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 Date MAR 1 1946

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 HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
 363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO 634 - US ARMY

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII
 Group 303rd Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 359th ; Detachment ----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram
 Intended Destination Gelsenkirchen, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3 to 5/10 low cloud base 3000' tops 7-8000'
- GIVE: (a) Date 5 Nov 45 Time 1425 ; and Location 51°30'N -- 05° 45'E
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
 () Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows A/C seemed unable to maneuver and dropped out of formation, specific cause of loss unknown.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-24555 ✓
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-24620
 (b) 41-57296 ; (c) 42-157140 ; (d) 42-78686
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 291774 C.P.
 (a) 578718 BS ; (b) 102766 SA ; (c) 53934 CP ; (d) 578854 C.P.
 (e) 289902 CP ; (f) 133274 BS ; (g) 291849 CP ; (h) 291732 C.P.
 (i) 289725 CP ; (j) 315240 BS ; (k) 291849 CP ; (l) 291732 C.P.
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
EUS 1.	Pilot	Grant, Ambrose G.	2nd Lt.	0-797518
EUS 2.	Co-Pilot	Hill, Franklin C.	2nd Lt.	0-883009
EUS 3.	Nav. & L Nose Gunner	Berger, James P.	2nd Lt.	0-786612
EUS 4.	Bomb. & R Nose Gunner	Blackburn, Marion D.	2nd Lt.	0-676517
EUS 5.	Eng. & Top T. Gunner	Kujawa, Anthony	S/Sgt.	83292631
EUS 6.	Rad. Op. & Radio Gun.	Sexton, Edward J.	T/Sgt.	31166300
EUS 7.	Asst. Rad. Op. & Tail G.	Andersen, Francis D.	S/Sgt.	84357933
EUS 8.	Gunner -- Ball Turret G.	Petresky, Chester (NMI)	S/Sgt.	15145607
EUS 9.	Left Waist Gunner	Kraft, Harold A.	T/Sgt.	36257910
KIA 10.	Right Waist Gunner	Bauer, Joseph J.	Sgt.	35020256

1. 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)	Serial Rank Number	Contacted		Saw	
		By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- 2. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YPS 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) -----
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Diagram attached.
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None 3
- 5. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE -----

Date of Report 7 November 1945.

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Jesse M. Barrett
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 JESSE M. BARRETT,
 Major, AC.

TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date NOV. 5, 1943

Route followed by 303RD BOMB. GROUP (H)

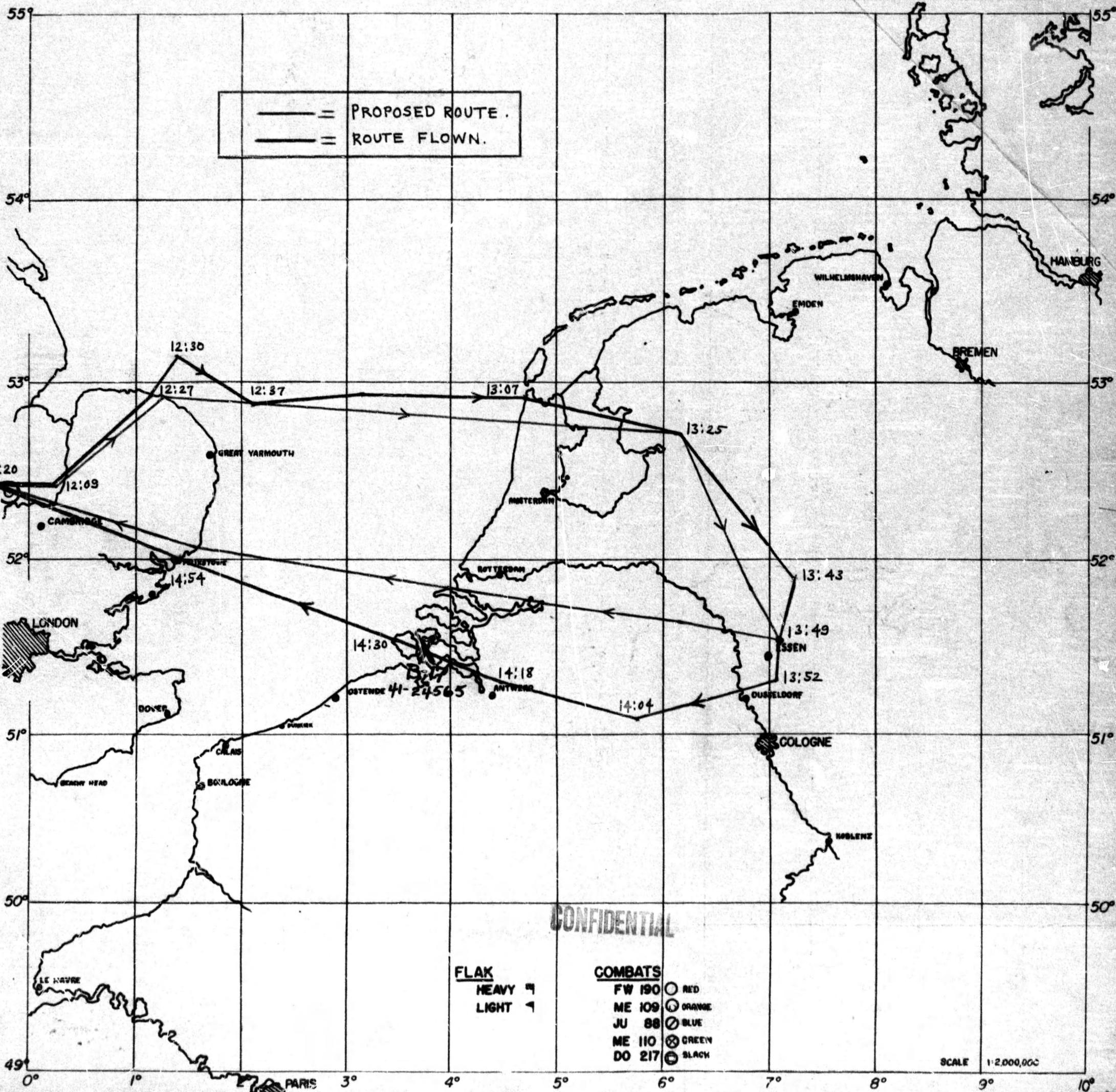
Primary GELSENKIRCHEN, GERMANY

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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_____	"	"	"	_____



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HAUER, Joseph J.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **35020256**
 Position: **Crew (Bomber) ~~as Flight (Fighter)~~ Right Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? On Dutch coast ten miles north of Belgium border.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: During an attack by fighters.

Was he injured? Yes, before we bailed out.

Where was he when last seen? Near Rosendaal Holland. Germans were carrying him away on a stretcher.

Any hearsay information: The above was told to me by one of the crew members, which one I do not remember.

Source: One of the crew members

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

Have no idea.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three (3)

Dates and destinations if possible: 20 Oct. 43 Duren
5 NOV. 43 Wilhelmshaven
5 Nov. 43 Gelsenkirchen

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Franklin C. Hall Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-683009
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander Stevers Rank Col. Sqn CO Calhoun Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month November day 5th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Gelsenkirchen, target time, 13:00, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, Unknown
route flown Unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Ruhr Valley
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all bailed out.
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". Tail Gunner went out his hatch, Waist Gunners, Bail Turret and Radio man went out waist windows. Pilot and Top Turret Gunner went out Bomb Bay. Bombadier, Navigator and Co-Pilot went out nose hatch.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
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? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. "No Knowledge"

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BLACKBURN, Marion D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-678517
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Bomber)~~ Bomb. & R Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? On Dutch coast ten miles north of Belgium border.

If not, why not? _____

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

In nose of plane just prior to bailing out.

Was he injured? He received slight injury by flak.

Where was he when last seen? In Officer's Club, Camp Patrick Henry Virginia, June 22, 1945.

Any hearsay information: Received letter from him December 5, 1945, envelope is enclosed. He planned to go to Maxwell Field to take examination for Pilot Training

Source: Letter from him.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eight (8)

Dates and destinations if possible: From October 3, 1943 to November 5, 1943

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Blackburn, Marion L. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-678517
2. Organization 8th AF Gp Commander Kermit Stephens Rank Col Sqd COW C Calhoun Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month November day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Gelsenkirchen, target time, 13:30 approx., altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, In over France, route flown Back over South Holland
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 10 miles from 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". No crew list attached. Everyone bailed out at about the same place and time, except one man, I have no knowledge of him.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In Holland near Rosendhal
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) "No Knowledge"
11. Where were they in aircraft? "No Knowledge"
12. What was their condition? "No Knowledge"
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? "No Knowledge"
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. "No Knowledge"

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name ANDERSEN, Francis D. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 34357933
303rd Gp.
2. Organization 8th Gp Commander STEVENS, Kermit D. Rank Col. Sqn CO CALHOUN, William R. Rank Lt. Col.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month November day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 8th, target, Gelsenkirchen, target time, Noon ?, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, _____
 _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Target Area
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". Lts. Blackburn and Berger out Nose Hatch. Lts. Grant and Hall and S/Sgt Kujawa out Bomb-Bay. T/Sgts. Sexton and Kraft forced themselves out Waist Door. S/Sgt. Petrosky and myself out Waist Window. Not known as to Sgt. Hauer. No other knowledge.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Not known
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 9 bailed out. Not known as to Sgt. Hauer. See Questionnaire attached.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Sgt. Hauer at Right Waist Gun
12. What was their condition? See Questionnaire attached
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Was in Stalag 17-B with Sgts. Sexton, Kajawa, Petrovsky, and Kraft. Saw Lts. Grant, ~~Blackburn~~ and Hall at Camp Patrick Henry and Lt. Blackburn at Fort McPherson, Ga. after return to States. All in Fair Condition.
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

Name of crew member: HAUER, Joseph J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 35020256
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as a flight instructor~~ Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? If so, Northwest of Flushing Holland

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? At Waist Door with Parachute on.

Any hearsay information: That he was seen by Lt. Blackburn being taken out of an ambulance at an Airfield in the vicinity that we were captured. Said he did not talk to him but he was pretty sure it was Sgt. Hauer. Lt. Blackburn, T/Sgt. Sexton, S/Sgt. Petrosky, and myself, all of the same Crew, were assembled at this Airfield about 2 or 3 hours after bailing out.

Source: From 2nd. Lt. Marion D. Blackburn

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I am of the opinion that Sgt. Hauer did not get out of the plane. This ~~is~~ is wholly on supposition.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two

Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 2, 1943 - Wilhelmshaven; Nov. 5, 1943 - Gelsenkirchen.

My last contact with Sgt. Hauer was just prior to my bailing out. Due to the fact that the emergency release failed to function properly on the escape hatch in the Tail, my position, I was forced to go to the Waist in order to Bail out. The entire Crew had already bailed out with the exception of Sgts. Hauer and Petrosky, who were at the waist door trying to get out by holding the door open against the slipstream. This door also would not drop off due to damage to the emergency release by Enemy Action. I advised the two of them to leave the door ~~xxxx~~ and go out the Waist Windows but they continued struggling with the door. At this time Sgt. Hauer acted Calm enough under the circumstances. He had been wounded by Flak over the target area but said he was O.K. I left the two of them at the door and Bailed out of the Right Waist window. Later S/Sgt Petrosky informed me that after seeing me go out of the window, he then went to one window and Sgt. Hauer went to the other to bail out. I only saw one Parachute open after me which was S/Sgt. Petrosky who landed and was captured in the same vicinity as myself. I have never seen Sgt. Hauer again.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BLACKBURN, Marion D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-678517
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Fighter)~~: Bomb. & R. Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Northwest of Flushing Holland on returning from Target

If not, why not? _____

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

Inter-phone ~~not~~ damaged in my position over target area.

Was he injured? Yes One hand injured but not seriously.

Where was he when last seen? Fort McPherson, Ga. Returned to U.S. from Camp Luckie Strike, France on same boat as I after liberation.

Any hearsay information: No

2nd Lt. Blackburn was taken Prisoner of War Immediately after parachuting to the ground. Interned at Luft I until liberation and arrived in U. S. aboard the Navy Transport General Butner June 20, 1945.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: Oct. 2, 1943 - Emden; Oct. 8, 1943 - Bremen;
Oct. 9, 1943 - Anklam; Oct. 10, 1943 - Munster; Oct. 14, 1943 - Schweinfurt; Oct. 20,
1943 - Daren; Nov. 2, 1943 - Wilhelmshaven; Nov. 5, 1943 - Gelsenkirchen.

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1) Downing of a Boeing
Fortress B 17 F on
5 November 1943, 1410,
1 mi north of Wever.

M a n o r , Joseph J.
S0000000 F 41-43 O
Mary Manor
5015 Broadway Ave
Cleveland, Ohio P

Interred at Bergen op Zoom
Memorial, North-Brabant/
Holland.

Local Quarters, 7 November 1943

Signature
Lt. Col. and Airbase Commander

MACR 1157

Airbase Headquarters (N) 25/VI
Voensdrecht / Holland

Armed Forces Information Center
Received: 15 November 1943

REPORT ON LOSSES

No. 25

Time from 24 September to 7 October 1943

Americans

TO: Armed Forces Information Center
for Losses in Action and Prisoners
of War

BERLIN 730
Hohenstaufen Strasse 47/48

MACK 115
B 17
41-24565

RUS 2936-2938
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KU 993 Nov. 5, 1943

Telgram
1943

Fortress

- Andersen, Francis Duaneburg S/lt. born 1915, Tag: 34 357 933, prisoner.
- Blackburn, Marion Dale 2nd Lt. born 1921, Tag: 0 673 517, prisoner.
- Berger, James Frederick 2nd Lt. born Apr. 19, 1921, Tag: 0 136 612, prisoner.
- Grant, Ambrose Gaines 2nd Lt. born Aug. 21, 1921, Tag: 0 197 518, prisoner.
- Hall, Franklin Charles 2nd Lt. born July 4, 1920, Tag: 0 683 009, prisoner.
- Kraft, Harold Alfred T/lt. born Nov. 27, 1910, Tag: 36 237 910, prisoner.
- Petrovsky, Chester S/lt. born 1923, Tag: 13 145 607, prisoner.
- Seyton, Edward Joseph T/lt. Tag 3: 165 300, prisoner.
- Stauer, J. S/lt. Tag: 35 020 256, dead.
- Ruzarva, Tony S/lt. prisoner, wounded, location: a field hospital.

Type of plane:

Boeing

KU - 393

Date of crash:

5 November, 43

1410

Place of crash:

ROSENDAL

HAUER, Joseph J.

S/Sgt.

dead

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HEADQUARTERS
Mitcher Field, New York

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INTERROGATION

(Interrogation of all former POW's for casualty information
on former crew members and/or other AAF Personnel.)

NAME OF CASUALTY	RANK	ASN	CREW POSITION
"Unknown" HAUER	SGT.	UNKNOWN	RT. WAIST GUNNER
UNIT	DATE LAST SEEN	PLACE LAST SEEN	
SQD'N 559, GRF 303	NOVEMBER 5, 1943	In plane over Holland.	

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT

Engines shot out.

KNOWN INFORMATION (EYEWITNESS)

HAUER was wounded and preparing to bail out when last seen.

HEARSAY INFORMATION (RELIABLE)

NONE

REPORTER:

TSGT Edward J. Sexton

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