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# GERMAN RECORDS

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GERMAN RECORDS

Date	Writer	Wrote About
FEB 6 46	LT SACKS	MILLARD
"	"	FRIEDMAN
MAR 28 46	"	GIRARD
"	"	GLAISTON
"	"	LONGORIA
"	"	SCHENKER
"	"	BELL

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File

Name of crew member: GIRARD, Louis F. Jr.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: O-682848  
Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~er~~ / ~~light~~ / ~~(lighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? — —

If not, why not? Plane Blew up

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Inter -  
Phone was silent at time ship was hit

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In Plane

Any hearsay information: Same info. as other sheet

Sources: //

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Same as  
other sheet.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCHENKER, Murray (NMI)  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-694734  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~/07/11/44/17/11/44/~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? This sheet corresponds with others  
where? no

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

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

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

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

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

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: GLADSTONE, Melvin (NMI)  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-746877  
 Positions: Crew (Bomber) / ~~pt/flight/flighter~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? Same as others

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

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

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

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

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

Any heresy information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible; \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: COWLEY, Louis M.  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: 16038217  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) /~~or/flight/fighter/~~ Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Same as others.

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

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

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

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

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

Any heresay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible; \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILLARD, Ralph (NMI)  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: 35521469  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~bt/flight/flighter~~: Radio Operator - Gunner

Did he bail out? Same as others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: LONGORIA, Efrain (NMI)  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 38365009  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~pt/flight/fighter~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Same as other

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible; \_\_\_\_\_





INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FRIEDMAN, Szymon A.  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 32228384  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~bk/flight/flight~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Same as others

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: EISELE, Roy (NMI)  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: O-745655  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) / ~~1st Pilot~~ / ~~2nd Pilot~~ / ~~3rd Pilot~~ / ~~4th Pilot~~ / ~~5th Pilot~~ / ~~6th Pilot~~ / ~~7th Pilot~~ / ~~8th Pilot~~ / ~~9th Pilot~~ / ~~10th Pilot~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? -

If not, why not? Plane blew up.

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

Phone was silent at time ship was hit.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In Plane

Any hearsay information: French People that picked me up,

heard of one other badly injured flyer, who was

picked up by other people, in the vicinity of Bisc

France.

Source: French Under ground

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

Flak hit up front, around the cockpit, plane went

out of control immediately, which could mean that

the pilot & co pilot were either badly injured or

killed outright.

Total number of missions of above crew members: 29

Dates and destinations if possible: Have not received record of

missions from group as yet, last mission was an

air field in the town of Cambrai.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Vallee Edward J. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 31165663
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Hermit D. Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Walter K. Shaylor Rank LT. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 27, target, Air Field Cambrai, target time, 10:130, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, Unknown, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 4 min. From target, over Rieux
6. Did you bail out? Blown out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Do not know
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? Remnants landed in the Rieux
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)  
No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No !!
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
No !!
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)

MISSING AIRCREW RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE  
APO 807

CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ A/C NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MACR NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF A/C \_\_\_\_\_

AIRMAN BEING INVESTIGATED VALLEE EDWARD J S/SGT 3116563  
Last Name First Initial Rank A.S.N.

DATE MIA 12/June 1944 MISSION TO CAMBODIA

WEATHER \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVATIONS A/C BLEW UP FLAK HIT FRONT OF WING NEAR COCKPIT A/C WENT OUT  
OF CONTROL. ONE OTHER AIRMAN RPTD PICKED UP BY  
FRANCEIT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY INJURED.

NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

LAST CONTACTED \_\_\_\_\_

A/C FAILURE BELIEVED DUE TO \_\_\_\_\_

EXTENT OF DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME OF A/C \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY OPPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

FRIENDLY FIGHTER ESCORT \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CREW MEMBERS	Name	Rank	A.S.N.	Position
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ Bomb Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

303 Bomb Group \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Air Division \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_\_

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
MESSAGEFORM

Date 17 May 1946

File No. AG 704 AGC

Telephone No. ARC 3900-122

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Address HQS., U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER (REAR), APO 887, US ARMY

To:

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
Attn: CASUALTY BRANCH

PRECEDENCE

WIRE OR RADIO		ESSENTIAL MILITARY MAIL	
Urgent		Air mail	X
Priority		Special delivery	
Rout		Ordinary	
Deferred		Registered	
Week end			

Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent "Deferred."

Initial of officer assigning precedence

MESSAGE:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FILE.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

*E.H. Koreman*  
E.H. KOREMAN  
Lt.Col., AGD  
Asst Adj Gen S\*.

- 5 Incls:  
Incl 1 - Ltr fr. 6801 Mis-X Det  
dtd 17 Apr 56  
Incl 2 - Individual Cas Questionnaire  
Re: Girard, Louis F. Jr. 2/Lt  
Incl 3 - Individual Cas Questionnaire  
Re: Eisele, Roy, 1/Lt  
Incl 4 - Casualty Questionnaire and  
Incl 5 - Missing Aircrew Research  
Re: Vallee, Edward J. S/Sgt.



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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.  
Attn: CASUALTY BRANCH

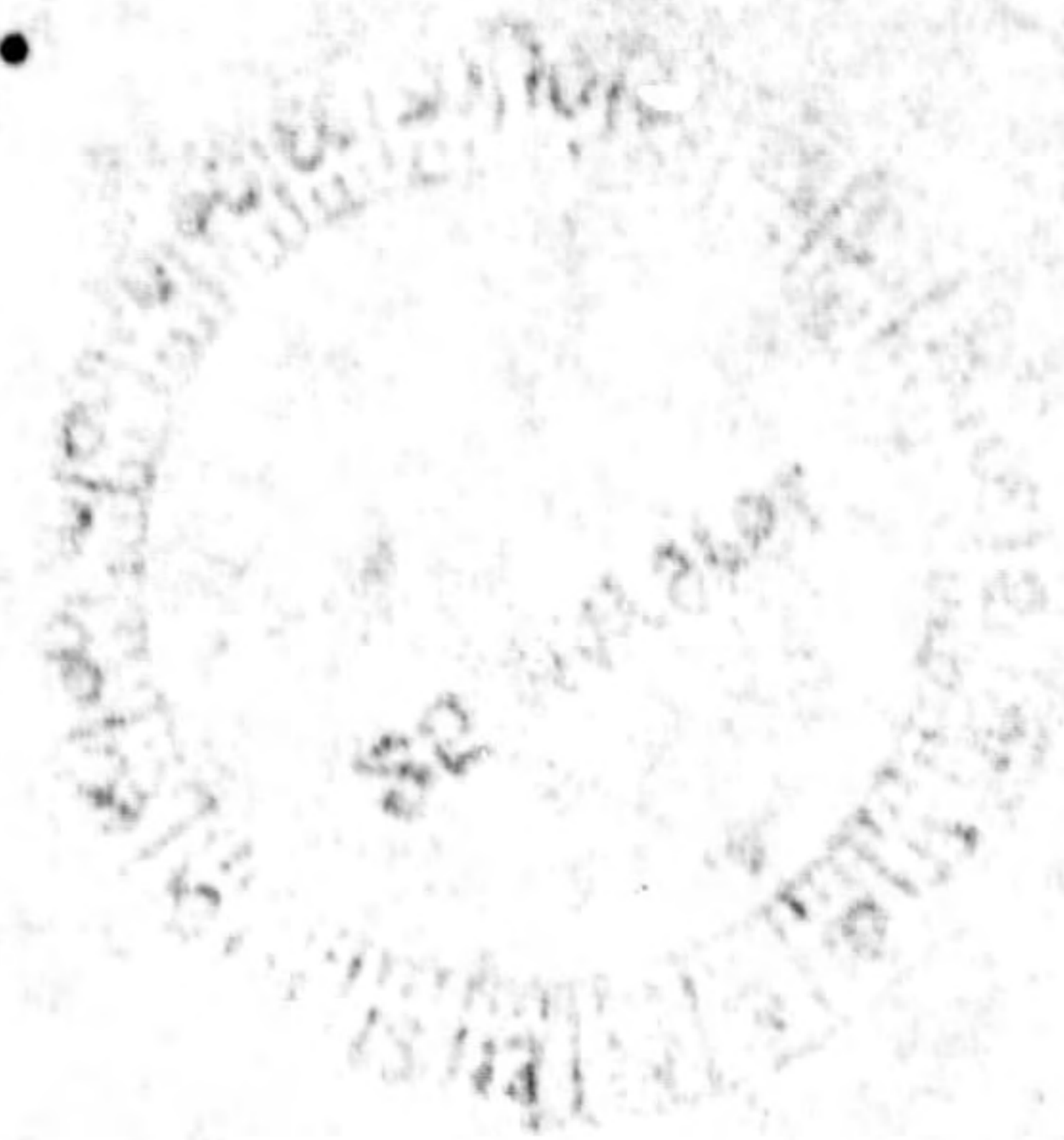
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FILE.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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HEADQUARTERS  
6801 MIS-X DETACHMENT  
HEADQUARTERS COMMAND  
UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

(Rear) APO 887  
17 April 1946

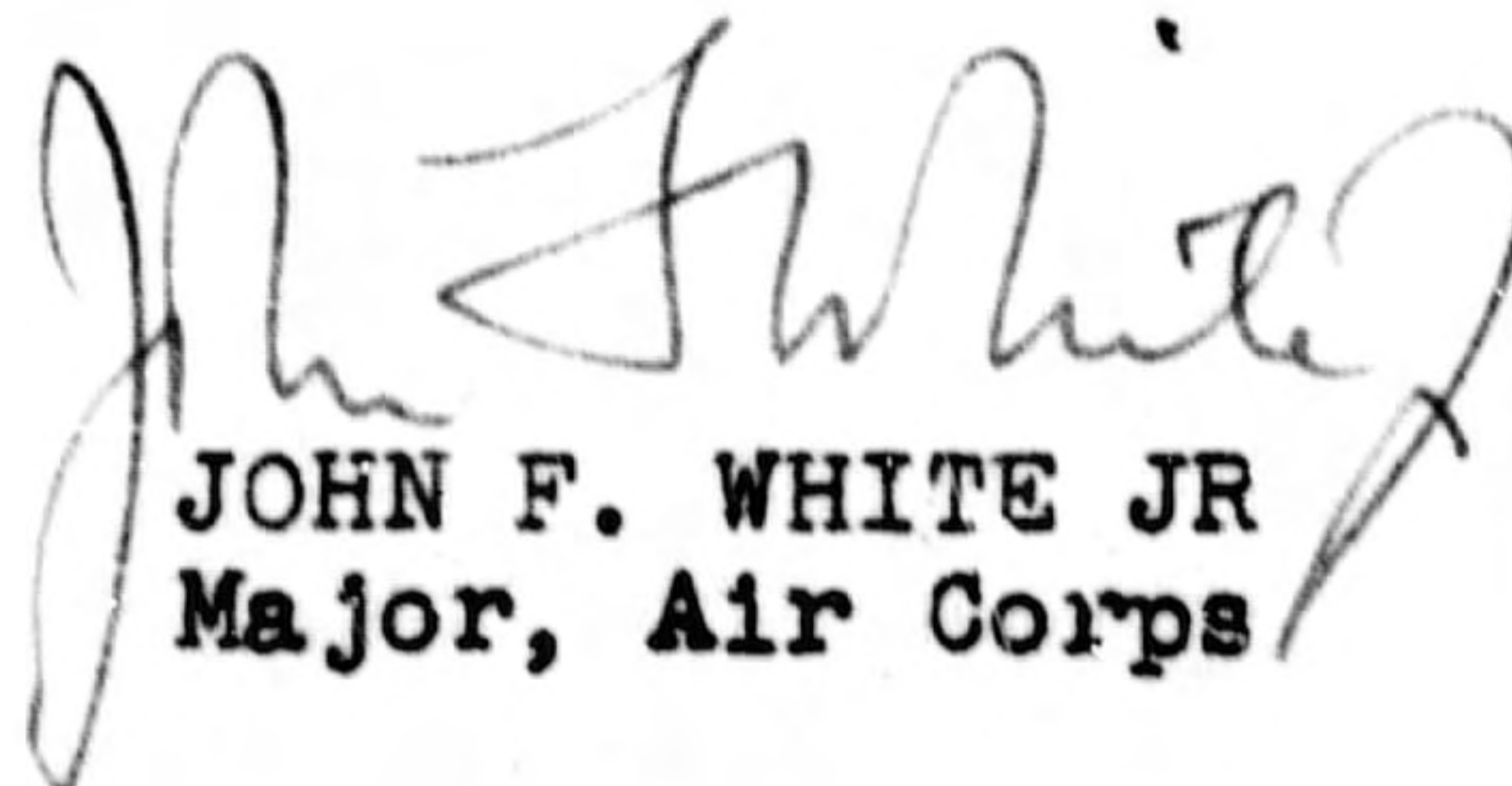
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : Missing Air Crew Research & Information Office  
American Graves Registration Command  
APO 887 US Army

1. The attached forms were received in this office, in a personal letter from Sgt Edward J. Vallee, 17 Oak St., Brockton, Massachusetts.

2. There is considerable mystery as to why he sent the forms to this office.

3. They are forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

  
JOHN F. WHITE JR  
Major, Air Corps

Encl:  
1 Form 6-3862, AF  
9 Form 6-3861-AF


1st Ind.

CSM/EBB/nk

HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND, EUROPEAN THEATER AREA,  
MISSING AIRCREW RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION OFFICE, APO 887, U.S. ARMY,  
15 May 1946.

TO : A.G. Casualty,  
Attn: Lt R.A. BOWER, Room 89.

A Matter pertaining to your command.

  
CHARLES S. MARSHALL  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Director.

Encls: n/c

1st Lt. Roy Eisele

Mrs. Beatrice M. Eisele, (Wife)  
3870 Rudlong Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

2nd Lt. Louis F. Girard Jr.

Mr. Louis F. Girard, (Father)  
Harrisville, West Virginia.

2nd Lt. Murray Schenker

Mr. Benjamin Schenker, (Father)  
1890 Corona Parkway,  
New York City, New York.

2nd Lt. Melvin Gladstone

Mr. Maurice Gladstone, (Father)  
108 Elm Street,  
McHenry, Illinois.

T/Sgt. Louis H. Cowley

Mr. Louis H. Cowley, (Father)  
517 Garfield Street,  
C/O Oak Park Fire Department,  
Oak Park, Illinois.

T/Sgt. Ralph Millard

Mrs. Anna Millard Crane, (Mother)  
Route Number Three,  
Hudson, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Efrain Longoria

Mrs. Natalia Longoria, (Mother)  
204 Chapay Street,  
Del Rio, Texas.

S/Sgt. Richard L. Ball

Mrs. Martha J. Ball, (Mother)  
Pemberton, Ohio.

S/Sgt. Szymon A. Friedman

Mr. Paul Friedman, (Brother)  
85-18 150th Street,  
Jamaica Long Island, New York.

S/Sgt. Edward J. Vallee

Mrs. Louise Vallee, (Mother)  
456 Crescent Street,  
Brockton, Massachusetts.



MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.  
 Group 303rd ; Squadron 360th ; Detachment -----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See chart attached  
 Intended Destination Cambrai, France ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVE: (a) Date 12 June 44 Time 0914 ; and Location Near Cambrai, France  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
 ( ) Forc'd down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.

- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_

- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107048
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW 010191  
 (b) SW 010159 ; (c) SW 010144 ; (d) SW 010205

- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (f) See attached sheet. ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10  
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>RISELE, ROY (NMI)</u> ✓	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>WA 0-745655</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>GIRARD, LOUIS F. JR.</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>-KIA 0-682848</u>
3. Navigator <u>dead</u>	<u>SCHENKER, MURRAY (NMI)</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>-KIA 0-694734</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>GLADSTONE, MELVIN (NMI)</u> ✓	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>-KIA 0-746877</u>
5. Top Turret Gunner	<u>COWLEY, LOUIS M.</u> ✓	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>WA 16058217</u>
6. Radio Gunner <u>dead</u>	<u>MILLARD, RALPH (NMI)</u> ✓	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>-KIA 85521469</u>
7. Ball Turret Gunner <u>dead</u>	<u>LONGORIA, EFRAIN (NMI)</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>-KIA 88365009</u>
8. Right Waist Gunner <u>dead</u>	<u>BELL, RICHARD L.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>-KIA 15054420</u>
9. Left Waist Gunner <u>dead</u>	<u>FRIEDMAN, SZYMON A.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>-KIA 32228584</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>VALLEE, EDWARD J.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>PAW 31165663</u> (RTD)

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

Name in Full (Last name first)	Serial Rank Number	Check Only One Column				
		Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. <u>Jemison, Charles A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt. 34205367</u>		<u>X</u>			
2. <u>Johnson, Francis D.</u>	<u>Sgt. 32348442</u>		<u>X</u>			
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. See statement attached.
- 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 14 June 1944

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

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**Gun Numbers**  
**A/C 42-107048**

- 952353 S.A.
- 1293166 B.A.
- 1295257 B.A.
- 1293134 B.A.
- 868757 B.A.
- 1293427 B.A.
- 1295530 B.A.
- 1295091 B.A.
- 1295502 B.A.
- 703297 A.C.S.P.
- 1294884 B.A.
- 744723 C.P.F.A.
- Left Chin Gun Unknown.

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Statement of

S/Sgt. Charles A. Jamison, 34205367 and

Sgt. Francis D. Johnson, 32343442

On the mission to Cambrai, France, on 12 June 1944, we were the crew of A/C 42-97853 which was flying in #3 position in the high element in the formation. The missing A/C was #2 in the same element. We were in the high group in the 41st "A" Combat Wing. About a minute before bombs away which was 0918 hours, a burst of flak hit the missing A/C between #2 engine and fuselage. Then another burst hit directly in the bomb bay. The entire A/C burst into flames, and it nosed down sharply. The A/C then broke in half near the bomb bay. The left wing came off. We followed it down to about 1000 feet and then lost it. We saw no parachutes come out.

*Charles A. Jamison*  
CHARLES A. JAMISON,  
S/Sgt., 34205367.

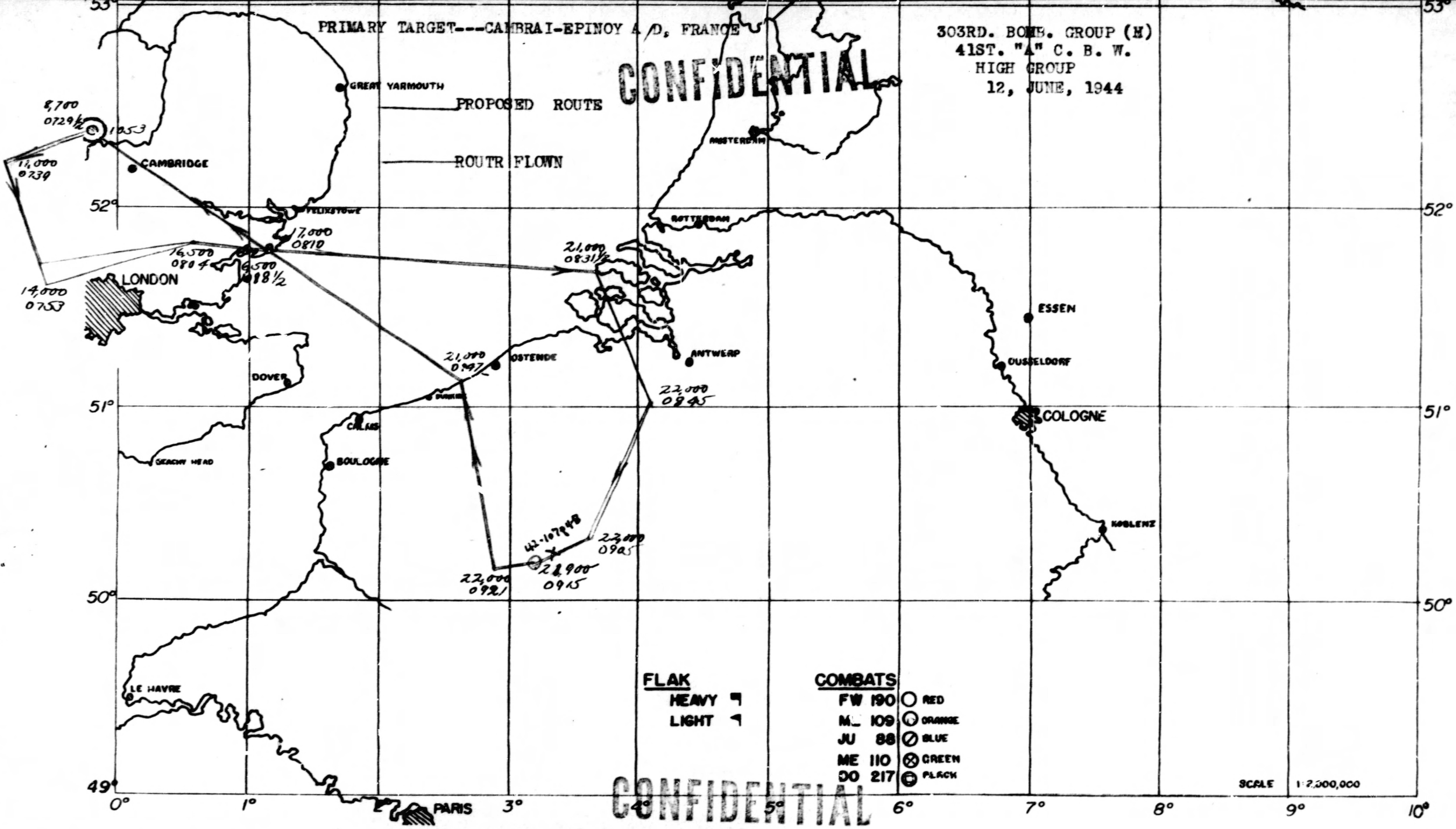
*Francis D. Johnson*  
FRANCIS D. JOHNSON,  
Sgt., 32343442.

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PRIMARY TARGET---CAMBRAI-EPINOY A/D, FRANCE

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (M)  
41ST. "A" C. B. W.  
HIGH GROUP  
12, JUNE, 1944

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**FLAK**  
HEAVY  $\square$   
LIGHT  $\triangle$

**COMBATS**

FW 190	○ RED
M. 109	○ ORANGE
JU 88	○ BLUE
ME 110	⊗ GREEN
DO 217	⊙ BLACK

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DATE: 12 June 1944      AT: 0918      RANK:      NAME:      SU - 2157

PLACE: Eswara, 2km north of Coimbra/ 2nd Lt ✓ SHENKER, Murray H      dead  
 ASN: 0-694734

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress      \* Lt ✓ GIRARD, Jr, Louis F      dead  
 ASN: 0-682841

340 (HB) Sqd - 303 Group      \* Lt ✓ GLADSTONE, Melvin      dead  
 ASN: 0-746877

TARGET: Airbase Hq - Coimbra      1st Lt ✓ RISKIE, Roy      dead  
 ASN: —

   \* Sgt ✓ HILLARD, Ralph      dead  
 ASN: 35521469

   \* Sgt ✓ LONGORIA, Efraim      dead  
 ASN: 38369009

   \* Sgt ✓ HELL, Richard L      dead  
 ASN: 15051430

   \* Sgt ✓ FRIEDMAN, Szymon      dead  
 ASN: 32228384

   T/Sgt ✓ <sup>Cowley</sup> COOLEY, Louis H      dead  
 ASN: 16038217

   S/Sgt ✓ VALLEE, Edward Joseph      dead  
 ASN: 31169663

8 dead, \* - Coimbra  
 / - Tilley

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Report on capture of an aircraft of the WAAF

Case No. Ev 2187

Date and time, aircraft was shot down

June 12, 1944 - 09.18

Place of crash

Howars near Cambrai

Type of plane

Fortress

Reporting office

Air Base Command Cambrai

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD</u>	<u>PLACE OF INTERMENT NAME OF CAMP</u>
<u>SHIMMER</u>	<u>Murray N.</u>	<u>S/Lt.</u>	<u>O-894 736</u>	<u>dead</u>	<u>Cemetery Tilley</u>
<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>Lewis F., jr.</u>	<u>Lt.</u>	<u>O-682 848</u>	<u>dead</u>	<u>Cemetery Cambrai</u>
<u>GLADSTONE</u>	<u>MELVIN</u>	<u>LT.</u>	<u>O-746 877</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>MILLARD</u>	<u>Ralph</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>3558 1469</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>LONGORIA</u>	<u>Rfrain</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>3836 5009</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>BELL</u>	<u>Richard L.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>1808 4430</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>FRIEDMAN</u>	<u>Seyman</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>8384 5222 8125</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>

Case No. Ev 2187, 1st additional report of Ev. 2, 1944.

<u>VALLEY</u>	<u>Edward Joseph Brockton, Mass.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>3116 8665</u>	<u>Capt'd</u>	<u>Stalag Luft 8</u>
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Stalag Luft, Aug. 8, 1944.

3.) En 2187 Kind of capture by antiaircraft. Time: 09.15 Place: Ewars 2Km. northeast  
of Cambrai. Type: Fortress. ~~Dead crew members~~ 7 men: Sgt. Millard Ralph,  
35 521 469, Lt. Girard LF. 0-682 848, Sgt. Langeria E. 38 365 009, Sgt. Bill R.L.  
15 054 420, Sgt. Friedemanns. 32 228 384, Lt. Gladstone H. 0-746 877  
2nd Lt. Murray Shanker H. 0-694 734. 3 were probably escaped. X 6-12-44

Final Report on Capture of enemy Aircraft and air crews.

Airfield Command 218/XI, Epinoy  
Air base Area Command Lille.

17 June 1944.

To RESEARCH Evaluation Point West Oberursel/Ts.

Date of crash: 12 June 1944 09.15  
Place: Esquars 6 km North of Cambrai  
Type of aircraft: B 17 G  
Identification marks: "M" "C" in triangle  
Admittance No: 07048  
Kind of capture: Exploded in the air, crash and fire.  
Shot down: by Anti-Aircraft.  
Guard at the aircraft: Local defence Unit 948/2.Comp. Field Mail No. 32 409 c  
Dead crew members: 8men.

1. Willard	Ralph	35 521 469	identified by Fw. Roesler
2. Longoria Esrain		38665 009	" " " "
3. Girard Jr.	Louis	0-682848	" " " "
4. Gladstone	Maldin	0-746 877	" " " "
5. Bell	R.L.	15 054 420	" " " "
6. Friedman	Szymon	32 228 384	" " " "
7. Schenker	Murray	0-694 734 B43	" " " "
8. No Identification possible, on account of badly mutilation.			

Technical Report.

Destruction: Fuselage, landing gear, wings, empennage 90 %.  
Type of engine: Cyclone 9

- 1. SW 010 159      2. SW 010 144      3. SW 010 203      4. SW 010 191

Aircrew: Blades 3 Hamilton Standart.  
DWG-6477 A-0 Ser. No. FF 2472, Ser. No. FF2590

Radius: 1770mm  
Breadth: 325 mm

Weapons: 11 MG 50 cal./Browning

1. Cal. 7.7	Browning	1 295 502
2. " "	" "	1 2955 30
3. " "	" "	1 295 091
4. " "	" "	744723
5. " "	" "	600 245
6. " "	" "	868 757
7. " "	" "	1 293 165
8. " "	" "	1 293 427
9. " "	" "	703 297
10. " "	" "	1 294 884
11. " "	" "	744 603

Ammunition: Cal. 50/6000 Belt  
Bullet top black, N Bottom of cartouche R.A.42

Transmitter Units:

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Ref.:</u>	<u>Ser. Number:</u>
Transm. turning unit Tu.26 B	-	412 44
" " " " 6 B	-	412 44
Intertou amplifier Be 357 G	-	635
Dynamotor model 5 D 48 B 9 A	Type D	Frame 48
Dynamotor Unit PE-73-C	-	63 107
Panel control III 12/24	5 u/1269 XL	A 17 276
Indicator 62	10 Q/13000	G 17 941
Radio transmitter BC/375 B		412 44



List of Identification Tags.

1. Murray	Schenker	0- 694 734	T	43	0-H
2. Ralph	Millard	35 523 469	T	43	A-P
3. Synson	Friedman	32 228 284	T	42	A-H
4. Louis F.	Girard Sr.	0- 682 848	T	423	AMP
	Louis F. Girard Sr.	Harrisville Va.			
5. Melvin	Gladstone	0-746 877	T	44	A-H
6. Longoria, Efrain		38365 009	T	43	0-C
	Estelita Longoria	204 Chapoy, Del Rio, Texas.			
7. Richard L. Bell		15054 420	T	41-42	A-P
	Mrs. Herbert Bell	Femberton, Ohio.			
8. Louis M. Cowley		16038 217	T	43	0P

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**Photographic Apparatus:**

Type A. 17 Spec. No. 31221 Ser. No. 6263

Order No. 42/21292/P

Mount. Camera Vertical

Signson axle & airscrew.

1. MFG No. F.B. 921

Cont. No. A.C. 39 159

23 E 50-473

3. MFG No. F.B. 900

Cont. No. A.C. 39 159

23 E 50-473

2. MFG No. F.B. 890

Cont. No. A.C. 39 159

23 E 50-473

4. MFG No. F.B. 930

Cont. No. A.C. 39 159

23 E 50-473

Miscellaneous Papers.

V-Mail

1. S/Sgt. S. Friedman 32 228 384 , 303rd Bomb BR GP, 360th Bomb SQ  
A.P.O. 557 H.S.C.  
from S.Friedman 85-18 150thSt. Jan. N.Y. 1st June 1944

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2. Evaluation Point West Oberursel,  
To K-A. Walter Schmitt, GESTAPO Frankfurt/ Main, Dindenstr. 17  
above mentioned letter in hebrew for translation.

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3. Translation of the letter.  
S/Sgt. S. Friedmann. 303rd. Bomb GP, 360th Bomb SQ.

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4. Army Airforce Physical record.

Name: L.M. Cowley S/Sgt ASN.16 038 217

Examinations: Class. Date:

Signature of flight surgeons:

Qualified for flying I 3.22.43

M. Lipari Cpt.

Qualified for flying I 9.22. 43

E.A. Luke Major

Stations:  
AAECC Nashville To  
Clovis New Mexico

5. Additional report: (Telegram Form)

Dead crew member No. 7 is now identified.

2nd Lt. Murray, Shanker. M. O- 694734

KU 2187

COWLEY, Louis H.

Sgt.

16038217

downing

12 June 1944, 0918

Esware, 2 Km NW Cambrai

dead

buried

Community Cemetery Ebinov

KU 2187

SCHENKER, Murrett

0-694734

downing

12 June 1944, 0915

Esware, 6 Km N Cambrai

dead

buried

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

0278

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

June 18 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

also h

ROLL:

FROM:

LSEB

THROUGH:

Illegible

REMARKS:

Very important LLBI No. 0136 June 17 1030 h

To information center west Oberursel

Secret QEN

Report No 251e

June 12 1944 0915 h H Boeing B 17 G Ewart 6 km n of Cambrai

Squadron signatures of airplane according operation office Cambrai SN cockade ?

Sign. on tail in white triangle a C Below No. ~~070/S~~ No. is uncomplete

Statement of frequencies not possible

Of flight crew 8 men dead

Report No. 2512 June 13 1944 0050 h Lancaster Tilley 2 km nw of Cambrai

1.) w of Cambrai. Sign. of aircraft accord. to operation office Epigny : EQ

cockade R and ser. No. DS 688. Statements on frequencies not possible

Flight crew 7 men dead

Report No. 3516 June 7 1944 Spitfire Hedauville 22 km ne of Amiens. Sign. *British*

of airplane accord. operation office Beauvais : Cockade only no squadron sign

Ser. No. PA 870 Radio set TR 1143 ser, No. 12288 with frequencies 1. row A = 6810

B - 6610 C - 6540 D - 6480 2. row A - 6270 C - 6000 D - 5940

Pilot fugitive

Signal station 5/ RLM GL C Rue

6-3224, AF(5)

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2 July 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Records of personnel imprisoned at Stalag Luft III, South Compound, Sagan, Germany, kept by 1st Lt Ewell R. McCright, 0727112

1. First Lieutenant Ewell R. McCright, 0727112, a liberated prisoner of war of the German Government forwarded to Special Determination Sub-Section, Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, AGO, three volumes of records kept by him while he was interned in the South Compound, Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany. These records were a compilation of information received from the officers and men who entered the prison camp between July 1942 and 27 January 1945. Each man was listed by name and serial number and other pertinent detail was recorded, and a number was assigned to each item.

2. The volumes were examined for all evidences of death of members of the United States Army that might be found. Forty seven items out of the more than two thousand were found to contain statements indicating death. From closer investigation it was found that the percentage of error was such as to render the information invalid for purposes of changing the casualty status of the men concerned. However, in many cases, investigation disclosed other and more valid evidence which was used. The investigation included examination of pertinent Missing Air Crew Reports in each case where such a report existed. Upon the decision that these records did not constitute valid evidence, no further investigation was made in the case of air crew members for whom no Missing Air Crew Report existed.

3. A report of the facts discovered in each of the 47 items is given below, using the index number assigned by Lieutenant McCright and the name of the prisoner from whom information was obtained.

Book One

(a) 21 - Croteau, H. P., 0404012. Shot down 1 September 1942, over El Alamein Buried crew in desert. No MACR and no further investigation

(b) 22 - Biers, Irving, 0659064. Shot down 1 September 1942, over El Alamein Buried crew in desert. No MACR and no further investigation

(c) 46 - Sconiers, E. T., 0724273. Shot down 21 October 1942 Died at Lubin, Germany, 23 January 1944. Official record shows "Died Non-Battle 24 January 1944".

(d) 64 - Rickets, Elmer A., 0727776. Shot down 12 November 1942 at Cherbourg, France. Only survivor of B-26 crew. No MACR and no further investigation.

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(e) 180 - Guike, Wayne H., 0727007. Shot down 26 February 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Navigator and a sergeant only survivors. No MACR and no further investigation.

(f) 1262 - Farrar, J., 35568298. Captured 29 January 1944 at Anzio, Italy. 80 paratroopers in drop, 06 killed. No investigation.

(g) 1267 - Moriarity, C. F., 31230740. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Germans told him six members of crew dead. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2911.

(h) 1268 - Buda, Daniel, 32258103. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Sergeant on back slid off when parachute opened. Investigation is SD Case 3911.

(i) 362 - Kissinger, Louis L., 0729632. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel. Lone survivor. Investigation in SD Case 256.

(j) 363 - Hill, William E., 0727342. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel, Germany. Lone survivor of officers. Investigation in SD Case 189.

(k) 385 - Austin, Paul F., 0795171. Shot down 17 May 1943 over English Channel. Sole survivor of officers. Information appears correct; all other officers officially reported killed in action.

(l) 1303 - Jones, Kleber, 18102505. Fell from hospital window at Stalag IXA, Hania. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 14 October 1943".

(m) 1307 - Carpenter, Wade A., 0533302. Shot down 3 March 1944 over Danneilles, France. Bombardier trapped in plane. Bombardier officially reported killed in action.

Book Two

(a) 467 - Pinson, William H., Jr., 0791495. Shot down 11 June 1943 over sea near Borkun, Germany. Lone Survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(b) 468 - Gossen, Sam, 0734079. Shot down 11 June 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(c) 521 - Gannon, Vincent J., 0565402. Shot down 13 June 1943 over Frisian Islands. One of two in ship who regained consciousness. Investigation to be found in SD Case 415.

(d) 590 - Hughes, William G., 0790242. Shot down 25 June 1943 over Oldenberg, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(e) 592 - Demchak, Nicholas, 0792440. Shot down 25 June 1943 over North Sea, off Emden, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(f) 689 - Manning, Richard N., 0734481. Shot down 14 July 1943 near Paris, France. Co-Pilot's head blown off. Pilot injured, pointed ship at marshalling yards and crashed with it. Pilot and Co-pilot both have returned to duty.

(g) 793 - Wolford, Lawrence R., 0724258. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Heligoland, Germany. Lone survivor. Investigation to be found in SD Case 889.

(h) 805 - Kendall, Reginald D., 0675598. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Kassel, Germany. Navigator and bombardier lying on floor of nose. Information appears to be correct.

(i) 378 - Miles, C. C., 37015330. Killed by rifle shot from guard 9 April 1944, buried 12 April 1944 in prisoner of war cemetery. Officially reported "Killed Non-Battle 9 April 1944".

(j) 946 - Shaffer, L. C., 33012446. Died from complications after appendectomy 15 November 1943. Buried prisoner of war cemetery, Sagan, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 16 November 1943".

(k) 980 - Graves, W. D., 20704293. Captured 21 February 1943, North Africa. "Carter" killed by Arabs while he and Graves were attempting to escape. No "Carter" was identified among those for whom Findings of Death were issued in February 1944.

(l) 1033 - Schoonmaker, Theodore P., 0790182. Shot down 11 January 1943 over Naples, Italy. Lone survivor. No MACR and no further investigation.

(m) 1131 - Mannka, C. P., 0738710. Died 4 June of dementia praecox and pneumonia, buried 12 June Municipal Cemetery, Leignitz, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 8 June 1944".

(n) 1176 - Schmidt, Delmar G., 0670265. Shot down 14 October 1943 over Souissons, France. Lone survivor. All members of crew have returned to duty.



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(o) 1197 - Hockert, Reino E., 0740811. Shot down 8 October 1943 over Bremen, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

Book Three

(a) 1651 - Koenoy, William, 18217184. Shot down 6 May 1944 over Albania. Carried Radio Operator who was shot in back six miles. Information appears to be correct.

(b) 1684 and 1733 - McLaughlin, John L., 0760348. Saw Frank Grey in Hungary awaiting execution after escape. Information correct.

(c) 1717 and 1718 - Setliff, Jack W., 0692658. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Bombardier killed while parachuting. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2110.

(d) 1723 - Casadevall, Joseph M., 0703450. Shot down 30 June 1944 over Hungary. Only captive. Investigation in SD Case 3021.

(e) 1730 - Richards, Clinton W., 0764461. Shot down 26 June 1944 over Weiner-Neustadt, Austria. May be lone survivor - only captive. Information appears to be correct.

(f) 1731 - Alexander, Robert C., 0824691. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Parachuted with co-pilot who fell off back when chute opened. Co-Pilot officially reported killed in action. SD Case 5813.

(g) 1795 - Joyce, Byron S., 31445281. Shot down 2 August 1944 over Italy in water. Heard other crew members calling for help. See also items 1794 and 1796. Information appears to be correct.

(h) 1895 - DeWild, Charles M., 0718174. Shot down 9 August 1944 over Rotterdam, Holland, Pilot and Co-Pilot killed in crash. Pilot and Co-Pilot both reported killed.

(i) 1926 - Wellbrock, Richard L., 0819438. Shot down 22 August 1944 over Vienna. Four crew members bailed out, nothing left of plane after crash. Information appears to be correct.

(j) 1932 - Abbott, Jack L., 0557876. Shot down 28 August 1944 over Sokolac, Yugoslavia. Furda and Goodwin killed by civilian rifle fire. Furda and Goodwin both evaded and returned to duty.

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(k) 1982 - Lloyd, Kenneth G., 0756269. Shot down 19 August 1944 over the Adriatic. May be lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(l) 1994 - Hamilton, William C., 0671351. Shot down 27 May 1944 over Kiel, Germany. Hildebrandt killed by civilians. Information appears to be correct.

(m) 2028 - Vallee, Edward J., 31165663. Shot down 12 June 1944 over Riux, France. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(n) 2044 - Meyers, Samuel P., 0683848. Shot down 24 February 1944 over Stier, Germany. Lt. L. Bram and Sgt N. Sciarotts killed. Neither of these two men on crew.

(o) 2063 and 2138 - Bieniek, Victor J., 0813303. Shot down 14 October 1944 over Brunn, Czechoslovakia. Winters and Johnson shot by German Luftwaffe, Winters and Johnson officially reported killed in action. SD Case 5398.

(p) 2144 - Taylor, James D., 0700156. Shot down 19 October 1944 over Mainz, Germany. Probably lone survivor. All crew members survived except one.

(q) 2155 - Wright, Frederick W., 0825053. Shot down 14 October 1944 over Koblenz, Germany. Radio Operator landed in Rhine and was killed. All members of crew have returned to duty.

(r) 2160 and 2164 - Denton, Edgar A., 0828102. Shot down 2 November 1944 over Diepoltz, Germany. One crew member, Weissman, shot. Weissman officially reported killed in action.

/s/

/t/

M. GRANO

Captain, AGD

Officer in Charge

Special Determination Sub Section

Status Review and Determination

Section

## Grave Report.

Garrison Distr. Hqs I(v)692  
 Qm Burial Div.  
Tilley Cambrai nord

To  
 Army Grave Registration Off.  
 at the Military Commander of  
 Belgium and Northern France.

Personal ~~xxx~~ Data of the man killed in Action  
 Name *C* F O W L E Y M. Louis  
 Unit unknown USA  
 Rank unknown  
 Date of birth unknown  
 Date of death 12 June 1944  
 Place of death Tilley/Northern France  
 Ser. No. 16038217 T 43

*17 C*  
*MIA } 12 June 44*  
*KIA }*

Location of grave  
 Cemetery of honor Tilley (Engl. cemetery)  
 Common grave yes  
 Sign of grave cross

Date 16 June 1944

Roessem s/sgt

Report on Grave

To the Graves Registration Officer

attached to the Military Commander in Belgium and Northern France

From Post: Area Headquarters I (V) 692, Board in charge of soldiers' graves,  
the following grave has been registered

District: Cambrai

Province: Northern France

Name of the dead: Millard Millard, Ralph

First Name: Ralph

Unit: U.S.A.

Date of death: 12 June 1944

Place of death: Eswars

Identification tag: 35521469

Place of interment: Memorial Cemetery Cambrai, ( English Cemetery )

37/85

Single grave: Yes

Markings on grave: Cross

Date 15 June 1944

Signature

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## Grave Report .

To Army Grave Registration Officer in Belgium and Northern France.

From the post of Garrison District Hqs I (v) 692 Qm Grave Div.  
Caubrai Northern France

Personal data of man killed in action

Name	S C H E N K E R <sup>M</sup> Hurray
Unit	USA
Rank	unknown
Date of birth	unknown
Date of death	12 June 1944
Place of death	Eswars
Ser. No.	O-694734 T 43

Location of grave

Cemetery of honor	Caubrai (Engl. Cemetery)
Single grave	yes
Sign on grave	cross

A.C.

Mia 12 Jan 44  
 KIA ..

Date 15 June 1944

Roessen

S/sgt.

## Grave Report .

To Army Grave Registration Off. at the Military Commander of Belgium and Northern France .

It was stated by the Garrison District Hqs I (v) 692 Qa Grave Div. as follows :  
Cambrai/ Northern France

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 Personal Data of man killed in action :

Name	unknown
Unit	USA
Rank	unknown
Date of birth	unknown
Date of death	12 June 1944
Place of death	<u>Esware</u>
Ser. No.	unknown

Grave Location

Cemetery of honor	Cambrai (Engl. cemetery)
Single grave	yes
Sign on grave	cross

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Date 12 June 1944

Roessem

S/sgt

Grave Report

To the Graves Registration Officer

attached to the Military Commander in Belgium and North-France

At Post: Area Headquarters I (V) 692, Board in charge of soldiers' graves,  
the following grave has been registered.

District: Cambrai

Province: Northern France

Name: Friedman 37/88

First Name: Saymon A AC

Unit: U.S.A.

Date of death: 12 June 1944

Place of death: Eswars

Identification tag: 32228384 T 42

Place of interment: Memorial Cemetery Cambrai, ( English Cemetery )

Single grave: Yes

Marking on grave: Cross

Date: 15 June 1944

Signature

MIA 12 June 44  
KIA 12 June 44