

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GILL, Edward J.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-811620
Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? ←

If not, why not? HE WAS DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WHEN
LT GILL WENT TO THE WAIST OF PLANE FOR FIRST AID

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: ONLY THE TAIL GUNNER SAID THAT
WHEN LT GILL STARTED TO BAIL OUT THAT A
2.0 M.M. HIT HIM IN THE BACK AND BLOWED
HIM IN HALF

Source: TAIL GUNNER SGT CHARLES DODGE

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

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

Dates and destinations if possible: FEB 22, 1944 ANTWERP
BELGIUM.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: DI STASI, Robert A.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 11101174
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Asst. Engineer & Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? ✓

If not, why not? HE WAS DEAD

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

AT TIME OF ATTACK

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: YES HE WAS SHOT ALL TO PIECES

WITH SMALL CAL.

Source: TAIL GUNNER SGT CHARLES DODGE

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

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

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 FEB 44 ANTWERP

BELGIUM

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CEALDI, Frederick J.
 Rank: E/Sgt.
 Serial number: 18063124
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Fighter)~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ANTWORTH BELGIUM

If not, why not? <

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called and said he was hit.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN A HOSPITAL BRUSSEL BELGIUM

any hearsay information: YES FROM AN OFFICER THAT WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH HIM.

Sources: AN OFFICER NAME UNKNOWN

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

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

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 FEB 44. ANTWORTH BELGIUM

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KARRAPEL, Eugene H.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 3470463
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Asst. Tail Gunner (Fighter)~~: Asst. Ind. Op. & Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS DEAD

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

TIME OF ATTACK

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: THAT HE WAS DEAD

Source: TAIL GUNNER SGT CHARLES DODGE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: NA

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

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 FEB 44, ANTWERP

BELGIUM

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HOUSER, Donald R.

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 39220902

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret Gunner~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS KILLED BY FLACK

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

MAN CALLED AN SAID HE WAS HIT. BAD

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? UNKNOWN BUT IN RADIO ROOM

Any hearsay information: NO

Sources: NONE

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

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

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 FEB 44 HNT WORTH

BELGIUM

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HOMER M. HOWARD Rank 2nd LT Serial No. O-689592
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander COLE Rank CL Sqn CO SHALLER Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 22 did you go down? YES
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, COMPONENT PART, target, UNKNOWN
 time, 13:01, altitude, 24000 FT route scheduled, UNKNOWN
 route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER FRANCE
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? IN ANTWERP BELGIUM WAREHOUSE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT GILL SGT DISTASTI SGT KANAPPEL SGT HAUSSER
11. Where were they in aircraft? WAIST
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ISAW LT GILL JUST BEFORE HE WENT TO THE WAIST THE OTHER THREE WHEN WE LEFT THE BASE.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Nationality: USA

819-963

Name: 2 Unknown (Together with Kannapel E. H., Houser Donald R.)

Rank: Pilot

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 22 Feb 44, at 1605 hours, shot down near Duffel 15 km southeast of Antwerpen near Paalen, 15 km west of Hulst (washed ashore)

Place of Grave: 24 Feb 44, Enemy Cemetery Antwerpen-Deurne, Grave No. 72 and 73

Reported by: R.d.L. No. 631/44, 23/3 44. V 4 a. Ref IV 1

Dead List No. 25

Serial No. 31-32

II. Reported by: District Airbase Command A 92/XI Antwerpen-Deurne, Distribution No. 55. From 5 Feb to 25 Feb 44

Take off A. V. 712/44

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1 IDENTIFICATION TAGS

FREDERICK J. CATALDI

13083124 T 43 B

1 IDENTIFICATION TAG

CHARLES E. NICKLETT

O - 742 008 T 42 - 43 O
P

1 PILOT AND CREW MEMBER PHYSICAL RECORD CARD

A.S.N. 13083141

1 OFFICERS IDENTIFICATION TAG CARD No 7173 90

CHARLES EDWIN NICKLETT 2nd. Lt. A.U.S. O-742008
date of birth 2. Nov. 1922

1 PILOT AND CREW MEMBER PHYSICAL RECORD CARD

NICKLETT CHARLES E 2nd. Lt. ASN 0742008

1 IMMUNIZATION REGISTER NICKLETT CHARLES 2nd Lt.

C.H.W.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIRFIELD COMMAND A 92/ XI

PLACE: ANTWERPEN DEURNE

DATE: 22. February 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: B 17

EX. LANDING: AT: 22. February 1944 1505 DUFFEL

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) CATALDI

FIRST NAME: FREDERICK J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13083124

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near place of crash 22. February 1944 1800

NAME OF HOSPITAL: airforce hospital BRUESSEL - ST. JILLES 22. February 44

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Med on 25. March 1944 1030 in airforce hospital BRUESSEL ST. JILLES

see AV 769 and 712
CATALIN Frederick John
1908124 T 43

DOW

EU 957
Deceased in the Hospital, Army Post N.I. 21950,
Main Mail Office Brussels, on 25 March 1944
Shot down at Laffel, 15 km south of Antwerp

MACR 2647

Min 22 Feb 44
DOW 25 Mar 44
A.C.

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March 22, 1944

On March 22, 1944 I was called to the patient Frederik Donald to take care of him as a catholic chaplain. The patient was very dumb, when I appealed to him in english, he looked up to me, but didn't talk. Then I gave him absolution and the extreme unction. On his bedside-table the Patient had a Bibel and a rosary.

Joh. Blumenthal

Cpl. M. G.

DOW

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**International Red-Cross .
Geneva**

BOUNCE ON DEATH

Name	:	CATALDI
First Name	:	Frederick
Date of birth	:	August 4, 1914
Place of birth	:	Spangler Pennsylvania
Serial No.	:	U.S.A. Airforce 13083124
Next of kin	:	Wife: Grace Cataldi , 119, S. Center Street Ebensburg Pennsylvania
Place of capture	:	Place of airplane crash near Antwerpen.
Cause of death	:	Shrapnell-wound left side Weakness of heart and blood- circulation after covers Cellulites .
Interment	:	Interred on Military Cemetery for English soldiers in Brussel - Evere
Grave location	:	Section 10, Row 20, Grave 1011
Personal belongings:	:	1 comb, 1 wedding-ring (gold) pictures , identification-tag with chain , 1 rosary 1 leather case , 1 dollar

Daw

March 29 , 1944

Signature	Signature	Signature
illegible	illegible	illegible
Col. M.C.	Capt. M. C.	Capt. M. C.

AV 712

4) Downing of a B 17 F,
License No. 25 700,
on 22 Feb. 44, Time 1605,
near Duffel, 15 km SE of
Antwerpen. Washed ashore
near Paalen, 15 km N West

UNKNOWN
SERIAL R.
USAAF
39280902 T 43 A

25/30 " Grave No. 75
- KIA

EUGENE H.

UNKNOWN
S. H.
USAAF
34476443 T 43 A

25/29 " Grave No. 72
- KIA

UNKNOWN

" Grave No. 72

UNKNOWN

25/31-32 " Grave No. 73

Two unknowns are:

See KU 957
AV 769

EDWARD J. GILL, 0811620
ROBT. A. DISTASI, 11101174
Signature

Local Quarters, 26 Feb. 1944

S/Sgt. for captured enemy equipment

MACR 2647

11 man crew

6 - EUS

4 - KIA (See above)

1 - DOW (FREDERICK J. CATALDI, 13083124)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIRFIELD COMMAND A 92/ XI

PLACE: ANTWERPEN DEURNE

DATE: 22. February 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. B 17

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: 22. February 1944 1605 DUFFEL

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

CATALDI

FIRST NAME:

FREDERICK J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

13083124

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near place of crash 22. February 1944 1800

NAME OF HOSPITAL: airforce hospital BRUESSEL - ST. JILLES 22. February 44

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Died on 25. March 1944 1020 in airforce hospital BRUESSEL ST. JILLES

MAR 26 47

DOW

see AV 769
AV 712

Command Air Base District Brussels.

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Report

of salvage Detachment met 2 M/N

Post: Antwerp-Dourne

Postal No: I 54 209 B, Brussels.

Local Quarters 2.3.44.

on Salvage of B-17 Aircraft

Place of crash: Duffels

Date of crash: 22/2.44 - 16.05

Type: B-17 F

Nationality: USA.

Make No: 25 708 H

Location: IS.

Engine No 1: 140 155 - 2, 140 046
3: 137 102 - 4, 127 743

Type: Cyclone 9

2. Fuselage: 100% - engine No 1: 90% - 2. 90% - 3. 90% - 4. 90% destruction.

3. Kind of landing: downing. Kind of capture: Flak.

4. Reported by: Air Base Hqs. Antwerp-Dourne.

5. crew: 10 men. Nationality: USA. Dead: 4, missing: 2, captured: 4.

7. Salvaged by: met 2 M/N Time: 27.2.44 - 1.3. - 2.3.44.

8. Shipped by: Airfield Detachment Antwerp-Dourne. on the 2.3.44
Travel No: 067860,7.

10. Kind & No of wagon: B 170 828, B 174 096, B 122 550.

11. Fuselage shipped to Heavy Equipment Depot 5. Engines etc. Accessories etc.

14. Armament: 10 Browning machine guns cal. 50 M 2

15. Ammunition: Bulbs 600 rounds, damaged. Rest of components: black.

16. Bombs: none.

19. Propeller: 3 metal blades.

signed: Mertens, M/Sgt.

Command Air Base District Brussel.

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REPORT

NO 957

of salvage Detachment mot 2 B/N

Post: Antwerp-Deurne

Postal No: L 54 289 B, Brussel.

Local Quarters 2.3.44.

on Salvage of Enemy Aircraft.

Place of crash: Duffel.

Date of crash: 22/2.44 - 16.05

Type: B 17 F

Nationality: USA.

Make No: 25 788 B

Located: fin

Engine No 1: 140 155 - 2, 140 046
3: 137 102 - 4, 127 743

Type: Cyclone 9

2. Fuselage: 100% - engine No 1: 90% - 2, 90% - 3, 90% - 4, 90% destruction.

3. Kind of landing: downing. Kind of capture: Flak.

4. Reported by: Air Base Hqs. Antwerp-Deurne.

5. crew: 10 men, Nationality: USA. Dead: 4, missing: 2, captured: 4.

7. Salvaged by: mot 2 B/N Time: 27.2.44 - 1.3. - 2.3.44

8. Shipped by: Airfield Detachment Antwerp-Deurne. on the 2.3.44
Travel No: 06786077.

10. Kind & No of wagon: 3 170 828, B 174 096, B 122 550.

11. Fuselage shipped to Enemy Equipment Depot 5. Engines dto. Accessories dto.

14. Armament: 10 Browning machine guns cal. 50 M 2

15. Ammunition: Belts 600 rounds, damaged. Rate of components: black.

16. Bombs: none.

19. Propeller: 3 metal blades.

signed: Mertens, M/Sgt.

957 Feb. 22, 1944 Fortress

Morrin, John Russell 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: O-804 848
Taken prisoner

Howard, Homer M. 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: O-688 592
Taken prisoner

Beck, John Arthur, 1st Lt. born Oct. 2, 1921
Ident. Tag: 34 432 291
Taken prisoner

Sheehan, Richard Banks 2nd Lt. born Oct. 17, 1910
Ident. Tag: O-691 576
Taken prisoner

Catelli, Fredric, Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 13 033 124
Wounded
Location: in a field
Hospital

Kannapel, E.H., Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 3 647 463
Dead

Grave 71

Houser, Donald R. Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 39 260 902
Dead

Two Unknown Dead

The dead were buried
Feb, 24, 1944 in ~~the~~ enemy cemetery
Antwerp - Dourne, Belgium

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Classification changed
 to ~~RESTRICTED~~
 by S. A. BRADUPAS, Lt. Col., AG
 by P. M. MUECH, Capt., AG
 Date: MAR 15 1948

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
 Group 303 rd ; Squadron 360th ; Detachment -----
 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached chart
 Intended Destination Aschersleben ; Type of Mission Bombardment
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6-9/10 stratocumulus clouds
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 Feb. 44 Time 1555 ; and Location 50°45'N - 04°35'E Approximate
 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.
 5. 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 Reasons unknown. #4 engine was smoking. A/C peeled off and was
descending in shallow glide and under control when last to view.
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17-F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5738
 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64610
 (b) 41-2599 ; (c) 43-64719 ; (d) 43-61666
 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
 (e) _____ ; (f) See attached sheet ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 1 ; Total 11
 (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 |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------|---------------|
| 1. Pilot | See attached sheet | | |
| 2. | | | |
| 3. | | | |
| 4. | | | |
| 5. | | | |
| 6. | | | |
| 7. | | | |
| 8. | | | |
| 9. | | | |
| 10. | | | |
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
 CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank	Contacted By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	-----				
2.					
3.					
 12. 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) -----
 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
 WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See chart attached.
 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
 PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. -----
 15. 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 24 February 1944

Jesse M. Barrett *et al.*
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.

Div 8

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INSTALLED WEAPONS (Make, Type and Serial Number) of A/C #42-8768

488236	R.P.T.	--	Savage Arms Corp.
488276	L.Tail	--	" " "
488263	Left B.T.	--	" " "
488265	Right Tail	--	" " "
489050	Radio	--	" " "
488027	R Nose	--	" " "
467985	L Nose	--	" " "
452074	R.W.	--	Kelsey Hayes.
451929	L.W.	--	" "
157042	L U.T.	--	High Standard Mfg. Co.
31865	Right U.T.	--	A C Spark Plug Div. GM

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<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in full (Last name first)</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
<i>RMC</i> 1. Pilot	MORRIN, JOHN R.	2nd Lt.	0-803948 <i>RTD</i>
<i>RMC</i> 2. Co-Pilot	SHEEHAN, RICHARD X.	2nd Lt.	0-691376 <i>Rtd</i>
<i>KIA</i> 3. Navigator	GILL, EDWARD J.	2nd Lt.	0-811620
<i>RMC</i> 4. Bombardier	HOWARD, HOMER M.	2nd Lt.	0-888592 <i>RTD</i>
5. Observer	WEINERENNER, GEORGE R.	Major	0-375016 <i>RTD</i>
<i>RTD</i> 6. Engineer - TIG	BECK, JOHN A.	T/Sgt.	34482291 <i>RTD</i>
<i>KIA</i> 7. Asst. Eng. & L.W.G.	DI STASI, ROBERT A.	Sgt.	11101174
<i>KIA</i> 8. Radio Operator	CATAIDI, FREDERICK J.	T/Sgt.	13083124
<i>KIA</i> 9. Asst. Rad. Op. & RWG	KANNAPPEL, EUGENE H.	Sgt.	36476463
<i>KIA</i> 10. Ball Turret Gunner	HOUSER, DONALD R.	Sgt.	39280902
<i>RMC</i> 11. Tail Gunner	DODGE, CHARLES G. JR.	Sgt.	11116494 <i>RTD</i>

Handwritten notes:
 7-10-43
 11-17-43
 12-1-43

Handwritten notes:
 10-1-43
 10-1-43

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Gill, Edward J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 0-511620
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? Was told he was dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I heard, over the interphone, him asking for some sulphernilimide to administer first aid to the ball gunner who had been hit with flak.

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? I saw him last going through the bomb-bay.

Any hearsay information: I was told by the tail gunner that Lt. Gill was hit in the back with a 20mm while he was adjusting his chute. He was instantly killed.

Source: Dodge, Charles Sgt. Tail gunner.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Was on his fourth.

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) Wilhelmshaven, Feb. 3 1944,
(2) Airfield near Orleans, France Feb. 5, 1944 (approx.) (3) Leipzig,
Feb. 20, 1944 (4) Aschersleben, Feb. 22, 1944-Shot down over Antwerp
on return.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIREName of crew member: KARAPHEL, Eugene H.Rank: Sgt.Serial number: 36476463Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Asst. Tail Gunner~~ Asst. Rad. Op. & Right Waist GunnerDid he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? Was told he was deadLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Heard him report fighters attackingWas he injured? KilledWhere was he when last seen? Last seen by me before crossing channelAny hearsay information: Was told he was killed by machine-gun fire while firing his gun.Source: Dodge, Charles Sgt. Tail gunner

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: Was on his forthDates and destinations if possible: (1) Wilhelmshaven, Feb. 3 1944,(2) Airfield near Orleans, France Feb. 5, 1944 (approx.) (3) Leipzig,Feb. 20, 1944 (4) Ashersleben, Feb. 22, 1944-Shot down over Antwerpon return.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: DI SEASI, Robert A.
 Ranks: Sgt.
 Serial number: 11101174
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Asst. Engineer & Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Was told he was dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? Heard him report fighters attacking.

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? Last seen by me before crossing channel.

Any hearsay information? Was told he was killed by a 20mm while firing his gun.

Source: Dodge, Charles Sgt. Tail gunner

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Was on his forth

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) Wilhelmshaven, Feb. 3 1944,
(2) Airfield near Orleans, France Feb. 5, 1944 (approx.) (3) Leipzig,
Feb. 20, 1944 (4) Antwerp, Feb. 27, 1944 - shot down over Antwerp
on return.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROUSER, Donald S.

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 39280903

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ball Turret GunnerDid he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? KilledLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Heard him say he was hit and was coming out of the turret.Was he injured? Died from wounds received.Where was he when last seen? Last seen by me at takeoffAny hearsay information: Was told he died from loss of bloodSource: Dodge, Charles Sgt. Tail gunner

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Was on his forth.Dates and destinations if possible: (1) Wilhelmshaven, Feb. 3, 1944.(2) Airfield near Orleans, France Feb. 5, 1944 (ADIFOL) (3) Lelidis.Feb. 20, 1944 (A) Acher-Loben, Feb. 22, 1944-Shot down over ADIFOLon return.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Richard X. Sheehan Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-691376
2. Organization 303Bm Sp Commander Rank _____ Sqn CO W.K. Shaylor Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Aachenleben, target, Factories, airplane target
 time, Approx. noon, altitude, approx. 25000 route scheduled, north of
Rhur, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just over border of Belgium.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Engineer, Tail Gunner, Pilot, and
Bombardier, and an Observer
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". See other side and.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? near Antwerp
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
 cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Navigator, Lt. Gill,
Edward J., Right waist gunner, Kannapel, Eugene H., Left waist gunner
Di stasi, Robert A., Ball gunner, Donald R. Houser,
11. Where were they in aircraft? in the waist
12. What was their condition? Dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
 cribed above? -----

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)

1. Major Weznbrenner ,George R. Observer,first to bail out,didn't see his chute. Heard later he escaped.
2. Lt. Morrin,John R.,pilot,last to bail out,landed to with in three hundred yards of me,were picked up together . Were together all through capture.
- 3.Lt. Howard,Homer M., saw him bail out ,was with him later in guard house (German) in Antwerp. He was bombardier.
4. Sgt.Beck,John,A. , Engineer,saw him bail out,was with him later in German guard house at Antwerp.
5. Sgt.Cataldi,Frederick,J. Radio operator, saw chute ,for further reference see casulaty questionnaire.
6. Sgt. Dodge,Charles,G. Jr., Tail gunner,saw chute. Had a glimpse of him later,ina railroad station at Brussels, Belgium . Next saw him in the States.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Gill, Edward J.
Rank: Sgt 1st.
Serial number: O-611630
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No

mentioned time to take my parachute & jump.
No interphone communication.
Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Radio room floor

Any hearsay information? No

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Eye
witness to death

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: On my service record
cannot recall accurately

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DI STASI, Robert A.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 11101174
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ Asst. Engineer & Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? —

If not, why not? Killed

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

Was he injured? —

Where was he when last seen? Lying under left waist window

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

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

witness to death.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: on service record

cannot recall accurately.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CATALDI, Frederick J.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 13083134
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 5 mi E. of Antwerp

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Said
planned he'd been hit in back.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Enemy hospital in Antwerp

Any hearsay information: American patients (unknown)
from same hospital told me of his death
while they were there.

Sources: American patients, in Antwerp unknown.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Refer to service records

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KANNAPEL, Eugene H.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 36476463
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~ Asst. Eng. Op. & Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As I left tail waist he nodded toward the base, indicating he was not.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Lying under left waist window

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Eye witness to death

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Refer to service record.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MOUSE, Donald R.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 39280803
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called on interphone to pilot that his plane was low.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Half in and Half out of turret

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Eye witness to death

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Refer to service record

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CHARLES G DODGE Jr. Rank Tech Sgt Serial No. 1115494
303rd Bomb.
2. Organization 303rd Bomb. Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank MAJOR
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, refer to serv. rec. target, refer to serv. rec. target
 time, refer to serv. rec. altitude, 18,000 route scheduled, refer to
serv. record, route flown refer to serv. record
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Germany
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". Pilot Co-pilot, tail-gunner both eng. ALSO MAJOR G2 (unknown) bailed out over Belgium near Antwerp. ALSO RADIO MAN
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? E.N.E (APP) 5 mi. Antwerp.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NAV: Gill BTO: Houser
AWG: D. STASI RW-G: KANNAPEL
11. Where were they in aircraft? Refer to INDIV. CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
12. What was their condition? Killed
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

authority of *your superior*
the Adjutant General's Office
date *Aug 7 1945*

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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **EUGENE KANAPPLE** Right waist gunner B-17

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Rantoul, Ill.**

GRADE OR RANK **Sgt**

ORGANIZATION **303 Bomb Gp, 360 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **22 February 1944, Northeast of Antwerp, Belgium**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Kanapple was killed at his position in the aircraft by gunfire from enemy fighters. The Germans later confirmed this by showing me his picture and saying that they had found his body.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **Yes**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Unknown**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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7 August 1945
SIGN HERE *Charles C. Dodge, Jr.*
Name and serial number

**Sgt. Charles C. Dodge, Jr, 11115494,
61 Evergreen Dr., Hartford, Conn.**
Your home address

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED **DONALD HOWSER** Ball turret gunner B-17
HOME TOWN OR STATE **(Unknown), Pa.**
GRADE OR RANK **Sgt.**
ORGANIZATION **302 Bomb Gp, 360 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **22 February 1944, Northeast of Antwerp, Belgium.**
CAUSE OF DEATH **Howser was killed by enemy fighter fire at his position in the aircraft.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **Yes**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH
Unknown

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Military Intelligence Service

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George R. WEINBERGER, Major, O-575016
(Name) (Rank) ASN

15 Sep 1944
(Date)

8th VIII Air Force
(Unit)

RAF 2060

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-803843	2d Lt.	John R. MORRIS	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-691576	2d Lt.	Richard X. SHEEHAN	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-811630	2d Lt.	Edward J. GILL	NIA KIA
BOMBARDIER	0-688592	2d Lt.	Homer H. EDWARD	NIA
RADIO OPERATOR	54432291	T/Sgt.	John A. BECK	P/E
TOP TURRET GUNNER	15093124	T/Sgt.	Frederick J. CATALDI	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	39280902	Sgt.	Donald R. HOUSER	KIA
WAIST GUNNER	11101174	Sgt.	Robert A. DI STASI	NIA KIA
WAIST GUNNER	36476463	Sgt.	Eugene H. KANAPFEL	NIA
TAIL GUNNER	11115494	Sgt.	Charles G. DODGE, JR.	P/W
OBSERVER	0-575016	Major	George R. WEINBERGER	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

22 Feb 1944; 1630 hrs.; DUFFEL, Belgium.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
One motor out, oil pressure dropping, a/e vibrating, fire in ball turret.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
17,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Believe two of crew were killed in crash; ball turret gunner was wounded during fighter attack.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
Don't know them all; Bombardier's chute opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
Unknown.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **No.**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **I was told that two bodies were found in wreckage.**

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
Not given.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Not given.**

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PRIMARY TARGET—ASCHERSLEBEN
22, FEBRUARY, 1944

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H) LEAD & LOW

PROPOSED ROUTE

ROUTE FLOWN



BERLIN



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CROMER

GREAT YARMOUTH

FELIXSTOWE

LONDON

DOVER

AMSTERDAM

COLOGNE

HANNOVER

HAMBURG

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