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to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

REPORT ON CRASH REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, Walt, NOTHAMPTON Group 3937E BOMB HV
Squadron 600TH BOMB HV; Attachment NONE
Command or Air Force 8TH AIR FORCE 70° True into IP
2. SPECIFIC: Area of Operation AAF STATION 151 Course 10° True from IP
Target or Purpose of Mission MERSBURG, GERMANY to Target
Type of Mission OPERATIONAL BOMBING
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS: AS VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST CONTACTED
Vis: vertically 3 mi, unrestricted alt. Lt contrails at 26000 ft.
RM: Acraft at 26000 ft. Temp -42°. Clouds 2/10 thin 15 at 4-5000, smoke &
4. TIME: (a) Day 30 March 1944; (b) Time 1224; and location Base.
(IP) 5039E 1238E of last known whereabouts of missing A/C.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); last contacted by radio (); forced down (); seen to crash (); or information not available ().
5. AIRCRAFT: (a) IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, and (b) REASON OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; AAF Serial No. 43-38468
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any none
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97
AAF Serial No. (a) SW-025910; (b) SW-025410; (c) SW-025528
(d) SW-025321
9. INSTALLATIONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____;
(e) (See atchd list); (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____;
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____;
10. THE FOLLOWING LISTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
NIA or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9

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

Crew Position (Last Name First) Rank Serial Number Status

Crew Position	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Status
Pilot	Kenn, Roger J.	1st Lt	0-812702	NIA KIA
Ce-Pilot	Bagley, Charles P.	1st Lt	0-765213	NIA KIA
Navigator	Weedcock Jr., William E.	1st Lt	0-772104	NIA POW RTD
Tegular	Fletcher, Richard E.	S Sgt	15031872	NIA INT RTD
Engineer	Zass, John L.	S Sgt	39659899	NIA KIA
Radio Operator	Holbig, Herbert A.	T Sgt	32868322	NIA KIA
Waist Gunner	Bryne, Felix E.	S Sgt ^{CO}	32983524	NIA KIA
Tailurret Gun	Craver, Robert F.	S Sgt	12216295	NIA POW RTD
Tail Gunner	Stain, Charles E.	S Sgt	39294628	NIA KIA

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

18. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE WITNESSES WHO WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE HEARD
 SOUND OF AIRCRAFT, AND ONE OR MORE OF APPLICABLE COLUMNS TO INDICATE
 BASIS OF HEARING:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Initial	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forces Landing
1. Breckman, James W.	Sgt	88474623		X		
2. Telechko, Joseph S.	2d Lt	0-820102		X		
3. Mairs, James D.	2d Lt	0-2056623		X		

19. BY OBSERVATION OR BELIEF I SAW OR HEARD, REFER YOU 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) _____

24. ATTACH RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR OTHER DATA, AND THE
 APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT AT LAST VIEW OR HEARD FROM.

15. ATTACH DESCRIPTION OR DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCES LANDING, OR
 OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO INCIDENT OF CRASH.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NO. OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF
 SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DATES AND PLACES WHERE _____

No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 6 December 1944

Walter L. Campbell
WALTER L. CAMPBELL, Capt, Air Corps,
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
Station Statistical Officer.

17. REASONS FOR ANY INCOMPLETE RESPONSES:

See attached statements.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IMPORTANCE: This report is classified as "Confidential" because it contains information the disclosure of which could result in the identification of confidential sources and methods of the FBI.

1. ORGANIZATION: (Indicate whether the organization is a corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, labor union, etc.)
2. SPECIFY: (Indicate whether the organization is a domestic or foreign organization, and if foreign, specify the country.)
3. DETAILED ADDRESS: (Indicate the complete address of the organization, including street, city, state, and zip code.)
4. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: (Indicate the nature of the organization, such as labor union, professional association, etc.)
5. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION: (Indicate the date and location of the information, and the name of the person providing the information.)
6. APOGRAPHY: (Indicate the name of the person providing the information, and the date and location of the information.)
7. NUMBER: (Indicate the number of persons involved in the information.)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Indicate the type and number of weapons installed, and the date and location of the installation.)
9. THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS WERE SUSPECTED OF: (Indicate the names of the persons suspected of the crime, and the date and location of the information.)
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS KNOWN TO: (Indicate the number of persons known to the organization, and the date and location of the information.)
11. IDENTIFY AT LEAST THREE OF THOSE KNOWN TO: (Indicate the names of at least three persons known to the organization, and the date and location of the information.)
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE ORGANIZATION, STATE THE NAMES OF SUCH PERSONS AND THE DATE AND LOCATION OF SUCH CONTACT.
13. ADDRESS OF THE PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE ORGANIZATION.
14. ADDRESS OF THE PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE ORGANIZATION.
15. ADDRESS OF THE PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY THE ORGANIZATION.

6. Date of Report: _____
 7. Name of Reporter: _____
 8. Name of Agent: _____
 9. Name of Supervisor: _____
 10. Name of Chief of Office: _____

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)
 Prepared by: _____
 Checked by: _____

Enclosure
Statement

WGR: 11115

Course: 70° True Into IP 10° True From IP to Target

Weather Conditions and Visibility at time of crash or when last reported:

Visibility: vertically 3 mi., unrestricted aloft. No contrails at 36000 ft.
Aircraft at 36000 ft. Temp - 42°. Clouds: 2/10 than 15 at 36000. Smoke &
None.

INSTALLED WEAPONS:

	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1220284
2.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	418740
3.	Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1046720
4.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	122225
5.	Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1046527
6.	Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	418708
7.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1221258
8.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1220188
9.	Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1046732
10.	Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1046615
11.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1220171
12.	Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mech Gun	1220152

STATEMENT

On the interphone, I heard the Co-Pilot say that Lt. Worm's ship had been hit and was going down. Approximately twenty seconds later I saw a ship in a dive directly under our ship and it was burning from the wing. The flames seemed to be reaching as far back as the horizontal stabilizer. When I first saw the ship it was approximately one-thousand feet below us. In the dive at approximately four-thousand feet below us it exploded in mid air. Flames shot through the air and parts of the plane were scattered nearly all directions. During the dive, I did not see any one bail out. There is a possibility that some one could have gotten out between the time that it was hit and the time I first saw it.

1/6/45 JAMES W. BROWN, 0074500
Sgt, 5021 Bomb Sq
3d Bomb Group, 48th Bomb Wing
CAF

STATEMENT

As the bomb bay doors were opening, our ship received a few direct bursts of flak. No. 3 engine number three engine was hit and fire poured from the right side of the airplane. I turned the cockpit and number three engine. He dropped straight down and was the last any of our crew saw of him.

1/6/45 JERRY W. BROWN, 0074500
Sgt, 5021 Bomb Sq
3d Bomb Group, 48th Bomb Wing
CAF

STATEMENT

We hit the IV at 1518 and encountered flak almost immediately after turning toward the target. The flak was moderate and of any accurate tracking type. The group leader was doing evasive action. I could tell that some of the ships were getting hit. At 1520 Lt. Worm, leader of the high element nosed down in a steep dive. I watched as the plane nosed down, hoping that he would level off but he never did. I could see flames and fire from number three engine. Before the plane went through the clouds I saw some one bail out from the right side of the plane and just as he showed the plane exploded very violently. I never saw any crates open up and the plane was in many pieces before going through the clouds that I could see. I did not see the wreckage.

1/6/45 JERRY W. BROWN, 0074500
Sgt, 5021 Bomb Sq
3d Bomb Group, 48th Bomb Wing
CAF

INSTALLED WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1220264
2. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	413640
3. Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C MachGun	1046720
4. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	122223
5. Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1046527
6. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	413708
7. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1221259
8. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1220168
9. Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1046712
10. Colt Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1046613
11. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1220171
12. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1220182

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398th Bombardment Group (E)
Herseburg, Germany, 30 November 1944

HIGH SQUADRON "A" Group 1st CEW FORMATION
two minutes before the I P

Pappas
Anderson, K.W.
A-8044-X PFF

Atkinson
M-8805-G

Arner
N-8121-Q

Zelstead
M-8164-H

Riley
M-2592-G

Lean
N-8064-H

Cummings
N-8708-T

Johnson, TM
M-2519-K

Telschke
M-2536-C

Rannion
A-7317-P

Spohelts
M-8564-X

Wour
N-8463-X

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38463, Pilot, 1st Lt Roger J Weum, O-812702, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Ev on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 30 November 1944.

On the interphone, I heard the Co-Pilot say that Lt Weum's ship had been hit and was going down. Approximately twenty seconds later I saw a ship in a dive directly under our ship and it was burning from the wing. The flames seemed to be reaching as far back as the horizontal stabilizer. When I first saw the ship it was approximately one-thousand feet below us. In the dive at approximately four-thousand feet below us it exploded in mid air. Flames shot through the air and parts of the plane were sent in nearly all directions. During the dive, I did not see any one bail out. There is a possibility that some one could have gotten out between the time that it was hit and the time I first saw it.

James W. Brockman

JAMES W BROCKMAN, 38474623
Sgt, 600th Bomb Sq
Ball Turret Gunner B17G 43-38564

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38465, Pilot, 1st Lt
Roger J Weum, O-812702, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Ev on
Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 30 November 1944.

Just as the bomb bay doors were opening, our element received a
few direct bursts of flak. Lt Weum's number three engine seemed to
explode and fire poured from the right side of the airplane, between
the cockpit and number three engine. He dropped straight down. That
was the last any of our crew saw of him.

Joseph S. Tolochko

JOSEPH S TOLOCHKO, O-820102
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 42-102536

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J. P.

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 45-38465, Pilot, 1st Lt Roger J Weum, O-812702, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hq on Operational Mission to Herseburg, Germany 30 November 1944.

Lead Squadron hit IP at 1324. Lt Weum was hit before the IP.

We hit the IP at 1318 and encountered flak almost immediately after turning toward the target. The flak was moderate and very accurate tracking type. The group leader was doing evasive action. I could tell that some of the ships were getting hit. At 1325 Lt Weum, leader of the high element nosed down in a steep dive. I watched as the plane lost altitude hoping that he would level off but he never did. I could see flame coming from number three engine. Before the plane went through the clouds I saw one man come from the right side of the plane and just as he cleared the plane it exploded very violently. I never saw any chutes open up and the plane was in so many pieces before going through the clouds that I couldn't distinguish any men from the wreckage.

X

James D. Mairs
JAMES D MAIRS, O-2056625
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Navigator, 42-102592

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3-2 SUMMARY OF WITNESSED ACCOUNTS

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 Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 398th SQ 600th A/C # 43-38463 MISSION DATE 30 Nov. 44

FIRST PILOT WEUM, ROGER JAMES 1st Lt 0-812702 DESTINATION Merseburg, Ger.
NAME RANK SER.#

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

(a) By coordinates Approximately 5039N-1138E

(b) Approximate altitude LOI Unknown

(c) Wind noted heading Unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Steep dive out of formation

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

Flak intense and accurate

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

Saw plane go down in flames just after reaching I.P. with its right wing engulfed in flame. No. 3 engine on fire at about 1323. Reported to have later exploded at 23,000'.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft left formation in a slow spiral downward.

(Over)

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

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

No parachutes seen but one body believed to have been observed falling.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Nil

8. Date of report 4 December 1944

<u>RE-INTERVIEW:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>A/C #</u>	
1.	<u>Runyon, James D.</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-826002</u>	<u>317 P</u>
2.	<u>Steele, Robert E.</u>	<u>603</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-826025</u>	<u>864 F</u>
3.	<u>Spitzer, Ernest W.</u>	<u>603rd</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-693902</u>	<u>091 L</u>
4.	<u>Armor, Raymond H.</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-819091</u>	<u>697 M</u>
5.	<u>Austin, Richard M.</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-761532</u>	<u>794 J</u>
<u>EMEROGATION OFFICER (sign Original and one copy):</u>					
6.	<u>Riley, Howard K.</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-760981</u>	<u>592 G</u>

Matthew Meyer

MATTHEW MEYER

RANK
Captain, AC

SERIAL
0-561680

DUTY
Asst. Gp. S-2

NOTE: Subsequent information developing subsequent to this account shall be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter 1, PG, 704 of July 1943 OCS, subject "Reporting Air Ops Reports", 1 July 1943.

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11143

Name of crew member:

WERN, Roger J.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-812702

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't knowLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter-phone contact a few minutes before bailing out

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I thinkhe was killed in plane as I could
not make contact on interphone just
before I bailed out and we had had
several close bursts of flackTotal number of missions of above crew member: 33Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11145

Name of crew member:

BAGLEY, Charles P.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-765218

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

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: Later -phone about ten minutes before bail outWas he injured? No knowledgeWhere was he when last seen? Before mission

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sameas Pilot (Wear)Total number of missions of above crew member: 31Dates and destinations if possible: I don't rememberbut he had been to Mexico about
4 times before

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11145

Name of crew member:

ZASA, John L.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

3959999

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Engineer

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter phone 10 min before bailing out.

Was he injured? ---

Where was he when last seen? Before mission

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Saw as pilot and copilot

Total number of missions of above crew member: 257

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11143

Name of crew member:

HEIBIG, Herbert A.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

32868322

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter-
phone 10 mins. before bailing out.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11145

Name of crew member:

HYRNE, Felix E.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

32983524

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Observer~~

Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Same as rest of crew

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Was on last mission of 10

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 13143

Name of crew member:

STEIN, Charles E.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

39294528

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

as part of crew

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Bombing target

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FLETCHER, RICHARD E. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 10-31871
2. Organization 3rd Gp Commander Rank 1st Lt Sqn CO Eugene D. Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 11 day 3 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Search, target, 14000, target
time, 11:25, altitude, 14000 route scheduled, 14000
route flown 14000
5. Where were you when you left formation? 5 miles from target
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - 1st Lt. Rank
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 14000
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 3 above and individual questionnaires) 1st Lt. Rank
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? 3-yr. Prisoner in Good shape
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Remarks:

KU 3403 , 3408

Jena, 1 Dec 44

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Rank</u> , <u>Name</u> , <u>Age</u>	<u>Army-Unit</u> <u>married or</u> <u>single</u>	<u>Date and</u> <u>Cause of</u> <u>Injury</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Sgt Richard Fletcher (American) 25 Years	unknown	30 Nov 44 Air-Craft Downing by Flak Amputation of left leg above knee.	Sgt Richard Fletcher has been wounded on 30 Nov 44, 13.30 by Flak-Shrapnel) (left leg) when he bailed out of a bur- ning aircraft and ha been transferred to Surgical Clinic, Jena University. Amputated 30 Nov 44 23.00. He will be transferred to PW Reserve-Hosp. Hildburghausen after about 14 days. Aircraft was downed near Schoengleina, Stadtroda District

Distributor:

Air-District Command III Dresden
Sanitation Group Weimar
Air-Base Head-Quarters Weimar-Kohra
Interrogation Center West , Oberursel.

(Geuer)

(Oberfeldarzt)
and Station Chief Surgeon

1 partly seared Paper-Slip with following names:

W e u m , R.J. 0-812702
 W h i t e , J.L. 0-776166
 A g n e w , E.H. 0-2060183
 H a r r o d , F.D. 0-777468
 S t o f f e r , L.J. 3921090
 J o h n s o n H.D. 36301732
 D a v i d s o n , Wm H. 19C25163
 K i s e r , K. 35059107
 C o n t e n t o J. 32376908
 F l o r e s , D.V. 18321872

1 Identification Tag: Chas. E. S t e i n 39294628 T -43-44 AB. P.
 1 " § : Felix E. B y r n e 32983524 T -43-44 A.C.
 1 " " : Roger J. W e u m 0-812702 T-42-43 O.P.
 1 " " : John L. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Z a s a 39559999 T-43-44 B.C.

FORM 62

RestrictedREPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air - Base Headquarters A (c) 33 / III Weimar - Nohra
 Air - Section Command 5 / III
 LOCATION: Weimar - Nohra
 DATE: 3 Dec 44

DATE AND TIME: 30 Nov 44 13.30
 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN Grossloebichau, 10 KM East Jena

PLACE OF CRASH: Grossloebichau, 10 KM East Jena
 (NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: Flak
 (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
 EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B-17 Fortress, Return-flight

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: On fin black triangle with W
 (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 339463 (on red ground)

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98 % Loss, Burned after Crash.

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Enemy Instruments Examination Center
 (DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) Air - District Command III Qd / Ig Ing.
 Air - Base Section Command
 Interrogation Center West Oberursel.

Guarded by: Auxiliary Police

<u>5 Dead:</u>	1.)	Sgt	Z a s a	John	39559999	Cemetery Grossloebichau	Grave: 1
	2.)	"	B y r n e	Felix	32983524	"	" 2
	3.)	"	S t e i n	Ghas	39294628	"	" 6
	4.)	1st Lt	B a g l e y	Charles	0-765218	"	" 5
	5.)	"	W e u m	Royer	0-812702	"	" 4
	6.)	S/Set	H e l b i g	?	?	"	" 3

(Identified by Major Weidemann)

3 Captured:

				<u>Place and date where capt.</u>	<u>Whereabouts</u>
1.)	Sgt	G r a v e r	Robert	12216293 6 KM east Jena 30 Nov 44	to Interro- gation Cent er West
2.)	1st Lt.	W o o d c o c k	William	0-772104 Rodigast 30 Nov 44	4 Dec 44 " "
3.)	Sgt	F l e t c h e r	Richard	15081872 6-3224.AF(4) 6 KM East Jena 30 Nov 44	Transferred to Clinic Jena

Fuselage: 98 % Loss Landing Gear: 98 % Loss
 Wings : 98 % Loss Tail-Assembly : 98 % Loss

Type of Engine: Star - Studebaker
 No.1: R-1820-97 No. of 2-4: Notfound

10 Mash Guns 12,7 mm , Type not ascertained

Rear- Sight: " " "

Amunition: 12,7 mm , black tips, gray tips.

Bombs: 6 (100 Kg each)

Type of Bomb-Rack and Bomb-Sight: Not ascertained

Armor-Plating: 8 MM on sides, 10 mm Stern

Antenna-adjusting aparatus

BS-306-B

RF-Unit Type 25

Receiver Type R-1355

Indicator " 52

Radar Transmitter T-26/ Lot 2

Type of camera: Not ascertained

Fuel: " "

The Boeing has been shot down by Flak J e n a and crashed burning with her bombs North of the High-Way Jena-Buergel. The Place of Crash is about 500 Mtr East of the High-way Grossloebichau-Jenaloebnitz (Junction: Jena-Buergel and Grossloebichau-Jenaloebnitz) about 500 Mtr north of the Highway Jena-Buergel close to woods. The dnids (6) have been rendered safe by exploding Detail Luftmana Oberndorf. 2 Burned Crew members were found west of Place of Crash and 2 were burned in wreck. 2 More were found partly burned about 150 mtr west of high-way Grossloebichau - Jenaloebnitz. The 6 Dead were buried in Cemetery Grossloebichau after Identification. Crash: Completely, 89 % . The gunner F l e t c h e r lost one leg by Flak-shrapnel, some ~~XXX~~ of the daed had penetrating Shrapnel wounds and have been thrown clear of plane by explosion of bombs. The Escape-Kits of the Dead were opened and only two Escape-maps were found. No money could be found.

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RestrictedREPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Base Headquarters A (o) 33 / III

PLACE: Weimar - Mohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17EN LANDING: AT: Grossloebichau, 10 Km East of Jena
30 Nov 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Woodcock

FIRST NAME: William H. 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-772104 T-43-44 O.P.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Rodigast near Schoenglaine, about 10 KM East
of Jena, 30 Nov 44 14.30

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17SN-LANDING:- AT: Groszloebichan, 10 KM East of J e n a
30 Nov 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C r a v e r

FIRST NAME: Robert W. Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 12216295 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 6 KM East of Jena, 30 Nov 44

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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PLACE: Weimar

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17EM-LANDING: AT: Grossloebichau, 10 KM East of Jena
30 Nov 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Bagley

FIRST NAME: Charles P. 1st Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-765216 T-43-44 O.P.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichau, South-West Corner,
2 Dec 44, Grave No: 5

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Air - Base Headquarters A (o) 33 /III
Weimar
I c / Captains

Weimar-Nohra,
4 Dec 1944

To Interrogation Center West , Oberursel, F a u n u s.

Together with the To-days Transfer of captured USA Airforce-Members, the following Items are being handed over herewith.

- 1 Package with partly torn maps and papers
- 1 Leather-Case with broken navigation instruments.
- 1 Envelope with various notes.
- 10 Envelopes with personal belongings of Captives.

Also enclosed: All Identification Papers of Crew members
of bombers (4 eng.) shot down near Grossloebichau
and Moderitz.

By order

Franke

Major.

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PLACE: Weimar - Nohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17SM-LANDING: AT: Grossloebichau, 10 K. East of Jeena.

30 Nov 44, 13.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Weum

FIRST NAME: Royer I. 1st Lt. (F.F.)

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-812702 T-42-43 P.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichau, South-West Corner
2 Dec 44, 09.00 Grave No: 4

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POST: Air - Base Headquarters A 60) 33 / III

PLACE: Weimer - Nohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Grossloebichen, 10 KM East of Jena
30 Nov 44 13.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Helbig
FIRST NAME: ? Staff Sgt
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) ?
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.
NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichen, South-West Corner,
2 Dec 44 09.00 Grave No: 3

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POST: Air - Base Headquarters A (o) 33 / III

PLACE: W i m a r / N o h r a

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17
EM-LANDING AT: Grossloebichau, 10 KM East Jena, 30 Nov 44 13.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S t e i n

FIRST NAME: C h a s H. Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39294628 T -43 - 44 A B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichau. South-West Corner
 2 Dec 44 09.00 Grave No: 6

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PLACE: Weimar / Nohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17
EM. LANDING: AT: Grossloebichau, 10 KM East Jena,
 30 Nov 44, 13.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Byrne
 FIRST NAME: Felix E. Sgt
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32983524 T-45-44 A.B.
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichau, South-West Wörner
 2 Dec 44 09.00 Grave No: 2

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POST: Air - Base Headquarters A (o) 30 / III

PLACE: W i m a r - M o h r a

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17EM. LANDING: AT: Grossloebichau, 10 KM East Jena
30 Nov 44 18.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Z a s s a

FIRST NAME: John L. Spt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39559899 T-40-44 B.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery Grossloebichau, South-West Corner
2 Dec 44 09.00 Grave No : 1

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POST: Air - Base Headquarter. A (o) 33 / III

PLACE: Weimar / Nohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17EX-LAMINGO AT: Grossloedichau, 10 KM East of Jena
30 Nov 44 13.30

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) F i e t c h e r

FIRST NAME: Richard Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 15091872

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Not exactly known, in Jena area on 30 Nov 44

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Prisoner now in Clinic in Jena. Leg amputated.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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FORM 62

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air - Base Headquarters A (o) 33 / III

LOCATION: Weimar / Hohra

DATE: 1 Dec 44

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 30 Nov 44 13.30

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) Groesloebichau, 10 KM East Jena

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING) Flak

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing 17 Fortress II

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) Black Triangle with big W

ADMITTANCE NO: 339463 (on red ground) below black X

EQUIPMENT: Not found

F.T. FREQUENCIES:
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98 % Loss , Crash-Fire.

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30 Nov 44 13.30
Grossloebichan, 10 KM East Jena

Flak (A)

Airport Weimar / Nohra.

Fortress 17

30 X ? 338463

98 % Loss

Lt.	W e n n	Robert J.	Dead
"	B a g l e y	Charles	"
"	W o o d c o c k	William	"
Sgt	Z e s a	John	"
"	B y r n e	Felix E.	"
"	S t e i n	Charles	"
"	C r a v e r	R.N.	?
"	F l e t c h e r	R.	?

5 Dead, 4 Captured

4 June 1945 SLA

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