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

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII Group 384th; Squadron 546th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed Intended Destination Schweinfurt, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4. GIVE: (a) Date 14 Oct 43 Time 1431; and Location Bursburg, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Engine disabled and was blown up by attack from ME 110.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series -17-P; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-90196
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64843 (b) 43-60458; (c) 43-58073; (d) 43-64809
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
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; 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).

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number. Rows include Pilot (KIA), Co-Pilot (KIA), Navigator (KIA), Bombardier (KIA), Radio Operator (EUS), Top Turret (KIA), Ball Turret (EUS), Tail Gunner (EUS), Right Flexible Gun (EUS), Left Flexible Gun (EUS).

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

Table with columns: Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Contacted by (Radio, Last Sighted), Check Only One Column (Saw Crash, Saw Forced Landing).

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

Date of Report 15 October 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer) C. H. CHASE, JR., Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GROSS, Kenneth Elbert**
 Rank: **2nd Lt**
 Serial number: **O - 676 475**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator/Fighter~~: **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? Post Hum.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: The Maybe she was hit by Great
Fire from Fighter & Did not bail out

Source: Just from the way we were hit.

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

he went with plane, just one other

fellow got out & another crew said they

shot & killed off him. The rest of crew

said plane blew up at about 15,000 ft.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HART, Jerome Fraser

Rank:

2nd Lt

Serial number:

O 7 736 506

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight Instructor:

Navigator

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

on ground.

Any hearsay information: _____

Killed when hit by fighter

or when the plane went down

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

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Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Wallie H. Vansandt Rank T/SGT Serial No. 18137021

2. Organization PAC 682 Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1943 month Oct day 13 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, U⁷A, target, Schwabmurt, target time, _____, altitude, 23000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Don't know

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes

8. Tell all you know about 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". Tail Gunner & Alcock bailed out tail sec. at Radio uper & I bailed out waist. all about same time.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Don't know

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Don't know

11. Where were they in aircraft? ~~Don't know~~ Don't know

12. What was their condition? Don't know

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? When we took out plane in plane

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)