



REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE
H. M. NAGER, NARS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1981.

Classified on changed
 to **SECRET**
 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col, AD
 by F. M. WUENCH, Capt. AD
 Date

11211

1. **OBJECTIVE:** To determine if any aircraft in the vicinity of each
 of the following locations within 24 hours of the
 time of the crash of the aircraft reported
 missing.

2. **LOCATION:** WILHELMSTADT, NAZI GROUP 398th Bomb Wg
63rd Bomb Wg
5th Air Force

3. **COORDINATES:** Station 131 Course: See attached chart.
Target on Station: Merseburg, Germany.
Type of Mission: Operational Training.

4. **WEATHER:** Clouds 10/10 layered tops 23000, Ht of acft 26500, Temp 45° Moderate
to dense persistent contrails. Vis all vertically unrestricted aloft.

5. **DATE:** 21 March ADY 1944 Time: 1203A Approximate location
of last known whereabouts of missing A/C.

6. **REMARKS:** (X) 1 aircraft seen directly and 1 aircraft sighted (X); last
communication radio () ; Forward down () ; down to crash () ;
or identification not available () .

7. **REMARKS:** 1 aircraft seen directly and 1 aircraft sighted (X); unknown
air-craft (X); unknown air-craft () ; unknown air-craft () ;
or identification not available () .

8. **IDENTIFICATION:** None
Serial No. 43-38671

9. **IDENTIFICATION:** None
Serial No. ST-023167 ST-027104 ST-027529

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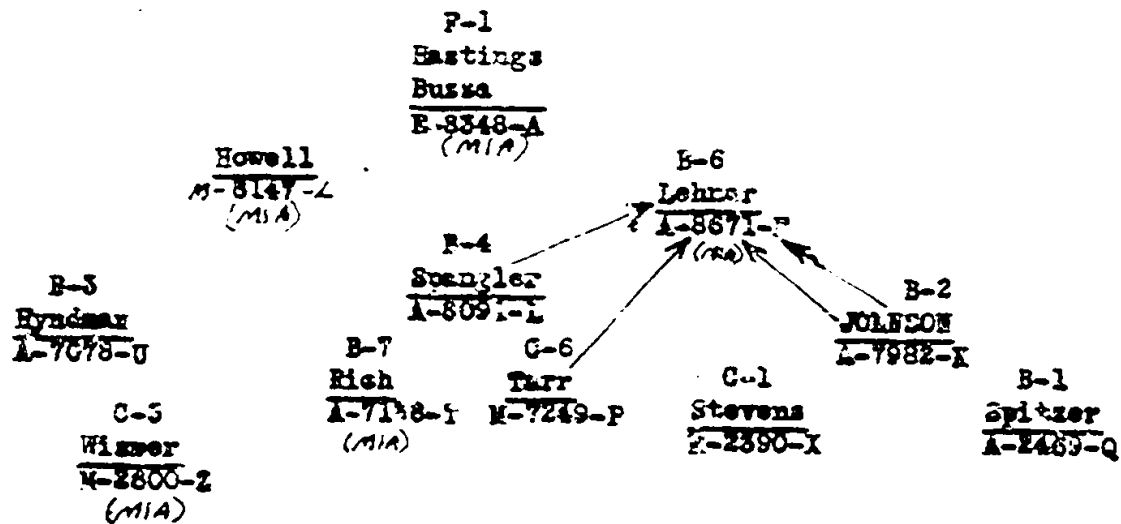
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Position	Name	Rank	Serial Number	Status
Pilot	LEWIS, ROBERT	1st Lt	0-756264	MIA KIA
Co-pilot	371 [unclear]	2nd Lt	0-288546	MIA KIA
Navigator	STUBBS, JAMES E	1st Lt	0-713012	MIA POW RTD
Bombardier	371 [unclear]	2nd Lt	0-1998537	MIA KIA
Engineer	WRENCH, OZIE C	E/Sgt	39398820	MIA POW RTD
Radio Operator	WILSON, WILLIAM B	E/Sgt	39329228	MIA POW RTD
Ball turret Gunner	[unclear]	S/Sgt	13067991	MIA POW RTD
Left Waist Gunner	371 [unclear]	S/Sgt	34729837	MIA KIA
Tail Gunner	HOLLOWAY, REX V A	S/Sgt	37340571	MIA POW RTD

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398th Bombardment Group Ev
Herseburg, Germany 21 November 1944

HIGH Squadron "B" Group 1st CWB Formation
Five Minutes before fighters hit.



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LIST OF WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1758801
2. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1753321
3. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	88369
4. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1754883
5. Colts	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1046618
6. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	175-733
7. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1754559
8. Colts	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1046654
9. Colts	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1046436
10. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1754657
11. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1754820
12. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C mach gun	1755089

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38671, Pilot, 1st Lt
Robert W Lehner, O-756264, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group HV
on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

At the time of the fighters attacked we were above in the high
element. We did evasive action, in the course of which I saw Lehner's
ship "F" for Freddie peel out of the formation to the right. I didn't
see him after that. In the glance I got of him I'm sure I saw an
enemy fighter pressing another attack on him.

Robert S. Luck

ROBERT S LUCK, O-772424
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Co-Pilot, 43-37982

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38671, Pilot, 1st Lt Robert W Lehner, O-756264, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group BV on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

After fighters hit the formation busted up--th lead crew bailed out and the lead ship peeled out of formation and went down as number one engine was feathered and number two windmilling. I heard over the interphone at some time that "F" Freddie peeled out and down to right with A W on his tail. We dived into the cirrus bank and contrails below. As we did I saw a plane out in front of us and below and to the left also drop down into the clouds, flying on a parallel course. After being in the clouds for about a minute or so I noticed the ship had pulled out and off to the left of us still flying on a somewhat parallel course. At that time that we went into the cloud bank this ship appeared to be under control and OK. I saw no more of him after I noticed him the second time at a distance. I have reason to believe it was Howell because there were just the three ships of the lead element in front of us and the other two ships had been seen to dive out of the formation previously.

Ike H. Thacker, Jr

IKE H THACKER, JR., O-723710
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Navigator, B17G 43-37982

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38671, Pilot, 1st Lt Robert W Lehner, O-756264, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group H on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 September 1944.

Just after the fighters passed I saw one of the wing ships from the lead element go into a steep diving turn to the right. There was evidence of fire. I was unable to identify the ship.

James V. Mayhall 2nd Lt H-C

JAMES B MAYHALL, O-2056443
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Navigator, B17G 43-38091

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38671, Pilot, 1st Lt Robert W Lehner, O-756264, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Bv on Combat Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Lt Lehner was flying number two position in the lead element and held that position over the target and up until the time we were hit by fighters.

After we were hit by the fighters the formation broke up and I didn't see Lt Lehner's plane to identify it again.

Joseph A. Tarr Jr.

JOSEPH A. TARR JR, O-825328
1st Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 42-97249

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REPORT OF LOSS - INLAND ACCIDENT

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

Serial 398 603 A/C: 43-38 671 -F MISSION DATE 21 Nov. 1944

0-756264

PILOT Lehner, Robert W., 1st Lt. MISSION STATION 131

TYPE MAKE SER #

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

- (a) By coordinates nil.
- (b) Approximate altitude nil.
- (c) Last noted heading nil.
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation nil.

2. Describe enemy operations (intensity of flak, intensity & method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

nil.

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

nil.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

nil.

(Over)

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

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last seen with escort? nil. If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter group if noted (group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, names, etc.). nil.

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

nil.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

No information available on this crew.

8. Date of report 26 Nov. 1944.

APPROVED: _____ RANK _____ SER. NO. _____ /C

- 1. nil.
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

REPORTING OFFICER (sign Original and one copy):

Matthew Meyer
Matthew Meyer,

Capr. 0-561630 Asst. Group S-2
RANK SER. NO. DUTY

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 3, letter _____, 13, 704 of FMJ, vol. 38-447-2, subject Matter, in. Out reports, July 1944.

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

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: AFPPA-8
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

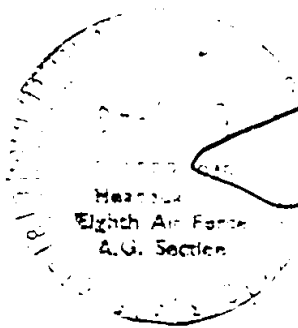
9 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OE-S-AAF-X), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of 1st. Lt. Robert W. Lehner, 0756264
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
398th bomb group, 603rd. bomb squadron
(Organization)
reported missing, missing in action, 27 Nov. 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:



John D. Marsh

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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5-5799, AF

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 9 Feb 45)

319.1 *M.A.C.R.*

1st Ind.

SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations.

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Records this headquarters show 1st Lt. Robert W. Lehner, 0756264, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38671. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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Robert W. Lehner
1st Lt.
European Theater of Operations

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ADDRESS ONLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION: AFPPA-2
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAP-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Second Lt. Stanley DeLafayette, 0886546
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
603rd. bomb squadron
(Organization)
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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5-5799, AF

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 8 Feb 45)

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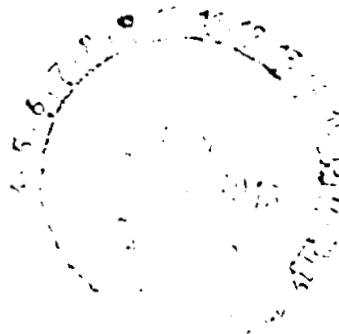
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. 27 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. Stanley DeLafayette, 0886546, as crew member of A/C B-17G. 43-38671. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



[Handwritten signature]
Commanding General.

AG 319.1 Cas 2nd Ind JWP/JFR/dlt
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, US ARMY, 8 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.
Attention: AFPPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-38671, piloted by 1st Lt. Robert W. Lehner, O-756254, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Robert W. Lehner, O-756264, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

DISPATCHED
MAR 15 1945
10 11 AM

H. K. RUND
H. K. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 319.1 Cas. 2nd Ind. JWP/JFR
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 5 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., attention: AFPPA-8.

1. ~~Missing Air Crew Report~~ concerning aircraft number 43-38671, piloted by 1st Lt. Robert W. Lehner, C-786264, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.32 Cas, dated 26 January 1945.

2. ~~Records of this headquarters~~ indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Stanley DeLafayette, C-666545, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

H. M. RUND

H. M. RUND, W
Colonel, A.G.S.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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PAR-18414

Downing No. NU 3356

REPORT ON DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT.

Date of crash: 21. Nov. 44 18.00

Place of crash: BRFORT

Type of craft: BOMBESS

Reporting office: BRFORT

C R E W :

ESTERBROCKS James Henry 1st Lt 0 - 713012
11. Jan. 27 captured Dulag Luft West

ELLOCC Rex Van S/Sgt 37340571
captured Dulag Luft West

BACHEMAN Kenneth S/Sgt 15087981
captured Dulag Luft West

ELLIOTT William Benjamin T/Sgt ~~2222222~~
21. Oct. 25 Org. captured Dulag Luft West

Downing No. NU 1118 A 1st subsequent report of 5. Jan. 45

It is requested to change this number into NU 3356

Place of crash ~~BRFORT~~ near BRFORT

Further addition:

LENNER Robert Lt 0 - 758264
dead Cemetery ~~BRFORT~~

LAFAYETTE Stanley P/O T - 82498
dead ditto

PERENCE Henry P/O T - 8498
dead ditto

REGISTER Virgil S/Sgt 34759337
dead ditto

Dulag Luft, 5. Jan. 45 No.

Dulag Luft, 14. Dec. 44 No.

11211
 B-17
 HAF 43-37671
 11211

21 Nov. 44 at 1230

Zimmerman n. Erfurt
 Fortress 671
 603 Sqd.
 war 1122 a
 Target: Air Base
 Erfurt

12 Dec.

File 112 A
 EU-3386

F/O	LAFAYETTE	Stanley	T-62498	dead
Lt.	LEWIS	Robert L.	O-756264	dead
F/O	PERENCE	Henry P.	T-2497	dead
1st. Lt.	ESTERBROOKS	James Henry	O-713812	capt.
S. Sgt.	REGISTER	Virgil	34729837	dead
T. Sgt.	ELLIOTT	William Benjamin	39329228	
T. Sgt.	FRENCH	Ozie C.	38395820	
S. Sgt.	BACHMAN	Kenneth	13067981	
S. Sgt.	KELLOGG	Rex Van	37340571	

KF 3358

11) 1230 o'clock - between Zimmermansta and Freestelborn, 13 km west of Erfurt,
in EB 3, Fortress II, 90 % . Markings: on the nose of the craft: "US ARMY",
Model B 17 G - 90 B0 Air Fortress Ser. No. 43 - 77 Crew Weight 1200 LB.
Mittance No. unrecognizable. Disposition of the crew unknown.

November 21, 1944 at 13.00

KU 1116 A

Erfurt

Type: Fortress

Markings. ---- 671

603 Heavy Bombardment Sqd.

398 Group

1st Lt.	LEHEER, Robert, W.	
2nd Lt.	DE LAFAYETTE, Stanley	
1st Lt.	ESTERBROCK, James, Henry	0-17 13 01 2
2nd Lt.	FERLUCS, Henry	
T/Sgt.	ELLIOT, William, Benjamin	39 32 02 28
T/Sgt.	FRENCH, Oals, C.	
S/Sgt.	BACHEMAN, Kenneth	13 06 79 81
S/Sgt.	REGISTER, Virgle, F.	
S/Sgt.	Kellogg, Rex, Van	37 34 05 71

This has been crossed out with red ink. (KU 3356)

R U - 3356

Type of aircraft: Boeing B 17 G
Place of crash: near Zimmernsupra/Erfurt
Time of crash: 21 Nov. 44

REGISTER, Virgil
34729837

dead

LAFAYETTE, Stanley
T-62498

dead

FERENCE, Henry
T-2492

dead

LEHRER, Robert W.
O-756264

dead

1st Lt. James H. Esterbrooks

Mrs. Eleanor H. Martin, (sister) ✓
Route One, Box 23,
Duluth, Minnesota.

1st Lt. Robert W. Lehner

Mr. Frederick W. Lehner, (father) ✓
998 Appar Street,
Oakland, California.

2nd Lt. Henry P. Ference

Mrs. Peter V. Ference, (mother) ✓
Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

2nd Lt. Stanley Delafayette, Jr.

Mrs. Rosemarie Delafayette, (wife) ✓
91 Oak Street,
Teaneck, New Jersey.

T/Sgt. Ozie C. French

Mrs. Amanda L. French, (wife) ✓
Route Number Two,
Lawton, Oklahoma.

T/Sgt. William B. Elliott

Mrs. Mary S. Heinrich, (mother) ✓
8625 North Hurst Avenue,
Portland, Oregon.

3/Sgt. Kenneth Pachman

Mrs. Lucy Showers, (aunt) ✓
17 West Ferdinand Street,
Manheim, Pennsylvania.

3/Sgt. Virgil W. Register

Mrs. Aida M. Register, (mother) ✓
Box 197,
Crestview, Tennessee.

3/Sgt. Rex V. A. Kollogg

Mr. Ray Kollogg, (father) ✓
Hill City, Kansas.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FELs # 11211

Name of crew member:

REHNER, Virgil W.

Rank:

S/SGT

Serial number:

3472937

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWNWhere? UNKNOWNIf not, why not? UNKNOWNLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ABOUT10 MIN. BeforeWas he injured? UNKNOWNWhere was he when last seen? IN HIS WAIST GUN POSITIONAny hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BelieveHE WAS KILLED WHEN SHIP BLEW UPTotal number of missions of above crew member: BETWEEN 20 & 25Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN EXCEPT LAST,LUNA MERSEBURG 21 NOV. 44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1121

Name of crew member: FISCH, Eric G.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 3098120
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~ Engineer

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ERFURT

If not, why not? _____

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

WE WERE CAPTURED

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? MOOSE BERG GER. AFTER LIBERATION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: 1

Believe HE is still alive

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1121

Name of crew member:

FRENCH, Henry P.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-198537

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Bombardier

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 2 MIN
BEFORE WE WERE HIT

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN NOSE OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: NAVIGATOR SAID HE WASN'T
IN SHIP WHEN HE LEFT IT

Source: NAVIGATOR

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1121

Name of crew member:

DE LAPORTE, Stanley Jr.

Rank:

2nd Lt

Serial number:

U-86546

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? UNKNOWNWhere? ''If not, why not? ''Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ABOUT20 MIN BEFORE WE WERE HITWas he injured? UNKNOWNWhere was he when last seen? IN CO-PILOT'S SEATAny hearsay information: ENGINEER SAID HE WASSTILL IN HIS PLACE WHEN HE LEFT
PLANE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BelievedTO HAVE BEEN Blown up with planeTotal number of missions of above crew member: 28Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1171

Name of crew member: LEWIS, Robert W.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial Number: 0-756264
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 3 SEC

BEFORE ATTACK

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN Pilots SEAT

Any hearsay information: ENGINEER SAID He WAS

STILL THERE - WHEN He WENT OUT

Source: _____

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

TO HAVE BEEN Blown up with AIRCRAFT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ELLIOTT W M B Rank T/SGT Serial No. 3932922F
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander HUNTER Rank COL Sqn CO J. B Miller Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 30, target, LUNA MERSEBURG, target time, APPROX 1240, altitude, 32 000 FT route scheduled, NORTHERN GER, route flown per schedule
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX 20 MILES N.E Erfurt
6. Did you bail out? BLOWN CLEAR
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". A Bachman, was BLOWN CLEAR J. H. ESTER Brooks was BLOWN CLEAR O.S. French Bailed out & Rex VA Kellogg Bailed out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 3 above and individual questionnaires) UNKNOWN
11. Where were they in aircraft? UNKNOWN
12. What was their condition? ''
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW No one other than those LISTED ABOVE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(A) additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11211

Name of crew member: BEISNER, Virgil
 Rank: S/Oct.
 Serial number: 34729637
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~OF FLIGHT (Pilot)~~ Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Not that I know of.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Because plane was in a spin.

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

Reported fire in right wing.

Was he injured? Not that I know of prior to ship explosion.

Where was he when last seen? Seen in waist of plane by ball gunner.

Any hearsay information: That he had his chute on when the plane
went into spin. Was seen to fall down as plane went into
spin by ball gunner.

Source: Ball turret gunner, Kenneth Bachman.

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

Believed to be killed when plane exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 23, I believe.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11311

Name of crew member: FRENCH, Ozie C.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 3898820
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Engineer

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Near Erfurt, Germany.

If not, why not? _____

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

None

Was he injured? Broke leg when he hit the ground.

Where was he when last seen? German air camp near Erfurt.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Alive and in the States.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29th.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11211

Name of crew member: PERENCE, Henry . .
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-1998537
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter) Bombardier

Did he bail out? Not that I know of.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Because plane was in a spin.

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

None.

Was he injured? Not that I know of prior to ship explosion.

Where was he when last seen? Seen in the nose of the plane by navigator.

Any hearsay information: That he wasn't in the nose section of the plane,
at the time the navigator got out of the nose section.

Source: Navigator, James E. Esterbrooks.

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

Believed to have been killed when plane exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28th.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11211

Name of crew member: DE LAMAYETTE, Stanley Jr.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-883546
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-pilot

Did he bail out? Not that I know of.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Didn't have time, because plane was on fire and in a spin.

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

None.

Was he injured? Not that I know of prior to when plane exploded.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen by Engineer in Co-Pilot seat.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Believed to have been killed when plane exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28th.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11211

Name of crew member: LEHNER, Robert W.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-756254
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? Not that I know of.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Didn't have time, because plane was on fire and in a spin.

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

Gave order to bail out when fire was reported.

Was he injured? Not that I know of prior to when plane exploded.

Where was he when last seen? In the Pilot seat by Engineer.

Any hearsay information: That he was found in wreckage of plane by
Germans.

Source: Told by Germans.

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

Believed to have been killed when plane exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29th.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kellogg, Rex V. A. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37340571
Jean B.
2. Organization 398th Gp Commander Hunter Rank Col. Sqn CC Miller Rank Maj.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Mersburg, target, Oil, target
 time, Appr. 11:45 a.m.; altitude, 29000 route scheduled,
 _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Shot out of formation near Erfurt
6. Did you bail out? Fell out of ship after it exploded.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Four others fell out after ship
 exploded.
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". _____

Same as above.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Pieces near Erfurt.
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? _____

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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JAMES H. ESTERBROOKS Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-713017
2. Organization 398th B Gp Commander FRANK G. HUNTER Rank COL Sqn CO DEAN MILLER Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SYNTHETIC OIL, target, MERSE BERG, target time, APPROX 1145, altitude, 30,000 route scheduled, AS BRICKED, route flown AS BRICKED, EXCEPT HEADING ONLY TARGET
5. Where were you when you left formation? MY 3RD BOMBING SEPARATED FROM GRP. ABOUT 20 MIN BEFORE TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SHIP EXPLODED & SOME^(NOT) MEMBERS WERE BLOWN 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". BACK OF PAGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROX. 6 MI. FROM ERFURT
DIRECTION UNKNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with above and individual questionnaires) PILOT - R.W. LEHNER
ACCORDING TO GERMAN COL. AT AIRFIELD (ERFURT)
405 MI FROM ERFURT
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN PILOTS SEAT.
12. What was their condition? DEAD - WITH BULLET HOLES IN HEAD & CABIN
BY GERMAN REPORT
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ELLIOT, FRENCH, BACHMAN, & KELLOGG
LAST SEEN AT GERMAN AIRFIELD AT ERFURT.
LAZER, SEEN ELLIOT & FRENCH AT POW CAMP AT NURNBURG.
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)

- OVER -

8. BACHMAN KENNETH. S/SGT. TAIL GUNNER - BLOWN OUT - APPROX
6 MI FROM ERFURT. DIRECTION UNKNOWN - P.O.W.
- B. ELLIOT WILLIAM B. T/SGT. RADIO OPERATOR. - SAME - POW
- C. KELLOGG REX, V.A S/SGT. TAIL GUNNER - SAME - POW
- D. ESTERBROOKS JAMES H. 1ST LT. NAVIGATOR - SAME. - POW

A. GERMANS WERE SHOOTING AT THE MEN AS THEY CAME DOWN IN THEIR PARACHUTES. SOME WHO GOT OUT BUT WHO ARE REPORTED DEAD MAY HAVE BEEN THIS KILLED OR THEY MAY HAVE BEEN BEATEN OR KILLED BY CIVILIANS, WHO IN THIS AREA WERE VERY UNFRIENDLY TO AIRMEN. SOME WERE BADLY BEATEN BEFORE THE SOLDIERS GOT TO THEM.

B. GERMANS AT AIRFIELD & AT INTERR. CENTER AT FRANKFURT REPORTED ONLY LT. R.W. LEHMAN, THE PILOT, DEAD. THEY MADE NO MENTION OF ANY OTHERS HAVING BEEN KILLED OR FOUND DEAD. SO THEREFORE, I IMAGINED THAT THE REST WERE ALIVE & SAFE.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FERENCE, Henry P. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-1998537
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(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? _____

- SOURCE: ?** _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. In as much as I believe he got out of the ship alive. He may have been shot as he came down or civilians may have killed him. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1171

Name of crew member:

FRENCH, Harry P.

Rank:

2nd Lt

Serial number:

0-598637

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Subsector

Did he bail out? EITHER BAILED OUT OR WAS BLOWN OUT.

Where? 6 MI FROM ERFURT GER.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS GOING TOWARD ESCAPE HATCH.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE.

Any hearsay information: I BELIEVE HE GOT OUT OF PLANE ALIVE BUT HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH HIM AFTER THAT. HE WAS NOT IN PLANE WHEN I BAILED OUT. FRENCH REPORTS ESCAPE HATCH GAVE WHEN HE BAILED OUT INDICATING FRENCH OR DELAFAYETTE HAD BAILED OUT.

Source: MYSELF. & O.C. FRENCH. YSGT, ENGINEER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IN AS MUCH AS I BELIEVE HE GOT OUT OF THE SHIP ALIVE, HE MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT AS HE CAME DOWN OR CIVILIANS MAY HAVE KILLED HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11211

Name of crew member:

SE LAFAYETTE, Stanley Jr.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-224546

Position: Crew (Bomber)

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I BELIEVE SO. BUT AM NOT POSITIVE.Where? 6 MI FROM ERFURT GERMANY.

If not, why not? _____

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

NONE.Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE.Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE.Any hearsay information: ONE REPORT TO HAVE LEFT POSITION AFTER BAIL OUT ORDER.Source: OZIE C. FRENCH. 1/595 ENGINEERAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO.Total number of missions of above crew member: 29.Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1171

Name of crew member: **LEWIS, Robert W.**
 Rank: **1st Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-77626**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Pilot**

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY 20MM SHOTS

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: STATED HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER PLANE + GAVE BAIL OUT UNDER

Was he injured? REPORTED ^{DEAD} BY GERMANS

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: GERMANS AT ERFURT SAID HE WAS ONLY CREW MEMBER FOUND IN PLANE + THAT HE HAD 20MM WOUNDS IN HEAD + CHEST.

Source: GERMAN COL. AT AIRFIELD ABOUT 5 KILOMETERS FROM ERFURT

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN AT HIS TIME

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1123

Name of crew member: REGISTER, Cyril W.
 Rank: 3/SGT.
 Serial number: 3072477
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE.

Where? APPROX. 6 MI FROM EFFURT GER.

If not, why not? SHIP WENT INTO SPIN + EXPLODED ^{SO IT IS UNKNOWN} IF ALL HAD BAILED OUT.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SGT. REPORTED

RIGHT WING ON FIRE.

Was he injured? HE TALKED NERVOUSLY AS IF HIT

Where was he when last seen? STANDING AT GUN POSITION

Any hearsay information: BACHMAN, BALL GUNNER; REPORTS THAT REGISTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT WITH HIM.

Source: BACHMAN KENNETH, SSGT BALL GUNNER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE MAY HAVE BEEN HIT & UNABLE TO

OPEN CHAIR. PROBABLY WAS FATALY HIT

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 25

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN AT TIME 1945.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1121

Name of crew member:

FENNER, Otto G.

Rank:

2/Sgt.

Serial number:

3039820

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ EngineerDid he bail out? Yes.Where? 6 MI FROM ERFURT.

If not, why not? _____

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

NONE.Was he injured? YES - BROKEN ANKLE.Where was he when last seen? POW CAMP. NURNBERG.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

ALIVE & NOW DISCHARGED.Total number of missions of above crew member: 29.Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

Inscriptions on Identification-tags.

- 1) Kenneth Bachman
13067981 T 42-434 A
P

- 2) Rex V. Kellogg
37340571 T 43-44 A
Ray Kellogg
Hural St.
Hill City Kans.

- 3) WM B Elliott
39329228 T43-44 A
Mrs. A C Heinrich
8625 N Hurst
Portland Ore.

- 4) James H Esterbrooks
o-713012 T43-44 O
P

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase-Headquarters A (e) XI/III**
 PLACE: **Erfurt - Biersleben**
 DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **enemy aircraft (type unknown) on Nov. 21, 1944**
EM. LANDING: AT: **Near Erfurt, probably Zimmersuppe**
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **E s t e r b r o o k s** Rank: **Lt.**
 FIRST NAME: **James**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-713012**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **near Erfurt, on Nov. 11, 1944 : 13.30**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase-Headquarters A (o) 31/III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Bindersleben**DATE: **-----**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy aircraft (type unknown) on Nov. 21,
1944 ; 13.00****EM. LANDING: AT: Near Erfurt, probably Zimmersupra**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **E l l i o t** Rank: **T/Sgt.**FIRST NAME: **William**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **39329828**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Zimmersupra near Erfurt, on Nov. 11, 1944
(13.00**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-----**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-----**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: ~~Airbase-headquarters~~ A (o) 31/III

PLACE: Erfurt - Binderleben

DATE: -----

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy aircraft (type unknown) on Nov. 21, 1944; about 13.00
EN. LANDING: AT: Near Erfurt, probably ~~Simmernsupra~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

K e l l o g g

Rank: C/Sgt.

FIRST NAME:

Alex V.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37540571

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

near Erfurt, on Nov. 11, 1944; 13.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

K U - 3 3 5 6REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command Afo) 31/III**PLACE: **ERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Boeing B 17 G, 21 November 1944, 1230 a.m.**EM. LANDING: AT: **ZIMMERSUPRA / ERFURT**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **PERENCE**FIRST NAME: **HENRY**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **F-2493 2nd Lt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **24 November 1944 Graveyard ZIMMERSUPRA/ERFURT**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (o) XI/III**

PLACE: **~~REPORT-BIRMINGHAM~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Beech B 17 G, 21 November 1944, 1230 a.m.**

EM. LANDING: AT: **ZIGORISUPRA/ERFURT**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) *La* **LAPAYETTE**

FIRST NAME: **STANLEY**

0886546

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **T 62498 2nd Lt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **21 November 1944, Graveyard ZIGORISUPRA/ERFURT**

*No info under
at the time*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (a) 31/III**

PLACE: **REPORT-BINDERSLAGE**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing B 17 G, 21 November 1944, 1230 a.m.**

EM. LANDING: AT: ZIMMERGUPRA at 3:00 PM

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

FIRST NAME: **VIRGIL**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **34729837 Sgt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **21 November 1944, Graveyard ZIMMERGUPRA/REPORT**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (o) XI/III

PLACE: ~~REPORT-BINDERS~~

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing B 17 G. 21 November 1944, 1330EM. LANDING: AT: ~~ZIMMERSUPRA at REPORT~~NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ~~LEHNER~~

FIRST NAME: ROBERT

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-755264 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 24 November 1944, Graveyard ~~ZIMMERSUPRA/REPORT~~

Date 21 November 1944 Time 1200 Type of Aircraft Fortress 17

Place of Crash between KIBUKHUYA and
INDUKHUYA at NEPT

Kind of Capture Fighter (a)

Reporting Post Airfield NEPT

SC# 2356

KU - 335

Date 21 November 1944 Time 1230 Type of Aircraft Fortress 17

Place of Crash between ZIMMERSUPRA and
TROCHTELBOHN at ERFURT

Kind of Capture Fighter (a)

Reporting Post Airfield ERFURT

90% damaged

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Air Base Command A (a) III/IIIPLACE: ~~REPORT-BLINDERSLASH~~

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Enemy Aircraft, type unknown, 21 November 1944
EM. LANDING: AT 1100 p.m.
in the Vicinity of REPORT

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BACHMANN

FIRST NAME:

KENNETH

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

13067981 S/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

21 November 1944, 0200 p.m., at REPORT

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

FORM 1

KU - 3356

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (o) 31/III**

PLACE: **~~HERFURT-BINDERSLEBEN~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) **of Enemy Aircraft, type unknown, 21 November 1944
0100 p.m.**

EM. LANDING: **AT: in the Vicinity of ~~HERFURT~~**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **~~PACSMANN~~**

FIRST NAME: **~~KREIBER~~**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **13067981 8/Sgt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944, 0200 p.m., at ~~HERFURT~~**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **435**

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LINC

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

26 November 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

0840 a.m.

ROLL:

FROM:

ELSH

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

220 LINC 401 26/11 1100

20: Computing Center West OBERURSEL

Report on capture of an enemy Aircraft.

A) Place of Crash: Between EIMMICHENPRA and BROCHTIBORN, at ERFUET

B) Time of Crash: 21 November 1944, 1230

C) Type of Aircraft: Boeing B 17 - Fortress

D) Kind of Capture: Day-Fighter, - Propeller Shot.

**E) Marks of Aircraft at the base US Army - Model B 17 G- 90 - 2e Air Force
Sern. No. 43 - 38, Gross Weight 1200 lbs.**

F) Admittance No. not recognizable

G) Condition of Aircraft: 90% damage.

H) Disposition of Crew: unknown

I) Several men were captured. It was impossible to state to which aircraft they belonged to.

Also from command A (a) of/III Signal Center.

1/ Major ELSEN

KU - 3376

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 455

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LLZE

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 26 November 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0840 a.m.

ROLL:

FROM: LLZE

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS:

SSD IBER 481 25/11 1100

TO: Computing Center West OBERURSEL

Report on capture of an Enemy Aircraft.

A) Place of Crash: Between ZIGGENHUSPRA and TROBCHTELBOREN, at BERGUNT

B) Time of Crash: 21 November 1944, 1230

C) Type of Aircraft: Boeing B 17 G Fortress

D) Kind of Capture: Day-Fighter, -- Propeller Shot.

E) Marks of Aircraft at the Bow: US Army - Medal B 17 G- 90 -- Bo Air Forces
Sern. No. 43 - 58, Crew Weight 1200 lbs.

F) Admittance No. : not recognizable

G) Condition of Aircraft: 90% damage.

H) Disposition of Crew: unknown

I) Several men were captured. It was impossible to state to which aircraft they belonged to.

Mr. Hans Command A (c) XI/III Signal Center.

s/ Major KRAHN

6-3224.AF(5)

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Air Base Command Air Base Area Command 8/III**

LOCATION: **ERFURT-REINDERLEHREN**

DATE: **24 November 1944**

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **21 November 1944** **1230**

PLACE OF CRASH: **Between REINDERLEHREN and REINDERLEHREN at ERFURT**
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: **Day-Fighter** **Propeller Hits**
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Beech B 17 G Fortress II**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **at Base HS Army-Naval Bn 17 8 -90-20 Air Forces Ser. No. 43-28**
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) **Crash Weight 1200 LB**

ADMITTANCE NO: **at Fuselage: F not complete**
not recognizable

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES: **see below**

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **see appendix**
90% damage, explosion in the air

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Fuselage: 90%, Landing Gear: 90%, Wings: 90%, Tail Unit: 90% damage.
Type of Engines: Studebaker, 9 Cylinders, radial, air cooled.

1. SN-027528 **XXXXXX** 2. SN-028517 **A R-1820-97**
80% **1 R-1820-97** **70%**

3. SN-028162 **A R-1820-97** 4. **not recognizable**

80%

80%

FLAK
1977
FLAK
1898

Propellers: 3 blades, Type Hamilton-Standard, DWE 6477-100
6477-100

r — 1800 mm, 0.7 times r — 1260 mm, t — 318 mm

Armament: 4 Machine Guns were found.

12.7 mm Savage Arms Corp. Utica NY USA 262490 movable
12.7 mm Hartford - Conn. USA 1046518 "

2 more MG's were found. Type and Manufacturer not recognizable.

Movable. Bottom of the fuselage.

Rights not recognizable.

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Ammunition (Aircraft Armament)

12.7 mm 400 Bullets Metal disconnecting Belt.

Mixture:	R A	S L	T V	S L
	42	42	4	43

Bombs: not found . The room for the bombs is located between the pilot seat and the signal room in the fuselage; The bombs are ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ stacked. The electric release is made by lever. Type tags were not recognized. Armour of the ~~XXXX~~ gun positions in the fuselage right and left side 7 mm . Pilot Seat Back Armour 3 mm.

Antenna: Antenna mast on the upper side of the fuselage
Tail aerial
Antenna mast wrenched upper side of fuselage.

Camera: Camera Aircraft (5X 7 1/2)
Type I 21 Serial No. AC -42-7658
AC Order No. W-535-AC21 202
Specifications No. 31 180 A
2,5 4 5,6 8 11 16

The entire fuel containers ,except 2 in the left wing, destroyed and burned out. In both containers remained some fuel. Quantity cannot be stated.

Number of tags sent to Air Corps Computing Center Berlin, Adlershof:

24

Disposition of Crew unknown.
Probably bailed out before crash.
For in this area several aircrafts crashed down and several prisoners were taken, it cannot more be stated to which aircraft they belong to.

Major KRAHE Receiving Officer of Airfield ~~ERFURT-BINDERLEHRE~~.

s/ KRAHE

Major and Receiving Officer.

Air Base Command A (S) XI/III
Signal Station HUNY-BINDERLIMIN

24 November 1944

APPENDIX to

Final Report on Capture of Enemy Air Force Equipment and Enemy Crystals.

Dated: 21 November 1944, 1230 at ZIMMERSUPRA/TROCKTELDORF.

1. Dynamometer Unit PE - 73 - 3 H
2. Radio Transmitter DG-375-E
3. Transmitter Tuning Unit TU - 23 - B
4. Dynamometer Unit PE- 94 - B
5. Dynamometer Unit Type # 8016 A
6. T - 26/ APB - 2
7. Radio Receiver DG- 733- B
8. Modulator Unit DG-453-B
9. Radar Transmitter T-26/ APF
10. Radio Receiver DG - 906 - A
11. Indicator Type 62
12. Transmitter Tuning Unit T U - 6 A B
13. Transmitter Tuning Unit T U - 8 A B
14. Transmitter Tuning Unit T U - 7 - B
15. VCV Tuning System T R 8045

In the last set there are the frequencies:

Transmitter crystals:

- A 7350
- B 8010
- C 8250

Receiver crystals:

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**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KI 1116 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 21.11.44 — 13.00

Abschußort: Erfurt

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Erfurt

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V ESTERBROOKS James Henry 11.1.27	1. Lt.	0-713012	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
V KELLOGG Rex Van	S/Sgt.	37340571	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
V BACHMAN Kenneth	S/Sgt.	13067951	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
V ELLIOTT William Benjamin 21.10.23 Ore.	T/Sgt.	39329228	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

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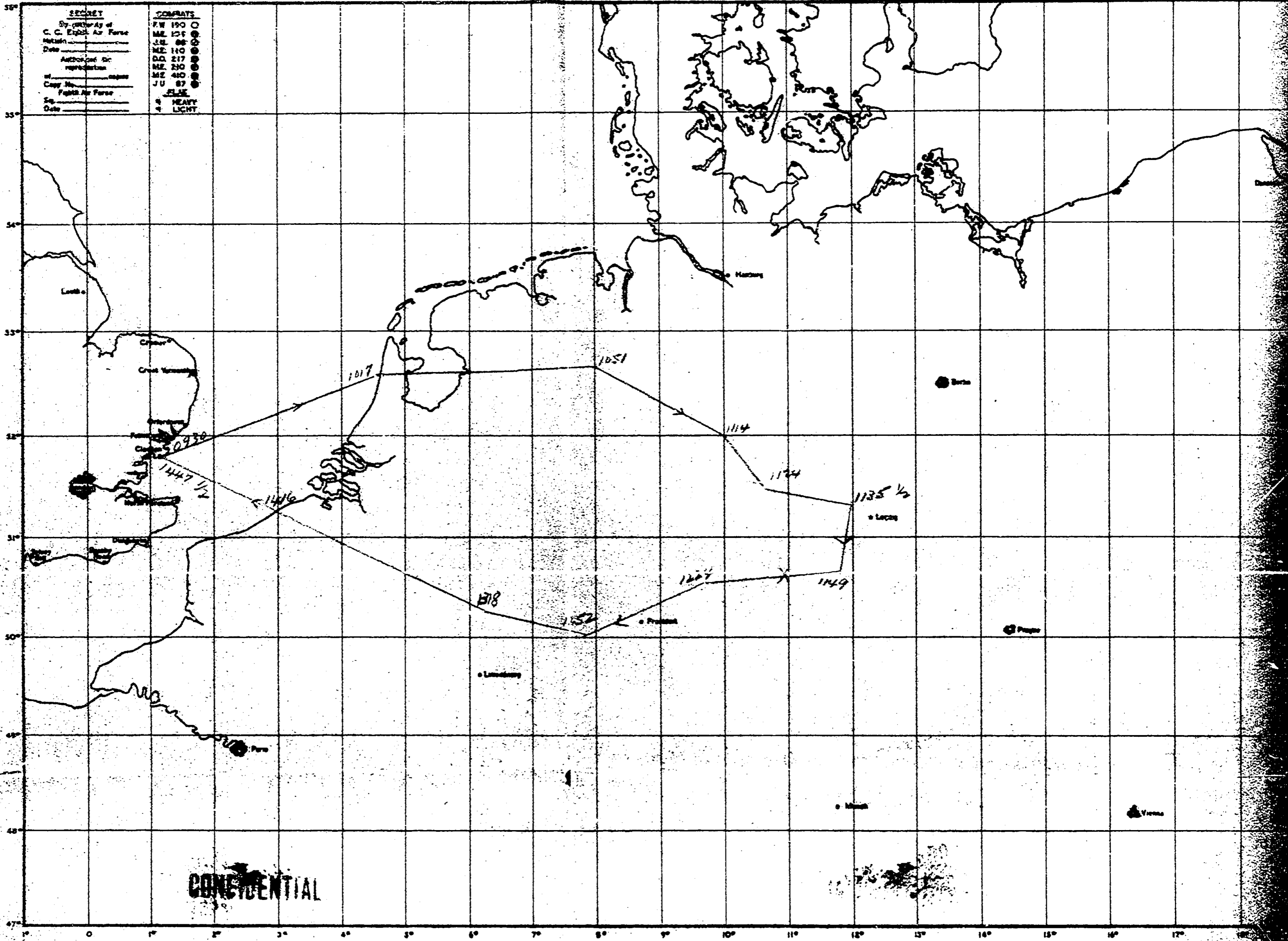
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