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Date: MAR 1 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

## 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 AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th; Squadron 544th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Schweinfurt, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear over target, but haze and low cloud coverage coming west.
- GIVE: (a) Date Oct 15 Time Between 1445 & 1545 and Location Between Schweinfurt & Soissons  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces 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; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows Lost from formation after attacking target. Under E/A attack, believed shot down in Germany
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29867
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-137567  
(b) 43-56960; (c) 42-79420; (d) 42-13749
- 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 10; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_; 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
EUS1.	Pilot	Williams, Walter Gordon	2nd Lt	0-795863
EUS2.	Co-Pilot	Candler, Belford Bruce	2nd Lt	0-798966
RMCS.	Navigator	Abele, Carl William	2nd Lt	0-715151
EUS4.	Bombardier	Breen, Thomas Carroll, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-676345
EUS5.	Radio Operator	Manrahan, Thomas Patrick	T/Sgt	32381136
EUS6.	Top Turret	Bush, Clyde Thomas	T/Sgt	37128669
EUS7.	Ball Turret	Gonnette, William Raymond	Sgt	16014308
RTD8.	Tail Gunner	Vickline, Albert John	S/Sgt	15322854
EUS9.	Right Flexible Gun	Henneberry, Michael Raymond	S/Sgt	32405532
EUS10.	Left Flexible Gun	Deese, James William	S/Sgt	14139217

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	Contacted by Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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 15 October 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

C. H. CROWE, JR.,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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2nd Lt. Walter G. Williams

Mrs. Myrtle J. Williams, (mother)  
Wykoff, Minnesota.

2nd Lt. Belford B. Candler

Mrs. Blanche T. Royal, (mother)  
614 Pear,  
Vineland, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Carl W. Abele

Mrs. Monda Marie Abele, (wife)  
2325 Riverside Drive,  
Lakewood, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Thomas C. Breen, Jr.

Mr. Thomas C. Breen, Sr., (father)  
30 Cedar Drive,  
Great Neck, New York.

T/Sgt. Thomas P. Hanrahan

Mr. Francis J. Hanrahan, (brother)  
4429 North 18th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Clyde T. Bush

Mr. Raymond J. Bush, (father)  
Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

S/Sgt. Michael E. Henneberry

Mrs. Richard Henneberry, (mother)  
3 - 5 Park Avenue,  
Mount Vernon, New York.

S/Sgt. James W. Deese

Mrs. Martha E. Deese, (wife)  
256 Second Street,  
Macon, Georgia.

Sgt. William R. Genette

Mrs. Irene Emily Genette, (mother)  
3216 Whitney,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Sgt. Albert J. Wickline

Mrs. Harry W. Wickline, (mother)  
Rural Delivery #3, Pigeon Road,  
Salem, Ohio.



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Ltr. Hq. AAF Sta. No. 106 to CG. Hq. ETOUSA APO 871, dtd 15 Oct 43. Subj: Transmittal of Missing Aircrew Reports.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U. S. ARMY.

OCT 27 1943

To: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army.

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Ind. AG File 360.33 (5-23-43) dated 3 June 1943.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

5 Incls. n/c



*E. A. Mobley*  
E. A. MOBLEY,  
Lt. Col. A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

AG 360.33 4th Ind  
HQ SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, 30 October 1943.

RWB/mh

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department 23 May 1943, file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:

NOV 8 1943

*R. W. Brushe*  
R. W. BRUSHE,  
2ND LT, AGD.

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-29867) (Dup w/d)  
Incl 2 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-30196) (Dup w/d)  
Incl 3 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-29800) (Dup w/d)  
Incl 4 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-3216) (Dup w/d)  
Incl 5 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-31059) (Dup w/d)

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HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION NO. 106  
Office of the Station Commander

AFG 634.  
15 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, HQ, BTOMA, APO 571, U. S. Army.  
(Thru Channels)

1. Transmitted herewith are Missing Air Crew Reports (ID Dup).

For the Commanding Officers:

*[Signature]*  
C. H. CROWE, JR.,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

6 Incls:  
1-6 Missing Air Crew Reports.

319.1 1st Ind. G-G-3  
(Missing Aircrew Report, Station # 106, dtd 15 Oct 1943  
A/C # 42-29867, 42-30196, 42-29800, 42-3216, 42-31059).

Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 17 October, 1943.

TO: CG, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634. (Att: Statistical Control Section).

*[Signature]*  
R. P. J.

5 Incls:  
Withdrawn 1 Incl: Incl 1.

319.1 2nd Ind. P-4-1  
HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army. 20 OCT 1943

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U. S. Army.

5 Incls: n/c.



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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 826

Name of crew member: A B E L E, Carl William  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-735151  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~MITTAN/ITAN/ITAN/ITAN~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? SHORT TIME AFTER I DID

If not, why not?                     

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

SHORTLY AFTER LEFT TARGET WITH INTERPHONE FOR CHECK

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? BEFORE TAKE-OFF

Any hearsay information: WAS INJURED WHEN BAILED OUT &

I UNDERSTAND HE LANDED ON A CHURCH STEEPLE

BREAKING HIS BACK.

Source: FRENCH PEOPLE WHERE I STAYED

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

HIT THE STEEPLE THE WIND LEFT HIS CHUTE &

HE FELL TO THE GROUND.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIVE

Dates and destinations if possible: NANTS  
1. NANTS 2. EMDEN 3. BREMEN  
4. ANKLAH 5. SCHWEINFURT - OCT. 14, 1943



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ALBERT J. WICKLINE Rank S/SGT Serial No. 15322854
2. Organization 394 Bomb Bp. Gp Commander JULIUS K. LACEY Rank Col. Sqn CO GILMORE Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month OCTOBER day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SCHWEINFURT, target, BALL BEARING FACTORY, target time, UNKNOWN, altitude, 24,000 FT. route scheduled, UNKNOWN, route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? UNKNOWN
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". EVERYONE BAILED OUT AT SHORT INTERVALS STARTING TO JUMP AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 FT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10-15 MILES FROM METZ
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SGT HENNEBERRY LAST SEEN GOING INTO A FARM HOUSE WITH A WOMAN & TWO MEN. LOOKED O.K.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. SOME OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT ALL OF THE CREW WAS CAPTURED & TAKEN PRISONERS & THAT SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN HURT & WOUNDED.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 838

Name of crew member: **A B E L E, Carl William**  
Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
Serial number: **6-73251**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR METZ, FRANCE

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

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

HE WAS LEAVING PLANE

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? HOSPITAL IN METZ, FRANCE

Any hearsay information: BACK BROKEN AND IN GAIT FOR QUITE

SOME TIME - LEG OR ANKLE BROKEN - BAD CUTS

ON FACE

Source: C. PIET - 2nd Lt BB. CANDLER

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

HIM WHEN WE WERE FIRST CAPTURED AND KNOW

THAT HE WAS SEVERELY INJURED

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 (FIVE)

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



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Clyde T Bush Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 37128669
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SCHWABENBURG, target, BALL BEARING FACTORY target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? TARGET AREA
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? ABOUT 30 miles from METZ
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? C2 Pilot - BROKEN LEG - METZ HOSPITAL - BOMBARDIER HAD HEAD WOUND - BOMBARDIER GUANED WITH WOUND IN HIP - PILOT OK - AIR BODY OK - BALL BEARING GUNNER OK - RADIO OPERATOR OK
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)



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name CARL W. ABLE Rank 1st LT Serial No. 0-735151
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander COL. J.K. LACFY Rank MAJ Sqn CO 3 Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1953 month OCT. day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SCHWEINFURT, target, BALL BEARING PLANT, target time, 2:00 PM, altitude, 20,000 FT. route scheduled, ENGLAND TO TARGET & RETURN, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER THE RHINE (APPROX.)
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".  
ALL BAILED OUT SAFELY FROM ESCAPE HATCHES, DOOR, WING & DOOR.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR METZ, FRANCE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? —
12. What was their condition? —
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.  
NO KNOWLEDGE  
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All crew members are back in the States,  
none are in a casualty status.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 33

Name of crew member: **ABELE, Carl William**  
Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
Serial number: **O-735151**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PP/FAADH/FAADHAF~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Metz, France

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Instructed  
Abele to bail out upon pilot's command.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? In a German Military hospital at Metz

Any hearsay information: Repatriated to United States in January, 1945.

Source: Lt. B.B.Candler

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes, France-Sept. 23, 1943

Emden, Germany-Sept. 27, 1943 Bremen, Germany- Oct. 8, 1943

Anklam, Germany-Oct. 9, 1943 Schweinfurt, Germany - Oct. 14, 1943



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Thomas C. Breen Jr. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-676345
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Lacey Rank Col Sqn CO Gilmore Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Schweinfurt, target, Ball-bearing factory, target  
time, 14:30, altitude, 22,500 route scheduled, In thru  
Holland, out thru, route flown same  
France
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Lorraine, France
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all.
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". Lt. W.G. Williams, pilot, bailed out last from about 500 feet. Lt. B.B. Candler, copilot, bailed out thru bomb bay. S/sgt. Gilette bailed out just before the pilot. No knowledge on how other crew members bailed out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 5 miles from Metz, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Last saw members not included above except Sgt. Wickline, tail gunner, in LeHavre, France, May 1945.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 838

Name of crew member: A B E L E, Carl William  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-735151  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE AREA OF METZ, LORRAINE. (WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS)

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NAVIGATOR  
REPLY COMPLYING TO BAIL OUT ORDER. (SEE REVERSE SIDE)

Was he injured? YES - SERIOUSLY

Where was he when last seen? ENTERING HOSPITAL IN METZ, LORRAINE

Any hearsay information: ABOVE CREW MEMBER WAS PICKED UP  
AND CARRIED TO METZ HOSPITAL IN GERMAN TRUCK.  
HE WAS PLACED IN THE TRUCK BY THE PILOT  
WITH AID OF CREW MEMBER.

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

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

ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO BEST OF  
MY KNOWLEDGE.

WALTERS WILLIAMS  
1ST LT. A.C. 0725862

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIVE

Dates and destinations if possible: SEPT. 22, 1943 NANTES, FRANCE  
SEPT. 27, 1943 EMDEN, GERMANY  
OCT. 8, 1943 BREMEN, GERMANY  
OCT. 9, 1943 ANSBACH, GERMANY  
OCT. 14, 1943 SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY



AS REGARDS LAST CONVERSATION:

ORDERS WERE GIVEN BY PILOT THROUGH THE CO-PILOT. THE PILOT'S MICROPHONE EQUIPMENT WAS SHOT AWAY BY 20MM FIRE, WAS REASON FOR GIVING ORDERS IN ABOVE MANNER.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WALTER G. Williams Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. O-795863
2. Organization 3TH Gp Commander Lacy Rank Col. Sqn CO G. H. HARRIS Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month OCTOBER day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SCHWENFURT, target, BALL BEARING CO., target time, APPROX 14:20, altitude, 23,000 FEET route scheduled, UNKNOWN AT THIS DATE, route flown UNKNOWN AT THIS DATE
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. 5 HR AFTER LEAVING TARGET
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".  
CHECK BACK OF PAPER
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ABOUT 5 KILOMETERS FROM METZ.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? TAIL GUNNER AT TAKE OFF TIME.  
CONDITION WAS NORMAL
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Co-Pilot - Bailed out through Bombay Compartment.  
Bombardier - Bailed out through Nose hatch.  
ENGINEER - Bailed out through Bombay Compartment.  
Radio OPER. - Bailed out through Bombay Compartment.  
ASST. ENG. - Bailed out through main waist door.  
ARMOR GUNNER - Bailed out through main waist door.  
Ball GUNNER - Bailed out through main waist door.  
Tail GUNNER - Probably through Tail escape hatch.  
Pilot. - Bailed out through Nose hatch.

THE ABOVE NAMED CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT  
THE PILOT BAILED OUT BETWEEN 7,500 FEET  
AND 2,000 FEET. PILOT BAILED OUT AT APPROX.  
250 FEET.

Walter G. Williams  
WALTER G. WILLIAMS  
1ST LT. A.C. 0-795863



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 536

Name of crew member: A B E L E, Carl William  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-75151  
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In the vicinity of Metz, France

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

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

Was he injured? Broken back and badly injured right foot

Where was he when last seen? He was repatriated from Stalag Luft 3, Jan. 5, 1945

I have heard from him several times since my return to the U.S.

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Five

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes, France, Sept. 22, 1943;

Baden, Germany, Sept. 27, 1943; Bremen, Germany, Oct. 6, 1943;

Anklam, Germany, Oct. 9, 1943; Schweinfurt, Germany, Oct. 14, 1943.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Belford B. Candler Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-798966
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Lacy Rank Col. Sqn CO Gilmore Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Schwainfurt, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Shortly after leaving the target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? The entire crew bailed out.
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". The entire crew bailed out within about three minutes time of each other near Metz, France
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Metz, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Last saw Lt. C.W. Abels on Jan. 5, 1945 when he left Stalag Luft 3 for repatriation. The rest of the crew I saw at Camp Lucky Strike, France on May 16, 1945. All were in good condition.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 830

Name of crew member:

A B E L E, Carl William

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

6-73351

Position: Crew (Bomber)

Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes.Where? From forward escape hatch, about 20 mi from Metz, France.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He wastrying to ascertain our position at last contactWas he injured? Yes.Where was he when last seen? At hospital in Metz, France.Any hearsay information: None.

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

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

Na.Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 with the crew.Dates and destinations if possible: Enders Germany 10/6/43. Bremen  
10/8/43. Hamburg + Schweinfurt 10/14/43.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James W. Deese Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 14139217
2. Organization 894 Gp Commander J. K. Lacey Rank Col. Sqn CO                      Rank                       
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1948 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission Schweinsurt Gef. target, Ban Beating Plant, target time,                     , altitude, 25,000, route scheduled, unk.  
unk., route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? POSITION UNKNOWN
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)  
NONE.
11. Where were they in aircraft?
12. What was their condition?
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **A B E L E, Carl William**  
Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-75353**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ **Navigator**

Did he bail out? So I have heard

Where? EAST of METZ FRANCE

If not, why not? —

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

ME A CRACKEN BOTTLE FROM THE FRONT OF PLANE

Was he injured? NO NOT AT THAT TIME

Where was he when last seen? BEING CARRIED INTO A GERMAN HOSPITAL

Any hearsay information: HEARD HE WAS REPATIENTED & SENT HOME

Source: RUMOR IN LUCKY STRIKE CAMP FRANCE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: BERGEN - AMELIN - SWINE FORT &  
ONE OTHER (?)



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HANRAHAN THOS P Rank M/Sgt Serial No. 32383136
2. Organization 384 AAA Gp Commander Lacey Rank COL Sqn CO GILMORE Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month OCT day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, SWINE FURT, target, BALL BEARING Factory, target  
time, AS BEING, altitude, AS BEING route scheduled, AS BEING  
route flown AS BEING
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOME TIME AFTER LEAVING TARGET
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". LSAW ONLY 1/2 SGT HANRAHAN  
BAIL OUT - I FOLLOWED HIM & 1/2 SGT W. GILBERT. FOLLOWING ME - ALL  
OTHERS ALREADY BAILED OR SO I THOUGHT AT THE TIME
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOME PLACE NW of MOUTZ
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? -
12. What was their condition? -
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LT ABEL - OCT 14-43 - IN GERMANIAN - BALLY INJURED  
LT CHANDLER - OCT 14-43 - IN GERMANIAN - BROKEN LEG  
LT WILLIAMS - OCT 17-43 - FRANKFURT GERMANY - OK  
LT BRANN - OCT 17-43 - FRANKFURT GERMANY - HEAD BANDAGED  
1/2 SGT BRANN - 1/2 SGT BRANN - 1/2 SGT BRANN - 1/2 SGT BRANN - MAY 12 1943  
Lucky Strike Camp France - OK - 1/2 SGT A. WICKHAM OCT 14 1943  
going over channel - OK
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. -

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