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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:  
 Rank:  
 Serial number:  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~:

JENSEN, Henry J.  
 S/sgt  
 39551854  
 Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? DANISH COAST

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

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

coming up at 12000 ft

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? floating down in parachute

Any hearsay information: The German officer who

interrogated us upon capture said that one  
of our men drowned.

Sources: German Lieut

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

he landed IN THE SEA OFF THE COAST

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: BY TOUL, FRANCE, BERLIN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DEBSCHAN, John A.  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 39549302  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OFF THE DANISH COAST

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

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

coming up at 12 o'clock.

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? floating down in parachute

Any hearsay information: The German Officer who  
interrogated us upon capture said that one of  
our men had drowned.

Source: German Lieut.

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

HE LANDED IN THE SEA OFF THE DANISH COAST,

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: TOUL, FRANCE, BERLIN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:  
 Rank:  
 Serial number:  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

MEHEARE, Paul J.  
 Sgt  
 31309543  
 Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OFF THE DANISH COAST

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Flab  
coming up at 12 o'clock

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? floating down in parachute

Any hearsay information: The German Officer who interrogated  
us upon capture said that one of our men  
had drowned

Source: German Lieut.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think  
he landed in the sea off the Danish coast

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: Toul, France, Berlin

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

GORDON, Frank

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

16113758

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~:

Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? OFF THE DANISH COAST

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Flabcoming up at 12 o'clockWas he injured? 2Where was he when last seen? floating down in parachuteAny hearsay information: The German officer whointerrogated us upon capture said one of our men had drownedSource: German ScoutAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I thinkhe landed in the sea off the coastTotal number of missions of above crew member: 2Dates and destinations if possible: Toul, France, Berlin

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:  
 Rank:  
 Serial number:  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~:

MESASKE, Michael  
 S/sgt  
 16144401  
 Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OFF THE DANISH COAST

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I look  
coming up at 12 o'clock.

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? floating down in parachute

Any hearsay information: A German Officer who interrogated  
us upon capture said one of our men  
had drowned.

Source: German Suit

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think  
he landed in the sea off the coast.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: ?

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOSEPH J NEVILLS Rank 1ST LT Serial No. O-684983
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander TRAVIS Rank Col Sqn CO SNYDER Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BERLIN<sup>3RD</sup>, target, RAILROAD YARD, target  
 time, 1200, altitude, 25000 route scheduled, over Belgium  
 route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? FEW MILES N OF BERLIN AT I.P.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES  
I SAW 10 PARACHUTES FROM OUR PLANE
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". ENGINEER (RILE)  
NAVIGATOR (BROWN), PILOT (BOHLE) (NEVILLS), BOMB AID  
LO PILOT (KERR) BAILED OUT OF NOSE HATCH OVER DENMARK
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
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? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? !!
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NO KNOWLEDGE
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:  
 Rank:  
 Serial number:  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Pilot):~~

JENSEN, Henry J.  
 S/sgt  
 39551854  
 Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? INTO THE WATER OFF ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKED OVER INTERPHONE FEW MINUTES BEFORE I BAILED OUT.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? SUSPENDED IN CHUTE GOING TOWARDS WATER.

Any hearsay information: NONE

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: COULD HAVE DROWNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FOUR (4)

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

DERSCHAN, John A.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

39549202

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~:

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out?

YESWhere? INTO WATER OFF ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured?

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.Where was he when last seen? SUSPENDED IN CHUTE GOING TOWARDS WATER

Any hearsay information:

NONE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: COULD HAVEDROWNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

(2) TWO

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MITHEARN, Paul J.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

31303563

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ ~~Observer~~ ~~Engineer~~ ~~Radio Operator~~

Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? INTO WATER OFF ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK

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

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGEWhere was he when last seen? SUSPENDED IN CHUTE GOING TOWARDS WATERAny hearsay information: NONE

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: COULD HAVEDROWNED.Total number of missions of above crew member: (2) TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GORGON, Frank  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 16113758  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight~~ ~~(flight)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? INTO THE WATER OFF ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK

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

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? SUSPENDED IN CHUTE GOING TOWARDS WATER

Any hearsay information: NONE

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: COULD HAVE DROWNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: (2) TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MUSASHE, Michael

Rank:

S/sgt

Serial number:

1614401

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~:

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? INTO THE WATER OFF ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK.

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

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGEWhere was he when last seen? SUSPENDED IN CHUTE GOING TOWARDS WATER.Any hearsay information: NONE

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: COULD HAVEDROWNED.Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LAURENCE W. RICE Rank S/SGT Serial No. 32712219
2. Organization 303B.C.R. 407 B. Sq (M) Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BERLIN, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? NORTHWEST OF BERLIN BY 15 MILES
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, EVERYBODY LEFT THE PLANE. I COUNTED NINE CHUTES BESIDES MYSELF
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 ~~you~~ you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". LTS. HOWARD BONLE, ROBERT KERR, JAMES NEVILLS, JOHN BROWN. ALL BAILED OUT OF NOSE ESCAPE HATCH. THEY ARE ALL IN THIS COUNTRY. THESE FOUR OFFICERS ALL LANDED ON THE ISLAND OF MOEN, DENMARK.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
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:

JENSEN, Henry J.

Rank:

S/sgt

Serial number:

39951854

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

Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? As far as I know.Where? At 16,000 feet over the Isle of Falster, Denmark.If not, why not? -----Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Had just talked with Sgt. Jensen concerning a Swedish radio station he had picked up -- he was all right at that time.Was he injured? Do not know.Where was he when last seen? Unknown.Any hearsay information: None.Source: -----Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by a Danish farmer that "Three of the flyers came down in the water and did not get out." No identification was possible and it was necessary that I leave the vicinity immediately.Total number of missions of above crew member: FiveDates and destinations if possible: April 27, 1944 -- Metz Airdrome, Germany.  
April 29, 1944 -- Berlin, Germany Balance unknown.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DERSCHAN, John A.  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 39549302  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bomber) (Bomber): Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge, yes.

Where? At 16,000 feet over the Isle of Denmark.

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Had talked with Sgt. Derschan about 15 minutes prior to time it became necessary to abandon the plane--- he was all right at that time.

Was he injured? Unknown.

Where was he when last seen? Unknown.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: ---

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by a Danish farmer that " Three of the flyers came down in the water and did not get out." No identification was possible and it was necessary that I leave the vicinity immediately.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two.

Dates and destinations if possible: April 27, 1944 -- Metz Airdrome, Germany  
April 29, 1944 -- Berlin, Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MURKIN, Paul J.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

31303563

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Night Unit Gunner

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge, yes.Where? At 16,000 feet over the Isle of Falster, Denmark.If not, why not? ---Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Had not talked with subject soldier for preceding 15 minutes, but at that time he was all right.Was he injured? No knowledge.Where was he when last seen? No knowledge.Any hearsay information: None.Source: ----Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by a Danish farmer that, "Three of the flyers came down in the water and did not get out." No identification was possible and it was necessary that I leave the vicinity immediately.Total number of missions of above crew member: Two.Dates and destinations if possible: April 27, 1944 -- Metz Airdrome, Germany  
April 29, 1944--Berlin, Germany.



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COOPER, Frank  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 14113798  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~co-pilot (navigator)~~: Left Pilot Gunner

Did he bail out? To the best of my knowledge, yes.

Where? At 16,000 feet over the Isle of Falster, Denmark.

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Had not talked with subject soldier for preceeding 15 minutes, but at that time he was all right.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: ---

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by a Danish farmer that, "Three of the flyers came down in the water and did not get out." No identification was possible and it was necessary that I leave the vicinity immediately.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two.

Dates and destinations if possible: April 27, 1944 -- Metz Airdrome, Germany  
April 29, 1944 -- Berlin, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MUSACHE, Michael  
 Rank: S/sgt  
 Serial number: 14114101  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Bomber)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Uncertain.

Where? At 16,000 feet over the Isle of Falster, Denmark.

If not, why not? No knowledge.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: A few minutes

prior to the time it was necessary to abandon the plane, Sgt Musache reported a fighter approaching from six o'clock--- he was all right at that time.  
 Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? At his post.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source: ----

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was told by a Danish farmer that, "Three of the flyers came down in the water and did not get out." No identification was possible and it was necessary that I leave the vicinity immediately.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Uncertain.

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kerr, Robert R. Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. 0-815165
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Snyder. Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 29th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Berlin, target, Bridge over river, target  
time, 112', altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, Zyder  
Zee Deimer Lake route flown Scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Half way between I.P. and target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes - I saw seven parachutes and knew  
all persons forward of the bombay had bailed out alright.
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". The pilot, navigator,  
bombardier, and engineer (and myself) all bailed out the navigator's  
escape hatch-- time, 1315 (approx.) --- place, 16,000 feet over  
the Isle of Falster, Denmark.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Struck in open sea. (Hearsay)
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? No knowledge.
12. What was their condition? No knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
cribed above? Did not see any member of crew back of bombay after  
leaving home base.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

JAMES J. KELLY Jr.

Rank:

S/SGT

Serial number:

37551896Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bombardier) :Radio OperatorDid he bail out? YesWhere? Over the Island of Moen in the Baltic Sea.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: All werein good condition before last flak burst and abandon ship time.Was he injured? Not to my knowledge; however we bailed out in a flak barrage.Where was he when last seen? I last saw him descending by parachute.Any hearsay information: Ship crashed into a house on the Island withthree men aboard killing all and the house occupants. Thisis not the case, as I counted the 10 chutes in the air and sawthe plane go into the Baltic; however four members did light in the water about 100 yds off shore with a strong wind, about 30mph, on shore. These men all had MaeWestes and did reach shore.Source: The Germans gave me the inaccurate information.Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Wholly: Theymay have been injured by flak on the way down and died later on; Also they may have contacted the underground as did my copilot,R.R.Kerr, and later the possibility of being picked up and shot as were many of the AAF boys. The civilians seemed very friendlyand willing to help to the utmost. An investigation would prove most interesting, due to all the officers and the engineer being saved whereas the others were not, still all left the ship.Total number of missions of above crew member: These men were on their 2nd, except for Musashe who was on his 29th or 30th.Dates and destinations if possible: All these members went to and airfield atToul in France about 27 April '44 and their last was to Berlin on29 April '44. This information holds for all membersconcerned on the questionnaires. The Derschan family has not as yet received the purple heart award for the death of their son

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BRIDGES, John A.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

37549212

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~:

Bell Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MEINARD, Paul J.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

31303569

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

CORSON, Frank

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

14119798

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gun loader (right hand)~~

Left Hand Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MEYERS, Michael

Rank:

S/SGT

Serial number:

1611A01

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer~~ (Observer):

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Bohle, Howard J. Rank 2Lt. AC Serial No. 0-753184
2. Organization 303 B. Gp Commander Kermit D. Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Edgar E. Snyder Rank Lt Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 29 did you go down?  
(could've been just BERLIN)
4. What was the mission, 4th, target, Berlin clothing WAREHOUSE,  
time, 1110 or 1120 hr altitude, 25000 route scheduled, Direct to  
and from \_\_\_\_\_, route flown Same except off course over a couple of  
flak lined lakes where I was crippled.
5. Where were you when you left formation? In the I.P. area
6. Did you bail out? Yes, Over the Island of Moen in the Baltic Sea. Was  
trying to make Sweeden, but nav. was off. Couldn't get him replaced
7. Did other members of crew bail out? while in phase school at Pyote, The  
All Bailed out and all chutes opened.  
WEST POINT of the air.
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 Officers the  
engineer and possibly the ball turret gunner went out through  
the front escape hatch. All went out at the same time however
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the Baltic sea.
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? OK to my knowledge. We bailed out in a flak  
barrage and I received a leg wound during this period--possibly <sup>the</sup> others.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
cribed above? The copilot evaded and went to Sweeden then to England.  
The other officers and engineer I saw on the ground and they were  
OK except for getting some fractures from landing by parachute.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

JENSEN, Henry J.

Rank:

S/SGT

Serial number:

39551856

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Observer (Navigator)~~:

Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? I saw some parachutes come from

Where? the rear of the ship. I do not know who the men

If not, why not? were, the place was near the Island of Hov, Denmark

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I had contact with everyone immediately before

Was he injured? we were hit for the last time. No one

Where was he when last seen? was seriously injured then.

Any hearsay information: None.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Some men may have been killed when we were last hit, although I am not certain. Some parachutes did come out, and those men may have drowned (supposition). The Germans may have captured or killed them as

Total number of missions of above crew member: members of the underground.

Dates and destinations if possible: Three missions.

First to Hamm, Germany, Apr. '44. Second to Toucy, France, Apr. '44. Third Berlin, Ger. Apr. '44 no return.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

**PERSONAL, John A.**

Rank:

**Sgt**

Serial number:

**39549201**

Pos: : Crew (Bomber) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~:

**Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

*I have been notified by Mrs.*

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

*Desschen that John was killed.*

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Everything that applies to Sgt. Jensen applies to the other men also. I do not know the exact place near or on the Island of Moen, Denmark. I had no map of Denmark and I have forgotten the name of the village we*

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

*landed near. With a*

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

*proper map of Denmark I could point out the town and lake near it. I will cooperate in every way possible to help learn about the fate of these men.*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

MURPHY, Paul J.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

31303563

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out?     Mrs. Mulhearn notified me that    

Where?     Paul was killed.    

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

SCROCK, Frank

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

16113758

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Navigator):~~

Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MISASHE, Michael  
 Rank: S/sgt  
 Serial number: 16114401  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) tail gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John K. Brown Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0699122
2. Organization 303 Bn Gp Commander Rank L Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 29 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Berlin, target time, about 11:00 A.M., altitude, 23,000 ft. route scheduled, with Denmark Lake to Berlin, route flown over Denmark Lake 10 or 20 min late.
5. Where were you when you left formation? 70 miles N.W. of Berlin
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". \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge
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? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? To the best of my knowledge, the five men concerned, who were in the rear of our aircraft, were not killed while in flight. I do not know that for an absolute fact, but I do know that two or more parachutes came from the rear door of the plane.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I saw some parachutes in the air as I descended, and two or more came from the rear of our plane. The Germans told us that two of our men had drowned in the lake, but we did not believe them, for they had reason to lie to us. Perhaps ~~they~~ they could tell the exact place in Denmark that we parachuted into.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(us. Perhaps H. Kern)  
them for

4163

HEADQUARTERS JAF STATION 107  
 366RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
 APO 634 - US ARMY

Classification changed  
 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by E. B. BRUNAS, Lt. Col., AG  
 Date **MAR 25 1945**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.  
 Group 363rd; Squadron 427th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_  
 SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See Chart Attached  
 Intended Destination Berlin, Germany; Type of Mission Bombardment

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
10/10ths Cumulus, visibility Good at altitude.

GIVE: (a) Date 29 Apr 44 Time 1150; and Location Near Berlin  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
 ( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.

AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-51241

ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SN-1299  
 (b) SN-001908; (c) 42-65167; (d) 42-77278

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 685217; 685645 INW.  
 (a) 683762 INW; (b) 683965 INW; (c) 684699 INW; (d) 685147; 684743 INW.  
 (e) 559705 P.C.Gm; (f) 745598 OPTA; (g) 684562 INW; (h) 685124 INW  
748444; 748959 OPTA.

THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_; 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	
EUS	1. Pilot	BOHLE, HOWARD J.	2ND LT.	0-765184	RTD
RTD	2. Co-Pilot	KERR, ROBERT R.	2ND LT.	0-815165	RTD
EUS	3. Navigator	BROWN, JOHN L.	2ND LT.	0-899122	RTD
EUS	4. Bombardier	NEVILLS, JOSEPH J.	2ND LT.	0-684985	RTD
EUS	5. TOP Turret	RICE, LAWRENCE W.	S/SGT.	32712289	RTD
KIA	6. Radio Gunner	JENSEN, HENRY J.	S/SGT.	39551854	
KIA	7. Ball Turret	DESSCHAU, JOHN A.	SGT.	32549262	
KIA	8. Right Waist	MURPHY, PAUL J.	SGT.	31303564	
DED	9. Left Waist	GORGON, FRANK (EMI)	SGT.	16115758	
DED	10. Tail Gunner	MURASKE, MICHAEL (EMI)	S/SGT.	16144401	

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>Estes, Shirley W. 1st Lt. 0-803587</u>						
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used ---; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ---; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) ---

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See Chart Attached.

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 30 April 1944.

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

April 10



✓ 2nd Lt. Howard J. Balle

Mr. George J. Balle, (father)  
Berwyn, North Dakota.

✓ 2nd Lt. Robert H. Burr

Mrs. Alvera H. Burr, (wife)  
6002 North Paulina Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

✓ 2nd Lt. John K. Brown

Mr. James J. Brown, (father)  
798 Hallowell Avenue,  
York, Pennsylvania.

✓ 2nd Lt. Joseph J. Deville

Mrs. Helen A. Deville, (wife)  
4015 So Tenny Avenue,  
Saint Louis, Missouri.

✓ S/Sgt. Michael Maszko P.D.

Mrs. Theresa Maszko, (mother)  
6033 Avellan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

✓ S/Sgt. Henry J. Jensen *KIA. ETO  
found dead in  
Danish territory*

Mrs. Lillian M. Johnson, (sister)  
Box 477,  
McFarland, California.

✓ S/Sgt. Lawrence V. Rice

Mrs. Margaret A. Rice, (mother)  
7108 35th Avenue,  
Jackson Heights, New York.

✓ Sgt. John A. Derschan *body rec.  
on beach  
above*

Mrs. Elizabeth Derschan, (mother)  
417 East 74th Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

✓ Sgt. Frank Gorgen *See list S.P. & G.*

Mrs. Tyna Gorgen, (mother)  
9266 Genesee,  
Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Sgt. Paul J. Mulhearn *Body washed  
above*

Mrs. Gertrude S. Mulhearn, (mother)  
55 Huntington Road,  
Wilton, Massachusetts.

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ago

to

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOURCE: ROBERT R. KERR, 2d Lt, O-815165

E&E #683

DATE: 27 May 1944

MIA: 29 April 1944

UNIT: 427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRIB RECORDS

PILOT	O-753184	2d Lt	Howard J BOHLE	MIA POW
CO-PILOT	O-815165	2d Lt	Robert R. KERR ✓	RD
NAVIGATOR	O-699122	2d Lt	John K BROWN ✓	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-684983	2d Lt	Joseph J NEVILLS ✓	MIA POW
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WAIST GUNNER	16113758	Sgt	Frank GORGON	MIA
WASIT GUNNER	31303563	Sgt	Paul J MULHEARN	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	16144401	S/Sgt	Michael MUSASHE	MIA

KNCWN INFORMATION:

5 CHUTES

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

4 P/W; 3 drowned.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
305RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 557, U.S. ARMY

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2 May 1944.

Statement of 1st Lt. Shirley W. Estes, O-805587.

On the mission to Berlin, Germany, on 29 April 1944, I was the pilot on A/C 42-38051 which was flying in the lead group in the 41st Combat Wing in # 6 position. A/C 42-31241, the missing A/C, was flying in # 3 position in the same squadron. The relative positions of the two A/C is shown in the diagram of the formation below. At 1114 hours, at 52°45'N-11°00'E, A/C 42-31241 received a direct hit from flak in # 3 and # 4 gas tanks. The gas tanks were punctured and considerable gas was lost. The missing A/C then skidded out of formation and jettisoned its bombs and feathered # 4 prop. It tried to come back into formation but evidently realized # 3 tank was leaking and turned back. When last seen, it was under control.

	<u>574 (305th Gp)</u> I	
<u>42-31241</u> I		<u>522 (305th Gp)</u> I
	<u>42-31060</u> I	
<u>42-38051</u> I		<u>42-102569</u> I

*Shirley W. Estes*  
SHIRLEY W. ESTES,  
1st Lt., AC.

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By authority A. C. of S., G-2

Date 16 June 44

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

ROBERT R KERR, 2d Lt., O-815165 28 May 1944  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)  
427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group 483  
(Unit)

- Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
29 April 1944; 1300 hours; N.W. Isle of FALSTER, Denmark.
- Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.  
Was it on fire, etc?  
No. 4 Engine feathered; dense black smoke from No.2 Engine NACELLE; control stick frozen; in steep climbing altitude.
- At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 15,000 feet.
- Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Not to my knowledge.
- What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, and Engineer. All chutes opened.
- Did the plane explode on striking the ground? It is believed plane crashed at sea; it was not seen to crash onland.
- 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 detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. Informed by local resident that four were seen in custody of Germans; three were in the water and unable to get out; none were identified.
- Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? No
- If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.  
Distance from land unknown; disposition unknown.
- What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?  
Four P/W; three drowned; two unknown.

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By authority A. C. of S., G-2

Date 16 June 44 (llc)

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

ROBERT R KERR, 2d Lt, O-815165  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

28 May 1944  
(Date)

427 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group B (8)  
(Unit)

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Incl # 12

PRIMARY TARGET -- BERLIN, GERMANY

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)

41ST. S. B. W. LEAD GROUP

29, APRIL, 1944

PROPOSED ROUTE

ROUTE FLOWN

