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by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1946

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Kolesworth, Engl. Command or Air Force 8th A.F. Group 303rd Bomb; Squadron 359th ; Detachment ———— As ordered VS
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Kolesworth, Eng. ; Course See Attached Chart. Target or Intended Destination Merseburg, Ger. ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear - Visibility good.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 13 Month September Year 1944; Time 1118 Location Merseburg, Germany. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio ( ); Forced down ( ); Seen to Crash ( ); or Information not available ( ).
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: ————————

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 44-6076
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any Liberty Run
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 42-58060 ; (b) SW-019414 ; (c) SW-019825 ; (d) SW-016785
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
   (a) 717539 B.L. ; (b) 716972 ; (c) 1192142 S. A. ; (d) 158237 H. S. ;
   (e) 1192255 S. A. ; (f) 958418 B. A. ; (g) 716865 B. L. ; (h) 717189 B. L. ;
   (i) 868465 S. A. ; (j) 716516 B. L. ; (k) 716871 B. L. ; (l) 982490 H. A. ;
   (m) ; (n) ; (o) ; (p) ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X of (b) Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
    (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	WALKER, LEWIS M.	1st Lt.	0-815047	MIA DED
2. Co-Pilot	DOYLE, JOSEPH J.	2nd Lt.	0-817982	MIA KIA
3. Navigator	NIELSEN, CARL V.	1st Lt.	0-709[illegible]	MIA RTD
4. Bombardier	BEERS, DONALD B.	2nd Lt.	0-551601	MIA RTD
5. Top Turret	SUBLETT, JAMES W.	T/Sgt.	X6583536	X MIA RTD
6. Radio Gunner	LUNDAY, ALBERT J.	T/Sgt.	18133022	MIA RTD
7. Ball Turret	HUNDLEY, WALTER L.	S/Sgt.	35683439	MIA RTD
8. Waist Gunner	MATHIS, HENRY C. JR.	S/Sgt.	34709766	MIA KIA
9. Tail Gunner	RECKERT, ARTHUR C.	S/Sgt.	11101959	MIA RTD
10.				
11.				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	*EVANS, HUGH L.	2nd Lt.	0-819397		X		
2.							
3.							

* 384th Bomb Group (H).

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13. 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) **A/C enveloped in flames when last seen.**

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. **See attached chart.** *NIL*

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary attached.**

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT **None.**

Date of Report **15 September 1944.**

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

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary attached.

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AG 319.1 Cas. 3rd Ind. JWP/gd
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 28 October 1944

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Lewis M. Walker, O-813447, to be missing in action, 13 September 1944.

2. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft 44-6076 of which 1st Lt. Walker was a crew member was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33, dated 4 October 1944.

For the Commanding General:

H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 107
APO 557 - US ARMY

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19 September 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report, 13 September 1944, 1st Lt. Lewis M. Walker, O-813447.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army. (Attn: Statistical Control).

1. The following change in Missing Air Crew Report, 1st Lt. Lewis M. Walker, O-813447, 13 September 1944, is made:

Par. #11 Number of Persons Aboard Aircraft:

Walker, Lewis M., 1st Lt., O-813047

Should read:

Walker, Lewis M., 1st Lt., O-813447.

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANK J. DOHERTY,
MAJOR AC.
ADJUTANT.

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(Ltr Hq AAF Sta 107, dtd 19 Sept 44, subj: "Missing Air Crew Report, 13 September 1944, 1st Lt. Lewis M. Walker, O-813447.")

201.62 1st Ind. P-L-5
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 22 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.
(Att: 21st Statistical Control Unit).

Transmitted herewith is change on Missing Air Crew Report, 1st Lt. Lewis M. Walker, O-813447, 13 September, 1944.

For the Commanding General:

HARRY T. HANCE,
MAJ A.G.D.,
Ass't Adjutant General.

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Eighth Air Force
A.G. Section

319.1 2nd Ind. SCU-D-2
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. 10 OCT 1944

TO: Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to 1st Indorsement and basic communication.

2. Aircraft B-17G, 44-6076, on which Lt. Walker was a crew member, was forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, (Thru: CG, Communications Zone, ETOUSA, APO 871), by letter, 319.1, this Headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 22 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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H. S. WILSON, Jr.,
Capt., A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

 AC# PAR-6492

MAOR 8822
B-17
AAF 44-6076
9 mw

Ku 957a

DATE: 13 September 1944 AT: 1200

PLACE: Reese - Metze near Kassel

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress MCR8822

359th (HB) Sqd. 303rd Group

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TARGET:
Airbase Kassel-Rothwesten

RANK	NAME	A U 2967
1st Lt. DD	WALKER, Lewis M.	ASN: 0813847
2nd Lt.	DOYLE, Joseph J. (dead)	ASN: 0-817982
1st Lt.	NIELSEN, Carl Verner	ASN: 0-709483
2nd Lt.	BEERS, Donald Boyd	ASN: 0-551601
T/Sgt.	LUNDAY, Albert Joseph	ASN: 18133022
S/Sgt.	SUBLETT, James William	ASN: 6383536
S/Sgt.	BUNDLEY, Walter Lee	ASN: 35683139
S/Sgt.	MATHIS, Henry C. (dead) BJA	ASN: 34709766
S/Sgt.	ZEIKERT, Arthur Otto	ASN: 11101950

2 dead buried at Ouinesberg, 15 Sept.44.

FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base District Command 1/VI - Recovery Officer

PLACE: Kassel - Rothwesten

DATE: 9/16/1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17

AT: N of road Besse-Metze, about 200 m E Forrest Ranger Station Oestoecke (about 15 km SW Kassel), 9/13/44, 1200 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)	Doyle	Mathis	Beers	Nielsen
FIRST NAME:	Josef M j.	Henry C.	Donald B.	Karl V.
Rank :	??	??	Lt/	Lt.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)	0-817982	34709766	0-551601	0-709483
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)	dead	dead	captured	captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 9/15/1944 at Gudensberg

sign.: Rohde, Major

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Hq. 4/VI

PLACE: Dortmund

DATE: 9/21/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, no information number of crew : no information

AT: no information

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Sublett

FIRST NAME: James William Rank : S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 6383536

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 20 Sept.1944 at Hilchenbach, Siegen County

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: none

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 13 September 1944 1200 hrs. CASUALTY NO. KU 2967

PLACE OF CRASH : Besse-Astas near Kassel

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE: Kassel

NAME		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
NIELSEN	Carl Verner	1st Lt.	0-709483	captured	Dulag Luft
BEERS 1920	Donald Boyd	2nd Lt.	0-551601	captured	Dulag Luft
DOYLE	Joseph J.	2nd Lt.	0-817982	dead	
MATHIS	Henry C.	S/Sgt.	34709766	dead	

Casualty No. KU 2967 First Supplementary Report, dated 2 November 1944

HUNTER 12 August 1923	Walter Lee USA	S/Sgt.	35683439	captured	Dulag Luft West

DULAG LUFT, 2 November 1944

Casualty No. KU 2967 Second Supplementary Report, dated 2 November 1944

RUCKERT	Arthur Otto	S/Sgt.	11101950	captured	Dulag Luft West
LAMBAY 12 October 1922	Albert Joseph USA	T/Sgt.	18133022	captured	Dulag Luft West
SUBLETT	James William	S/Sgt.	6383536	captured	Dulag Luft West

DULAG LUFT, 4 October 1944 No.

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Ranks Names KU 957 a

Date: 13 Sept 44, at 1100
Place: Kassel
Type of craft: Fortress
Markings: -----
359 (Hbc)Sqd.
303 Group

1st Lt. WALKER,
2nd Lt. DOYLE,
1st Lt. NIELSEN, Carl Verner : 0-709483
2nd Lt. BEERS, Donald Boyd : 0-551601
T/Sgt. LUNDAY
S/Sgt. SUNBLET,
S/Sgt. SUNDLEY,
S/Sgt. MATHIS,
S/Sgt. BECKERT,

(Crossed out in red and with the remark: "KU 2967")

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BATHIS Henry C.) 2/1.34.709.764

DOYLE Joseph)

Cemetary of Gudensberg, on 15 Sep. 1944
Downed at north of Road Besse-Metze, 209 s east of
"Forsthaus Gertoecke", about 15 km south west of Kassel
Type of Plane: Boeing B 17

Crew Members for Crash List

Crash Nr. KU 957 A	D e y l e , Joseph J.	ASN 0-817982	dead
Crash Nr. KU 957 A	M a t h i s , Henry C.	ASN 34709766	dead
Crash Nr. KU 957 A	F r y , David M.	ASN 0-757976	dead

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Kia 13 Sep 44

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Identification Tags :

Walter L. Hundley	35683439
Albert J. Lunday	18133022
Arthur Reckert	11101950
Donald B. Beers	0-551601
Carl V. Nielsen	0-709483
James W. Sublett	6383536
Henry C. Mathis	34709766
Joseph J. Doyle	0-817982

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base District Command 1/VI - Recovery Officer

PLACE: Kassel - Rothwesten

DATE: 9/16/1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17

AT: N of road Besse-Metze, about 200 m E Forrest Ranger Station Gestoecke (about 15 km SW Kassel), 9/13/44, 1200 hr

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)	Doyle	Mathis	Beers	Nielsen
FIRST NAME:	Josef M j.	Henry C.	Donald B.	Karl V.
Rank :	??	??	Lt/	Lt.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)	0-817982	34709766	0-551601	0-709483
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)	dead	dead	captured	captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: 9/15/1944 at Gudensberg

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU No.468

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO: telephoned to Capt.H.Kroedel

DATE 9/21/44

TIME: 0310

FROM: Radiom Station Wiesbaden

THROUGH: Kroen

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Radio Message

To : Information Centre West Oberursel, Taunus
Subject : Damages of enemy aircraft on 9/13/44
Daylight raid : Hydrating plant Gelsenberg and entering and passing flights of enemy formations, reconaissance planes as well as border missions of fighters and fighter bombers

1. 1207 hrs Boeing, road Besse/Metze, 5 km SW Kassel. T 3, 100 % damage, 2 dead, 2 prisoners, claimed by flak group Kurhessen.
2. 1300 hrs, Mustangs, 500 m SE Berndshausen, 14 km NW Bebra, M A, 100 % damage, 1 prisoner, not claimed by flak
3. 1632 hrs, Halifax, Bottrop/Mitte, K O, 98 % damage, crash fire, 5 dead, claimed by 4th Flak Div.
4. 1836 hrs, Halifax, 499 M M NE Air Field Kirchhellen, 8 km SW Dorsten, K O 6, 100 % damage, crash fire, 5 dead, claimed by 4th Flak Div.
5. 1500 hrs, Lightning, 500 m SE Vogelsang (Eifel), 8 km W Gemuend, OP 6, 98 % damage, crash fire, 1 dead
6. 1230 hrs, Mustang, 3 km W Uder, 5 km SW Heiligenstadt, L A 4, 99 % damage, 1 dead, not claimed by flak.
7. 1035 hrs, Halifax, Hiesfelder Forrest, 7 km NW Staerkrade, K O 3, 100 % damage, crash fire, 2 dead, 1 prisoner, claimed by 4th Flak Div.

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Stamp :
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Hq. 4/VI

PLACE: Dortmund

DATE: 9/21/44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, no information number of crew 1 no information

AT: no information

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S u b l e t t

FIRST NAME: James William Rank : S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 6383536

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 20 Sept.1944 at Hilchenbach, Siegen County

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: none

Distribution :
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HEADQUARTERS

MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD

MIDLAND TEXAS

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty WALKER, Lewis M.

b. Rank 1ST LT. c. Crew Position Pilot

d. Date last seen 13-Sept. 44 Place last seen in SHIP

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft WAS SHOT down at low altitude By flak at KASSEL GER.

g. Known information (eye witness only)
I WAS THE LAST Man Known to leave the SHIP And I WAS only at ABOUT 200FT. WHEN I left the SHIP. IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT He could of got out.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
He WAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD of AFTER We REACHED THE Ground. Two OTHERS WERE found And BURIED By THE GERMANS

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving any information requested above.)

Donald B. Beers 1st Lt.
Rank and name of reporter

O-555601 503 Bomb Gp. (H)
ASN Unit

BOS/12/19/44

- 1st Lt. Leslie E. Walker	Mr. Kenneth D. Walker, (brother) 233 North Wood Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.
- 1st Lt. Carl V. Nielsen	Mrs. Lucille M. Nielsen, (wife) 1445 Clark Street, Racine, Wisconsin.
- 2nd Lt. Joseph J. Doyle	Mr. Joseph J. Doyle, (father) 133-53 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York.
- 2nd Lt. Donald B. Beers	Mrs. Dorothy M. Beers, (wife) 37 Harrison Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.
- T/Sgt. James W. Sublett	Mrs. Eva J. Sublett, (wife) General Delivery, Cotton Valley, Louisiana.
- T/Sgt. Albert J. Lunday	Mrs. Albertina Lunday, (mother) 513 North Harrison, Enid, Oklahoma.
- S/Sgt. Walter A. Huntley	Mrs. Mabel Huntley, (mother) Rural Route Number 8, Vogel Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- S/Sgt. Henry C. Mathis, Jr.	Mrs. Hazel J. Mathis, (wife) 2170 Herbert Street, Memphis, Tennessee.
- S/Sgt. Arthur O. Beckert	Mr. Otto A. Beckert, (father) 33 Gaylord Street, Bristol, Connecticut.

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

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

GROUP 303rd Bomb Gp SQ 359th A/C # 44-6076 MISSION DATE 13 Sept 1944.

FIRST PILOT WALKER; LEWIS M. 1st Lt. O-813047 DESTINATION Merseburg, Ger.
NAME RANK SER#

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

(a) By coordinates 51°22'N-11°59'E (Merseburg).

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000

(c) Last noted heading 19° Magnetic

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 100 yards.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft): Intense and very accurate A/A gunfire. No E/A opposition.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Missing A/C hit by A/A gunfire and when last seen it was a mass of flames. Before it caught fire it was seen to have one propeller feathered.

4. If aircraft was out of control descr[illegible] appearance:

After missing A/C caught fire, it pulled off to the right and then went into a vertical dive - apparently out of control.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? _____ If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). Formation had fighters. _____ _____.

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

None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

The missing A/C was flying in a formation composed of ten A/C from the 384th Bomb Group (H) and two from the 303rd. The other A/C from the 303rd is also missing.

8. Date of report 14 September 1944.

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	SER #	A/C #
1.	EVANS, HUGH L.	2nd Lt.	O-819397	459 (384th A/C).
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Joseph G. Robinson	Capt.	O-904618	Ass't S-2.
NAME	RANK	SER #	DUTY

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A L K E R . Lewis M.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-813047
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Pilot.

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? Unlnown

If not, why not? He was fighting the controls to keep aircraft in the air.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He gave us a short speech, told us where we were located and direction to travel after bailing out.

Was he injured? He was killed in the airplane.

Where was he when last seen? I didn't see him last but he was at the controls.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: **********

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30th combat mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: D O Y L E , Joseph J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: [redacted]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? Unknown

If not, why not? Unknown (I was informed he was frozen to the controls)

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? He was killed

Where was he when last seen? Prior to our departure from our bomb group.

Any hearsay information: The Germans informed us they had found his dog tags but never mentioned about his body. They told us he was killed.

Source: Mentioned heretofore.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He evidently went down with the ship. I have no true exact information concerning his fate.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I believe this was his 32nd. mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: L U N D A Y , Albert J.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 18[illegible]
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible]: R dio Gunner.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Same destination as did T.G. Waist Gunner and myself at Bessee, Ger.

If not, why not? **********

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: We were having difficultyin salveeing waist door.

Was he injured? Severely sprained right ankledue to bailing out.

Where was he when last seen? T.G. P.C.M. and myself were together after landing.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: **********

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29th Combat mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: N A T H I S . Henry G jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 34709766
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~ Waist Gunner.

Did he bail out? He either bailed out or he failed to open his parachute.

Where? Same destination as did T.G. R.O.M. Engineer and myself.

If not, why not? **********

Last contact or conversation j st prior to or at time of loss of plane: WE had salvoed all loose Equiptment and that was our last chance for conversation.

Was he injured? Killed in action.

Where was he when last seen? Prior to my departure from aircraft.

Any hearsay information: WE were informed by the Germans that Hank's body was found about one and a half feet in the ground and that his parachute had failed to open.

Source: THe Germans in the village of Bessee, Germany informed us.Sept.24th.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None other than that which has been mentioned in forthgoing data.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28th Combat mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: [redacted]
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 11101980
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 13 kilometers S.E. of Kassell, Germany in the village of Bessee.

If not, why not? ----------

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Radio operator, Tail Gunner and myself were together after landing on the ground. Were in same PW camp.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: **********

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: This was his 28th mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WALTER L. HUNDLEY Rank S SGT. Serial No. 35683439
   303 Bomb. Group - 359 Bomb. Sqd.
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander ~~Lew Travis~~ Rank ~~Gen~~ Sqn CO ~~Heller~~ Hellar Rank ~~Captain~~ Captain
   (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month September day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Synthetic Oil, target, ~~Merseberg Germany~~, target time, 12:20 P.M., altitude, 28,500 Feet route scheduled, ----------, route flown ----------
5. Where were you when you left formation? ~~One Minute away from target~~
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other mombers 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". Lt. Donald Beers, Bombardier, bailed out nose of aircraft over Bessee Germany which is about 13 kilometers S.E. of Kassell, Germany. 1st Lt. Neilson, Navigator, bailed out from same position on aircraft in same locality with Lt. Beers.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Aircraft evidently blew up in mid-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) Lt. Lewis M Walker Pilot Lt. Joseph J. Doyle Co-Pilot
11. Where were they in aircraft? Answered in above sentence. (At Controls)
12. What was their condition? I don8t believe they had a chance to bail out.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw our Waist Gunner, Henry C. Mathis S/Sgt. prior to my bailing out of aircraft. It was told to us by the Germans that Hanks' body was found about one and a half feet in the ground and that his parachute had failed to open. The Tail Gunner, Radio Operator and myself hid out in the mountains for twelve days and finally had to surrender to the Germans due to lack of food.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No source of information to the best of my ability is available.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Nationality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Pilot

Unit: Aircraft type Beeing-Fortress

Delay and Changes: Died 12 Sep 44, at 1115 hours, near Bergsdorf, District of Templin
35 km east of Neuruppin

Place of Grave: 13 Sep 44, Community Cemetery Bergsdorf, District of Templin
Grave No. 1. Common Grave

Reported by: District Airbase Command 25/IiI Neuruppin. Distribution No. 19/44
from 12 Sep 44; V 4 an Ref. IV 1
Take off A.V. 1369/44
Dead List No. 44
Serial No. 78

Gefangenenlager:

Gefangenen-Nr.:

Staatsangehörigkeit: U. S. A.

Nr. der Liste:

Seite der Liste:

Name: Unbekannt

Vornamen:

Beruf:

Religion:

Dienstgrad: Flg.

Geburtstag u. Geburtsort:

Vorname des Vaters:

Familienname der Mutter: Case 2205?

Name u. Anschrift der zu benachrichtigenden Person:

Truppenteil: Masch. Boeing - Fortress

Komp. usw. Matr. Nr. B. 173.

Ort und Tag der Gefangennahme oder Internierung:

Verwundungen, Verletzungen oder Tod:

wann und von wo zugegangen:

Aufenthalt u. Veränderungen: F 12.9.44/11.15 b. Bergsdorf Krs. Templin 35 km östl. Neuruppin.

Grablage: 13.9.44 Gem. Frdh. Bergsdorf Krs. Templin Grab Nr. 1 Kameradengrab

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Gem. d. Fl.-H. Kdtr. 25/III Neuruppin Verl. Nr. 19/440. 12.9.44

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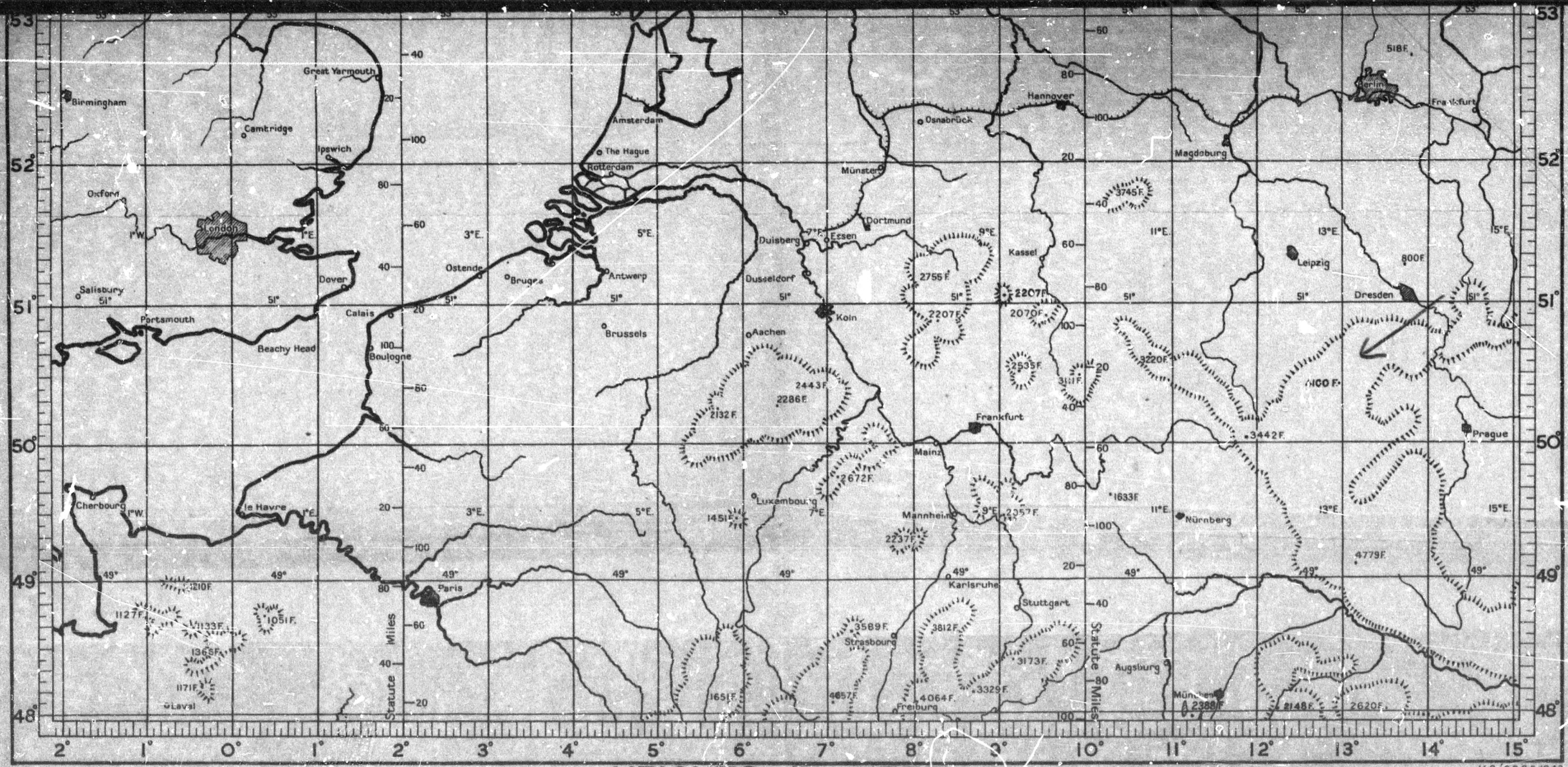

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Spot Height corrections, 1944.

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