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P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

William R. FERRELL, Sgt., 35648648

10 Sep 1944

(Name) (Rank) ASN

(Date)

358 Bomb. Sqdn., 305 Bomb. Group  
(Unit)

RAF 1184  
IS9WEA/6/145/866

PRESENT  
OFFICIAL STATUS

MEMBERS OF CREW

PILOT	0-804539	2d Lt.	John B. VIETS	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-898735	2d Lt.	John C. HENNET	P/W
NAVIGATOR	T-61222	F/O	Heibert, David C.	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-769621	2d Lt.	Barton RODGERS	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	35572316	S/Sgt.	Franklin F. YORK	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18215816	S/Sgt.	Frank E. ROBINSON	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32408410	Sgt.	Ambrose J. HOLLAND	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	16088893	Sgt.	Donald J. RAEMACHER	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	32454459	Sgt.	Michael MADARCHIK	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	35648648	Sgt.	William R. FERRELL	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
**15 Apr 44; 0105 hrs.; near Luxembourg-Germany frontier.**

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
**Fire under wing; No. 4 engine out; No. 3 leaking oil badly.**

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?  
**8,000-9,000 ft.**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
**Yes; Radio operator wounded.**

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
**I saw five chutes open.**

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
**Unknown.**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **No.**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

**Nothing.**

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
**No.**

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Have heard nothing from my fellow members.**

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 634 - US ARMY

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location Wolesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII A.F.  
Group 363rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment ---
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wolesworth ; Course See chart attached  
Intended Destination Schweinfurt ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
5/10ths clouds, tops 10,000 feet, Visibility 8 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 15/4/44 Time 1338 ; and Location 49°50'N-07°25'W  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; ( ) 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) (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97617  
ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 45-65539  
(b) SN-006166 ; (c) 45-64468 ; (d) 41-58648  
INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) See attached sheet  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (g) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- 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	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>Viets, John E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-804539</u> RTD
2. Co-pilot	<u>Bennett, John C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-693735</u> RTD
3. Navigator	<u>Heibert, David C.</u>	<u>Flight O.</u>	<u>T-61222</u> RTD
4. Bombardier	<u>Redgers, Burton (NMI)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-748521</u> RTD
5. Top Turret	<u>Robinson, Frank R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18215816</u> RTD
6. Radio Gunner	<u>York, Franklin F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>35572316</u> RTD
7. Ball Turret	<u>Holland, Ambrose J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32108410</u> RTD
8. Waist Gunner	<u>Rademacher, Donald J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>16088933</u> RTD
9. Waist Gunner	<u>Nadarochik, Michael (NMI)</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32444459</u> RTD
10. Tail Gunner	<u>Ferrell, William R.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>26548648</u> RTD

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

Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank Number	Check Only One Column				
		Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. <u>Taylor, James B.</u>	<u>1st Lt 0-802622</u>		<u>X</u>			
2. _____	_____					
3. _____	_____					

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached sheet
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached statement
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 15 April 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JESSE M. BARRETT, Maj, AC, Gp. S-2.



PRIMARY TARGET---STRAßBURG, GERMANY

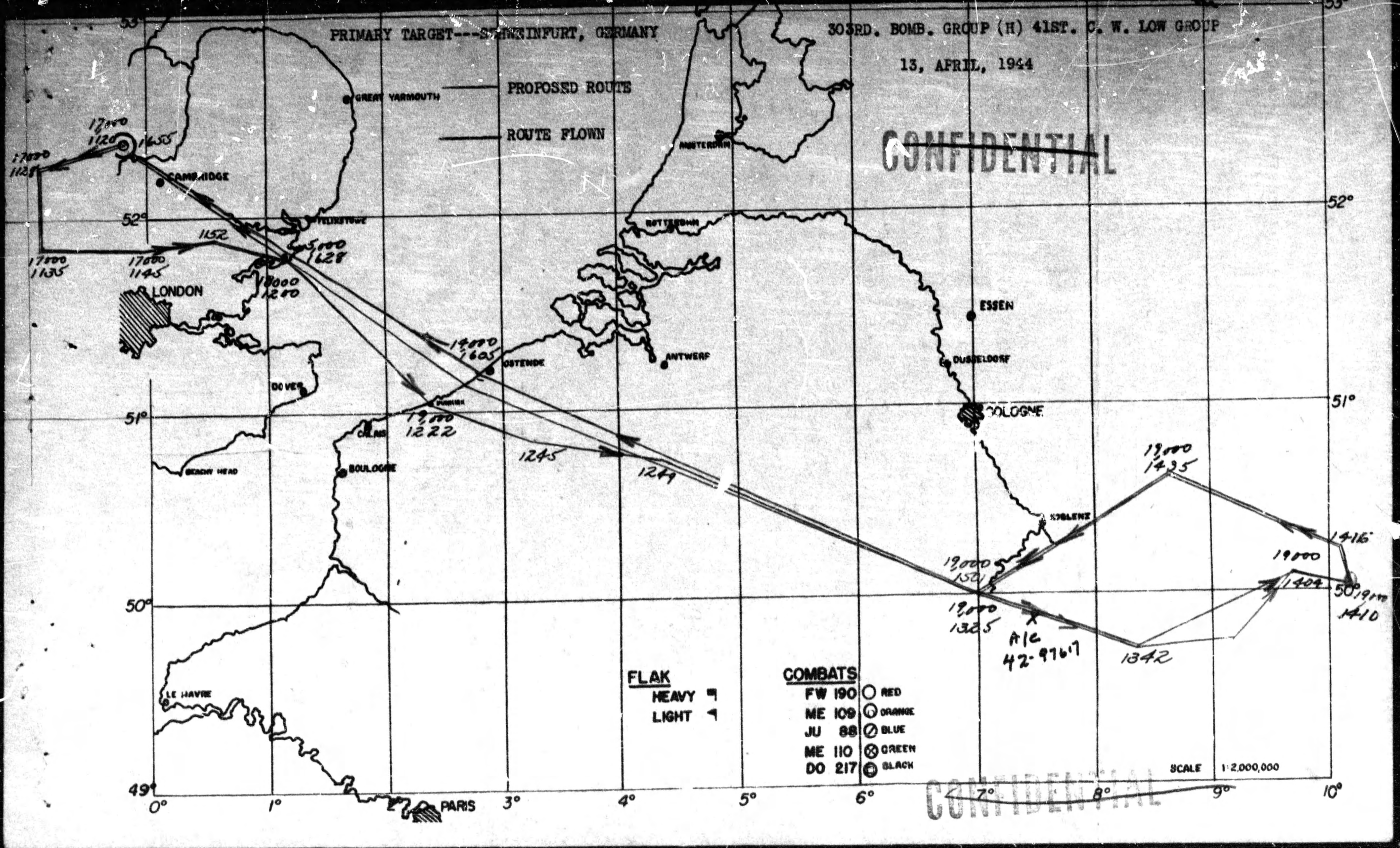
303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H) 41ST. C. W. LOW GROUP

13, APRIL, 1944

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PROPOSED ROUTE

ROUTE FLOWN



**FLAK**  
 HEAVY  $\blacksquare$   
 LIGHT  $\blacktriangleleft$

**COMBATS**  
 FW 190  $\bigcirc$  RED  
 ME 109  $\bigcirc$  ORANGE  
 JU 88  $\bigcirc$  BLUE  
 ME 110  $\bigcirc$  GREEN  
 DO 217  $\bigcirc$  BLACK

SCALE 1:2,000,000

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INSTALLED WEAPONS ON A/C 42-97617G-"D"

948104	S.A.
949593	S.A.
235792	F.A.D.G.M.
223540	F.A.D.G.M.
242462	F.A.D.G.M.
264253	F.A.D.G.M.
225654	F.A.D.G.M.
147754	K.H.W.
147691	K.H.W.
949608	S.A.
947530	S.A.
729419	S.P.D.G.M.
729644	S.P.D.G.M.

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358TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
APO 557, U.S. ARMY

13 April 1944.

SUBJECT: High Squadron Leader's Report on Missing Aircraft.

TO : Commanding Officer, 308rd Bombardment Group (H), APO 557, US Army.

1. Aircraft 42-97617 piloted by Lt. Viets flew in Number 7 position of my Squadron. My crew reported that Lt. Viets A/C was hit during attacks by enemy ME 109's. At that time we were at about 49°50'N - 07°25'E. The A/C seemed to receive direct hits by 20 mm shells on the Pilot's side. The dinghy on the left side of the A/C was seen to fall away from the plane. Lt Viets A/C was last seen at 1355 hours as it peeled out of formation.

I called Denver 1-2 and did not get an answer. I then immediately called Denver 1-4 and this call was acknowledged; I was told to go ahead and give the message. I asked for fighter protection for A/C 42-97617 which seemed to be turning back, however I did not receive acknowledgement of receipt of my message

J.B. TAYLOR,  
1st Lt., AC,  
High Squadron Leader.

A TRUE COPY:

*Joseph G. Robinson*  
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,  
Captain, AC.

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<b>Dates:</b>	<b>13 Apr 44 1330 hrs</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>10/5 III 722 A</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Trier</b>	<b>F/O</b>	<b>HEIBERT, David Charles</b>	<b>9-61222</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Fortress</b>	<b>2nd Lt</b>	<b>VIETS, John Bartram</b>	<b>0-804539</b>
<b>Markings:</b>	<b>358 (H Sq)</b>	<b>2nd Lt</b>	<b>RODGER, Burton</b>	<b>0-749621</b>
<b>Base:</b>	<b>303 Group</b>	<b>2nd Lt</b>	<b>BENNETT, John Charles</b>	<b>0-597735</b>
	<b>Woolworth</b>	<b>Sgt</b>	<b>MADARCHIK, Michael</b>	<b>32434459</b>
		<b>Sgt</b>	<b>HOLLAND, Ambrose</b>	<b>32408410</b>
		<b>Sgt</b>	<b>RADEMACHER, Donald J</b>	<b>16088693</b>
		<b>S/Sgt</b>	<b>YORK, Franklin Farnam</b>	<b>35572316</b>
		<b>Sgt</b>	<b>TERRILL, William R.</b>	<b>0-682919</b>
		<b>Sgt</b>	<b>ROBINSON, Frank E.</b>	<b>18215816</b>
		<b>S/Sgt</b>	<b>LUCHAK, wounded, Hosp Nohenk.</b>	

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

23 April 1944, 1330 hrs

CASUALTY NO. IN 722 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Italy

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Foxtrot

REPORTING OFFICE

2nd Air Force Reserve Battalion Triers-Italy

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
HEBERT, David Charles	S/O	2-03222	captured	Dolg-Luft
VIETS, John Hartman 9 May 1917 Milwaukee	2nd Lt.	0-604579	"	"
RODGERS, Burton	2nd Lt.	0-749621	"	"
HENNETT, John Charles 7 April 1916 Delcamb, N.Y.	2nd Lt.	0-697795	"	"
MADACHIK, Michael 26 November 1919 Yonkers N.Y.	Sgt.	32134499	"	"
HOLLAND, Ambrose	Sgt.	32406410	"	"
RADENACHER, Donald J. 4 January 1924 Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sgt	16088695	"	"
YORK, Franklin Farnan	S/Sgt.	35772316	"	"
ROBINSON, Frank E.	Sgt.	18215816	wounded	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dolg-Luft, 17 May 1945 No.



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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 13 April 1944, 1300 hrs CASUALTY NO. AM 7221

NAME OF CREW None

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Yankee

REPORTING OFFICE Head Air Force Reserve Battalion Friesburg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
HEIBERT, David Charles	P/O	T-63222	captured	Dulag-Luft
VIETS, John Bartram 5 May 1917 Milwaukee	2nd/Lt.	O-804599	"	"
RODGERS, Burton	2nd/Lt.	O-719621	"	"
BENNETT, John Charles 7 April 1916 Holscomb, N.Y.	2nd/Lt.	O-697735	"	"
MADACHIK, Michael 26 November 1919 Yakers N.Y.	Sgt.	32434459	"	"
HOLLAND, Ambrose	Sgt.	32404410	"	"
RABENACHER, Donald J. 4 January 1924 Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sgt.	16008693	"	"
YORK, Franklin Farnan	S/Sgt.	35572316	"	"
ROBINSON, Frank E.	Sgt.	18215816	wounded	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 13 May 1945 No.



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9/22

Identification tag

Burton Hedger  
C-749021 F 43 0  
Mrs. M L Hedgers  
313 S Indiana St.  
Los Angeles, Calif. F



Identified tag

Address Holland  
33406410 F-43 A



Identification tags

John B Viets  
O-804539 T 42-43 A  
P



Donald J Kitchener  
16088683 T 43 AB  
O



William R Ferrell  
O-682919 T 42-43 O  
P



Identification tags

3 tags

David C Heibert  
 B-61222 P 43 B

F

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Franklin P York  
 35573316 P 43 A  
 Myrdell York  
 R. 3  
 Greencastle, Ind. F

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John C Bennett  
 O-693735 P 43 C

F

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Michael Madarchik  
 32134459 P 43 B  
 Susie Madarchick  
 25 Mulberry St.  
 Tonkers, NY. C



Identification tags

<b>Line</b>	John J. [unclear]	3
	9-0120 7 43	3

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Franklin F York	
NEWARK 7 43	A
Myrtle York	
E. 2	
Crescentville, Ind.	3

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✓ John O Bennett	
0-00700 7 43	0
	3

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Michael [unclear]	
NEWARK 7 43	3
Paul [unclear]	
25 Mulberry St.	
Yonkers, NY.	0



Identification tag

Frank N Robinson  
19915826 T 42-3 0  
Jimmie N Robinson  
RT 1  
Kepperl, Tex. P



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters A 31/XI**

PLACE: **L u e n e b u r g**

DATE: **9 April 1944 1610**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Liberator**  
**EM. LANDING: AT: 8 April 1944 1400**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **L u c h a k**

FIRST NAME: **Alexander** RANK: **E/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **12152605**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **9 April 1944 1000 Weyhausen**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Air Force Hospital Wismar**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **./.**

Distributor:  
 Interrogation Center West, Oberursel  
 Air District Command XI, Hamburg  
 Air District Command Hannover  
 Air Force Hospital Wismar  
 Draft

Signature  
 Major and Airbase Commander



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Force Reserve Battalion XII, Tricer/Airbase**

PLACE: **Tricer**

DATE: **14 April 1944 1530**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**

**EN. LANDING: AT:**

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

FIRST NAME: **John G.** RANK: **2nd Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0635735** **AC**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **13 April 1944 at 1530**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **./. MIA**

**13 Apr 44 MIA**  
**EUS**



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Force Reserve Battalion XII, Troop/Airbase  
 PLACE: Trier  
 DATE: 14 April 1944 1310  
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,  
EM. LANDING: AT:  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Bennett  
 FIRST NAME: John G. RANK: 2nd Lt.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0693736  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 13 April 1944 at 1530  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.



*Belongs to, can*

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2nd. Lt. John B. Viets

Mrs. Marguerite G. Viets, (Mother)  
98 1/2 Rushleigh Road,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

2nd. Lt. John C. Bennett

Mr. Leslie E. Bennett, (Father)  
271 East Main Street,  
Holcomb, New York.

P/O David C. Heibert

Mrs. Marillynn J. Heibert, (Wife)  
627 Crosby,  
Akron, Ohio.

2nd. Lt. Burton Rodgers

Mrs. Margaret L. Rodgers, (Mother)  
318 South Indiana Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

S/Sgt. Frank H. Robinson

Mr. John B. Robinson, (Father)  
Box 13,  
Kopperl, Texas.

S/Sgt. Franklin F. York

Mrs. Myrdell S. York, (Wife)  
Rural Free Delivery Number Two,  
Greencastle, Indiana.

Sgt. Ambrose J. Holland

Mr. J. Gerald Holland, (Brother)  
107 Waverly Place,  
New York, New York.

Sgt. William R. Ferrell

Mr. Richard Ferrell, (Father)  
Sprigg, West Virginia.

Sgt. Michael Madarchik

Mrs. Susie Madarchik, (Mother)  
26 Mulberry Street,  
Yonkers, New York.

Sgt. Donald J. Rademacher

Mrs. Margaret M. Rademacher, (Wife)  
412 First Street,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Air Force Reserve Battalion XII  
Trier / Airbase

Trier, 15 April 1944

Reference: Dulg Luft 2706/06  
Subject: Members of enemy Air Forces  
Re: Dulg Luft, Oberursel

- The Air Force Reserve Battalion XII forwards
- 1.) 17 closed parcels with captured items of members of enemy Air Forces, who were transferred to your Headquarters on 14 April 44.
  - 2.) 1 closed envelope with personal effects of an enemy airman, name unknown, who was shot down near Fischbach.
  - 3.) 2 forms of enemy airmen who were captured on 13 April 1944.

Furthermore two closed envelopes containing watches.

Lt. Heibolt, David	Id. tag T- 61322
Sgt. York, Franklin	Id. tag 35572316

For:

Signature  
Captain



Air Force Reserve Battalion III  
 F F I O T / Airmen

15 April 1944

Reference: Being Luff 5702/06  
 Subject: Members of enemy Air Forces  
 Re: Being Luff, Oberwacht

- The Air Force Reserve Battalion III forwards
- 1.) 17 closed parcels with captured items of members of enemy Air Forces, who were transferred to your Headquarters on 14 April 44.
  - 2.) 1 closed envelope with personal effects of an enemy airman, name unknown, who was shot down near Flookbach.
  - 3.) 2 items of enemy airmen who were captured on 15 April 1944.

Furthermore two closed envelopes containing watches.

Lt. Heibold, David	Id. tag 7- 61222
Sgt. York, Franklin	Id. tag 55972516

For:

Signature  
 Captain



Air Force Training Battalion XI  
Medical Officer  
Prison-Bureau

Prison-Bureau, 14 April 1946

MEDICAL REPORT

The American Prisoners of War Mgt. Frank Robinson,  
Lt. John V. Johns, and Lt. Otto Friedman, stationed in this  
hospital, are still in need of further medical treatment. This is  
especially required for Mgt. Robinson who has been inoculated  
with 2000 units of Tetanus-toxin.

Signature  
Captain MG and Medical Officer

Robinson, Frank E. 18 215816 via 13 Apr 46 ?  
PAID  
EUS



Air Force Training Battalion II  
 Medical Officer  
 Trier-Buren

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Trier-Buren, 14 April 1944

MEDICAL REPORT

The American Prisoners of War Sgt. Frank Robinson, Lt. John Vietz, and Lt. Otto Brandau, stationed in this hospital, are still in need of further medical treatment. This is especially required for Sgt. Robinson who has been inoculated with 300 units of Tetanus-serum.

Signature  
 Captain MC and Medical Officer