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by E. A. BRADUNAN, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date **MAR 1 1945**

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 360th *; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See attached chart.
Target or Intended Destination Aschaffenburg, Ger. Type of Mission Bombardment.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3-5/10ths
cloud, tops 18-20,000 feet. Visibility aloft good.
- GIVE: (a) Day 21 Month January Year 1945; Time 1120 Location 48°27'N-08°20'E.
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 ().
- 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: A/C was involved in a mid-air collision with another A/C from this Group.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 44-8137.
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any None.
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-027470; (b) SW-030618; (c) SW-027786; (d) SW-025264
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below table, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1541508 B.L.C.; (b) 1541579 B.L.C.; (c) 1541796 B.L.C.; (d) 1541701 B.L.C.; (e) 1541980 B.L.C.; (f) 1108487 B.L.C.; (g) 1541864 B.L.C.; (h) 361690 F.D.G.M.; (i) 1542017 B.L.C.; (j) 1541810 B.L.C.; (k) _____; (l) _____; (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 (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Current Status |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Pilot | <u>DUFFIELD, RICHARD B.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-812958</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot | <u>CAMERON, RICHARD H.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-822892</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 3. Navigator | <u>SHIPP, GENE K.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-814421</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 4. Navigator | <u>WILSON, THOMAS E.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-739137</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 5. Bombardier | <u>FLEMMONS, JAMES C.</u> | <u>1st Lt.</u> | <u>0-669262</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 6. Tail Gunner | <u>WHITE, RAYMOND E.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-824308</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 7. Top Turret Gunner | <u>LEVINE, RAYMOND (NMI)</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | <u>32422716</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 8. Radio Gunner | <u>CHRIST, DONALD R.</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | <u>16160999</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 9. Waist Gunner | <u>ELLIOTT, JOHN C.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>20419168</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 10. Waist Gunner | <u>HENSEL, PHILLIP W.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>12206160</u> | <u>MIA</u> |
| 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 | Check Only One Column | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | | | Contacted by Radio | Last Sighted | Saw Crash Landing |
| 1. <u>CHALMERS, JOHN D.</u> | <u>F/O</u> | <u>T-126685</u> | | <u>X</u> | |
| 2. <u>GARZA, DAVID (NMI)</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>38462212</u> | | <u>X</u> | |
| 3. | | | | | |

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* - A/C from the 359th Squadron - Crew from the 360th Squadron.

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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) Indefinite report parachutes used.
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 attached S-2 Summary.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. None.

Date of Report 22 January 1945.

Joseph G. Robinson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Captain, AC.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary attached.



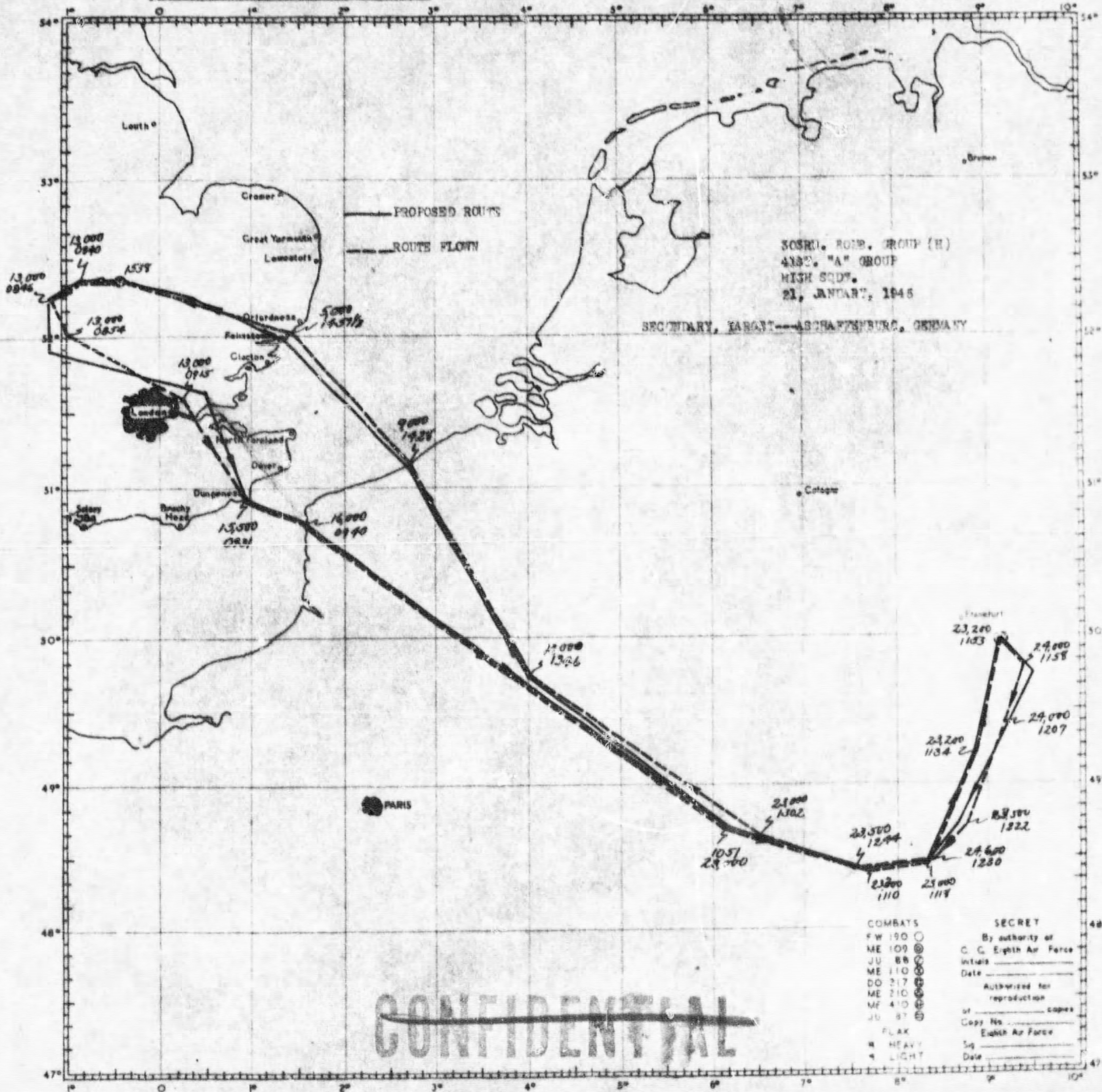
TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGETS
PRIMARY _____

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY _____

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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 360th A/C # 44-8137 MISSION DATE 21 January 1945.

FIRST PILOT DUFFIELD, RICHARD B. 1st Lt. O-812958 DESTINATION Aschaffenburg, Ger.
NAME RANK SER.#

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

- (a) By coordinates 48°27'N-08°20'E, 45 mi sw Stuttgart
- (b) Approximate altitude 23,000 at time of collision.
- (c) Last noted heading Going down.
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Going down.

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

None.

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

A/C which was leading squadron formation collided with lead A/C of second flight and both A/C went down.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

The right wing of A/C 42-97058 caught the left wing of A/C 44-8137. The wing of A/C 44-8137 came off and A/C rolled over on its back and went down.

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AG 319.1 Cas. 3rd Ind. JWP/JFR/rr
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 17 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith supplement to Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 44-8137, piloted by 1st Lt. Richard B. Duffield, O-812958.
2. Original Missing Air Crew Report was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters AG 360.33 Cas., dated 16 February 1945.
3. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 1st Lt. Duffield to be, missing in action, 21 January 1945.

For the Theater Commander:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 107
APO 557 - US ARMY

D-A-3

31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report, 21 January, 1945, 1st Lt Richard B. Duffield, O-812958.

TO : Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.
(Att'n: Statistical Control).

1. The following change in Missing Air Crew Report, 1st Lt Richard B. Duffield, O-812958, 21 January 1945 is hereby made:

Par. #4 * * * Location 48°27'-08°20'

Should read: * * * Location 49°27'-08°20'

2. Par. #1(a) of S-2 Summary attached thereto should be changed in the same way.

For the Commanding Officer:

Richard P. Vinal
RICHARD P. VINAL,
Captain, AC,
Adjutant.

201.62 1st Ind. P-L-5
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 2 February 1945.

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

Attention is invited to basic communication.

For the Commanding General:



Harry T. Hance
HARRY T. HANCE
Major, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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Casualty

(Ltr Hq AAF Sta 107, APO 557, subj: "Missing Air Crew Report, 21 January, 1945, 1st Lt Richard B. Duffield, O-812958" dtd 31 Jan 45)

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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. 10 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Attention is invited to basic communication.

For the Commanding General:



Burnis Archer

BURNIS ARCHER.
Maj. A.G.D.
Asst. Adt. Gen

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Downing No: KU 3624

Report on Downing of an American Plane:

Date of Downing...: 21 January 1945 - 1115
Place of Downing...: Buechenberg near Hailfingen/Wttbg.
Type of Plane.....: Fortress
Reporting Office...: Air Base Hailfingen

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|----------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| DRIVER 1912 | Arthur Howard USA | Sgt. | 19195058 | captured | Dulag Luft West |
| HASKEN | Richard F. | 2nd.Lt. | 0-826029 | dead | |
| ANGELOTD | Francis | 2nd.Lt. | 0-828998 | dead | |
| Mc DONALD | John | 2nd.Lt. | 0-2063189 | dead | |
| TOSS | William | S/Sgt. | 11090807 | dead | |

Case 5744

21 Jan 45

KU 3624

Pilot - Duffield, Richard B 0812958

- 4) 1 km east northeast of Lossburg, 9 km south southeast of Freudenstadt, ^{MACR}
at 1115 hours, Fortress was shot down, identification markings "Z star 11759"
BN" (Zeperling Berta, Nordpol), serial No. 48137, 95% destruction,
1 man captured, 8 men dead

SRI D no 5195

Crew of AC 44-8137

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|---------------------|----------|-----|
| Duffield, Richard B | 0812958 | PDD |
| Cambron, Richard H | 0822892 | PDD |
| Stupp, Gene K. | 0814421 | KIA |
| Wilson, Thomas E | 0739137 | KIA |
| Himmans, James C. | 0669262 | POW |
| White, Raymond E. | 0824308 | KIA |
| Levine, Raymond | 32422716 | KIA |
| Christ, Donald R. | 16160999 | KIA |
| Elliott, John C. | 20419168 | KIA |
| Hensel, Phillip W. | 12206160 | KIA |

KU 3624

The Burgemeister of Lossburg.

Lossburg 3.Feb.1945

Dulag Luft Notalar 7.March.1945

To Techn. Inspector MORSETHNER
Airfield Zutphen, County Fr.

Subject: Salvage of 3 more dead from plane crashes on 21.Jan.1945 at Lossburg.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Reduction of the 3 dead per registered letter.

On 1. and 2. Feb.1945. I took over, the salvage of 3 dead belonging to plane crash on 21.Jan.1945. and buried them at cemetery Lossburg. The Identification tags I took away also the other items of the dead, and hand it over now in this registered letter. The names of the dead I wrote in the Dead Register of Register Office of Lossburg.

The names are as following:

- Wm.S. Van Ornum 39575057 T 43 44 A
- Richard H. Cambren 0-822892 T 41 42 A
- Richard B. Duffield 0-812958 44 A

*C. 0-22
5724*

Near the dead, below Lossburg there are 2 lying 3 duds. I called the detonation command. ~~12~~ To salvage the 3 dead & 4 man with a worktime each 5 hours were working there. I ask for ~~the~~ reparations for the arisen expenses. If you will come through the country, I ask you for your visit to sign the entries, ~~which~~ which I made only, grounded on your verbal statement.

Buergermeister Frick

Village Lossburg county ~~Landenstadt~~.

To, SSD Computing Station West Oberursel

Subject: Crash of a Fortress 1 km northeast east of Loszburg, 9 km south southeast of Freudenstadt-Schwarzwald, on 21 Jan 45, at 1115 hours. 7 men dead and buried in Loszburg, 1 man dead under the wreckage of the aircraft. 1 man captured. Aircraft type Boeing B 17 G 50 V E. 95% destruction. Identification, Z Star B N, serial No. 48137. Cause of crash unknown, presumably shot down by fighter.

4. 1 km east northeast of Loszburg, 9 km south southeast of Freudenstadt, at 1115 hours, Fortress S., Identification, Z Start (Zeppelin, Berta, North Pol) KU 3624

Engine No. 48 137, 95% destruction, 1 man captured, 8 men dead.

KU 3624

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command E (v) 234/VII

Place: Hailfingen

Time: 21 Jan 45

Subject: Crash of a 4 engine near Buchenberg, south southeast of
Lossburg (near Freudenstadt)

Name: Driver, Arthur H., 19195058

Disposition: Captured

Place and Time of Capture: 21 Jan 45, at 1130 hours, near Lossburg.

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command E (v) 234/VII

Place: Hailfingen

Time: 29 Jan 1945

Subject: Crash of an enemy aircraft, identification ? Star B. N.

(48137) type Fortress Boeing B 17 G. 50. V. H. 1 km northeast
east of Lossburg

Name: Tooes, William, 11090807
Jaslem. Richard F., 826029

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place and Time of Burial: Cemetery Lossburg, 25 Jan 45

Report Concerning Captured Air Force Personnel

Hdn: Airbase Command E (v) 234/VII
Place: Hailfingen
Time: 29 Jan 1945
Subject: Downing of an enemy aircraft, identification: ? N Star V,
type Boeing B 17 G, serial No. not complete, 1 km southwest
of Lossburg
Name: Mcdonneld, John, 2063189
Angeloto, Francis, 828998
Disposition: Recovered dead
Place and Time of Burial: Cemetery Lossburg 25 Jan 45

Identification Tags

Arthur H. Driver, 19195058

John J. McDonnell, O 2063189

Francis, Angelito, O 828998

William D. Toon, 11090807

21 Jan. 1945 1115
 Lossburg, Wttbg.
 Hailfingen b/Freudenstadt
 Type: Fortress
 Markings: 9706
 360 HBo Sqd.
 303 Group
 Target: Airbase H.Q.
 Hailfingen

KIR Duffield, Richard B.

081293-8

KIR 7 Febr.

KU 3625

Combron, Richard H.

0822892

✓ 2nd Lt. FLEMING James Charles

0-669262 capt

✓ 1st Lt. SCHIPP Gene K.

0-834421 dead

✓ Lt. WHITE Raymond E.

0-824308 dead

✓ 2nd Lt. WILSON Thomas E.

0-739137 dead

Sgt. HINNERSHOTS Bruce

33371029 dead

✓ Sgt. ELLIOTT John C.

20419168 dead

✓ Sgt. CHRIST Donald John R.

16160999 dead

✓ Sgt. LEVINE Raymond

32422716 dead

✓ Sgt. HENSEL Phillip W.

12206160 dead

Cemetery Lossburg

MACR 11760
3624

MACR 11759

Downing No: KU 3625

Report on Downing of an American Plane:

Date of Downing...: 21 January 1945 - 1115
Place of Downing...: Lossburg near Hailfingen
Type of plane.....: Fortress
Reporting Office...: Air Base Hailfingen

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| FLEMMONS 1917 ¹ | James Charles Texas | 1st.Lt. | 0-669262 | captured | Dulag Luft West |
| SCHIPP | Gene | 1st.Lt. | 0-814421 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| WHIT | Raymond | Lt. | 0-824308 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| WILSON | Thomas | 2nd.Lt. | 0-739137 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| HINNERSHOTS | Eruce | Sgt. | 33371029 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| ELLIOTT | John E. | Sgt. | 20419168 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| CHRIST | John R. | Sgt. | | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| LEVINE | Raymond | Sgt. | | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |
| HENSEL | Philip | Sgt. | 12206160 | dead | Cemetery Lossburg |

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To Computing Station West Oberursel

Subject: Crash of a Fortress 1 km southwest of Loszburg, 9 km south southeast of Freudenstadt. Scw. on mountain Franzen Rain near Bathing Institution. On 21 Jan 45, at 1115 hours, 7 men dead and buried in Loszburg. 1 man dead under the wreckage of the plane. 1 man captured. Aircraft type Boeing B 17 F, 90% destruction. Identification, Star V serial number on the side of the fin not completed No. 297058. On the side fin, right, C and on the bottom 9706. Cause of crash unknown. U Presumably fighter.

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5. 1 km southwest of Loszburg, 9 km southsoutheast of Freudenstadt, 1115 hours, Fortress, identification, " ? N Star V" (North Pol, Victor) on the side fin: C (Caesar), on the bottom, ?9706., U (Ullrich)
1 man captured, 8 men dead

KU 3625

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdc: Airbase Command E (v) 234/VII

Place: Hailfingen

Time: 29 Apr 1945

Subject: Downing of an enemy aircraft. Identification : Star B. N.
(48137) Type Fortress Boeing B 17 G. 50. V. H. 1 km north
of Lossburg

Name: Christ, John R. no serial No.
Hensel, Philipp, 12206160
Schipf, Gene, 814421
Wilson, Thomas E., 739137

Disposition: Recovered dead

Time and Place of Burial: Cemetery Lossburg, 25 Jan 45

KU 3625

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command E (v) 234/VII

Place: Hailfingen

Time: 29 Jan 1945

Subject: Downing of an enemy aircraft, identification: ? N Star V.
type Boeing B 17 G. Serial No. not complete, 1 km southwest
of Lossburg.

Name: Levine, Raimond
Hinerschots, Bruce, 33371029
Whit, Raimond E., 824308
Elliot, John E., 20419168

Disposition: Recovered dead

Place of Burial: Cemetery Lossburg, 25 Jan 45

Identification Tags

James C. Flemmons, O 669262

Raymond Uhrich, O 700348

Thos J. McRae, O 757009

Thomas E. Wilson, O 739137

Levine Raymond T 44 O

Raymond E. White, O 824309

Hensel Phillip W., 12206160

Shipp, Gene K., O 814421

Hinershots, Bruce, 33371029

John C. Elliott, 20419168

Sgt P. F. Hensel, USA (2)

21 Jan 45

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- 5) 1 km southeast of Lossburg. 9 km south southeast of Freudenstadt, at 1115 hours, Fortress was shot down, N. Star V" (Nordpol Viktor) On the side fin C (Caesar) and 2706, and U (Urlicht), 1 man captured 8 men dead.

✓
ELLIOT, John E. C.
20419168

KU - 3625

dead

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| 1st Lt. Richard B. Duffield | Mr. Earl V. Duffield (Father) ✓ 5005 198th Street Hollis, Long Island, New York |
| 1st Lt. Richard H. Cambron | Mrs. Francis C. Cambron (Wife) ✓ 610 N. Fulton Avenue Ebensville, Indiana |
| 1st Lt. Gene K. Shipp | Mrs. Carrie W. Shipp (Wife) ✓ Columbia, Kentucky |
| 1st Lt. Thomas K. Wilson | Mrs. Annie D. Wilson (Mother) ✓ 615 West Caldwell Street Compton, California |
| 1st Lt. James C. Flemmons | Mr. Martin O. Flemmons (Father) ✓ Tloga, Texas |
| 2d Lt. Raymond E. White | Mrs. Fern P. White (Wife) ✓ Number Ten Sunset Drive Bridgeville, Pennsylvania |
| T/Sgt. Raymond Levine | Mrs. Phyllis S. Levine (Wife) ✓ 1819 Weeks Avenue New York, New York |
| T/Sgt. Donald R. Christ | Mr. Leon E. Christ (Father) ✓ 4874 Linsdale Avenue Detroit, Michigan |
| S/Sgt. John C. Elliott | Mrs. Alice M. Elliott (Wife) ✓ 6215 Dauphine Street New Orleans, Louisiana |
| S/Sgt. Phillip W. Hensel | Mr. Walter H. Newburg (Uncle) ✓ 7812 Hudson Avenue North Bergen, New Jersey |