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MARKINGS OF CRAFT: 358 (H 130)

	<u>RANK:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>KU - 2018</u>
	2nd Lt.	MAGARY	
Group 303	S/Sgt	COPE , Wayne Edgar ASN: 16031788	.
Base: Molesworth	S/Sgt	ASHAN , Robert Herbert ASN: 32719903	.
	S/Sgt	VASCUE , Manuel ASN: 73071	dead
	S.Sgt	HENDRICKSON , Wilton G. ASN: 6999785	dead (6)
	Sgt	LIVINGSTONE , Asel F. ASN: 39638617	dead (5)
	Sgt	GARROCCIA, Albert R. ASN: 20840217	dead (4)

28 May 44

The dead buried in Cemetery Bucha /Leipzig  
31 May 1944  
(x) - Grave Nr. 1 unknown grave Nr.1

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DATE: 28 May 1944 AT: 14.30 RANK: NAME: KU - 3018

PLACE: Super-highway W. Albrochthain 4 km south-west, east of Leipzig

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

2nd Lt.	DEYERMAN, Alvin Gordon	ASH: 0-753534	•
2nd Lt.	PFAHLER, Erwin J.	ASH: 0-695081	dead (3)
2nd Lt.	PALMER, Jackson Jr.	ASH: 0-703788	dead (3)

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	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 3018
MARKINGS OF CRAFT: 358 (H 130)	2nd Lt.	MAGANY	
Group 303	S/Sgt	COPE, Wayne Edgar	•
Base: Molesworth	S/Sgt	ASHAN, Robert Herbert	•
	S/Sgt	VASQUEZ, Manuel	dead
	S.Sgt	HENDRICKSON, Milton C.	dead (6)
	Sgt	LIVINGSTONE, Asel E.	dead (5)
	Sgt	CARROCCIA, Albert R.	dead (4)

The dead buried in Cemetery Beucha / Leipzig  
31 May 1944  
(x) - Grave Nr. 1 unknown grave Nr. 1

Downing of a Fortress on 28 May 1944 Time: 1430  
 near Albrechtstein, southwest of ~~Brandis~~, southeast of Leipzig.

Name: HENDRICKSON M. C. ✓ dead  
 A.S.N.: 6 999 785

Name: CARRICCIA Albert R. ✓ dead  
 A.S.N.: 20 840 217

Name: PFÄHLER Erwin J. ✓ dead  
 A.S.N.: 0 - 695 001

Name: LIVINGSTON Acol E. ✓ dead  
 A.S.N.: 39 835 517

Name: PALMER Jackson Jr. ✓ dead  
 A.S.N.: 0 - 703 788

Name: unknown dead  
 A.S.N.: unknown

( Incl. 1 ).

Beucha, 28/5/44

Nr. 1

Unknown American Flier

Nr. 2 JACKSON PALMER, 0-703788 T 42 43 0

Nr. 3 ERVIN J. PFALLER, 0-695081 T 43 0 T 44 0

Nr. 4 ALBERT R. GARROGHIA, 20840217 T 42-43 A C

Nr. 5 AGEL E. LIVINGSTON, 39835517 T 42-44 J P

Nr. 6 M.C. HENDRICKSON, 6999785 T 41-42 0 P

( Incl. 2 )

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Sketch of Location of Grave on Cemetery

( Incl. 3 )

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Sketch of Location of Coffins in Grave.

Air Base Headquarters  
 A 42/III Oschatz

Oschatz, June 1, 1944

Report on Salvage of Enemy Aircraft that crashed  
 May 28, 1944 near Albrechtshain.

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At 1700 on 28/5/44 a call from Air District HQ 7 / III Grossenhain came because of taking charge of 2 (two) captured fliers at Leisnig and search for enemy aircraft.

Leaving of receiving unit 28/5/44, 1900 o'clock.

Composition of receiving unit: Major Roemer as leader

Fl.Ob.Ing. Mueller as Engineer, with car  
 1 Sgt. and 2 EM with truck

Arrival at Leisnig around 2030 o'clock.

After taking charge of the prisoners the truck with the prisoners (two) under guard of 1 Sgt. and 2 EM was ordered back to Oschatz.

According to state police and local police 1 (one) enemy flier was presumed to be still at large and was being looked for by army personnel and firemen.

Because the location of the plane was not known and could not be specified and night was falling, we started back to Oschatz around 2300.

On May 29, 1944, 0800, the salvage detachment lead by Fl.Ob.Ing. Mueller went to Air Base HQ Brandis in order to turn in the two prisoners for transfer to Oberursel and in order to learn the exact location of the plane that salvage could be accomplished.

At the place of crash, west of Albrechtshain, 4 km southwest of Brandis, 5 dead crewmembers, whose identification was taken in hand at once, were found. Identification tags were found on four bodies, one identification tag was left on the every dead. All personnel effects, papers, photographs etc. was sent to evaluation point West Oberursel together with the identification tags. After that the recovery of the bodies was transferred to state police Brandis.

The aircraft, Boeing B - 17 G Fortress II, equipped with 4 radial engines Wright Cyclone 9, had crashed at two different places situated about 1200 m apart from another. ( see technical report). All secured implements, partly damaged very much, to a of types, guns and ammunition, are being shipped to the competent authorities.

Wreckage of craft, saved to air base Brandis, is 90% destruction.

s/ ROEMER  
 Major



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A (O) 35/III  
PLACE: Altenburg / Thuringen  
DATE: 28/5/44 1430  
REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) ~~OF~~, by antiaircraft  
SM LANDING: AT:  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DETERMAN, Aluin  
FIRST NAME: Aluin  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-753987 T 43 44 0  
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured  
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 28/5/44, 1430, Pomssen  
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Air Base Headquarters  
41 / III Oschatz

Oschatz, 3/6/44

**Subject:** Burial of dead American Fliers.

**Ref. :** Reports of this station on downing of Boeing B 17 Fortress II  
near Albrechtshain, 4 km southwest of Brandis near Leipzig May 28, 44.

**To :** Evaluation Point West, Oberursel.

The following named six dead crewmembers of the crashed enemy aircraft, near Albrechtshain, Brandis, have been buried on 31/5/44 at 1700 on the cemetery at Beucha near Brandis/Leipzig. The funeral was accomplished by the execution platoon of the Air Base HQ, Brandis. Report with 3 (three) inclosures is attached.

s/ ROEMER  
Major

Brandis, June 1, 1944

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on burial of six American pilots recovered in Beucha.

The American Aircraft ( markings not to be found out, because they had been cut out by the salvage detachment) was downed May 28, 1944, 1430 english time ( shown by the wrist-watch of a crewmember) above Beucha and crashed near Beucha west of Nollshain. There the six dead had been recovered by state police.

The bodies were undressed in the morgue of the old cemetery of Beucha. Salvage detachment Gschets furnished the coffins and took all military equipment and private property along. The Duplicate of the identification tags also.

A list of the identification tags is at the state police. Copy is attached to this report.

Coffining and burial was accomplished by the detachment of the execution platoon 2, Brandis.

The funeral took place in the presence of Master of state police John from Brandis. The mayor of Beucha was not present.

Time 1700 o'clock.

A sketch of the grave was made and is attached.

Photographs of the the grave will be made by the state police after the gravehill has been accomplished.

s/ HEINRICH  
M/Sgt.

s/ R. HENSEL  
M/Sgt.

Inlosures 3 ( 2 sketches and 1 list of names )

Explanations for sketch:

The graves are situated on the new cemetery Beucha near the wall ( west ) 6 m off the fence @ north @ in front of the island of urns in the section M. Sketch 3 gives information about location of coffins in the grave.

Air Base Headquarters A 37/III  
Brandis File sign 7

Brandis, 18/8/44

Subject: Crash of a Fortress on May 28, 1944 near Albrechtshain,  
southwest of Brandis, east of Leipzig.  
Ref.: D (Luft) 2706/07, VII  
To : Evaluation Point, West, Oberursel / Taunus.

On August 11, 1944 the corpse of the American flier Manuel VASQUEZ, Ser. Nr. 39693071 T 43-44 B, was found in the fields near Beucha, about 12 km east of Leipzig, in the process of decomposition. The below listed effects have been taken from the body and are being sent to Evaluation Point West, Oberursel. Equipment could not be saved, no parachute to be found. It is presumed that the dead belonged to the crew of a Fortress that crashed near Albrechtshain on May 28, 1944.

The dead flier was buried on August 12, 1944, 1100 o'clock on the "Neuen Friedhof" (New Cemetery) of Beucha near Leipzig (western corner) in the presence of police chief Jahn of Brandis and soldiers of Air Base Headquarters A 37/III.

s/ illegible  
Major

Nachri Air Base District Headquarters 7/III  
Grossenhain/Saxony  
Air Base District HQ 7

Incl. -1- List of confiscated Property.

(inclosure)

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List of confiscated Property of the American flier  
Manuel VASQUEZ, Ser. Nr. 39693071 T 43-44 B (dead).

1 Identification Tag marked:

Manuel VASQUEZ, 39693071 T 43-44 B

1 Billfold (leather) with photographs and other papers

1 Book for addresses

1 Bag with Emergency rations (opened).

26 May 44

Identification: MANUEL VASQUEZ  
39699071 T 43-44 B

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Identification: ROBERT H ASMAN  
32719803 T 43 44 A

F

Identification: WAYNE E COPE  
16031788 T 43 44 AB

F

Identification: GRADY F. COPE  
38396306 T 43-43 O

F

Identification: ALVIN G. PETERMAN  
O-753987 T 43-44 O

F

1 Physical Record Card

Identification: JACKSON PALMER JR  
O-703788 T 42-43 O

Identification: ALBERT R. CANOCCIA  
20840217 T 42-43 A

O

Identification: M. C. HENDRICKSON  
6995785 T 41-42 O

F

Identification: AGEL E. LIVINGSTON  
39835517 T 42-44 O

F

Identification: ERVIN J. PFAHLER  
O-695081 T 43-44 O

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 896**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

**31/5/44**

THROUGH:

TIME:

**0700**

ROLL:

FROM:

**LSGL**

THROUGH:

**Haag**

REMARKS:

**S S D LBOS Nr. 959 30/5/44 1100**

**to evaluation point West Oberursel**

**subject: crash of fortress on May 28/44, 1430 at highway 4 km southwest of Brandis east of Leipzig.**

**Type of aircraft: Boeing B17 Fortress II**

**Markings of craft: not to be found out because burnt.**

**Order number in tailend of fuselage / G 21070 HLAK.**

**6 dead: PALMER, Jackson, 0-703788**

**PFAHLER, Erwin, 0-695081**

**CARROCHIA, Albert, 20840217**

**LIVINGSTON, Acol, 39835517**

**HENDRICKSON, H.C., 6999785**

**Unknown, no identification tag**

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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ACCEPTED:

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DATE:-

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FROM:

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REMARKS:

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Funeral will be reported later.

Salvage was ordered by air base district headquarters 7 / III on  
 May 29, 1944 because Brandis could not save.

Air Base Headquarters 41 / III Oschatz.



Date and Time Aircraft  
was shot down:

5/28/44 - 14.30

Casualty No. HU 2018

Place of Crash:

Autobahn near Brandis / Leipzig

Type of Plane:

Fortress

Reporting Unit:

Altenburg.

NAME	RANK	ASN	Captured Wounded Dead	Place of Internment
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DEYERMAN Alvin Gordon	2.Ltn.	O-753983	Captured	Dulag Luft
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COPE Wayne E.	Sgt.	16031788	"	"
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Casualty No. HU 2018

1. Additional Report from 6/22/44

PFAHLER Ervin J.	2.Ltn.	O-695081	Dead	6/3/44 - Cemetery Beucha - <u>Grave 3</u>
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PALMER Jackson Jr.	2.Ltn.	O-703788	Dead	dite <u>Grave 2</u>
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HENDRICKSON Milton G.	S/Sgt.	6999785	Dead	dite <u>Grave 6</u>
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LIVINGSTONE Asel E.	Sgt.	39835517	Dead	dite <del>Grave 5</del> <u>Grave 5</u>
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CAROCIA Albert R.	Sgt.	20840217	Dead	dite <u>Grave 4</u>
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1 Unknown Dead Man.

Casualty No. HU 2018

2. Additional Report from 7/4/44

ASHAN Robert Herbert	S/Sgt.	32719803	Captured	Dulag Luft
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Casualty No. HU 2018

3. Additional Report from 11/25/44

VASQUEZ Manuel		39693071	Dead	Now Cemetery Beucha near Leipzig.
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Dulag Luft - Date: 6/8/44

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DATE: 28 May 1944

AT: 14.30

~~RAU:~~ NAME:

KU - 2018

PLACE: Super-highway W. Albrechtain  
4 km south-west, east of Leipzig

2nd Lt. DETERMAN, Alvin Gordon  
ASN: O-753984

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2nd Lt. PFAHLER, Ervin J.  
ASN: O-695081

dead (3)

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

2nd Lt. PALMER, Jackson Jr.  
ASN: O-703788

dead (3)

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2nd Lt. Alvin G. Determan ✓

Mrs. Marjorie Determan, (wife) ✓  
Tyler, Minnesota.

2nd Lt. Ervin J. Pfahler ✓

Mrs. Mary E. Pfahler, (wife) ✓  
New Washington, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Jackson Palmer, Jr. ✓

Colonel Jackson Palmer, (father) ✓  
2900 Rhode Island Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

2nd Lt. James A. McCany

Mrs. Margaret R. McCany, (mother) ✓  
Scottsboro, Alabama.

S/Sgt. Milton C. Hendrickson ✓

Mrs. Ellen G. Anderson, (mother) ✓  
Rural Delivery Number Two, Box 47,  
Confluence, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Robert H. Asman ✓

Mr. Harry Asman, (father) ✓  
102 Lake Avenue,  
Yonkers, New York.

Sgt. Manuel Vasquez ✓

Mrs. Anada S. Vasquez, (mother) ✓  
Post Office Box 262,  
Cutler, California.

Sgt. Acel B. Livingston ✓

Mrs. Gloria N. Livingston, (wife) ✓  
Box Number Nine,  
Helper, Utah.

Sgt. Albert H. Carroccia ✓

Mrs. Evelyn Carroccia, (wife) ✓  
3719 Pecos Street,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sgt. Wayne E. Cope ✓

Mr. Boyd Cope, (father) ✓  
Rural Route One,  
Homer, Illinois.

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 Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.  
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment -----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached chart  
Intended Destination Leipzig, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
4/10ths cloud, tops 8,000 feet - visibility good.
- GIVE: (a) Date 28 May 44 Time 1435 ; and Location Near Leipzig, Germany  
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) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107028
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW 009564  
(b) SW 009579 ; (c) SW 010546 ; (d) 42-137104
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) SEE ATTACHED SHEET ; (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	DETERMAN, ALVIN G.	2nd Lt.	0-753987
2. Co-Pilot	PFÄHLER, ERVIN J.	2nd Lt.	0-695081
3. Navigator	PALMER, JACKSON (NMI) JR.	2nd Lt.	0-703788
4. Bombardier	MC CAMY, JAMES A.	2nd Lt.	0-757895
5. Top Turret Gunner	HENDRICKSON, MILTON C.	S/Sgt.	6999785
6. Radio Gunner	ASMAN, ROBERT H.	S/Sgt.	32719803
7. Ball Turret Gunner	VASQUEZ, MANUEL (NMI)	Sgt.	39693071
8. Right Waist Gunner	LIVINGSTON, AGEL E.	Sgt.	39835617
9. Left Waist Gunner	CARROCCIA, ALBERT R.	Sgt.	20640217
10. Tail Gunner	COPE, WAYNE E.	Sgt.	16031788

- 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	Contacted			Saw	
		By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
1. Stender, Francis H.	T/Sgt. 35431850		X			
2. _____						
3. _____						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (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 chart
- 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 29 May 1944

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

*Incl 15'*

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Paragraph # 8 - INSTALLED WEAPONS of A/C 42-107028

#1294716	B.A.
1296011	B.A.
1294801	B.A.
1293240	B.A.
1294880	B.A.
1294875	B.A.
952673	S.A.
952805	S.A.
952511	S.A.
952648	S.A.
952501	S.A.
747700	C.P.A.
158232	H.S.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **LIVINGSTON, Asst E.**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **39835517**

Position: ~~Crew Chief~~ **Right Waist Gunner**

Sgt. Livingston was flying as left waist gunner on this mission

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? In the waist just about 15 minutes before we were shot down

Any hearsay information: I was told by my German captors that three bodies were found in the tail section of the plane.

Source: German captors

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I suppose his was one of the bodies found in the tail section of plane after landing, according to information supplied by German captors only as to the number of bodies.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Ten

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not remember

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

Rank: **CARROCCIA, Albert R.**

Serial number: **Sgt.**

Position: Crew (Bomb ~~20840212~~ Flight (Fighter)

~~XX~~ **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? No knowledge ~~Was flying as tail-gunner~~

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Prior to take-off

Any hearsay information: I was told by my German captors that three bodies were found in the tail-section of the ship

Source: German captors

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I suppose his was one of the bodies referred to above

Total number of missions of above crew member: Ten

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not remember

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **PFALZER, Ervin J.**  
Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-695081**  
Position: ~~Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter)~~ **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Believe was blown out

Where? Over Eilenburg, Germany

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? I last saw him prior to take-off

Any hearsay information: Shot by civilians upon hitting ground

Source: Sgt. Wayne Cops, member of our crew

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ten

Dates and destinations if possible: I am unable to give this information



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Name of crew member: ~~MC 0017, James K.~~ Hendrickson, Milton C.  
 Rank: ~~Sgt.~~ S. Sgt.  
 Serial number: ~~0-727002~~ 6999785  
 Position: ~~Bombardier~~ ~~Observer~~ ~~Navigator~~ ~~Radio operator~~ ~~Engineer~~ ~~Top turret gunner~~ ~~Top turret gunner~~

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? I saw him in the waist about 15 minutes prior to being shot down (was flying in right waist-gunner position)

Any hearsay information: I was told by my German captors that three bodies were found in the tail section of the plane

Source: ---- German captors

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I suppose his was one of the bodies found in the tail section of plane after landing, according to information supplied by German captors only as to number of bodies

Total number of missions of above crew member: twelve

Dates and destinations if possible: no knowledge  
do not remember

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **PALMER, Jackson Jr.**  
Rank: **2nd.Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-703788**  
Position: ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? Prior to take-off

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ---

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: twelve

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

do not remember and have not my log book

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **VASQUEZ, Manuel**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **39692071**

Position: ~~XX~~ **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? In the waist, entering ball-turret over the English Channel

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ----

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15- Twelve

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not remember

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~x Milton x~~ x Mc Camy, James A.  
Rank: ~~x Sgt.~~ 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: ~~6999766x~~ 0-757893  
Position: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ( ~~xxxxxxx~~ ) ~~Top turret gunner~~ Bombadier

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? -- --

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Notified me over intercom that the bomb bay doors were open just before we were over the target  
Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Prior to take-off

Any hearsay information: None

Source: ----

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

This was his first flight with our crew

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge  
do not remember and have not my log book

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- Your name Robert Herbert Asman Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 30719903  
Kermit D George T.
- Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Mackin Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
- What year 1944 month May day 28 did you go down?
- What was the mission, 12th, target, Dessau, Germany, target time, approx. 2:30 PM, altitude, 24,000 ft., route scheduled, do not know, route flown do not know.
- Where were you when you left formation? over Leipzig
- Did you bail out? Yes - was blown out
- Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
- 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".  
Lt. Alvin G. Dataman, 1st Pilot, and Sgt. Wayne Cope, tail-gunner, were both blown out from flight deck at approximately 2:30 over Leipzig. I obtained the above information from Sgt. Cope.
- Where did your aircraft strike the ground? about 2 miles outside of Eilenburg near Leipzig
- 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
- Where were they in aircraft? Was told by German captors that three bodies were in the tail section of the ship.
- What was their condition? No knowledge
- When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
Ervin J. Pfahler, 2nd Lt. co-pilot, Lt. Jackson Palmer, Navigator, James A. McCamy, 2nd Lt, Bombardier, prior to take-off S/Sgt. Milton C. Hendrickson, Sgt. Manuel Vasquez, Sgt. Acel Livingston and Sgt. Albert R. Carroccia about half hour before arriving at target.
- 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)

over

Sgt. Acel Livingston was flying as left waist gunner)  
Sgt. Albert R. Carroccio was flying as tail-gunner ) on this mission  
Sgt. Wayne Cope was flying as right-waist gunner )

(Inclosure)

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List of confiscated Property of the American flier  
Manuel VASQUEZ, Ser. Nr. 39693071 T 43-44 B (dead).

- 1 Identification Tag marked:  
Manuel VASQUEZ, 39693071 T 43-44 B
- 1 Billfold (leather) with photographs and other papers
- 1 Book for addresses
- 1 Bag with Emergency rations (opened).

Identification: MANUEL VASQUEZ  
39693071 T 43-44 B

C

Identification: ROBERT H ASMAN  
32719803 T 43 44 A

P

Identification: WAYNE E COPE  
16031788 T 43 44 AB

P

Identification: GRADY F. COPE  
38396306 T 43-43 O

P

Identification: ALVIN G. DETERMAN  
0-753987 T 43-44 O

P

1 Physical Record Card

Identification: JACKSON PALMER JR  
0-703788 T 42-43 O

Identification: ALBERT R. CAROCCIA  
20840217 T 42-43 A

C

Identification: H. C. HENDRICKSON  
6999785 T 41-42 O

P

Identification: AGEL E. LIVINGSTON  
39835517 T 42-44 O

P

Identification: IRVIN J. PFAHLER  
0-695081 T 43-44 O

C



TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 896**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

**31/5/44**

THROUGH:

TIME:

**0700**

ROLL:

FROM:

**LSGL**

THROUGH:

**Haag**

REMARKS:

**S S D LBOS Nr. 959 30/5/44 1100**

to evaluation point West Oberursel

subject: crash of fortress on May 28/44, 1430 at highway 4 km southwest of Brandis east of Leipzig.

Type of aircraft: Boeing B17 Fortress II

Markings of craft: not to be found out because burnt.

Order number in tailend of fuselage / C 21070 HLAZ.

6 dead: PALMER, Jackson, O-707788

PFANLER, Erwin, O-695081

CARROCHIA, Albert, 20840217

LIVINGSTON, Acol, 39835517

HENDRICKSON, H.C., 6999785

Unknown, no identification tag

6-3224, AF(5)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A 37 / III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 28/5/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing ; 28/5/44, 1442.  
XXXXXXXXXX near Albrechtshain, district Grimsa/Sa.  
 AT: 13 km southeast of Leipzig, 14 km north-  
 west of Grimsa/Saxony.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) COPE

FIRST NAME: Wayne E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 16031768 T 43/44 AB

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured. Stays at Air Base HQ Brandis till transfer.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Near Albrechtshain, district Grimsa/Sa.  
 13 km southeast Leipzig, 14 km northeast Grimsa.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Remarks:** On May 28, 1944 at 1700 the prisoner was turned in to Air Base HQ Brandis by Oblt. Frey, 1./258 Flak, Unit L 01553, district post office Dresden.

s/ illegible  
 Major

Air Base Headquarters  
A 41/III Oschatz

Oschatz, June 1, 1944

Report on Salvage of Enemy Aircraft that crashed  
May 28, 1944 near Altrechtshain.

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At 1700 on 28/5/44 a call from Air District HQ 7 / III Grossenhain came because of taking charge of 2 (two) captured fliers at Leisnig and search for enemy aircraft.

Leaving of receiving unit 28/5/44, 1900 o'clock.

Composition of receiving unit: Major Roemer as leader

Fl.Ob.Ing. Mueller as Engineer, with car  
1 Sgt. and 2 EM with truck

Arrival at Leisnig around 2030 o'clock.

After taking charge of the prisoners the truck with the prisoners (two) and guard of 1 Sgt. and 2 EM was ordered back to Oschatz.

According to state police and local police 1 (one) enemy flier was presumed to be still at large and was being looked for by army personnel and firemen.

Because the location of the plane was not known and could not be specified and night was falling, we started back to Oschatz around 2300.

On May 29, 1944, 0800, the salvage detachment lead by Fl.Ob.Ing. Mueller went to Air Base HQ Brandis in order to turn in the two prisoners for transfer to Oberursel and in order to learn the exact location of the plane that salvage could be accomplished.

At the place of crash, west of Altrechtshain, 4 km southwest of Brandis, 5 dead crewmembers, whose identification was taken in hand at once, were found. Identification tags were found on four bodies, one identification tag was left on the fifth every dead. All personnel effects, papers, photographs etc. was sent to evaluation point West Oberursel together with the identification tags. After that the recovery of the bodies was transferred to state police Brandis.

The aircraft, Boeing B - 17 G Fortress II, equipped with 4 radial engines Wright Cyclone 9, had crashed at two different places situated about 1200 m apart from another. ( see technical report). All secured implements, partly damaged very much, tags of types, guns and ammunition, are being shipped to the competent authorities.

Wreckage of craft, saved to air base Brandis, is 90% destruction.

s/ ROEMER  
Major

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Headquarters A (O) 35/III**

PLACE: **Altenburg / Thuringen**

DATE: **28/5/44 1430**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by antiaircraft**

AT: **XXXXXXXXXX**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **DETERMAN, Alvin**

FIRST NAME: **Alvin**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0-753987 T 43 44 0**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **28/5/44, 1430, Pommern**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Air Base Headquarters  
A 41 / III Oschatz

Oschatz, 3/6/44

Subject: Burial of dead American Fliers.

Ref. : Reports of this station on downing of Boeing B 17 Fortress II  
near Albrechtshain, 4 km southwest of Brandis near Leipzig May 28. 44.

To : Evaluation Point West, Oberursel.

The following named six dead crewmembers of the crashed enemy aircraft, near Albrechtshain, Brandis, have been buried on 31/5/44 at 1700 on the cemetery at Beucha near Brandis/Leipzig. The funeral was accomplished by the execution platoon of the Air Base HQ. Brandis. Report with 3 (three) inclosures is attached.

s/ RICHNER  
Major

Brandis, June 1, 1944

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on burial of six American pilots recovered in Beucha.

The American Aircraft ( markings not to be found out, because they had been cut out by the salvage detachment) was downed May 28, 1944, 1430 english time ( shown by the wrist-watch of a crewmember) above Beucha and crashed near Beucha west of Wolfshain. There the six dead had been recovered by state police.

The bodies were undressed in the morgue of the old cemetery of Beucha. Salvage detachment Oschats furnished the coffins and took all military equipment and private property along. The Duplicate of the identification tags also.

A list of the identification tags is at the state police. Copy is attached to this report.

Coffining and burial was accomplished by the detachment of the execution platoon 2, Brandis.

The funeral took place in the presence of Master of state police John from Brandis. The mayor of Beucha was not present.

Time 1700 o'clock.

A sketch of the grave was made and is attached.

Photographs of the the grave will be made by the state police after the gravehill has been accomplished.

s/ HEINRICH  
M/Sgt.

s/ R. HENSEL  
M/Sgt.

Inlosures 3 ( 2 sketches and 1 list of names )

Explanations for sketch:

The graves are situated on the new cemetery Beucha near the wall ( west ) 6 m off the fence @ north @ in front of the island of urns in the section M. Sketch 3 gives information about location of coffins in the grave.

( Incl. 1 ).

Beucha, 28/5/44

Nr. 1

Unknown American Flier

Nr. 2 JACKSON PALMER, 0-703788 T 42 43 O

Nr. 3 ERVIN J. PFAHLER, 0-695081 T 43 O T 44 O

Nr. 4 ALBERT R. CARROCCIA, 20640217 T 42-43 A C

Nr. 5 ACEL E. LIVINGSTON, 39835517 T 42-44 O P

Nr. 6 M.C. HENDRICKSON, 6999785 T 41-42 O P

( Incl. 2 )

Sketch of Location of Graves on Cemetery



( Incl. 3 )

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Sketch of Location of Coffins in Grave.

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 ROME ARMY AIR FIELD  
 ROME, NEW YORK

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INTERVIEW SHEET  
Former Prisoners of War

Additional Information Regarding Casualties

15 Oct. 1945

Name of Casualty					Date
Pfahler	Erwin	J.	2nd Lt.		
Last	First	Middle	Rank	A. S. N.	
C Pilot			303 Bomb. Gp	358 Bomb. Sq.	
Crew Position				Unit	
28 May 1944				Leipzig Germany	
Date Last Seen				Place Last Seen	

I  
 Known information (Eyewitness)

II  
 Hearsay Information

Circumstances of loss of Aircraft: During B-17 - on the bomb run there was direct hit on plane. Inside of a minute there was an explosion. Sgt. Asman was blown out but managed to open chute. Sgt. Asman was taken prisoner immediately and did not see any of the crew until later.

Additional details: In Prison Camp - Stalag IV and Stalag I, he met the top turret gunner. Sgt. Wayne Coker, who said he had heard that Lt. Pfahler landed safely but was killed by civilians.

(Radio operator)

Robert H Asman	32719803	4104 BG.
Name of Reporter	A. S. N.	Unit
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Home Address		

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Additional Information Regarding Casualties

15 Oct 1945

Name of Casualty

Date

Hendrickson Milton C

S/Sgt

Last

First

Middle

Rank

A. S. N.

Waist Gunner + Engineer

303 Bomb. Gp. 358 Bomb. Sq.

Crew Position

Unit

28 May 1944

near Leipzig Germany

Date Last Seen

Place Last Seen

I

Known information (Eyewitness)

II

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Additional details:

As Sgt. Asman was falling, the fuselage from radio room back (approx) fell past him. He was told later by Germans that there were three bodies in the fallen section. Sgt. Asman believes these were the two waist gunners and tail gunner.

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 ROME, NEW YORK

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Additional Information Regarding Casualties

10 Oct

Name of Casualty				Date
Loringston	Accl	E	Sgt	
Last	First	Middle	Rank	A. S. N.
Waist gunner			303 Bomb Sq.	358 <sup>th</sup> Bomb. Sq.
Crew Position			Unit	
28 May 1944			over Leipzig Germany	
Date Last Seen			Place Last Seen	

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 Known information (Eyewitness)

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Additional Information Regarding Casualties

15 Oct 45

Name of Casualty

Date

Carroccia Albert R Sgt

Last

First

Middle

Rank

A. S. N.

Tail Gunner

303 Bomb. Grp. 358 Bomb. Sq.

Crew Position

Unit

28 May 1944

over Leipzig Germany

Date Last Seen

Place Last Seen

I

Known information (Eyewitness)

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Additional Information Regarding Casualties

15 Oct 1945

Name of Casualty

Date

Vasquez

Manuel

Sgt.

Last

First

Middle

Rank

A. S. N.

Ball turret gunner

303 Bomb. Sq. 358 Bomb. Sq.

Crew Position

Unit

28 May 1944

over Leipzig, Germany

Date Last Seen

Place Last Seen

I

Known information (Eyewitness)

II

Hearsay Information

Circumstances of loss of Aircraft:

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run there was direct hit on plane. Inside of  
a minute there was an explosion. Sgt. Vasquez  
was blown out but managed to open chute  
Sgt. Vasquez was taken prisoner immediately.

was seen or heard from Sgt. Vasquez

Additional details:

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Name of Reporter

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ASMAN, ROBERT H.	32719803	POW	19 JUL	201110	28 MAY
CARROCCIA, ALBERT R.	20840217	KIA	6 JUL	188105	28 MAY
COFF, WAYNE E.	16031788	POW	19 JUN	172089	28 MAY
DETERMAN, ALVIN G.	0-753987	POW	19 JUN	172089	28 MAY
HENDRICKSON, MILTON C.	6949785	KIA	6 JUL	188105	28 MAY
LIVINGSTON, ACEL F.	39835517	KIA	6 JUL	188105	28 MAY
PALMER, JACKSON JR.	0-703788	KIA	6 JUL	188105	28 MAY
PTAHLER, ERVIN J.	0-695081	KIA	6 JUL	188105	28 MAY
VASQUEZ, MANUEL	39693071	KIA	20 JAN	022184	28 MAY