917	(got captured, card file missing, probably none made out)
Herbert Carlson	O-769255	
Charles S. Brudo	39200195	
Wendell O. Meenach	15104134	
Wm J. Weaver	35893390	
Raymond V. Prange	19103105 *	
Vincent A. Fonke	O-764120	

Personal data papers with identification tag *

- 1 address card
- 1 card Social Security Board
- 1 Mass Card Nr. 454
- 1 Student's pass
- 1 Motor Vehicle Operator's License
- 1 Registration Certificate
- 1 AAF Form Nr. 121

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FORM 1

EU 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command Sect. I/VI
Recovering-Officer
PLACE: Kassel-Rothwesten
DATE: August 30, 1944
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, presumably one Boeing B 17
Admittance Nr. A 338012 L
on road from Wittenhausen to Ermschward,
Wittenhausen County, on August 16, 1944.
EN. LANDING: AT: Holden
NAME: (LIST OR SURNAME) Williard M
FIRST NAME: Williard M
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37559251 T 43-44
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.
NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Ermschward Cemetery, August 17, 1944
Exact location of grave *

Distribution. 1x Air District Command VI, Sect. Ie,
1x Dulag Luft, Oberursel
1x Station Hospital
1x for file
1x Air Base HQ, Kassel-Rothwesten

* Attached to this report is sketch showing location of grave on Ermschward Cemetery,
and envelope containing identification tag Nr. 37559251 T43-44 of deceased.

Rohde
signed:
Major and Recovering-Officer

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

FORM 1

M 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Kls a (c) 27/XI
PLACE: Goettingen
DATE: August 17, 1944
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, one 4-engined American bomber, presumably B17 F
August 16, 1944 at 1030 hrs.
EN. LANDING: AT: Deiderode, 13 km Southwest of Goettingen,
co-ordinates 05 S IN 37.
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B r n d o
FIRST NAME: Charles S.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt.
G-39200195 T 43 43
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Klein-Schussen, August 16, 1944, shortly before
1100 hrs.
NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW: ./.
Distributor: Air Base Command Sect. 12/XI, I.e.
Air District Command XI, I.e.
Information Center West, Oberursel
for file

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signed

Capt. and Officer for special Disposition

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

FORM 1

KU 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQs A (o) 27/XI
 PLACE: Goettingen
 DATE: August 17, 1944
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, one four-engined American Bomber, presumably
 B 17 F, August 16, 1944, at 1030 hrs. near
EM. LANDING: AT: Deiderode, 13 km Southwest of Goettingen,
 co-ordinates 05 S 1W 37
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M e e n a c h
 FIRST NAME: Wendell G.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) S/Sgt.
 15104134 T 42 A3 A
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at Raiffenhausen, August 16, 1944, shortly before
 1100 hrs.
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -/-
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -/-

Distributor:
 Air Base Command, Sect. 12/XI, 1c
 Air District Command II, 1c,
 Information Center West, Oberursel
 for file

(?) Gussmeyer
 signed
 Capt. and Officer for special Disposition

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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

KU 2771

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to Information Center West -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air Bases Command Sect. I/VI, Kassel-Rothwesten
Recovering Officer

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:-

TO:

DATE: August 19, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0910 hrs.

ROLL:

FROM: LSGD

THROUGH: Pass

REMARKS: QNH

* - SSD - LNKs 265 August 18 2045 hrs.

Subject: Black 21 Report on downing of enemy aircraft, according to form A.-

Date and time of downing: August 16, 1944, at 1015 hrs.

Location: 2 km West of Wittenhausen, Kraschward Community, about 20 km East
(of Kassel)

Type of craft: Boeing B 17 G

Type of engine: Studebaker

Production series of engine: Studebaker R 1820 97 .-

Armament: 8 MGs 12,7 mm were found

Cause of crash: downed by fighter, destruction 100%

Markings: A 338 012 L; Admittance Nr. 43/380 12 .-

Number of crew: identified ~~REMARKS~~ two, rest of crew nothing learned

1.) Lt. Carlson Herbert, SN 769255 T 43-44 G captured

2.) S/Sgt. Weaver W.M.J. 35893390 / T 43-44 A captured wounded.-

1 Prisoner transferred to Information Center West, Oberursel, Aug. 18.

1 wounded prisoner admitted Station Hospital 5 Colonial School Witten-

Receiving Detachment by Air Field Control Office Kassel-Rothwesten. (Kassen

Guard Detachments by Town Guard and RAD (Reichs-Labor-Service)

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FORM 1

KU 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQs Section I/VI
Recovering Officer
Kassel-Rothwesten

PLACE: August 20, 1944

DATE: August 20, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: one Doering B 17 G, Admittance Nr.A 338 012 L
2 km West of Hiltzenhausen, on road to Ernschwerd
August 16, 1944, at 1015 hrs.

FM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Van Sant

F. AT NAME: Fred Williard

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-767917

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: was captured subsequently and will be trans-
ferred to Information Center West, Oberursel,
./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: (August 20, 1944

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Distribution:

1x Air District Command VI, Sect. Ic
1x Bulag Luft, Oberursel
1x for file

Rohde
signed
Major and Recovering Officer

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FORM 1

EU 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQs A 13/VI, Eschwage
PLACE: Eschwage
DATE: August 16, 1944, at 2045 hrs.
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown
near Bornhagen, Wittenhausen County
August 16, 1944, between 1000-1200 hrs.
number of crew unknown
EN. LANDING: AT: S i m o o k
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) born August 23, 1922, in San Francisco
FIRST NAME: Robert
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Lieutenant d.R.
O-720024 T 43/44 O
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured wounded
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ?
NAME OF HOSPITAL: Station Hospital Eschwage, Lyonn
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Distributors:
August 17, 1944:
Information Center West, Oberursel
Air District Command VI, Is, Munster
Station Hospital, Eschwage
for file

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

FORM 1

K 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQs Sect.1/XI
 Recovering Officer
 Kassel-Rothwesten

PLACE: Kassel-Rothwesten

DATE: August 18, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing B 17 G, Admittance No. A 338 012 L
 2 km West of Witsenhausen on road to Ermschward
 August 16, 1944 at 1015 hrs.
 2 men identified, rest of crew nothing known
 EN. LANDING: AT: 1.) G a r l s o n 2.) W e a v e r

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: 1.) Herbert 2.) W H

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1.) Lt. 2.) S/Sgt.
 1.) 769255 T/43-44 O 2.) 35693390 T43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) 1.) captured 2.) captured, wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Y

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Station Hospital 5(Colonial School)Witsenhausen

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

- 1) Prisoner transferred to Information Center West, Oberursel, August 18, 1944
- 2) Prisoner admitted to Station Hospital Witsenhausen

Distributor, August 19, 1944:

1x Air District Command VI, Sect.1c
 1x Information Center West, Oberursel
 1x Station Hospital 5 Witsenhausen
 1 for file

Rohde (?)

signed:
 Major and Recovering Officer

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

FORM 51

KU 2771

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base WE Sect.1/VI
 LOCATION: Recovering Officer
 Kassel-Rothwesten
 DATE: August 18, 1944
 DATE AND TIME: August 16, 1944, 1015 hrs.
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN
 PLACE OF CRASH: 2 km West of Witsenhausen, on road from Witsen-
 (NEAREST TOWN) hausen to Kirschward
 KIND OF CAPTURE: by fighter
 (FLAK, GUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
 EMERGENCY LANDING)
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 G
 MARKINGS OF CRAFT: 43/38012 MARK 318
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)
 ACFT NO: A 338 012 L
 EQUIPMENT:
 F.T. FREQUENCIES: not identified
 CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: destruction 100%
 DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: 1x Information Center West, Oberursel
 (DULDO - LUFT, ETC.) 1x General / Gt. Arsenal
 1x for file
 Aug. 19,
 1944

Signed: Rohde (or Konde)?
 Major and Recovering Officer

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Authority: NND 735001

By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

XU 2771

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to Information Center West -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air Base HQs a A 13/VI Eschwege, Group Commander
same text to: Air District Command VI, Sect. Ic, Muenster

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: August 21st, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2240 hrs.

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: ? illegible

REMARKS: ** SSD LMSW 225 August 21st 1230 hrs. --- Q S M

According to (WFT) 270607 IIC, Air Base HQs Eschwege reporting:

- A) August 19, 1944, at 0600 hrs., near Sommerode/Grossalmerode, Witzzenhausen County.
- B) Rank unknown, F r a n g e, Raymond V. 19104105 T.43-44.-
- C) Captured (whereabouts of rest of crew unknown)
- D) Unknown
- E) Unknown
- F) Unknown
- G) Unknown

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REGARDING: Downing of a four engines American Bomber, probably B 17 F
 on 15 August 1944 at 1030 near WEINBERG, 15 Km SW of GELTINGEN
 plane square 05 & LU 57.

NAME	: B E U D O
FIRSTNAME	: CHARLES S.
RANK	: 2nd. Lt.
SERIALNUMBER (USA)	: O - 39200195 F 43 - 45
RESULT (DEAD OR CAPTURED)	: Captured
PLACE & TIME OF CAPTURE	: WEIN - BERG on 15 August 1944 at about 1100

signed: GULSMYER

Capt. & Officer of special duty.

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Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschluß-Nr. 2771

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 15.8.44 - 10.15
Abschlußort: Wittenhausen b. Kassel
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Kassel

Besatzung:

Name und Vorname: Geburtsort und -zeit:	Dienst- grad	Erk- Marke:	gef. vorw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Grabsite
VAN SANT Fred Willard	2.Lt.	0-787917	gef.	Dulag-Luft
CARLSON Herbert	2.Lt.	0-769255	gef.	Dulag-Luft
PONCE Vincent August USA	2.Lt.	0-764120	gef.	Dulag-Luft
SHUBO Charles Salomon 25.12.24 Turkey	Sgt.	19200195	gef.	Dulag-Luft
FRANGE Raymond Vernon	Sgt.	19103105	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: 6180

CULAG-LUFF, des 30.8.44

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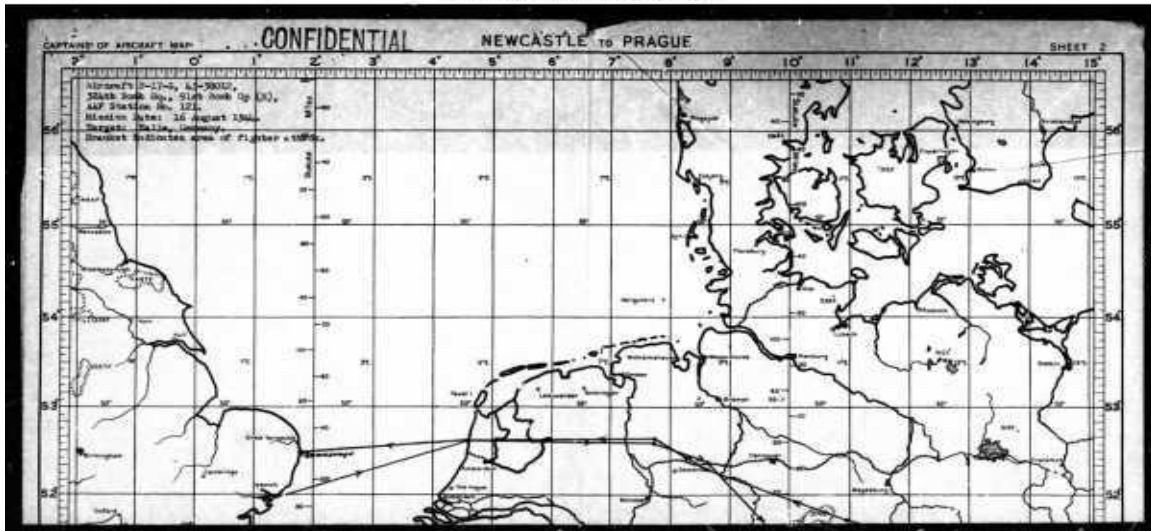
1. Name:
Vorname:
Dienstgrad:
Geboren am:
Geboren in:
Erkennungsmarke Nr.:
2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:
3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:
4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:
5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:
6. a) Verwundet:
Art der Verwundung:
seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):
Befinden:
Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:
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