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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in duplicate by each 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 545th ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
9/10 to 10/10 over cast
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 Nov 41 Time 1140 ; and Location APP. 53°10'N 08° 25' E
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 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 Left formation heavily engaged by E/A
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series 17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37762
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-63806
(b) 43-63723 ; (c) 43-63732 (d) 43-63766
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
EUS1.	Pilot	Zitnik, Charles Allen	2nd Lt	0-677402
EUS2.	Co-Pilot	Teevan, Richard Collier	2nd Lt	0-800966
EUS3.	Navigator	Helms, Rodney Roy	2nd Lt	0-736705
EUS4.	Bombardier	Pelley, Frank Allen, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-674707
EUS5.	Radio Operator	McNatt, Lewis Edmond, Jr.	S/Sgt	38284738
EUS6.	Top Turret - Eng.	Roberto, Anthony Joseph	S/Sgt	11095134
KIA7.	Ball Turret	Rimmer, Robert Henderson, Jr.	Sgt	33447260
EUS8.	Tail Gunner	Lehmann, Clarence Richard	Sgt	38249068
EUS9.	Right Machine Gun	Strauss, Edgar (NMI), Jr.	Sgt	39325810
EUS10.	Left Machine Gun	Protasiewicz, Florian Stanley	Sgt	36527903

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		Check Only One Column		
			Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. Martin, Rudolph Alfred 1st Lt.		0-675361		X			
2.							
3.							

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used One ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
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 27 November 1943

Incl 2:
Missing Air Crew Report

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

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Hq ETOUSA, APO 871. 28 February 1944.

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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Missing Air Crew Report referred to in basic communication was forwarded to your Headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Headquarters, file AG 360.33, dated 16 January 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

M. Grano
M. GRANO,
2nd Lt, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 119.1
FM BUNDA, APO 871. 22 February 1944.

2nd Lt.

PK/ro

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Missing Air Gun Report referred to in basic communication was forwarded to your Headquarters by 1st Lieutenant this Headquarters, file AG 360.33, dated 16 January 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

M. GRANT,
2nd Lt, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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Lehmann, Clarence Richard S/Lgt. born Jan. 20, 1921. Tag :
39 249 068, prisoner

Roberts, Anthony 7/Lgt. born Sept 5, 1915 Tag :
11 095 134, prisoner

Teeran, Richard Collier 1st Lt. born June 12, 1919. Tag :
0-800 968, prisoner

McNatt, L. E. S/Lgt. born Nov. 10, 1930. Tag :
35 254 738, prisoner

Protasiewicz, F. St. S/Lgt. Tag : 36 527 903, prisoner

Strauss, Edgar, Jr. S/Lgt. Tag 39 325 810, prisoner

Helms, Rodney Roy 2nd Lt. born Dec. 24, 1919 Tag :
0 736 705, prisoner

Zitnik, Charles Allen 2nd Lt. Tag : 0 677 402, prisoner

Delley, Frank Allen 2nd Lt. Tag : 0 674 707, prisoner

Rimner, Robert S/Lgt. Dead

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KU 440

B 17 G, emergency-landing 26 Nov. 1943, on Naval Airbase Zwischenahn.

RIMMER, Robert H.
Dead

Rank: Sgt.

ASN: 33447260 T 43

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

No. 7049

ACCEPTED:

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DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

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TIME:

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FROM:

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

A LYTE 344, 27 Nov 34, time: 1220

To Air District Command XI, La H a - F u F G.

Subsequent Capture of enemy aviators.

Ref: D (Luft) 2706/07 to page 7, No. 1.

A) 26 Nov 43, time: 1202 Naval Air Base Zwischenahn.

B) 1. Sgt. Edgar Strauss 3823510 T 43.-

2. Sgt. Clarence Lehmann!.- 3) Lt. Rodney Roy Helms I.-

4. S/Sgt. F. S. Prieslander 3823703 T 43

5. Lt. Pelley Frank A.O. 674707.-

6. Lt. A. Eltnik, I.- Y. 1st/Lt. Teevna, Richard E. 0800966 T 42-43

8. Sgt. Mc Hatt, Lewis 3828478 T 43

9. Anthony Roberto H. 33447280 T 43

10. Sgt. Rimmer Robert E. 33447260 T 43

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DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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DATE:

THROUGH:

TIME:

POLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

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C) 1 - 9 Prisoners - 10: dead recovered. - D) Boeing B 17 G.-

H) Blue P in white Triangle.- F) 237782.- G) Fighter.

Royal Air Base HQ. Zwischonaha

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

PLACE: Swischenahn

DATE: 26 Nov 48, time: 1400

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: one Boeing B 29 C
EM. LANDING: AT: near Bad Swischenahn, on Naval Air Base
on 26 Nov 48, time: 1502

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Toeven 1st/Lt.

FIRST NAME: Richard G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 800066 T 48-48.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

PLACE: Brinsford

DATE: 26 Nov 45, time 1400

REGARDING: GRAND (DOWNED) OF, one Boeing B 17 C
ER. LANDING: AT: near Bad Zwischenahn, on Naval Air Base
on 26 Nov 45, time 1300

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Mr. Matt

S/Egt.

FIRST NAME:

Louis E., JR.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

30284738 2 45

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base Hq.

PLACE: Zwischenahn

DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1400

REGARDING: CRASHED (DOWNED) OF, one Boeing B 17 G
near Zwischenahn Oldbg. on Naval Air Base
EM. LANDING: AT: on 26 Nov 43, time: 1200

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Reverto S/Sgt.

FIRST NAME: Anthony J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1100K154

• RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FORM #2

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

LOCATION: Zwischenahn

DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 2210

DATE AND TIME: 26 Nov 1943, time 1202
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Naval Air Base East Zwischenahn, emergency landing DE 14.
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: Fighter
(FLAME, JUMPER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: Blue F in white Triangle
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 25712

EQUIPMENT:
R.T. FREQUENCIES: 22 243, 25, 52 MHz, 22 375 3 Set TO 26 2 200 - 500 Kz 370 KHz.
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 20 % loss

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

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POST: Naval Air Base HQ.
PLACE: Zwischenahn
DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1400
REMARKS: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 D
EN. LANDING: AT: near Bad Zwischenahn Oldc. On Naval Air Base
on 26 Nov 43, time: 1202
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Rimmer, Egt.
FIRST NAME: Robert H.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33447268 T 43. 33447260
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Dead
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1202, on Naval Air Base
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

PLACE: Zwischenahn

DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1400

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF: one Boeing B 17 C
near Bad Zwischenahn, on Naval Air Field
EN. LANDING: AT: on 26 Nov 43 time: 1204

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) LEHMANN Sgt.

FIRST NAME: Clarence E.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

38249068

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ,
PLACE: Zwischenahn
DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1400
REGARDING: DOWNED (DOWNED) OF, one Boeing B17 G
near Bad Zwischenahn/Oldbg. on Naval Air Base
EN. LANDING: AT: on 26 Nov 43, time 1202
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Strouse Jr. Sgt.
FIRST NAME: Edgar
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39235810 T43
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

PLACE: Zwischenahn

DATE: 21 Nov 43, Time: 1400

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. one Boeing B 17 E
near Bad Zwischenahn, Oldbg. on Naval Air Field
on 21 Nov 43, about 1400
EN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

H o l e s

Lt. Navigator:

FIRST NAME:

Radney Roy

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

0-736705

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks: Made in duplicate.

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POST: Naval Air Base HQ.

PLACE: Twischonahn

DATE: 26 Nov 45, time: 1400

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED): OF, Boeing B 17 D
FM. LANDING: AT: Near Bad Twischonahn/ Oldbg. on Naval Air Base
on 26 Nov 45, time 1302.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Protschewicz S/Sgt.

FIRST NAME:

F.S. FLORIAN S.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

36527903 T 45 AB.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

365-27903

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Naval Air Base HQ.
PLACE: Zwischenahn
DATE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1400
REGARDING: ~~CHARLES A. HARRIS~~ OF, one Boeing B 17 C. , near Bad Zwischenahn
on Naval Air Base.
SM. LANDING: AT: Date: 26 Nov 1943 time: 1202.
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) E i t n i k
FIRST NAME: G. A. CHARLES A.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Rank Lt. (Pilot of Plane.)
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured 0677402
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 26 Nov 43, time: 1202, at Naval Air Base Zwischenahn.
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Naval Base HQ.
Zwischenahn.....

Zwischenahn, 30 Nov 1943.

Ref: D (Left) 3706/ev.

Subject: Capture of members of enemy Air Forces.

To

1. Base Ltr's

2. Air District Command XI, Ia

3. Air Base/District Command 9/ XI

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Enclosed 10 forms No. 1 " Report on Capture of members of Enemy Air Forces ", and 1 form No. 2 " Report on captured Enemy Air Craft. " with informations.

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Naval Base HQ.
Zwischenahn

Zwischenahn, 26 Nov 1945.

Ref: D (Left) 2706/07.

Subject: Capture of members of enemy Air Force.

To

1. Naval Base
2. Air District Command II, Ia
3. Air Base District Command 9/ XI

Operational
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Salvage

Enclosed 10 forms No. 1 "Report on Capture of members of Enemy Air Forces", and 1 form No. 2 "Report on captured Enemy Air Craft." with information.

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Naval Base Hq.
Zwischenahn
Technical section.

Zwischenahn, 10 Dec 1943 H/.

To Air District Command XI/ Ia
ANALYST.

Report on investigation of downed enemy Air plane.

Captured American plane B 17 G License No. 337763, captured on 25 Nov 43, time 1210, Air Base Zwischenahn D R 14.

General Information

- 1) Nationality and markings: American, at fuselage American insignia (red bordered)
At rudder one white triangle with black F in it.
- kind of plane: Combat plane.
- 2) Factory: Douglas Aircraft Plant Company Long Beach,
California USA.
- 4) Type of Plane: B-17 G
- 5) License No.: 337763
- 6) License Date: Can not be found
- 7) Place and Date of Capture: 25 Nov 43, time 1210, forced to landing by fighter.
- 8) Condition of Plane: Plane made bellylanding on Airfield Zwischenahn.
Landing gear broken. End of Fuselage broken off.
Both inside engines broken out.
Aileron- Landing flaps and Stabilizer damaged.
About 75 % loss.
- 9) Incharge for salvage: Bartels, Werkmaster. d B.
- 10) In charge for investigation: Air Staff Ins. Flittner.
- 11) Parts were sent to: Are still on Air field here and will be sent to
Investigation Center Grevlich - Sagan.

Technical Informations.

- 1) Assembly structure: The following difference instructure in comparison
to B 17 F has been ascertained.
In front Cockpit at the right side is one M.G. which is
fixed about 900mm in flying direction to front, in
comparison of structure of B 17 F.

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In nose-Henschel complete clear sight turret is a remot controlled revolving turret with twin H.G. Craving fire angles: Lower 90°, upper 30°.

Will be sent to GL/A Rue Branch point Adlershof.

Armor of Instrument Plane on side of nose room is missing. Nose-room is not covered with Kapek any more. On left side of nose is an additional ammunition box, probably for light window-gun. Levers for emergency action of landing gear brake are missing in pilot room. At the lower side of the left pilot seat is a switcher for emergency valve release of bombs. In Pilot room at front and sideward are new bullet proof clear sight panes. These panes have 5 sheets and are sheeted from outside to inside as follows: 2 thin ones outside, 1 thick one in the middle, and 2 thin ones inside. Pattern to GL/A Rue Adlershof, thickness 39mm.

Two 8 mm armor plates are in the upper part (Half) between bomb bay and pilot room. (see drawing). Also through door between bomb bay and pilot room is armored. No change could be found in bomb bay. F.F.-room covering with Kapek is missing, it is also not armored.

Fuselage Rear Part.

Two armored plates each are built in flying direction above and below of the windows, at the side window guns. No armor plates were fixed on the girders.

Bombs for H.G. ammunition for window guns are about 200mm higher. Contents is the same. Chest armor for rear gunner is only 10 mm. Two new handles for acting the levers for release of pneumatic boat are fixed on the outside of the fuselage.

(Additional). Pilot room is cushioned. Thickness of cushion is 15mm. Behind Pilot seat are armor plates of 8mm.

2) Engines

Seen in flying direction from right to left:

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) 139202, | AF 43 - 63766 |
| 2) 139156, | A F 43 - 63768 |
| 3) 139159, | A F 43 - 63725 |
| 4) 139242, | A F 43 - 63826 |

Factory: Studebaker.

License date can not be found. Were chiseled out by enemy.

Engine no. two and three have broken out at landing and probably damaged by hits. Engines No. one and four are probably not damaged and will be built out.

Propellers: Hamilton-Hydraulic-McCull.

Scriptien on Propeller houses

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1) HFG - EK 41273 | 3) HFG - EK 41292 |
| 2) HFG - EK 41373 | 4) HFG - EK 41262 |

Propellers are badly damaged at landing.

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~~Containers:~~ Number and place of containers the same as in B 17 F.

~~All containers:~~ Number and place of containers the same as in B 17 F.

Instrumental Modification of type B 17 F.

1 complete Gyro-Flux- Gate Compass set , consisting of:

1) Master - Compass

Transmitter

Gyro-Flux- Gate- Compass No. 2399

~~Factory:~~ Bendix - Aviation - Corporation

Pioneer Instrument Division

Bendix Jersey U.S.A. (see Picture)

Sent to Reichs-Air-Ministry by courier.

Built in left wing (inside Wing) at right behind leftoutward engine and the gasoline container, situated inward, seen in flying direction.

2) ~~Shifting Motor with drive shaft:~~

Gaging-Device-Remonte*Controll-Electrical

No. 2098 (see picture.)

~~Factory:~~ The same as Mastercompass.

3) In Cockpit left 1 Instrument console with the following instrument:

a) Amplifier

Gyro-Flux-Gate-Compass No. 22487 (see picture)

Tubes are missing.

~~Factory:~~ The same as Master Compass

b) Switcher with warning lamp

Switch Box

Gyro-Flux-Gate-Compass No. 1408 (see Picture)

~~Factory:~~ The same as master compass

4) ~~Repeater-Compass.~~

Indicator Magnesia

Remonte-Indicating-Compass No. 2257/8

~~Factory:~~ The same as Master Compass

built in Pilot instrument board (see picture)

5) ~~Repeater-Compass.~~

Master Indicator

Gyro-Flux-Gate- Compass No. 22484

Built in Instrument console at left in rear room. (see Picture)

Navigation Lights: Are built in as follows:

Position lights at upper and lower side of the wings. At the end of fuselage from front to rear blue, white, blue, white. Rear lights are built in side by side under rear turret, one red, one white.

Ground Navigation Lights: under side -M.G. Stand.

3 Lamps one after another

1) Color can not be ascertained (Fuse is missing)

2) Green

3) Orange

Safety Device : Each Man 1 Parachute

" " 1 belt set

" " 1 armored Vest

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Safety devices: Each man 1 oxygen mask (can be heated)
" " 1 life vest.
2 big pneumatic boats
2 signal pistols
2 rounds signal ammunition

given to the central collecting point for textile goods, Berlin - Tempelhof,
Kaiser-Wilhelmstr. 27/28.

Armament: 12 Browning Machine Guns Cal. 50 M 2,
about 500 rounds ammunition for each M.G.

Modernization of type A.17.E

Racer gun carriage in a stand (see picture)

New mounting of side - M.G. in gunner's turret, M.G. is at right.

<u>Crew:</u>	1.) Stasse Junior Edgar	Pgt.	captured
	2.) Lehmann Clarence H.	Sgt.	"
	3.) Helms, Rodney, Ray	Lt.	"
	4.) Protasiewicz F.E.	S/Sgt.	"
	5.) Pelley Frank A.	Lt.	"
	6.) Bitnik G.A.	Lt.	"
	7.) Teovan Richard A.	1st/Lt.	"
	8.) McHatt, Lewis, B.	S/Sgt.	"
	9.) Roberts Anthony J.	S/Sgt.	"
	10.) Rimmer Robert H. 33447260	Sgt.	Dead. KIA

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R.T. Instruments:

- 1.) T.R. 5043 (Each-PT 344 A)
- 2.) Radio - Receiver - RC 348 B
- 3.) Radio - Receiver - RC 348 A
Power control Box RC 958 A
Selector Control Box RC 958 A
additional instrument RC 757
- 4.) Radio Transmitter RC 375 B with set Tn 26 B, built in.
carried with: Tn 5 B, Tn 7B, Tn 8 B, Tn 9 B.
- 5.) Antenna Tuning Unit RC 306 A.
- 6.) Radio Transmitter RC 453 A.
- 7.) Radio Receiver RC 453 B.
- 8.) Radio Control Box RC 454 A B 17 C.

Above mentioned instruments were sent to Air Signal Regiment L N Keethen.

The following will be sent to instruments point A - Bus.

Table with type plates

1 bullet proof anti-air plane

Dr. Gaudin: 1 Gyro-Flux-Gate-Compass-set (complete), with wire set.

Revolving turret A-stand cockpit and instrument panel with their charts
go to GL/A - Bus branch section Adlershof.

Revolving turret B-stand and rear stand go to Reserve group west, Air Base La.
Sancy/West-France.

26 Nov 43

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1490

Name of crew member: KUMER, Robert Harrison Jr.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 304730
Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? HE MADE AN ATTEMPT

Where? FROM BOMB BAY

If not, why not? HE PULLED RIP CORD TOO SOON AND CHUTE CAUGHT UNDERNEATH PLANE

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? HANGING UNDER NEATH PLANE

Any hearsay information: KILLED WHEN PLANE HIT GROUND (CRASH LANDED). SUPPOSED TO BE BURIED IN OLDENBURG AIRFIELD CEMETARY

Sources: GERMAN SOLDIERS

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: NOVEMBER 26, 1943 DESTINATION BREMEN

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LEHMANN, CLARENCE RICHARD Rank SGT. Serial No. 38249068
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO KETELSON Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month NOV. day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BREMEN, target, OIL STORAGE, target
time, 11:55, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, DUE EAST UNTIL
NORTH OF BREMEN, THEN route flown SAME
SOUTH
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF BREMEN
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, SEVEN, INCLUDING MYSELF
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 BAILED OUT FROM BOMB BAY OF PLANE NEAR OLDENBURG ABOUT 12:30. OTHERS BAILED OUT SAME PLACE AND ABOUT THE SAME TIME.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR OLDENBURG
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 AND REMAINDER
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT'S COMPARTMENT
12. What was their condition? O.K.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? (BALL TURRET RUNNER) RIMMER, ROBERT HENDERSON, JR. WAS HANGING UNDERNEATH PLANE BY PARTLY OPENED COMPARTMENT WHICH HAD COASTAL AN PHONE. I SAW THIS AFTER I HAD BAILED OUT.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1580

Name of crew member: **RHODES, Robert Henderson Jr.**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **33447260**

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and~~ **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? Yes and No.

Where? Over Oldenburg Germany

If not, why not? He jumped but chute was already opened in radio room and he held it and jumped. It caught on bomb bay.

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

with chute pulled in radio room.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? near radio room

Any hearsay information: Story of his jumping and being

caught on bomb bay, then hitting hangar when ship
hit ground was all hearsay

Source: From Pilot and bombardier of crew

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

by hitting hangar.

Total number of missions of above crew member: One.

Dates and destinations if possible: Nov. 26, 1943 - Bremen

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Richard C. Teevz Rank Capt Serial No. 0-100966
2. Organization 549th Army Hq field Commander Wood Rank Col Sqn CO Corniacs Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Nov. day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Bremen, target time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? in Co. pilot's seat near Oldenburg - Ger.
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 but Bombardier
2nd pilot went out at same place I did through Bomb Bay
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Oldenburg, Germany
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, Bombardier.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In cockpit.
12. What was their condition? O.K.
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. _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1550

Name of crew member: RIMMER, Robert Henderson Jr.

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 33447260

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~was flight engineer~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR OLDENBURG, GERMANY

If not, why not? CHUTE CAUGHT ON JACKSCREW IN BOMB BAY

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

SITTING ON CATWALK WITH OPEN CHUTE IN HIS ARMS

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? HANGING UNDER PLANE

Any hearsay information: None

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BOMBARDIER
TRIED TO PULL HIM BACK INTO BOMB BAY. WAS UNABLE TO DO SO
BOMBARDIER RETURNED TO COCKPIT JUST BEFORE CRASH LANDING.
GERMANS WOULD NOT LET US LOOK FOR RIMMER'S BODY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: PILOT 13 CREW 1

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION NOV. 26, 1943

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ZITNIK, CHARLES A. Rank 2nd LT. Serial No. 0-677402
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Col. Smith Rank Col. Sqd CO KETTLESON Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month NOVEMBER day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BREMEN GERM, target, DOCKS, target
time, 1215 (Z), altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, OVER NORTH
SEA + IN, route flown AS BRIEFED
5. Where were you when you left formation? AT 1P
6. Did you bail out? NO
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. EXCEPT FOR BOMBARDIER 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". EXCEPT FOR BALL GUNNER
WHO WAS KILLED I SAW THE REST OF MY CREW (EVERYONE) AT CAMP
LUCKY STRIKE IN FRANCE. THEREFORE NO NEED FOR THIS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR OLDENBURG GERMANY
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) BOMBARDIER & BALL
GUNNER
11. Where were they in aircraft? BOMBARDIER IN COCKPIT AT CRASH, BALL GUNNER
HUNG FROM BOMB BAY PLANE
12. What was their condition? BOMBARDIER OK — BALL GUNNER KNACKED OFF IN
CRASH
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Frank A. Pelley, Jr. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. D 674707
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Dale O. Smith Rank Col Sqn CO Kettleson Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month November day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bremen, G., target, Docks + Warehouses, target time, 11:45, altitude, 25,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? North of North Oldenburg, Germany
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes; Co-pilot, Navigator, Engineer, Radio-operator, Right + left waist gunners, and tail 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". Saw CP, N, E, and Ball turret operator leave. Noticed Ball turret operators chute open as he jumped. Chute caught in bomb door mechanism. Reported to 1st pilot who ordered me to try and release him.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North Oldenburg, Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Plane Commander, Bombardier, and Ball turret Operator.
11. Where were they in aircraft? 1st Pilot and Bombardier in pilots compartment
Ball turret operator hanging beneath plane.
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All crew members, with the exception of Ball turret operator, met in Camp Lucky Strike, St. Valery, France on May 16, 1945. All in good health.
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 # 1500

Name of crew member: KIMMER, Robert Henderson Jr.

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 3347260

Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Got Caught under Ship, when he To bail out.

Where? About Ten minutes From Target About 50 or 100 miles

If not, why not? (Miles From Oldenburg near Air Field)

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Hanging upper Ship, when it was

Any hearsay information: Coming down in chute.

Source: _____

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

said that he was killed, his body hit a hanger.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: BREMEN, GERMANY. Nov 26, 1942

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Anthony J. Roberto Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 11095134
2. Organization RAF Op Commander Lacey Rank Col. Sqn CO Hetterson Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Nov. day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, BREMEN, GERMANY, target
time, 11:30, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, Over
North Sea, route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? STARTING ON F.P. just outside
OF Oldenburg, Germany.
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". Navigator, Engineer, Radio operator, Two Waist Gunners, Tail Gunner, Co-pilot bailed out in Bomb Bay. Ball Turret Gunner also bailed out Bomb Bay got caught up Bomb Bay crew could not reach him. Radio operator was wounded.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Germany Air Field.
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 and Bombardier.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot in Pilot seat, Bombardier in Pilot compartment.
12. What was their condition? okay
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The next day, in a Germany Air Field. Radio operator and myself came down and rescued others. J. Bombardier was wounded leg. we were in solitary confinement all that night.
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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27 January 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Personnel.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 633,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which Sergeant Robert H. Rimmer, 33447280, 384th Bomb Group, was first reported missing in action on 28 November 1943.

2. No Missing Air Crew Report on the above-mentioned enlisted man has been received to date. Request that this report, under the provisions of letter, War Department, AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OP 5-AFM, dated 23 May 1943, be forwarded this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

F. A. FITZPATRICK,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Air Adjutant General.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: TAG and Tel on file (27 Jan 44)
MIA 26 Nov 43 European Area EA notified 7 December 1943.
DIED Ltr 13 Jan 44
EA Mrs. Helen R. Rimmer (Wife) 2112 Magnolia Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.
NC MACR - 384th Bomb Group, A.P.O. 633, N.Y.
(Request made by SSM. Jennings of Tennessee)

Sm. John Jennings, Jr. of Tennessee
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SEN EILEEN R RIMMER
1433 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
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THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

HUSBAND

PRIVATE

ROBERT H RIMMER JR

(RELATIONSHIP)

(GRADE)

(NAME)

HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING **IN ACTION SINCE**

TWENTY SIX NOVEMBER IN EUROPEAN AREA

(DATE)

(AREA)

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