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GERMAN RECORDS
COMPLETED

BELL

No BARRIER

RAESE

LYNAM

WAY

PAOLINO

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1st Lt. Harry G. May

Lawrence Walter P. May, (father)
Highland, South Carolina.

2nd Lt. Warren S. Rasse

Mr. Gustave F. Rasse, (father)
609 Jackson Street,
Keweenaw, Wisconsin.

2nd Lt. Eldon A. Sigurdson

Mrs. Anna M. Sigurdson, (mother)
Malton, Minnesota.

2nd Lt. Julian F. Bell

Mrs. Helene L. Bell, (wife)
Maitland, Florida.

2/sgt. James G. May

Mrs. Nellie L. May, (wife)
Canton, Arkansas.

2/sgt. Stanley A. Lynn

Mr. John J. Lynn, (father)
Park Street,
Kings Park, New York.

4/sgt. Vincent G. Paulino

Mr. Antonio Paulino, (father)
566 37th Street,
Oakland, California.

4/sgt. Garland T. Meredith

Mr. Owen D. Meredith, (father)
1514 Halding Street,
Richmond, Virginia.

4/sgt. Robert E. Parks

Mr. Norton E. Parks, (father)
Langview, Illinois.

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth, England ; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
 Group 303rd Bomb Gp. (H) ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment -----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Attached Chart.
 Intended Destination Berlin, Germa. ; Type of Mission Bombardment.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
2-4/10ths Cumulus Tops 3,000, 6-7/10ths Cirrus, 27,000, Dense persistent Contrails.
- GIVE: (a) Date 21 June 44 Time 1017 ; and Location Berlin, 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.
- 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 42-32037
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-65253
 (b) SW-005919 ; (c) SW-006776 ; (d) SW-006663
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
 (e) _____ ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
 (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	WAY, HENRY G.	1st Lt.	0-449803
2. Co-Pilot	RAESE, WARREN G.	2nd Lt.	0-705044
3. Navigator	SIGURDSON, ELDEN A.	2nd Lt.	0-703659
4. Bombardier	BELL, JULIAN P.	2nd Lt.	0-757054
5. Top Turret Gunner	PAOLINO, VINCENT C.	S/Sgt.	19186214
6. Radio Gunner	MAY, JAMES G.	T/Sgt.	38410967
7. Ball Turret Gunner	MEREDITH, GARLAND T.	S/Sgt.	13016643
8. Waist Gunner	LYNAM, STANLEY A.	T/Sgt.	12025602
9. Tail Gunner	PARKS, ROBERT E.	S/Sgt.	16031692
10.			

- 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. ORANGES, CHESTER N.	1st Lt.	0-749511		X		
2. KAHNERT, NICHOLAS F.	Sgt.	39706111		X		
3. JOYCE, JESS (MI)	Sgt.	37660786		X		
4. KILL, NICHOLAS F.	Sgt.	33431410		X		

- 12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (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. See Attached Statements.
- 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 24 June 1944.

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

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Statement of Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert, Jr., 39706111

" On the mission to Berlin, Germany on 21 June 1944, I was tail gunner on A/C #42-102569 which was flying in #3 position in the low squadron of the low group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. The two missing A/C, #42-32037 and #42-107002, were flying in #5 and #4 positions, respectively, as shown in the diagram of the formation below. Just after bombs away the two missing A/C broke formation and went down to the left. Then the pilot apparently got them under control as they pulled up. I believe they were both hit by A/A gunfire at the same time. I could see no fire or any apparent damage such as feathered propellers on either A/C. A total of three parachutes came out but I cannot say from which A/C. Since visibility was extremely poor due to clouds and dense persistent contrails, it was only possible to observe the missing A/C for about a minute after they got into trouble.)

42-97096

42-102569

42-32027

42-32037 x

No A/C here

42-107002 x

Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert Jr.

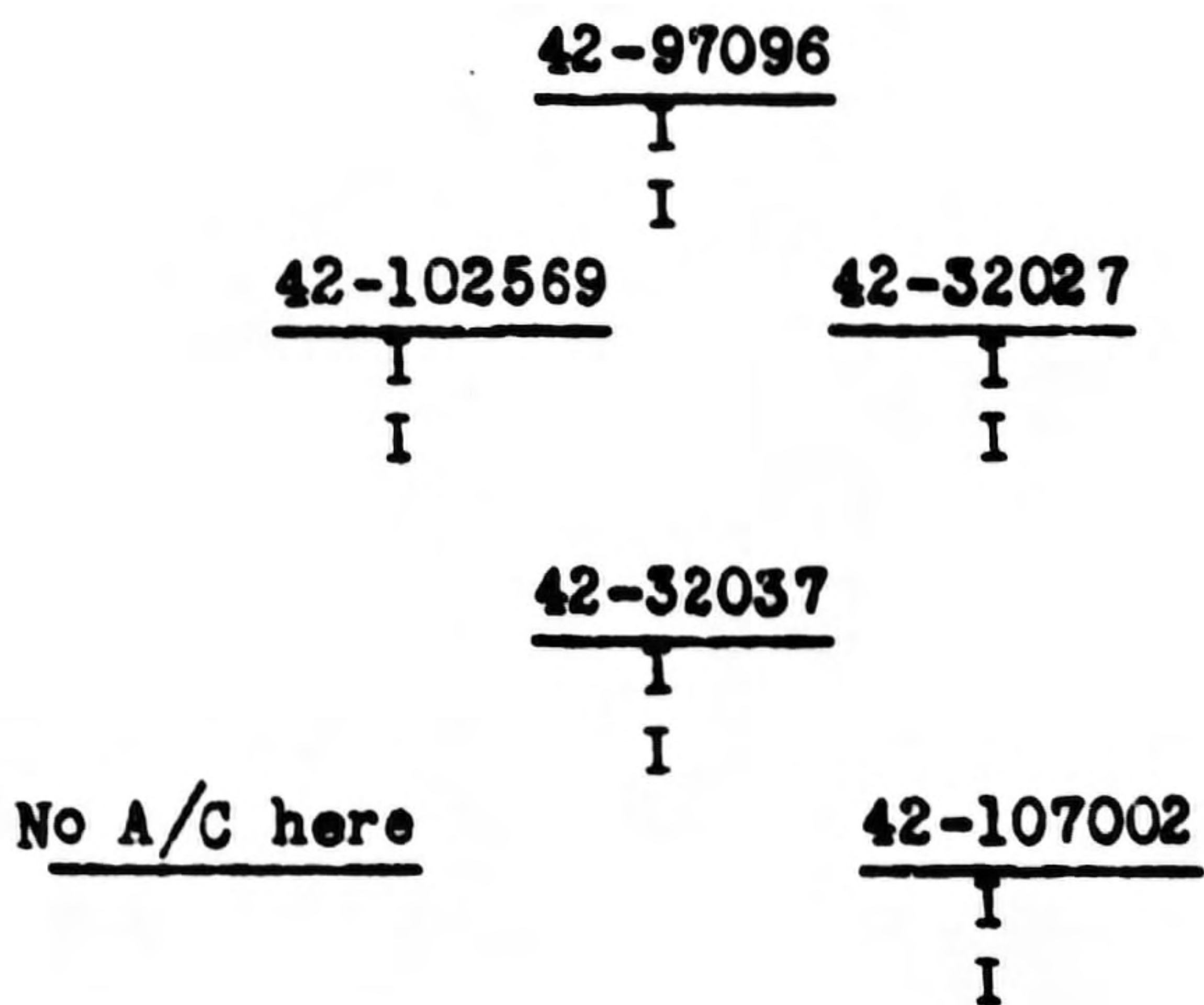
Sgt. Olaf F. Kahnert, Jr.
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Statement of 1st Lt. Chester N. Oranges, O-749511.

" On the mission to Berlin, Germany on 21 June 1944, I was pilot of A/C 42-102569 which was flying in #3 position in the low squadron of the low group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. The missing A/C, #42-32037, was flying in #4 position in the same squadron. Just after bombs away, the missing A/C received a direct hit from A/A gunfire. At the same time the A/C flying in #1 position in the squadron was hit and started down so it is difficult to set forth exactly what happened. I did, however, see two chutes come out of A/C 42-32037 and open. We were then flying at 26,000 feet. When I last saw the missing A/C it was still under control and looked to be in good shape.)"



Chester N. Oranges
CHESTER N. ORANGES,
1st Lt., AC.

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Statement of Sgt. Nicholas F. Kail, 33431410

" On the mission to Berlin, Germany, on 21 June 1944, I was ball turret gunner on A/C #42-32027 which was flying in #2 position in the low squadron of the low group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. The missing A/C #42-32037, was flying in #4 position in the same squadron as shown in the diagram below. On the bomb run, the missing A/C was hit by A/A gunfire. It then fell out of formation and made two 360 - degree turns under control following which it went into a dive. I did not see any parachutes. Poor visibility made it hard to observe accurately what happened.)"

42-97096

42-102569

42-32027

Nicholas F. Kail
Sgt. Nicholas F. Kail
33431410

42-32037

42-107002

Statement of Sgt. Jess (NMI) Joyce, 37660786.

" On the mission to Berlin, Germany, on 21 June 1944, I was tail gunner on A/C #42-32027. My version of what happened to A/C #42-32037 is the same as that of Sgt. Kail above."

Jess Joyce
Sgt. Jess (NMI) Joyce
37660786

TARGETS:

PRIMARY BERLIN, GERMANY

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TRACK CHART

DATE 21, JUNE, 1944

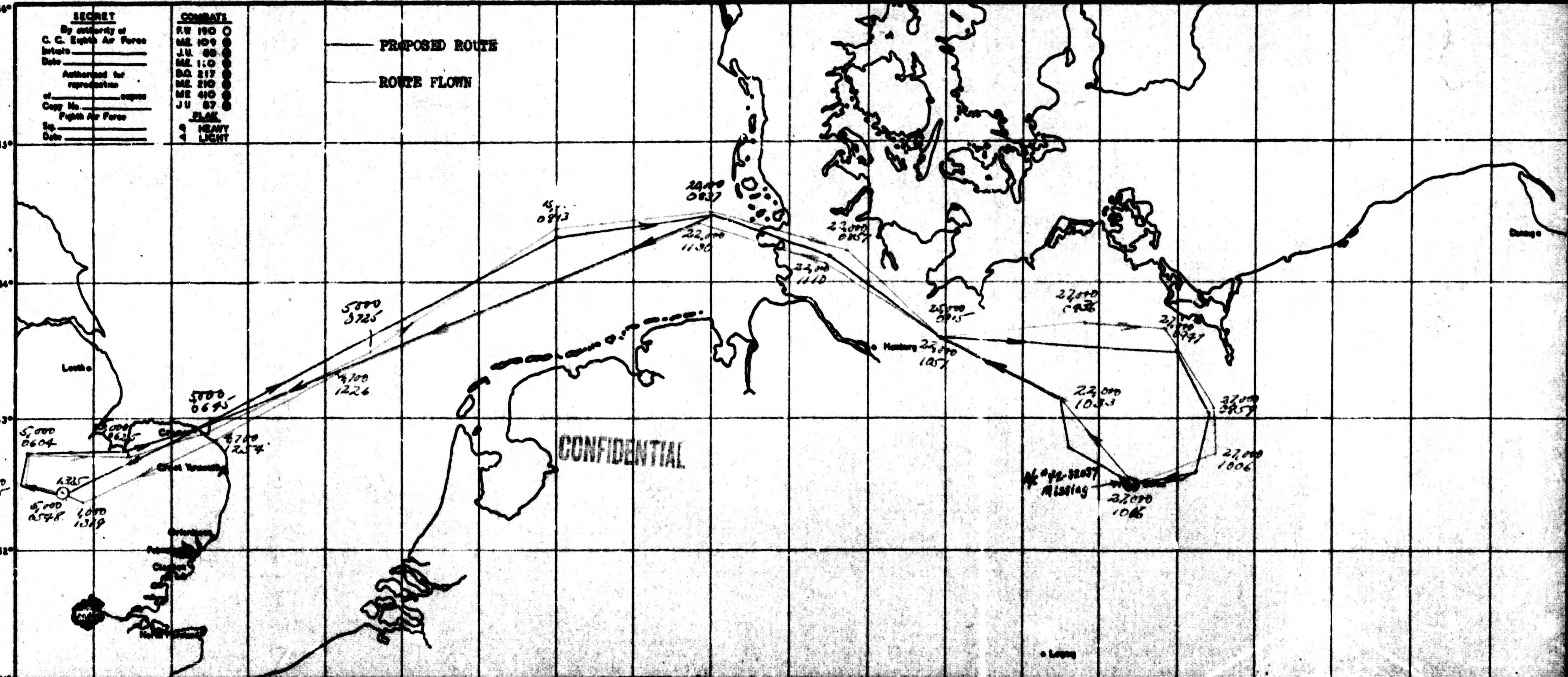
SQUAD. DESIG. GROUP (I)

LIST. "B" G. B. W.

LOW GROUP

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

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TRACK CHART

DATE 21, JUNE, 1944

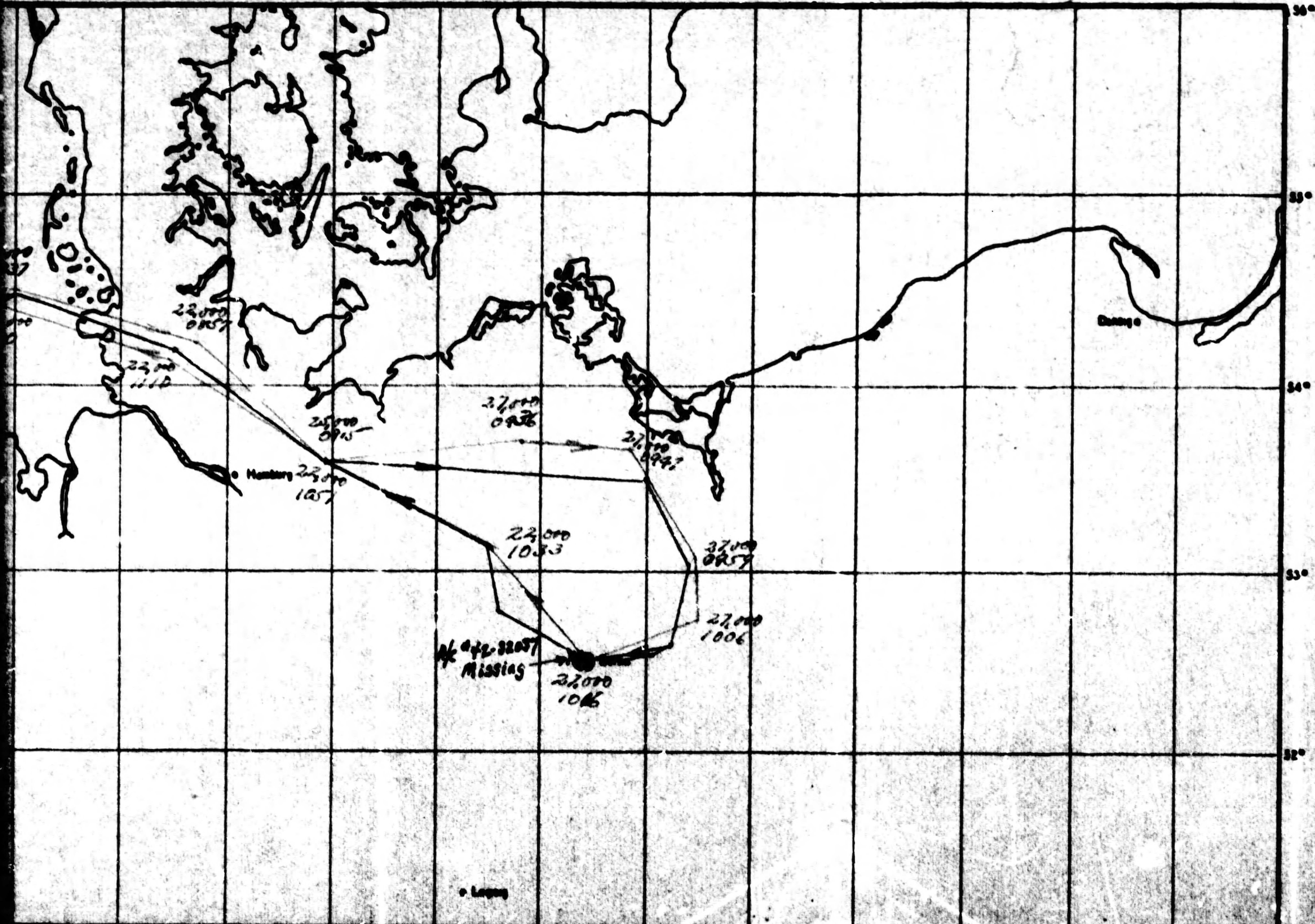
308RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)

41ST. "B" C. B. W.

LOW GROUP

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY

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INSTALLED WEAPONS ON A/C #42-32037

652919	-	F.D.G.M.
655816	-	F.D.G.M.
643378	-	F.D.G.M.
655605	-	F.D.G.M.
727999	-	F.D.G.M.
555612	-	F.D.G.M.
674762	-	K.H.W.
650962	-	F.D.G.M.
653202	-	F.D.G.M.
204933	-	S.A.
948000	-	S.A.
727725	-	F.D.G.M.
674639	-	K.H.W.

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21 June 44

Bell, Julian P.

2 Lt 0757054 KIA

Lynam, Stanley A.

T sgt 1202566 KIA

May, James G.

T sgt 38410967 EUS

Meredith Garland T.

A sgt 1301⁴643 EUS

Paulino, Vincent C.

A sgt 19180214 DEU

Parkes Robert E.

A sgt 16031692 EUS

Raese, Warren G.

2 Lt 0705044 EUS

Sigurdson, Elden A.

2 Lt 0703659 EUS

Way Henry G.

1 Lt 0449803 Ded.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

Lyman, Stanley A.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

12025602

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? _____

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: I was informed by the below-named Sergeant, Radioman of our

crew aboard the same ship which exploded in mid-air with those together men-

tioned that as T/Sgt. Lyman bailed out of the B-17, he was then and there

struck by flak and killed.

Source: Frank May, Radioman T/Sgt.

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: _____

Stanley T. Meredith
S/Sgt. 13014643

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **P saline, Vincent C.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **19188214**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Top Turret Gunner.**

Did he bail out? (See reverse side)

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: _____

On 21 June 1944, S/Sgt Vincent C. Paolino was Top-Turret gunner of a B-17 of which I was ball-turret gunner. When the plane in which we were riding appeared over Berlin, Germany, on the date afore-mentioned, flak from German antiaircraft struck the plane 4 times, twice in the nose and twice in the bomb-bay, with a result that the afore-mentioned plane exploded in midair.

After the explosion, or during the explosion, I did not see S/Sgt Paolino, nor have I since seen him.

(Signed) Richard T. Meredith
S/Sgt. 13014643

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

Way, Henry G.

Rank:

1st. Lt.

Serial number:

0-449808

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Pilot

Did he bail out? See reverse side

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: _____

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On 21 June 1944, Lt Henry G. Way was pilot of a B-17 of which I was ball-turret gunner. When the plane in which we were riding appeared over Berlin, Germany on the date afore-mentioned, flak from a German anti-aircraft struck the plane 4 times, twice in the nose and twice in the bomb-bay, with a result that the afore-mentioned plane exploded in midair.

After the explosion, or during the explosion, I did not see Lt. Way nor have I since seen him.

(Signed) Lawrence T. Meredith
57397 13014643

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Meredith, Garland T. Rank S/ Sgt. Serial No. 13014643
2. Organization 303 Bomb Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 21 did you go down? Yes.
4. What was the mission, Bomb target, Berlin target
time, 0129, altitude, 27300 route scheduled, North Sea
Denmark Berlin, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Berlin
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Part of them
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".
Frank May, Robert Parks, all that I have seen since who were members of the crew
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Unknown
11. Where were they in aircraft? Unknown
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Never, after the explosion in midair
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
See attached file on Frank May

Garland T. Meredith

S/sgt. 13014643

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JAMES GRAHAM MAY Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 38410967
2. Organization 303 Bomb Group Gp Commander Unknown Rank _____ Sqn CO Unknown Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Berlin, target time, Approx. 10:10 A.M., altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, Unknown
_____, route flown Unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET-HAD JUST DROPPED BOMBS
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 3 others known to have bailed out safely
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? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Unknown
11. Where were they in aircraft? Unknown
12. What was their condition? Unknown
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. NONE

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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Had just closed bombbay doors after dropping bombs, when hit by flak somewhere in forward part of ship. I was in radio room and could not see into pilot's compartment as bulkhead door between bombbay and pilot's compartment was closed. Immediately after being hit, pilot came in on interphone and ordered crew to bail out. To the best of my knowledge, I was the first to leave the ship. I dropped several thousand feet before opening my chute. I have no knowledge of what happened to ship or crew except the three other crew members who made it out safely. Later I met and talked to Lt. Sigurdson, Navigator, S/Sgt Parks, Tail Gunner and Ball Turrett Gunner Meredith in a German POW camp. They did not seem to have any more information than myself on what happened after we were hit.

T/SGT JAMES GRAHAM MAY
38410967

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Way, Henry G.
 Rank: 1st. Lt.
 Serial number: O-449803
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge of this

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge unless the plane blew up before he could get out

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He first called for Sgt. Lynam eng. waist-runner to come to the cockpit with fire fighting equipment then he immediately said no need it would be impossible to put this fire out get out of this plane immediately as quick as possible, hurry.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? I always took off in the tail so the last time I saw him was in England before we took off.

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was a very fine pilot so I think he was tryin to hold the plane so the rest of us could get out and that the plane blew up before he could get out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: This was his 25th

Dates and destinations if possible: I do not remember all of these. Our 1st. was May 7¹⁹⁴⁴ over Berlin, the 2nd was May 8¹⁹⁴⁴ over Berlin, 3 was Saarbrucken, 4 was Merseburg, 5th Mannheim Pas Das Calias. I do not remember the dates of all the rest of these. May 24 we went to Berlin again. we also went to Kell, Pozen, Stettin, Glose to Leipzig, St. Nazare, Remes and this is all that I can remember.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

Paolino, Vincent C.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

19186214

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Top Turret Gunner.

Did he bail out?

No Knowledge

Where?

If not, why not?

No Knowledge

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

Just before we reached the target.

Was he injured?

No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen?

At the base in England

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that he was killed when we were hit by flak

Total number of missions of above crew member:

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Dates and destinations if possible:

His would be the Same As Lt. Henry G. Way except two short and I don't remember which two they were.

1. Your name Elden A. Sigardson Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-703659
2. Organization 303 Bst Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col Sqn CO Martin Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 25th, target, Berlin, target time, 10:25, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, Flou Net 4
to Denmark then East 2nd, route flown as stated
Clear into Berlin from NE.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Berlin
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 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) No Knowledge
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? I had no I did not have any idea that any member of my crew was alive from 21 June 1944 until 20 April 1945, when I came in contact with two members of my crew: 1st Lt Robert E. Parks, and Sgt James May at Stajag W. A.
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)

Platteville, Wisconsin

March 22, 1946

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Subject: Information on missing crew members.

1. I cannot fill the forms to you sent me to your satisfaction, because I have no idea as to what happened after we were hit. I was knocked unconscious by flak when the ship was hit.

2. I came to when the fire started but not my face. The airplane was in a side to left it. I believe the ship blew up almost instantly after I left it.

3. I am quite certain that I saw one member of the crew hanging down from the pilot's compartment, but looking practically black with blood, and fire, I have no idea who it was. I am also quite certain that there was not any one in the nose when I left the ship.

4. Sgt. Robert E. Parks, Longview I-16, who was tail gunner, is much more in position to answer the questions to your satisfaction.

H. Eldred Sigurdson
Eldred A. Sigurdson

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Raese, Warren G.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-705044
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? Don't Remember

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? The last time I saw him was before our take off in England

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think that when we were hit by the Flak that he was hit maybe even Killed instantly but I do not know because the pilot was so busy that he didn't ~~see~~ have time to say anything about this.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20th

Dates and destinations if possible: He started flying on our 5th mission. I don't remember the dates or all of the destinations.

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Name of crew member: Bell, Julian P.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-757054
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Bombardier

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane ~~Before we got to~~
 the target he said that we sure didn't have the cloud cover that we should have, then
~~after bombs away he said over the interphone "Bombs Away. Bombardiers coming closed"~~
 then he called out flak, and this was the last I heard of him.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? At the base in England

Any hearsay information: The Navigator thought that he bailed out of the ship.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25th

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Lt. Henry G. Way

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Name of crew member: Lynan, Stanley A.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12025602
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge He was standing by the waist door when I left the ship. He was O.K. at that time
 Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before we reached the target. Except when he said "Roger" when the pilot said for him to come to the cockpit after we were hit but recended his order.

Was he injured? NOE when I left the ship he hadn't yet been injured

Where was he when last seen? At the waist door when I left the tail of the ship

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Idont know what to guess. Whether he got out of the ship or not.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25th

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as those of Lt. Henry G. Way

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Bell, Julian P.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-757054

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Bombardier

Did he bail out? (See reverse side)

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: _____

On 21 June 1944, 2d Lt. Julian P. Bell, was Bombardier of a B-17 of which I was ball-turret gunner. When the plane in which we were riding appeared over Berlin, Germany, on the date afore-mentioned, flak from German antiaircraft struck the plane 4 times, twice in the nose and twice in the bombbay, with a result that the afore-mentioned plane exploded in midair.

After the explosion, or during the explosion, I did not see Lt. Bell, nor have I since seen him.

(Signed)

Pauland T. Meredith

S/Sgt. 130 146 43

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **Raese, Warren G.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **O-705044**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Co-Pilot.**

Did he bail out? (See reverse side)

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: _____

On 21 June 1944, 2d Lt. Warren G. Raese, was Co-Pilot of a B-17 of which I was ball-turret gunner. When the plane in which we were riding appeared over Berlin, Germany, on the date afore-mentioned, flak from German anti-aircraft struck the plane 4 times, twice in the nose and twice in the bomb-bay, with a result that the afore-mentioned plane exploded in midair.

After the explosion, or during the explosion, I did not see Lt. Raese, nor have I since seen him.

(Signed)

Richard T. Meredith
J/547. 130 146 43

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORIAL DIVISION

26 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Reclassification of Missing Air Crew Reports

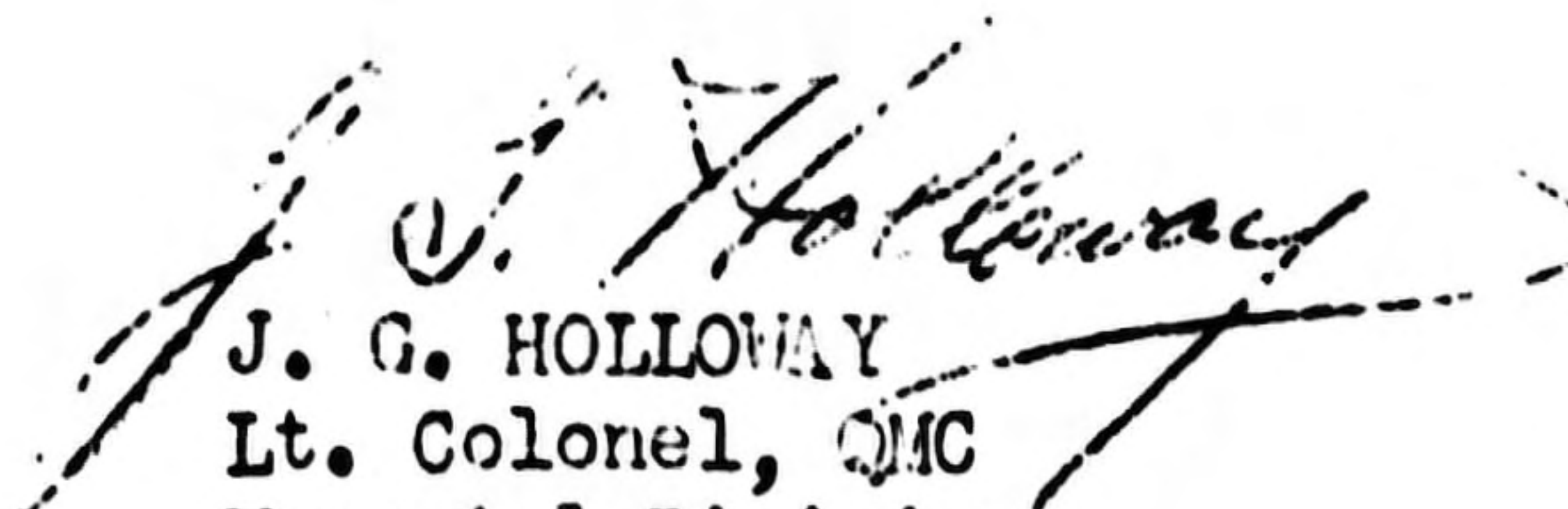
1. Per authority contained in Par 1, Sec 1, War Department Circular No. 346, dated 26 November 1946, War Department Circular No. 268, dated 5 September 1946, and Sec III, War Department Circular No. 104, dated 24 April 1947, Missing Air Crew Reports are downgraded to RESTRICTED.

2. At first opportunity this case is processed or reviewed, officer or civilian employee will physically delete present classification and indicate RESTRICTED on all correspondence and documents pertaining thereto.

3. Reclassification will be accomplished by citing the authority and signing each paper as follows:

"Classification changed to RESTRICTED per authority WD Cir 104, 1946.

Name Date"


J. G. HOLLOWAY
Lt. Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

6540

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~cockpilot (Bomber)~~

Ray, Henry G.
1st. Lt.
0-449908
Pilot

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? do

If not, why not? do

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Immediately
after being hit above ordered crew to bail out.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Take off

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

6640

Name of crew member:

Bell, Julian F.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-757064

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~:

Bombardier

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? do

If not, why not? do

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Take off

Any hearsay information: None

Source: None

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

RE 0500

Name of crew member: P Collins, Vincent G.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12100214
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Top Turret Gunner.

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? do

If not, why not? do

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Take off

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

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

none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Lynn, Stanley A.

T/Sgt.

12025602

Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? do

If not, why not? do

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him in waist before I left ship. He pulled emergency wire and kicked out waist door but did not jump. He stepped back into waist. I went by him and jumped. No conversation.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In waist as I left plane

Any hearsay information: none

Source: none

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INTEC 6548

7 Identification tags

- 1.) Robert E. PARRIS
10081692 T 43 - 43 A P
- 2.) Eldon A. SIGURDSON
O-703659 T 43 44 B P
- 3.) James G. MAY
38410967 T 43 44 B P
- 4.) Garland T. MEREDITH
13014643 T 41 - 43 O
O. B. MEREDITH
1914 Balding St
Richmond, Va. P
- 5.) Julian P. BELL (2 Tags)
O-757054 T 43 44 O P
- 6.) Warren G. RAISE
C-705044 T 43 - 44 O P

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Local HQ STAAKEN

PLACE: BERLIN - STAAKEN

DATE: 22 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF enemy aircraft,
salvage of the dead crew member
~~RECORDED~~ AT: BERLIN-REINICKENDORF WEST, Berliner Str. 100
22 Jun 44 11.55 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) RAESE

FIRST NAME: Warren G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-705044 T 43 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: found dead 22 Jun 44 11.55 h Berlin-Reinickendorf
West, Berliner Str. 100

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Reserve Hospital 101, DOEBERITZ

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: WILL BE REPORTED LATER

Signed: MUELLER
Capt., Officer for Special Duties

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ Staaken

PLACE: BERLIN - STAACKEN

DATE: 22 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy airplane,
salvage of the dead crew member
EM. LANDING: AT: BERLIN-NIEDERSCHOENHAUSEN, Germanenstr. 35
22 Jun 44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) BELL

FIRST NAME: Johann P.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-757054 T 43 44 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: found dead 22 Jun 44 11.30 h in BERLIN -
NIEDERSCHOENHAUSEN, Germanenstr. 35

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Reserve Hospital 101, DOEBERITZ

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: will be reported later.

Signed MUELLER
Capt., Officer for Special Duties

Schoenwalde 6 Jun 44
Post Office: Velten near Berlin
Telephon No.: 89

SUBJECT : Downing of an enemy aircraft, 21 Jun 44 10.45^h 150 meter
East of Railroad Station BERLIN - SCHULZENDORF

TO : Evaluation Center West, OBERURSEL
German Air Ministry G1 - Hae
Air Force District HQ III
Air Field District 4/III STAACKEN
File

1.) Technical Report:

Type of aircraft: Fortress II B 17 G
Markings: Not recognisable
Manufacturers Serial No. Not recognisable, 1 salvaged identifica-
tion plate had the description:
Model B 17 G Bell B 245 A N 189
Condition of Aircraft: 95 % destroyed

2.) Engine and engine assembly:

The aircraft was equipped with 4 engines. The identification-
plates, which were found had the following description:

- 1.) Merlin A 326856 A 8097
Contract A 785 Prop. 420
- 2.) Turbosupercharger A.F. Setting 5
Model 7 SB 22 - A 5 Contract W 535 AC 19339
A.F. Spec. R - 28502 - 22

The dismantled identification plates were forwarded to the
Air Force Salvage Battl. III, because salvage was performed
by a platoon of this unit.

3.) Armament and Ammunition:

4 large Cal. Mach. Guns (Browning) Cal. .50 M 2, Condition
III and IV, salvaged.

4.) Radio Equipment: Not established

5.) Photo Equipment: Not established

6.) Map material : Not established

Air craft was burnt after crash.

Signature illegible

Col., CO Air Base HQ

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Local HQ 27 / III

LOCATION: SCHOENWALDE

DATE: 22 Jun 44

DATE AND TIME: 21 Jun 44 10.45 h
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: 150 meters East of Railroad Station BERLIN-SCHULZENDORF
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: Anti Aircraft Gun
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress ~~III~~ II B 17MARKINGS OF CRAFT: not recognisable
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: not recognisable

EQUIPMENT: not recognisable
F.T. FREQUENCIES: not recognisable
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 95 % burnt after crashDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Schoenwalde 22 Jun 44

Signed: ZIEGLER
Col., CO Air Base HQ

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field District HQ 4/III

PLACE: BERLIN - STAAKEN

DATE: 21 Jun 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,)
) unknown
EM. LANDING: AT:)

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) SIGURDSON

FIRST NAME: Elden A.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-703659

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Berlin - Tegel, Tegeler Firing Range 21 Jun 44 10.15 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Air Force Hospital, BERLIN - REINICKENDORF

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: X-----

Signed:
 Signature illegible
 Major

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

~~XXX~~ 1346

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 23 Jun 44

THROUGH:

TIME: 03.15 h

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Frank

REMARKS:

Very urgent

LBSE

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22 Jun 44

17.52 h

To: Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL

Wire message to: Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL

to: Air Field District HQ 4/III BERLIN - STAACKEN

In reference to: D (Luft) 2706/07 IIC and VIII

a) Place of crash: 150 m East of Railroad Station BERLIN - SCHULZENDORF

b) Time of crash: 21 Jun 44, 10.45 h

c) Type of aircraft: Fortress II

d) Markings of aircraft: not recognizable

e) Manufacturers Serial No.: not recognizable, Identification Plate: Model
B 1 J - G Bell B 245 A N 189

f) Condition of aircraft: 95 % burnt after crash

g) Crew of aircraft: 1 member captured: Robert PARKS, ASN 16031692 T 44
1 member found dead: Stanley A. LYNAM ASN 12025602 T 41 - 42
Parts of dead bodies found indicated, that there was one
more crew member dead. No identification marks existed.

Air Base Local HQ 27/III SCHOENWALDE

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base EQ 27/III

PLACE: SCHOENWALDE

DATE: 21 Jun 44 18.30h

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy aircraftEM. LANDING: AT: BERLIN - HEILIGENSEE

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

PARKS

FIRST NAME:

Robert

Rank:

Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

16031692

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Berlin-Heiligensee 21 Jun 44 at about 11.30 h
by members of the Flak-School, Berlin-Schulzendorf

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -----

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -----

Signed: ZIEGLER
Col., CO Air Base HQ

