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

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 to **RESTRICTED**  
 by S. I. [redacted] Col., AO  
 by P. B. [redacted] Capt., AO  
 Date **MAR 1 1946**

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 303 ; Squadron 360 ; Detachment ----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See chart attached  
 Intended Destination Oschersleben ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Scattered low clouds from 08° 00'E on course. Visibility unlimited-Above clouds 10000-
- GIVE: (a) Date Jan 44 ; Time 1055 ; and Location 52°32'N 07°16'E Heading 12000 tops.  
 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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37896  
 ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820- ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-65837  
 (b) 43-65967 ; (c) 43-66337 ; (d) 43-66269  
 INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) SEE ATTACHED SHEET ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

- 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<br>(Last name first) | Rank           | Serial Number |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Pilot                | HALLDEN, ROBERT H.                | 2nd Lt.        | 0-801768      |
| 2. Co-Pilot             | GENTRY, RAYMOND L.                | 2nd Lt.        | 0-801578      |
| 3. Navigator & L.N.G.   | LIMON, GERALD N.                  | 2nd Lt. POW    | 0-801568      |
| 4. Bombardier & R.N.G.  | HUBENSCHMIDT, JOHN W.             | Flight Officer | 1-1528        |
| 5. Engineer & T.T.G.    | BINBEN, HENRY M.                  | S/Sgt. POW     | 35324056      |
| 6. Ass't Eng & B.T.G.   | MOORE, CLYDE E.                   | Sgt. POW       | 37267007      |
| 7. Radio Op & Rad. G.   | HUTCHINS, DALTON R.               | S/Sgt. POW     | 14163691      |
| 8. Asst Radio Op & R.W. | HAYS, HENRY G.                    | Sgt. POW       | 18218065      |
| 9. Left Waist Gunner    | ROBINSON, ROBERT B.               | Sgt. POW       | 15577801      |
| 10. Tail Gunner         | CHATOLAN, CARE H.                 | Sgt. POW       | 39261499      |

- 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<br>(Last name first) | Rank  | Serial Number | Contacted |         |       |      | Check Only One Column |         |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------------------|---------|
|                                   |       |               | By        | Last    | Saw   | Saw  | Forced                | Landing |
|                                   |       |               | Radio     | Sighted | Crash |      |                       |         |
| 1. _____                          | _____ | _____         | ----      | ----    | ----  | ---- | ----                  |         |
| 2. _____                          | _____ | _____         | ----      | ----    | ----  | ---- | ----                  |         |
| 3. _____                          | _____ | _____         | ----      | ----    | ----  | ---- | ----                  |         |

- 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) -----
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached sheet
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. -----
- 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 13 January 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JOSE M. BARRETT  
 or, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group S-2.

*Incl 17*  
 [redacted]

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: HALLDEN Robert H.  
 Rank: 2nd. Lt.  
 Serial number: O-801768  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight-(Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Presumably Not

Where? X complete record for the Gp. and crew; OTHER REASONS NOT

If not, why not? Either due to lack of time or because of his

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Last contact  
was bail out orders, and also seen just prior <sup>my</sup> of bailing out.

Was he injured? Don't know

Where was he when last seen? Still in the pilots seat

Any hearsay information: A few crew members where taken  
near part of the wreckage, one thought he saw  
remains of a body, However he wasn't given  
a chance for closer examination

Source: Carl Chatorian - Tail gunner - Bellingame Calif.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Its presumed  
I was the last to see Lt. Hallden, at that time he was yet  
alive, supposition is that he was trying desperately to  
fly our burning ship out of formation - Disregarding  
his own personal safety

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: KIEL JAN 4, 44 - LUDWIGSHAVEN  
JAN 7, 44 and OSCHLIEBEN - 11-44

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: GENTRY <sup>Raymond H.</sup> Robert H.  
 Rank: 2nd. Lt.  
 Serial number: O-683678  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight-(Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? X

If not, why not? X

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I saw Lt. Gentry crawling into the nose of the ship just prior to my own bailing out.

Was he injured? at the time I don't think so

Where was he when last seen? by bus to OSNABRUCK - JAN-12-44 his chute put in a box and taken with us

Any hearsay information: at Frankfurt interrogation center an officer was supposed to have been told by the Germans that a Lt. Gentry whose chute was unopened was found with bullet wounds in his chest.

Source: Cant remember

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Presumed Lt. Gentry crawled into the nose possibly to check about the nose and Bombardier - supposition that consequently the plane either blew up if so probably blew Lt. Gentry out of the ship totally unconscious, or else his chute failed to function.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Bordeaux Fr. Dec. 31, 43, - Kiel - Jan. 4-44, Ludwigshafen Jan 7-44, and - Oeschelben Jan 11-44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BIN BEN HENRY, M. Rank T/SGT Serial No. 35324056  
303 B. GP
2. Organization 360 B. GP Commander MAJ. SHAYLER Rank MAJ. Sqn CO COSTELLO Rank CAPT  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JAN day 11 did you go down?  
PLANT
4. What was the mission, AIR CRAFT PARTS, target, OSCHERLIEBEN, target  
time, APPROX. 11:45, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, ACROSS  
HOLLAND, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR THE VICINITY OF OSTERBRUCK
6. Did you bail out? ON THE VERGE TO, POSSIBLY BLOWN OUT
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - 8 OTHERS
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". EACH CREW MEMBER WHO BAILED OUT GAVE ONE ANOTHER HIS PERSONALIZED VERSION - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? AREA NORTH OF OSTERBRUCK WRECKAGE STREWN OVER WIDE-
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? X
12. What was their condition? X
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ST. GENTRY was found in the vicinity of the wreckage, physically all smashed, body all broken due to impact of the ground. From what altitude no knowledge. This was the date of Jan. 12, 1944 witnessed by the following crew members - Sgt C. Moore, Sgt C. Chatoian, S/SGT. L. Hutchins and myself.
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)

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INSTALLED WEAPONS (Type and Serial Number) Plane No. 42-37896, B-17G.

|        |     |         |      |
|--------|-----|---------|------|
| 927672 | SAC | 927630  | SAC  |
| 927157 | SAC | 927526  | SAC  |
| 927520 | SAC | Unknown |      |
| 927648 | SAC | Unknown |      |
| 926734 | SAC | 647456  | FDGM |
| 927675 | SAC |         |      |
| 927553 | SAC |         |      |

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: **HALLDEN Robert H.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **G-801788**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? TO BEST OF KNOWLEDGE HE WAS SHOT BY  
ENEMY MACHINE GUN FIRE IN COCKPIT.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE GAVE  
THE CREW ORDERS TO BAIL OUT.Was he injured? VERY LIKELY.Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE.Any hearsay information: WE THOUGHT WE SAW A CHARRED  
BODY IN WRECKAGE OF THE BURNED PLANE  
WHEN THE GERMANS ROUNDED US UP &  
SHOWED US THE REMAINS OF THE PLANE.Source: SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS.Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SEE  
ABOVE ~~FOR~~ EXPLANATION.Total number of missions of above crew member: FOUR (4)Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 31, 1943 - BOURBONDOUX,  
FRANCE, JAN. 5, 1944 LUDWIGSHAVEN, GER.,  
JAN. 7, 1944 KIEL, GERMANY, JAN. 11, 1944 RCHESLEBEN,  
GER.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1998

Name of crew member: GENTRY Robert E. Raymond  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-28678  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? AS FAR AS WE KNOW HE WAS KILLED

Where? BY ENEMY MACHINE GUN FIRE & WAS

If not, why not? BLOWN <sup>OUT</sup> OF SHIP BY EXPLODING GAS TANKS

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

Was he injured? YES, HE HAD TWO BULLET HOLES IN

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS LYING IN A FIELD <sup>CHEST,</sup>

~~Any hearsay information.~~ DEAD WITH HIS PARACHUTE

ON, BUT NOT PULLED. THE GERMANS MADE

US PUT HIM IN A BOX & LOAD IT ON A TRUCK.

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: FOUR (4)

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS PILOT.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CLYDE E. MOORE Rank Sgt. Serial No. 37267007
2. Organization 303<sup>rd</sup> B. Gp. Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Cpl. Sqn CO SHALER Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JAN. day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ASCESLEBENGER. target, 109 FACTORY, target  
time, 11:50, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, 8 OF US.
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 ~~KNOW~~ KNOW-LEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR ASNOBRUCK, GER.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PILOT.
11. Where were they in aircraft? YES
12. What was their condition? BURNT UP, VERY LIKELY.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? THE 8 OF US SURVIVERS WERE IN A POW CAMP & LATER ARRIVED IN THE U.S.A.
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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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

AD

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: **GENTRY Raymond L.**  
 Rank: **2nd. Lt.**  
 Serial number: **O-685678**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 20 km. Southwest Osnabruk, Germany.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I yelled "jump" as he delayed at the escape hatch.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? All crew members saw his body at the above location.

Any hearsay information: No.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: We found Lt. Gentry's body on the ground at above location. His chute had Not opened, but we were unable to determine the reason. German soldiers forced the enlisted members of our crew to load Gentry's body into coffin, and it was transported with us to German Luftwaffe base at Osnabruk. We never heard of the place of (burial).

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 1) 31 Dec. 43, Bordeaux, France. 2) 3 Jan. 44 Oschesleben, Germany. 3) Brunswick, Germany on 11 Jan.44

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: HALDEN Robert H.  
 Rank: 2nd. Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-801768  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Wounded, and, I believe, struggled with controls.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Announced  
2 motors burning and gave "bail out" order.

Was he injured? Yes, by 20 mm. fire from ME 109's.

Where was he when last seen? At controls of ship.

Any hearsay information: German soldiers who captured me said they found  
a body in the ship. Hallden's was the only one not accounted for. None  
of the crew members actually saw this body.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Since the ship  
exploded very soon after I bailed out, (the last to leave), and since  
Lt. Hallden was at the controls when I left the ship, it is my opinion  
that he was still in it when it exploded.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: 1) Jan. 3, 44 Oscesleben, Germany. 2) Jan. 5, 44  
Kiel, Germany. 3) Jan. 8, 44 Ludwigshaven, Germany. 4) Jan. 11, 44,  
Brunswick, Germany.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Gerald N. Limon Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-809658  
303rd Kermit D. Walter
2. Organization HB Gp Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Shayler Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Brunswick, target, Aircraft factory, target time, 1205, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, via Zeider Zee straight., route flown Well South of scheduled route.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Southwest of Osnabruk, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all crew members except Pilot, Lt. Robert H. Hallden.
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". F/O Hubenschmidt, Bomb. thru Nose Hatch. Copilot Gentry thru Nose Hatch. Sgts. Binben, Robinson, Chatoian, Hutchins, Hays, and Moore, all thru Waist Escape hatch. All jumped at approx. 1105 11 Jan. 44 20 km. SW Osnabruk, Germany.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? At above location.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Only Lt. Robert H. Hallden Pilot.
11. Where were they in aircraft? At 1st Pilot Controls.
12. What was their condition? Wounded by 20 mm. fire.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? We found Lt. Gentry's body on ground at above location. His chute had not opened. All other crew members with the exception of Lt. Hallden parachuted safely. German soldiers said they had found a body among the ruins of the ship, and this would have been Hallden's, but they would not allow us to verify this.
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

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: HALLDEN Robert H.  
 Rank: 2nd. Lt.  
 Serial number: O-801768  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

gave the order to bail out

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

up in the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: Jan 5, 1944, Kiel, Jan 7,

Lewisshaven, Jan 11, Aschersleben

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1930

Name of crew member: GENTRY Raymond L.  
 Rank: 2nd. Lt.  
 Serial number: O-683678  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Blew up in ship

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? On the Ground Dead

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

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

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

killed - I saw his body on the ground  
He didn't have on any parachute

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2Dates and destinations if possible: Dec 31, 1943 - Bordeaux France

Jan 11, 1944 - Aachen/Germany

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Henry G. Hays Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 18218065
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO Waltwick Shaylor Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Jan day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 4, target, Aschersleben, target time, 11:20, altitude, 27,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Osnebruck
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". They all left before I did. They are all safe with the exception of Hallden & Bentley
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Osnebruck  
(Blew up in mid air)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I don't know  
St. Hallden I think.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot
12. What was their condition? I don't know
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? La Harpe France - safe and in American hands
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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IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members  
TO: HAYS, Henry G. Sgt. 18318065

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
  - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
  - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail  
the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-3,  
Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
Washington 25, D. C.

(JAGO 15 November 1945)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS  
(AR 25-100)

1. Army Regulations 25-100, 29 May 1945, provide a means whereby reimbursement may be obtained by military personnel and civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army for private property damaged, lost, destroyed, captured or abandoned in the service when the circumstances of the loss are within the purview of the cited regulations. (For further details see AR 25-100, 29 May 1945, obtainable at any post, camp, station or military establishment.)

2. A claim for private property lost in the service should be made on WD Form 30B, 1 June 1945, and submitted to the Commanding Officer of the organization to which the claimant belongs or with which he is serving if practicable, otherwise to the Commanding Officer of any post, camp, station or military establishment, if practicable the one nearest the point where investigation of the facts and circumstances can most conveniently be made. Claims may also be submitted to the Commanding General of any Service Command or Air Technical Service Command, within the United States, its territories and possessions, or to any office of the Command Claims Service in any Theater of Operations or other Command outside the continental limits of the United States. In any case where submission under the foregoing provisions is impracticable claims may be submitted direct to The Judge Advocate General, Washington 25, D. C.

3. Blank forms and assistance in the preparation of a claim may be obtained from the Claims Officer at the post, camp, station or other military establishment where the claim is submitted.

RALPH G. BCYD  
Colonel, JAGD  
Chief of Claims Division

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1980

Name of crew member: **HALLDEN Robert E.**  
 Rank: **Sgt. Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0-221703**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE OF BAILING OUT

Where? KIRCHLINGEN - GERMANY - BETWEEN OSNAERUCK & MUNSTER.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ONE OF PILOTS YELLED ON INTERPHONE TO "BAIL OUT" DONT KNOW WHICH ONE

Was he injured? ENGINEER CLAIMS HE WAS DROPPED OVER THE CONTROLS

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS SEAT

Any hearsay information: ENGINEER TOLD ME THAT WHEN HE LEFT HIS POSITION IT LOOKED AS THOUGH HALLDEN WAS INJURED AND WAS DROPPED OVER THE CONTROL STICK AND HIS RIGHT HAND STILL ON THROTTLE'S.

Source: OUR ENGINEER

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: BELIEVE IT WAS HIS 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dates and destinations if possible: JAN. 7, 1944 - LUDWIGSCHAFEN

JAN. 11, 1944 ASCHERSLEBEN

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 1989

Name of crew member: **GENTRY Raymond L.**  
 Rank: **Enl. Lt.**  
 Serial number: **G-882678**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW.

Where? KIRCHLINGEN - GERMANY - BETWEEN OSNABRUCK & MUNSTER

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

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

YELLED OUT ON INTERPHONE TO "BAIL-OUT" DONT KNOW WHICH ONE

Was he injured? FOUND DEAD ON GROUND.

Where was he when last seen? GOING PAST ME UP INTO NOSE TO BUCKLE ON HIS CHUTE

Any hearsay information: NAVIGATOR + ABOUT FOUR ENLISTED MEN TOLD ME

SEVEN DAYS LATER (MY CHUTE SPILLED IMMEDIATELY WITH 100MPH. TAIL WIND

NATURALLY I DRIFTED AWAYS FROM SCEN OF CRASH ETC. + DIDNT SEE ANY

OF CREW TILL 7 DAYS LATER). THEY HAD TO PICK UP GENTRY'S BODY + LAY IN

ABOX OF GERMAN TRUCK, FOUND HIM ABOUT 300 YDS. FROM PLANE, TWO BULLET HOLES

THROUGH HIS CHEST + CHUTE STILL CLOSED, BELIEVE TO BE BURIED NEAR  
SCENE: SEEN OF CRASH.

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

SCENE + PICKED UP HIS BODY

Total number of missions of above crew member: BELIEVE IT WAS HIS 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 31, 1943. BORDEAUX

JAN. 4, 1944. - KIEL JAN. 11. ASCHERSLEBEN.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN W. HUBENSCHMIDT Rank F/O Serial No. T-1528
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander STEPHENS Rank COL Sqn CO SHAYLOR Rank MAJ  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JAN. day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ASCHERSLEBEN, target, F.W. ASSEMBLY PLANT, target,  
time, 1135, altitude, 19000 route scheduled, DIRECT TO I.P.  
4 MILE S. OF TARGET, route flown AS SCHEDULED.
5. Where were you when you left formation? PURPLE HEART CORNER
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 KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR TOWN OF KIRCHLINGEN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) POSSIBLY HALDEN.
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? DONT KNOW.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL BUT HALDEN WAS STRUGGLING TO GET OUT
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)

The Embassy of Switzerland in Germany  
Protectoral Section

A. V. 1860/45

Bantikow Castle  
Kustadt on the Mosse  
23 January 1945

M 700 Luft 1 Barth - IV / av

TO : Army Information Center of the  
German Supreme HQ

S a n l f e l d / Saale

We would be very grateful if you inform us on the graves  
of 2nd Lt. R. L. GENTRY and 2nd Lt. R. H. HALLMAN. They have  
been observed at last at Kirchenslangern on 11 January 1944 and  
were shot down presumably at this place.

Very respectfully yours

The Embassy of Switzerland  
Protectoral Section

Signed: Signature illegible

Section VIII A. V. 1860/45

DEAF

True Copy made out  
23 March 1945 Ho.

TO : The Embassy of Switzerland in Germany .....  
IN REPLY TO : Your letter dated 23 January 1945  
M 700 Luft 1 Barth - IV/av  
SUBJECT : Members of the USAAF killed in action

Interment of 2nd Lt. GENTRY took place on 1 February 1944  
in the English Cemetery of Erzwelles - Swire, Grave No.: 10, Row 20.

We received no information on 2nd Lt. HALLMAN.

By Order:

*This report is apparently in reference to  
Gentry, Lester E, O-678355 - KIA-29 Jan 44 in  
same crash near Brussels. MACR 2548.*

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✓  
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VIII BOMBER COMMAND - PROPOSED OVERALL PLAN

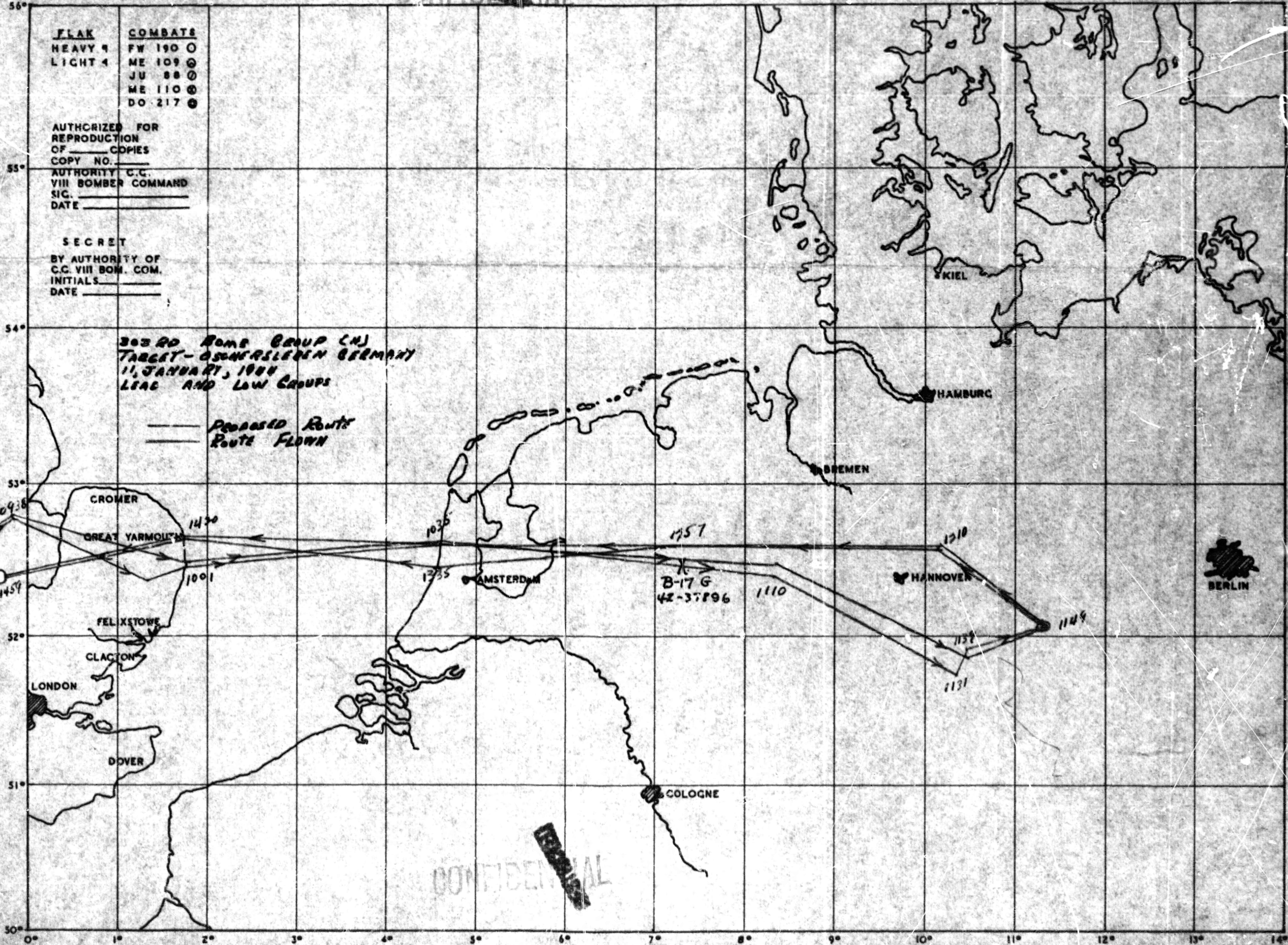
TARGET

Primary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Resort \_\_\_\_\_

TRACK CHART  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Route followed by \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FLAK**  
 HEAVY 9  
 LIGHT 4

**COMBATS**  
 FW 190 ○  
 ME 109 ○  
 JU 88 ○  
 ME 110 ○  
 DO 217 ○

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*303 RD Bomb Group (M)  
 TARGET - OSNERSLEBEN GERMANY  
 11 JANUARY 1944  
 LEAD AND LOW GROUPS*

*Proposed Route  
 Route Flown*

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