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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 303rd ; Squadron 427th ; Detachment ---
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See attached Chart
Intended Destination Juvincourt A/D ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
No clouds - visibility good.
- GIVE: (a) Date 28 June 44 Time 0835 ; and Location Near Laon, France
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 42-51200
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SN-002792
(b) 40-4543 ; (c) SN-001876 ; (d) 43-57876
- 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 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
x1. Pilot	WARDOWSKI, STANLEY (MI)	2nd Lt.	KIA 0-813449
2. Co-Pilot	HAMELIN, NEAL E. JR.	2nd Lt.	EUS 0-15418294
x3. Navigator	BIRNBAUM, WARREN G. JR.	2nd Lt.	KIA 0-716623
x4. Bombardier	RISSEL, CHARLES F.	2nd Lt.	EUS 0-703473
x5. Top Turret Gunner	KOWATZ, RAYMOND J.	Sgt.	EUS 6846647
x6. Radio Operator	WILLARD, ALBERT (MI)	S/Sgt.	EUS 16077754
x7. Ball Turret Gunner	HOPE, BENJAMIN W.	Sgt.	EUS 57829290
x8. Waist Gunner	SMITH, JOHN I.	Sgt.	EUS 57575877
x9. Tail Gunner	WAGNER, DONALD G.	Sgt.	KIA 57484643
10.			

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSON 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. TOW, WAYNE J.	2nd Lt. 0-754929		X			
2.						
3.						

- 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) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See attached Chart.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached chart.
- 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 30 June 1944

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

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Installed Weapons on A/C No. 42-31200

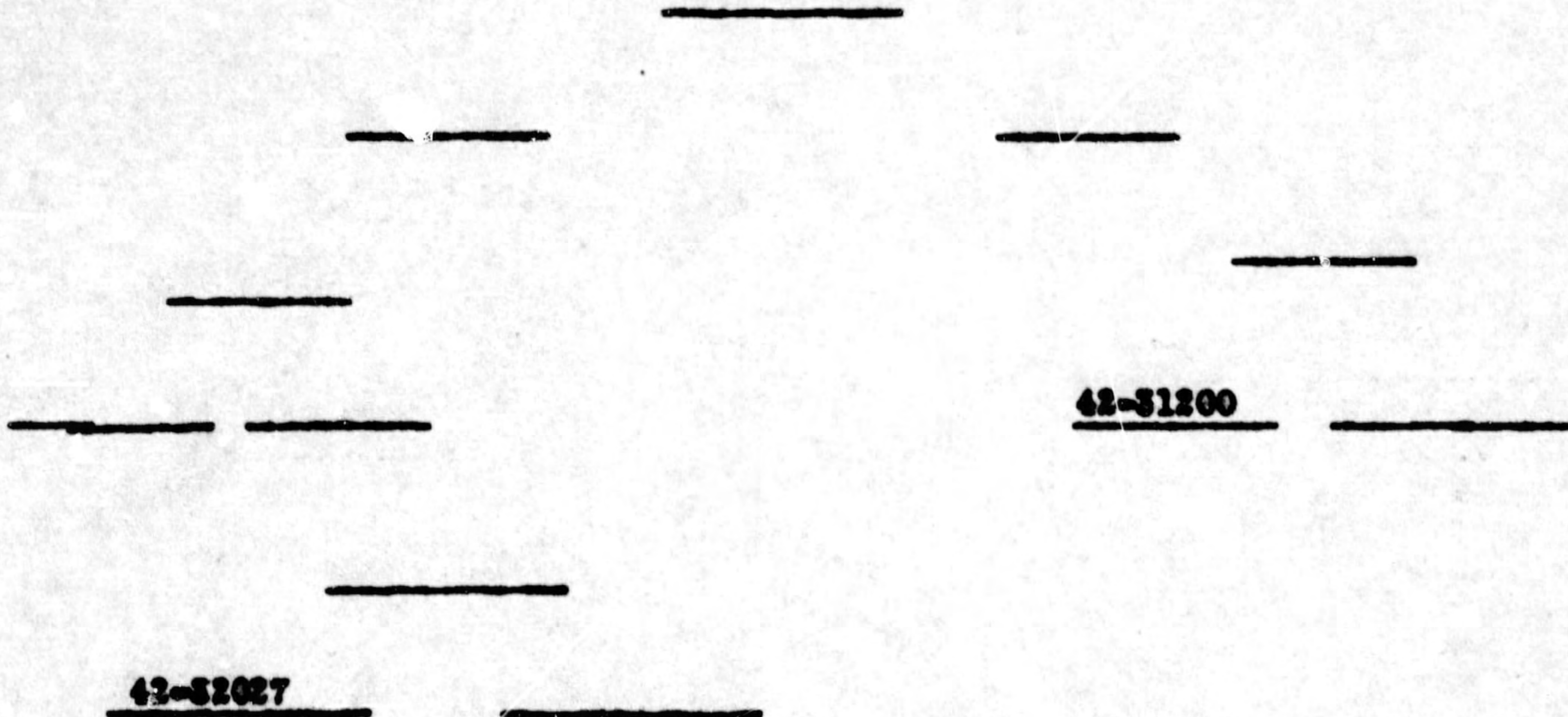
- 674259 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel.
- 675299 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel.
- 683238 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel.
- 674322 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel.
- 675090 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- 568716 - Savage Arms.
- 124237 - Savage Arms.
- 683754 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- 683180 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- 674588 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- 683382 - Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.

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Statement of 2nd Lt. Weyman J. Tow - O-756929

On the mission to Juvinocourt, France on 29 June 1944, I was the bombardier of A/C #43-32027. The missing A/C was #42-31200. The relative position of the two A/C in the formation is shown below. The missing A/C was hit by A/A gunfire between the fuselage and #5 engine. This was over Laon, France at 0836 hours. The wing caught fire. Six men came out then, and I saw one chute open. It looked as if the rest were making a delayed jump. The A/C then made a 180° turn. It then nosed over and started down in a dive. About 4000 feet down the A/C disintegrated in the air.



Weyman J. Tow
WEYMAN J. TOW,
2nd Lt. AC,
O-756929.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WARDOWSKI Stanley (NMI) File No: 6740
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-813449
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NOT AS FAR AS I KNOW

Where? _____

If not, why not? PLANE BLEW UP

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

I GOT OUT OF THRUST TO ABANDON SHIP

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN PILOT'S SEAT

Any hearsay information: WARDS TOLD BOMBARDIER HE WAS
 KILLED IN CRASH.

Source: BOMBARDIER LT. C.F. EISEL

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PLANE ON
 FIRE AND BLEW UP BEFORE WAS POSSIBLE TO
 BAIL OUT

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 OR 8

Dates and destinations if possible: HAMBURG, 6-20-44 - BERLIN - 6-22-44
LILLE - ST. OMER - 6-23-44 - BREMEN - 6-24-44 -
SOUTHERN FRANCE 6-25-44 - AIRFIELD NORTH OF PARIS
6-28-44 -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HAINLIN Neal E. jr.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-1541829
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

File No: 6740

Did he bail out? YES, I BELIEVE HE MUST HAVEWhere? BEEN BLOWN OUT

If not, why not? _____

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

HE WAS IN CO-PILOT'S SEAT AS I LEFTWas he injured? APPARENTLY NOT

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: FOUND OUT FROM BOMBARDIER ONEMAN ON CREW HAD A BROKEN LEG

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. WARDOWSKI

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BIRNBAUM Warren G. jr.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-716622
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~: Navigator

File No: 6740

Did he bail out? NOT AS FAR AS I KNEW

Where? _____

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UPLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: REPORTED
IPWas he injured? I WAS TOLD BY BOMBARDIER HE WASWhere was he when last seen? NOSE OF PLANEAny hearsay information: HE WAS IN PLANE WHEN IT
HIT

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 or 8Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS LT. HANKIN +
LT. WARDOWSKI

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WAGNER Donald G. File No: 6740
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37484642
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? SHIP BLEW UP

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UP

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

OXY GEN CHECK BEFORE IP

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? BY ESCAPE WATCH

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: LILLE ST. OMER 6-23-44 - SOUTHERN

BREMEN - 6-24-44; SOUTHERN FRANCE - 6-25-44

NORTH OF PARIS 6-28-44.

DATES ON SOME MISSIONS
 ARE PROBABLY NOT QUITE RIGHT.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RAYMOND J. KOWATZ Rank SGT Serial No. 6548607
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander SCHNEIDER Rank Coh. Sqn CO LYKE ? Rank Lt. Coh.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, AIRFIELD NEAR PARIS, target time, 07:30, altitude, 26000 route scheduled, SENAV. DUNKIRK to N. PARIS, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST OFF FEW MINUTES
6. Did you bail out? NO Blown out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. R.C., WAST GUNNER, AND BALL GUNNER
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~~
BOMBARDIER - BLOWN OUT, R.C., WAST GUNNER AND BALL GUNNER BAILED OUT ON ORDERS FROM PILOT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ? NO KNOWLEDGE OF VILLAGE
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, NAVIGATOR, AND TAIL GUNNER
11. Where were they in aircraft? NEAR THEIR POSITIONS ?
12. What was their condition? O.K. EXCEPT NAVIGATOR.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WARDOWSKI Stanley (NMI)

File No: 0740

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

~~XXXXXXXX~~ 0-813449

Position: Crew (Bombardier)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? DO NOT KNOW NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? EVERYTHING HAPPENED IN MATTER OF SECONDS

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: PRIOR TO LOSS OF PLANE, BOMBARDIER TALKED TO PILOT.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN COCKPIT

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9?

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HAINLIN Neal E. jr.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-1541829
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

File No: 6740

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No KnowledgeLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? No KnowledgeWhere was he when last seen? IN COCK PITAny hearsay information: WHEN I RETURNED TO ENGLAND IWAS TOLD BY A DENTIST (A GOOD FRIEND OF LT. HAINLIN)THAT HE HAD A LETTER FROM HAINLIN AND THATHE WAS IN A HOSPITAL IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND.DENTIST WAS STATIONED AT 303 (H) BOMB GROUPSource: THE DENTIST'S NAME NOT KNOWN

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7?Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BIRNBAUM Warren G. jr.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-716622
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Observer)~~:

File No: 6740

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: None

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Nose of AIRCRAFT

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7?

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WAGNER Donald G.

File No: 6740

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 37484642

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Tail GunnerDid he bail out? No Knowledge

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? EMERGENCY MATCH Ready toAny hearsay information: BAIL OUT. WHEN I LEFT THEPLANE HE WAS SITTING IN THE MATCH READYTO JUMP. HE DID NOT HAVE AN OXYGEN MASK ON.

Source: _____

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

MAY HAVE PASSED OUT FROM LACK OF
OXYGEN.ONE CHUTE WAS SAID TO BURNED (TOLD
BY FRENCHMEN)Total number of missions of above crew member: 5Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN I. SNEDE Rank 1/SGT Serial No. 37575877
2. Organization Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Rank COL
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JUNE day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, , target, JUEYEN COURT, target time, , 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
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? DIDN'T STRIKE 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) 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? ALBERT WILLARD good condition, CAME BACK TO THE STATES WITH ME
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WARDOWSKI Stanley (EMI)** File No: **6740**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **O-813449**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? *No Knowledge*

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

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

 oxygen checks

Was he injured? *No Knowledge*

Where was he when last seen? *Piloting plane*

Any hearsay information: *None*

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: *9*

Dates and destinations if possible: *No Knowledge*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARLEN Neal E. jr.**

File No: **6740**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **O-1541839**

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? *No Knowledge*

Where? *" "*

If not, why not? *" "*

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

Oxygen check

Was he injured? *No Knowledge*

Where was he when last seen? *In cockpit.*

Any hearsay information: *I understand he was taken*

prisoner after having broken his leg in jump.

Source: *French underground.*

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

Stated above.

Total number of missions of above crew member: *9*

Dates and destinations if possible: *Hahnemann*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BIRNBAUM Warren G. jr.**

File No. **6740**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **O-716622**

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: **Navigator**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

try you check

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In nose of plane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Unknown

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: "

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WATNER Donald G.**

File No: **6740**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **57484842**

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

Any gun check

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? "

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Albert Willard Rank 5/SGT Serial No. 16077734
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Jourvillecourt, target France
time, 10 A.M., altitude, 24000 FT route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Northern France
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say "No Knowledge". No saw them
After chute I have no knowledge to whom
the were.
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 met the turret gunner inside though
the French under ground
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WARDOWSKI Stanley (M1)** File No: **3740**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-813445**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~ **Pilot**

Did he bail out? **NO** **IF HE WAS OUTSIDE OF THE**
PLANE HE WAS BLOWN OUT
 Where? **X**

If not, why not? **UNKNOWN**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **HE GAVE**
THE "bail out" ORDER

Was he injured? **UNKNOWN**

Where was he when last seen? **FLYING THE AIRCRAFT**

Any hearsay information: **I DIDN'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT**
HIM BUT I SUPPOSE THE ENGINEER SAW
HIM

Source: **ENGINEER**

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: **HIS SIXTH OR SEVENTH**

Dates and destinations if possible: **JUNE 21st TO BERLIN**

JUNE 28th HADON THE BEST AN UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HAINLIN Neal E. jr.** File No: **6740**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **C-1541829**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? NO IF He GOT out He WAS blown out

Where? _____

If not, why not? UN KNOWN

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

NONE

Was he injured? NO Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? IN the Co-Pilots Seat

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five or Six

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 21st To Berlin: To Calais
JUNE 19th To Haan Air Field JUNE 28th The
Best are UN KNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BIRNBAUM Warren G. jr.**

File No: **6740**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-716622**

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

Did he bail out? No if He Got out He was blown out

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

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

NONE

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? UPON NOSE OF AIR CRAFT

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 28 HANON AIR FIELD

The Rest UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIREName of crew member: **WAGNER Donald G.**File No: **6740**Rank: **Sgt.**Serial number: **37484642**Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Tail Gunner**Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

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

NONEWas he injured? UNKNOWNWhere was he when last seen? IN TAIL OF PLANEAny hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I SupposeHe was Hit as He had a better chance of getting out than myself or else His chute didn't open.Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWNDates and destinations if possible: LACN Air Field June28 The Best are UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HAYES, BENJAMIN L. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37522590
2. Organization 303rd G 4278th Sq. Cpl Commander UNKNOWN Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 27th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, UNKNOWN, target, LAON Air Field, target time, 0730, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN
route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN THE BALL TURRET
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes Waist Gunner & Radio Operator
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". I didn't know anything that happened up in the front of the Air Craft. The only ones I saw was the Waist Gunner & the Radio Operator and then the Bomb Engineer after he got on the ground.
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? Just before I got in my ball turret over England and everyone there was OK.
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)

I had the Engineer figure that the Tail Gunner was hit before the plane was so he had a good chance of getting out unless his chute failed to Open which none of us are sure of. The Radio Operator and the Waist Gunner evaded and got back to American lines in September.

These Forms are filled out to the best of my Knowledge.

Signed
Benjamin L. Lopez
Meriden, Kansas
Box # 82

KU 2381

BIRNBAUM,

0-716622 T 43 44

downing 28 June 1944, 0838

Chivros, 17 Km W Laca

dead

KU 2381

WAGNER

37484642 T 42 43

downing 28 June 1944, 0838

Chivros, 17 Km NE Laca

dead

KU 2381

WARDOWSKI

downing 28 June 1944, 0838

Chivros, 17 Km NE Laca

dead

Date and time aircraft
was shot down:

28 June 44, time: 0838

Casualty No.: KU 2381

Place of Crash:

Chivres

Type of aircraft:

Fortress

Reporting Office:

Prisoner of war collecting center Brussels

Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of internment
RISHL	Charles Fred	2nd/Lt. 0-708473	captured	Dulag Luft
ROWATCH	Raymond Jonathan Minneapolis, Minn.	Sgt. 6548607	"	" "
HOPE 31 Oct 23	Benjamin Meriden, Kans.	Sgt. 37529890	"	" "
HEINLIN	Neale	2nd/Lt. 0-1541839	wounded	Hospital
WAGNER	Donald G.	Sgt. 3748462	dead	
BIRNBAUM	Warren G.	2nd/Lt. 0-715632	"	

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Dulag Luft, 14 June 44 No.

28 Jun 44

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- 41) Sgt. 10 Kowatch
- 42) 2.Lt. 8 Eisel

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Raymond
Charles

POW

65 48 60 7
O-703473

KU 920

KU.2381 }
KU.2381 } *28 Jun 44*

Air Base Headquarters B (v) 203/II
 Field Post Nr. 1 31 000 P.O. Brussels
 I/Fl. Reserve Flak 11/Regiment/Heist.

REPORT ON CASUALTY Nr. 37

Time of report: 24 June 1944 to 28 June 1944

Nr. Place/Date. Rank: Name: Died: Result:

1	Chivres, 17 En Hl Loch 24 June 1944 flight to tar- get. Fortress B 17 & Order Nr. 555-16 20 292 black G in white triangle		BIRBAUM Warren J. O-716422 T 45 44	Dead	Community Cemetery Lisse Group Grave Nr 44
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*KU 2381
also 2367, KIA 28 June 44*

			WAGNER Donald G. 27484642 T 43 43	Dead	
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KIA

2		Lt.	BAILEY Earl R. O-1541950		Leg injury. War Hospital Heim EUS
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		S.	BARROWSKI S.	Dead	Group Grave Nr. 44
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		Lt.	RISH Charles Fred O-705373		captured., Concentration Center Brussels. <i>KIA 27 June</i>
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		Sgt.	NEVE, Leo Benjamin 37539890		captured. Concentration Center Brussels. <i>EUS</i>
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		Sgt.	KONATSON R.J. 6549607		captured. Concentration Center Brussels. <i>EUS</i>
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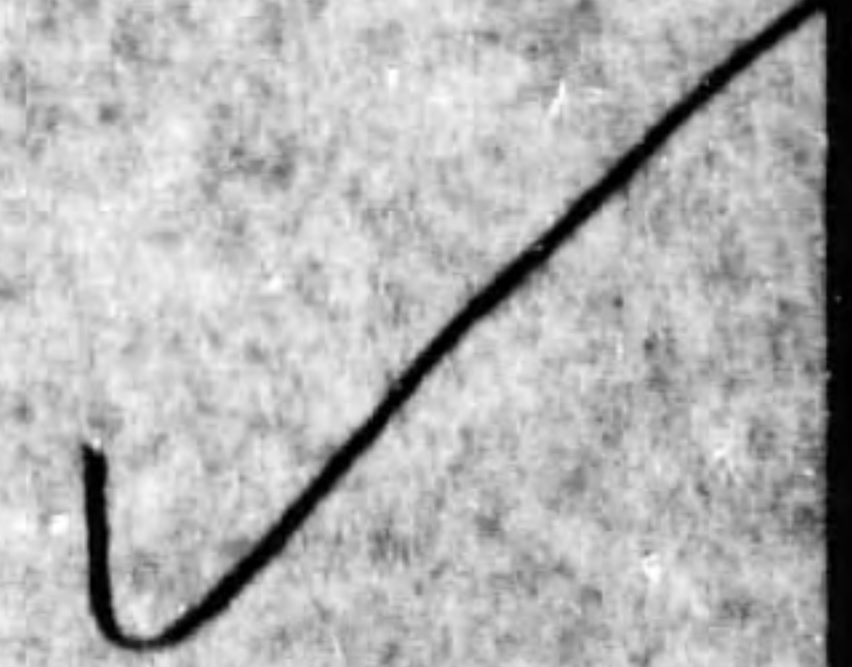
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Local Quarters 30 June 1944

Fuehrer, Sgt. and Subst. Comm. of Rec. Un.

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3 KIA
6 EUS
9 crew all
accounted for
Wardowski KIA
Hainlin EUS
Birnbaum KIA?
Eisel EUS
Kouatch "
Ullrich "
Lopez
Inalle "
Wagner KIA*

*KIA
27 June*



MACR-6740

DATE:	AT:	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 2381
28 June 1944	0838	2nd Lt	VISEL, Charles Fred	ASH: 0-703473
PLACE: 1km north of Chivres 17km north-east of Isen		2nd Lt	HAINLIN, Beale	ASH: 0-1511829 Emp
	44	2nd Lt	BIRBAUM, Warren G	ASH: 0-716622 dead
TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress	44	2nd Lt	WARDOWSKI, S	ASH: --
MARKINGS: 231255		Sgt	HOFF, Benjamin Lee	ASH: 37529590
	44	Sgt	WAGNER, Donald G	ASH: 3748462 dead
427 (HB) Sqd - 303 Group		Sgt	KONATCH, Raymond Jonathan	ASH: 6518607
		s/sgt	WILLARD,	ASH: --
		Sgt	SMITH,	ASH: --

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MCK 6740
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Buried in community-cemetery Liesse,
mass-grave AA on 30 June 1944

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Ku 2374

June 25, 1944. 06:38 shot down of Boeing Fortress 17 G . 1 km north of Chivres ,
17 km north east of Laca, on return flight by AA. Markings: LC star - V admission No.
Black C on white triangle GN, demolition in the air. 95% crash. 4 Prisoners:
Lt. Charles Fred N E I S E L ASN. O - 803483. Sgt. Benjamin Lee H O P E
ASN 37529590. 2nd. Lt. N E A L E H A I N L I N , O - 1541829 . 3 dead : Warren , G.
B I R N B A U M , O - 716622. Donald , G. W A G N E R 3748462. W A R D O W S K O , S.
identified by Leather -- stripes. Rest probably fugitive.

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KU 2301

Identification Tags :

Neal E. Hainlin	O-1541639	T 43 - 41	AE	P
Donald G. Wagner	37484642	T 42 - 43	O	P
Benjamin L. Rye	37539890	T 43 - 44	A	P
Warren G. Birsham	O-718632	T 43 - 44	AE	P

KU 2381

June, 28, 1944 08:38 B I7b by Flak I km north of Chievres 17 km north-east Laon.
95% crash. Marked star-F. Commission No.-C in white triangle "C". I prisoner
2nd Lt. Hainlin N.E. O - 1548649. Rest fugitive.

KU 2381

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Identification Tags :

Neal E. Hainlin	0-1541829	T 43 - 41	AB	P
Donald G. Wagner	37484642	T 42 - 43	O	P
Benjamin L. Hope	37529590	T 43 - 44	A	P
Warren G. Birnbaum	0-716622	T 43 - 44	AB	P

Air Base Sq. 2 (v) 228/11
Field Post No. 2 2309, Air District Post Office Brussels
1/ Flying Replacement Sq 11/No. 2-228/11

Form 11

Casualty Report

No. 27

for Officers, Armed Forces Officials, POW's, and MIA's

Period of report: June 26 to June 28, 1944

Distributor:

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Shooting-down of a Fortress B 17 G - Order No. 1 V SIS AG 20092 -
Black 6 in triangle, near Ghivres, 17 km NE Lonn, on June 28, 1944

PERSONNEL

- | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Warren G. Binkman | 0-710000 T 43 - 44 | dead, buried at Municipal Cemetery Liege, Mass Grave 44 |
| 2. Donald G. Wagner | 37404542 T 42 - 43 | " " " " " " |
| 3. Lt. Earl E. Hainline | 0-1801875 | captured, foot injury, admitted to Army Hospital Reims |
| 4. S. Vardovski | | dead, buried at Municipal Cemetery Liege, Mass Grave 44 |
| 5. Lt. Charles Fred Niscol | 0-700075 | captured, held at Concentr. Point Brussels |
| 6. Sgt. Benjamin Lee Hope | 37300000 | " " " " " " |
| 7. Sgt. R. J. Kovatich | 0540007 | " " " " " " |
| 8. unknown | | supposedly fugitive |
| 9. " | | " " " " " " |
| 10. " | | " " " " " " |

June 30, 1944

Wagner

S/Sgt Aspirant and Leader of Receiving Detail

Note: 1 original
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Air Base Hq. E (v) 228/XI
Field Post No. L 31809, Air District Post Office Brussels
I/ Flying Replacement Bn 11/Hohenstaufen/Holstein

Form 11

Casualty Report

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for Officers, Armed Forces Officials, NCO's, and Enlisted Men

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Shooting-down of a Fortress B 17 G - Order No. : W 535 AC 20292 -
black O in triangle, near Chivres, 17 km NE Laon, on June 28, 1944

Crew :

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Warren G. Birnbam | O-716622 T 43 - 44 | dead, buried at Municipal Cemetery Liesse, Mass Grave 44 |
| 2. Donald G. Wagner | 37484642 T 42 - 43 | " " " " |
| 3. Lt. Neal E. Hainlin | O-1541829 | captured, foot injury, admitted to Army Hospital Reims |
| 4. S. Wardowski | - | dead, buried at Municipal Cemetery Liesse, Mass Grave 44 |
| 5. Lt. Charles Fred Eisel | O-703473 | captured, trfd to Concentr. Point Brussels |
| 6. Sgt. Benjamin Leo Hope | 37529590 | " " " " |
| 7. Sgt. R. I. Kowatsch | 6548607 | " " " " |
| 8. unknown | | supposedly fugitive |
| 9. " | | " " |
| 10. " | | " " |

June 30, 1944

Fuehrer

S/Sgt Aspirant and Leader of Receiving Detail

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STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: **Air Base Hq. N(v) 228/XI** DISTRIBUTION: **Air Dist. N. Belgium/E France**
 OFFICE OR STATION: **Field Post No. L51809** **Déleg. Luft Oberweel**
Air District Post Office Brussels **Air Base District**
CONCENTRATION Point Brussels
 LOCATION: **Athies** Date: **July 2, 1944** OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: **DOWNED**) **of Fortress B 17 B**
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH) DATE AND TIME: **June 28 1944 at 0830**
 AT: NEAR: **1 km N of Chivre on Loennele**

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: **SURNAME**) **K e v a t s e h**
LAST NAME)
 FIRST NAME: **CHRISTIAN NAME**) **H. J.**
GIVEN NAME)
 RANK: **Sgt.**
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: **SERIAL** **6548607 T 43 AB**
SERVICE
 NATIONALITY: **U.S.A.**

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: **0915**
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: **3 km NE Chivre**
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: **Air Base Hq. N(v) 228/XI**

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)
uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: **trfd to Brussels on July 2, 1944**

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Hq. E(v) 223/ XI DISTRIBUTOR: Air Distr. Hq. Belgium/N France
 OFFICE OR STATION: Field Post No. L31809 Air District Post Office Brussels Delag Luft Oberursel
 LOCATION: Athies Date: July 2, 1944 Air Base District Concentration Point Brussels OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) of Fortress B 17 B
 (RECOVERED DEAD)) DATE AND TIME: June 28 1944 at 0838
 (RECOVERED))
 AT: NEAR: 1 km N of Chivre en Laonnois

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) K o v a t s c h
 LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) R. J.
 GIVEN NAME)

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 6548607 T 43 AB
 SERVICE

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE: 0915
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: 3 km NE Chivre
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Air Base Hq. E(v) 228/XI

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
 CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)
 uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: trfd to Brussels on July 2, 1944

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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DISTRIBUTOR:

Air Base Hq. H(v) 228/XI
OFFICE OR STATION:

Air District Hq. Belgium/N France
Concentration Point Brussels
Belg Lt. Obov-roel
OFFICE OR STATION VALUES:

LOCATION: Athies on July 2, 44

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)
INCIDENTS)

Fortress B 17 G

DATE AND TIME:

June 28, 1944

AT: 0838

NEAR:

1 km N Chivre-en-Lacoste

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME)

H i e l

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME)

Charles Fred

RANK:

2nd Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL)
SERVICE)

0-705473 / 2 43 - 44

NATIONALITY:

U.S.A.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0910

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Condolancourt

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Antiaircraft Transport Group 418 (Amiens)

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

on July 2, 44 to Brussels

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:
Air Base Hq. M(v) 228/XI

OFFICE OR STATION:

LOCATION: Athies on July 2, 44

DISTRIBUTOR:
Air District Hq. Belgium/N France
Concentration Point Brussels
Dylog Luft. Oberursel
Air Base District Hq.
OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) Fortress B 17 G
EMERGENCY () DATE AND TIME: June 23, 1944
CONSTANT)

AT: 0838 NEAR: 1 km N Chivre-en-Laonnois

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) E i s e l
LAST NAME)
FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Charles Fred
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: 2nd Lt.
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-703473 / T 43 - 44
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 0910
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Condelanourt
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Antiaircraft Transport Group 418 (Amiens)

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
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DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: on July 2, 44 to Brussels

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

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DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base No. (V) 228/IIAir District No. Belgium/N France Ia
Concentration Point Brussels
Belg Luft
Air Base District No.LOCATION: Athies on July 2, 44

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)Fortress BELTNG TIME:June 28, 1944AT: 0638NEAR: 1 km N Chivro-en-Laennec

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME)H o p eFIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME)Benjamin LeeRANK: Sgt.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 37529590 T 43 - 44 A

NATIONALITY:

U.S.A.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: 1030
3 km S Montigny-
le-Franc

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

8888 Group 144/XX
THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:on July 2, 1944, to Brussels

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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Air Base Hq. E(v) 228/XI
OFFICE OR STATION:

DISTRIBUTOR:

Air District Hq. Belgium/N France Ic
Concentration Point Brussels
Dyag Luft
Air Base District Hq.

LOCATION: Athies on July 2, 44

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)

Fortress B 17 G

DATE AND TIME: June 28, 1944

AT: 0838 NEAR: 1 km N Chivre-en-Laonnois

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) Hope

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Benjamin Leo

RANK: Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL)
SERVICE 37529590 T 43 - 44 A

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 1030

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: 2 km S Montigny-

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

NSKK Group 144/XI

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

le-Franc

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO

PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: on July 2, 1944, to Brussels

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

Final REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Hq. M(v) 228/XI

LOCATION: Athies/Laan (Air Base District Hq. 11/VI (Laan))

DATE: June 29, 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN June 29, 1944 at 0830PLACE OF CRASH: 1 km N of Chivres-en-Launois, 17 km NE Laan
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: by antiaircraft, dispersed in the air
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G, supposedly on return flight

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: on fuselage: blue V, - black G in white triangle
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)on nose: old crew and word
"HEPRAT"Serial
ADMITTANCE NO: AF 42 - 51300 (from type plate)

Order No.: W 535 - AS 20292

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 95 %

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Air District Hq. Belgium/N France / Is
Evaluation Centre V, Overweel (Intelligence Office
Heavy Intelligence Station 5 (Field Post No 50225 FE, Brussels)
Commander of AF Salvage Troops, Paris-Banterre

Charts ordered by: Air Base Hq. 228/XI

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Remains of crew: 1 dead 1. Birabong Warren G., O-716522 T 43 - 44 AB P

Munic. Const. at 2. Wagner, Donald G., 37484642 T 42 - 43 O P

Liesse, Mass 3. Wardowski, S. - -

Grave # 44

4 prisoners 1. Lt. Hainlin, Neal R., O-1541829, captured near
Liesse at 0830, 28 June 19442. Lt. Hesel, Charles Fred, O-703473, captured near
Kachcourt at 0950, 28 June 1944

3. Sgt. Hope, Benjamin Lee, 37529880) captured near

4. Sgt. Kovatsch, R.J., 6548607) Chivres, 0920,

1) trfd to Army Hospital Reims 28 June 44

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Final REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Hq. E(v) 228/XI

LOCATION: Athies/Laon (Air Base District Hq. 11/VI (Laon))

DATE: June 29, 1944

DATE AND TIME: June 29, 1944 at 0838
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: 1 km N of Chivres-en-Laonnois, 17 km NE Laon
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: by antiaircraft, dispersed in the air
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G, supposedly on return flight

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: on fuselage : blue V. - black C in white triangle
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)on nose : old clown and word
"HEPBAT"

Serial

Serial NO: AF 42 - 31200 (from type plate)

Order No. : W 535 - AC 30292

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 95 %

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Air District Hq. Belgium/N France / Ic
Evaluation Centre W, Oberursel (Intelligence Office
Enemy Intelligence Station 5 (Field Post No 50825 FW, Brussels)
Commander of AF Salvage Troops, Paris-Nanterre

Guards ordered by : Air Base Hq. 228/XI

Picture made by : Photographic Station of Air Base Hq. E(v) 228/XI

Remaining of crew : 3 dead 1. Birnbam Warren G., O-716672 T 43 - 44 AB P
Munic. Cemet. at 2. Wagner, Donald G., 37484642 T 42 - 43 O P.
Liesse, Mass 3. Wardowski, S. - -
Grave # 444 prisoners 1. Lt. Hainlin, Neal E., O-1541829, captured near
Liesse at 0830, 28 June 1944
2. Lt. Eisel, Charles Fred, O-703473, captured near
Macheourt at 0950, 28 June 1944
3. Sgt. Hope, Benjamin Leo, 37529590) captured near
4. Sgt. Kowatsch, R.J., 6548607) Chivres, 0920,
28 June 44
1) trfd to Army Hospital Reims

6-3224, AF(4) four

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2 unknown men : fugitive

Pecher

S/Sgt 1st and second in command of Reception Detail

TECHNICAL STATEMENT

Condition of fuselage : 95 %, of landing gear : 95 %, of wings : 95 %, of tail assembly : 95 % damage

Type of engine : Wright "Cyclone" with exhaust gas turbine

Condition of engines : 1. 65 %, 2. 65 %, 3. 65 % damage, 4. not found

Metal-Propeller : Number of blades 4 Type : Hamilton - Standard

DIN # 6477 A-D. Serial No. : Blade 1 : 5338, 2. -, 3. -, 4. - Radius of airscrew : 1735 mm

here drawing 0.7 X radius : 1238.5 mm) at this place, the blade has a width of 250 mm.

Armament : 12.7 mm (0.50 cal) Manufacturer : Savage Arms Corp., Utica, N Y., U.S.A.. Type : Browning Machinegun Cal .5000 No.124297.

Place in plane : cockpit right in front, fixed.

2 pieces : 12.7 mm (0.50 cal) . U.S.A. # 663238 GVT. Insp.

Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co. - fixed

Ammunition : Belt 12.7 (0.50 cal.) LG SL

Proportion of mixing : 1 : 4 (Marks on shell, bottom : LX -- 4X -- shield all bullet tips black 43 43

Armor : Armor plates in tail gunner's bag : 100/255/55 mm

Armor plate : 1035/455/6.5 mm on side NS. left rear of fuselage

PE equipment : see attached paper

Camera equipment : Camera Aircraft Type K 21, Ser. No AG - 42 - 11668

Order No. V - 535 - 18 - 21202 Specification No. 21160 A, 178 mm focal length.

Widest opening of shutter : 2.5 - Object lens in good condition

No-sing damaged : Object lens No. : EN 1824

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3 unknown men : fugitive

Fuehrer

S/Sgt. and second in command of Reception Detail

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Type of engine : Wright "Cyclone" with exhaust gas turbine

Condition of engines : 1. 65 %, 2. 65 %, 3. 65 % damage, 4, not found

Metal-Propeller : Number of blades ~~2~~³ Type : Hamilton - Standard

DWG # 6477 A-D. Serial No. : Blade 1 : 5338, 2. -, 3. -, 4. - Radius of airscrew : 1755 mm

here drawing 0.7 X radius : 1228.5 mm; at this place, the blade has a width of 300 mm.

Armament : 12.7 mm (0.50 cal) Manufactory : Savage Arms Corp., Utica, N.Y., U.S.A. Type : Browning Machinegun Cal .50M2 No.124237.

Place in plane : cockpit right in front, fixed.

2 pieces : 12.7 mm (0.50 cal) . U.S.A. # 683238 GWT. Insp.

Kelsay Flyes Wheel Co. - fixed

Ammunition : Belt 12.7 (0.50 cal.) LC SL

Proportion of mixing : 1 : 4 (Marks on shell. botton : 1x -- 4x -- shield all bullet tips black 43 43

Armor : Armor ~~plate~~ in tail gunner's bag : 160/265/55 mm

Armor plate : 1035/455/6.5 mm on side MG. left rear of fuselage

FT equipment : see attached paper

Camera equipment : Camera Aircraft Type K 21, Ser.No.AC - 42 - 11668

Order No.W - 535 - AC - 21202 Specification No.31160 A, 178 mm focal length.

Widest opening of shutter : 2.5 - Object lens in good condition

Housing damaged : . Object lens No. : EM 1524

Brodbeck

Examinator Aspirant

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: **Air Base No. 11(V) 230/XI**

**Air District No. Belgium/N France Ia
Concentration Point Brussels
Air Base District 11/VI (Laon)**

LOCATION: **Athies/Laon on June 29, 1944**

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: **DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)**

Portress 2176 DATE AND TIME:

June 28, 1944

AT: **0838**

NEAR: **1 km N of Chivree-en-Laonnois**

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: **SURNAME)
LAST NAME)** **B I R N B A W N**

FIRST NAME: **CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME)** **WARRON G. (?)**

RANK:

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: **SERIAL SERVICE** **0-7166232 T 43 - 44 AB P**

NATIONALITY: **U.S.A.A.F.**

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: **0920 hrs**
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: **June 28, 44**
CONDITION OF BODY: **Fracture of skull**

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED? **by identification tag**

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: **Municipal Cemetery at Liesee, Mass**
GRAVE LOCATION: **Grave T-44 on June 29, 44, 1800 hrs**

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Note: 1 copy

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

Air Base Hq. E(v) 228/XI

OFFICE OR STATION:

DISTRIBUTOR:

Air District Hq. Belgium/N France Ic
Concentration Point Brussels
Dyflag Unit
Air Base District 11/VI (Laon)

LOCATION: Athies/Laon on June 29, 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
Fortress B 17 G)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME:

June 28, 1944

AT: 0838

NEAR: 1 km N of Chivres-en-Laonnois

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) Birnham

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Warren G. (?)

RANK: -

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-7166222 T 43 - 44 AB P
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.A.F.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE:
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: 0930 hrs
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: June 28, 44
CONDITION OF BODY: Fracture of skull

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED? by identification tag

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: Municipal Cem-
GRAVE LOCATION: etery at Liesse, Mass
Grave # 44 on June 30, 44,
1600 hrs

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

Note : 1 copy

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Hq. N(V)222/ DISTRIBUTOR: XI Air District Hq. Belgium/N France, La
 OFFICE OR STATION: Concentration Point Brussels
Dyag - Lt. Obermaier
Air Base District Hq. 11/VI (Laon)
 LOCATION: Athies/Laon on June 29, 44 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNE)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS) Fortress B 17 G DATE AND TIME: June 29, 44
CRASH)

AT: 0830 NEAR: 1 km N of Chivres-en-Laonnois, 17 km NE Laon

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) VAGNER
 FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Donald G.

RANK: -
 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 37494642 T 42 - 43 0 P

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.A.F.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: DATE OF CAPTURE: EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:
 STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: June
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 29, 44,
 CONDITION OF BODY: at 0830
fractured of bones near place of crash

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM): DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED? by identification tag
 DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: June 30, 1944,
 GRAVE LOCATION: 1600 hrs on Municipal CHIVRES-EN-LAONNOIS
at Liasse Mars, grave #44

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR: at Liasse Mars, grave #44

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Note: 1 copy
 (ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:
 INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Hq. E(v)228/ DISTRIBUTOR: XI Air District Hq. Belgium/N France, Ic
 OFFICE OR STATION: Concentration Point Brussels
 Dnlag - Luft, Oberassel
 Air Base District Hq. 11/VI (Laon)
 LOCATION: Athies/Laon on June 29, 44 OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) Fortress B 17 G
 EMERGENCY) DATE AND TIME: June 28, 44
 CIRCUMSTANCES)
 AT: 0838 NEAR: 1 km N of Chivres-en-Laonnois, 17 km NE Laon

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
 LAST NAME) Wagner

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
 GIVEN NAME) Donald G.

RANK: -

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 37484642 T 42 - 43 O P
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: U.S.A.A.F.

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE:
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: June
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 28, 44,
 CONDITION OF BODY: at 0930
 fracture of bones near place of crash

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
 ASCERTAINED? by identification tag

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: June 30, 1944,
 GRAVE LOCATION: 1600 hrs on Municipal CEMETERY

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
 G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
 PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

at Liesse Mars, grave #44

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

Note: 1 copy

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base HqDISTRIBUTOR: Air District Hq Belgium/W
France Is Concentration point
BrusselsOFFICE OR STATION: W/AF/IIOFFICE OR APPROPRIATE AGENCY: Bilag Luft Oberursel
Air Base District Hq II/VIIaomLOCATION: Athies/Laon, June 29 44REGARDING: DOWNED) Fortress
EMERGENCY PARACHUTES) B 170
CRASH)
EXHIBITDATE AND TIME: June 28 1944AT: 0838NEAR: 1km northern Chivres en Lenois, 17 km NE Laon

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) WARDOWSKI
LAST NAME)FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) S
GIVEN NAME)RANK: /.IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL /.
SERVICENATIONALITY: USA AF

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY: EmaciationJune 29 44 1600 hrs near crashpoint

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD

ASCERTAINED? by leather band above
breast-pocket

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

• GRAVE LOCATION: On June 30 44 1600 hrs
at Municipal Cemetery at Liessas
Mass grave # 44POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

Notes: 1 Copy

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Base Hq

DISTRIBUTOR: Air District Hq Belgium/W France Ic Concentration point Brussels

OFFICE OR STATION: 270284/XI

OFFICE OR APPEAL-VALUES: Dulag Luft Oberursel Air Base District Hq II/VII Laon

LOCATION: Athies/Laon, June 29 44

REGARDING: DOWNED) Fortress
XXXXXXXXXXXX) B 17G
XXXXXX)

DATE AND TIME: June 28 1944

AT: 0338 NEAR: 1km northern Chivres en Laonnois, 17 km NE Laon

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) Wardowski
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) S
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: ./.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL ./.
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: USA AF

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
 DATE OF CAPTURE:
 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:
 CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
 DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: June 29 44 1600 hrs near crashpoint
 CONDITION OF BODY: Mutilation

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
 HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED? by leather band above breast-pocket

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
 GRAVE LOCATION: On June 30 44 1600 hrs at Municipal Cemetery at Liesse
Mass grave # 44

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
 DATE:

Note: 1 Copy

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

Inventory of Radio Equipment.

From the B 17 E, Serial # AF 42-31200, crashed 1 km North Chivres,
17km North East Laca on June 28 1944 at 0838

Type:	Ref#:	Serial #
BC 306 A		53259
BC 455 B		1400
BC 455 B		78262
Rack FT 220 A		0060432
Reel RI 42 B	5887/WF 43	961
BC 347 A		10858
BC 629 B	110 A /544	28983
Rack FT 244 A		49090
CB 80 A		28210
TR 5043	110D/145	28010
5009	02100.148	
Receiver Quars A	8103-750	B 8261.2/0
Receiver Quars C	8261.615	D missing
Sender Quars A	missing; B missing, C missing, D 6650	2080
BC 456 E		
FT 225 A		
TU 7 B	4500-620000	64990
TU 8 B		64990
Rack FT 226 A	803239 A	Aug 3143
BC 457 A		21508
BC 221 JA	Ord 17153-PH 42	7188
Aircraft Radio Receiving Equipment		3683

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BC 629 B	110 A /544	20983
Rack FT 244 A		49050
CS 80 A		28210
TR 5043	110D/145	28010
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Receiver Quars A	8103-750	B 8261.250
Receiver Quars C	8284.615	D missing
Sender Quars A	missing, B missing, C missing, D 6650	2080
BC 456 B		
FT 225 A		
TU 7 B	4500-6200KC	64990
TU 8 B		64990
Rack FT 226 A	SC3239 A	Ang3143
BC 457 A		21508
BC 221 AA	Ord 17133-PH 42	7188
Aircraft Radio		
Receiving Equipment		3683

S E C R E T

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Albert WILLARD, S/Sgt., 16077734
(Name) (Rank) ASN

6 Sep 1944
(Date)

303rd Bomb Gp., 427 Bomb Sqdn.
(Unit)

E&E 1597
IS9WEA/7/183/744

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-813449	2 Lt.	Stanley Wardowski	MIA ✓
CO-PILOT	0-1541829	2 Lt.	Neal E. Hainlin, Jr.	P/W ✓
NAVIGATOR	0-716622	2 Lt.	Warren G. Birnbaum, Jr.	MIA ✓
BOMBARDIER	0-703473	2 Lt.	Charles F. Eisel	P/W ✓
RADIO OPERATOR	16077734	S/Sgt	Albert Willard	RTD ✓
TOP TURRET GUNNER	6548607	Sgt	Raymond J. Kowatch	MIA ✓
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37529590	Sgt	Benjamin L. Hope	P/W ✓
WAIST GUNNER (R)	37575877	Sgt	John I. Snede	RTD ✓
WAIST GUNNER (L)				
TAIL GUNNER	37484642	Sgt	Donald Wagner	MIA ✓

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

28 June 1944 - 1022 hrs. - 1 mi NE Evelue, France.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Direct flak hit in No. 3 engine - there was fire followed by explosion in 20 or 30 seconds.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

24,000 ft.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? **To my knowledge the Bombardier was injured and four, possibly five were killed in the explosion.**

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

The Pilot, Bombardier, Waistgunner and Radio Operator bailed out safely - one chute burned.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Plane exploded at 24,000 feet.

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

Positively saw four men reaching the ground.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **Pilot prisoner, Bombardier prisoner and came in contact personally with Waistgunner.**

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Witnessed explosion and examined small pieces on the ground.

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

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Pilot and Bombardier - P/W -- Received information from French. Waist gunner evaded - personal contact. Other members unknown.**

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John I. SNEDE, Sgt., 37575877

(Name)

(Rank)

ASN

6 Sep 1944

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IS9WEA/7/196/754

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

28 June 1944 - 20 mi SW of Charleville, France.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Flak hit No. 3 engine - plane burst into flames.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

23,000 ft.

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

Yes.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? Yes.

Radio Operator, Waist Gunner and believe also the Pilot and Bombardier.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

The plane exploded in the air.

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

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Was informed by the French people that the Bombardier and Pilot were P/W

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No.

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

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? The Pilot and Bombardier are P/W - - Opinion gathered from description given source by the French people.

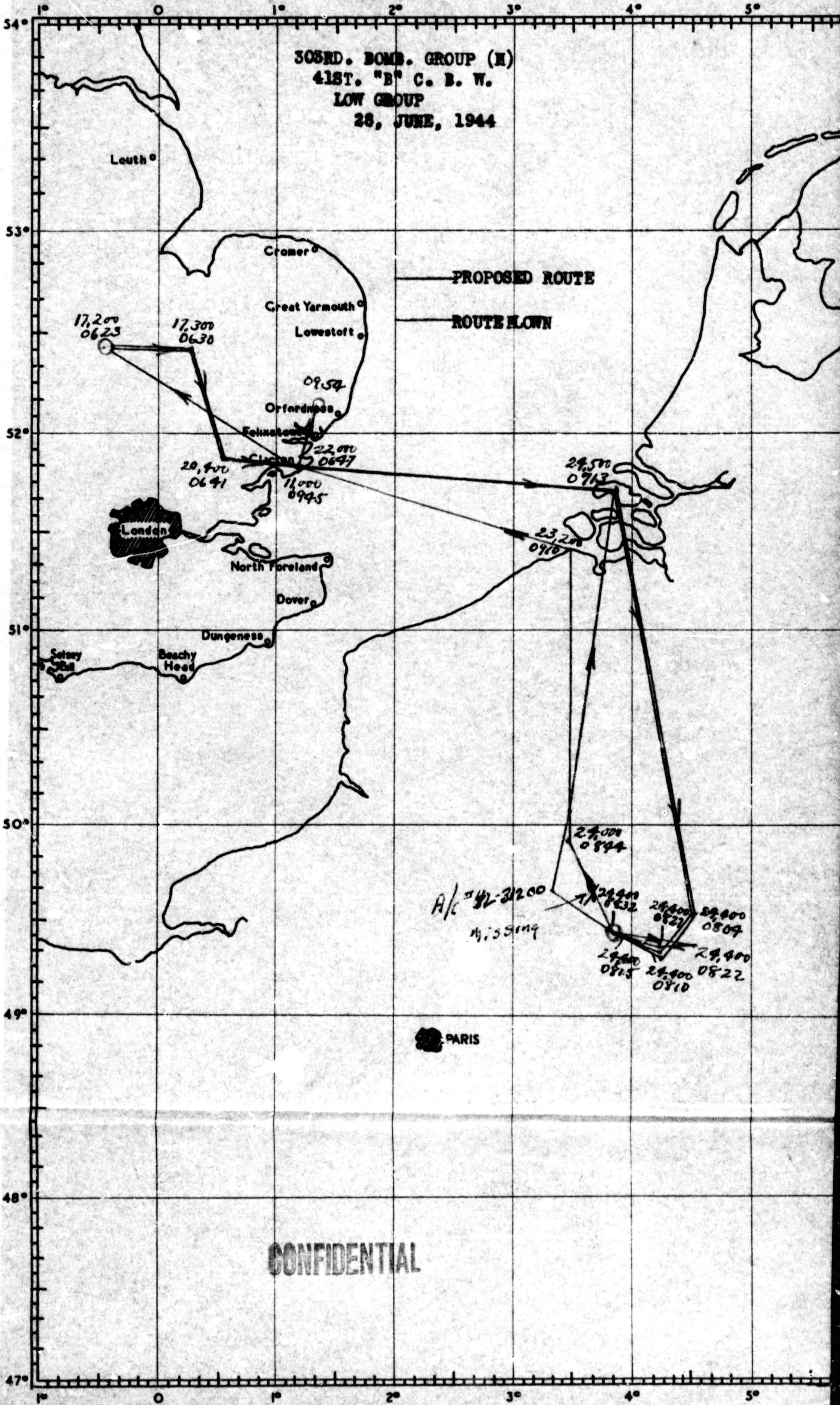
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TRACK CHART

DATE _____

TARGETS
PRIMARY JUVENCOURT, FRANCE

305RD. BOMB. GROUP (H)
41ST. "B" C. B. W.
LOW GROUP
28, JUNE, 1944



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