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by X. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC  
Date **MAR 15 1946**

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth, Eng Command or Air Force 8th A. F. Group 303rd B. Gp Squadron 359th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See Chart Attached.  
Target or Intended Destination Starkrade, Ger.; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 10/10ths low cloud, tops 10,000 feet. Visibility aloft good.
- GIVE: (a) Day 2 Month November Year 1944; Time 1201 Location Near Starkrade of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was 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 (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; AAF Serial Number 42-97781
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any Eight Ball III
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-019495; (b) SW-019858; (c) SW-019831; (d) SW-024599
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) 446971 K.H.N.; (b) 224544 F.D.G.M.; (c) 729706 B.L.C.; (d) 729681 B.L.C.  
(e) 118062 S. A.; (f) 1182248 S. A.; (g) 729687 B.L.C.; (h) 729697 B.L.C.  
(i) 947835 S. A.; (j) 1182498 S. A.; (k) 729625 B.L.C.; (l) 729596 B.L.C.  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
of (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 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

| Crew Position         | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank    | Serial Number | Current Status |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Pilot              | W DAVIS, JACK T.                  | 1st Lt. | 0-26108       | POW MIA        |
| 2. Co-pilot           | M KOHLSTEDT, DONALD L.            | 2nd Lt. | 0-775397      | MIA            |
| 3. Navigator          | W HELLESVIG, VERNON M.            | 1st Lt. | 0-425329      | MIA            |
| 4. Bombardier         | W GUICIARDI, NIKO L.              | F/O     | T-5406        | MIA            |
| 5. Top Turret         | W BLOOM, DAVE (NMI)               | S/Sgt.  | 15354586      | MIA            |
| 6. Radio Gunner       | W LEWFIELD, REX E.                | T/Sgt.  | 16085112      | MIA            |
| 7. Ball Turret        | W MARTIN, RICHARD A.              | Sgt.    | 36871400      | MIA            |
| 8. Waist Gunner       | W HARRIS, EVERETTE G.             | Sgt.    | 34609377      | MIA            |
| 9. Tail Gunner        | W BROWN, MARVIN W.                | Sgt.    | 15364230      | MIA            |
| 10. Voice Interceptor | W BADER, ALVIN G.                 | T/Sgt.  | 39609553      | MIA            |

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
Check Only One Column

| Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank    | Serial Number | Contacted |              | Saw       |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                   |         |               | by Radio  | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Forced Landing |
| 1. FRAZIER, EUGENE C.             | 1st Lt. | 0-763980      |           | X            |           |                |
| 2. LUTZ, JOEN R.                  | 2nd Lt. | 0-771463      |           | X            |           |                |
| 3.                                |         |               |           |              |           |                |

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13. IF PERSONNEL ~~WAS~~ ~~RECOVERED~~, 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) attached.  
A/C still flying under control when last seen, but see par. 7 of S-2 Summary
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. See attached chart.
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 9 November 1944.

*Jesse M. Barrett, Jr.*  
(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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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 (H) SQ 359th A/C # 42-97781 MISSION DATE 2 November 44.

FIRST PILOT DAVIS, JACK T. 1st Lt. O-26108 DESTINATION Sterkrade, Ger.  
NAME RANK SER#

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

(a) By coordinates 51°45'N-06°45'E (Approximate)

(b) Approximate altitude 21,000

(c) Last noted heading Northeast.

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 5,000 feet below and 2-3 miles northeast.

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

Moderate to intense and fairly accurate A/A gunfire.

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

#3 engine hit by A/A gunfire and went out. The propellor was feathered at first but soon started to windmill. Engine was smoking but no flames were visible.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Except for loss of altitude and inability to stick with formation missing A/C seemed to be under control. Lt. Frazier reports missing A/C was flying in same direction when he last saw it. Lt. Lutz apparently saw it later and said it had turned northeast when he last saw it.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? Yes. If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). 353rd Fighter Group (see Par. 7).

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

None reported by observers in the same formation with which missing A/C was flying, but see Par. 7.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above: The 353rd Fighter Group was contacted and its intelligence reports show one B-17 A/C was reported going down northeast of Arnhem, Holland. Nine chutes were seen to come out of this A/C at about 5,000 feet at 1230 hours. Eight chutes opened and one did not. The pilots of the 353rd report they were not close enough to identify its markings so therefore it cannot be said with certainty that it was the missing A/C. On the other hand A/C 781 was the only A/C lost on the mission to Sterkrade by the 8th A. F. It is not likely that B-17 A/C flying on other missions the same date would be in that area at that time.

8. Date of report 9 November 1944.

| <u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u> | <u>NAME</u>               | <u>RANK</u>    | <u>SER #</u>    | <u>A/C #</u>     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1.                    | <u>FRAZIER, EUGENE C.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>O-763990</u> | <u>42-107206</u> |
| 2.                    | <u>LUTZ, JOHN R.</u>      | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>O-771463</u> | <u>41-6309</u>   |
| 3.                    |                           |                |                 |                  |
| 4.                    |                           |                |                 |                  |

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

|                           |                |                 |                   |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Joseph G. Robinson</u> | <u>Captain</u> | <u>O-904618</u> | <u>Ass't S-2.</u> |
| <u>NAME</u>               | <u>RANK</u>    | <u>SER #</u>    | <u>DUTY</u>       |

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, A3, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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10151  
T317  
10 men  
AAF 42-97781

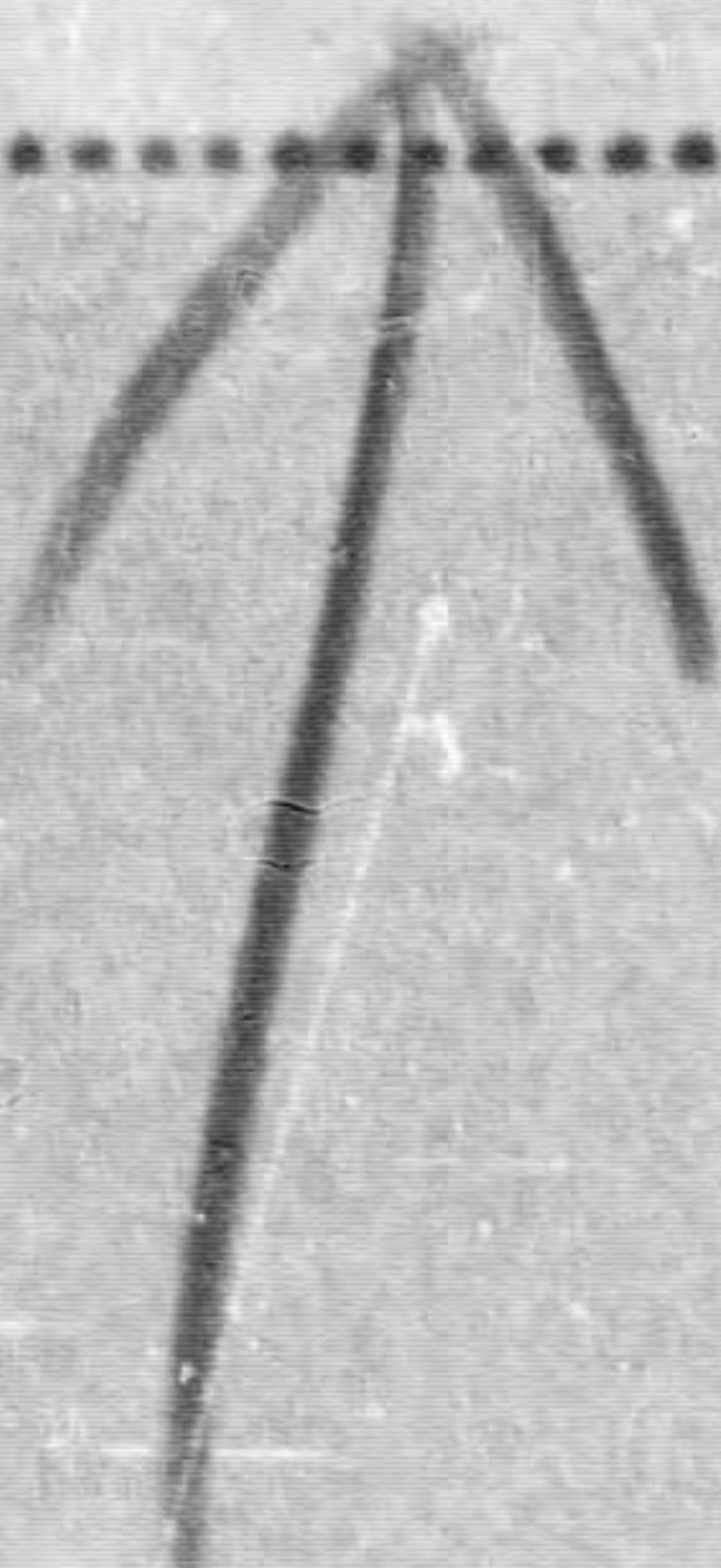
On 2 Nov 44 at 13.30  
Barbeck/Holland For-  
tress- 297781-359-  
303 Target: Air Base  
Stations in Holland

1st Lt Davis, Jack Talmadge - 10151  
2nd Lt Kohlstedt, Donald L  
1st Lt Hellevig, Vernon M  
P/O Guiciardi, Nino Louis  
S/Sgt Bloon, Dave  
T/Sgt Lowenfeld, Max Irvine  
Sgt Martin, Richard Allen  
Sgt Brown Martin Wayne  
Sgt Harris, Everette Greyson  
-Sgt Bader, Alvin G.

KU 3272

O-26108 capt.  
O-775397 capt.  
O-425329 capt.  
T-5406 capt.  
15354506 capt.  
16085112 capt.  
36871400 capt.  
15364230 capt.  
34603377 capt.  
39609553 dead  
Cath. Cemetery Brunnen

MACR 10151



TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LLEL 321**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **11/19/44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **2255**

ROLL:

FROM: **LLEH**

THROUGH: **Nickele**

REMARKS:

very urgent **LHLK 1484 11/14 1650 hrs.**  
To Sv. Center West, Oberursel.  
Subj.: Attack on bridge by enemy airplanes 11/2/44.  
Daylight raid on traffic plant at Bielefeld.  
Terro-attack on Bielefeld, on Duisburg and on Nitrogen-plant Castrop-  
Rauxel.  
2) 1400 hrs, Boeing, Eorback, 15 km S.E. Deventer, EN 4/8, 40% destr.  
emergency landing, 1 dead, 8 prisoners.

Air Corps Distr. Hq. VI, Gr. Ia.

from 11/14/44 ARF 272

## REPORT ON CRASH

CASUALTY NR. SI 3272

DATE OF CRASH:

~~2 November 1944, 1990~~

PLACE OF CRASH:

Berb ek/holland

TYPE OF CRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICER:

Air Force Concentration Point Holland

NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH.

RANK.

SER. NR.

RESULT

HELLENKIN, Vernon H.

Fst/Lt.

O-425329

captured

Dub g Luft West

KOHLSHED, Donald L.  
1924

2nd/Lt.

O-775397

"

"

BROWN, Marvin Wayne  
1925

Sgt.

IS 304230

"

"

LINDFIELD, Rex Irvine  
- Kalamazoo, Mich.

T/Sgt.

16080112

"

"

HARRIS, Everette Grayson

Sgt.

32609377

"

"

MARTIN, Richard Allen  
1925 St. Louis, Mo.

Sgt.

36871400

"

"

1. later report by 4 December 1944:

DAVIS, Jack Talmadge  
23 February 1921 USA

Fst/Lt.

O-34108

"

"

GUGLIARDI, Nino Louis  
3 March 1912 Pa.

T/O.

T 5406

"

"

BLOOM, Dave

S/Sgt.

IS 553486

"

"

Dulag Luft, 24 November 1944 v.S.



KU 3272

Air Base Hqs. # 2(v) 201/II  
Fests L 45097  
Lg Pa U n n s (21)

Report on Casualties

No 142, from 2 Nov. 44 to 19 Nov 44  
Americans, presumably English

TO: Direct to Information Center for casualties and POW  
Supreme Command Air Force Quartermaster 6  
Supreme Command Air Force L.P. Chief Dep.  
Supreme Command Air Force L.P. Chief Dep II  
Air District Command 2/III Dep. Is (Holland)

The other copies are per mailed.

| Current No | Place, Time, Rank   | Family:                            | Notes Turnover to:   |
|------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 KU 3272  | Harboek, on<br>channel bridge<br>2 Nov 44 1400hrs<br><del>100111 1170</del><br>Serial No 297781 | Alvia G. Bader<br>ASN: 396095 53 T | Community Brummen<br>(2 for burial.<br>Buried 17 Nov 44<br>cathol. cemetery<br>Brummen<br>Grave No 17<br>Class 4 |

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KU 3272

Post: HQ: 13545

2 Nov 44

Site: Garrison Dept.  
13545

At about 1350hrs near Bremen,

<sup>04</sup> Pilot Guicardi was captured. He bailed out of a hit airplane  
F-005406  
He had no weapon at the time of capture. No distinct capture.

NIA 2 NOV 44  
RMC 29 APR 45

Signal illegible

Capt.

2. Nov 44  
Herbeck

1330

Fortress L7 G

OSM G 297781-0

Lt Col Holland.

H 34

- P 1st Lt Davis J
- CP 2nd Lt Kohlstedt B. L
- H 1st Lt Hallsvig V
- B 1/O De Saicla?
- B C/Sgt Hoon D
- T/s Downfield, R
- Sgt Maxine H Martin R
- G Sgt Brown H W Brown
- G Sgt Harris R G
- G Sgt Rader A

*MPCR 10151*

2 Nov 44

1330

Fortress L7 G

9km South West Natchez

00885 29771-0

Air Force POW Center Holland

H-24

30% destroyed Emergency landing

|    |        |                |
|----|--------|----------------|
| P  | 1st Lt | Davis J        |
| CP | 2nd Lt | Kohlestedt P L |
| H  | 2nd Lt | Hallesvig V    |
| B  | V/O    | Di Guiccia T   |
|    | S/Sgt  | Blenn D        |
|    | T/Sgt  | Lownfeld R     |
|    | Sgt    | Martin R       |
| G  | Sgt    | Brown H W      |
| G  | Sgt    | Harris H G     |
| G  | Sgt    | Bader A        |

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man crew

AHP

1378000

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3.) Delayed report to H 13: Pilot captured:  
F/Lt. WILKINS U.C. 101007

4.) H 34: 2 Nov. 44, 1230, downed by Flak.  
Emergency landing B 17 G, 1km N. of Kerbeck, 9 km S.W. of Zutphen, 30 %  
destruction, markings: fuselage: O star B H, rudder: triangle (in the  
middle O) with red border (in the border: above: B, yellow, below 297781)  
below the triangle: O (yellow), the aircraft was blank, at the bow:  
"The 9 Ball"

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| Crew | Rank    | Name            | Status   | Number      |
|------|---------|-----------------|----------|-------------|
| P    | 1st Lt. | DAVID J.        | ESCAPED  |             |
| C/P  | 2nd Lt. | KOHLSTETT D.L.  | prisoner | 0-775397    |
| H    | 1st Lt. | FELLISVIC, V.   | "        | 0-4258 - 29 |
| B    | V/O     | QUICADI, N.     | "        | T 5406      |
| E    | Sgt.    | ELDON, D.       | "        | 15354586    |
| R    | T. Sgt. | ELWELFELD, R.R. | "        | 16085112    |
| O    | Sgt.    | MARTIN, R.A.    | "        | 36871400    |
|      | Sgt.    | BROWN M.W.      | "        | 15354580    |
| G    | Sgt.    | HARRIS, E.G.    | "        | 34609377    |
| G    |         | PADER, A.G.     | dead     | 39609553    |

KU 2727

REMARKS:

KU 2709

POW Center Holland

6 Nov 44

*MACK 10151*

Subj: Downing No H 34: 2 Nov 44 1330 hrs Flak hit (Emergency Landing) of a Boeing B 17 @ 2 km North Barbock 9km South West Zutphen. Insignia: Fuselage: O Star 25 Hapensages; Triangle with O in it. Triangel with a red border. In the upper border, 2 in yellow. In border below 29781. Under the triangle O in yellow. On nose: "The 8 Ball"

No H 31: 29 Oct. 44 1559 hrs Flak hit of a Spitfire near Sphenort 6 km South West Tiel. Insignia: O Cockade Serial No PL 953 - *British*

TO : Informations Center West Ocherusel

The following POW are turned over to Inf. Centers: They belong to Above mentioned Downings. They are shipped with transport on 6 Nov 44

|      |     |                      |          |                  |
|------|-----|----------------------|----------|------------------|
| H 34 | 1.) | 2nd Lt Kohlestedt DL | 0-775397 | G/P              |
|      | 2.) | 1st Lt Hellesvig V.M | 0-425329 | H                |
|      | 3.) | T/Sgt Lowfield R.E   | 16085112 | R                |
|      | 4.) | Sgt Martin R A       | 36871400 | G                |
|      | 5.) | Sgt Brown MW         | 15364230 | G                |
|      | 6.) | Sgt Harris R.G       | 34609377 | G                |
| H 31 | 7.) | W/Lt Wilkins D.G     | 101007   | - <i>British</i> |

Records, personal property of POWs and salvaged documents are enclosed.

Air Force POW Center Holland

Sign: illeg.

1st Lt

KU 3217

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Air Base Command E (v) 201/XI  
Post Field Post # L-45097  
Lg. Pa. A. Unna (21)

Extract.

Report on Casualties No. 142.

Time: 2. November 1944 until 19. November 1944

American

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Nationality:               | American  |
| Name:                      | <u>BADER</u>  |
| First name:                | <u>Alvin G.</u>   |
| ASN:                       | <u>39609553 T 42.</u>   |
| Rank:                      | unknown   |
| Type of Aircraft:          | Boeing B 17 G   |
| Admittance number:         | <u>297781</u>   |
| Date and Place of capture: | <u>Eerbeek near channel bridge on 2. November 1944</u><br><u>at 1400 PM.</u>                  |
| Wound, Injury, Dead:       | Dead  |
| Buried on:                 | <u>3. November 1944 in the catholic cemetery at</u><br><u>Brussum, grave # 27, class # 4.</u> |

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( signed)

.....  
Major.



KU-3217

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Report on Grave location.

Staff Office of WW...  
No. 701131

Number: 6362 of 31, December 1944.

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Date:                | 12. December 1944                                   |
| Outfit:              | unknown   |
| Name:                | <u>BADER</u>  |
| First name:          | <u>Alvin G.</u>                                     |
| Rank:                | unknown   |
| Day of birth, place: | unknown   |
| Date of death:       | <u>2. November 1944</u>                             |
| Place of death:      | Eerbeek near <del>Exp</del> Zutphen                 |
| Identification tag:  | Alvin G. Bader <u>39609553 T 42</u>                 |
| Nationality:         | American  |
| Relatives:           | unknown   |
| Death caused by:     | crash of the Boeing at the place of death           |
| Place of interment:  | Brunsen   |
| Community:           | Brunsen   |
| Grave location:      | Cath. cemetery, grave # <sup>17</sup> 4. Class # 4. |
| Reporting office:    | Field Post # L 45077 ig P.A. Unna.                  |

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(signed)  
.....  
Major and A&R Base Commander.

7/3 Eino L. Gaiziardi *POW*

Mrs. Margie A. Gaiziardi (Wife)  
327 Hollies Run Road  
Greighton, Pennsylvania

1st Lt Vernon H. Hallowig *POW*

Mrs. Sam Hallowig (Mother)  
Madison, North Dakota

1st Lt Jack T. Davis *POW*

Mrs. Dorothy A. Davis (Wife)  
1109 Grove Street  
Clearwater, Florida

2nd Lt Donald L. Kohlstedt *POW*

Mrs. Lola B. Kohlstedt (Mother)  
705 Westmont Drive  
Hollywood, California

T/Sgt Alvin G. Ruder *POW*

Mrs. Lorraine E. Ruder (Wife)  
214 Strand  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

T/Sgt Rex E. Lemfield *POW*

Mrs. Betty Lemfield (Wife)  
2308 Hoover Street  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

S/Sgt Dave Bloom *POW*

Mrs. Dencie E. Bloom (Mother)  
2378 East 117th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

Sgt Richard A. Martin *POW*

Mrs. Esther E. Martin (Mother)  
147 Shuman  
East Lake, Michigan

Sgt Eurette G. Harris *POW*

Miss Mabel Hallingworth (Aunt)  
302 Chestnut Street  
High Point, North Carolina

Sgt Marvin H. Brown *POW*

Mrs. Ethel B. Hennessey (Mother)  
207 East Green Street  
Evansville, Indiana

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kohlstedt, Donald L. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-775397
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO Cole Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Sterkrade, target, 1130, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 31,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? After turn off target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".  
All bailed out at appointed stations and landed safely.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 8 miles east of Arnhem Holland
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 that I know of.
11. Where were they in aircraft? none
12. What was their condition? none
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? none
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. In prison camp I saw the following men from 303rd B.G. Lts. Paul Boat, Edward Beck, Cravens

(Any additional information may be written on the back) *a-1*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10151

Name of crew member:

HILLESVIG, Vernon H.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

0-425329

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 8 miles southeast of Arnhem, Holland.

If not, why not? -----

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

Talked to him just before he bailed.

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? At Santa Monica, Calif. Sept 45.

Any hearsay information: We were captured together and taken to same camp.

Were liberated together and we met again in the States. He WAS NOT KILLED.

Source: Actual Experience.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS NOT KILLED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10151

Name of crew member:

**BAKER, Alvin G.**

Rank:

**T/Sgt.**

Serial number:

**39609553**

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

**Voice Interceptor**

Did he bail out? 8 miles southeast of Arnhem, Holland. Yes, he bailed

Where? out.

If not, why not? -----

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

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Standing at rear exit door according to pilot

Any hearsay information: Dutch girl told navigator that his parachute didn't open in time. Germans showed me his dog tags.

Source: -----

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Evidentially he was afraid to jump and waited too long to jump. I was copilot and next to last to bail and I jumped at 800 feet, and the pilot bailed at 500 feet, so we didn't have time to get to push.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DAVIS, JACK T. Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-26108
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> Gp <sup>Act.</sup> Commander Cole Rank Lt. Col <sup>Act.</sup> Sqn CO Heller, Wm Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb, target, STERKRADE, GER., target time, 1200 (APP), altitude, - route scheduled, -  
route flown -
5. Where were you when you left formation? Leading 2<sup>nd</sup> section of Sqd.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All of crew bailed out near Brummen, Holland. Sgt. Bader was only casualty. Sgt Brown had sprained ankle. Crew: Lt. Hellesvig, Kohlstedt, F/o Guicardi, s/sgt Bader, Bloom, T/sgt Leunfield, Sgts. Harris, Martin, Brown.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR BRUMMEN, HOLLAND
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? I saw all of crew in CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE after liberated from PW Camp.
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

File # 10151

Name of crew member: HELLESVIG, Vernon H.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-425329  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? Brummen, Holland

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before bailing out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Camp Lucky Strike, France

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

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

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

He returned to states and when last heard of was stationed at Lowry Field, Colo.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10151

Name of crew member:

BAUER, Alvin G.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

39607553

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

Voice Interceptor

Did he bail out? YES

Where? Brummen, Holland

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

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

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? leaving plane

Any hearsay information: Members of Dutch underground told me that he was killed. Chute was unopened.

Source: Dutch

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: According to crew he appeared afraid to jump and it is believed that he did not attempt to open his chute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10151

Name of crew member:

BATES, Alvin G.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

39609553

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-29~~: Voice InterceptorDid he bail out? yesWhere? Zutphen Holland

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

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

Interphone conversation.Was he injured? KilledWhere was he when last seen? standing by, to bail out.

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

His personal effects (cigarette lighter etc.)  
was brought in by Germans they say his chute  
failed to open.

Source: German

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

Chute failed to open.Total number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 20151

Name of crew member: **WILLIAM Thomas E**  
Rank: **1st Lt**  
Serial number: **0-42222**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Zutphen Holland

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

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

Interphone

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Dulag Luft, Weitzeler Germany

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

My crew members seen him in France, after we were liberated.

Source: Crew members

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

He is Alive.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 ?

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

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BROWN, MARVIN W. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 15364230
2. Organization <sup>307th B.C.</sup> 8th AF Gp Commander Cole Rank Col. Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Nov. day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Strategic, target, STARGARD, Germany target time, 12:00 (noon), altitude, 29,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Germany
6. Did you bail out? Zutphen Holland
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All crew members got out safely except Capt. Bader. Pilot was with Dutch underground.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 3 mi. north of Zutphen Holland
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? Nervous!
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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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HEADQUARTERS  
MINTER FIELD  
Bakersfield, California

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 your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of Casualty Bedar.
- b. Rank S/Sgt . c. Crew position Special Radio Man
- d. Date last seen 2 Nov 44 . e. Place last seen near Arnhiem, Holl.
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Shot down by flak over  
Arnhiem, Holland.
- g. Known information (eye witness only)

Last seen when he entered the aircraft before take-off. The undersigned saw the dog-tags of deceased, which were shown to him by a German Capt. Navigator of the crew was told by a Dutch girl that the deceased did jump but the chute failed to open.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

Pilot said that the man was standing by exit at the time he (the pilot) bailed out. Altitude of aircraft was approximately 600' above the terrain when pilot jumped.

Evidence submitted here is considered reliable.

2nd Lt Kohlstedt, Donald L  
Rank and name of reporter

0-775397  
ASN

AC  
Unit

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 3272

Abschußtag und Zeit: 2.11.44. 13.30.

Abschußort: Eerbeek/Holland

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Lw. Sammelstelle Holland

**Besatzung:**

| Name und Vornamen:<br>Geburtstag und -ort:          | Dienst-<br>grad | Erk.-<br>Marke: | Verbleib:               |  |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|
|   |                 |                 | gef.:<br>verw.:<br>tot: | welches Lager<br>Art d. Verwundung<br>Grabiage |
| ✓ HELLES <sup>V</sup> KIG<br>Vernon M.              | 1/Lt.           | 0-425329        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |
| ✓ KOHLS <sup>T</sup> IED<br>1924<br>Donald L.       | 2/Lt.           | 0-775397        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |
| ✓ BROWN Marvin Wayne<br>1925                        | Sgt.            | 15304230        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |
| ✓ LEWNFIELD<br>Rex Ervine<br>Kalamszoo, Mich.       | T/Sgt.          | 16085112        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |
| ✓ HARRIS<br>Everette Grayson                        | Sgt.            | 34609377        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |
| ✓ MARTIN<br>1925<br>Richard Allen<br>St. Louis, Mo. | Sgt.            | 36871400        | gef.                    | Dulag-Luft West                                |

Bemerkungen: 10151

DULAG-LUFT, den 24.11.44. v.S.