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by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AG
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Date ~~MAY 15 1944~~

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10/15/44
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F. H. Murphy
MAY 15 1944

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First Lieutenant John W. Ingram

Mrs. Hazel Y. Ingram, (Mother)
Edon, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant John D. Rose

Mrs. Pauline K. Rose, (Wife)
Comfort, Texas.

Second Lieutenant William W. Hoffman

Mrs. Glennada F. Hoffman, (Mother)
211, Baxter Street, Chabotacres,
Vallejo, California.

Second Lieutenant Norman E. Bergen

Mrs. Rose C. Bergen, (Mother)
Canistota, South Dakota.

Technical Sergeant Luther Willis

Mrs. Linann Willis, (Mother)
Easonville, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Donald Christensen

Mrs. Alice Christensen, (Mother)
1862 West Genesee Avenue,
Eggenaw, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Frank Gnadowski

Mrs. Josephine Gnadowski, (Mother)
August Street,
East Setauket, New York.

Staff Sergeant Thomas D. Kelley

Mrs. Margaret M. Kelley, (Wife)
519 South 18th Street,
Springfield, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Joe T. Andrews

Mrs. Ida Andrews, (Mother)
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Mrs. Eulirica G. Morales, (Mother)
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ARMY DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Date MAR 15 MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

Instructions: 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 United Kingdom; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
Group 398th Bomb (H) Squadron 601st Bomb (H); Detachment None
2. Details: Point of departure AAF Station 131; Course Via North Sea
Intended destination Berlin, Germany; Type of mission Operational
3. Weather Conditions and Visibility at Time of Disappearance:
Cloud coverage, six to seven-tenths. Heavy contrails at Flight Alt.
4. Give: (a) Date 24 May 44 Time Approx. 1109¹⁶; and location Berlin-just
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. beyond the target.
() Specify whether (X) last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() forced down; () seen to crash; or () information not available.
5. Aircraft and Crew: (a) Is believed to have been shot down? (Check only one) () Army aircraft; (X) Army anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Unknown

6. Aircraft: Type, model and series B17G and serial number 42-107132
7. Engines: Type, model and series R1820-97 and serial number (a) SW 012415
(b) SW 012503 (c) SW 012783 (d) SW 012451
8. Installed weapons (Furnish below make, type and serial number)

	Make	Type	Serial Number
(a)	General Motors	Machine Guns, Cal. .50 A.C.M.G.	716485
(b)	General Motors	" " "	716684
(c)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1293200
(d)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1293395
(e)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1563202
(f)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1191029
(g)	General Motors	" " "	728812
(h)	Savage	" " "	952548
(i)	High Standard	" " "	158325
(j)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1295152
(k)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1293243
(l)	High Standard	" " "	158362
(m)	Buffalo Arms	" " "	1293385
(n)			
(o)			
(p)			
(q)			
(r)			
(s)			
(t)			

9. The persons listed below were recorded as: (a) Battle Casualty MIA
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

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

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial No
<i>Kiv.</i> Pilot	Ingram, John W.	1st Lt	0691394
<i>decl.</i> Co-Pilot	Rose, John D. V.	2nd Lt	0759304
<i>dec 23</i> Navigator	Hoffman, William H.	2nd Lt	0698290
<i>Kiv.</i> Bombardier	Bergen, Norman E.	2nd Lt	0751630
<i>Kiv.</i> Top Turret Gunner	Willis, Luther (NMI)	T Sgt	14171160
<i>dec.</i> Left Waist Gunner	Morales, Uvaldo G.	S Sgt	18157328
<i>Kiv.</i> Radio Gunner	Christensen, Donald (NMI)	T Sgt	36525291
<i>Kiv.</i> Right Waist Gunner	Andrews, Joe T.	S Sgt	33083335
<i>Kiv.</i> Tail Gunner	Kelley, Thomas D.	S Sgt	16122125
<i>A-190</i> Ball Turret Gunner	Gnasdowski, Frank (NMI)	S Sgt	32800066 RDP

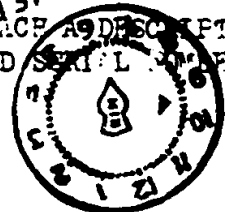
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	by		Check Only One Column		
		Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw forced Landing	
1. Harris, Arthur S.	2nd Lt 0757873		X			
2. (No other known eye witness)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) parachutes were used ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) ANY other reason (Specify) Aircraft under control when last seen.
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

(PER STATEMENT ATTACHED)

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



Date of Report 26 May 1944

W. L. Campbell
 (Signature of Reporting Officer)
 W. L. CAMPBELL
 1st Lt Air Corps

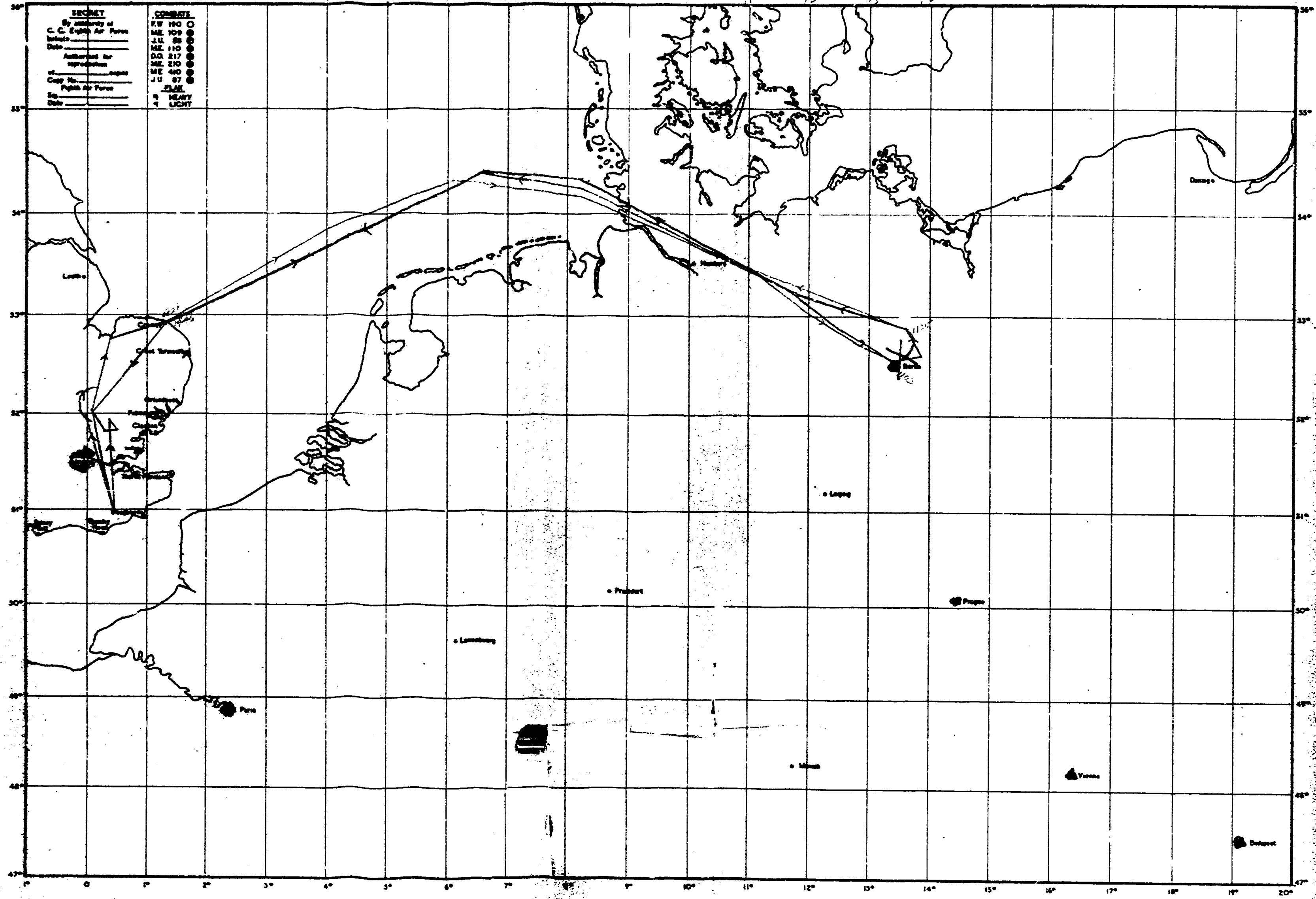
1944 MAY 26 11:11

TARGETS:
 PRIMARY Berlin, Germany

TRACK CHART
 DATE 24 May 1944

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 FW 190 ○
 ME 109 ○
 JU 88 ○
 ME 110 ○
 DO 217 ○
 ME 210 ○
 ME 410 ○
 JU 87 ○
 PLANE
 2 HEAVY
 4 LIGHT

High Group Formation Over Target

B
Gray
Brodin
7231-A

P
Scott
7053-M

B
Dartschi
2508-N

B
Wagner
Stoll
2508-J

B
Novak
7205-F

B
Lassegard
2579-C

D
Arlin
7203-Z

B
Davidson
2469-Q

D
Hornabuh
2391-B

D
Farnsworth
7461-F

B
Fahrenthold
2553-K

B
Foster, D L
7078-U

D
Ingram
7132-V

D
Griffin
7057-S

D
Halter
2516-E

D
Binger
7190-L

D
Dalton
7394-P

D
Fairbanks
2445-R

B
Latson
2562-G

B
Engel
7317-P

Low Group Formation Over Target

F
Rooney
Ross
7103-A

F
Driscoll
7183-J

F
Cobb
2511-P

F
Walker
Allen
2610-Y

F
Woodson
2543-B

F
Brown
2597-V

F
Radnedge
2593-C

C
Baker
7218-T

F
Ryan
7382-H

F
Richardson
7094-M

C
Elwood
2519-A

C
Fritog
2487-F

C
Bestervelt
2599-U

C
Rhorer
2467-J

C
Love
7380-R

C
Rice
7214-V

C
Ford
2536-C

C
Reed
2438-K

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107132, Pilot, 1st Lt John W Ingram, O-791394, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Berlin mission 24 May 1944:

Lt Ingram's ship followed Lt Arlin's ship out of formation about one minute after bombs away (1055). Both ships turned to the left. Ingram's number three engine was feathered. We followed them for a short while until noting that they were leaving the formation at which time we proceeded to try and get back to our own group formation. Lt Ingram's ship was following Lt Arlin's and losing altitude when I last saw them.

Arthur S Harris

ARTHUR S HARRIS, 0757873
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Bombardier B17G 42-102516

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

5256

Name of crew member: KELLEY, Thomas D.

Rank: S. Sgt.

Serial number: 16122125

Position: ~~Navigator (Observer)~~

Tail Gunner (Left Waist Gunner)

Did he bail out? Do not know

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation prior to or at time of loss of plane: just prior to being hit by fighter we had a check up to see if we

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the waist

Any necessary information: no

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of aircraft crew member: 5 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: Cherbourg
unknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

525

Name of crew member: ANDREWS, Joe T.

Rank: S. Sgt.

Serial number: 17083335

Position: ~~Special Operations Officer (Fighter)~~Bal' Torro Gunner
~~High waist Gunner~~Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledgeLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just prior to being hit by fighters, after going through flakWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? Still in BallAny necessary information: NO

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 1/2Dates and destinations if possible: Cherbourgunknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

5253

Name of crew member: CHRISTENSEN, Donald
Rank: T.Sgt.
Serial number: 36525291
Position: ~~XXXXXX (Number) XXXX (Type) XXXX (Code)~~ Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? NO Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: just after going through flak & prior to being hit by flak

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? Radio Room

Any necessary information: N/A

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of the crew member: 5 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: Cherberg
unknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MORALES, Uvaldo G.

Rank: S. Sgt.

Serial number: 16157328

Position: ~~XX~~ ^{Right} Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: just after going through flak prior to being hit by fighter

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? in air

Any necessary information: No

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: Cherbourg
unknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

6253

Name of crew member: BERGEN, Norman E.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-751630
 Position: ~~Crew Chief (Fighter)~~ (Fighter) Bombardier

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: just after going through flak & prior to being hit by flak

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? Same position

Any necessary information: NO

Source: _____

Are explanations of his fate based in part or wholly on surmise?
 if so: _____

Total number of missions or flights completed: 5 1/2

Date and location, if possible: Cherbourg

unknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

525F

Name of crew member: HOFFMAN William H.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-698290
Position: ~~Navigator (Bomber)~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just after going through flak tower being hit by fighters

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In position

Any necessary information: No

Source: _____

Appreciation of the facts stated in part or wholly on respondent's part: _____

Total number of affidavits or other reports received _____ 51

Date of completion of this report _____ Cherbourg
unknown at this time

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

5253

Name of crew member: ROSE, John D.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-759304
Position: ~~Co-pilot~~ (Pilot) Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of
sight: just after going through flak prior to being hit by fighter

Was he injured? No

Where was he last seen? In position

Any necessary information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his last contact based in part or wholly on surmise-
information: _____

Total number of all steps of above procedure: 5/10

Date and destination, if possible: Cherbourg

unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

5253

Name of crew member: INGRAM, John W.
Rank: 1st.Lt.
Serial number: 0-691694
Position: ~~XXXXX (XXXXXX) XX or XXXX (XXXXXX) (XXXXXX)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just after going through flak & prior to being hit by

Was he injured? By B. fighter

Where was he when last seen? Same position

Any necessary information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on surpres-
ition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 1/2

Date and destination if possible: Cherbourg
unknown at present

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Gnasdowski, Frank (NMI) Rank T/SGT Serial No. 32800066
2. Organization 398th Bomb Commander Hunter Rank Col Sqn CO Leo W. Killen Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Berlin, target, City, target
time, App. 11:11 A.M., altitude, 27,000' route scheduled, England over
Denmark then into Berlin route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? losing altitude + just below formation
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No Knowledge
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? 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? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
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)

over

We got through the Flak ALL right but were hit by Fighters on the turn for home. After noticing the ship losing ALTITUDE I tried to call the crew but the phones were knocked out. I went out from the lack of oxygen when I awoke I was falling in the tail of the plane which was broken off from the rest of the plane. That is the reason that I cannot give any information on my other crew members.

I understood the Germans to say that I was 10 Kilometers South of Berlin.

Airbase Headquarters A (e) 28 / III
Chief of Receiv. Unit

Wernsuehen May 26 1944

Record of attached bag No. 3

53-28

The following articles took the flight Engineer Kruse in presence of staff Sgt. Krybus out of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier

Place of downing : Tempelfelde - Gratze ssw of Eberswalde

Date of downing : May 24 1944 lllc h

Type of airplane : Boeing B 17 F

Name :	✓ Elliot
L. Name :	G. S.
Serial No. :	14137549

Contents.

2 Identification tags

For the correctness

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Flight Eng. and in place of the Chief of the Receiv. Unit

Important

*See ~~KU 1511~~
~~and~~ KU 1933*

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Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Wernsuehen may 26 1944

Record of attached bag No. 13

The following were removed by flight Engineer Kruse airbase headquarters Wernsuehen in presence of staff sgt. Krybis of the pockets the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde-Gratze ssw of Eberswalde

Date of downing : may 24 1944 1110 h

Type of airplane : Boeing B 17 F

Name :	✓ Willis
l. Name :	Lothar
Serial NO. :	14171160

Contents.

2 identification tags

2 keys for airplane

for correctness

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Flight Eng. and Chief of the Receiv. Unit (Represent.)

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/III
Chief of Receiv. Unit

Werneuchen may 26 1944

Record of the attached Bag No. 11

The following ~~xx~~ articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse in presence of staff sgt. Krybus airbase headquarters detachment of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde-Gratze ssw of Eberswalde

Date of downing : may 24 1944 1110 h

Type of aircraft : Boeing B 17 F

Name : ✓ Ingran
L. Name : Joern W.
Serial No : o-691394

Contents.

2 identification tags
1 pilot insignia

For correctness

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Flight Eng. and in place of Chief of Receiv. Unit

Airbase Headquarters A (e) 28/III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Wernsuehen may 26 1944

Record of attached bag No 7

The following articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse in presence of staff sgt. Krybus of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde-Gratze ssw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : may 24 1944 1110 h
 Type of airplane : Boeing B 17 F

Name : ✓ Blackfield
 L. Name: Willard L.
 Serial No. : o-752599

Contents.

1 identification tag
 2 keys for aircraft
 16 coins
 1 signet ring

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Flight Eng. and in place of the Chief of Receiv. Unit

Airbase Headquarters A (a) 28 / III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Werneuchen May 26 1944

Record of attached bag No. 4

The following articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse Airbase Headquarters Werneuchen in presence of staff sgt. Krybus head quarters detachment of the pockets of the dead ~~recovered~~ recovered Amer. flier .

Place of downing : Tempelfelde-Gratze ssw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : May 24 1944 11 13 h
 Type of airplane : Boeing B 17 F

Name	:	✓ Miller
L. name	:	Robert E.
Serial No.	:	36296167

Contents.

2 identification tags
 1 key for aircraft

For the correctness

Illegible

Flight Eng. and in place of Chief of the Receiv. Unit

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28 /III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Werneuchen may 26 1944

Record of the attached bag No 12

The following articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse airbase headquarters Werneuchen in presence of staff sgt. Krybus headquarters detachment of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier .

Place of downing : Teupelfelde-Grat se sw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : may 24 1944 1110 h
 Type of aircraft : Boeing B 17 F

Name : Kelley
 L. name : Thomas D.
 Serial No. : 16122125

Contents.

3 identification tags

For the correctness

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Flight Eng. and in place of the Chief of Receiv. Unit

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/III
 Chief of Receiv . Unit

Werneuchen may 26 1944

Record of the attached bag no 8

The following articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse airbase headquarters Werneuchen in presence of staff sgt. Krybus of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde - Gratze ssw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : may 24 1944 1110 h
 Type of aircraft : Boeing B 17 F

Name ;	✓ Andrews
l.name :	--
Serial No. :	--

Contents .

16 photos

14 coins

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Flight Eng. and in place of the Chief of the Receiv. Unit

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 26/III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Wernsuehen may 26 1944

Record of the attached bag No 5

The following articles were removed by flight Eng. airbase headquarters Kruse Wernsuehen in presence of the staff sgt. Krybus headquarters detachment of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde-Gratze ssw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : May 24 1944 1110 h
 Type of aircraft : Boeing B 17 F

Name : ✓ Andersen
 l. name : Charles
 Serial No: 12010819

Contents

1 identification tag

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Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/ III
 Chief of Receiv. Unit

Werneuchen may 26 1944

Record of attached bag No. 16

The following ~~items~~ named articles were removed by flight eng. Kruse airbase headquarters Werneuchen in presence of staff sgt. Krybus headquarters detachment of the pockets of the dead recovered Amer. flier.

Place of downing : Tempelfelde - Gratzsee sw of Eberswalde
 Date of downing : may 24 1944 110 h
 Type of aircraft : Boeing B 17 F

Name : Morrison ✓
 L. name : William W.
 Serial No. : o-753155

Contents.

2 identification tags
 1 bracelet
 1 signet ring

*Morrison
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For the correctness

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Flight Eng. and in place of the Chief of Receiv. Unit

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/III

PLACE: Finow / Mark

DATE: may 24 1944 0600h

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 F

EM. LANDING: AT: Between Melchow and Biesenthal 3 km nw of
Grenzthal 14 km sw of Eberswalde on may 24 44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Willart

FIRST NAME: ✓ Blackfield

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 752 599

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried at village cemetery Melchow on may 25 1944

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Maj. and Chief of Unit

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase Headquarter A (o) 28/III

LOCATION: 6 Wernschohn

DATE: June 4 1944

DATE AND TIME: 24 June 1944 at 1100 h
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Highway Tempelhofe-Gratze at real estate Friedrich-Wilhelmshof 15 km sw of Eberswalde
 (NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: Probably by fighter
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 F 5671/R

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: Not ascertainable
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: L 2-31698 H

EQUIPMENT: Not ascertainable

F.T. FREQUENCIES: Not ascertainable

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 80 % damaged, tail and fuselage end less damaged

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

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1. Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28/III

PLACE: Wernsleben

DATE: June 18 1944

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 F

EM.- LANDING: AT: Tempelfelde - Gratz, sw of Eberswalde
May 24 1944 1110 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ✓ Dayton

FIRST NAME: Charles R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) o 755292

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: buried at village cemetery Tempelfelde sw of
Eberswalde district Oberharnia on June 4 1944

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L. Lt. and chief of signal office

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

1284

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

KU

TO:

DATE:

June 20

THROUGH:

TIME:

2100 h

ROLL:

FROM:

LSFM

THROUGH:

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REMARKS:

8 LBWN 620 June 19 1845

To information Center west Oberursel

Subj. : Delayed report on downed Aircraft on May 24 1944 at highway Tempelfelde-
Gratze at real estate Frierich - Wilhelmshof 15 km sw of Eberswalde

Among reported 29 dead later identified Charles R. Dayton) ~~XXXXXXXX~~ O 755292
Buried at Tempelfelde sw of Eberswalde on June 4 1944 village cemetery

Airbase headquarters Wernauchen

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 777

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L80U

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

KU

DATE:

may 26 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

1050 h

ROLL:

FROM:

L8GL

THROUGH:

Haag

REMARKS:

Very important. LBWH 721 may 26 2300

To Information Center West Oberursel

Subj. : Downed enemy aircraft

a) 3 airplanes close to each other on highway Tempelfelde-Gratze at real estate

Friedrich - Wilhelmshof 15 km ssw of Eberswalde

b) may 24 1944 at about 1100 h

add) 1.) Boeing B 17 F 25 bo serial No 42-31698 2.) Boeing B 17 F 556195

Insignia W 2107132 V 3.) Boeing B 17 F 5671 R Insignia L 2-31698 N6

1) leo %

2) leo %

3) 8e % F 28 dead

1) G.S. Elliot 14137549

2) Robert E. Miller 36296167

3) Charles Andersen 12010819

4) Don Christensen 36525291

5) Willard L. Blackfield 0-752599

6) Sgt. Andrews

7) Carl H. Dasso 0-813670

8) K.9965(bracelet)

6-3224.AF(5)

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

THROUGH:

TIME:

ROLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

- ✓ 9.) Joera W. Ingran 0-691494
- ✓ 10.) Thomas B. Dally 16122125
- ✓ 11.) Lethar Willis 13171160
- 12.) James R. Counts 0-157698
- 13.) Oscar Wright 4 31312052
- ✓ 14.) William W. Morrison 0.753i 5
- 15.) Anthony P Madero 32239770
- 16.) Warren K Haga 18194331
- 17.) T.J. Stephens 18220997
- 18.) Lorell B. Kennedy 18191899
- 19-28.) not identified F 2- 4) not ascertainable because of separate shipment
into several airbases

Airbases Headquarters Wernuchen

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 794

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L90U

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

KU

TO:

DATE:

may 28 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

1355 h

ROLL:

FROM:

LSEB

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

Very important No. 245 may 27 1730 h

To Information Center West Oberursel

Subj. Report on downed aircraft ,corrections to distance message No. 718 & 721 and No. 718

Figure d) say unknown

To distance message 721 in place below say : L.) Boeing B 17 F 25

Bo serial No. 42-31698 -- Boeing B 17 G - 25 Bo signature L 2-3989o/Y

Repair detachment 46/III Werneuchen Maintenance Off.