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11-14-45	Summary, E.T.	Pyle
	Smith, Miles	"
	Stowers, H.L.	"
	Tarr, E.T.	"
	Dick, Andrew, Jr.	"
	Palmer, F.T.	"
	Schorr, John (NANA)	"
	Fadick, E.T.	"

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SMITH, Marshall File # 2763
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: O-8[illegible]888
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: JUST BEFORE WE WERE HITED

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PLANE I didnt SEE him

Any heresay information: WE WERE HIT 20 MINS. OFF OF SCHWEINFURT. THE GERMANS, TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE, ALL KILLED THAT IS THE 8 OF MY CREW ~~HERE~~ ME AND LT NEWWORTH SAW EACH OTHER ON THE GROUND. HE JUMPED I WAS BLOWN OUT.

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE GERMANS POLICE TOLD US THAT HE WAS BURNED TILL YOU COULDN'T TELL WHO HE WAS EXCEPT BY HIS DOG TAGS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible; THEY WERE ALL MADE BETWEEN Dec 1943 TO FEB 24, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PALENIK, Francis J. File # 2703
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-745166
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? Lt. NEUWORTH, SAID HE WAS [redacted]dy To BAIL OUT.

Any heresay information: SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation in his note based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible; ~~[redacted]~~ BETWEEN Dec 12, 1943 TO FEB. 24/944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TROY, Edward J. File # 2763
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-685390
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WE had OXYGEN CHECK ABOUT EVER 5 MINS. HE W/THE ONE THAT did THAT

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS READY TO BAIL OUT WITH LT PALECEK LT. NEUWORTH SAID

Any hearsay information? SAME AS LT. SMITH

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation as to facts based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS LT SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN Dec 12, 1943 TO FEB. 24, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DICK Jr., Andrew File # 2763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 37384231
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Engineer & Top Turr. Gun.

Did he bail out? NO KNOWEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWEDGE

Any hearsay information: SAME AS Lt. SMITH'S

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation or his info based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible; BETWEEN Dec. 12, 1943 TO FEB, 24, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: [redacted], John File # 2763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 35520307
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Asst'n Eng. & Right Waist Gun. LEFT

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact by conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? NO KNOWLEDGE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? AT THE LEFT WAIST GUN

Any hearsay information? SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Captured? GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation as to his fate based in part or wholly on supposition? SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible; BETWEEN Dec. 12, 1943 TO FEB. 24, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FROLICK, Melvin J. File # 3765
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 36435017
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Radio Operator

Did he bail out? NO KNOWEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: AFTER BOMBS AWAY. HE TOLD THE BOMBARDIER BOMB BAY DOORS CLOSED

Was he injured? NO KNOWEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWEDGE

Any hersay information: SAME AS Lt. SMITH'S EXCEPT HE WAS NOT BURNED.

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THE GERMAN POLICE TOLD ME AND LT. NEU WORTH THAT THE TOP OF his HEAD WAS OFF & AND HE SHOWED US FROLICK DOG TAGS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible; BETWEEN Dec. 12, 1943 TO FEB. 24, 1944

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[redacted]

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SIMON, Gustav J. File # 2763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 36185208
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Asst Rad. Oper. & B.T.G.

Did he bail out? NO KNOWEDGE

Where?

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWEDGE

Any hearsay information: SAME AS LT SMITH'S

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation as his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS LT. SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 12 TO 14

Dates and destinations if possible; NO KNOWEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: STEUER, Norman L. File # 3763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 34512488
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Left Waist Gunner~~ RIGHT

Did he bail out? NO KNOWEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWEDGE

Where was he when last seen? [redacted] AT THE RIGHT WAIST

Any hearsay information? SAME AS Lt. SMITH'S

Source: GERMAN POLICE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS Lt. SMITH'S

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 15

Dates and destinations if possible; NO KNOWEDGE

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FUGATE, WALTER C. Rank S/SGT Serial No. 15339753

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month FEB day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, 17, target, SCHWEINFURT, target time, 2:10 AM 14:10, altitude, 23000 FT. route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown EAST A PASSED THE TARGET THEN TOWARD THE SOUTH WEST ACROSS THE TARGET

5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 20 MINS OFF OF TARGET

6. Did you bail out? I WAS BLOWN OUT AT 6000 FT. LT NEUWORTH SAID THAT WHEN THE PLANE BLEW UP I WAS OUT FROM THE LACK OF OXYGEN

7. Did other members of crew bail out? ONE. LT. NEUWORTH BAIL OUT THE NOSE AFTER IT WAS BLOWN OFF

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". LT. NEUWORTH BAIL OUT THE NOSE AFTER IT WAS BLOWN OFF. About 5000 FT. I WAS BLOWN OUT A 6000 FT. HE BAIL OUT RIGHT AFTER THAT.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) THERE WERE 8 MEMBERS OF MY CREW IN THE AIRCRAFT 1/LT. SMITH, LT. PALECEK, LT. TROY T/SGT DICK, S/SGT SCHOR, T/SGT FROLICK, S/SGT SIMON AND S/SGT STAUTER. THAT WHAT THE GERMAN POLICE TOLD ME AND LT. NEUWORTH.

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? SEEN LT NEUWORTH ON THE GROUND AFTER THE GERMANS HIM AND HIM. SO THEY PUT SIDE BY SIDE AND MARCH US UP TO THE GERMAN POLICE HEADQUARTER HE SEEMED TO BE ALRIGHT

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)

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Dear Sir:

I hope the information will Help you in Every way. to find out what ~~[illegible]~~ become of my crew. if you could take the Germans for what they told me we would know that they were all KILLED

But if you took the Germans for what they ~~[illegible]~~ to tell Everbody. they might have the world by now. If I can help in any other way please write me.

Sincerly Yours,

Walter C. Sprague

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Edward Neuwirth Rank 1st.Lt. Serial No. O-808119
358 Bomb.Sqn.303 Bomb.Gp.
2. Organization / Gp Commander Stevens (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchel (full name) Rank Major
3. What year 1944 month February day 24th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 16th, target, Schweinfurt, target time, about 1:30 pm, altitude, 22000 Ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 4 in high sqdn. high group.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Tailgunner was blown out of aircraft and opened his chute.
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". Tailgunner, S/Sgt Walter Fugate was blown from the aircraft when it exploded. He parachuted to safety and was captured upon landing.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Eight members: Pilot, Co-pilot, Bombardier, Engineer, Radio Operator, Ball Turret Gunner, Left Waist Gunner, Right Waist Gunner.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Co-pilot and Bombardier were near escape hatch below pilots compartment. Pilot was in cockpit. No knowledge of rest.
12. What was their condition? No knowledge.
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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Marshall
J 763

12 March 1946

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces
Attention: AFPPA-8
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Enclosed please find completed forms concerning the crew members of Marshall Smith. I have filled out these forms to the best of my ability, but realize that some of the information you wanted is beyond my memory. I hope they meet with your approval.

2. I am interested in following the results of this questionnaire, and if any more information is turned up by search teams in Germany I would appreciate hearing from you.

Edward Neuwirth

Edward Neuwirth
3618 West Glendale Avenue
Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin

Enclosure

AFPOA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SMITH, Marshall File # 2763
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: O-[illegible]
Position: Crew (Number) [illegible]: Pilot

Did he bail out? I DID NOT SEE HIM BAIL OUT. I DIDN'T SEE HIM AFTER I BAILED OUT
Where? THE PLANE CRASHED NEAR A SMALL VILLAGE NEAR GIESSEN
If not, why not? HE WAS EITHER TRYING TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE PLANE OR ELSE HE WAS TRAPPED.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE RANG BAIL OUT BELL.
Was he injured? HE MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE CRASH
Where was he when last seen? IN PILOTS SEAT.
Any heresay information: I CAN UNDERSTAND GERMAN- MY CAPTORS DID NOT KNOW THAT. THEY SAID THE PILOT WAS STILL IN HIS SEAT WHEN THEY EXAMINED THE PLANE; BUT THAT HE WAS BURNED.

Source: GERMANS.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY EXPLANATION - BASED ON SUPPOSITION WAS THAT SMITH TRIED TO KEEP CONTROL OF THE PLANE AFTER THE EXPLOSION (OR ELSE HE WAS K.O'ED BY THE CONCUSSION) AND WAS UNABLE TO ABANDON SHIP BEFORE IT CRASHED

Total number of missions of above crew member: WAS ON 19TH OR 18TH.
Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 1943 SOUTHERN FRANCE; 11 DEC 1944 EMDEN; 13 DEC. 1944 BREMEN; 16 DEC. 1944 BREMEN; 20 DEC. 1944 BREMEN; 4 JAN 1944 KIEL; 7 JAN 1944; 11 JAN. 1944 OSCHERSLEBEN; 21 JAN. 1944; 24 JAN. 1944; 30 JAN. 1944; 5 FEB. 1944; 6 FEB. 1944; 11 FEB. 1944; 20 FEB. 1944; 21 FEB. 1944; 24 FEB. 1944; 24 FEB. 1944 SCHWEINFURT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PALECEK, Francis J. File # 2763
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-745166
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I DID NOT SEE HIM BAIL OUT. I DIDN'T SEE HIM AFTER I BAILED OUT.

Where? THE PLANE CRASHED NEAR A SMALL VILLAGE NEAR GIESSEN

If not, why not? HE WAS EVIDENTLY TRAPPED & UNCONSCIOUS

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE WAS NEAR THE BAIL OUT HATCH - HE CALLED TO ME TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? HE MUST HAVE BEEN INJURED OR UNCONSCIOUS AFTER THE EXPLOSION.

Where was he when last seen? NEXT TO THE BAIL OUT HATCH BELOW THE PILOTS COMPARTMENT.

Any hearsay information? NONE.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY CONCLUSION WAS THAT HE WAS EITHER UNCONSCIOUS OR UNABLE TO GET THE ESCAPE HATCH OPEN, AND THAT HE CRASHED WITH THE PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 - ON HIS 17th

Dates and destinations if possible:

4 JAN 1944 KIEL	7 JAN 1944	11 JAN. 1944 OSCHERSLEBEN	21 JAN. 1944	29 JAN. 1944	30 JAN. 1944	5 FEB. 1944
6 FEB. 1944	11 FEB. 1944	20 FEB. 1944	21 FEB. 1944	22 FEB. 1944	24 FEB. 1944 SCHWEINFURT	

11 DEC. 1943 EMDEN | 13 DEC. 1943 BREMEN | 16 DEC. 1943 BREMEN | 20 DEC. 1943 BREMEN

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: TROY, Edward J. File # 2763
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-685890
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.

Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.)

If not, why not? He was evidently trapped or unconscious.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was getting ready to bail out.

Was he injured? He must have been injured or unconscious after the explosion.

Where was he when last seen? Next to the bail out hatch below the pilots compartment.

Any hearsay information:

None

Source:

Any explanation as to his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either unconscious or unable to get the escape hatch open, and that he crashed with the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 - on his 17th.

Dates and destinations if possible; 11 Dec.1943, Emden; 13 Dec.1943, Bremen; 16 Dec.1943, Bremen; 20 Dec.1943 Bremen; 4 Jan.1944, Kiel; 7 Jan.1944; 11 Jan.1944, Oschersleben; 21 Jan.1944; 29 Jan.1944; 30 Jan.1944; 5 Feb.1944, 6 Feb.1944; 11 Feb.1944; 20 Feb.1944; 21 Feb.1944; 22 Feb.1944; 24 Feb.1944, Schweinfurt.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DICK Jr., Andrew File # 2763
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 37354231
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.
Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.)

If not, why not? He may have been injured.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No special conversation outside of normal communication during Mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at time of take-off. Last communications came from top turret position.
Any hersay information: None

Source:

Any explanation or his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either unconscious or injured and was unable to make his way to an escape hatch.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 - on his 17th.

Dates and destinations if possible: 11 Dec.1943, Emden; 13 Dec.1943, Bremen; 16 Dec.1943, Bremen; 20 Dec.1943, Bremen; 4 Jan.1944, Kiel; 7 Jan.1944; 11 Jan.1944, Oschersleben; 21 Jan.1944; 29 Jan.1944; 30 Jan.1944; 5 Feb.1944, 6 Feb.1944; 11 Feb.1944; 20 Feb.1944; 21 Feb.1944; 22 Feb.1944; 24 Feb.1944, Schweinfurt.

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INDIVIDUAL CIRCULAR QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew Member: FROLICK, Melvin J. File # 2763
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 38425017
Position of Crew (Number) [redacted]: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.
Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near GIESSEN)

If not, why not? He may have been injured.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO special conversation outside of normal communication during mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at time of take-off. Last communications came from radio room.

Any hearsay information: Germans said that Frolick was thrown out of ship after it crashed. They brought his identification tags from the scene of the crash.

Source: Overheard German conversation.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either unconscious or injured and was unable to make his way to an escape hatch.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 - on His 17th.

Dates and destinations if possible; 11 Dec.1943, Emden; 13 Dec.1943, Bremen; 16 Dec.1943, Bremen; 20 Dec.1943, Bremen; 4 Jan.1944, Kiel; 7 Jan.1944; 11 Jan.1944, Oschersleben; 21 Jan.1944; 29 Jan.1944; 30 Jan.1 944; 5 Feb.1944; 6 Feb.1944; 11 Feb.1944; 20 Feb.1944; 21 Feb.1944; 22 Feb.1944; 24 Feb.1944, Schweinfurt.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SIMON, Gustav J. File # 2763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 36136208
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]; Ass't Rad. Oper. A.T.G.

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.
Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.)

If not, why not? He may have been unable to release himself from the ball turret.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No special conversation outside of normal communication during mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at time of take-off. Last communications came from ball turret.
Any heresay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either injured or was unable to release himself from the ball turret and went down with the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge of number.
Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge -- not a regular member of the crew.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY CORRESPONDENCE

Name of crew member: SCHOM, John File # 2763
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 35520307
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Ass't Eng. & Right Waist Gun.

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.

Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.)

If not, why not? No knowledge.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No special conversation outside of normal communication during mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at time of take-off. Last communications came from waist position.
Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation as to his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either unconscious or injured and was unable to make his way to an escape hatch.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 - All his 17th.

Dates and destinations if possible; 11 Dec.1943, Emden; 13 Dec.1943, Bremen; 16 Dec.1943, Bremen; 20 Dec.1943, Bremen; 4 Jan.1944, Kiel; " Jan.1944; 11 Jan.1944, Oschersleben; 21 Jan.1944; 29 Jan.1944; 30 Jan.1944; 5 Feb.1944, 6 Feb.1944; 11 Feb.1944; 20 Feb.1944; 21 Feb.1944; 22 Feb.1944; 24 Feb.19 44, Schweinfurt.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: STAUTER, Norman L. File # 3767
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 34612[illegible]38
Position: Crew (Member) ~~Engineer-Gunner~~ Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? I did not see him bail out. I didn't see him after I bailed out.

Where? (The plane crashed near a small village near Giessen.)

If not, why not? He may have been injured.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? No special conversation outside of normal communication during mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Last seen at time of take-off. Last communications came from waist position.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My conclusion was that he was either unconscious or injured and was unable to make his way to an escape hatch.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~[illegible]~~

Dates and destinations if possible: ~~[illegible]~~ The above crew member was ill several times and unable to participate in several of the missions. However, he partook in all the rest as shown on reports of other crew members.

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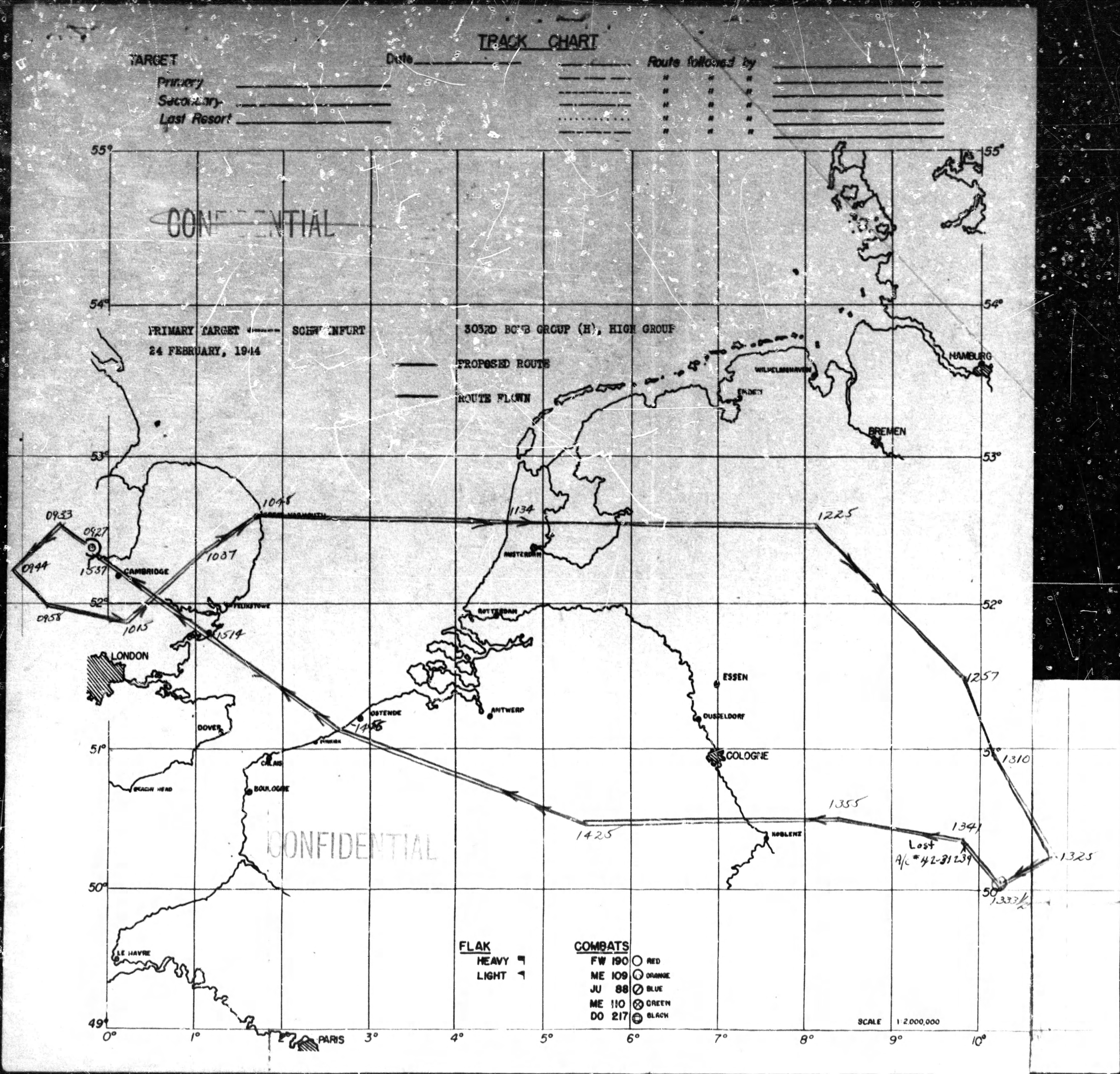
II Technical terms

1. Type of aircraft: [illegible] 3 17 P
2. Silhouet: could not be stated
3. Markings of aircraft: [illegible] ML insignia had to be left on the right side of fuselage
4. Engines: 4 radial engines no numbers could be stated
5. Propellers: 4 three bladed props
6. Bomb: could not be found
7. Arms of craft: 13 machine guns 0,50 "
8. I F F equipment: transmitter-testing unit
FuG 25 a 6200 - 7700 MC
Serial number [illegible], edition 39
Frequency meter: EM 222 F
165 - 225 MC
Serial 921
Dynamotor Umf 1, 6V - 11 conduit or IV
Dynamotor unit: PE 949
Serial 2424
dynamotor unit
type 5026, Ref. No. 210 K / 228
Owner plate "511"

9. Armour:
10. Remarks: on wing - fuselage connection a defect was found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AIRFIELD GIESSEN A
SALVAGE OFFICER
LANGENDIEBACH

FINGLAND DATE: LANGENDIEBACH 26. FEBRUARY 1944

INVESTIGATION REPORT ON SHOT DOWN CRAFT.

I. IN GENERAL:

On 24. February 1944 1345 a n American bomber of the type B 17 F was shot down by fighter in the LANDMARK HUNGEN COUNTY GIESSEN.

1. Location of the craft: The craft is located in the LANDMARK HUNGEN 1000 meters of the village to the right of the road of HUNGEN LANGSDORF

2. Condition of the craft: exploded in the air (fire by hitting the ground) 2 engines, gunners turred and most of the fuesla ge is burnt and destroyed.

3. Disposition of crew: 2 of the crew: F.O. ED. NEUWIRTH SGT. WALTER FUEGNERE were captured on 24. February 1944 sent to the airfield GIESSEN.
8 dead bodies were found. They are burnt mostly on 25. February 44 the dead were buried in HUNGEN.

Names of the death:

1st.Lt	SMITH	PILOT
F/O	PALMR	PILOT
T/Sgt.	TROY	ENGINEER
T/Sgt.	FROLIK	ENGINEER
Sgt.	SCHOTT	GUNNER
Sgt.	GRAUPNER	GUNNER
Sgt.	AUSON	GUNNER

4. Doctor: Captain n.d. Dr. KASSENAUM from LANGENDIEBACH
5. Guard: Police and reserve army guard.

6.2.20.

II Technical terms:

1. Type of craft: B 17 F
2. Number: could not be stated
3. Markings of craft: US insignia and 16 bombs on the right side of fuselage
4. Engines: 4 radial engines no numbers could be stated
5. Propellers: 4 three bladed props
6. Bombs: could not be found
7. Arms of craft: 13 machine guns 0,50 "
8. R/T equipment: transmitter tuning unit FU 4 5 6400 - 7700 KH serial number 64652, condition IN receiver E 52 125 - 7000KC serial 995 Order No 43 I, chi - 1 condit on IV dynamo unit PE 749 serial 2424 dynamotor unit type 5010, Ref. No. 110 1 / 248
9. Armour: Armour plate 0,311 "
10. Remarks: on wing - fuselage connection a defec[illegible] found

Classification changed
to
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date

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HEADQUARTERS 41ST WING
303RD 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F. Group 303rd Bomb Group (H) ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment --
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached Chart Intended Destination Schweinfurt, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Weather clear. Visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 Feb 44 Time 1340 ; and Location Near Schweinfurt, Germany 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 [illegible] TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows Believed to have gone down after attack by Me 110
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31239
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW 001969 (b) SW 002135 ; (c) SW 1112 ; (d) SW 006359
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) ; (b) See Attached ; (c) Sheet ; (d)
   (e) ; (f) ; (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 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).

Status		Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank		Serial Number	
KIA	X 1.	Pilot	7 SMITH, MARSHALL L.	1st Lt.		0-802888	-
"	2.	Co-Pilot	8 PALECEK, FRANCIS J.	2nd Lt.	5	0-745166	-
EUS	3.	Navigator	4 NEUWIRTH, EDWARD (NMI)	2nd Lt.	4	0-808719	RTD
KIA	4.	Bombardier	10 TROY, EDWARD J.	2nd Lt.		0-685890	-
"	5.	Engineer & Top Tur.Gun.	1 DICK, JR., ANDREW (NMI)	T/Sgt.	1	37354231	-
"	6.	Ass't Eng.& Right Waist G.	9 SCHOR, JOHN (NMI)	S/Sgt.		35520307	-
"	7.	Radio Operator	2 FROLICK, EDWIN J.	T/Sgt.	2	38415017	-
RMC	8.	Ass't Rad.Oper.& B.T.G.	6 SIMON, GUSTAF J.	S/Sgt.		36185208	-
KIA	9.	Left Waist Gunner	5 STAUTER, HERMAN L.	S/Sgt.		34612488	-
EUS	10.	Tail Gunner	3 FUGATE, WALTER C.	S/Sgt.	3	15339753	RTD

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	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 Attached Chart
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 25 February 1944

Jesse J. Barrett
JESSE J. BARRETT, (Signature of Preparing Officer)
Major AC,
Gp S-

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Gun Numbers of

A/C #42-31239

748983 CPA
749337 CPA
685037 KHW
684784 KHW
684832 KHW
684731 KHW
684192 KHW
684794 KHW
685130 KHW
685146 KHW
685008 KHW
684007 KHW
685020 KHW

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