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WAP DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed
to RESTRICTED

by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC

Date MAR 15 1946

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 ; Squadron 427th ; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng. ; Course As ordered.
Target or Intended Destination Osnabruck, Ger. ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU at time Personnel lost.
- GIVE: (a) Day 26th Month November Year 1944; Time 1204 Location Osnabruck, Ger.
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 () . A/C returned to friendly territory.
- 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: Personnel in A/C lost to A/A gunfire - A/C returned - See Par. 17.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 42-97691 ✓
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any Not required
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series Not required. ; AAF Serial Number (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) Not required. ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
(e) _____ ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____
(i) _____ ; (j) _____ ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____
(m) 01045 ; (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
(Separate 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	HEALY, RICHARD F.	Capt.	0-755685	Returned
2. Co-Pilot	WALLACE, WALSTEIN W. JR.	1st Lt.	0-692583	Returned
3. Navigator	STUART, NORMAN L.	1st Lt.	0-718453	KIA
4. Navigator	MYLAN, WILLIAM G.	2nd Lt.	0-768832	Returned
5. Navigator	SPOONER, RAMON L.	1st Lt.	0-719167	KIA
6. Bombardier	SANDHAGEN, PAUL R.	1st Lt.	0-772742	KIA
7. Top Turret	ROBERTSON, JOSEPH J.	T/Sgt.	15070124	Returned
8. Radio Gunner	SMITH, PHILLIP E.	T/Sgt.	17065730	Returned
9. Waist Gunner	LEAL, RAYMOND T.	S/Sgt.	39298443	KIA
10. Tail Gunner	DE LISO, VINCENT A.	Sgt.	33795073	MIA

12. 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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. HEALY, RICHARD F.	Capt.	0-755685	Pilot of A/C			
2. WALLACE, WALSTEIN W. JR.	1st Lt.	0-692583	Co-Pilot of A/C.			
3.						

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13. 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)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. Not required.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See Par. 17.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None.

Date of Report 30 November 1944.

Joseph G. Robinson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't Group S-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Just a few seconds after bombs away over Osnabruck, Germany, the A/C received a direct hit from A/A gunfire in the nose. Two of the navigators and the bombardier who were in the nose were killed instantly. The entire nose below the cock-pit was blown out, and there were large holes in the cockpit floor. A/C pulled away from formation out of control because the AFCE was knocked out. The pilot gave the order to bail out, and the tail gunner and waist gunner did so immediately. This was just west of Osnabruck, Germany. It is not known whether their parachutes opened. The pilot then found he had manual control of the A/C so he told the top turret gunner (engineer) to stay as he intended to get the A/C to friendly territory if he could. The radio operator overheard the order over the interphone, and he passed the information to the other navigator who was in the radio room. They decided to stay with the plane. The pilot and co-pilot were able to bring the plane back to friendly territory and land it near Volkal, Belgium.

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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 SQ 427th A/C # 42-97691 MISSION DATE 26 Nov 1944

FIRST PILOT HEALY, RICHARD J. Capt. O-755685 DESTINATION Osnabruck, Ger.
NAME RANK SER#

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

(a) By coordinates A/C returned to friendly territory.

(b) Approximate altitude _____

(c) Last noted heading _____

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation _____

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

Intense and accurate A/A gunfire.

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

Not required.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Not required.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

S: 20 Feb. 1945

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APO 887

28 January 1945.

AG 319.1 Cas

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634, U. S. Army.
Attention: Battle Casualty Section.

1. The following discrepancy was noted between Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-97691, piloted by Captain Richard F. Healy, O-755685, and the Battle Casualty Report:

Missing Air Crew Report:

Sgt. Vincent A. De Liso, 33795076

Battle Casualty Report, O-791 0194

Sgt. Vincent A. De Liso, 33975076

2. Request clarification of the above discrepancy be forwarded to this headquarters in duplicate as supplement to the Missing Air Crew Report.

3. If necessary request correction of Battle Casualty Report be initiated by your headquarters.

By command of General EISENHOWER:



Robert L. Woodward
ROBERT L. WOODWARD,
Captain, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 8 February

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

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)
OB-S-AAF-M, dated 7 July 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

H M Rund

H. M. RUND, *W*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

53 Incls:

Withdrawn 10 incls - Incl 1, 6, 9,
19, 30, 45, 47, 49, 51 and 63.
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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 7 February 1945.

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

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-97691, piloted by Captain Richard F. Healy, O-755685.

2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by letter this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 28 January 1945.

3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of Sgt Vincent A. De Liso, 33795076 to be missing in action, 26 November 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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H. M. RUND, W
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO 887
28 January 1945.

AG 360.33 Cas

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of the Eighth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate all crew members of subject aircraft to be on a duty status with the exceptions shown below:

1st Lt. Norman L. Stuart,	0-718453	KIA	26 November 1944
1st Lt. Ramon L. Spooner,	0-719167	KIA	26 November 1944
1st Lt. Paul R. Sandhagen,	0-772742	KIA	26 November 1944
S/Sgt Raymond T. Leal,	39298443	MIA	26 November 1944
Sgt Vincent A. DeLiso	33975076	MIA	26 November 1944

For the Theater Commander:

H M Rund
H. M. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Incl: Missing Air Crew Report, 303rd Bomb Gp,
B-17G, 42-97691, 26 November 1944.

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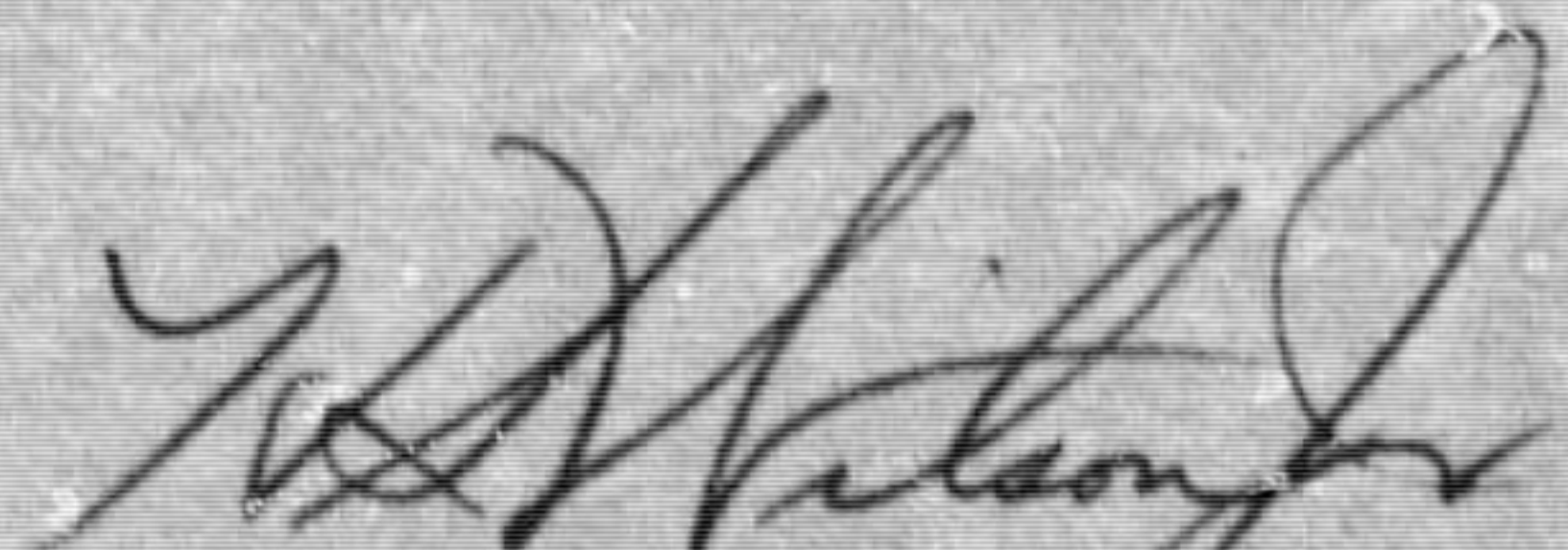
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

1 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 837, U. S. Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Section).

Correction was forwarded on DCR C-194, correcting DCR C-191 indicating correct ASN to be 33795076.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.



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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A(e) 19/XI

PLACE: Achmer

DATE: 27 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, four-engined USA-bomber, type unascertainable

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown on 26 Nov 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Lehl

FIRST NAME: Raymond T.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39298443

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) will be transferred to Oberursel on 27 Nov 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 26 Nov 1944, 1400 hours

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

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By Order
Signature illegible
Colonel

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Headquarters A(o) 19/XI

PLACE: Achmer

DATE: 27 Nov 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, four-engined USA-bomber, type unascertainable
EM. LANDING: AT: unknown on 26 Nov 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) De Lise

FIRST NAME: Vincent A.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33795076 Y 43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to Oberursel on 27 Nov 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 26 Nov 1944, 1400 hours at Vehrte near Osnabrueck

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

BY ORDER

Signature illegible
 Colonel

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Airbase Headquarters A (O) 19/XI

Achmer, 27 November 1944

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Paragraph 10 File-sign 6 (enemy downing)

List of confiscated items of the American Prisoner of War

Sgt. Vincent A. de Lise

Ser.No; 33795076 T 43-44 A.
Captured at Vehrte b. Senabruock on 26 November 1944 at about 1400 hours.
It is not known of which plane he is a crew-member.

1 Identification tag No 33795076 T 43-44 A
1 pocket-knife
1 golden ring with red stone (14 carat)
1 six-pence coin
6 copper coins

Signature of the Prisoner:
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signed:
Col.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Airbase Headquarters A (O) 19/XI**
 PLACE: **Achuer**
 DATE: **27 November 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. 4 engine American Bomber, type not identified**
EM. LANDING: AT: place unknown on 26 November 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Raymond T. Leal Date of birth: 24 August 1916**

FIRST NAME: **Rank: S/Sgt**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **39298443 Last living place before war: Information refused.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **will be transferred to Oberursel on 27 November 1944**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **26 November 1944 at about 1400 hours**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed:
 Col.

Distribution:
 Airdistrict Headquarters XI 1
 Dulag Luft 2
 Headquarters 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (O) 19/XI

PLACE: Achmer

DATE: 27 November 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF 4 engine USA-Bomber, type unknown

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AT: place unknown on 26 November 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Vincent A. de Lira Date of birth: 24 July 1924

FIRST NAME:

Rank: Sgt. last living place before the war: Information refused.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

35795076 T A3-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Transferred to Oberursel on 27 November 1944.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

at Vehrte L. Gsnabruck on 26 November 1944, at about 1400 hours.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

By order

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed:
Col.

Distribution:
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Dulag Luft
Headquarters

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 26 Nov 1944

PLACE OF CRASH: Body was recovered near Osnabrueck ✓

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: ./.

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters A(0)19/XI Achmer

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: SANDHAGEN, Paul R.

DATE OF BIRTH: ./.

RANK: Officer

SERIAL NUMBER: O-772742

Kia 26 Nov 44

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: yes

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: ./.

TYPE OF INJURY: ./.

GRAVE LOCATION: PW Cemetery at Air Base Headquarters Achmer on 28 Nov 1944

REMARKS: ./.

Dulag Luft, 25 Jan 1945 no.

See: AV ¹⁹⁴² ~~1942~~ / 45

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

26 Nov 1944

PLACE OF CRASH:

Body was recovered near Osnabrueck

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

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REPORTING OFFICE:

Air Base Headquarters Achmer

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:

STUART , Norman L.

DATE OF BIRTH:

./.

RANK:

Officer

SERIAL NUMBER:

O-718453

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

yes KIA 26 Nov 44

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

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TYPE OF INJURY:

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GRAVE LOCATION: PW Cemetery at Air Base Headquarters
Achmer, Row # 2, on 30 Dec 1944

REMARKS:

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See: J 2389 ✓

Dulag Luft, 21 Feb 1945 No.

AV 1942/45 ✓

J 3402 ?
J 3571 ?
J 3572 ?

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36027	11	Fallen out of unknown USA aircraft nov. 26 1944. Found Osnabrueck Schmetzenhofallee 24 s. before Osnabrueck	Off. See U	Paul R. Sandhagen 3572	0-772742 T43-44 A	- KIA	A	nov. 28 44 12 h " 2 " 129
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 Ordered to perform duties
 A - crashed.

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Spooner, Ramon L. 0-719167 1st Lt. AC
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Sergeant Vincent A. De Liso

Mrs. Mary De Liso (Mother)
2308 East Cambria Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Staff Sergeant Raymond T. Leal

Mrs. Rosie F. Leal (Wife)
1855 Butler Avenue
West Los Angeles, California

First Lieutenant Norman L. Stuart

Mrs. Norman L. Stuart (Wife)
3943 45th Street
Long Island City, New York

First Lieutenant Paul R. Sandhagen

Mrs. Margaret E. Sandhagen (Mother)
312 Archer Avenue
Peoria, Illinois

First Lieutenant Ramon L. Spooner

Mr. Michael L. Spooner (Father)
27129 First Street
Bay Village, Ohio

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Stuart, Norman L. File 11193
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-711453
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [REDACTED]~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No - DIRECT^{FLAK} HIT BLEW ENTIRE NOSE off - NO CHUTES OPENED

Where? OSNABRUCK - GERMANY - (Just after BOMB AWAYS - TARGET RAILHEAD)

If not, why not? I BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION

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

CHECK IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBS AWAY - EVERYONE OK - THEN EXPLOSION

Was he injured? HIT MUST HAVE KILLED OR SEVERELY INJURED HIM

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS IN HIS POSITION IN NOSE OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: WE RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT JUST AFTER TURNING OFF TARGET (RAILYARDS OSNABRUCK). CREW MEMBERS OF OTHER SHIPS IN Sgd. SAY THEY SAW A NAKED BODY HURLED OUT OF FRONT OF SHIP. THIS WAS PROBABLY THE BOMBARDIER.

I EXAMINED FRONT OF PLANE IN HOLLAND AND FOUND BLOOD STAINS ON WHAT LITTLE THAT WAS LEFT OF NOSE.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IF THE SHELL HAD THE FORCE TO BLOW THE ENTIRE NOSE SECTION OFF AND KNOCK THE PLANE OUT OF FORMATION I BELIEVE THAT IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME STUART WAS KILLED INSTANTLY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 24 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: I WAS A LEAD RADAR NAVIGATOR AND WAS NOT ASSIGNED TO ANY DEFINITE CREW THEREFORE I CAN NOT SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION.

William G. MYLAN - 0-768832 (1st Lt. U.S. RESERVE)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Spooner, Ramon L.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-719.67
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [REDACTED]~~: Navigator

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Did he bail out? NoWhere? BLOWN out of SHIP'S NOSE AT OSNABRUCK - GERMANYIf not, why not? DIRECT HIT BLEW off NOSE - SPOONER IN NOSELast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OXYGEN CHECKAFTER Bombs AWAY - EVERYONE OK - THEN EXPLOSIONWas he injured? BELEIVE SHELL EXPOLSION CAUSED INSTANT DEATHWhere was he when last seen? HE AT HIS POSITION AT GEEBOX IN NOSEAny hearsay information: SAME AS FOR STUART (SEE STUART SHEET)NO ONE SAW ANY CHUTES OPEN

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS ^{FOR} STUART(SEE STUART SHEET) SPOONER'S POSITION WAS
RIGHT BY STUART'S SIDE - FATE MUST HAVE
BEEN THE SAMETotal number of missions of above crew member: HAD IN HIS TWENTIES about 28Dates and destinations if possible: WE ONLY FLEW TOGETHER
ON OCCASSIONAL MISSIONS - NOT ON SAME
CREW.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Sandhagen, Paul R.
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: O-772762
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [REDACTED]~~: Bombardier

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Did he bail out? NoWhere? BLOWN out of NOSE of SHIP (B-17) AT OSNABRUCK-GERMANYIf not, why not? SHELL BLEW off SHIP'S NOSE - SANDHAGEN with itLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SANDHAGEN gave OXYGEN CHECK to CREW just AFTER BOMBS AWAYS - ALL-OK - THEN HITWas he injured? BELIEVE EXPLOSION KILLED HIM INSTANTLYWhere was he when last seen? HE WAS AT HIS POSITION OVER BOMB SIGHT IN NOSEAny hearsay information: I BELIEVE BLAST BLEW SANDHAGEN NAKED BODY CLEAR out of NOSE (WE WERE AT 25,000 ft.) THE MEN IN THE OTHER SHIPS thought the ENTIRE ^{SHIP} HAD BEEN BLOWN up. THOUGHT ENTIRE CREW "HAD it"Source: OTHER CREW MEMBERS of OTHER-SHIPS IN SQUADRONAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS STUART & SPOONER. SANDHAGEN SAT IN GLASS NOSE WAS PROBABLY BLASTED right out of NOSETotal number of missions of above crew member: HE WAS SOMEWHERE OVER 20Dates and destinations if possible: Not ON SAME CREW with SANDHAGEN just flying this MISSION with HIM Nov. 26

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Sandhagen, Paul R. File 11193
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-772742
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-17~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No, he was killed instantly

Where? At 25,000' over OSNABRUCK, GERMANY

If not, why not? Killed instantly

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

given the bombs away signal just before

Was he injured? -

Where was he when last seen? In the nose of our ship

Any hearsay information: No, the bodies were blown

from the ship at the explosion

Source: _____

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

countered a direct hit, the shell ex-

ploding in the nose, tearing most

of the nose off the B-17, killing

instantly all crew members in the nose

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 25

Dates and destinations if possible: Mission last flown

to OSNABRUCK, GERMANY, on Nov. 26, 1944

Richard J. Healy, Capt AC.

0-755685

Pilot of the B-17 when
accident occurred.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Stuart, Norman L.**
 Rank: **1st Lt**
 Serial number: **O-718453**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Navigator**

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Did he bail out? No, he was killed instantly.
 Where? At 25000' over Osnabruck (OSNABRUCK) Ger.
 If not, why not? Killed instantly
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Gave me a new heading after bombs away.
 Was he injured? -
 Where was he when last seen? In the nose of our ship
 Any hearsay information: No, the bodies were blown from the ship at the explosion.
 Source: -

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The en-
countered a direct hit, the shell ex-
ploding in the nose, tearing most
of the nose off the B-17, killing
instantly all crew members in the nose
 Total number of missions of above crew member: About 25
 Dates and destinations if possible: Mission last flown
to OSNABRUCK, GERMANY, on Nov. 26, 1944

Richard D. Healy, Capt AC
 O-755685

Pilot of the B-17 when
 accident occurred.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Speener, Ramon L.** File **11193**
 Rank: **1st Lt**
 Serial number: **O-719167**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-17~~: **Navigator**

Did he bail out? No, he was killed instantly
 Where? At 25000' over OSNABRUCK, GERMANY
 If not, why not? Killed instantly
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Aiding the bombardier on the bomb run.

Was he injured? -
 Where was he when last seen? In the nose of our ship
 Any hearsay information: No, the bodies were blown from the ship at the explosion.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate ~~based in part or wholly on supposition:~~ The en-
countered a direct hit, the shell ex-
ploding in the nose, tearing most
of the nose off the B-17, killing
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Total number of missions of above crew member: About 25

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to OSNABRUCK, GERMANY, on Nov 26, 1944

Richard J. Sealy, Capt. AC
0755685
Pilot of the B-17 when
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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 Serial number: 0-728453
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Navigator

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Did he bail out? NOWhere? ✓
 If not, why not? THE NOSE OF THE SHIP WAS BLOWN OFF. HE WAS BLOWN TO PIECESLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LET'S GET OUT OF HERE THIS STUFF IS THICKWas he injured? TO MY KNOWLEDGE HE WAS KILLEDWhere was he when last seen? NOSE OF SHIPAny hearsay information: YES. HE + TWO OTHER IN THE NOSE WERE BLOWN TO PIECES. THIS I SAW, THE NOISE OF THE SHIP GO PASS MY TAIL IN PIECES. AFTER I WAS LIBERATED * IN CAMP LUCKY STRIKE IN FRENCH. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FROM OUR SP. TOLD MESource: 11 nAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: YES. PRIOR TO HIS LAST WORDS. HE SAID EVERYTIME SOME BODY MESS UP SOMEONE GET HURT. BECAUSE OUR RADAR EQUIPMENT WENT OUT SO WE WENT TO OUR SECONDARY TARGET.Total number of missions of above crew member: 24 or 23Dates and destinations if possible: DON'T KNOW

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Sproner, Ross L. File 11193
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-719167
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~FIFTH AIR FORCE~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? U

If not, why not? THE NOSE OF THE SHIP WAS BLOWN OFF HE WAS BLOWN TO PIECES

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: THAT LOOKS LIKE HEFT IN FRONT OF US.

Was he injured? TO MY KNOWLEDGE HE WAS KILLED

Where was he when last seen? NOSE OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: YES HE + TWO OTHER IN THE NOSE WERE BLOWN TO PIECES. THIS I SAW THE NOSE OF THE SHIP GO PASS MY TAIL IN PIECES. AFTER I WAS LIBERATED AND IN CAMP LUCKY STRIKE FRENCH, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TOLD ME HE WAS

Source: BLOWN TO PIECES.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE.

Dates and destinations if possible: 11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Sandhagen, Paul R.
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-772742
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-pilot

File 11193Did he bail out? NOWhere? ✓If not, why not? THE NOSE OF THE SHIP WAS BLOWN OFF
HE WAS BLOWN TO PIECESLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BOMBS
AWAY AND OXYGEN CHECK.Was he injured? TO MY KNOWLEDGE HE WAS KILLEDWhere was he when last seen? NOSE OF SHIP.

Any hearsay information: YES HE + TWO OTHER IN THE
NOSE WERE BLOWN TO PIECES. THIS I SAW
THE NOSE OF THE SHIP GO PASS MY TAIL IN PIECES,
AFTER I WAS LIBERATED + IN CAMP LUCKY STRIKE
FRENCH. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FROM OUR CP TOLD ME HE
Source: WAS BLOWN TO PIECES.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NOT THAT I KNOW OF.Total number of missions of above crew member: 35thDates and destinations if possible: DON'T KNOW.

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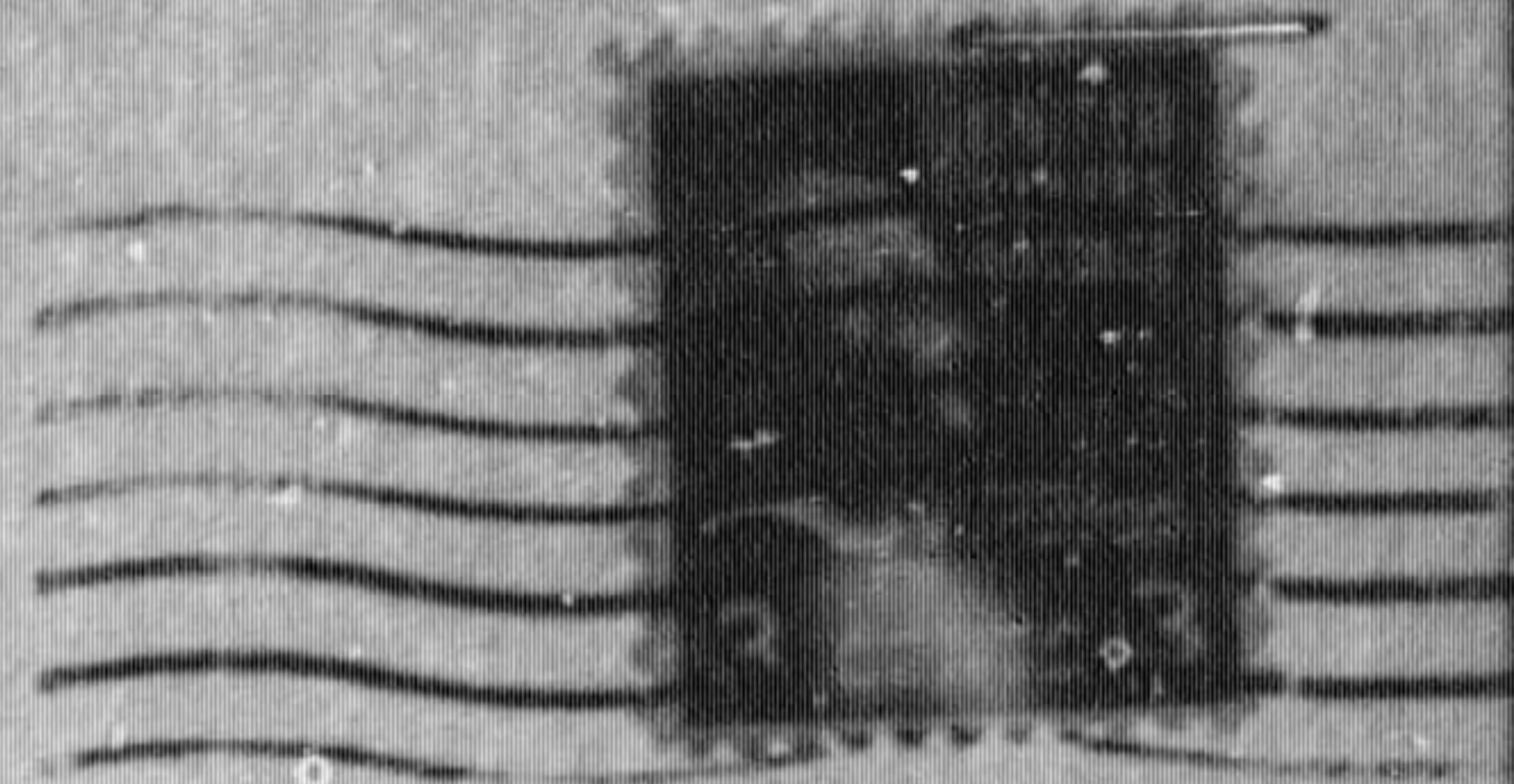


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