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7) a) HQ of Airfield District 12/XI Crash no: 230 black
b) Boeing
c) 42/97552, admittance no: triangle C 297 552
d) C star F U
e) unknown
f) 25 %
g) 15 April 1944 at 1600
h) 5 km south-east of airfield Reinschlen. map grid D U 6
i) Reinschlen

Belly landing. C r e w escaped.

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NO INFORMATION

Casualty No: KU 1551

Date & Time Aircraft was shot down: 18 April 1944 - 16.00

Place of crash: Reinsehlen

Fortress

Type of craft

Reporting Office: HQ Army Air Field Brandenburg Reist

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CREW:

BRADLEY, Clide William 8 April 1920 - Asheville, N. Car.	1st/Ltn.	0-683955	Captured	Dulag Luft
PACE, Charles Moore	- . -	0-809704	Captured	Dulag Luft
DE MARCO, John A. 29 April 1907 - New York State	T/Sgt.	32448998	Captured	Dulag Luft
HUSTUS, Walter Lewis 2 October 1921	S/Sgt.	31153044	Captured	Dulag Luft
HOLDCROFT, Lloyd Leslie 25 December 1916 - Hartford City, Ind.	1st/Ltn.	0-802568	Captured	Dulag Luft
O'DONNELL, John J.	1st/Ltn.	0-751671	Captured	Dulag Luft
SLUSSER, Walter Carlton	S/Sgt.	13093303	Captured	Dulag Luft
KRUMHOLZ, Robert August	S/Sgt.	36633431	Captured	Dulag Luft
FRANCIS, Walter George 5 July 1922 - Wheeling, W. Va.	T/Sgt.	15130353	Captured	Dulag Luft
KERN, Lloyd Frederick 26 October 1922 - Harrisburg, Pa.	S/Sgt.	3349857	Captured	Dulag Luft

Remarks: Dulag Luft: 2 May 1944 / Wo.

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18.April.1944. 1600		28.April.		KU 1551	
5 Km. SW. of Airfieldt. Reinsehlen	1st.Lt.	HOLLCROFT	Lloyd Leslie	0-802568	capt.
Type: Fortress 297552	1st.Lt.	BRADLEY	Clyde William	0-688955	capt.
360 HB Squadr.	1st.Lt.	PACE	Charles Moore	0-809704	capt.
303 Group Airfield Molesworth 107	1st.Lt.	O'DONNELL	John J.	0-751671	capt.
Target: Airfield Command Brandenburg	T/Sgt.	DE MARCO	John A.	AK 32448998	capt.
Briest	T/Sgt.	FRANCIS	Walter George	15170350	capt.
	S/Sgt.	KRUMHOLZ	Robert August	36633431	capt.
	S/Sgt.	SLUSSER	Walter Carlton	13093403	capt.
	S/Sgt.	KERN	Lloyd Frederick	33496857	capt.
	S/Sgt.	HUSTUS	Walter Lewis	31153044	capt.

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KV 1552

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

LOCATION: REINSELEN

DATE: 20 APRIL 1944

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: HELLY - LAGLING, 18. APRIL 44 1600 5 km sw from AIR BASE REINS

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FIGHTER, NIGHT HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING) emergency landing

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: BOEING

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) O. - cockade - P U

ADMITTANCE NO: triangle G - 297552
42 - 97552

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES: and camera were sent to experimentstation 2 WUNSDORF by ENG. DOEHRO
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

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

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI
REINSEHLEN

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

EM. LANDING: AT: REINSEHLEN, 5 km nw from air base, fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DEMARCO T / Sgt/

FIRST NAME: JOHN A

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32448998

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at IHLHORN, 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUNEBURGER HEIDE
19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL.

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K U 1551

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: R E I N E H L E N

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

EM. LANDING: AT: REINSEHLEN, 5 km sw from AIR BASE, fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) P A G E

FIRST NAME: CHARLES

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0809704

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at ILHORN, 10 km nw SOLTAU _ LUENEBURGER HEIDE

NAME OF HOSPITAL: 19. APRIL 1944 1630

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

FORM 1.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: R E I N E H L E N

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

EM. LANDING: AT: REINERHLEN, 5 km sw from air base fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B R A D L E Y Lt.

FIRST NAME: CLYDE W

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 683955

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at ILHORN 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUENEBURGER HEIDE 19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: REINSEHLEN

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

EM. LANDING: AT: REINSEHLEN, 5 km sw from air base, fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HUSTUS Sgt.

FIRST NAME: WALTER

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 31153044

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at ILHORN, 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUENEBURGER HEIDE 19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: Air Base Headquarters A 20/XI
Rotenburg / Hannover

DATE: 25 April 1944

REGARDING: ~~CRASH:~~ (DOWNED) OF: B 17 G

EM. LANDING: AT: Reinsehlen / Hannover, 5 Km south west of the Airbase DU 6 ; on 18 April 1944, 16,00

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Sgt. Slusser

FIRST NAME: Walter C.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Sergeant

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at Ahausen, 8 Km south from Rotenburg / Hannover 25 April 1944 16,00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Personal Property of SLUSSER:

1. Identification Tag
2. 1 Pack Tablette
3. 1 Roll of Tape
4. 1 case of Instruments
5. 2 Prayer Papers
6. 1 Metal Saw
7. 1 Reed Stripe
8. 1 Open Escaping Bag

KV 1681

P.W. CAMP STALAG XI B
FALLINGBOSTEL
Section III Nr. 870/44
Defence Officer

Fallingbostel 25 April 1944

To: Transit Camp (AIR)
Ober Urzel

Subject: Delivery of 2 captured American Flyers

To: Assistant General - Command XI AK
Hannover. Stab III Nr. 4991/44
From 4 February 1944 Secret

The 2 American Flyers:

Sgt. Lloyd, Frederik, Kern
Born: 22 October 1922

T/Sgt. Walter, George, Francis
Born: 5 September 1922

are delivered to there, according to the reference written above.

Addition: List of Personal Property.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LPOM 576

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

DATE: 19 April 1944

TIME: 09.30

FROM: LWKO

THROUGH: KOEHLER

REMARKS: Q E M

SSD LFRE 333 18 April 1944 20.30

To: Transit Camp (Air) Ober Ursel

Subject: Belly-landing of a Boeing on the 18 th. April 1944 at 16.00
5 Km from the Airbase Reinsehlen.
Fighter-Grid Du 6.
Crew escaped, search action started.
Type: Boeing, Markings 0 Cockade FU
Admittance Nr: Tryangle C 297552
Condition: 25 % destroyed.

Airbase Headquarters A 30/ XI
Reinsehlen

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AIRBASE A 4/XI
REINSKELEN

Reinsehlen, 20 April 1944

Subject: Safeguarding of captured papers and things

of the crew of the Boeing, which made a Belley-Landing 5 Km south of the Airbase of Reinsehlen on 18 April 1944 at 16,00 O'clock.

1 box of personal property of 4 captured members of the crew, that were taken off by the police.

The packets of papers were found at the plane.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LMRX LSOM 791

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 26 April 1944

TIME: 10,10

THROUGH:

ROLL:

FROM: LSFM

THROUGH: LINK

REMARKS:

SSD L F R G 719 25 April 1944 22,25

To: Evaluation Center West, Transit Camp (Air)
Ober Ursel / Taunus

Subject: Emergency Landing of a B 17 G on 18 April 1944, 16, 00 south from the Airbase of Reinsehlen, DU 6
4 members of the crew captured at Ahausen (8Km south from Rotenburg.)
1. Lloyed L. Holdcroft O-802568 T 42 43 PTd
2. John, J. ~~XXXXXX~~ O'Donnell 0751671 T 42-43 Rd
3. Walter ~~XX~~ C. Slusser 1309303 T 43-43 Rd
4. Robert A. Krumhols 36613431 T43-43 Rd

Will be delivered to Ober Ursel on the 26 April 1944

Aibase Headquarters A 207XY
Rotenburg/ Hann

March 4004

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LIST OF DOG TAGS.

1) WALTER C SLOSEK
12073303 T 43 O
C

2) LLOYD L HOLDCROFT
0 - 802368 T 42 43 O
P

3) LLOYD F KERN
33496857 T 43 43 O
P

4) WALTER G FRANCIS
15170353 T 43 B
P

5) WALTER L. HUSTUS
31153044 T 43 O
P

6) JOHN A DEMARKO
32448998 T 42 43 O
C

7) GLYDE W BRADLEY Jr
0 - 693955 T 42 43 O
P

8) CHARLES M PACE
0809704 T 43 O
P

LIST OF AMERICAN PAPERS.

1) 1 POST CARD
with picture of B 17

" LOGAN COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA "

AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XX

ROTENBURG / HANN.

ROTENBURG / HANN., 25. APRIL 44

To: TRANSIT CAMP (AIR)

OBERURSEL

SUBJ.: Delivering of 4 American P.W.

LLOYD L HOLDCROFT
JOHN J O'DONNELL
WALTE C SLUSSNER
ROBERT A KRUMHOLZ

By Lgt. LOCHMANN and Cpl. KLAUS from

our base H.Q. to eval. stn. west transit camp (air)

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Ku 1551

18 apr 44

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1) 1600, 7 km se air base REINSEHLEN D U 6, BOEING 25 % destruction
O KOK FU triangle C2 97552 42/97552 crew: escaped
salvage: REINSEHLEN

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42 9755

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

XXXXXXXX
-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: 5586

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: 18 April 1944

TIME: 2325

FROM: LFNB

THROUGH:

DELIVERED:
DATE:- 19 April 1944
TIME:
TO:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

Very urgent LFRE 333 18 April 2030

To :XXXX HQ Air District XI
Subj.: Belly landing of a Boeing near the air base Reinsehlen, 5 km southwest of the air base.

Fighter; grid square DU 6 on 18 April 1944, 1600; crew escaped; search going on; type: Boeing; markings: U cockade PU; order No: triangle C 297442; condition of the aircraft: about 25% destruction.

Air Base Command A 20/XI
Base Command Reinsehlen

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

OBERURSEL

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: 7836

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO: 26 April 1944

DATE: 26 April 1944

TIME: 0045

FROM: LFHB

THROUGH:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

Very urgent LFHB 25 April 2255

To : HQ Air District XI, Hamburg-Blankenese
Subj.: Emergency landing of a B 17 G, 5 km southwest of Air Base Reinsehlen; fighter grid square DU 6 on 18 April 1944, 1600.

4 escaped crew members - belonging to above mentioned aircraft were caught today in Abauzen, 1600. Names and dog tags:

1.) Lloyd L. Holdcroft ASN: 0-802568 T 42-43
2.) John J. O'Donnell ASN: 0-751671 T 42-43
3.) Walter C. Slusser ASN: 13093303 T 42-43
4.) Robert A. Krumholz ASN: 36633431 T 43-43 A

Not on 490

Will be transferred to Oberursel on 26 April 1944.

Air Base Command A 20/XI
Rotenburg/Hann.

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FORM #2

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command A 20/XI Base Command

LOCATION: Reinsehlen

DATE: 20 April 1944

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Belly landing on the 18 April 1944, 1600

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN): 5 km southwest of the air base Reinsehlen
Fighter grid square DU 6

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA): Cockade FU

ADMITTANCE NO: Factory No: 42-97552

EQUIPMENT: Triangle C 297552

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: were secured by AF Head-Eng. Debero, Investigation point 2, Wunstorf about 25% destruction

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

signed: May
Captain and
Comm.leader

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FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Command A 20/XI Base Command

LOCATION: Reinsehlen on 20 April 1944 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~AIRCRAFT~~ ~~CRASH~~ ~~Dn. landing~~ Boeing DATE AND TIME: 18 April 1944 which made a belly landing

AT: NEAR: Reinschlen, 5 km southwest of the air base, fighter grid square DU 6

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: ~~SURNAME~~ LAST NAME) PACK (not on 490

FIRST NAME: ~~CHRISTIAN NAME~~ GIVEN NAME) Charles

RANK: Lt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: ~~SERIAL~~ SERVICE O-809704

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 19~~20~~ April 44 at 1630
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: near Ilhorn, 10 km northwest of Soltau, heath of Lueneburg
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: to Oberursel on 20 April 1944

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

signed: May
Captain and
Comm.leader

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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FORM LEAF 61

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Command A 20/XI Base Command

LOCATION: Reinsehlen on 20 April 1944 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXX~~ DOWNED) Boeing
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) which made a Belly Landing
~~XXXX~~H) DATE AND TIME: 18 April 1944, 1600

AT: NEAR: near Reinsehlen, 5 km southwest of the air Base, fighter grid square DU 6

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Not on 490

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) DEMARCO
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) John A.
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: T/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 32448998
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 19 April 44 at 1630
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: naer Ilborn, 10 km northwest of Soltau, heath of Lueneburg
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: to Oberursel on 20 April 1944

REMARKS:

signed: May
Captain and
Comm.leader

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

checked

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FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Command A 20/XI Base Command

LOCATION: Reinsehlen on 20 April 1944 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~DEATH~~ / EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Boeing ~~CRASH~~) DATE AND TIME: 18 April 1944, 1600
which made a belly landing

AT: NEAR: Reinsehlen, 5 km southwest of the air base, fighter grid square DU 6

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: ~~SURNAME~~ / LAST NAME) HUSTUS Not on 490

FIRST NAME: ~~CHRISTIAN NAME~~ / GIVEN NAME) Walter

RANK: Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: ~~SERIAL~~ / SERVICE 31153044

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: 19 April 44, 1630
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Ilsorn, 10 km northwest of Soltau, heath of Luenaburg
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: to Oberursel on 20 April 1944

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

signed: May
Captain and
Comm.leader

checked

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FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Command A 20/XI Base Command

LOCATION: Reinsehlen on 20 April 1944 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~CROSSED~~ EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Boeing DATE AND TIME: 16 April 1944, 1600
~~CRASH~~) which made a belly landing

AT: NEAR: Reinsehlen, 5 km southwest of the air base, fighter grid square DU 6

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) BRADLEY Not on 490
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Clyde W.
GIVEN NAME)

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-683955
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 19 April 44, 1630

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: near Ilhorn, 10 km northwest of Soltau, heath of Lueneburg

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: to Oberursel on 20 April 1944

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

signed: May
Captain and
Comm.leader

checked

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to DECLASSIFIED
by
by , AG
Date

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.
   Group 303rd Squadron 360th ; Detachment --
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Chart Attached
   Intended Destination Oranienburg ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   2-3/10ths thin cirrus at 26,000 feet. 2-3/10ths cumulus, tops 5000'. Visibility restricted by haze.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 18 ~~of~~ April 44 Time 1445 ; and Location Over Oranienburg. ~~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.
5. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97552
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-005756
   (b) SW-007090 ; (c) SW-00661 ; (d) SW-007177
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) ; (b) See Attached Sheet (c) ; (d)
   (e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
   or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. 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	HOLDCROFT, LLOYD L.	1st Lt.	0-802566 RTD.
2. Co-Pilot	BRADLEY, CLYDE W. JR.	1st Lt.	0-683955 RTD.
3. Navigator	PACE, CHARLES M.	1st Lt.	0-809704 RTD
4. Bombardier	O'DONNELL, JOHN J.	1st Lt.	0-751671 RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	DE MARCO, JOHN A.	T/Sgt.	32448998 RTD
6. Radio Gunner	FRANCIS, WALTER G. JR.	T/Sgt.	15170353 RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	KERN, LLOYD F.	S/Sgt.	33496857 RTD
8. Right Waist Gunner	HUSTUS, WALTER L.	S/Sgt.	31153044 RTD
9. Left Waist Gunner	SLUSSER, WALTER C.	S/Sgt.	13093303 RTD
10. Tail Gunner	KRUMHOLZ, ROBERT A.	S/Sgt.	36633431 RTD

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

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column: Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. --	-	-	-		-	-
2. See Statement of Preparing Officer - Attached.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used -- ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash -- ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) --
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached sheet.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached statement.
15. 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 20 April 1944

Jesse M. Barrett

JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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GUN NUMBERS ON AIRCRAFT #41-97552.

931019 S.A.
931094 S.A.
904367 S.A.
727690 B.L.C.GM.
949369 S.A.
949181 S.A.
947650 S.A.
949014 S.A.
931010 S.A.
931005 S.A.
947946 S.A.
905301 S.A.
727688 B.L.C.GM.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

19 April 1944.

Statement of Preparing Officer

There were no actual eyewitnesses to the loss of the A/C piloted by 1st Lt. L. L. Holdcroft and flying in #4 position in the High Squadron of the Low Group.

A survey of all the evidence indicates that the lost A/C was last seen just before making turn after the target. Some witnesses thought one of the engines had already been hit by flak but were not certain.

2nd Lt. Anthony J. Cecchini, pilot of the aircraft flying in #2 position of the same squadron, stated that the aircraft in question continued on a straight course after the target. Lt. Cecchini followed this A/C for a short time. When it was apparent that it did not intend to make the turn, left it and continued along with the main formation. This was the last time the lost aircraft was seen.

Jesse M. Barrett
JESSE M. BARRETT, 0-397
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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IDENTIFICATION TAG

Robert A Krumholz 36633431 T43-43 A

AUTHORITY C.C.
VIII BOMBER COMMAND
SIG. _____
DATE _____

SECRET
BY AUTHORITY OF
C.C. VIII BOM. COM.
INITIALS _____
DATE _____

PRIMARY TARGET--ORANIENBURG, GERMANY

——— PROPOSED ROUTE

——— ROUTE FLOWN

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3 COMB. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. 1/2 C. W.
LEAD & LOW GROUPS
18, APRIL, 1944

25000 1332
4,000 1638
9,000 1610
16,000 1236
8,000 1155
8,000 1143½
8,000 1132½
8,000 1123½
1814
3500 1744
18,000 1647
25,000 1411
21,000 1453
20,000 1620
25300 1431
25310 1445
AK 42-97590

KIEL
HAMBURG
BREMEN
HANNOVER
BERLIN
AMSTERDAM
COLOGNE
CROMER
GREAT YARMOUTH
FELIXSTOWE
CLACTON
LONDON
DOVER

54°
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E.U 1591

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L I S T O F D O G T A G S.

1) WALTER C S L O S S E R
13093303 T 43 O
C

2) LLOYD L H O L D C R O F T
0 - 802568 T 42 43 O
P

3) LLOYD F K E R N
33496857 T 43 43 O
P

4) WALTER G F R A N C I S
15170353 T 43 B
P

5) WALTER L. H U S T U S
31153044 T 43 O
P

6) JOHN A D E M A R K O
32448998 T 42 43 O
C

7) CLYDE W B R A D L E Y jr
0 - 683955 T 42 43 O
P

8) CHARLES M P A C E
0809704 T 43 O
P

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L I S T O F A M E R I C A N P A P E R S.

1) 1 POST CARD
with picture of B 17
" LOGAN COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA "

K U 1551

AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

R O T E N B U R G / HANN.

ROTENBURG / HANN. 25. APRIL 44

To: TRANSIT CAMP (AIR)

O B E R U R S E L

SUBJ.: Delivering of 4 American P.W.

LLOYD L H O L D C R O F T
JOHN J O' D O N N E L L
WALTE C S L U S S N E R
ROBERT A K R U M H O L Z

By Sgt. L O G E M A N N and Cpl. K L A U S from our base H.Q. to eval. sta. west transit camp (air)

KV 1551

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

LOCATION: REINSELEN

DATE: 20 APRIL 1944

DATE AND TIME: BELLY - LANDING, 18. APRIL 44 1600 5 km sw from
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN AIR BASE REINS

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~. emergency landing
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: BOEING

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) O. - cocknde - P U

ADMITTANCE NO: triangle C - 297552
42 - 97552

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES: and camara were sent to experimentstation 2 WUNSDORF by ENG. DOBERO
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

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

FORM 1.

K U 1552

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: R E I N S E H L E N

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

EM. LANDING: AT: REINSEHLEN, 5 km sw from air base, fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D E M A R C O T / Sgt/

FIRST NAME: JOHN A

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32448998

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at IHLHORN, 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUENEBURGER HEIDE 19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: R E I N S E H L E N

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING

REINSEHLEN, 5 km sw from air base

EM. LANDING: AT: fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) B R A D L E Y Lt.

FIRST NAME: CLYDE W

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 683955

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at ILSORN 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUENEBURGER HEIDE
19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE H.Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: R E I N S E H L N

DATE: 20. APRIL 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, BOEING
EM. LANDING: AT: REINSEHLEN, 5 km sw from air base, fighter - grid D U 6

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H U S T U S Sgt.

FIRST NAME: WALTER

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 31153044

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at ILHORN , 10 km nw SOLTAU / LUENEBURGER HEIDE
19. APRIL 1944 1630

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Delivered to OBERURSEL

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LFOU 649

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 21. APRIL 1944

TIME: 2125

FROM: LSFE

THROUGH: PAUL

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: QEM

S S D LFGF NO 5582 20. APRIL 1500

To: S S D EVAL. STA. WEST, OBERURSEL

SUBJ.: PLACES OF CRASH FROM 18. APRIL 1944

1) 1600, 7 km se air base REINSEHLEN D O 6, BOEING 25 % destruction
O K*K PU triangle G2 97552 42/97552 crew: escaped
salvage: REINSEHLEN
2) THUNDER BOLT, 100 % destruction markings: 9861358
1 prisoner salvage " ZWISCHEMANN "
3) 1510 at ELDENA sw air base LUDWIGSLUST DC 3, BOEING,
95 % destruction; markings: L in triangle No. 237733 M

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8 prisoners, 1 man escaped; salvage LUDWIGSLUST.

4) 1515 TORSHOLTER MOOR near " ZWISCHENAHN " J U 35, LIBERATOR, 99 % destruction, blue K in white circle No 252382, 2 prisoners, 1 wounded, 7 dead, salvage: ZWISCHENAHN.

CAMP H.Q. XI, Ic.

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 20/XI

PLACE: Rotenburg / Hannover

DATE: 25 April 1944

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF, B 17 G

EM. LANDING: AT: Reinsehlen / Hannover, 5 Km south west of the Airbase
Airbase DU 6 ; on 16 April 1944, 16,00

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Sgt. Slusser

FIRST NAME: Walter C.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) [redacted]

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at Ahanson, 8 Km south from Rotenburg / Hannover
25 April 1944 16,00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Personal Property of SLUSSER:

1. Identification Tag
2. 1 Pack Tablette
3. 1 Roll of Tape
4. 1 case of Instruments
5. 2 Prayer Papers
6. 1 Metal Saw
7. 1 Reed Stripe
8. 1 Open Escaping Bag

6-3224, AF(1)

KU 1551

P.W. CAMP STALAG XI B
FALLINGBOSTEL
Section III Nr. 870/44
Defence Officer

Fallingbostel 23 April 1944

To: Transit Camp (AIR)
Ober Ursel

Subject: Delivery of 2 captured American Flyers

To: Assistant General - Command XI AK
Hannover, Stab III Nr. 4991/44
From 4 February 1944 Secret

The 2 American Flyers:

Sgt. Lloyd, Frederik, Korn
Born: 22 October 1922

T/Sgt. Walter, George, Francis
Born: 5 September 1922

are delivered to there, according to the referrence written above.

Addition: List of Personal Property.

KU 1651

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LPOM 576

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 19 April 1944

TIME: 09,30

FROM: LWKO

THROUGH: KOEHLER

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Q E M

SSD LFRE 333 18 April 1944 20,30

To: Transit Camp (Air) Ober Ursel

Subject: Belly-Landing of a Boeing on the 18 th. April 1944 at 16,00
5 Km from the Airbase Reinsehlen.
Fighter-Grid Du 6.
Crew escaped, search action started.
Type: Boeing, Markings 0 Cockade PU
Admittance Nr: Tryangle C 297552
Condition: 25 % destroyed.

Airbase Headquarters A 20/ XI
Reinsehlen

6-3224, AF(5)

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AIRBASE A 20/XI
REINSEHLEN

Reinsehlen, 20 April 1944

Subject: Safeguarding of captured papers and things

of the crew of the Boeing, which made a Belley-
landing 5 Km south of the Airbase of Reinsehlen
on 18 April 1944 at 16,00 O'clock.
1 box of personal property of 4 captured members of
the crew, that were taken off by the police.
The packet of papers were found at the plane.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: XXXX LSOM 791

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 26 April 1944

TIME: 10,10

FROM: LSFM

THROUGH: LINK

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

SSD L F R G 719 25 April 1944 22,25

To: Evaluation Center West, Transit Camp (Air)
Ober Ursel / Taunus

Subject: Emergency Landing of a B 17 G on 18 April 1944, 16, 00 south from the Airbase of Reinsehlen, DU 6
4 members of the crew captured at Ahausen (8Km south from Rotenburg.)
1. Lloyed L. Holdcroft 0-802568 T 42 43
2. John, J. XXXXXXX O'Donnell 0751671 T 42-43
3. Walter XX C. Slusser 1309303 T 43-43
4. Robert A. Krumholz 36613431 T43-43

Will be delivered to Ober Ursel on the 26 April 1944

Airbase Headquarters A 20?XI
Rotenburg/ Hann

6-3224, AF(5)