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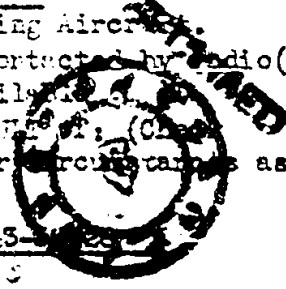
W. A. BRUNAS, Lt. Col., AC

AFHQ, Dept. AC

11 FEB 5 1945

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Nuthampstead, England Group 398th Bomb Bv  
Squadron 600 B Bomb Bv Detachment none  
Command Air Force 8th Air Force
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Nuthampstead, England Course 089 Mag  
Target or Intended Destination Stendal, Germany  
Type of Mission Operational Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Ht of Acft 12,000 ft; Temp -13 Deg, Cloud: Nil low cloud with moderate haze to 10-12,000 ft, 5/10 high cloud ext at 23-28,000 ft. Vis poor due to moderate haze.
- GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month FEB Year 1945; Time 1207 Approx and Location 5254N-1144E Approx of last known whereabouts of missing Aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio ( ) Forced down ( ) Seen to crash ( ) or information not available ( )
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy aircraft (X); Enemy anti-aircraft ( ) Other circumstances as follows:
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24G AAF Serial No. 45-2922
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT None
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-7 AAF Serial No. (a) SW-032357  
(b) SW-033030 (c) SW-032421 (d) SW-032889
- INSTALLED WEAPONS, 50 Cal Acft Machine Guns as follows:



Make	Serial Number	Make	Serial Number
(a) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031541	(b) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031557
(c) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031210	(d) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031222
(e) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031898	(f) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031411
(g) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031070	(h) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031239
(i) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031047	(j) General Motor Corp	1263570
(k) Colts Firearms Mfg	1031798	(l) General Motor Corp	1263590

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X or Non Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9

Following information listed for personnel aboard aircraft:  
Crew Position Name in Full Rank Serial Number Current Status

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
✓ 1. Pilot	Beatty, Hubert F	1st Lt	0-826648	MIA M/A
✓ 2. Co-Pilot	Honaker, James R Jr	2nd Lt	0-777678	MIA M/A
✓ 3. Navigator	Luna, James R	2nd Lt	0-2063259	MIA M/A
✓ 4. Toggler	Zook, Urle H	S/Sgt	15068900	MIA RTD
✓ 5. Engineer	Moore, Lawrence H	S/Sgt	14150057	MIA RTD
✓ 6. Radio Operator	Godson, James H	M/Sgt	6971018	MIA RTD
✓ 7. Left Waist Gunner	Freeman, Alva E	S/Sgt	3460500	MIA
✓ 8. Ball Turret Gunner	Barley, Bernard B	Sgt	35896555	MIA
✓ 9. Tail Gunner	Conway, John W Jr	S/Sgt	33541194	MIA
10.				
11.				

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

<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Contacted by Radio</u>	<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forced Landing</u>
1. Pendleton, Charles B	E/Sgt	57508531		X		
2. Carroll, William E.	S/Sgt	35057904				
3. Lewis, Frank C	S/Sgt	34684050		X		
4.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) any other Reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE, NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND RESULT. No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 1 March 1945

*William E. Campbell*  
WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL  
Captain, Air Corps  
Statistical Officer

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:  
  
(Statements Attached)



398 - Bombardment Group FV  
 Stendal, Germany 22 Feb 45  
 Formation Plan Over Target

Lead Sq "A" Gp

		A-3 Miller Smith A-8654-V PFF		
		B-2 Branyon A-8706-V	P-10 Spangler E-8398-Q PFF	B-6 Banauer A-8882-F
P-8 Thomas A-8562-L	B-7 Stevens A-8631-T	B-2 Pinner A-8951-B	B-4 Stockman A-7825-V	B-5 Kyndman A-8630-U
B-6 Coleman A-7717-P				B-8 Swift A-9146-E
P-1 Alwood A-6573-E				

How Sq "A" Gp

		B-5 Ashworth Shaffer, JT A-8044-X PFF		
		D-2 Jacobs N-8821-Y	C-7 Brown, S M N-8853-L	F-8 Shaffer, W S E-8500-F
F-9 Gray E-8664-P		F-5 Ferguson E-8644-W	F-1 Saferite E-8754-A	B-1 Dean A-8834-E
F-7 Coffee E-8852-V	C-1 Godfrey M-8564-X			
D-7 Thompson N-8620-F	D-8 McAfee N-9224-W		D-5 Bowen E-8738-T	

Eigh Sq "A" Gp

		D-7 McLaughlin Johnston N-8363-V PFF		
		D-5 Sheffer N-8064-H	C-2 Pettus M-9180-G	C-4 Crinter M-8993-V
C-5 Coene M-6533-H				
C-6 Watson M-7219-P	C-2 Shimek M-2487-b	C-3 Lipnick M-8699-J	C-6 Beatty M-9128-M	C-9 Shuptrine M-6157-W
	C-3 Baldwin M-6805-Z			C-4 Evans M-2507-F

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-59128, Pilot, 1st Lt  
Hubert F Beatty, O-824642, 600th Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group FV on  
Operational Bombing Mission to Stendal, Germany 22 February 1945.

At about ten minutes before the I.P. a ME 262 (jet propelled) enemy  
fighter hit a ship in our formation. From the nose I could see bursts of  
the 20mm or 30 mm shells, drawing my attention to Lt Beatty's plane. The  
bursts started at the radio room going up the fuselage to the left wing,  
then out the left wing, bursting flames commenced as the plane dived across  
our nose. The flames seemed to be more intense between numbers one and  
two engines. Later I noticed five chutes burst out of the plane. At about  
5,000 feet the plane exploded, however at the angle I was at at the time  
of the explosion there could have been more chutes among the aluminum which  
floated down. I could not be certain, but there was distinctly five chutes  
that came from the plane.

*Charles B Pendleton*

CHARLES B PENDLETON, 37508631

S/Sgt, 600th Bomb Sq

Togglier, B17G 43-38699

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft BL7G 43-39128, Pilot, 1st Lt  
Robert F Beatty, O-526643, 600th Bomb Squadron, 386th Bomb Group Hq  
on Operational Mission to Stendal, Germany 22 February 1945.

I was in the Ball Turret of the number four aircraft of the Lead  
Element and saw the ME 262 come in out of the clouds from about 7:00  
o'clock and attacked number three aircraft of the High Element. The  
aircraft seemed to be riddled from the radio room forward and out on  
the left wing. The plane was burning violently between numbers one and  
two engines and passed just beneath our aircraft. I saw fire parachutes  
come from the aircraft just before it exploded at about 5,000 feet. (Two  
parachutes opened almost immediately and three just before the explosion.)  
The enemy aircraft broke into a climb at 11:00 o'clock and the last I  
saw of it P-51's seemed to be attacking it.

*William F. Carroll*

WILLIAM F CARROLL, 33657904

S/Sgt 600th Bomb Sq.

Ball Turret Gunner, BL7G 43-38609



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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft DTG 48-39128, Pilot, 1st Lt  
Hubert F Beatty, O-326648, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Bv  
on Combat Mission to Stendal, Germany 22 February 1945.

I saw an ME-262 come out of the clouds, from 7:00 o'clock just before we turned on the I.P. The ship had several cannon holes in the left wing. The number one and two engines were on fire. The ship slid out of formation to the left losing altitude. I saw five parachutes open before the ship blew up at around 5,000 feet. Parts of the left wing were breaking off, while the ship was leaving the formation. The enemy aircraft made a sharp climbing turn to the left after making the pass and P-51's started chasing it.

*Frank C Lewis*

FRANK C LEWIS, 34664050  
S/Sgt, 600th Bomb Sq  
Torgler, DTG 42-87249

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3-2 SUMMARY OF MISS-ITNESS ACCOUNT

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Group. 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 Bomb Gp of 600th Bomb Sq/C : 43-39128-M MISSION DATE 23 Feb 45

FIRST PILOT Beatty, Robert F. 1st Lt. 826646  
NAME RANK SER # DESTINATION Stendal, Germany

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

Time - 1225

- (a) By coordinates Approx - 5324N-1144E
- (b) Approximate altitude 10,000 feet.
- (c) Last noted heading 029 Magnetic.
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Was seen to straggle - distance unknown.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft): Attacked by one E/A (Me-262). Enemy aircraft came out of cloud and bore from below. Made one pass from seven o'clock and peeled off into steep climb.

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

I-17 was seen to burst into flames between #1 and #2 engines after E/A attack - started to lose altitude and 30 to 60 seconds later was seen to explode.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft was not out of control until after explosion.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last seen with escort? no escort If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). None.

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

Five parachutes were reported. Altitude was approximately 9,000 feet. Interval between jumps or any other details are not known.


7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Nil.

8. Date of report 27 February 1945

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER.</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	Goldfarb, Eugene (XMI)	600	7/Sgt	32711938 699-J
2.	Saporito, Wendell A.	602	2nd Lt	0-576141 754-A
3.	Beam, Burl B.	602	1st Lt	0-770551 834-B
4.	Ferguson, Allan H. Jr.	602	2nd Lt	0-778761 644-B

INTERROGATING OFFICER (sign Original and one copy):

  
NAME  
CHARLES H. KROH

Captain  
RANK  
0-568990  
SER.  
Asst. Intelligence  
DUTY Officer.

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter B, AG, 704 (6 July 44) CE 44 F-4, subject "Missing Air Crew Reports", 7 July 1944.

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AIRPLANE  
FLIGHT REPORTS

AIR FORCE FORMS 7 AND 1A

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PILOTS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT EACH FORCED LANDING  
FORCED LANDINGS DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER NON-MATERIAL  
FAILURES WILL BE REPORTED ON FORM 7 IN ANY AVAIL-  
ABLE SPACE.

FORCED LANDINGS RESULTING FROM MECHANICAL OR  
MAINTENANCE FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONING WILL BE  
REPORTED ON FORM 1A.



# VISUAL Emergency SIGNALS

## MEAN AND HOW TO USE THEM

When you are able to attract the attention of the rescuer, the body signals illustrated can be used to inform him as to your condition. Stand in the position of the signal. Be sure that the background is not confusing. Give the signal slowly and clearly until you are understood.

### KEEP MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

UPPER LIMBS—(Use Signals)

When Life is at Stake



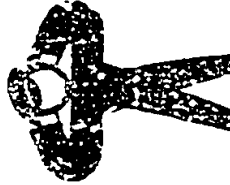
ALL O. K.—DO NOT WAIT

Wave One Arm Overhead

CAN PROCEED SHORTLY—

WAIT 1/2 PRATICABLE

Cup Arm Horizontal



ATTEND TO WOUND

ONE

TO THE

ARM

FACE

SQUEEZING

AND POINTING IN DIRECTION OF

LANDING—PEREAT

LAND TIRE

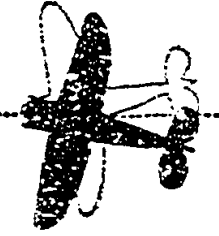
Both Arms Forward Horizontally

Squeezing and Pointing in Direction of

Landing—PEREAT

OUR RECEIVER IS OPERATING

Cup Hands Over Ears



NEGATIVE (NO)

White Cloth Waved Horizontally

AFFIRMATIVE (YES)

Raise of Plane Several Times

NEGATIVE (NO)

Fishell Plane

# AIRPLANE FLIGHT REPORT - ENGINEERING

INSPECTION STATUS				SERVICING AT STATION OF TAKE-OFF (CHECK IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TAKEOFF)													
	DATE OF OR HOURS DUE	INSPECTED TODAY		SERVICE	FUEL (GALLONS)		OIL (QUARTS)								RADIATOR CHECKED		
		BY	STATION		SERVICED	IN TANKS	No. 1		No. 2		No. 3		No. 4				
PREFLIGHT	2-22-45	P. Kelly															
DAILY	2-22-45	P. Kelly															
25 HOURS	110:25			1st	270												
50 HOURS	110:25			2d													
75 HOURS	110:25			3d													
100 HOURS	110:25			4th													
125 HOURS	110:25			5th													

INSPECTION OF AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT				STATUS TODAY	EXPLANATION:
EQUIPMENT	SYMBOL	INSPECTED BY	STATION		
BOMBARDMENT	G	P. Kelly	B-1	2	2 Oil Pump - replaced with FD Eng
GUNNERY	F	P. Kelly	B-1	4	2 Oil Pump - replaced with FD Eng
CHEMICAL					
COMMUNICATIONS					
PHOTOGRAPHIC					
NAVIGATION					

EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE

WHEN THE "STATUS TODAY" IS INDICATED BY A RED SYMBOL AND AN "EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE" HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY AN AUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE OFFICER, THE PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL SIGN THIS RELEASE BEFORE FLIGHT.

RELEASED FOR FLIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: PILOTS AND MECHANICS - SEE INSTRUCTIONS INSIDE FRONT COVER	AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE TIME RECORD (ENTER IN HOURS AND MINUTES)				
	ENGINE	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
	HOURS TO DATE	98:00	98:00	98:00	98:00
	HOURS TODAY				
	TOTAL				
	OIL CHANGE DUE	150:00	150:00	150:00	150:00
	UNO. CLEANING DUE	110:25	110:25	110:25	110:25
	AIRCRAFT HOURS TO DATE	98:00			
	AIRCRAFT HOURS TODAY				
	TOTAL				

Radio Compass replaced but is sluggish on comp. position (no new ones available) - Sgt. B. Kelly

DATE	AIRCRAFT ORG. DATA	AIRCRAFT DATA	ENGINE DATA	
Feb 22 1945	AIR FORCE	COMPONENT	ENGINE MODEL	
	COMD., SERV. COMD. OR DEPT	Comd. Serv. Station	R-1821-27	
STATION	GROUP NO. AND TYPE	AIRCRAFT MODEL	SERIAL NO.	SERIAL NO.
		B-17-E	SN-032257	SN-752421
CREW CHIEF OR ENGINEER	GROUP NO. AND TYPE	AIRCRAFT SERIAL NO.	SERIAL NO.	SERIAL NO.
		42-29100	SN-033020	SN-7532150
			TOTAL FLIGHT TIME →	









MACR 12650  
 B-17  
 HAF 43-39128  
 9 men

22 Feb. 1945

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Type: Fort

600 Sqd.

393 Group

Target: Base-1007  
 (Airbase)

8 March

A. 5728

1st Lt. BEATTY	Robert F.	0-226646	capt
2nd Lt. ROBERTSON ROBERT	James H.	0-771678	capt
1st Lt. LUKA	James H.	3-2057079	capt
S/Sgt. ECK	Eric H.	13068797	capt
S/Sgt. ECKE	Laurance H.	11190057	capt
S/Sgt. GOGNEY	James H.	6971012	capt
S/Sgt. FRENDEL	Alva Lee	34608455	capt
S/Sgt. GOSWAY	John William	39561196	capt
Sgt. BAGLEY	Brynard De Looe	38876355	capt

Case  
 5430  
 3 men

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NAME OF THE AIRCRAFT  
 WAS 5121 1042

22 FEBRUARY 1945

CASUALTY NO. 3724

NAME OF CREW: Anderson, Thurgis

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Northrop

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Wash. D.C.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED WHERE DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
DEWITT Edward Deless 25 January 1910	Sgt.	35096255	captured	Dalag Luft West
COONEY John William 24 December 1920 Penn.	S/Sgt.	37521164	captured	Dalag Luft West
COONEY James H.	S/Sgt.	6972018	captured	Dalag Luft West
FREEMAN Alva Lee 21 January 1921	S/Sgt.	34605655	captured	Dalag Luft West
BYRNE Eric H. 19 October 1922	S/Sgt.	19068900	captured	Dalag Luft West
ROBERT Lawrence H.	S/Sgt.	1630027	captured	Dalag Luft West
HEATY Robert F.	1st Lt.	0-726646	dead	MIA 22 Feb 45
COL. <del>HEATY</del> James H.	2nd Lt.	0-727578	dead	"

*Case 5430  
 Anderson*

*Case 5430*

REMARKS:

Dalag Luft, 12 March 1945 W.C.

Type of plane: Fortress B 17  
Date of crash: ~~22 Febr. 45~~  
Place of crash: 2 K SW of Altendorf / Mrs. Gifhorn

XU - 3784

✓  
L W A James  
0-2063259

dead

Case 5430

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **XXXX 108**

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **3 March 1945**

THROUGH:

TIME: **0200**

ROLL:

FROM: **XXXX**

THROUGH: **WHISPER**

REMARKS:

*0600 5430  
Culler*

-- A RUF No 578, 23 February 1945 at 1100--

To: **RESEARCH BOARD UNIT, GERMANY.**

On 3 March 1945 at 1300 received at **XXXX**

Forwarded to: **RESEARCH BOARD UNIT, GERMANY.**

To: **AIR BASE COMMAND XI, HANNOVER**

To: **Air Field Command District IX/XI** *allied*

The following list issued on 22 Feb. 1945. **SI** of Albenberg County of Alabama  
6 American prisoners captured at Albenberg.

Burns R. Digley **2000000 703-44 A**

McCoy Lawrence **1410000 703-44 A**

Conroy John W Jr **2000000 703-44 A**

Eric H. Cook **1000000 703-44 A**

Alvin L. Freeman **2000000 703-44 A**

James T. Coffey **0000000 703-44 A**

Transmitted on 23 Feb. 1945 to Oberursel. One man found dead:

James E. Irwin **0-2000000 703-44 A**

Air Field Command IX/XI Secretary

signed **1003**, Lt. Col. Salvage Officer

6-3224 AF(5)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-09ERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE - MESSAGE WRITER:

Regulation 4-46

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 3 March, 1945

THROUGH:

TIME: 2115

ROLL:

FROM: 1111

THROUGH: Frank

REMARKS:

A 1217 475 28 Feb. 1945  
Received in AMER. on 3 March at 1300. For Research Board West Charleston  
Copy to Air Base Command II Hickam Field Hawaii  
Air Field Command II/II Hickam Field  
Add to telegram of 25 Feb. 1945  
On 24 February, 1945 2 dead Americans airmen were found at Altamira, vicinity  
of Cienfuegos.  
Last seen: 22 Feb. 1945 Fortynine E IV 3 km. Southwest of Altamira;  
Robert F. Smith; FT. # 0-100000 FEB-46 0  
James A. Hunter; Ser. # 6770000  
Air Field Command A 207-1 Woodbury signed: NEOS, Lt. Col.





22 Feb 45, 1200

Witendorf, 2 km west Brune,  
21 km east of Wesendorf  
19 km east of Wittingen

Type: Boeing - 90% damage

Crew: 3 dead, 6 prisoners

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4 July 1944

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NO. 100

DR. IAN CLINE

Airbase headquarters B (v) 205/ XII

7. July

CONWAY, J. W. - 201

pilot dead

1st Lt. Robert F. Bentley

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1st Lt. Robert F. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
Knoxport, Virginia

2d Lt. James H. Bentley, Jr. KIA

1st Lt. Bentley J. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

2d Lt. James H. Bentley KIA

1st Lt. Bentley H. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. James H. Bentley - EUS

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1st Lt. James H. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. Eric H. Beck

EUS

1st Lt. Eric H. Beck (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. Lawrence E. Beck

EUS

1st Lt. Lawrence E. Beck (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. Allen L. Freeman

EUS

1st Lt. Allen L. Freeman (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. John W. Bentley, Jr. EUS

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1st Lt. John W. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

1st Lt. Richard B. Bentley

EUS

1st Lt. Richard B. Bentley (Army)  
Military Grade  
New Orleans, Louisiana

MACR 12650

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CONWAY, JOHN W., JR.  
33, 541, 194

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GODSEY, JAMES H.  
6, 471, 018

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FREEMAN, ALICE L.  
34, 415, 355

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BAGLEY, BERNARD D.  
35, 896, 355

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MACR 12650

ZOOK, VRIE H.  
13, 068, 400

KTA-2 Mar 45\* - ETO -

177047

\* correction in date of casualty

MACR 12650

MOORE, LAWRENCE H.  
14, 150, 059

RMC - 31 Mar 45 - ETO -

Ship # 107

EUS - NS - ETO - 126061

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 12053

Name of crew member: 1st Lt. James R.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 6-33823  
Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? ---

If not, why not? No Chance

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

He was trying to get out the nose hatch after me

Was he injured? Not as I know of

Where was he when last seen? At the nose hatch

Any hearsay information: No

Source: ---

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

I believe he was blown out without his chute on  
or he went down with the ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: one

Dates and destinations if possible: ---

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 1200

Name of crew member: **WELLS, James R. Jr.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-7708**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Flight (Bomber): 6-1118**

Did he bail out? No

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

If not, why not? He was in his seat when ship went down

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

lets get out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In Co Pilot Seat

Any hearsay information: No

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

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

I'm sure he didn't ever get out of his seat

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM NO. 1  
12-1-50

Name of crew member: SMITH, Robert E.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 2-2222  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?                     

If not, why not? No Chance

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

lets move out of formation

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In the Pilot's seat

Any hearsay information: No

Source:                     

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

He never had a chance to bail out for it  
blew up.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible:



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

82-1380

Name of crew member: John, James E.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-077230  
Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? No.

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

If not, why not? "No Knowledge" unless he was afraid to jump.

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

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? In nose.

By hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First.

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HEATY, Hubert J.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-826645  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~man~~ ~~(lighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

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

If not, why not? Didn't have time.

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

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? In catwalk under cockpit.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE NO.

Name of crew member: WISSE, James E. JR.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 2-17749  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) 2nd Lt. (Fighter): 2-21128

Did he bail out? No.

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

If not, why not? Didn't have time.

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

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? In Catwalk under cockpit.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

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

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Alva J. Freeman Rank S. Sgt. Serial No. 34605655
2. Organization 398B. Gp Commander Col. Sqn CO Davis Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month February day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Standal, Ger., target, Marshaling Yard, target time, 12:15pm, altitude, 10,000 Ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Kalsmar, Germany.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". "No Knowledge".
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It exploded in midair.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. Luna, James R.  
Lt. Honaker, James R. Lt. Beatty, Hubert F.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In nose and in catwalk under cock, it
12. What was their condition? Uninjured.
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. \_\_\_\_\_

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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

And on individual questionnaires

All the answers below #8 is information the other crew members told me, but it has been accepted as official.

I didn't open my chute until I was about 2,000 Ft. above the ground, so I didn't see the plane after I jumped.

Yours truly,

*Alva L. Freeman*

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 12650

Name of crew member: LUNA, James E.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-2063259  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

conversation was at 3rd control point, I reported on course on time.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? "

Any hearsay information: He was reported by remaining crew members to have been  
 killed in explosion of the aircraft.

Source: Remaining crew members

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by

Sgt. Zook that when he started to leave the ship he motioned to Lt. Luna and that  
 Lt Luna shook his head negatively. Sgt Zook said he tried unsuccessfully to pull him  
 to the escape hatch. Then Sgt Zook himself left the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He reported 53 on first tour and 14 with us.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 12650

Name of crew member: EDFAKER, James R. JR.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-777678  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Navigator)~~: Co-Pilot

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: none

Was he injured? no knowledge

Where was he when last seen? "

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Zook said he was right behind him as he left by the forward escape hatch. He had just left the controls c

Source: Sgt. Zook

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: no knowledge (He flew some without us)

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FORM  
11-55

Name of crew member: BRADY, Robert P.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 2-38843  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Pilot

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: none

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? "

Any hearsay information: leaving the controls.

Sources: Sgt Zook

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: "



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James H. Godsey Rank M/Sgt. Serial No. 6971018
2. Organization 398th BGP Commander --- Rank --- Sqn CO --- Rank ---  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb Marshal Yds., target, Stendal, target  
time, Approx 1150, altitude, 12000 route scheduled, ---  
---, route flown ---
5. Where were you when you left formation? few minutes of target
6. Did you bail out? Was injured and thrown from ship
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". The only member I saw actually bail out was Sgt Freeman who left by the waist hatch.
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? All of enlisted personnel were with me at Dulax Luft, Wetzlar Germany.
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)

Note: I was injured in the ship and was thrown out by Sgt. Ragley according to him and other members of the crew. I was unconscious during most of descent and therefore have very little knowledge first hand of what happened.