



MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE TRAINING  
H. D. MAYER, NARS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982.

10412

Classification changed  
to DECLASSIFIED  
by E. A. BRONKHAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. BIERCH, Capt., AC  
JAN 15 1994

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GRAND RECORDS  
COMPLETED

Date	Writer	Wrote About
3-7-54	JLH	Harriss

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS, AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

10412

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, Base NUTHAMPSTEAD, ENG Group 398th Bomb Hq  
Squadron 603rd Bomb Hq ; Attachment None  
Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAF Station 131 Course Per Chart Attached  
Target or Intended Destination Merseburg, Germany  
Type of Mission Operational Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clouds 10/10 layered tops 28000. Ht of acft 28500. Temp 45° Moderate to dense persistent contrails. Vis nil vertically and horz aloft.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 21 Month Nov Year 1944 ; Time 1334 Approx Location 5033N-0043E 5031N1056E or last known whereabouts of missing A/C.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x); Last contacted by radio ( ) ; So on down ( ) ; Seen to Crash ( ) ; or information not available ( ).
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOSE, OR IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOSE, AS A RESULT of: (Check only one) enemy Aircraft (x); enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) ; Other Circumstances as Follows: \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G ; AAF Serial No. 44-8348
7. VENDOR OF AIRCRAFT, if Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97  
AAF Serial No. (a) SN-023563 ; (b) SN-023727 ; (c) SN-023734  
(d) SN-023647
9. INSTALLMENT WORKS (Furnish below Name, Type and Serial Number);  
See attached list ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (g) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (j) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (k) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (l) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (p) \_\_\_\_\_ ;
10. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HELD WHO, WHEN HELD BY: (a) Battle Casualty  
M.I.A. or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 ;  
Total 10

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position (Last Name First) Rank Serial Number Current Status

Crew Position	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	
1. Pilot, CA	HASTINGS, KENNETH S	1st Lt	0-764011	MIA	+ <i>initials</i>
2. Pilot	BUZZA, KENNETH L	1st Lt	0-823304	MIA	RTD
3. Bomb -Nav, Radar	LAUFER, MARVIN	2nd Lt	0-710281	MIA	RTD
4. Navigator	BIRCH, ORAL B	1st Lt	0-723562	MIA	RTD
5. Bomb -Nav, Radar	WILBUR, CHARLES R	1st Lt	0-776927	MIA	RTD

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

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT, AND LIST ON THIS FORM SOLDIER TO INDICATE STATUS OF EACH:

Name in File (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contact By Radio	Lost Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Parachute
1. SPITZER, ERNEST W	1st Lt	0-693902		X		
2. KING, DONALD P	S/Sgt	33705856		X		
3. AYERS, HOWARD F	T/Sgt	18153933		X		
GARRY, FRANK E JR.	T/Sgt	32914778		X		

13. IF PERSONS NEW BELLINGHAM, WASH. WERE KNOWN, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen talking away from scene of crash no; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14. A TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (Name, Grade, or Branch, and the APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACHMENT NUMBER OR DESCRIPTION OF CHAIN, FORCEFUL LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, GRADE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT
- No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 25 November 1944

*Wallis L. Campbell*  
**WALLIS L. CAMPBELL, CAPT. AC, STATISTICAL O.**  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR OTHER RELEVANT COMMENTS:

(Statements Attached)

Bombs were away at 1135 1/2 <sup>min</sup>  
 Fighters were first sighted at 1145 <sup>min</sup>  
 Fighters made first attack at 1150 <sup>min</sup>

CONFIDENTIAL

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



ATTENTION: AFPPA-8  
MAC

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

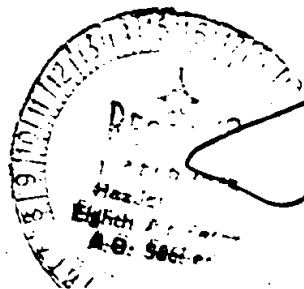
9 February, 1945

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)OB-S-AAP-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of First Lt. Oral B. Birch 0723562  
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)  
398th bomb group, 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*  
JOHN D. MARSH  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Personal Affairs Division  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

319.1

1st Ind.

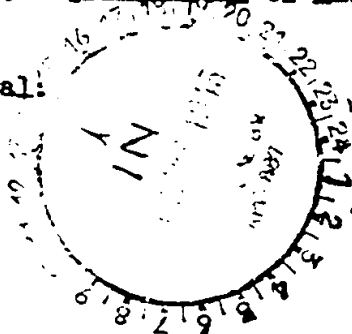
SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. -1 MAR 1945

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

Records this headquarters show 1st Lt. Oral B. Birch, 0723562, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 44-8348. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, STCUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 3 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. S. Wilson, Jr.'.

H. S. WILSON, Jr.  
Major, A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

*A. G. Files*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification changed  
 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by G. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
 by F. M. MILLER, Capt., AC  
 Date: 1871 9 1988

282A-8  
 23

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

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

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 44-8348, piloted by 1st Lt. Kenneth S. Hastings, C-764C11, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 22 December 1944.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Oral W. Birch, C-723562, to be prisoner of war, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



*H. M. Mund*  
 H. M. MUND, w  
 Colonel, AGD,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

MACK  
 10412

PAR-19329



~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~SECRET~~ - INTERNAL SECURITY

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officers will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 398th 603rd A/C 44-8348-A MISSION DATE 21 Nov. '44  
0-764011  
PILOT HASTINGS, KENNETH S. 1st Lt. DESTINATION Station 131  
RANK 1st Lt. SER.# Approx. 1234

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

- (a) By coordinates 5032N-0943E
- (b) Approximate altitude 23,500
- (c) Last noted heading Unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Flak (for this A/C) unknown. Enemy fighter opposition - Moderate to intense.**

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

**Feathered No. 1 Engine.**

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

**A/C was under control.**

(Over)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last seen by escort: Unknown. If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter (if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, tailcode, etc.)).

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

One crew reports seeing five (5) men bailing out about two (2) minutes after enemy fighter attack.

One crew reports seeing nine (9) men bailing. First four (4) or five (5) chutes were not observed to open. This was approximately four (4) minutes after fighter attack.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Nil.

8. Date of report 24 November 1944

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>GROUP</u>
1. Spangler, Harold E.	603rd	1st Lt.	0-767024	091-L
2. Spitzer, Ernest W.	603rd	1st Lt.	0-693902	469-Q
3.				
4.				

REPRODUCIBLE COPIES (Sign Original and one copy):

Lawrence H. Zaccary 27 Capt AE 0413817 Group S-2

1. See attached information developed subsequent to this account  
2. See attached information presented in per C, letter L, 18, 704  
3. See per 03-1-1-1-1, subject of listing in our report,  
11/1/44.

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

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 44-8348, Pilot, CA, 1st Lt  
Kenneth S Hasting, O-764011, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hq  
on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

The pilot called my attention to the PFF ship falling back on  
our left wing and told me to count how many jumped. I noticed that  
number one engine was feathered and number two was stopped but didn't  
appear to be feathered. He remained under control while five of the  
men jumped clear, then he fell a couple of thousand feet before he leveled  
out again and I saw four more bodies clear the plane. We later found  
out that it was Lt Hasting's who was flying the lead but was apparently  
hit by the fighters that had hit us head on only seconds before.

*Frank E. Garry Jr.*

FRANK E GARRY JR., 32914778  
T/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Top Turret Gunner, B17G 43-38091-L

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

# CONFIDENTIAL

398th Bombardment Group Hq  
 Werseburg, Germany, 21 November 1944

## LEAD Squadron "B" Group 1st CBW Formation Over Target

TEMPLEMAN					
Scott, ED					
N-7975-J PFF					
		F-7	C-5		
		Comstock	Hancock		
		E-8652-V	Erler		
			N-3184-H		
F-9				F-6	
Zimmerman				Evans	
E-3664-P				E-3627-Z	
F-9	F-8			F-2	F-10
Potska	Funkel			Beam	Shaffer
E-2310-Y	E-7510-S			E-3274-B	E-8936-T
C-9					
Roswell					
N-7886-T					

## LOW Squadron "B" Group 1st CBW Formation After Assembly

D-2					
Gomung					
Brown					
N-7389-S					
		C-2	D-1		
		Hunt	Prather		
		N-2519-A	N-8121-Q		
D-3				D-5	
Rogers				Blackwell	
N-8463-X				N-8084-E	
D-10	C-4			D-1	D-5
Watkins	Morrison			Palant	Curtis
N-7338-C	N-2507-F			N-7080-S	N-2708-T
C-6					
Sittler					
N-2418-Y					
		E-2	D-6		
		Landrum	Relfe		
		N-7203-Z	N-2596-N		

## HIGH Squadron "B" Group 1st CBW Formation Over Target

F-1					
Hastings					
Buzza					
E-8348-A					
		B-6	PFF	B-8	
		Lehner	Howell		
		A-3671-F	A-8026-C		
B-3				B-2	
Hyrdman				Johnson	
A-7013-J				A-7982-K	
B-1	C-5			C-1	B-8
Spitzer	Wisner			Stevens	Smith
A-2489-Q	N-2600-Z			N-2390-X	A-7977-R
B-4					
Spangler					
A-3091-L					
B-7				C-6	
Rich				Farr	
A-7138-T				N-7249-P	

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 44-8348, Pilot, CA, 1st Lt  
Kenneth S Hastings, O-764011, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Bv  
on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

I was flying in a loose formation of eight ships of which Lt Hastings was leading, when fighters attacked from head on--at about 1200 o'clock. The fighters came through us firing and I noticed Lt Hastings ship start descending with number one engine wingrilling. As the ship started off in a steep glide straight ahead, members of the crew started bailing out, of the ship. The ship disappeared into the clouds underneath of my ship and I could see nothing more. I saw three men bail out before I lost sight of them.

*Ernest W. Spitzer*

---

ERNEST W SPITZER, O-693902  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Pilot, B17G 42-102469-Q

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 44-8348. Pilot, CA, 1st Lt Kenneth S Hastings, O-764011, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group HV on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November, 1944.

About one-half hour after bombs away, fighters hit us from the front. The first thing I noticed was big chunks of cowling flying off Lt Rich's plane. Then flame shot out of his number two engine and he slid off to the right in what looked like a controlled banking dive. Then I noticed the PFF ship in our formation gradually dropping back. I then saw the tail door go off and a man appear. He got his body out but held on for a while and then broke away. About the same time I saw the waist door go off and a man jumped out and also one came from the front of the ship. About four or five more men came out and then this ship slid off to the left and lost about one thousand feet and then leveled off. About two or three men came out and the ship started into a dive. I saw five parachutes open away down behind our formation. I saw a total of nine or ten men leave this plane. Then I looked to see where Lt Rich's plane had gone. I saw a plane where I thought he should be. It appeared to be down fairly close to the clouds flying level. It gradually disappeared into the clouds.

*Lt. Hastings's ship*

*Donald P. King*

DONALD P KING, 33705856  
603rd Bomb Sq, S/Sgt.  
Tail Gunner, B17G 43-38091-L

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 44-8348, Pilot, CA, 1st Lt  
Kenneth S Hastings, O-764011, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hq  
on Operational Mission to Wersburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

We were flying along about half an hour after Bombs Away when I was called to the waist to take over a gun, because enemy fighters were attacking. Just as I reached the left waist I saw five men bail out of "A" Able, then it fell off to the left and leveled off. Just as it leveled off I saw four or five more men leave the ship. In all I saw six parachutes actually open. I looked out to the left again and saw that "T" Tare, was dropping back. Then I saw that number two engine on "T" was on fire. He then went into a banking dive to the right. He dived out of my line of vision, but when I last saw him the fire seemed to be out. I saw no one leave this ship.

*Howard F. Ayers*

HOWARD F AYERS, 18153933  
T/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Radio Operator, B17G 43-38091-L

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

13412  
 15-111  
 44-4345

13412  
 15-111  
 44-4345

21 Nov. 44 at 1230  
 Meesbach n. Eisenach  
 Fortress 48348  
 602/6037 (HB) Sqd.  
 398 Group  
 Target: Air Base  
 Erfurt

28 Dec.

KU-3366

1.	HASTINGS	Kenneth S.	0-784011	deas
1st.Lt.	BUZZA	Kenneth Lightner	0-823304	capt.
2nd.Lt.	LAUFER	Mervin	0-710281	capt.
1st.Lt.	WILBOR	Charles Max	0-776927	capt.
1st.Lt.	BIRCH	Oral Bryan	0-723562	capt.
S. Sgt.	MORGAN	David G.	0-723562	capt.
T. Sgt.	SPRAGGINS	George Vincent	33776555	capt.
S. Sgt.	NINCHOFF	Eugene Paul	33617898	capt.
T. Sgt.	MC MENAMIN	John Andrew	33368187	capt.
S. Sgt.	WADLUNG	Jack Raymond	35150486	capt.

cemetery Meesbach



November 21, 1944

at night

B-17

F

603

398 1. W1  
Hickamstead 131

EUC F - 1st Lt. BURZA, P. *Kenneth E.* 0-823 304  
 CP - 2nd Lt. LAUFFER  
 R - 1st Lt. BIRCH  
 B - 1st Lt. WILSON  
 - 1/Sgt. SPRAGGINS  
 - 2 HARRIS  
 G - S/Sgt. RYHAROV  
 2 - S/Sgt. MORGAN  
 G - S/Sgt. KENNEDY, J. A.

Stamp:

 Drag-left, Wetlar  
 Received: Dec. 17, 1944

No. 3455

/ 2024781

KB 9977 J 2572

Downing No. KH 5355

REPORT ON DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT.

Date of crash: 21. Nov. 44 18.30

Place of crash: HOSBACH near EISENHACH

Type of craft: FORTRESS

Reporting office: Airbase KRFUHT

ROLL

BIRCH	Oral Bryan	1st Lt. captured	O - 723582 Dilag Luft West
BUTZA	Kenneth Lightner	1st Lt. captured	O - 823304 Dilag Luft West
LAUFER	Marvin	2nd Lt. captured	O - 710281 Dilag Luft West
MC MENAMIN	John Andrew	T/sgt captured	53360197 Dilag Luft West
KINCHOFF	Eugene Paul	S/sgt captured	33617898 Dilag Luft West
HAILUNG	Jack Raymond	S/sgt captured	21510484 Dilag Luft West
MOHDAN	David	1st Lt. captured	12122575 Dilag Luft West
HASTINGS	Kenneth S.	Officer dead	O - 764011 Cemetery HOSBACH Gr.

Downing No. KH 5355 1st subsequent report of 1. Febr. 45

WILBUR	Charles Rex	1st Lt. captured	O - 776287 Dilag Luft West
SPRAGGINS	George Vincent	T/sgt captured	30776865 Dilag Luft West

Dilag Luft, 5. Jan. 45 No.

Attached to this case are :

1 Leather strap O.M. CHRIST

7 Identification tags

LAVER, HARVEY ✓  
O-71081 76344 0

21 Nov. 1944

KENNETH L. NIXON ✓  
O-82504 745 44 A  
P

GEORGE SPRADLING ✓  
MAYFIELD 745-44 A  
0

JACK R. HARRING ✓  
MAYFIELD 745-44 B  
0

MURRAY, DAVID C. ✓  
LESLIE 745-44 A  
P

ORAL S. BIRCH ✓  
O-71081 745-44 A  
P

KENNETH S. HARRING ✓  
O-71081 745-44 0  
P

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Mr Base Command A (c) 21/111**PLACE: **EVANS-BIRCHFIELD**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Boeing Fortress** 21 November 1944EN. LANDING: AT: **MOORBACH at KIRBACH**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**HASTINGS**

FIRST NAME:

**LEWIS S**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**G-760211 215 4 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**found dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **23 November 1944, Graveyard MOORBACH****No personal effects.***11/23/44*

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (a) XI/XII**PLACE: **AIRPORT-SIEDELSKIN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (Type unknown), 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**EM. LANDING: AT: **unknown**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **NORMAN**FIRST NAME: **DAVID**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **1518875 2/Sgt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to HIEBACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (a) 12/III**PLACE: **WITTS-BINDERHEIM**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (Type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**EN. LANDING: AT: **unknown**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **SPRAGGINS**FIRST NAME: **GEORGE**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **3577655 T/Lt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to WITTSBACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: 1st Lt. Command A (e) 31/IIIPLACE: ~~RU-2111~~

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944  
Between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.EM. LANDING: AT: Unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

BUZZA

FIRST NAME:

KENNETH L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0-62304 1st Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

21 November 1944 at KISSEACH

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Air Base Command A (e) XI/IIIPLACE: WIGBURG-SIEDERSLAGE

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Heavy Aircraft (type unknown) XI November 1944  
Between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.EM. LANDING: AT not more recognizable

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

LAUFER

FIRST NAME:

MAXIE

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0-710261 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

21 November 1944 near to KIEBACH

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (a) XI/III**PLACE: **ELVER-SIDERSLENN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Enemy Aircraft type unknown, 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**EM. LANDING: AT: **not more recognizable**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **WIEGERT**FIRST NAME: **ERICH H.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **53617898 2/20.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to EISENACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

KV-3388REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (a) XI/III**PLACE: **HEPPE-REINERSTADT**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
EN. LANDING: AT: **between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**  
**not recognizable**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**MEINER**

FIRST NAME:

**JOHN**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**2000007 2/Sgt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**21 November 1944 at HESSELACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command & (e) XI/III**PLACE: **ERNST-SPIDERSLEBEN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) probably for loss**  
**21 November 1944, between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**  
EM. LANDING: AT: **not recognizable**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**WILBUR**

FIRST NAME:

**CHARLES**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**0-77827 1stLt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**21 November 1944 near to XIENACH**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (o) XI/III**PLACE: **BOURBON-BINDERSLEBEN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944  
between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.  
EN. LANDING: ATMOT more recognizableNAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **BIRCH**FIRST NAME: **ORAL B**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-423562 1st Lt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to KISEHACK**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (a) 21/111**

PLACE: **~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ XXXXX XXXXXXXXXX**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
EM. LANDING: **between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**  
**AT: not recognizable**

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

FIRST NAME: **JACK L.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **2120466 2/sgt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 at XXXXXX**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPOST: **Air Base Command / Air Base Area Command 5/III**LOCATION: **ERFURT**DATE: **27 November 1944**DATE AND TIME:  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **21 November 1944 1230**PLACE OF CRASH:  
(NEAREST TOWN) **HOERACK / KIRNACK**KIND OF CAPTURE: **Day-Fighter**  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17 G Fortress**MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **Star A, V Triangle**  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)ADMITTANCE NO: **48348**EQUIPMENT: **see below**  
F.T. FREQUENCIES: **see below**  
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **80 % damage, crash**DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: **Wingcase 60%, Landing Gear 60%, Wings 70%, Tail Unit 70%**  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) **Engine: Type 9 cylinders Pratt & Whitney,****1. not found, 2. 80 % damage, 3. 75 % damage, 4. not found.****Propeller: Hamilton Standard, severely damaged.****Armament: 4 12.7 mm Browning Machine Gun Cal. 5000, movable, 3 side position,  
2 cockpit****Sight: Electrical sight.****F.T.: The Detection device for night-fighter was fixed in the first turret.  
The other F.T. units were partly severely damaged and cannot be  
salvaged and identified before the aircraft has been salvaged.****see special appendix.**  
**Disposition of <sup>the</sup> rest: 1 done, rest not recognizable.****KENNETH HASTINGS, 0784311 T 43-44 buried: Graveyard HOERACK grave No. 1****PERMANENT  
MAJOR**

11 November 1944

around 1930

Perimeter 17

8 in west BOSTON District KENNEDY  
in WILMINGTON

0 A



48008

VI . (a)

AMFIELD HEVON

90% Storage

1 and ?



**SI-1111**

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **448**

**-OBERURSEL-**

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

**1111**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

**26 November 1944**

THROUGH:

TIME:

**0845 a.m.**

ROLL:

FROM:

**1111**

THROUGH:

**Eschler**

REMARKS:

**SI 11 - 1111 448 26/11 1944**  
**TO: Computing Center West OBERURSEL, TENSUS**  
**Report on Capture of Enemy Aircraft.**

- A) Place of Crash: 3 km west MOORAH, District HERRSCH, in WIESENTHAL.**
- B) Time of Crash: 21 November 1944, around 1230**
- C) Type of Aircraft: BOMBING AIRCRAFT**
- D) Status of Craft: Tail Unit white W in black triangle behind A**
- E) Kind of Captures: probably F1ak**
- F) Airbase No. 48943**
- G) Condition of Aircraft: Cell: 005, Engines 25-225 damage.**
- H) Disposition of Crew: 1 dead, 2000 not recognizable, Part of them captured.**

**Air Base Command A (a) 21/11**

**a/ HENTAG, Major.**

6-3224.AF(5)

**12) 1230**

8 km west of Mesbach, 8 1/2 km south of Mesbach, in EA 3, Fortress II, 95 1/2. Markings: on film: white "W" in a black triangle, after insignia "A" . 1 desi, remaining ones unknown disposition. Claims: 14 Flak Div.

INSTALLED WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1307666
2. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1307791
3. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1308378
4. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1307268
5. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1097241
6. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1090993
7. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1308145
8. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1308356
9. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1306642
10. Buffalo Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1305729

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HASTINGS, Kenneth S.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: O-764011  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Flight (Bomber)~~ Pilot, CA

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? WE NOT KNOWN

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

TO LOSS OF PLANE HASTINGS seemed oxygen HAPPY A <sup>OVER INTERPHONE</sup>

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? PILOTS SCAT

Any hearsay information: WE HAD HEARD THAT HE WAS

KILLED ON THE GROUND - NOT RELIABLE

SOURCE

Source: OTHER PRISONERS

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

HAVE BEEN OXYGEN HAPPY & DIDN'T GET

OUT AT ALL - SINCE HIS CONVERSATION

DIDN'T MAKE SENSE OVER INTERPHONE

RIGHT BEFORE WE WERE HIT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20

Dates and destinations if possible: CAN'T RECALL

a-1

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MORGAN DAVID G Rank S/SGT Serial No. 1318-375
2. Organization 398<sup>th</sup> Gp Commande. Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MERSBURG, target, OIL REFINERIES, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? LEAD - HIGH SQD
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". MINCHOFF OUT TAIL ESCAPE HATCH - MADLUNG, MCMENAMAN OUT WAIST ESCAPE HATCH - SPRAGGINS, BUZZA OUT NOSE HATCH - OATHE REST NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DIDN'T SEE IT HIT
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE TO MY 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 described above? WHEN TAKEN PRISONER I SAW ALL OF OUR CREW EXCEPT HASTINGS
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HASTINGS, Kenneth S.**  
 Rank: **1st Lt.**  
 Serial number: **C-764011**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~ **Pilot, CA**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS IN PILOT SEAT WHEN I LEFT PLANE

Was he injured? NO - AS FAR AS I KNOW

Where was he when last seen? IN PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: HE WAS SUFFERING FROM LACK OF

OXYGEN

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

HE WAS SUFFERING FROM ANOXIA WHICH MAY HAVE  
 BEEN THE REASON HE NEVER LEFT THE PLANE WHEN  
 THE REST OF THE CREW DID

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GEORGE V. SPRAGGINS Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 33776555
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander HUNTER Rank COL. Sqn CO MILLER Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV. day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, MERSEBURG OIL, target time, 12:10 APRX., altitude, 27,000 FT. route scheduled, No  
KNOWLEDGE, route flown No KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST LEFT TARGET
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". PILOT. BOMBARDIER NAV. BAILED OUT NOSE HATCH. RADIO OP. RADAR OP. AND BOTH WAIST GUNNERS WENT OUT WAIST DOOR - TAIL GUNNER WENT OUT TAIL HATCH MYSELF (ENGINEER) BAILED OUT BOMB BAYS
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) C.A. PILOT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
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? THE C.A. PILOT WAS IN PILOT SEAT WHEN I LEFT PLANE
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HASTINGS, Kenneth S.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: O-764011  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Engineer~~: Pilot, CA

Did he bail out? Unknown except Co-Pilot believed one chute left plane after Co-Pilot jumped.

Where? Near Erfurt

If not, why not? Ship believed to have blown up in air.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Pilot gave order to abandon plane. He gave the order repeatedly.

Was he injured? Unknown except for engineer's belief he may have been hit.

Where was he when last seen? Pilot's compartment

Any hearsay information: Co-Pilot saw one chute leave plane after he jumped.

Engineer said he had blood other than his own on him; no other crew members who bailed out injured at time. Pilot's oxygen supply was short when Navigator bailed out.

Source: Co-Pilot and Engineer after capture.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Sixteen

Dates and destinations if possible: From September 3, 1944 to November 21, 1944  
Central Germany



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Oral B. Birch Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-723562
2. Organization A. C. Gp Commander Hunter Rank Col. Sqn CO Jean Miller Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Merseberg, target, Oil Refinery, target  
time, 12:30 P.M., altitude, 26,000 Ft. route scheduled, Hannover  
Mers. Frankfurt, route flown Hannover, Merseberg, Frankfurt.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Eisenock near Erfurt
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Nine crew members. Yes. One unknown
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". All bailed out in vicinity of Erfurt and were taken prisoners, except Pilot whose fate unknown.
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 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot's fate unknown
11. Where were they in aircraft? Unknown
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Five enlisted men and co-pilot last seen at Dulag Luft. Co-pilot's arm broken. Others seemed alright. Bombardier and Radar Navigator seen in New York after Liberation.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO information

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HASTINGS, Kenneth S.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-764011  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~ Pilot, CA

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 15 miles East of Erfurt, Germany. Over Weissenfels, Germany

if not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: In pilot seat talking with Lt. Buzza

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: German Major at Frankfurt Interrogation Center told me Lt. Hastings was killed by 20mm fire.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was shot in his chute by German fighter because a few days later at Frankfurt Interrogation Center one of the copilots from another plane in our squadron told me that he was fired on at the same time during his descent.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26 I believe

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Eugene Paul Minchoff Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 33617208
2. Organization 398 Co Commander Hunter Rank Col Sqd CO Moore Rank Maj  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month November day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Marsburg, target, Oil refineries, target  
time, 1315, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, unknown  
route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? 15 miles East of Erfurt, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all members of crew bailed 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". All crew members bailed out at about 1350 the 21st Nov. 1944. All went out designated hatches. All members were uninjured to my knowledge. About 15 minutes after landing S/Sgt David Morgan, gunner and I ~~met~~ met at Weissenfels, Germany after being captured. The remainder of our crew except Lt. Hastings, met at \*
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It blew up after we left plane.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
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? S/Sgt Jack E. Madlung, waist gunner, was last seen about 15 March 1945 at Anklam, Germany. At that time he was sick and nearly starved. 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Buzza, pilot, was last seen about 4 Dec. 1944 at the Interrogation Center at Frankfurt, Germany. At that time he had a broken arm. All the other crew members I saw at Camp Lucky Strike Le Harve, France after our liberation from the Germans.
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)

\* Erfurt, Germany about 4 days later.

KV-3333

10412

Attached to this case are :

1 Leather strap O.N. CHRIST

7 Identification tags

LAUFER, MARVIN  
O-710301 T4344 O

KENNETH L. BUZZA  
O-623304 T43 44 A  
P

GEORGE SPRAGGINS  
38776555 T43-44 A  
C

JACK R. MADENHO  
30350486 T-41-42 B  
C

MORGAN, DAVID G.  
1838376 T43-44 A  
P

ORAL B. RIMM  
O-728563 T43-44 A  
P

KENNETH S. HASTINGS  
O-784011 T43-4 O  
P

18

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (a) 31/III**PLACE: **REFUG-BINDORSEKUN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) **OF, Boeing Fortress 21 November 1944**EN. LANDING: **AT: MOORACH at KISSEACH**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **HASTINGS**FIRST NAME: **KENNETH S**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O- 764011 543 4 0**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **found dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **23 November 1944, Graveyard MOORACH****No personal effects.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (c) 21/III**

PLACE: **REFUG-BINDERSLEH**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Enemy Aircraft (Type unknown), 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**

EM. LANDING: AT: **unknown**

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

FIRST NAME: **DAVID**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **15185375 S/Sgt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to HISENACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (e) 32/III**PLACE: **~~BRUNNEN-BINDERSLITZER~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Enemy Aircraft (Type unknown) 21 November 1944  
between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.****EM. LANDING: AT: unknown**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **SPRAGGINS**FIRST NAME: **GEORGE**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **33776555 T/ Sgt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to KISSEACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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

PLACE: **~~REPORT-BINDER-XXXX~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) **OF, Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
**Between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**

EN. LANDING: **AT: not more recognizable**

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

FIRST NAME: **MARVIN**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-710281 2nd Lt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to HIEHNACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (c) 21/III**PLACE: **REURE-BIEDERSTEIN**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Enemy Aircraft type unknown , 21 November 1944**  
between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.EM. LANDING: AT: **not more recognizable**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **NINHOFF**FIRST NAME: **EUGENE E.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **33617898 S/Sgt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 near to HISENACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (e) XI/III**PLACE: **BRUNNEN-BIRKENHAGEN**

DATE:

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.****EM. LANDING: AT: unknown**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **BUZZA**FIRST NAME: **KENNETH I.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-823304 1st Lt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured wounded**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 at KISINACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (e) 31/III**PLACE: **~~REPORT-3111111111~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.EM. LANDING: AT: **not recognizable**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **MCCHEAMIN**FIRST NAME: **JOHN**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **33368187 T/Sgt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944 at HISENACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (e) XI/III**PLACE: **REFUGAT-BINDERGLAHE**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) probably Fortress  
21 November 1944, between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**EM. LANDING: AT: **not recognizable**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**WILBUR**

FIRST NAME:

**CHARLES**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**O-778927 1stLt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**21 November 1944 near to HISSHACW**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (e) 21/III**PLACE: **~~REPORT-BINDENLEBEN~~**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown) 21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**EN. LANDING: AT: **not more recognizable**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

**BIRCH**

FIRST NAME:

**ORAL B**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

**0-723562 1st Lt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

**captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**21 November 1944 near to NISENACH**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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

PLACE: ~~XX~~ **REPORT\* BIEDERSLIEBE**

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Enemy Aircraft (type unknown )** **21 November 1944**  
**between 1200 a.m. and 0100 p.m.**  
EM. LANDING: AT **not recognizable**

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

FIRST NAME: **JACK R.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **35150486** **S/Sgt.**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **21 November 1944** **at BIEDERSLIEBE**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPOST: **Air Base Command / Air Base Area Command 5/III**LOCATION: **ERFURT**DATE: **27 November 1944**

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **21 November 1944 1230**PLACE OF CRASH: **MOSSBACH / EISENBACH**  
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: **Day-Fighter**  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17 G Fortress**MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **Star A, W Triangle**  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)ADMITTANCE NO: **48348**EQUIPMENT: **see below**F.T. FREQUENCIES: **see below**CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **80% damage, crash**DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: **Fuselage 60%, Landing Gear 68%, Wings 80%, Tail Unit 75%**  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) **Engines: Type 9 Cylinders Pratt & Whitney,****1. not found, 2. 80% damage, 3. 75% damage, 4. not found.****Propeller: Hamilton Standard, severely damaged.****Armament: 4 12.7 mm Browning Machine Guns Cal. 5002, movable, 2 Side position,  
2 cockpit****Sight: Electrical sight.****P.T.: The Detection device for night-fighter was fixed in the first turret.  
The other P.T. units were partly severely damaged and cannot be  
salvaged and identified before the aircraft has been salvaged.****see special appendix.****Disposition of crew: 1 dead, rest not recognizable.****KENNETH HASTINGS, 0764011 F 43-44 buried: Graveyard MOSSBACH grave No. 1**a/  
**FRITZ  
Major**



REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command / Air Base Area Command 5/III

LOCATION: **KREUZT**

DATE: 27 November 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 21 November 1944 1230

PLACE OF CRASH: **MOOSBACH / KREUZT**  
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: **Day-Fighter**  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing B 17 G Fortress**MARKINGS OF CRAFT: **Star A, V Triangle**  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 48348

EQUIPMENT: see below  
F.T. FREQUENCIES: see below  
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 80 % damage, crashDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Fuselage 60%, Landing Gear 68%, Wings 80%, Tail Unit 70%  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) Engines: Type 9 Cylinders Pratt & Whitney,

1. not found, 2. 80 % damage, 3. 75 % damage, 4. not found.

Propeller: Hamilton Standard, severely damaged.

Armament: 4 12.7 mm Browning Machine Guns Cal. 50MB, movable, 3 Side position,  
2 cockpit

Sight: Electrical sight.

F.T.: The Detection device for night-fighter was fixed in the first turret.  
The other F.T. units were partly severely damaged and cannot be  
salvaged and identified before the aircraft has been salvaged.

see special appendix.

Disposition of "rev: 1 dead, rest not recognizable.

**KENNETH HATTING**, 0764011 T 43-44 buried: Graveyard MOOSBACH grave No. 1s/  
**FREITAS**  
Major

KU-5355

21 November 1944

around 1230

Fortress 17

3 km west MOORACH District HIRSHACH

O A



in WILDGATTER

48348

F1 . (a)

Airfield REPORT

90% damage

1 dead ?

KU-3355

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 440

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LIJL

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

26 November 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

0840 a.m.

ROLL:

FROM:

LIJL

THROUGH:

Kochler

REMARKS:

S S B - LIJL 478 26/11 1330  
TO: Computing Center West OBERURSEL, FAHUS  
Report on Capture of Enemy Aircraft.

- A) Place of Crash: 3 km west MOOSBACH, District KESNACH, in WILDGATTER.
- B) Time of Crash: 21 November 1944 around 1230
- C) Type of Aircraft: Boeing Fortress
- D) Marks of Craft: Tail Unit white W in black triangle behind A
- E) Kind of Capture: probably Flak
- F) Admittance No. 48348
- G) Condition of Aircraft: Cell: 95% , Engines 65-85% damage.
- H) Disposition of Crew: 1 dead, rest not recognizable, Part of them captured.

Air Base Command A (o) XI/III

s/ FENYAG, Major.

6-3224, AF(5)

1st Lt Kenneth S. Hastings

Mr. Fred H. Hastings (Father)  
187 Marston Avenue  
Lancaster, Mass

1st Lt Kenneth L. Dussa

Mrs. Marjorie M. Dussa (Wife)  
Post Office Building  
Halla Dale, Florida

2nd Lt Marvin Laufer

Mrs. Marvin Laufer (Mother)  
878 Irving Street  
Brooklyn, New York

1st Lt. Carl E. Birch

Mrs. Marion E. Birch (Wife)  
1827 South 14th Street  
East Salt Lake City, Utah

1st Lt. Charles E. Wilber

Mrs. Charles E. Wilber (Wife)  
2824 South East 48th Street  
Portland, Oregon

2/Sgt. George V. Spraggins

Mrs. Margaret Spraggins (Mother)  
2824 North 18th Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2/Sgt. John A. Mc Kenna

Mrs. Johanna G. Mc Kenna (Mother)  
Rural Delivery One  
Ashers, Pennsylvania

2/Sgt. Jack E. Madlung

Mrs. Eva V. Madlung (Mother)  
Nancy, Indiana

2/Sgt. David G. Morgan

Mr. Albert E. Morgan (Father)  
1574 Howard Avenue  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

2/Sgt. Eugene P. Kinschiff

Mrs. Mathilda Kinschiff (Mother)  
2021 West Market Street  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

511 9M 1200 E

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~



NAV No 544

Actual	ROUTE FOLLOWED BY	
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

