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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
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 ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached sheet Intended Destination Oschersleben, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear -- Visibility Good - A/C did not crash - See statements
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11 Jan 44 Time 1329 ; and Location 52°25'N-05°10'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. A/C not missing
(b) Specify whether ( ) 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) (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstance as follows A/C returned to England - 9 of crew bailed out near 52°25'N-05°10'E
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29624 X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) (b) ; (c) ; (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish Below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d)
(e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty 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).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	
*1.	Pilot	RETURNED WATSON, JACK W.	1st Lt.	O-679147	RTD
2.	Co-pilot	DAVID, CLAYTON C. ✓	2nd Lt.	O-682818	RTD
3.	Navigator	LEVERTON, JOHN G. ✓	2nd Lt.	O-669338	RTD
4.	Bombardier	COLVIN, VANCE R. ✓	2nd Lt.	O-679370	
5.	Top Turret	ROWLAND, SAMUEL I. ✓	S/Sgt.	35367994	
6.	Radio Operator	ROMANIEC, HARRY (NMI) ✓	S/Sgt	13068480	RTD
7.	Left Waist Gunner	STEWART, EUGENE R. ✓	Sgt.	15330286	RTD
8.	Right Waist Gunner	FUSSNER, WILLIAM H. ✓	Sgt.	32617975	
9.	Ball Turret	BOOTH, FRED H. ✓	Sgt.	15340445	
10.	Tail Gunner	KOSINSKI, ROMAN P. ✓	Sgt.	11104177	RTD

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

*RETURNED WITH A/C

	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	WATSON, JACK W.	1st Lt.	O-679147	Pilot who returned with A/C			
2.							
3.							

Check Only One Column

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) See attached statements
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. See attached statement
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Incl 13

Date of Report 23 April 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, AC, S-2.

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
305RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557, U.S. ARMY

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23 April 1944.

Statement as to Survivors

This headquarters has received information from the Adjutant General, Casualty Branch, ETOUSA, that 2nd Lt. John G. Leverton, O-669538, navigator of A/C 42-29524, is now a prisoner of war. The same information also came over the German radio on 16 April 1944. On 23 February 1944, a letter was received by 1st Lt. Jack W. Watson from Mrs. Ethel Pell, Chesterfield, Ill., mother of Sgt. Eugene R. Stewart, 15330286, to the effect that she had been advised by the War Department that Sgt. Stewart was a prisoner of war. Sgt. Stewart was left waist gunner on A/C 42-29524. This headquarters has been advised by 1st Bombardment Division that 2nd Lt. Clayton C. David, O-682818, co-pilot, is now in a neutral country.

JOSEPH G. ROBINSON,
Captain, AC,
Group P/W Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557, U.S. ARMY

D-6

23 April 1944.

Statement of 1st Lt. Jack W. Watson, O-679147

On 11 January 1944, on the mission to Oschersleben, Germany, I was the pilot of A/C 42-29524. We were subject to heavy fighter attacks during the whole trip, and the A/C was badly damaged. As we came back over Holland, the wing caught fire. As I was afraid the A/C would blow up in the air, I determined to bail out the crew as soon as I was certain we were over land. After we crossed the Zuider Zee, I checked with the navigator and learned we were over land. I then ordered the crew to bail out which they did. It is my belief that all nine parachutes opened properly, and this belief is confirmed by observations from other aircraft. By the time I was certain all the crew had cleared the plane, it was out over the North Sea so I determined to take a chance on its making England safely. I was able to land the aircraft at the airdrome at Metfield, England.

Jack W. Watson
JACK W. WATSON,
1st Lt., AC.

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Km 680 Jan. 11, 1944 Fortress

Rajadas, Raymond Henry S/Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 11 040 263
Taken Prisoner

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Mills, Emion C. S/Sgt.
Ident. Tag: 35 442 731
Taken Prisoner

Glenn, William T/Sgt.
Ident. tag: 38 099 500
Wounded
Location: In a field hospital

Riccardi, A. J. S/Sgt.
Ident. Tag; 17 076 911
Dead

(Cas Mtk 11 Jan 44

KIA

[redacted], VANCE R. Rank: Sgt.

[redacted], Garland Rank: Sgt. AGE: [redacted]

KIA - [redacted], Walter J. - Dec A# 482
All dead

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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K, 11

see page 140

Grassend, Flak training place
Harderwijk

A.F. 518/44

Personal Casualty Report No. 15 - Period: 7/8/43 to 1/15/44 - Distributor: As usual.

Crash of a burning, 4 engined, unknown enemy aircraft at the Ijsselmeer - direction: 330 degree, 4 - 5 sea miles from the harbor of Harderwijk on 1/11/44 - Harderwijk.

ANGELO J. K.A

RYOGANDY A.J. 170769110 T AS Killed in action(crash) Crew No. 34

The dead man was recovered out of the Ijsselmeer near Harderwijk on 1/11/44 and buried at the community cemetery Harderwijk/Holland - District Gelderland - Ib East - side - on 1/13/44. Enclosed named effects were sent to the air district command Holland - Ic intelligence service.

See page 141

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] 31 January 1944

[redacted]

[redacted]

On 21 January 1944 an Enemy Aircraft was shot down here.
The PILOT [redacted] of the Aircraft was found dead. His identification tags is as follows:

21/10 [redacted]

On 12 January 1944 Corporal [redacted] was buried in the Cemetery of this place.
Please forward information for registery in list of casualty to
Army High Command, Army Information Center Berlin W 30
Hohenstaufen Strasse 67/68

Sign: The Registrar

Stamp.
Recruiting District H.Q.
Mecklenburg/Thuringen
Received on 31 January 1944

K I A

See AV 604

HEADQUARTER OF THE RECRUITING DISTRICT
WEIMAR/THUERINGEN
Section IIb, File No. 12/44

Weimar, 1 February 1944

To: Headquarter of the Recruiting Replacement
District Weimar
Section IIb

Ref. No: Registrar's Office, County [redacted] Norbik
of the 21 th January 1944

Subject: Pilot Candidate [redacted]
A 2 No. 18156286 I 45 A
of the Army Airforce

K.I.A

Sent to you for Signature and the request for forwarding.

Recieved in Weimar;and signed on 2 February 1944

Headquarter of the Recruiting Replacement District
Section Ia Weimar 5 April 1944

Forwarded: to Army High Command
Army Information Point
Berlin
Hohenstaufen Strasse 47/49

AV 487/44

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M/A4 KIA 11 Jan 44

Sgt. COLVIN Vance R. 0 - 679370 T 42 43 0 Pearl C. COLVIN - R.F.D. 2 - Emporia, Kans.

Buried at the Oosterbegraafplaats of Amsterdam on 1/17/44 - Grave No. 77/2 Row No. 69

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To CASE [redacted] are attached :

1 Officer's pay data card

1 Transient Airmen's pass

1 Receipt for miscellaneous collections

4 papers of different kinds

9 Identification tags :

1.) FLOYD H. MCCURDY JR. O-717244 T 41-42 A C

2.) HOWARD L. BINUM [illegible] T 43-43 B P

3.) JAMES A. RICHARDSON 35547464 T 43-43 A P

4.) GAINES W. BAKER 18153939 T 43-44 AB P

5.) EDMUND F. BOUSHEAR 32744771 T 43-44 A C

6.) JOHN R. HERD T-2893 T 43344 B P

7.) LUCAS E. FINNEY 13109042 T 43 O P
HEDEN B. FINNEY
77 16TH ST
WHEELING W. VA.

8.) LUCAS E FINNEY O-755662 T 43-44 O P

9.) NICHOLAS D. SALVITO [illegible]0149 T 43-4 O C

CASUALTY NO.
B-2670

A269 26444

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Body was recovered from the Kinsel See on 16 April 1944, 1200 hours

PLACE OF CRASH: ./.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: ./.

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters E(v) 202/XI

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: FUSSNER , William M.

DATE OF BIRTH: ./.

RANK: ./.

SERIAL NUMBER: 32617975

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: yes

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: ./. TYPE OF INJURY: ./.

GRAVE LOCATION: ./.

REMARKS: ./.

Dulag Luft, 24 Jul 1944 Wo.

Kia 11 Jan 44

JAV 764/44

6-3224.AF(6)

File No. P. 764 / 44

Airforce-Headquarters K(v) 302/XI
Airfield Command Schellingwoude
L 26911 Air District P. O. Amsterdam /
Beatrixlaan.

REPORT ON LOSSES BY NAMES No. 118
Members of enemy forces.
Covering period from April 16 to Apl 19, 1944

MIA 11 Jan 44

1) Body found in Kinselmeer on April 18, 44 about 12.00

1 KIA 11 Jan 44

William H. FUSSNER [illegible] No. 32617975 T 43 43 A

See 2670

Killed in crash.
Next of Kin: Lilian Fussner 516 E 18th St. N.Y.City NY C

Interred on Oosterbegraafplaats on April 26, 1944; Amsterdam
Grave Location Section 59, Grave 76/4

AV 769

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CASUALTY NO.

5-2674

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: Body was recovered from the Yssel See on 13 April 1944, 1100 hours

PLACE OF CRASH: ./.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: [redacted]

REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters E(v) 202/XX

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: ROWLAND , Samuel L.

DATE OF BIRTH: ./.

RANK: ./.

SERIAL NUMBER: 35367984

CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: yes

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: ./. TYPE OF INJURY: ./.

GRAVE LOCATION: ./.

REMARKS: ./.

Dulag Luft, 17 Jun 1944 Mo/

aC
Kia 11 Jan 44

AV 763/44

File No. A. V. 763/44

Airbase-Headquarters K(v) 202 / XI
Airfield-Command Schellingwoude
L 25911 Air Dist. P.O. Amsterdam/
Bentheim

REPORT ON LOSSES BY NAMES NO. 116
Members of enemy forces.
Covering period from February 24 to April 13, 44

1) Body found in Ijsselmeer by Fl.B. Boat on April 13 ; 11.00

Samuel L. R O W L A N D Ser. No. 35367984 T 43 A P

Died in crash. See U 2674

Interred on Oosterbegraafplaats in Amsterdam on April 25, 44

Grave location : Section 69 ; Grave No. 75/4

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KiA - latest Ksw
MIA 11 Jan 44

[redacted]

NO MATERIAL

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[redacted]

[redacted]

2. Shooting down - Salvaged out of the Ijsselmeer on 1/11/44 about 13.45. Serial No. of the plane and identification signs: Unknown

Pilot officer BOOTH Fred H. 15340445 T 42 43 A M/A+ KIA 11 Jan 44

Next of kin: Mrs L. BOOTH - [redacted] Guernsey, Chio.

Buried at the Oost-begraafplaats of Amsterdam on 1/27/44 - Grave No. 7/2 - Field No. [redacted]

KI 2696

NO INFORMATION IN THIS CASE

[redacted]

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: BOOTH, Fred H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 15340445
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Ball Turret

Did he bail out? YES

Where? AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

If not, why not? ———

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST SEEN HIM JUST AS HE LEFT REAR ESCAPE HATCH

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LEAVING REAR ESCAPE HATCH (HE WAS FIRST OF FIVE TO LEAVE REAR ESCAPE HATCH)

Any hearsay information: (NONE)

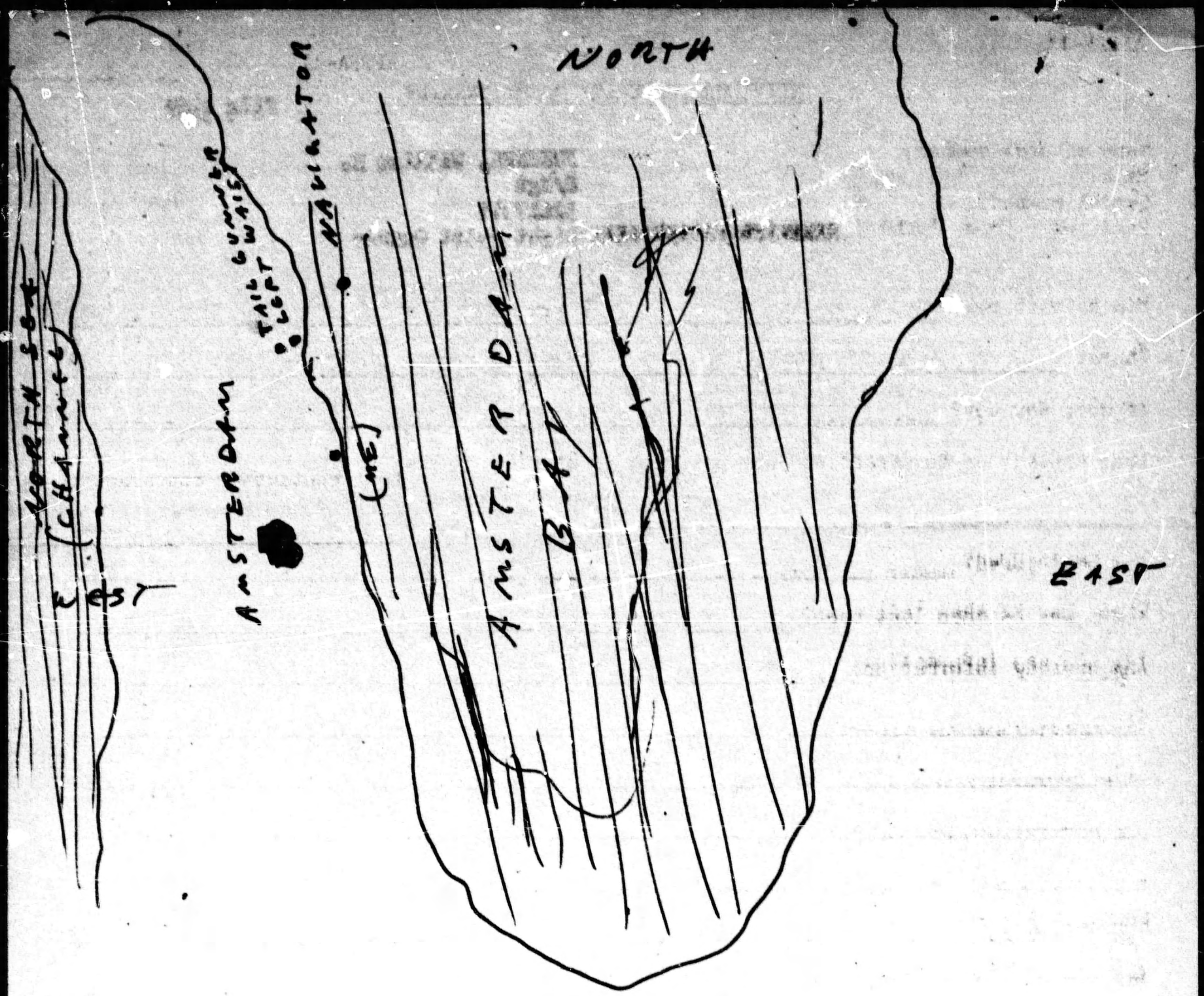
Source: ———

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE CAME DOWN IN THE AMSTERDAM BAY: [redacted] (SEE REVERSE SIDE, THIS PAGE)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible:

6-3861, AF



NAVIGATOR CAME DOWN IN WATER. HE WAS PICKED UP BY HARBOR PATROL.

NOTE — THE MISSING ARE THOSE WHO BAILED OUT FIRST. PLANE WAS HEADED SOUTHWEST ACROSS AMSTERDAM BAY

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: FUSSNER, William H.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 32617975
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? SECOND MAN TO LEAVE BY REAR ESCAPE HATCH

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (SAME AS BOOTH)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

6-3861, AF

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: ROWLAND, Samuel L.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 35367984
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES (ACCORDING TO SURVIVING NAVIGATOR, HE WAS FIRST OF FOUR TO LEAVE FROM ESCAPE HATCH)

Where? , AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? AT BASE, JUST PRIOR TO TAKEOFF.

Any hearsay information: (NONE)

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (SAME AS BOOTH)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

6-3861, AF

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: COLVIN, Vance R.
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: O-679370
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? YES (I BELIEVE HE WAS SECOND MAN TO LEAVE FRONT ESCAPE HATCH.) (SEE PROCEEDING PAR

Where? AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? AT BASE, JUST PRIOR TO TAKEOFF.

Any hearsay information: (NONE)

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: (SAME AS BOOTH)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

6-3861, AF

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROMANIEC, HARRY Rank S/SGT Serial No. 13068449

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

3. What year 1944 month JAN day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, [redacted], target, BRUNSWICK, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES (EXCEPT PILOT)

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".

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? (RETURNED TO ENGLAND)

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 FLEW PLANE BACK TO ENGLAND (COPILOT BAILED OUT, NO QUESTIONAIRE IS GIVEN FOR HIM)

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____

12. What was their condition? UNINJURED

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NAVIGATOR AMSTERDAM PRISON ABOUT 15TH OF JAN, 1944) LEFT-WAIST AND TAIL GUNNER LAST SEEN IN IN FRANCE, AFTER LIBERATION.

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)

6-3862, AF

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOURCE: CLAYTON C DAVID, 2d Lt, O-662818 MIS #474 DATE: 22 May 1944
MIA: 11 January 1944

UNIT: 358 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

	MEMBERS OF CREW			PWIB RECORDS
PILOT		Capt	John W WATSON	Ret'd to UK in A/C
CO-PILOT	O-662818	2d Lt	Clayton C DAVID	RTD
NAVIGATOR	O-669338	2d Lt	John G LEVENTON	R/W
BOMBARDIER	O-679370	2d Lt	Vance R GOLVIN	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	13068489	S/Sgt	Harry MCMANIMIE	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	15330286	Sgt	Eugene R STEWART	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	32617975	Sgt	William H GUSSNER	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	35367984	S/Sgt	Samuel L ROWLAND	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	15340445	Sgt	Fred H BOOTH	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	11104177	Sgt	Roman P KOSINSKI	P/W

KNOWN INFORMATION:

All jumped except Pilot, who returned to base.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Heard 7 are P/W.

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By authority A. C. of S. G-2

Date 6 June 45

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E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

CLAYTON C DAVID, 2d Lt, O-662318 — 22 May 1944
(Name) (Rank) (ASN) (Date)

358 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group — ENE #674
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
11 January 1944; 1400 hours; at Amsterdam, Holland.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc? On fire in wing behind No.2 engine.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 14,000 and 15,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
All but pilot (who returned to base); all chutes opened.
Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Pilot returned to base in A/C.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? Yes.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. 7 prisoners of which 2 are the navigator and engineer. One other man man believed to be in the hands of help but his name is not known.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions?
No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and 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? I believe I am the only one who did not land in water; other members were picked up by German patrol boats to save drowning.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: BOOTH, Fred H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 15340485
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible]: BallTurret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Zuider Zee

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Do not remember.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Near west shore of Zuider Zee, and five miles north of Amsterdam.

Any hearsay information: Amsterdam Germans reported him drowned.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: COLVIN, Vance R
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-679370
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Zuider Zee

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? Neck wound

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Did not wear a life belt.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six missions.

Dates and destinations if possible:

6-3861, AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: ROWLAND Samuel, L.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 35367984
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? over the Zuider Zee

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported to pilot, "Fire looks bad."

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? ?? ??

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Reported drowned by the Amsterdam Germans.

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

6-3861, AF

AFPPA-21

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: FUSSNER, William H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 32617975
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over the Zuider Zee

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Complained over his difficulty in not finding parachute.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Unknown

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

Any explanation of his fete based in part or wholly on supposition: His left waist gunner remarked that when he left the pla ne Fussner was still sea rching for his parachute.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

6-3861, AF

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leverton, John G Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-669338

2. Organization 358 Sq 303 Gp 8th AF Gp Commander ? Steven (full name) Rank Lt Col Sqn CO Kirk Mitchell (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Oeschersleben, target, _____, target time, 12:01, 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, with the exception of the pilot Lt. Jack Watson, who flew the plane back to England.

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". Contacted Sgts. Stewart, Reminec, and Kosinski both in Amsterdam and at Frankfort. They were uninjured and in good health.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? _____

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____

12. What was their condition? _____

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: BOOTH, Fred H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 15340465
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: BallTurret Gunner

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Near Amsterdam Holland

If not, why not?

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

Sgt. Booth was talking on interphone just prior to bail out.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Last contact was aboard plane

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 7

Dates and destinations if possible: First 3 missions to Bremen, the last being Dec. 30-43. Jan. 4&5, 44 -- target Keil; Ludwigshafen;

Jan. 11- 44 Aschersleben - - last mission

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: FUSSNER, William H.
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 32617975
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Amsterdam Holland

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Some few minutes prior to bail out, by interphone.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Last contact was aboard plane.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 7

Dates and destinations if possible: First 3 missions to Bremen, the last being Dec. 20, 43. Jan. 4 & 5, 44-- target Kiel; Ludwigshafen/ Jan. 11, 44 Aschersleben--- last mission.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: ROWLAND Samuel, L.
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 353679?4
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Near Amsterdam Holland.

If not, why not?

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

Sgt. Rowland bailed out just ahead of myself.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Sgt. Rowland was last seen freeing himself from his parachute in water where he landed and then swimming away.

Any hearsay information:

Local people who helped me said Sgt Rowland was taken prisoner by the Germans after he got out of the water. He was still reported as unhurt.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I thought Sgt. Rowland had been reported a German prisoner.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 7

Dates and destinations if possible: First 3 missions to Bremen, the last being Dec. 20, 43. Jan. 4 & 5, 44--- target Keil/; Ludwigshafen; Jan. 11, 44 Aschersleben--- last mission.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4269

Name of crew member: COLVIN, Vance R
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-673370
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Near Amsterdam Holland

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Lt. Colvin was reluctant to jump and had not left the nose of the plane at the time I went down to jump. I questioned him & he said he was allright.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Last seen just prior to bail out.

Any hearsay information: Yes, an officer meeting Lt. Colvin's description was said to have been found the following day, in the water near where I had landed. He was believed tohave drowned.

Source: Local people who helped me to escape.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe the local people were right in their opinion that Lt. Colvin was drowned when he landed in water.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 7

Dates and destinations if possible: First 3 missions to Bremen, the last being Dec. 20, 43. Jan. 4 & 5, 44 -- target Keil; Ludwigshafen; Jan. 11, 44 Aschersleben---- last mission.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Clayton C. David Rank 1 Lt Serial No. 0-682818

2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stevenson (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchell (full name) Rank Maj.

3. What year 1944 month Jan. day 11 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Aschersleben, Ger., target time, Approx. 1215, altitude, 19,500 route scheduled, direct line toward Berlin & then cut to target, route flown as briefed

5. Where were you when you left formation? over Amsterdam Holland

6. Did you bail out? Yes.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all but pilot, who risked his life in the air against a jump and flew a blazing plane in for a safe emergency landing

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". In addition to information on individual questionnaires, I only have knowledge of the Navigator- who bailed out by way of the front escape hatch, being the first out that exit. He was taken prisoner upon landing.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? landed in England.

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-- Watson

11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot

12. What was their condition? Good

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? This concludes all accurate knowledge I have.

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)

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Information regarding fellow crew members is often difficult to secure immediately after jumping in foreign lands, because the people who have such information are reductant to talk because of possible danger. Conflicting information is also often gathered and it is difficult to evaluate. However I feel from what news I could gather, during the few days following our jump, that there were fair possiblities of Sgt. Booth, and Sgt. Fussner being in the hands of friendly people who would help them to escape if possible.

This is supposition on my part and I have no proof to verify its truth, but is what I believe as a result of trying to evaluate bits of information, much of it conflicting, from different people.

Clayton C. David

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1st. Lt. AC 0-682818

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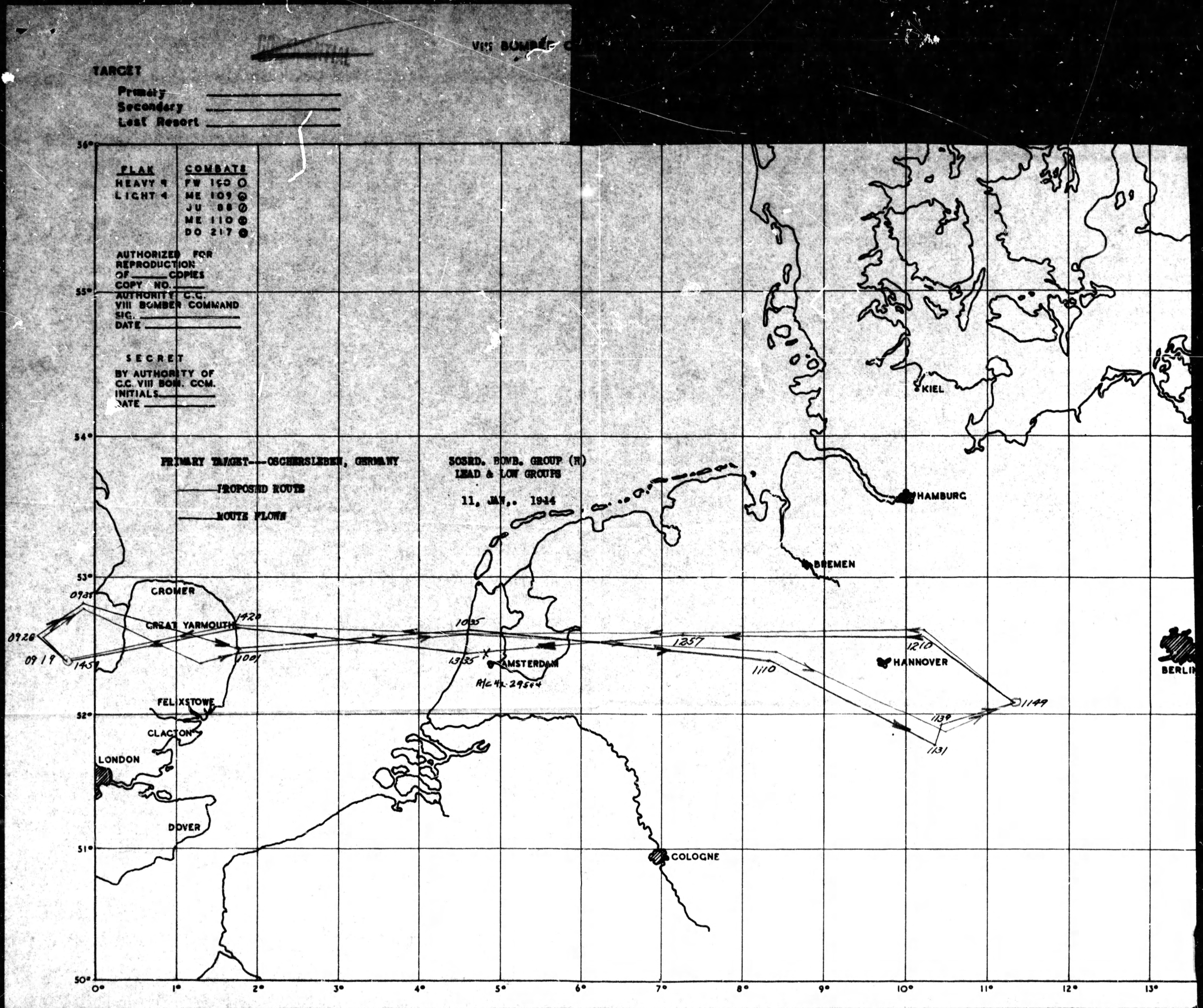

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