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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

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

1. ORIGINATOR: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 284th; Squadron 545th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFIC: POINT of departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Brunswick, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED: Low ceiling clouds. Visibility Fair
4. GIVE: (a) Date 30 Jan 44; Time 1146; and Location 52°20' N 08°52'
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) last sighted; () last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LAST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) if any aircraft; () Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Was being attacked by FW 190's when aircraft fell out of formation and burst into flames. Aircraft was out of control
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5444
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-56932
(b) 43-56295; (c) 42-197905; (d) 41-58114
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on Separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
K/A	1. Pilot	Ross, Burton Raymond	1st Lt	0-630722	✓
EUS	2. Co-Pilot	Nelson, Francis Pace, Jr.	1st Lt	0-677552	✓
DEO	3. Navigator	Ganziani, Arthur Leonard	2nd Lt	0-683176	✓
K/A	4. Bombardier	Seibel, James Edward	1st Lt	0-670269	✓
K/A	5. Radio Operator	Davis, Edward Douglas	T/Sgt.	37375302	✓
EUS	6. Top Turret	Bartholomew, Everett Leverette	T/Sgt.	39096585	✓
K/A	7. Ball Turret	Ralph, Robert Edward	S/Sgt.	35443176	✓
EUS	8. Tail Gunner	Grimes, Robert Albert	S/Sgt.	6983789	✓
K/A	9. Right Flexible Gun	Vezina, Thomas Joseph	S/Sgt.	32243997	✓
K/A	10. Left Flexible Gun	Bishop, J. T. (i.o.)	T/Sgt.	14104331	✓

11. IDENTIFY THOSE PERSONS 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	Contacted			Check Only One Column		
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw	Saw Forced Landing		
1. Carpenter, Walter Richard	1st Lt	0-539026	X					
2. Sharff, Sampson (NMI)	2nd Lt	0-687709	X					
3. Hedin, Carl Anton	2nd Lt	0-734912	X					

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used 4; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 4 Chutes seen to emerge from plane
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 31 January 1944

Incl 14'

J. R. Wyatt
 (Signature of Reporting Officer)
 J. R. WYATT,
 1st Lt. Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant

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1st Lt. Burton H. Rose

Mrs. Marguerite L. Rose, (wife)
744 Sonoma Avenue,
Santa Rosa, California.

1st Lt. Francis P. Nelson, Jr.

Mrs. Ruth W. Nelson, (mother)
Croset, Virginia.

1st Lt. James E. Seibel

Mrs. Louis E. Seibel, (mother)
5016 Wyoming,
Kansas City, Missouri.

2nd Lt. Arthur L. Cansiani

Mr. Arthur F. Cansiani, (father)
Post Office Box 466,
Chappaqua, New York.

T/Sgt. Edward D. Davis

Miss Edith L. Patterson, (aunt)
322 North 4th Street,
Louisiana, Missouri.

T/Sgt. Everett L. Bartholomew

Mrs. Clara O. Bartholomew, (mother)
Route 11, Box 1455,
Milwaukie, Oregon.

T/Sgt. J. T. Bishop

Mrs. Ruby B. Bishop, (mother)
306 West Sixth Street,
Rome, Georgia.

S/Sgt. Robert E. Ralph

Mrs. Lillian Ralph, (mother)
97-27th Street,
Hallsburg, West Virginia.

S/Sgt. Robert A. Grimes

Mrs. Alice Grimes, (mother)
434 Taylor Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Grimes, (wife)
1604 A. Menard Street,
Saint Louis 4, Missouri.

S/Sgt. Thomas J. Vezina

Mrs. Jeannette Leary, (sister)
290 Dwally Street,
Fall River, Massachusetts.


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German List of American Dead #22, dated 1 April 1944 at Saalfeld/Saal, Germany shows that the following six crew members of a Fortress shot down on 30 January 1944 were buried on 31 January 1944 in the cemetery at Meinsen:

78	Seibel, James E.	1st Lt.	0-870269
79	Davis, Edward D.	T/Sgt	37375902
80	Ralph, Robert E.	S/Sgt	35443176
81	Bishop, J. T.	T/Sgt	14104331
82	Vezina, Thomas	S/Sgt	32243997
83	UNKNOWN		



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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: WILSON, J T (i.e.)
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 1436433
Position: Crew (Bomber) Left Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? ---

If not, why not? Appeared to be dead or badly wounded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him just before plane exploded, he was lying on floor at gun position and was badly shot up.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? As stated above.

Any hearsay information: None.

About Feb. 10, 1944 he was reported officially dead by the Germans.

Source: A German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that he was hit when the fighters made their first attack, because after that I heard no more firing from his gun position.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19 or 20.

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: VERINA, Thomas Joseph File # 2253
Rank: Sgt
Serial number: 32043997
Position: Crew (Bomber) Right Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? ---

If not, why not? Appeared to be dead or badly wounded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him just before plane exploded, he was hit and bleeding very badly. He was lying in front of waist door.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? As stated.

Any hearsay information: Reported officially dead by Germans about Feb. 10, 1944.

Source: A German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that he also was hit on the first attack by fighters as both waist guns were silent following this.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19 or 20

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RALPH, Robert Edward File # 2263
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 38443176
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~38443176~~ Ball Turret Gunner

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: I called him on interphone just as the fighters came in but got no reply.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? In Ball Turret.

Any hearsay information: Reported officially dead by Germans Feb. 10, 1944.

Source: German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe that he was killed at his position.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DAVIS, Edward Douglas File # 2363
Rank: 2/Lt
Serial number: 3757503
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer/Engineer~~ Radio Operator

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: None.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? NO KNOWLEDGE

Any hearsay information: Reported officially dead by Germans about Feb. 10, 1944.

Source: German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

SHINE, James Edward

File # 2363

Rank:

1st Lt

Serial number:

0-670389

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~2nd Lt~~ Bombardier Bombardier

Did he bail out?

NO KNOWLEDGE

Where?

If not, why not?

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

None.

Was he injured?

No knowledge

Where was he when last seen?

Did not see him during mission.

Any hearsay information:

On or about Feb. 10, 1944 he was still listed as missing

by the Germans.

Source:

German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

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

No Knowledge.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

About 20.

Dates and destinations if possible:

No Knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

GAUSMANT, Arthur Leonard

File # 2298

Rank:

2nd Lt

Serial number:

O-623175

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~Navigator~~ Navigator

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: None.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Did not see him during mission.

Any hearsay information: On or about Feb. 10, 1944 he was still listed as missing
by the Germans.

Source: German intelligence officer at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 22.

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Boss, Burton Raymond
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: O-680723
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ Pilot

File # 2363

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: None.

Was he injured? No Knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Not seen during mission.

Any hearsay information: Reported officially dead by Germans about Feb. 10, 1944.

Source: German intelligence officer, at Dulag Luft, Frankfurt.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge.....

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert A. Grimes Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 6983789
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Col. Smith Rank _____ Sqn CO Kettleson Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month January day 30th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Brunswick, target
time, 12:01 ?, altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, Over Holland in
gen.dir. of Berlin then North route flown as briefed.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Heading North, approximately 31 min. fr. Target
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, two that I know of.
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". T/Sgt. Bartholomew bailed out through forward escape door after ship had caught fire and just before it blew up. approximate time, 11:45 am. Landed in the village of Oberkirchen. Co-pilot Lt. Nelson followed Bartholomew out and landed outside the village.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Aircraft exploded near village of Oberkirchen, Germany. Altitude approximately 24,000 ft.
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, Radio-Op., Ball Turret, Left and Right waist gunners on board when ship exploded. Navigator and Bombardier were not in ship when eng. and Co-pilot bailed out, but no-one saw them leave the ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? L.&R. waist, ball turret and Radio Op. at their positions.
12. What was their condition? Bishop & Vezina dead or badly wounded. Others No Knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No Knowledge
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BISHOP, J T (i.o.) 2263
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 14104331
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Fighter)~~ Left Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I HAD INTERPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH ENTIRE CREW PRIOR TO FIRST FIGHTER ATTACK AFTER WHICH ALL RADIO COMMUNICATION WAS DEAD

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ENTERING PLANE PRIOR TO TAKEOFF.

Any hearsay information: S/SGT GRIMES - TAILGUNNER - SAW HIM JUST BEFORE SHIP BROKE UP AND TOLD ME LATER THAT HE WAS KILLED AT HIS POSITION WITH OTHER WAIST GUNNER S/SGT VEZINA. BOTH LYING IN THE SHIP'S WAIST - REFER TO BACK OF THIS PAGE -

Source: S/SGT ROBERT GRIMES - MY TAILGUNNER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: INFORMATION ABOVE NO DOUBT TRUE AS THE PLANE'S WAIST WAS DAMAGED SO BADLY IT BROKE INTO -

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN - AS I HAD MANT TO HIS CREDIT BEFORE FLYING WITH ME - WITH ME HE MADE THE FOLLOWING:

Duren, Germany - 10/20/43
Wilhelmshaven, " 11/3/43
Gelsenkirchen, " 11/5/43
Polystenun mine in Norway 11/10/43
Near Bordeaux, France - 12/5/43
Bremen, Germany - 12/13/43

Baker installations, Normandy France 12/24/43
Ludwigshaven, Germany - 12/28/43
V-1 sites Normandy France 1/25/44
Frankfurt, Germany 1/29/44
Beinsheim, Germany 1/30/44

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I WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT THESE MEN IN PERSON BEFORE LEAVING SHIP BECAUSE OUR BOMBAY WAS BURNING INTENSELY. WE COULD NOT SALVO OUR BOMBS AS ALL BOMB RELEASE MECHANISM WOULD NOT FUNCTION DUE TO ENEMY GUNFIRE. I PULLED THE RED SALVO KNOB AND WIRE INTO (IN TWO) TRYING TO SALVO THE BOMB LOAD - WE LOST THREE ENGINES AND HAD BOTH WINGS SET ABLAME BEFORE ABANDONING THE SHIP.

I WILL GLADLY COOPERATE IN ANY I CAN TO AID IN DETERMINING THE FATE OF MY CREW MEMBERS. I CANNOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE WHERE I WAS PICKED UP AFTER BEING APPREHENDED BY CIVILIANS, POLICE, AND LUFTWAFFE, SOON AFTER LANDING I WAS CARRIED APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES WEST ON A RAILROAD, THEN TEN MILES NORTH ON ANOTHER RAILROAD TO A LUFTWAFFE BASE ON THE EDGE OF A VERY SMALL VILLAGE NAMED POPPENGRAD. THIS VILLAGE IS ON THE RAILROAD BETWEEN HANNOVER AND BREMEN.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: VEZINA, Thomas Joseph File # 2263
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 32243997
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Right (Right)~~ Right Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAME ANSWER
AS ON PRECEDING QUESTIONNAIRE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN WAST PRIOR TO TAKE OFF

Any hearsay information: SAME AS BEFORE. S/SGT. GRIMES GAVE ME
SAME INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE TWO MEN.

Source: SAME AS BEFORE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: PREVIOUS MISSIONS ON OTHER CREWS
FLYING WITH ME AS NOTED ON LAST PAGE-

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RALPH, Robert Edward File # 2263
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 35443176
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret Gunner~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

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

FIRST PAGE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS FIRST PAGE

Any hearsay information: No.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY OPINION
THAT S/SGT. RALPH WAS KILLED IN HIS TURRET. ONLY A MIRACLE COULD
HE HAVE SURVIVED. THE PLANE FROM THE WAIST TO THE BOMBAY
WAS RIDDLED COMPLETELY AS IT LATER BROKE INTO.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS FIRST PAGE-

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DAVIS, Edward Douglas File # 2263
Rank: T/Sgt
Serial number: 37375902
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight Engineer~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAME AS
FIRST PAGE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS FIRST PAGE

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS MY BELIEF
THAT T/SGT. DAVIS WAS EITHER KILLED OR MORTALLY WOUNDED
AS ALL RADIO COMMUNICATION WAS LOST AFTER FIRST ATTACK BY
FIGHTERS. QUITE A FEW SHELLS EXPLODED IN THE RADIO ROOM
AFTER THIS FROM OTHER ATTACKS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: HE JOINED MY CREW AFTER COMPLETING 12
MISSIONS ON ANOTHER CREW. HE FLEW THE LAST FOUR MISSIONS
WITH ME LISTED ON PAGE 1.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SEIBEL, James Edward File # 2263
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: 0-670269
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROXIMATELY 12 miles N.-N.E. OF HANNOVER, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

PAGE 1-

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK 30 MINUTES AFTER TAKE-OFF-

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: T/SGT. BARTHOLDSEN,

ENGINEER WENT OUT THE NOSE HATCH AREA OF ME AND THE DOOR
OF THE HATCH WAS ALREADY OFF. NO ONE WAS LEFT IN THE NOSE
COMPARTMENT, THUS LT. SIEBEL MUST HAVE BAILED OUT WHEN I
RANG THE ALARM BELL. VERY LITTLE BATTLE DAMAGE IN THE NOSE-

Total number of missions of above crew member: 23

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS PAGE 1-

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CANZIANI, Arthur Leonard File # 2263
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-683176
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approx. 12 miles N-NE of HANNOVER GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

FIRST PAGE -

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK A FEW MINUTES AFTER

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

PRECEDING PAGE - I MIGHT ADD THAT THE CIVILIANS IN THE LOCALITY
WHERE I LANDED WERE HOSTILE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS PAGE 1 -

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROSS, Burton Raymond
Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: O-680722
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~3rd Pilot (Right)~~ Pilot

File # 2263

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? UNKNOWN

If not, why not? UNKNOWN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE ORDERED ME
TO BAIL OUT AND WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? ON FLIGHT DECK ATTACHING PARACHUTE PACK

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: LT. ROSS WAS
RIGHT BEHIND ME WHEN I CRAWLED UNDER FLIGHT DECK AND
BAILED OUT. I COULD ONLY VIEW THE PLANE FOR A SPLIT SECOND BEFORE
IT AND I WENT INTO THE UNDERCAST, AND I DID NOT SEE LT. ROSS LEAVE
THE SHIP-

Total number of missions of above crew member: 24

Dates and destinations if possible: HE BEGAN HIS TOUR IN AUGUST OF 1943-
I JOINED HIM IN OCT-1943 AND WE FLEW THE ELEVEN MISSIONS LISTED
ON PAGE 1- HIS TOTAL WAS 24-

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FRANCIS P. NELSON JR. Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-677552
384TH Bomb. GRP DALE O. RAYMOND P.
2. Organization 545TH SR. Gp Commander SMITH Rank Colonel/Sqn CO KETTLESON Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JANUARY day 30 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BRUNSWICK, GERMANY, target AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT, target
time, APPROX: 12:09, altitude, 23,500 FEET route scheduled, LEFT ENGLAND FROM
EAST ON A COURSE JUST NORTH OF, route flown AS BRIEFED UNTIL SHOT DOWN - EPSEWICK, AND THEN
HANNOVER, THEN SOUTH OVER TARGET AND THEN STRAIGHT OUT.
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 MINUTES FROM TARGET, OR APPROX. 15 MILES N-NE
OF HANNOVER, GERM.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? TWO OTHERS DEFINITELY DID, TWO MORE PROBABLY
DID - AND FIVE UNKNOWN - EXPLANATION ON BACK.
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". TSGT BARTHOLOMEW, BAILED
OUT JUST IN FRONT OF ME. I SAW HIM ONE WEEK LATER O.K.
S/SGT GRIMES, TAIL GUNNER TOLD ME HE BAILED OUT AFTER SHIP
BOKE INTO. I SAW HIM TWO WEEKS LATER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN - BLEW UP
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 - 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 des-Go
cribed above? LT. ROSS WAS UNINJURED AND WAS FOLLOWING ME, OUT
OF NOSE HATCH. I DID NOT SEE HIM AFTER I LEFT SHIP AS IT
BLEW UP A SPLIT SECOND AFTER I GOT OUTSIDE AND I WENT INTO
THE UNDERCAST SIMULTANEOUSLY. OTHER MEN NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE
LAST SEEN PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF
WAR DEPT.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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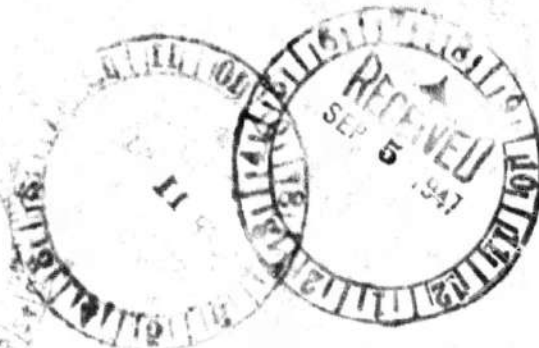
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