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by F. MOEN apt., AG
Date MAR 1946

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Date	Letter
11/8/46	Penny
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	Meeting
	Park
	Kurzanski
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IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

1. G I B B O N S, Donald L. — O- 801850

2. M A R T E N S, Arnout C. — 32828289

A V 2037/45

Certification of Death

Outfit:	AAF
Nationality:	American
Name:	ROTH
First name:	Ernest L.
Rank:	unknown 49/145
Day of birth, place:	unknown
Date of death:	19. May 1944
Place of death:	Berlin - Pichelsberg
ASN:	0-753930 T 43 B T 44
Cause of death:	crash of aircraft
Shot down:	over Service Command III Germany
Place of interment:	Doeberitz
Grave location:	Memorial cemetery Elsgrund, field 2 row 13, grave # 5
Buried on:	24. May 1944 at 1000 AM.
Checked and registered:	on 10. September 1944 in the local death register under number A/766 at Doeberitz.

Air Base Commadd
Berlin - Gatow on 20. May 1944

(signed)
.....
Major.

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J. Oxton 5 Oct 51

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED ERNEST ROTH Pilot B-17

HOME TOWN OR STATE Los Angeles, Calif.

GRADE OR RANK 2nd Lt.

ORGANIZATION 303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Plane was hit by flak in the nose compartment - it blew up in mid-air an instant after I jumped. I never saw Roth again and believe that he must have been killed in the explosion.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Unknown

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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4 August 1945

SIGN HERE Henry A. Gardner
Name and Serial Number

Sgt Henry A. Gardner, 32379769
1 Vista Way, Lakewood, N.Y.
Your home address

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(or 2,88/45)

Certificate about death and interment of 1 member of the American Air-Force. SD Case 3237

Name (last and first): BEYS, George J.

Rank: Aviator 2nd Lt AC

Unit: unknown

Date and place of birth: unknown

Date and place of death: 19 May 1944 at Berlin - corps area III -

Identif.tag: O-703174 T 43 - 44 C B
George J. BEYS

Next of kin: unknown

Cause of death: Fracture of the skull,
left lower leg and
right thigh
(downing of an aircraft, Beys bailed out)

Grave Location: Military cemetery Elsgrund at Doeberitz,
field 2, row 13, grave No. 11,
buried on 25 May 1944 at 1000

6KIA 4848.

For correctness certifies.
Reserve-Hospital 101 Berlin-Charlottenburg on 22 May 1944.
signature
Finance-Officer (Oberzahlmeister).

This grave certificate will be forwarded in triplicate to the competent Garrison Commander of the district Doeberitz in Doeberitz.

For correctness of the place of death, place of interment and registration of the grave-site in the Garrison-Graves-Record under No. A/779 certifies.
Doeberitz on 11 September 1944.
sign. illegible
Major.

DED 19 May 44 WCER 4949

In duplicate to the Service Command III

In duplicate.

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED GEORGE BEYS Navigator B-17

HOME TOWN OR STATE El Paso, Texas

GRADE OR RANK 2nd Lt.

ORGANIZATION 303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Plane was hit by flak in the nose compartment-- it blew up in mid-air an instant after I jumped. I never saw Beys again and believe that he must have been killed in the explosion.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

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See KU 1898

Certification of Death

Outfit:	AAF
Nationality:	American
Name:	KURZAWSKI
First name:	J.W. John W.
Rank:	unknown 49/149
Day of birth, place:	unknown
Date of death:	~~15. May 1944~~
Place of death:	Berlin - Gatow
ASN:	33420870
Relatives:	unknown
Cause of death:	Crash of a Boeing Fortress B 17 G
Shot down:	over Service Command III Germany
Place of interment:	Doeberitz
Grave location:	Memorial Cemetery Elsgrund, field 2, row 14, grave # 16
Buried on :	24. May 1944 at 1000 AM.
Checked and registered:	on 11. September 1944 in the death register Doeberitz under number A/775.
Air Base Command Berlin - Gatow on 20. May 1944	(signed) ..... Major

MACR 4949
MIA 19 May 44

KIA

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 19 May 44 time 1401 Casualty No.: KU 1898

Place of crash: Berlin - Pichelsberg

Type of aircraft: Fortress

Reporting office: Air Base HQ. Berlin Gatow.

Name		Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of internment
DEXTER 27 June 22	Fred E. Kans.	S/Sgt.	17128269	captured	Dulag Luft
ROTH	Ernest L.	Lt.	0-753530	dead	
STREIGNER	Ralph E.	Sgt.	33501864	"	
BUCKINGHAM	Earl W.	Sgt.	33390919	"	
MOERING	Herman G.	Sgt.		"	
KURZLAWSKI	J.W.	Sgt.	33420870	"	

Casualty No.: KU 1898 1st additional report of 4 July 44.

MARTINS 14 Nov 24	Arnout Cannon Mt. Vernon, N.Y.	Sgt.	32828289	captured	Dulag Luft		
GIBBONS 30 May 19	Donald Lee Cresco, Iowa.	2nd/Lt.	0-801850	"	"	"	

MACR 4949
10 man crew
6 - KIA
4 - LEVS

Dulag Luft, 5 June 44 We.

K U 1898

Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17 G on 19 May 44 Time: 1401
environs of Berlin - Pichelsberg

Name: M O E N I N G Herman G. KIA d e a d
Rank: Sgt.
A.S.N.:

Name: K U R Z A W S K I J. W. ✓ d e a d
A.S.N.: 33 420 870 T 43

Name: S T R E I C H E R Ralph E. ✓ d e a d
A.S.N.: 33 501 864 T 43 A

Name: R O T H Ernest L. ✓ d e a d
A.S.N.: 0 - 753 930 T 43 B T 44

Name: B U C K I N G H A M Earl W. ✓ d e a d
A.S.N.: 33 390 919 T 43

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ULL NAME OF DECEASED (Unknown) MOENING Targoleer B-17

OME TOWN OR STATE Unknown

RADE OR RANK S/Sgt

RGANIZATION 303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF

ATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany

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PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

AMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Unknown

F YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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4 August 1945

SIGN HERE Henry A. Gardner.
Name and Serial Number

Sgt. Henry A. Gardner, 32379769,
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DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSCU

Sequence Number 550

ACCEPTED:

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DATE:-
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DATE: 21 May 1944

TIME: 2250

FROM: LSFE

THROUGH: Link

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REMARKS:

SSD LBGW # 1272 21 May 1130
To Research Office West, Oberursel
Report according to: D(Luft) 2706/07 Sect. Roman IIC and Roman VII.
To A.: Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment.
To B.: 19 May 1944, 1401.
To C.: Fortress Boeing B 17 G
To SD: Markings of Plane: W Cockade B N. Serial Number: C in grey triangle 231386 W.
To E.: 75 %
To F.: Crew: 1. 5 casualties.
S t r e i c h e r, Ralph E. 33501864 T 43 A
B u c k i n g h a m, Earl W. 333 90919 T 43
K u r z a w s k i, J.W. 33420870 T 43
R o t h, Ernest L. P-753930 T 43 B T 44
M o e n i n g, Herman G. Sgt.
2. Presumably 3 Prisoners of War (Eye Witness Report)
3. 2 members of the crew probably escaped.

Air Base Headquarters Berlin-Gatow.

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Air Base Headquarters Berlin-Gatow.

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KU 1698

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES.

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED)** **OF,** Fortress Boeing B 17 G, Berlin-Pichel berg, Power Plant and environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: **AT:**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M o e n i n g

FIRST NAME: Herman G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) missing

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature illegible
1st Lt.

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NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Moening

FIRST NAME: Herman G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) missing

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLA AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -/-

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -/-

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature illegible
1st Lt.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

Sequence Number 582

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DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 22 May 1944

TIME: 1920

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Rink

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Q E M

SSD LBGW 1316 22 May 0810
To Research Office West, Oberursel
Search Report.
Two members of the crew of the enemy aircraft Fortress Boeing B 17 G crashed on 19 May 1944, 1401, at Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment, have presumably escaped.

Air Base Headquarters Berlin-Gatow.

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FORM #2

KU 1898

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Headquarters

LOCATION: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 22 May 1944

DATE AND TIME: 19 May 1944, 1401.
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and Environment
(NEAREST TOWN)

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: W Cockade B N
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: C within a grey triangle 231386 W

EQUIPMENT: not found
F.T. FREQUENCIES: transmitted to Air Forces' High CommandChristelle Ob. d. L.
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 75% destruction

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Air District Command 1 copy
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.) Dulag Luft 1 copy
CL/A.Rue 1 copy
Air Base District Command
B 41 III 1 copy

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1st Lt.

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **EARL BUCKINGHAM** **Radio operator B-17**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Baltimore, Md.**

GRADE OR RANK **S/Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane was hit by flak in the nose compartment - it blew up in mid-air an instant after I jumped. I never saw him again and believe that he must have been killed in the explosion.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Unknown**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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4 August 1945

SIGN HERE Henry A. Gardner

Name and Serial Number

Sgt. Henry A. Gardner, 32379769,
1 Vista Way, Lakewood, N.Y.

Your home address

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DONALD L. GIBBONS Rank 1st LT. Serial No. 0-801850

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander STEVENS (full name) Rank COL Sqn CO COOL (full name) Rank COL.

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 19 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, BERLIN, target time, 2 P.M., altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, IN FRONT NORTH SEA, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER BERLIN

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES 3 OTHERS

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

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BLEW UP IN AIR

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 described above?

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I SAW NAVIGATOR GEORGE BEYS DIE IN BERLIN HOSPITAL 2 HRS. AFTER ON THE GROUND. SAW WAIST GUNNER MARTENS AND WAS WITH HIM 40 DAYS IN BERLIN. LAST SAW HIM IN P.O.W. HOSPITAL. DID NOT SEE ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

6-3862, AF

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FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-S - HP

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MAR 15 1946
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

12 Dec 45

HP

SUBJECT: Sergeant Ralph E. Streicher, 33501864

TO : Staff Sergeant Fred E. Dexter
Oak Valley, Kansas

1. This headquarters is in receipt of request for details of the death of Sergeant Ralph E. Streicher, 33501864, ball turret gunner of an aircraft B-17G, serial number 42-31386, which disappeared 19 May 1944 near Berlin, Germany.

2. Request all available information regarding the death of subject named enlisted man and any details concerning the loss of this aircraft be forwarded this headquarters as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

John J. Smith
JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Oak Valley, Kans.
19th Dec, 1945

Dear Sir.

I was the top turret gunner of the named aircraft. We received a direct hit by flak over Berlin, one wing was blowed off and the ship went into a spin and blew up. I was still in the ship at time of explosion, but was threw clear. to my belief Sgt. Streicher never had time to get out, at the

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

I never seen his body. or any other persons that I could identify, from this ship, other than,
Sgt. Henry A. Gardner, Tail gunner
is the only man that I have ever seen from this Crew., He is now at home
He was in prison with me during our entire stay, and he has no more knowledge of the fate of the others than I.

His address is. Henry A. Gardner
1, vista, way, Lakewood N.J.
If I may be of any help in the future I will only be too glad to do so.

Yours Truly
Fred E. Dexter

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Dec. 28, 1945

SUBJECT: Sergeant Ralph E. Streicher, 33501864

TO : John J. Smith
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division

1. I, Donald L. Gibbons, was acting Co-pilot on the aircraft B-17G, serial number 42-31386, which disappeared May 19, 1944 over Berlin, Germany. Ralph E. Streicher, 33501864, was the ball turret gunner of that aircraft.

2. The loss of the aircraft was due to a direct hit on No. 3 engine with flak. The controls of the aircraft were shot out, cockpit crushed in, plane set on fire and the radio out. Our altitude was 26,500 ft. when hit and I managed to get out at about 23,000 ft. I do not know how or who got out of plane along with me. I was in the same hospital in Berlin with Sgt. Arnout C. Martens, waist gunner, and according to him he was the last one to see Ralph E. Streicher. Martens told me that just before he bailed out he saw Ralph E. Streicher standing up in his turret and was reaching for his parachute. Since I have been back in the States I have written to Sgt. Fred E. Dexter, engineer of the crew, and he informed me that the airplane exploded just after I bailed out. Besides myself, Donald L. Gibbons, there were three other men of the crew that lived: Sgt. Fred E. Dexter, engineer, Sgt. Arnout C. Martens, waist gunner and Sgt. Henry A. Gardner, tail gunner.

3. I suggest that you contact the following named men for any further available information: Sgt. Fred E. Dexter--Oak Valley, Kansas.
Sgt. Arnout C. Martens--Oakwood Isles, New Rochelle, N.Y.
Sgt. Henry A. Gardner--1 Vista Way, Lakewood, N. Y.

DONALD L. GIBBONS
1st Lt. Air Corps

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq. Air Base Area 4 / III

PLACE: Berlin - Staaken

DATE: 19 May 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown
EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Gardner

FIRST NAME: Henry A. Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32 379 769

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: In the City Forest of Berlin Spandau, on 19 May 44, at 1445 o'clock.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: . / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: . / .

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Eus

Dulag Luft Wetzlar

Received: 12 June 44

Distribution:

Dulag - Luft

MACR 4949

signed: (illegible)
Major

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FORM #2

KU 1898

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Headquarters

LOCATION: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 22 May 1944

DATE AND TIME: AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN — 19 May 1944, 1401.

PLACE OF CRASH: (NEAREST TOWN) — Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and Environment

KIND OF CAPTURE: (FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING) — Flak

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: — Fortress Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) — W Cockade B N

ADMITTANCE NO: — C in grey triangle 231386 W

EQUIPMENT: — not found

F.T. FREQUENCIES: — transmitted to the Air Forces' High Command Christelle

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: — 75 % destruction — Ob.d.L.

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

Air District Command	1 copy
Dulag Luft	1 copy
CL/A Rue	1 copy

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1st Lt.

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and Environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Kurzawski

FIRST NAME: J.W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33420870 T 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature : Illegible
1st Lt.

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PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

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EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Roth

FIRST NAME: Ernest L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-753930 T 43 B T 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred to Reserve Hospital, 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz for interment on 20 May 1944.

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1st Lt.

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FORM 1

KU 1898

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress Boeing B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Buckingham

FIRST NAME: Earl W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33390919 T 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

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1st Lt.

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EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S t r e i c h e r

FIRST NAME: Ralph E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33501864 T 43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

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1st Lt.

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IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

1. D E X T E R, F.E.	17128269	
2. B U C K I N G H A M, Earl W.	33390919	
3. K U R Z A W S K I, J.W.	33420870	(33420870)
4. S T R E I C H E R, Ralph E.	33501864	
5. R O T H, Ernest L.	0-753930	

FORM 1

KU 1898

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters 4/III

PLACE: Berlin-Staaken

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D e x t e r

FIRST NAME: Fred

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) A.S.N. 17128269

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Berlin-Spandau, Town Forest on 19 May 1944, 1445.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Signature illegible
Major

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

Sequence Number 582

ACCEPTED:

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DATE:-
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DATE: 22 May 1944

TIME: 1920

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Link

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Q E M

SSD LBGW 1316 22 May 0810
To Research Office West, Oberursel
Search Report.
Two members of the crew of the enemy aircraft Fortress Boeing B 17 G crashed on 19 May 1944, 1401, at Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment, have presumably escaped.

Air Base Headquarters Berlin-Gatow.

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A V 2039/45

Certification of death

Outfit:	AAF
Nationality:	American
Name:	BUCKINGHAM
First name:	Earl W.
Day of birth, place:	unknown
Date of death:	19. May 1944
Place of death:	Berlin - Gatow
ASN:	33390919 T 43
Relatives:	unknown
Shot down:	over Service Command III Germany
Place of interment:	Doeberitz
Grave location:	Memorial Cemetery Elsgrund, field 2 row 14 grave # 14.
Buried on:	24. May 1944 at 1000 AM
Checked and registered:	on 11. September 1944 in the local death register Doeberitz under number A/773.

Air Base Command
Berlin - Gatow on 20. May 1944

(signed)
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Major.

A V 2038/45

Certification of Death

Outfit:	AAF
Nationality:	American
Name:	MOENING
First name:	Herman G.
Rank:	unknown 49/148
Day of birth, place :	unknown
Date of death:	19. May 1944
Place of death:	Berlin - Gatow
ASN:	missing
Cause of death:	Crash of aircraft
Shot down:	over Service Command III Germany
Place of interment:	Doeberitz
Grave location:	Memorial cemetery Elsgrund, field 2, row 13, grave # 8.
Buried on:	24. May 1944 at 1000 AM.
Checked and registered:	on 11. September 1944 in the local death registmer under number A/768.

Air Base Command
Berlin - Gatow on 20. May 1944

(signed)
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Major.

A V 2035/45

Certification ofDeath

Outfit:	AAF
Nationality:	American
Name:	STREICHER
First name:	Ralph E.
Rank:	unknown 49/146
Day of birth, place:	unknown
Date of death:	19. May 1944
Place ofdeath:	Berlin - Pichelsberg
ASN:	33501864 T 43 A
Cause of de ath:	crash of aircraft Boeing Fortress B 17 G
Shot down:	over Service Command III Germany
Place of interment:	Doeberitz
Grave location:	Memorial cemetery Elsgrund field 2 row 14, grave# 17.
Buried on:	24. May 1944 at 1000 AM.
Checked and registered:	on 11. September 1944 ih the local death register Doeberitz under number A/776

Air Base Command
Berlin - Gatow on 20. May 1944

(signed)
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Major.

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CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **JOHN KORZOWSKI** **Waist gunner B-17**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Pittsburg, Pa.**

GRADE OR RANK **Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane was hit in the nose compartment by flak - it blew up in mid-air an instant after I jumped. I never saw Korzowski again and believe that he must have been killed in the explosion.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Unknown**

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IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

No Folder

4 August 1945

SIGN HERE Henry A. Gardner
Name and Serial Number
Sgt. Henry A. Gardner, 32379769
1 Vista Way, Lakewood, N.Y.
Your home address

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

MACR NO. 4949

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 Bomb Gp (H) SQUADRON 359th ; DETACHMENT ----
2. SPECIFY: POINT OF DEPARTURE Molesworth ; COURSE See attached chart
INTENDED DESTINATION Berlin, Germany ; TYPE OF MISSION Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clouds base 3000, tops 15,000, visibility unlimited above clouds.
4. GIVE: (A) DATE 19 May 44 TIME 1400 ; AND LOCATION OF LAST KNOWN WHEREABOUTS OF MISSING AIRCRAFT Near Berlin, Germany
(B) SPECIFY WHETHER (X) LAST SIGHTED: ( ) LAST CONTACTED BY RADIO:
( ) FORCED DOWN: ( ) SEEN TO CRASH: OR ( ) INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (CHECK ONLY ONE): ( ) ENEMY AIRCRAFT: (X) ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT: ( ) OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES AS FOLLOWS:
6. AIRCRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES B-17G ; AAF SERIAL NO. 42-31386
7. ENGINES: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIES R-1820-97 ; AAF SERIAL NO. (A) SW-1214
(B) SW 001542 (C) SW 005387 (D) SW 003098
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (FURNISH BELOW MAKE, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER) 890526; 888814; 889963;
(A) 890100; 71898 (B) 890330; 890651 (C) 889925 (D) 890392
(E) 650440 (F) 360056 (G) 889914 (H) 880314
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 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	Roth, Ernest L.	1/Lt	0-753930	KIA
(2) CO-PILOT	Gibbons, Donald L.	2/Lt	0-801850	EUS
(3) Nav	Beys, George J.	2/Lt	0-703174	DED
(4) Bombdr	Moening, Herman G.	S/Sgt	35422735	KIA
(5) E/T Gnr	Dexter, Fred E.	S/Sgt	17128269	EUS
(6) Rad. Gnr	Buckingham, Earl [illegible]	S/Sgt	33390919	KIA
(7) B/T/Gnr	Streicher, Ralph E.	Sgt	33501864	KIA
(8) R/W/Gnr	Martens, Arnout C.	Sgt	32828289	EUS
(9) L/W/Gnr	Kurzawski, John [illegible]	Sgt	33420870	KIA
(10) Tail Gnr	Gardner, Henry A.	Sgt	32379769	EUS
(11)				

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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) Moser, Clinton A.	2/Lt	0-806100		X		
(2)						
(3)						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (A) PARACHUTES WERE USED X ; (B) PERSONS WERE SEEN WALKING AWAY FROM SCENE OF CRASH ; OR (C) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)

13. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached statement
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached chart
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE ----

21 May 1944
(Date of Report)

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JE[illegible] E. H. BARRETT, Major, A.C.,
Group S-2

REMARKS: (Use additional sheet if necessary)
Incl: One (1) Statement.

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
BEYS, GEORGE J.	2ND LT	0-703174

ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If Applicable)
359TH COMB. SQ. 303RD BOMB. GP.	WHITE	ORTHO. GREEK.	

DATE OF DEATH/~~MIA~~	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA
19 MAY '44	DIED OF INJURIES REC'D. IN ACTION. MIA	BERLIN, GERMANY
DATE OF FOD		

HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	SHOE SIZE
5'7"	129#	BROWN	BLACK	8C

DENTAL CHART 11 NOV '43.

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
8 7 ~~6~~ 5 (~~4~~) 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 ~~6~~ 7 ~~8~~

LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
~~16~~ 15 14 (~~13~~) 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 ~~15~~ ~~16~~

X = Extracted O = Carious 1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK
NO RECORD	NO RECORD.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AGE: 29.

BURIED: P.O.W. CEMETERY, AT DOEBERITZ-ELSGRUND, GERMANY
FIELD 2
ROW 13
GRAVE 11
(INF. FR. CAPT'D. GER'N. REC'D)

QMG FORM 23 SEP 46 371

DATE FORWARDED TO FIELD _____

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ULL NAME OF DECEASED RALPH STREICHER Ball turret gunner B-17

OME TOWN OR STATE Annville, Pa.

RADE OR RANK Sgt

RGANIZATION 303 Bomb Gp, 359 Bomb Sq, 8th AF

ATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 19 May 1944, Berlin, Germany

AUSE OF DEATH Plane was hit in the nose compartment by flak - it blew up in mid-air an instant after I jumped. I never saw Streicher again and believe that he must have been killed in the explosion.

LACE OF BURIAL Unknown

ERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

AMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Unknown

F YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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4 August 1945
SIGN HERE Henry A. Gardner
Name and Serial Number

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

ORGANIZATION: Location **Molesworth** ; Command or Air Force **8th A.F.**
Group **303rd Bomb Gp (H)** ; Squadron **359th** ; Detachment **---------**

SPECIFY: Point of Departure **Molesworth** ; Course **See attached chart**
Intended Destination **Berlin, Germany** ; Type of Mission **Bombardment**

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clouds base 3000, tops 15,000, visibility unlimited above clouds.

GIVE: (a) Date **19 May 44** Time **1400** ; and Location **Near Berlin, Germany** of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.

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

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series **B-17G** ; A.A.F. Serial Number **42-31386**

ENGINES: Type, Model and Series **R-1820-97** A.A.F. Serial Number (a) **S.N. 1214**
(b) **S.N. 001542** ; (c) **S.N. 005387** ; (d) **S.N. 003093**

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a)_____ ; (b) **See attached sheet** ; (d)_____
(e)_____ ; (f)_____ ; (g)_____ ; (h)_____

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew **10** ; Passengers **0** ; Total **10**
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot	ROTH, ERNEST L.	KIA 1st Lt.	0-755930	KIA
2. Co-Pilot	GIBBONS, DONALD L.	EWS 2nd Lt.	0-801850	EWS
3. Navigator	BEYS, GEORGE J.	KIA 2nd Lt.	0-703174	DeD
4. Bombardier	MOENING, HERMAN G.	KIA S/Sgt.	35422735	KIA
5. Top Turret Gunner	DEXTER, FRED E.	EWS S/Sgt.	17128269	EWS
6. Radio Gunner	BUCKINGHAM, EARL W.	KIA S/Sgt.	33320919	KIA
7. Ball Turret Gunner	STREICHER, RALPH E.	KIA Sgt.	33501864	KIA
8. Right Waist Gunner	MARTENS, ARNOUT C.	EWS Sgt.	32828289	EWS
9. Left Waist Gunner	KURZAWSKI, JOHN W.	KIA Sgt.	33420870	KIA
10. Tail Gunner	GARDNER, HENRY A.	EWS Sgt.	32379769	EWS

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.						
2. Moser, Clinton A.	2nd Lt.	0-806100		XX		
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used **X** ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
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 **21 May 1944**

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

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Missing Air Crew Report - 19 May 1944 - Con'td.

The following facts pertaining to missing A/C 42-31386 "W" were furnished by 2nd Lt. Clinton A. Moser who was flying in # 4 position, high squadron, lead group, 41st "A" Combat Wing. 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 formation below. On the bomb run just before bombs away time there was a huge flash as # 3 engine of A/C 42-31386 received a direct hit by flak. The engine fell out. The plane was held quite steady and under control and slipped off to the right out of formation. Three chutes were seen to come from the distressed aircraft.

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GUN NUMBERS IN AIRCRAFT # 42-31386 "W"

890526	L.T.	Buffalo Arms
888814	R.T.	" "
889963	L.W.	" "
890100	R.W.	" "
71898	Radio	A.C. Spark Plug
890530	R.U.T.	Buffalo Arms
890551	L.U.T.	" "
889925	L.B.	" "
890592	R.B.	" "
650440	L.N.	Frig.
360056	R.N.	Frig.
889914	L.C.	Buffalo Arms
880314	R.C.	Buffalo Arms

2nd Lt Ernest L. Roth	Mr. Louis Roth, (Father) 1375 Hillcrest Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
2nd Lt Donald L. Gibbons	Mrs. Edith E. Gibbons, (Mother) Woodsport, Oregon.
2nd Lt George J. Hays	Mrs. Lillian A. Hays, (Wife) 2617 Pershing Drive, El Paso, Texas.
S/Sgt Norman G. Henning	Mrs. Norman Henning, (Mother) 334 Henry Street, Dayton, Ohio.
S/Sgt Fred E. Hunter	Mrs. Rosabel I. Hunter, (Wife) Salt Valley, Kansas.
371 S/Sgt Earl W. Huntingham	Mrs. Katherine Huntingham, (Wife) 1010 North Hanson Street, Baltimore, Maryland.
Sgt Ralph E. Strauthner	Mrs. Sarah Strauthner, (Mother) 306 East Main Street, Annville, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt Ernest C. Hartens	Mrs. Marion E. Hartens, (Mother) 59 Juana Street Crestwood, Tuckahoe 7, New York. Mr. Clarence Hartens, (Father) Colonial Miles, New Rochelle, New York.
Sgt John W. Karamski	Mrs. Stella Karamski, (Wife) 5313½ Carnegie Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Sgt Henry A. Gardner	Mr. James A. Gardner, Sr., (Father) 1 Vista Way, Lakewood, New York.

FORM 1

KU 1098

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Boeing Fortress B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and Environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) K u r z a w s k i

FIRST NAME: J.W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33420870 T 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature : Illegible
1st Lt.

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POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWN) Fortress Boeing B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Roth

FIRST NAME: Ernest L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-753930 T 43 B T 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred to Reserve Hospital, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz for interment on 20 May 1944.

Signature illegible
1st Lt.

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POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Fortress Boeing B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)	Buckingham
FIRST NAME:	Earl W.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)	33390919 T 43
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)	dead
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:	./.
NAME OF HOSPITAL:	./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature illegible
1st Lt.

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FORM 1

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POST: Air Base Headquarters

PLACE: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 20 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF Fortress Boeing B 17 G, Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and environment on 19 May 1944, 1401.

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S t r e i c h e r

FIRST NAME: Ralph E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33501864 T 43 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ./.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Corpse was transferred for interment to Reserve Hospital 101, Olympic Settlement Doeberitz on 20 May 1944.

Signature illeg ible
1st Lt.

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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters 4/III

PLACE: Berlin-Staaken

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D e x t e r

FIRST NAME: Fred

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) A.S.N. 17128269

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Berlin-Spandau, Town Forest on 19 May 1944, 1445.

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Signature illegible
Major

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FORM #2

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Headquarters

LOCATION: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 22 May 1944

DATE AND TIME: AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 19 May 1944, 1401.

PLACE OF CRASH: (NEAREST TOWN): Berlin-Pichelsberg, Power Plant and Environment

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress Boeing B 17 G

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

ADMITTANCE NO: C in grey triangle 231386 N

EQUIPMENT: not found

F.T. FREQUENCIES: transmitted to the Air Forces' High Command Christelle

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 75 % destruction

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Headquarters

LOCATION: Berlin-Gatow

DATE: 22 May 1944

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

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress Boeing B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: (LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA): W Cockade B N

ADMITTANCE NO: C within a grey triangle 231386 W

EQUIPMENT: not found

F.T. FREQUENCIES: transmitted to Air Forces' High CommandChristelle Ob. d. L.

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 75% destruction

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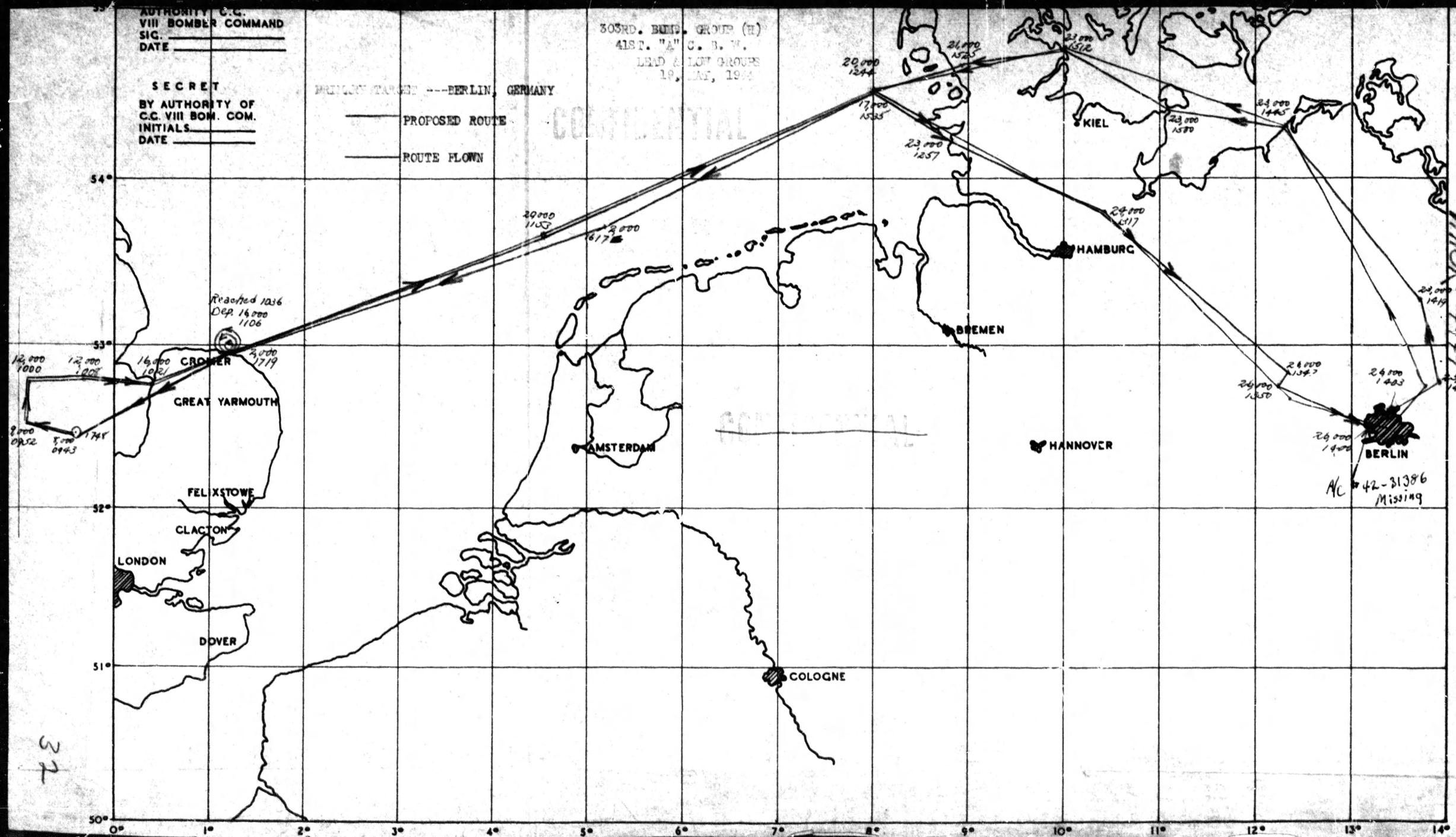
19.May.1944.1401	Lt.	Roth	Ernest. L.	0-753930	dead.
Berlin Pichelsberg	2nd.Lt.	GIBBONS	Donald Lee	0-801850	capt.
Type:Fortress	S/Sgt.	DEXTER	Fred. E.	17128269	dead
Mark.231386 W		STREICHER	Ralph E.	33501864	dead
359 H B.		BUCKINGHAM	Earl W.	33390919	dead
303 Group		MORNING	Herman G.		dead
Target: Airfield Command Berlin Gatow.		KURZAWSKI	J.W.	33420870	dead
	Sgt.	MARTENS	Arnout Cannon	32828289	capt.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LEAD & LOW GROUPS
19, MAY, 1944
PRIMARY TARGET ---BERLIN, GERMANY
PROPOSED ROUTE
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KIEL
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GREAT YARMOUTH
FELIXSTOWE
CLACTON
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Reached 1036
Dep. 16,000
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