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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

11199

Date: 11-25-1944

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
Group 503rd B.G.; Squadron 360th ; Detachment - - - - -
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth ; Course As ordered.
Target or Intended Destination Merseburg, Ger. ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Thick belt of haze 18-28000 ft. - dense persistent contrail. Visibility very poor.
- GIVE: (a) Day 21 Month November Year 1944; Time 1148 Location 51°20'N---
11 40'E 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 (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G ; AAF Serial Number 43-38705 B ✓
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any _____
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-026923 ; (b) SW-027277 ; (c) SW-027289 ; (d) SW-027201
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1476593 Frig.; (b) 1476553 Frig.; (c) 1476498 Frig.; (d) _____;
(e) 1476763 Frig.; (f) 1476704 Frig.; (g) 1476529 Frig.; (h) _____;
(i) 1476521 Frig.; (j) 1476654 Frig.; (k) 1476707 Frig.; (l) _____;
(m) 1032724 CPF; (n) 1476555 Frig.; (o) 1046476 CPFV; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
of (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
<i>KIA</i> 1. Pilot ✓	<i>✓</i> CURETON, PETER F. JR.	1st Lt.	✓ O-395681	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 2. Co-Pilot	<i>✓</i> RALEY, STONEWALL J.	2nd Lt.	✓ O-715326	MIA <i>✓</i>
<i>KIA</i> 3. Navigator	<i>✓</i> DU BOIS, BENJAMIN F.	2nd Lt.	✓ O-723321	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 4. Bombardier	<i>✓</i> ULRICH, CARL L.	1st Lt.	✓ O-678513	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 5. Top T. Gunner	<i>✓</i> BOURLIER, DONALD W.	T/Sgt.	✓ 12200808	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>DED</i> 6. Radio Gunner	<i>✓</i> ELLIS, JAMES A.	T/Sgt.	✓ 15082640	MIA <i>POW RTD.</i>
<i>KIA</i> 7. Ball T. Gunner	<i>✓</i> BURFORD, JOSEPH A.	S/Sgt.	✓ 33437601	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 8. Waist Gunner	<i>✓</i> MC CORMICK, LEWIS J.	S/Sgt.	✓ 33428330	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> 9. Tail Gunner	<i>✓</i> CELICEWSKI, ERVIN M.	S/Sgt.	✓ 15098973	MIA <i>KIA</i>
10.				
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. <u>RUSSO, WILLIAM D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-2060383</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

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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. **Not required.**
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary attached.**
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. **None.**

FEB 9 1945

Date of Report 27 Nov 1944



Joseph G. Robinson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Captain, AC.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

RECEIVED

See S-2 Summary attached.

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MACR NO. 11199

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 8th A.F.
GROUP 303rd Bdb.; SQUADRON 360th; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE Molesworth; COURSE As ordered
INTENDED DESTINATION Marsden, Germany; TYPE OF MISSION Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Thick
belt of haze 18-28000 ft. - dense persistent contrail. Visibility very poor.
4. GIVE: (A) DATE 21 Nov 1944 TIME 1145; AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN
WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT 51°20' N.--11°40' E.
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER 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; ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT; OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17 D; AAF SERIAL NO. 43-38705 B
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES ---P-1820-97; AAF SERIAL NO. (A) _____
SW-026923 (B) SW-027277 (C) SW-027289 (D) SW-027201
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
(A) 1476593 Frig. (B) 1476553 Frig. (C) 1476498 Frig. (d) 1476521 Frig.
(E) 1476783 Frig. (F) 1476704 Frig. (G) 1476529 Frig. (h) 1476654 Frig.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY
OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 9; PASSENGERS 0; TOTAL 9
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	STATUS
(1) PILOT	Cureton, Peter F	1st Lt	0-395681	KIA
(2) CO-PILOT	Raley, Stonewall J	2nd Lt	0-715326	DIED
(3) Nav.	De Bois, Benjamin F	2nd Lt	0-723321	KIA
(4) Bombardier	Ulrich, Carl L	1st Lt	0-678513	KIA
(5) Top T. Gnr	Bourlier, Donald	T/Sgt	12200808	KIA
(6) Radio Gunner	Ellis, James A	T/Sgt	15082640	DIED
(7) Ball T. Gnr	Burford, Joseph A	S/Sgt	33437601	KIA
(8) Waist Gnr	McCormick, Lewis J	S/Sgt	33428330	KIA
(9) Tail Gnr	Celichowski, Ervin M	S/Sgt	15098973	KIA
(10)				
(11)				

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	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
(1) Russo, William D.	2nd Lt.	0-2060333		X		
(2)						
(3)						

12. 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) _____
13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See 6-2 attached.
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Not required
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE None

(k) 1476707 Frig.; (m) 1032724 CPT; (n) 1476555 Frig; (o) 1046476 CPT

27 November 1944

(Date of Report)

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Captain, AG.

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)

Prepared by Memorial Division, OOMG.

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 305rd SQ 360th A/C # 43-38705 MISSION DATE 21 November 1944

FIRST PILOT GURSTON, PETER F. JR. 1st Lt. O-395681 DESTINATION Merseburg, Germany.

NAME RANK SER#

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

(a) By coordinates 51°20'N-11°40'E.

(b) Approximate altitude 18,000'

(c) Last noted heading South

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 1000 feet.

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

Intense and accurate A/A gunfire.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc): # 3 engine was on fire with flames streaming back to tail. #2 engine reported to caught fire as A/C went down.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance: A/C caught fire and slid off to right away from formation, losing altitude at same time. Salvaged bombs at about 18,500 feet. A/C seemed to be under control.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). Fighter support in vicinity.

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

Eight and possibly nine parachutes reported.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

8. Date of report 27 November 1944.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	<u>RUSCO, WILLIAM D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-2060383</u>	<u>43-32451</u>
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u><i>Joseph G. Robinson</i></u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-904618</u>	<u>Ass't S-2.</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: AFPPA-8
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of First Lieutenant Peter F. Curetor, Jr. 0395681
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
427th squadron
(Organisation)
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel



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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 8 Feb 45)

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1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

1 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 1st Lt. Peter F. Cureton, Jr., 0395681, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38705. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 319.1 Cas 2nd Ind. JWP/JFR
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 6 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., Attention: AFPPA-8.

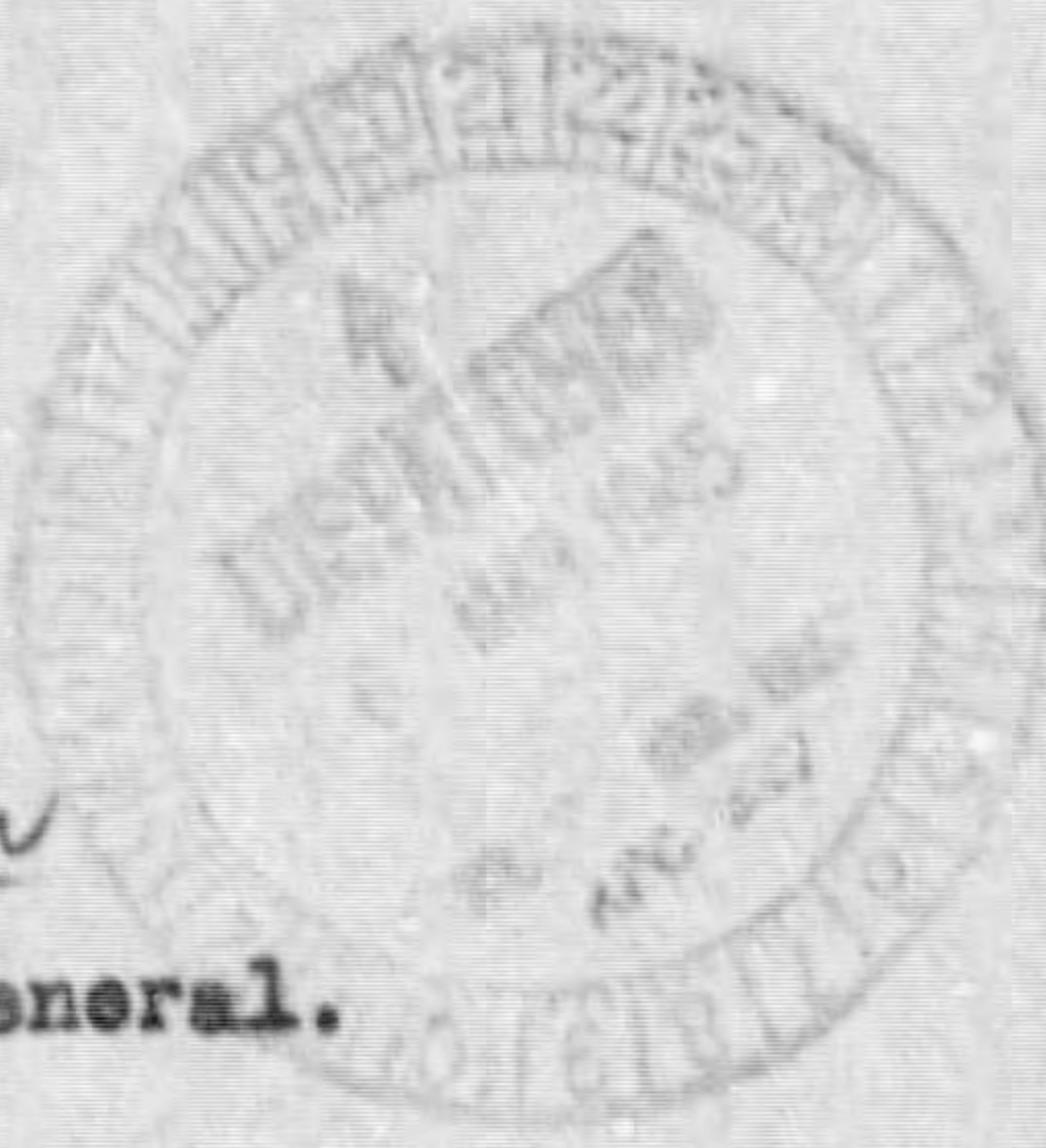
1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-38705, piloted by 1st Lt. Peter F. Cureton, Jr., O-395681, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Peter F. Cureton, Jr., O-395681, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

H M Rund

H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.



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JWP/JFR

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 28 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-38705, piloted by 1st Lt. Peter F. Curston, Jr., O-395681, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 27 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of S/Sgt. Ervin M. Celichowski, 15098973, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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on folder
of Kelley*

H M Rund
H. M. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "S/Sgt Ervin M. Celichowski, 15098973" dtd 9 Jan 45)

319.1 *Dq/S.*

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 637, U. S. ARMY.

25 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show S/Sgt. Ervin M. Celichowski, 15098973, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-38705. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, JR.
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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KU 3333

Nationality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Flyer

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 21 Nov 44, at 1200 hours Frankleben near Merseburg

Reported by: Dulag Luft No. 2646/45, 5 Jan 45

Dead List No. 64

Serial No. 112

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 B-17
 AAF 43-38705
 9 men

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Raley, Stonewall d 0715326

21. Nov. 44 at 1200
 Frankleben near
 Herseburg
 Fortress 33705

28 Dec.

KU-3333

5	• DUBOIS	Benjamin F.	0-723321	dead
7	• ULRICH	Carl L.	0-678513	dead
2	• CURETON	Peter F. Jr.	0-395681	dead
1	• CELICHOWSKI	E. W.	15098973	dead
6	• BOURLIER	Donald	12200808	dead
4	• MC CORMICK	Lewis	33428330	dead
3	• BURFORD	Joseph A.	33437601	dead

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9 dead cemetery Frankleben
 • Ellis James A 15-082640 R+D

Complete crew listed above

Downing No. KU 3333

REPORT ON DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT.

Date of crash : 31. Nov. 44 12.00
Place of crash: FRANKLEIN near MERSBURG
Type of aircraft: FORTRES
Reporting office: Airbase headquarters HALL on SAALB

C R E W

DUBOIS	Benjamin F.	Officer	O - 723321M	dead
ULRICH	Carl L.	Officer	O - 678513	dead
CURTON	Peter F. Jr.	Officer	O - 505491	dead
CHLICHOWSKI	H.M.	Sgt	15099975	dead
BOULIER	Donald	XXXXXXXX	18800808	dead
MC CORMICK	Lewis		53428330	dead
BURFORD	Joseph A.		53437601	dead

1 Unknown dead

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DULAG LUFT, 3. Jan. 45 No.

K U - 3333

Type of aircraft: Boeing B 17 G
Place of crash: near Frankleben, Mine Otte-Tanneberg,
7 km S.W. of Mersoburg
Time of crash: 21 Nov. 44 at 1152

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CELICHOWSKI, E.
15098975

dead

✓ CURETON, Peter F. JR Off.
0-395681

dead

✓ MCCORMICK, Lewis LEWIS
33428230

dead

✓ BOURLIER, Donald
12200808

dead

✓ DU BOIS, BENJ. F. Off.
0-723121

dead

✓ ULRICH, Carl Off.
0-678513

dead

✓ BURFORD, Joseph A.
33437601

dead

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KU 2323

4) 1152 o'clock - Frackleben, (mine Otto - Kameberg), 7 km south west Harseburg,
in LB 9, Fortress II, 95 % damage. Markings: "B", star, "Q U", red diagonal.
On fin admittance No. 333 705 . 8 dead, 1 captured. Claim: 14 Flak Division.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **1./ Heavy Flak unit 377 (v), Postal No: I. 53863 LOPA Dresden**

PLACE: **Deuna/Geiseltal**

DATE: **21 November 1944 1153 hours**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, one Fortress II**

AT: ~~BY LANDING~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Ellis

FIRST NAME:

James A. Rank: Cpl.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

15082640 T 44 B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

**Deuna/Geiseltal, station 142a
on 21 November 1944, 1153 hours.**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Dispensary, Flakbarracks Marseburg

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

*Miss 21 Nov 44
EUS*

in representation:

signed:
Ltn.

Flying-Technical School (W) 8
Dept. IB File-sign: 23k.

Hersburg, 25 November 1944

Subject: Capture of American flier.
Enclosure: -2-

To
Receiving Detachment
Airbase Halle-Nietleben

Halle-Nietleben

The American flier James A. Ellis, Ser.No: 15082640 T 44 B, who had parachuted, was handed over to the dispensary by the Heavy Flak Unit 377 (O) on 21 November because of being wounded and was, after having been bandaged, sent to the Hospital for Prisoners of War Leipzig-Wahren.

The following items were confiscated and secured:

- 1 parachute
- 1 left fur-lined shoe
- 1 left heatable shoe
- 1 right heatable glove
- 1 bandage for tying off
- 1/2 identification tag Nr. 15082040 T 44 B

1 silver bracelet has been given back to the prisoner because personal property is not allowed to be taken away.

1 first aid kit and
1 cannula
were spent for the treatment of the wounded prisoner.

The content of an escape kit, as far as medicaments, was handed over to the Medical Officer of the troupe, as far as necessities and luxuries, given to the sick men of the dispensary.

for
Sent for evaluation to
2nd flying unit of ILS of evaluation
center West Oberursel.

By order:
signed:
1st Lt.
Halle/Saale, 2 December 1944
signed:
Uko.-expert

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III. 1.) E I I I s, James A.
2.) T/Sgt. (Kw 559 A)
3.) - - - -
4.) - - - -
5.) - - - -

6.) Bullet wound through right upper arm.
Bone may be hit. - Bullet wound left breast
Bullet still in wound. Somnolent through
shok. Symptoms of slight brain-concussion
7.) Time required for recovery: 8-10 weeks
8.) Gen. Hosp. f. POWs, Leipzig.
9.) 21 Nov. 44
10.) 21 Nov. 44

Air Base Headquarters Halle/Saale
Command Air Base Area 7/III Grossschalein

22 November 1944

VITAL REPORT ON CAPTURE OF BUNN A.F. EQUIPMENT AND CREWMEMBERS

To Army Equipment Research Center
Air District Command, Engineer
Command Air Base Area
Information Center West, Oberursel

Crash Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1140 Place: Frankleben, Mine Otto Fannenberg
Type of craft: Boeing B 17 D on approach trip 95 % damaged.
Markings of craft: "B", star, "PU", red diagonal, Admittance No. 338705
Guarding the crashed craft: Home Guard

Disposition of the crew: 8 dead. Place and time of interment will be reported.

1)	Gelichowski	E.	15098373	Identified by dog tags MACR 11199
2)	Cureton	Peter	O - 336581	
3)	Barford	Joseph A.	33437901	
4)	McCornick	Levin	33438330	
5)	De Bois	Benjamin F.	O - 731121	
6)	Bourlier	Donald	12230898	
7)	Ulrich	Carl	O - 678513	
8)	unknown			

Above inquiries have been made by: (no signature) . E and Lt.

TECHNICAL DATA

Wing: (Damage), Fuselage: 50 % Landing gear: 60 % Wings: 60 % Tail unit: 70 %
Motor: Type: Starbaker, with exhaust turbine. Numbers and percentage of damage cannot be recognized before salvage.

Propellers: 3 blades, Hamilton Standard, No. 6477 A-0; serial No's.: 6901, 6902, 6903. Radius 1800 mm, 0.7x r : 1260 mm, width: 320 mm

Armament: 7 MG's, 12.7 mm cal., mounted flexible in chin and waist, type: Mortar-Gun Mount Type B-11, Mfrs. Assy. DWG Number 03-043-013, order No. 93-93-24730 Bell Aircraft Corp.-Ordnance Div., Serial No. 33 A - 46047

Sights: Ningsights

Ammunition: 12.7 mm, belt. Mixed in proportions: 4 : 1 IM 4 : 7A 44

Bombs: None found

Bombights: Not found.

Bombrack: Release Bomb Rack Type A-4, 24 Volts D.C. Assembly, No. 4569840-R

Mount: 5 mm armour (radio operator's cabin), 6.3 mm armour (pilots' seats)

Radio Equipment: 1) Rack RF - 244-A . 2) Inverter and Dynamotor Unit P - 94 - e. See Emergency Transmitter E C - 778 - E. 4) Transmitter M - 375 - E with Tuning Units TU-8-B (connected) and TU-24-B . 5) Antenna Variometer M-306-B . 6) Radio Receiver RC-348-R . 7) Kaiser Type R 1555 with connected Tuning Unit RF Unit Type 36, position of 1. button: 4, 2. button: E ; with Indicator Type 62 . 8) Indicator RC-727 . 9) Receiver (sofar unknown to this station) RC-733-B with following crystals and frequency channels: U 5633.133, V 5655.555 W 5677.777, X 5700.000, Y 5722.222, Z 5744.444 .

Generator: None found.

Fuel: Could not be tested as all tanks were completely empty.

Tanks: presumably 16

signed: Krause
Engineer

Air Base Headquarters Hall/Saal
Command Air Base Area 7/III Grossenlaun

23 November 1944

FINAL REPORT ON CAPTURE OF HEAVY A.F. EQUIPMENT AND CREWMEMBERS

To Heavy Equipment Research Center
Air District Command, Engineer
Command Air Base Area
Information Center West, Oberursel

Crash: Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1140 Place: Frankleben, Mine Otto Tannenberg
Type of craft: Boeing B 17 G on approach trip 95 % damaged.
Markings of craft: "B", star, "FU", red diagonal, Admittance No. 338705
Guarding the crashed craft: Home Guard

Disposition of the crew: 8 dead. Place and time of interest will be reported.

1)	Gelichowski	K.	15098973	} identified by dog tags
2)	Cureton	Peter	0 - 395621	
3)	Burford	Joseph A.	33437601	
4)	McCormick	Levin	33428330	
5)	De Bois		0 - 723121	
6)	Bourlier	Donald	12300886	
7)	Ulrich	Carl	0 - 678513	
8)	unknown			

Above inquiries have been made by: (no signature), 2nd Lt.

TECHNICAL DATA

Ball: (Damage), Fuselage: 90 % Landing gear: 60 % Wings: 60 % Tail unit: 70 %
Motor: Type: Studebaker, with exhaust turbine. Numbers and percentage of damage cannot be recognized before salvage.

Propellers: 3 bladed, Hamilton Standard, No. 6477 A-0; serial No's.: 6901, 6902, 6903. Radius 1800 mm, 0.7x r : 1260 mm, width: 320 mm

Armament: 7 MG's, 12.7 mm cal., mounted flexible in chin and waist, type: Adapter-Gun Mount Type B-11, Mfrs. Assy. DWG Number 03-043-012, order No. 93-93-24730 Bell Aircraft Corp.-Ordnance Div., Serial No. 32 A - 46047

Sight: Ringsights

Ammunition: 12.7 mm, belt. Mixed in proportion: 4 : 1 DM 4 : 7A 44

Bombs: None found

Bombight: Not found.

Bombrack: Release Bomb Rack Type A-4, 24 Volts D.C. Assembly, No. 4369843-R

Armour: 5 mm armour (radio operator's cabin), 6.3 mm armour (pilots' seats)

Radio Equipment: 1) Rack RT - 244-A. 2) Inverter and Dynamometer Unit P - 94 - c. Sea Emergency Transmitter B C - 778 - B. 4) Transmitter BC - 375 - B with Tuning Units TU-3-B (connected) and TU-25-B. 5) Antenna Variometer BC-306-B. 6) Radio Receiver BC-348-R. 7) Earier Type A 1355 with connected Tuning Unit RF Unit Type 25, position of 1. button: 4, 2. button N; with Indicator Type 62. 8) Indicator BC-737. 9) Receiver (sofar unknown to this station) BC-733-B with following crystals and frequency channels: U 5633.333, V 5655.555 W 5677.777, X 5700.000, Y 5722.222, Z 5744.444.

Cameras: None found.

Eng: Could not be tested as all tanks were completely rattled.

IGN: presumably 16

signed: Krause
Examiner

Attached are Pass and Documents:

Josef A. Barford
33437681 T 43 - 44 O
Betty Barford
1767 Reisch St.
New Brington Pa.

H. M. Calichowski
15098973 T 43 - 43 B
C

Donald W. Bourlier
12200808 T 43 - 43 O
F

Carl W. Ulrich
O - 678513 T 43 - 44 A
P

Peter F. Curaton Jr.
O - 305681 T 43 - 44 A
P

Documents:

Lt. Peter F. Curaton:

- 2 Certificates (WC No. 21377)
- 2 Instrument Pilot Certificate
- 1 Member's Certification of Ass. of Civilian Men

Sgt. Donald W. Edwiff Bourlier:

- 1 Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
- 1 Enlisted Men's Identification Card

S/sgt Ervin M. Calichowski:

- 1 Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
- 1 Class B Pass (Avon Park Bombing Range)

Attached Log Page and Documents:

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1767 Keisch St.
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15098973 T 43 - 43 B
C

Donald V. Bourlier
12200908 T 43 - 43 O
P

Carl W. Ulrich
0 - 678513 T 43 - 44 A
P

Peter F. Carston jr.
0 - 395691 T 43 - 44 A
P

Documents:

Lt. Peter F. Carston:

- 2 Certificates (WC No. 21377)
- 2 Instrument Pilot Certificate
- 1 Member's Certification of Ass. of Citadel Men

Sgt. Donald W. ~~McKinnis~~ Bourlier:

- 1 Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
- 1 Existed Man's Identification Card

S/Sgt Ervin K. Celichowski:

- 1 Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card
- 1 Class B Pass (Avon Park Bombing Range)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Salvage Detail

PLACE: ~~Walle~~ / Saale

DATE: 23 November 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto-Tannenbergl, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov, 44 Time: 1152 of Neresburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

B u r f o r d

FIRST NAME:

J o s e p h

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

33437601

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dead, recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

/ .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported

signed

M i r s c h
3 nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Esale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**~~EMERGENCY~~AT: **Frankleben, Mine Otto-Tannenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1153 of Neresburg**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

C u r t e n

FIRST NAME:

P e t e r

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O - 335621

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**signed **N i e r s c h**
2 nd Lt.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Saale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters****AT: Frankleben, Mine Otte-Tannenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1153 of Merseburg**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **G u r t o n**FIRST NAME: **P e t e r**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **G - 395681**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported****signed M i e r s c h
2 nd Lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Salvage Detail**

PLACE: **Halle / Saale**

DATE: **23 November 1944**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF **Focke W 17 G** **by Flak and fighters**

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

AT: **Frankleben, Mine Otto-Pannenberg, 7 km southwest of**
Date: **21 Nov. 44** Time: **1152** **arsenburg**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

unknown

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

will be reported

signed Hirsch
3rd Lt.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Saale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**~~REMARKS:~~**A Frankleben, Mine Otto-Faansberg, 7 km southwest of
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 ^{erseburg}**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

unknown

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

will be reported**signed Hirsch
2nd Lt.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Salvage DetailPLACE: Halle / SaaleDATE: 23 November 1944REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and Fighters~~XXXXXXXXXX~~AT: Frankleben, Mine Otte-Faunenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Merseburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Ulrich

FIRST NAME:

Carl

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O - 678513

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reportedsigned: Nieroch
2nd Lt.MACR 11199

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Saale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and Fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Frankleben, Mine Otte-Fannenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Morseburg

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

U r i c h

FIRST NAME:

C a r l

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

0 - 678513

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**signed: **N i e r s c h**
2 nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Saale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 C by Flak and fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto-Jannenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of HarseburgNAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **B e u r l i e r**FIRST NAME: **D o n a l d**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **12200808**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Dead recovered**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**signed: **M i e r s c h**
2 nd Lt.**MACR 11199**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Salvage Detail**PLACE: **Halle / Saale**DATE: **23 November 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Frankleben, Minn Otto-Fennenberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of HerxsbargNAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Bourlier**FIRST NAME: **Donald**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **12206608**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**signed: **Nierseh**
2nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Salvage Detail**
 PLACE: **Halle / Saale**
 DATE: **23 November 1944**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 C by Flea and fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto Tanneberg, 7 km southwest
Detel 2 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Herzburg
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **De Bois**
 FIRST NAME: **Benjamin F.**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **0 - 722121**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: **./.**
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**

signed: **Wickrohn**
2nd Lt.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Salvage Detail**
 PLACE: **Halle / Saale**
 DATE: **23 November 1944**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**
AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto Tanneberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 2 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Merseburg
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Du Bois**
 FIRST NAME:
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O - 723131**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**

signed: **Miersch**
2nd Lt.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Salvage Detail**
 PLACE: **Halle / Saxe**
 DATE: **23 November 1944**
 REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto-Tanneberg, 7 km southwest
Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Herseburg
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Mc Cormick**
 FIRST NAME: **Lewis**
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **53428330**
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**

signed: **Miersch**
2nd Lt.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Salvage Detail**

PLACE: **Halle / Seale**

DATE: **23 November 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DC) OF, Boeing B 17 G by Flak and fighters**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Date: AT: Frankleben, Mine Otto-Tanneberg, 7 km southwest**
XXXXXXXXXXXX **Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Herseburg**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Mc Cornick**

FIRST NAME: **Levi**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **33428330**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **dead recovered**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **place of crash**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **. / .**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**

signed: **M i e r s c h**
2 nd Lt.

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Date: 21 Nov. 44 Time: 1152 of Merseburg**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G e l i c h e w s k i

FIRST NAME:

H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

15098973

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **will be reported**

signed:

**H i e r s c h
2 nd Lt.**

21 November 1944

about 1200 - 1300

1 / 4 met. ?

near Frankleben, district of Karsburg

Criminal Police

8 leaf

21 November 1944

about 1200 - 1300

1 / 4 mot. ?

near Frankleben, district of Merseburg

Criminal Police

8 dead

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 24 Nov. 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0145

ROLL:

FROM: LLON

THROUGH: Kschler

REM. RKS:

- Q E H -

*** S S D LNA 526 22/11 2050 **

To Information Center West, Oberursel . -
1153 o'clock near Frankleben, Kreis Otte - Tanneberg by Flak and fighters, 7 km southwest of Harsburg . -

Markings: "B" star, "P" U, red diagonal on stabilizer.
Admittance No.: 33705. FT frequencies will be reported later.

Condition of craft: 95 % damaged
Disposition of the crew: 8 dead, presumably one prisoner.

Supplement for Information Center West Oberursel:

- | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| 1) Du Bois | Benjamin F | 0 - 78321 |
| 2) Delichewski | L. | 1500973 |
| 3) Vlrich | Carl K. | 0 - 67812 |
| 4) Curston Jr. | Peter | 0 - 39581 |
| 5) Sourlier | Donald | 1220008 |
| 6) Mc Cornick | Leads | 3342330 |
| 7) Burford | Joseph A. | 3343701 |
| 8) unknown | | |

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Salvage Detail Halle / S., 2 nd Flyer Company, signal Mierach, Lt.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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TIME:

TO:

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THROUGH:

TIME: 0145

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FROM: LLGH

THROUGH: Koehler

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|----------------|------------|------------|
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| 2) Delichowski | E. | 15098973 |
| 3) Ulrich | Carl L. | 0 - 678513 |
| 4) Cureton jr. | Peter | 0 - 395681 |
| 5) Bourrier | Donald | 12200808 |
| 6) Mc Cornick | Lewis | 33428320 |
| 7) Burgard | Joseph A. | 33437601 |
| 8) unknown | | |

Salvage Detail Halle / S., 2 nd Flyer Company, signed Miersch, Lt.

Salvage Detail of the
Pyramonny Hill/Kistleben

Halle, 9 January 1945

To
Information Center West

Observed

Enclosed we forward a layout on the location of
the graves, concerning aircraft crash Frankleben, Mine Otto -
Tenneberg.

The names of the dead are typed on the backside of the layout.

signed: **Hirsch**
3rd Lt.

Salvage Detail of the
Flyercompany Halle/Nietleben

Halle, 9 January 1945

To
Information Center West
Oberursel

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signed: M i e r s c h
2nd Lt.

Subject: Crash of a Boeing B 17 C near Frankleben, Mine Otto - Tannenberg
on 21 November 1944, at 1140 o'clock

Deck:

1)	Colt: Devski	R.	16098973
2)	W. Sten	Peter	O - 39891
3)	W. Ford	Joseph L.	8543761
4)	Mc Cornick	Levie	53428230
5)	Du Bois		O - 72511
6)	Bourlier	Donald	12200908
7)	Ulrich	Carl	O - 676513
8)	unknown		

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(In the original Deck: On the backside of this page
Layout of the Cemetery
east
Graves are marked on the SSW end of the cemetery,
north of the Cemetery Chapel)

Subject: Crash of a Boeing B 17 C near Frankleben, Mine Otto - Tanneberg
on 2 November 1944, at 1140 o'clock

Deads:

- | | | | |
|----|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 1) | Gelichowski | L. | 15099973 |
| 2) | Carston | Peter | 0 - 395031 |
| 3) | Surford | Joseph A. | 33437301 |
| 4) | Mc Carnick | Loris | 33423330 |
| 5) | Du Bois | | 0 - 723121 |
| 6) | Hurlier | Dennis | 12300808 |
| 7) | Ulich | Carl | 0 - 678513 |
| 8) | unknown | | |

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2nd Lt. Peter F. Cursten, Jr.

Mr. Peter F. Cursten, Sr., (father)
133 Augusta Street
Greenville, South Carolina

1st Lt. Carl L. Ulrich

Mrs. Charlotte P. Ulrich (wife)
Lory Beach
Michigan City, Indiana

2nd Lt. Benjamin F. Debois

Mr. Benjamin F. Froto (grandfather)
931 Franklin Avenue
Rochester, Indiana

2nd Lt. Stencell J. Raley

Mrs. Effie H. Raley (mother)
Dunwoodyville, Georgia

T/Sgt. Donald W. Baurlier

Mrs. Francis E. Baurlier (mother)
87 Corinthia Street
Lanport, New York

T/Sgt. James A. Ellis

Mrs. Marjorie H. Ellis (wife)
214 Burlington Avenue
Logansport, Indiana

S/Sgt. Ervin H. Calichowski

Mrs. Clarence H. Calichowski (mother)
448 South Kaley Street
South Bend, Indiana

S/Sgt. Louis J. McCormick

Mrs. Oral McCormick (mother)
944 6th Street
Verona, Pennsylvania

S/Agt. Joseph A. Burford

Mrs. Dobby L. Burford (wife)
1787 Biotech Street
New Brighton, Pennsylvania

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DU BOIS, Benjamin F.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-723 321
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of / F / V / G / H / Y / (/ E / N / G / I / N / E / E / R /)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURG NEAR NIEPZIG

If not, why not? _____

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

OXYGEN CHECK AT 1118

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

SAME

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: MERSEBURG NOV 21 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RALEY, Stonewall J.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-715 326
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~Wing~~ / ~~Flight~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURG NEAR WIEPHEG.

If not, why not? _____

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

OXYGEN CHECK AT 1118

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

SAME

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE.

Dates and destinations if possible: NOV 21 1944 MERSEBURG

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CELICHOWSKI, Ervin M.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 15 098 973
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of / F / B / M / T / G / Y / Y~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YES _____

Where? ~~NEAR~~ WERSEBARG NEAR WIEPZIG _____

If not, why not? _____

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

OXYGEN CHECK AT 1918 _____

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE - BUT VERY LIKELY _____

Where was he when last seen? POSITION _____

Any hearsay information: NONE _____

Source: _____

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

EITHER DROPPING DIRECTLY ON TARGET OR DEATH _____

AT THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY. ~~WAS SAID THAT I WOULD~~
~~HAVE SUFFERED THAT FATE~~ _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28 _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

LOOK ON CURTIS _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BURFORD, Joseph A.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 33 437 601
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURG NEAR LIEPZIG

If not, why not? _____

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

OKY GEN CHECK # 1918

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

EITHER DIRECT DRIPPING ON TARGET OR DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

LOOK ON CURATON'S

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BOURLIER, Donald W.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12 200 808
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or/Flight/Flight~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURG NEAR LEIPZIG

If not, why not? _____

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

BY GUN CHECK AT 1818

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

SAME

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22 or 23

Dates and destinations if possible: Am NOT SURE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ULRICH, Carl L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0-678 513
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of / F / V / G / H / F / I / G / H / J / K / L / M / N / O / P / Q / R / S / T / U / V / W / X / Y / Z /~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURGH NEAR LIEPZIG

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ---
OXYGEN CHECK AT 1118

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: ---

Source: ---

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29.

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~ALMOST THE SAME AS CALICHOWSKI,~~
CURETON AND BURFORD plus one more
LOOK ON CURETON'S

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CURETON, Peter F., Jr.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-395681
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or flight/flighter~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? MERSEBURG NEAR WIEPZIG

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OXYGEN CHECK 1118

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE BUT POSSIBLE

Where was he when last seen? POSITION

Any hearsay information: ---

Source: ---

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME
GENSENKIRCHEN
20 NOV 44 GENSENKIRCHEN
21 NOV " MERSEBURG.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28

Dates and destinations if possible:		10 SEPT. 44 STUTTGART	
	7 AUG 44	CHARTRES	26 " " OSNABRUK
29 JUL 44	MERSEBURG	8 " " (AREA)	CAEN 27 " " KOLN
31 " "	MUNICH	14 AUG "	STUTTGART 2 OCT " "
1 AUG "	ORLEANS	15 " "	WIESBADEN 3 " " WESSLING
3 " "	FRESSIN	18 " "	WIEGE 5 " " KOLN
4 " "	PEENEMUNDE	24 " "	MERSEBURG 11 " " WESSLING
5 " "	PAS DE CALAIS (AREA)	25 " "	ANKLAN 18 " " KOLN
6 " "	GENSENHAUSEN	3 SEPT. "	LUDWIGSHAVEN 6 NOV " BOTTROP
		8 " "	" " 9 " " 6-3861, AF
		ON BACK.	(ABOVE) METZ (AREA)

IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF YOU COULD FIND
THE PLACE WHERE ^{WE} TURNED ON THE BOMB RUN. WE GOT A
DIRECT ^{HIT} TURNING DOWN ON THE BOMB RUN. I CHECK VISUALLY
AND EVERY ONE WERE IN THEIR POSITION, MY INTERPHONE
JACK BOX WAS HIT AND OXYGEN REGULATOR. AFTER CHECKING
RESUME BY DISCHARGING THE CHIFF PASTER. IT WASNT
SECONDS UNTIL. I NOTICED A JUMPSE OF TIME SINCE ^{THE} LAST
OXYGEN CHECK. UPON LOOKING EVERYONE WAS KLENRED
WITH THE BOMBS STILL IN ^{THE} BOMB RACK. I TRIED MY BEST TO
GET OUT BUT ONLY MANAGED TO GET ONE CHUTE ^{SWAPE} CONNECTED
BEFORE GOING UNCONSCIOUS FROM LACK OF OXYGEN.

BUT HERE'S ~~WHAT~~ I GETTING AT: WE TURN UPON
BOMB RUN ABOUT 4 MINUTE BEFORE LEAVING ^{THE} FORMATION
AND I LANDED WRIGHT NEAR WIEPZIA. OR I WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN TAKEN ^{THERE} AS I WAS LED TO BELIEVE
ONLY ONE OTHERS FROM THAT MISSION ENDED UP THERE.
MAYBE 2

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JAMES H^N TOM ELLIS Rank 1-Sgt. Serial No. 12082640

2. Organization 303rd BOMB Gp WILLIAM S. RAPER Rank Col. Sqn CO ROBERT W. SHEETS Rank MAJ.
 (full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month NOV. day 21 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, MERSABURH, target, _____, target time, 1125, altitude, 10,000 FT route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? TIME 1122 ON BOMB RUN

6. Did you bail out? NO

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.

EXCEPT THEY WERE CLEAR THE LAST TIME I LOOKED. OTHER CREWS SHIP & CHUTES WERE SEEN GOING DOWN TOGETHER IN GOOD CONDITION.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? COVERED A LOT OF GROUND (IT BLEW UP)

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NAME. - I WAS BLIND OUT - I WAS UNCONSCIOUS - CAME TO ABOUT 5,000 FT. I WAS FALLING AMONGST PARTS OF THE PLANE.

11. Where were they in aircraft? POSITIONS UNTIL THEY BAILED.

12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE.

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. _____

I SUFFERED AMNESIA 3 DAYS AFTER PULLING RIP CHORD. - I WAS SERVERLY WOUNDED - LEFT LEG ARM & BACK - NOW STILL HAVE A PIECE WEDGE AGAINST HEART & MINE ARTILERY

(Any additional information may be written on the back)