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TO: ~~SECRET~~  
by: S. M. MURPHY, A1, A3  
Date: MAR 15 1968

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name HESS, JOHN C. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 13047511
2. Organization 303<sup>RD</sup> Gp Commander K. I. STEVENS Rank COL. Sqn CO G. T. MACKIN Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MARSHALLING YARDS, target, HAMMUN, GERMANY, target  
time, 1430, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN  
route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER THE TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. ALL OF THEM
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". TAIL GUNNER, TWO WAIST GUNNERS, BALL TURRET GUNNER, RADIO OP AND ENGINEER BAILED OUT WAIST HATCH. PILOT, CO PILOT, NAVIGATOR, AND BOMBARDIER BAILED OUT NOSE HATCH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR A SMALL TOWN IN BELGIUM, NAME OF TOWN UNKNOWN.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO
11. Where were they in aircraft? NONE
12. What was their condition? NONE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NONE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROGERS, Edward E.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 34 197 751  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight/fighter~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

ROGERS JUST BEFORE HE BAILED OUT, ASKING HIM WHAT THE TROUBLE WAS

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, LE HAURE, FRANCE.

Any hearsay information: NONE.

Source: NONE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ELEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: I DON'T KNOW WHAT DATES OR DESTINATIONS  
WERE, BUT WE STARTED OPERATIONS ON MARCH 19 AND WENT  
DOWN ON APRIL 22, 1944.



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22 April 1944. 2115.

2. May.

FU 1489

2 km/NW. of  
Ingelmonster  
12 km. N. of  
Kortrijk  
Belgium  
Type: Fortress  
23907  
359 HB Squadr.  
303 Group  
Airfield:  
Molesworth 107  
Target: Airfield  
Command Wevelghem

2nd.Lt.	FITZPATRICK	George Matthew	C-814280	capt.
2nd.Lt.	BURKS	Charles David	C-812940	capt.
2nd.Lt.	SEDDON	John		
2nd.Lt.	MELDRICH			
S/Sgt.	ROCERS	Edward E.	34197751	capt.
S/Sgt.	HESS	John C.	13067511	capt.
Sgt.	MALONEY	Donald F.	36675982	capt.
Sgt.	NEMCHICK	John	32738951	capt.
Sgt.	MUMMERY	William T.	33590262	capt.
Sgt.	HOLCOMB	I.E.	38161283	capt.



Casualty No: BU 1489

Date & Time Aircraft was shot down: 22 April 1944  
Place of crash: near Belgium  
Type of craft: Fortress  
Reporting Office: Transport Bureau

PERSONNEL

FITZPATRICK, George Matthews	2nd/Lt.	O-874280	Captured	Dulag Luft
HURKS, Charles David	2nd/Lt.	O-812940	Captured	Dulag Luft
ROGERS, Edward	S/Egt.	36197751	Captured	Dulag Luft
HASS, John G.	S/Egt.	13067511	Captured	Dulag Luft
MALONEY, Donald F.	Sgt.	36475832	Captured	Dulag Luft
MENCHICK, John 7 May 1923 Pa.	Sgt.	32738951	Captured	Dulag Luft
MUMMERY, William 17 August 1924 - Centerville, Va.	Sgt.	33590262	Captured	Dulag Luft

Downing Number BU 1489

1st. Follow up Report from 16 May 1944

HOLCOMB, F. E.

Sgt. 38161283 Captured Dulag Luft

Remarks: Dulag Luft, 3 May 1944 / No.



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2215 2 kms north-west of Ingelunster, B - 17 G  
12 kms north of Courtrai (NO 2)

K U 1492

Prisoners

- 1) 2nd Lt. Fitzpatrick, Harry M. O - 814 280
- 2) 2nd Lt. Burke, Charles, D. O - 812 940
- 3) S/Sgt Regure, Edward E. 34 197 751
- 4) S/Sgt Hess, John C. 13 047 511
- 5) Sgt Nemchick, John 32 796 951
- 6) Sgt Munnery, William F. 33 990 262
- 7) Sgt Malony, Donald F. 36 475 932
- 8) Sgt Halscomb, J. E. 38 121 283

2 at large

- 1) 2nd Lt. Seddon, 2) 2nd Lt. Mardisich

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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(v) 211/11 DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield sq vad WEVELGHEM Air District Belgium Northern France

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM Computing Center WEST, OBERURSEL  
OFFICE OF APPRAISAL VALUES: Air Base Area Command

REGARDING: ~~RENDER~~ )  
~~51595561 14491999~~ B 17 G ) DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944 at 0715 p.m.  
CRASH )

2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR:

~~NORTHERN~~

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) FITZPATRICK

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) GEORGE M.

RANK: 1st Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE  
0-814200

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0930 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGELMUNSTER  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Belgian Police

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

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:

REMARKS: 26 April 1944

(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:



STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(v) 234/521 DUTY:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED )  
ENGINEER-LAWSON ) B 17 G DATE AND TIME: 27 April 1944 0715 p.m.  
 CRASH )  
2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: KORTRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) WENCHICK

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) JOHN

RANK: Sgt/

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 32738951

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0950 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ARDOYE  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Policy ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
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  
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OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~DOWNED~~  
~~EMERGENCY LANDINGS~~ )  
CRASH )  
B 17 GDATE AND TIME: 22 Apr 11 1944  
0915 p.m.AT: 2 km northwest of INGELMONSTER NEAR: 12 km north of KORTRIJK

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) MURPHYFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) WILLIAM T.RANK: Sgt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 33590262NATIONALITY: American

## STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940 p.m.EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGELMONSTERCAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police ROSELARRE

## STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE &amp; TIME &amp; PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

## THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

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:REMARKS: 26 April 1944

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## STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(7) 314/1150TOR:OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield SquadLOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~EMERGENCY~~ )  
~~EMERGENCY~~ )  
CRASH )  
B 17 GDATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.AT: 2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
INGELMONSTER NEAR: KORTRIJK

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) MALONEYFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) DONALD F.

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL Sgt.  
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ISEGHEM  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police MUNSLAERS

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

UniformDESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
ASCERTAINED?DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE  
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REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) 21A/11 DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield 5000

LOCATION: NEVELONEN OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: EMERGENCY LANDING) B 17 G  
CRASH

DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.

2 km northwest of 12 KM NORTH OF  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: KIRKALJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) BURKE

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) CHARLES D.

RANK: 1st Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE  
0-82940

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0930 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGELMUNSTER  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Belgian Police

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:  
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REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

Air Base Command X(V) 714/II

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION:

Airfield Squad

LOCATION:

BEVELGHEK

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~DONNER~~  
~~EMERGENCY LANDINGS~~  
CRASH

B 17 G

DATE AND TIME:

22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.AT: 7 km northwest of  
INGELMUNSTER

NEAR:

12 km north of  
KORTRIJK

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME )

HESS

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME )

JOHN C.

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL # / Sgt.  
SERVICE

19647511

NATIONALITY:

American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: 0900 p.m.CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: ANDOYEField Police ROBERTS

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE &amp; TIME &amp; PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Uniform

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

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command H(V) DRELI/REUTOR:OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Sq wadLOCATION: NEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ) B 17 G  
CRASH )DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: KORTRIJKE

## PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME )  
FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME ) ROGERSCHRISTIAN NAME )  
FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME ) EDWARD E.

RANK:

S / 36 /IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 3A197751

NATIONALITY:

American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0950 p.m.EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ARDOYECAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Policy ROSELAERE

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE &amp; TIME &amp; PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

UniformDESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) (US) (DUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Sq and

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~BOMBER~~ )  
~~EMERGENCY LANDING~~ ) B 17 G DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
~~CRASH~~ ) 0915 p.m.

2 km northwest of 2 km north of KOR. IJK  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME )  
 FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME ) HOLCOMB

CHRISTIAN NAME )  
 FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME ) I.E.

RANK: Sgt.

SERIAL )  
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE 38161283

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: WEVELGHEM  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Policy ROSELAERE

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 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command B(v) 224/II Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELDHEM

DATE: 23 April 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

22 April 1944

0915 p.m.

PLACE OF CRASH:  
(NEAREST TOWN)

2 km northwest of INGELMUNSTER, 12 km north of KORTRIJK

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, <sup>without visual combat</sup>  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF <sup>anywhere</sup> FUSelage)

ADMITTANCE NO:

239807K above Number white triangle with blue C

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: <sup>turned out by crash.</sup>  
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)s/ KRABETZKY  
M/Sgt.

s/ illegible

Major



E 17 G downed 22 April 1944 at 2115 hours at Ingelmuenster. Identifying symbols:

On fuselage white "C" in square, below number 239807, below "K". Crew members captured.

KU 1489



**CASUALTY BRANCH, A.G.O.**  
**FILE CHARGE-OUT AND TRANSFER FORM**

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ON:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE
SECTION TO:		CLERK'S LAST NAME FOR:	GROUP NO.	ROOM NO.

**SEARCHER'S REPORT**

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<input type="checkbox"/> CHARGED OUT TO:				
SECTION	CLERK'S LAST NAME	GROUP NO.	ROOM NO.	DATE
SEARCHER'S NAME		GROUP NO.	DATE	

TRANSFERRED TO:

SECTION	CLERK'S LAST NAME	ROOM NO.	DATE AND INITIALS
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<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	

**CASUALTY BRANCH FILE**

GPO 45 O - 624709



2nd Lt. John E. Seddon

Mr. John E. Seddon, (Father)  
528 Custer Place,  
Canton, Illinois.

2nd Lt. Charles B. Burke

Mrs. Estella M. Burke, (Mother)  
Rural Route Six,  
Logansport, Indiana.

2nd Lt. George M. Fitzpatrick

Mr. Charles M. Fitzpatrick, (Father)  
1451 South Sixth Street,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

2nd Lt. Walter A. Maldrich

Mr. Peter J. Maldrich, (Father)  
1316 Aberdeen Avenue,  
Aberdeen, Washington.

s/Sgt. Edward E. Rogers

Mrs. Lera E. Rogers, (Mother)  
Route Number Five,  
Decatur, Alabama.

s/Sgt. John C. Hess

Mr. John C. Hess, (Father)  
Three Springs, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Donald F. Maloney

Mr. Fred Maloney, (Father)  
323 Mulberry Street,  
Warsaw, Illinois.

Sgt. I. A. Holcomb

Mrs. Leta Hopkins, (Mother)  
308 Pacific Avenue,  
Houston, Texas.

Sgt. John Henschick

Mrs. Mary Henschick, (Mother)  
15 Porter Street,  
Sinpaon, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. William T. Munnery

Mrs. Mary Munnery, (Mother)  
Rural Free Delivery #4,  
Coatesville, Pennsylvania.



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

Classification changed

to **RESTRICTED**

by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG

by F. M. ~~BRADUNAS~~ Capt., AC

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date **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.

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1. ORGANIZATION: Locati Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII A.F.  
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment --
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram Attached  
Intended Destination Hamm, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear - Visibility 4-5 miles in base.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 Apr. 44 Time 1916 ; and Location Near Hamm, 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.
5. 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 Mechanical difficulties.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-39807
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-65027  
(b) 43-64969 ; (c) 43-65050 ; (d) 43-56858
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 670743 KHW  
(a) 667148 KHW ; (b) 664827 KHW ; (c) 670178 KHW ; (d) 670423 KHW; 670616 KHW  
(e) 667257 KHW ; (f) 667176 KHW ; (g) 223676 FDGM ; (h) 414055 FDGM; 670779 ?
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	<u>M SEDDON, JOHN R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-633787 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>W BURKS, CHARLES D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-812940 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>M FITZPATRICK, GEORGE M</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-814286 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>M MELDRICH, WALTER A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-754929 RTD</u>
5. Top Turret	<u>M ROGERS, EDWARD E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>34197751</u>
6. Radio Operator	<u>M HESS, JOHN C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13047511 RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>M MALONEY, DONALD F.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36475932 RTD</u>
8. RIGHT Waist Gunner	<u>M HOLCOMB, I.E. (IO)</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>38161283 RTD</u>
9. Left Waist Gunner	<u>M NEWCHICK, JOHN (MM)</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32738951 RTD</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>M MUMMERY, WILLIAM T.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>33590262 RTD</u>

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)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted			Saw	
		By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
1. <u>MELTON, JAMES E.</u>	<u>1st Lt. 0-681159</u>		<u>X</u>			
2. <u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>					
3. <u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>					

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) No information available
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached chart
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 24 April 1944

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

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305RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 557, U.S. ARMY

D-D-6

24 April 1944.

Statement of 1st Lt. James H. Melton, O-681159

1st Lt. James H. Melton was interviewed by the undersigned and stated that:

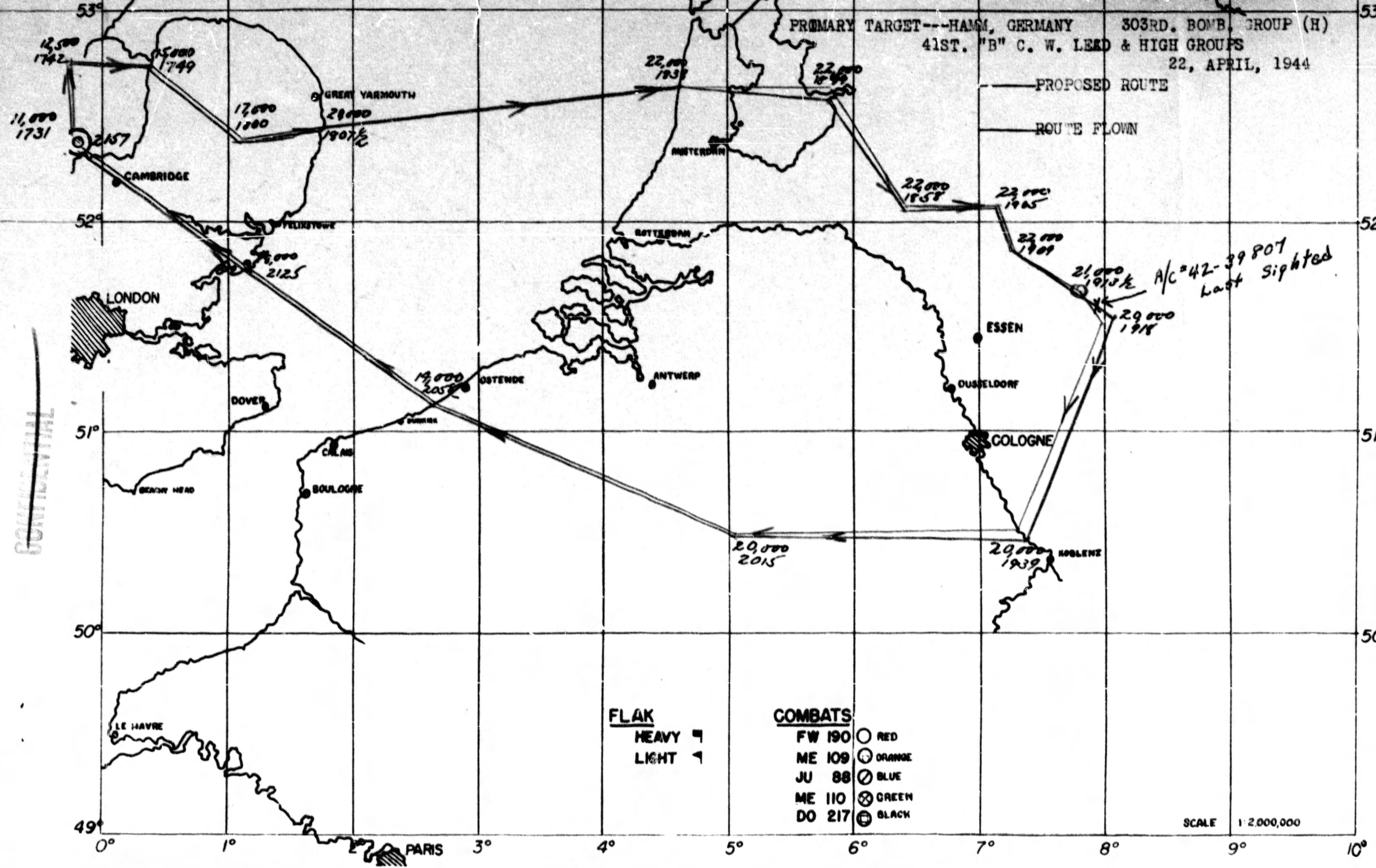
On the mission to Hamm, Germany, on 22 April 1944, Lt. Melton was pilot of A/C 42-32027 flying in #6 position in the low squadron of the high group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. A/C 42-39807 was flying in #2 position, the relative position of the two A/C being shown by the diagram below. Just after bombs away at the target he noticed that the pilot of A/C 42-39807 was having trouble with his #3 engine. The engine would almost quit, and then start up again with the power surging on and off intermittently. It seemed that the pilot could not feather the propeller. As a result A/C 42-39807 could not hold formation and began to drop back. Lt. Melton checked from time to time with the tail gunner of his A/C as to the status of A/C 42-39807. When last seen it was holding altitude pretty well and seemed to be under control. As far as could be determined, it was not hit by anti-aircraft gunfire or by enemy aircraft.

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	<u>42-97254</u>	
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<u>42-38050</u>		<u>42-32027</u>
I		I

*Joseph G. Robinson*  
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,  
Captain, AC,  
Assistant S-2.



PRIMARY TARGET---HAMBURG, GERMANY  
 303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)  
 41ST. "B" C. W. LEAD & HIGH GROUPS  
 22, APRIL, 1944



PROPOSED ROUTE  
 ROUTE FLOWN

A/C 42-39807  
 Last sighted

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**FLAK**  
 HEAVY   
 LIGHT

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

SCALE 1:2,000,000



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ROGERS, Edward E.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

54 197 751

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Night Navigator~~:

Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? near Buggo, Belgium

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

flying Co-Pilot for me at the time I told him to bail out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Frankfurt Germany (He was a prisoner at that time)

Any hearsay information: No

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 14

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

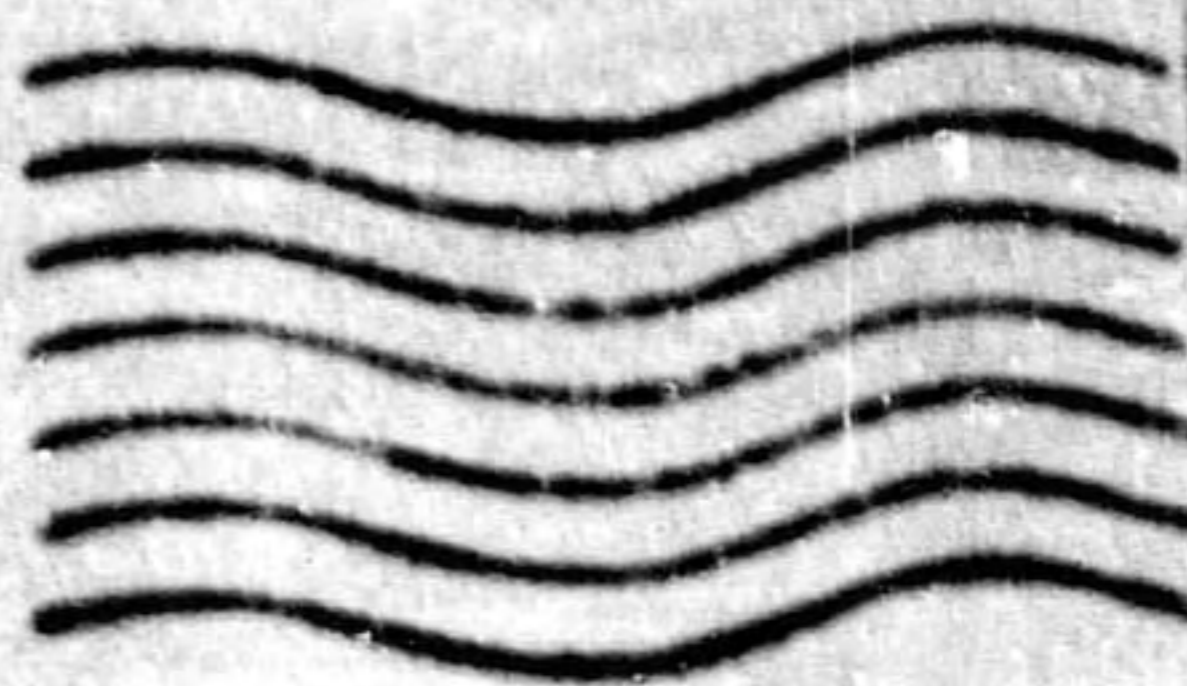


## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Charles D Burks Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-812940
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> Gp Commander Stevens Rank Cel. Sqn CO Mackin Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 22<sup>nd</sup> did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Hamm Germany, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target time, 7 Pm, altitude, 15'000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 miles West of Hamm Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All crew members bailed out within five minutes. I was the last man to leave the airplane
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Brugge, Belgium
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The six enlisted men, including Sgt. Rogers and the navigator (George Fitzpatrick) and I were together in the prison camp at Frankfurt Germany.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)





Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
A. F. P. A. - 8  
Washington 25, D. C.

*[Handwritten initials]*



Chas. D. Burkes  
1506 E. Belway  
Logansport, Ind.

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN NEMCHICK Rank Sgt. Serial No. 32238951
2. Organization A.F. Gp Commander Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn. CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, HAMM, GERMANY target time, 19:00, altitude, NOT KNOWN route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
NOT KNOWN, route flown SAME AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, ALL OF CREW BAILED OUT.
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". ALL ENLISTED MEN BAILED OUT OF WAIST HATCH. TAIL GUNNER FIRST, LEFT WAIST SECOND, BALL TURRET 3RD, RIGHT WAIST, 4TH, ENGINEER 5TH, RADIO, 6TH OFFICERS BAILED OUT OF NOSE HATCH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? OUTSIDE OF TOWN.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
NONE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL WERE TAKEN P.W. EXCEPT, PILOT AND BOMBARDIER, BOTH OF WHOM EVADED SAFELY TO THE U.S. ALL ENLISTED MEN WERE AT SAME PRISON CAMP. TWO OFFICERS WERE LAST SEEN AT DULAG LUFT, FRANKFURT GERMANY.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ROGERS, Edward E.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

84 197 751

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? In Belgium

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

I ask him if the Radio Operator had jumped and if so for him to jump

Was he injured? not in the ship

Where was he when last seen? in the ship

Any hearsay information: that he was taken a prisoner of war

Source: Intelligence Officer at our group in England

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13 or 14

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~Berlin, Munich, Marienburg East Prussia, Hamm, Frankfurt~~  
two Missions to France that is all I can Recall

At my latest information this man was home in Alabama and planing on his discharge.



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John R. Sedden Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-683787
2. Organization 303(H) Gp Commander Travis Rank Col Sqn C0358th Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Hamm, Germany, target, Railroad Yards, target time, 2100, altitude, over Target 2400ft. route scheduled, Direct to Target and Return around Rhur, route flown as directed  
to England
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just over Target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".  
Rogers bailed out of Bomb bay along with rest of crew and was taken prisoner
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? about 300 ft. from where I landed
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)  
None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
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. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROGERS, Edward E.**  
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**  
 Serial number: **84 197 751**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Top Turret Gunner**

ESCAPE HATCH — SO I ASSUME HE JUMPED.

Did he bail out? HE WAS TO FOLLOW THE NAVIGATOR AND ME OUT OF THE NOSE

Where? OVER INGELMUNSTER, BELGIUM

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I RELEASED THE  
NOSE ESCAPE HATCH AND S/SGT E.E. ROGERS WAS WAITING TO FOLLOW  
 ME OUT OF PLANE.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PASSAGEWAY BETWEEN THE NOSE OF THE SHIP  
 AND PILOT'S COCKPIT.

Any hearsay information: NONE

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WHILE PARACHUTING  
DOWN I SAW SOME OBJECT FALLING DOWN PAST ME WHICH  
 COULD HAVE BEEN PART OF THE PLANE'S OR POSSIBLY A  
 PARACHUTE THAT FAILED TO OPEN. THIS ALSO COULD HAVE  
 BEEN SOME OTHER CREW MEMBER WHO DELAYED HIS JUMP  
 LONGER THAN MY OWN.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 12

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WALTER A. MELDRICH Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-754929  
303RD BOMB. GRP. (H) COL. K.D. STEVENS
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank COL. Sqn CO G.T. MACKIN Rank MAJOR  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, HAMM GERMANY, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target  
 time, 1900 HOURS, altitude, 20000 FT route scheduled, FROM THE  
WASH IN ENGLAND - OVER, route flown JAME - EXCEPT ON RETURN.  
HOLLAND - THEN TO HAMM.
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT TWO MINUTES OUT OF HAMM GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ONLY EIGHT PARACHUTES WERE  
COUNTED BY MYSELF (INCLUDING MY OWN) ON WAY DOWN. ALTHOUGH  
I MAY HAVE MISCOUNTED DURING (THE EXCITEMENT).
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". I WAS THE FIRST MAN TO  
JUMP FROM NOSE ESCAPE HATCH. I BELIEVE LT. GEORGE M. FITZPATRICK  
NAVIGATOR WAS SECOND TO JUMP AND S/SGT EDWARD E. ROGERS WAS  
TO FOLLOW HIM. BUT THAT WAS THE LAST I SAW OF ANY OTHER CREW  
MEMBER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? INGELMUNSTER, BELGIUM
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should  
 cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS.
12. What was their condition? NO ONE WAS INJURED AT TIME WE JUMPED.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
 cribed above? THE LAST I SAW OF ANY MEMBER OF THE CREW WAS  
THE FEW MOMENTS BEFORE I LEFT THE PLANE. OF COURSE  
I SAW THE PARACHUTES OF THE OTHER SEVEN MEN, BUT  
NATURALLY WAS NOT ABLE TO RECOGNIZE AS TO WHOM  
THEY WERE.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
 have knowledge. Indicate source of information. UPON MY RETURN TO THE  
U.S. I LEARNED THAT THE PILOT HAD EVADED CAPTURE.  
BUT THE REMAINDER OF THE CREW WERE TAKEN PRISONER.  
THIS I LEARNED THROUGH A LETTER FROM THE PILOT LT. JOHN  
R. SEDDON WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE U.S.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(v)22A/NE DUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield sq and WEVELGHEM

Air District Belgium Northern France  
Computing Center WEST, OBERURSEL

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFF AIR Base Area Command 3:

REGARDING: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX )  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX ) B 17 G

DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944 at 0715 p.m.

CRASH

2 km northwest of

12 km north of

AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR:

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PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) FYFFPATRICK

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) GEORGE H.

RANK: 1st Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 0-814280

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0930 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGELMUNSTER  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Belgian Police

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:  
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

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:

REMARKS: 26 April 1944

(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:



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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH Air Base Command E(v)214/II SUBTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ) B 17 G DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944 0715 p.m.  
 CRASH )  
 2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: KORTRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) WESCHICK  
 LAST NAME )

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME ) JOHN  
 GIVEN NAME )

RANK: Sgt/  
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 32738951

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0950 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ARDOYE  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
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:

REMARKS: 26 April 1944

(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:



STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(v) of 21st AF REPORTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~POW~~ )  
~~MISSING~~ ) B 17  
CRASH )

DATE AND TIME: 22 Apr 11 1944  
0915 p.m.

2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: KORTRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) UNKNOWN

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) WILLIAM T.

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 33590262

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGHEM  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

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:

26 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:



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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) MAASTRICHT

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ )  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ B 17 G )  
CRASH )

DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.

AT: 2 km northwest of INGELMUNSTER NEAR: 12 km north of EGKRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME ) WATONEY  
LAST NAME )

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME ) DONALD F.  
GIVEN NAME )

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL )  
SERVICE )

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ISEGHEM  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
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:

REMARKS: 26 April 1944

(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:



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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) DZLL/TUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELGHEM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ )  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ B 17 G )  
CRASH )  
2 km northwest of 12 KM NORTH OF  
AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: HORTRIJK

DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) BURKS  
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) CHARLES D.

RANK: 1st Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
SERVICE 0-812940

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 0930 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: INGELMUNSTER  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Belgian Policy

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
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:

REMARKS: 26 April 1944

(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:



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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) 23/11 DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Squad

LOCATION: WEVELDRE

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ )  
CRASH ) B 17 G DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
2 km northwest of 12 km north of 0915 p.m.  
AT: INGELHOUTEN NEAR: KORTRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) HESS

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) JOHN C.

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 13047511

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 0950 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ARDOYE  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Policy ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
Uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG;  
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD  
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DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
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PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

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PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command B(V) 224/124070R:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Sq and

LOCATION: WEVELDRE OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ )  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ) B 17 G DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
 CRASH ) 0915 p.m.  
2 km northwest of 12 km north of  
 AT: INGELMUNSTER NEAR: WITTRIJK

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
 LAST NAME ) ROGERS ✓  
 FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
 GIVEN NAME ) EDWARD E.

RANK: S /Sgt/  
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL  
 SERVICE 34197751

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0950 p.m.  
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: ARDOYE  
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Policy ROSELAERE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
Uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:  
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DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
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 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

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DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO  
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FORM LEAF #1

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Command E(V) SIA/INTECTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Sq vad

LOCATION: WEVELDREM

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ )  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ) B 17 G )  
CRASH )

DATE AND TIME: 22 April 1944  
0915 p.m.

2 km northwest of 2 km north of KONTRIJK  
AT: INGELWUNSTER NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME )  
LAST NAME ) HOLOMB

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME )  
GIVEN NAME ) I.B.

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL SERVICE 38161283

NATIONALITY: American

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:  
DATE OF CAPTURE: 0940 p.m.  
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: WEVELDREM  
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Police ROSELARE

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

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)  
Uniform

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

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:  
GRAVE LOCATION:

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G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY  
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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command E(v) 214/XI Airfield Squad

LOCATION: NEVECHEN

DATE: 23 April 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

22 April 1944

0915 p.m.

PLACE OF CRASH: 2 km northwest of INGELHUNSTER, 12 km north of KUSCHIK  
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: without visual combat  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G

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

ADMITTANCE NO: 239807K above Number white triangle with blue C

EQUIPMENT:

P.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Burned out by crash.  
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)s/ KRABETZKY  
W/Sgt.

s/ illegible

Major



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Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

John R. SEDDON, 2d Lt., O-683787

5 Sep 1944

(Name)

(Rank)

ASN

(Date)

356th Bomb. Sqdn., 703 Bomb. Group

E&E 1484

(Unit)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	O-683787	2d Lt.	John R. SEDDON	RTD
CO-PILOT	O-812940	2d Lt.	Charles D. BURKS	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-814280	2d Lt.	George M. FITZPATRICK	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-754929	2d Lt.	Walter A. MELDRICH	RTD
RADIO OPERATOR	13047511	S/Sgt	John C. HESS	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34197751	S/Sgt	Edward E. ROGERS	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	36475932	Sgt	Donald F. MALONEY	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32738951	Sgt	John NEMCHICK	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	38161283	Sgt	I.E. HOLCOMB	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	33590262	Sgt	William T. MUMMERY	MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

22 Apr 1944; 2100 hrs.; INGLEMUNSTER, Belgium.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Two engines were out and one of them was on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

10,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Believe all members bailed out.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Yes.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

No.

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

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Yes. Plane was all scattered out.

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

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? Any crew member that may have been injured has undoubtedly been captured.