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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Grafton-Underwood, England Command or Air Force VIII ; Group 384th ; Squadron 546th ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Frankfurt, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
9-10/10 heavy cumulus tops 15,000-18,000 feet.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 25 Month SEPT Year 1944 ; Time 1050 ; and Location 5007 N, 0844 E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (☒); Last contacted by
radio () ; Forced 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) Enemy Aircraft () ; Enemy Anti-Aircraft (☒); Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 42-107057
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any Spirit o' 96
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____ ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-025184 ; (b) SW-007275 ; (c) 43-65746 ; (d) 43-145772
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) See attached (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____ ;
(e) sheet ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____ ;
(i) _____ ; (j) _____ ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____ ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty ☒
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Full Name (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Flouman, Noel E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-886495</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Ferguson, Lawrence Winston</u>	<u>F/O.</u>	<u>T-125389</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Cheresnik, Edward John</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-757870</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>t, Carl Johnston</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-749903</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Maxa, Gordon Raymond</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37555883</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Cameron, Robert Allen</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>17090209</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Oliva, Armando (NMI)</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>19207348</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Lentz, Kenneth Malvin</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>35227030</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
9. Waist Gunner	<u>Anderson, Frank J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>42015118</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD.</u>
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Stern, Paul Bernard	2nd Lt.	O-710339			x	
2. Zinzer, Frank Valentine, Jr.	2nd Lt.	O-769211	x			
3. Hinejos, Charles Acevedo	Cpl.	39282762			x	

13. 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) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEAR FROM.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

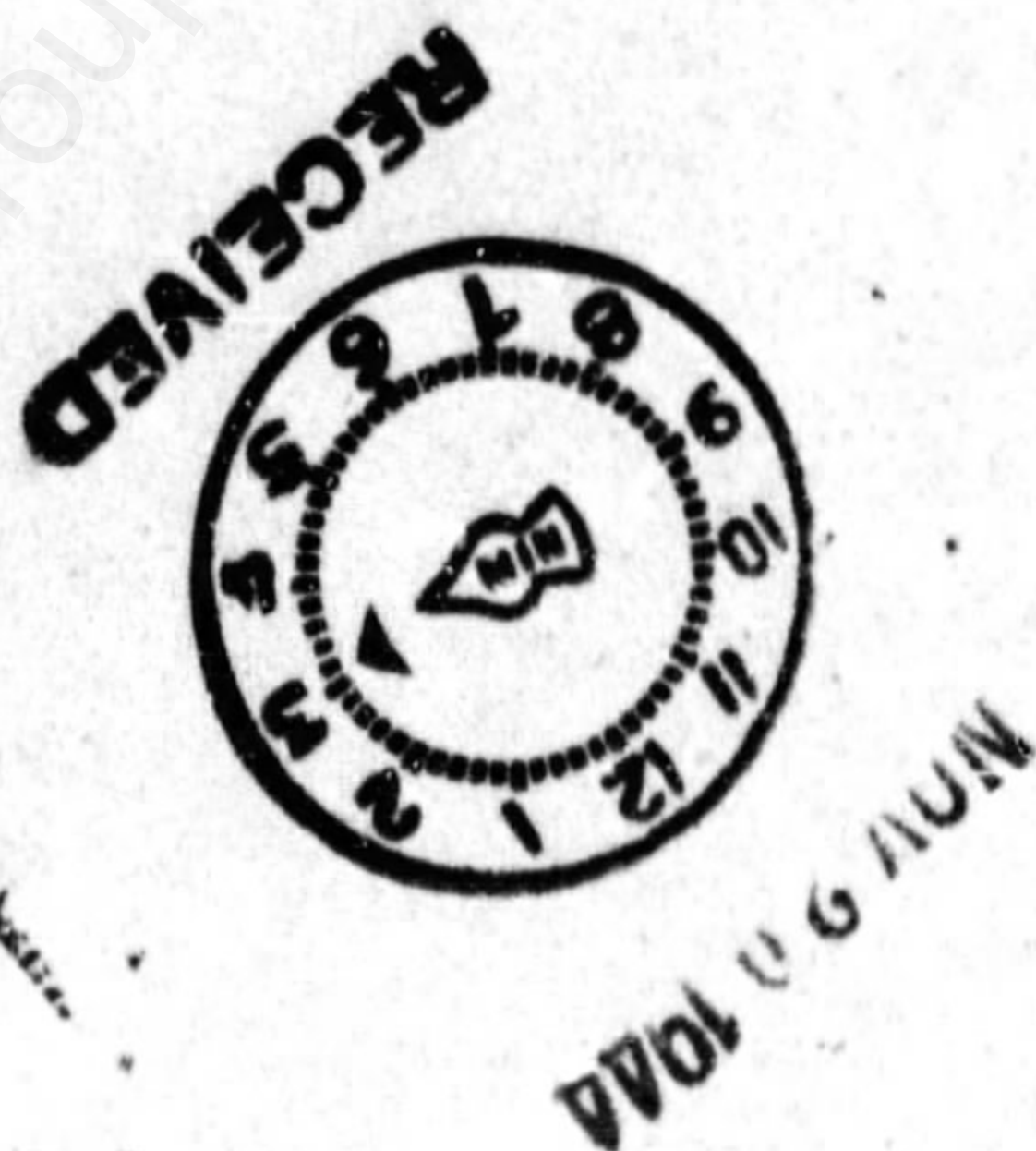
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 3 October 1944

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

J. R. Wyatt
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L**S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS**

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 384th SQ 56th A/C # 057 MISSION DATE 25-9-44

FIRST PILOT Plowman, Noel E. 2nd. Lt. 0-886495 DESTINATION Frankfurt, Ger.
NAME RANK SER#

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates 50°07'N. - 08°44'E.

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet.

(c) Last noted heading 136° Mag.

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation In formation when hit, and nosed over.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft)

Flak: Meager to moderate and very accurate.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Tail blown off in front of horizontal stabilizer.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Nosed over straight down out of control and was lost in the clouds.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? _____ If, so, give distinguishing markins of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). NONE

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

NONE

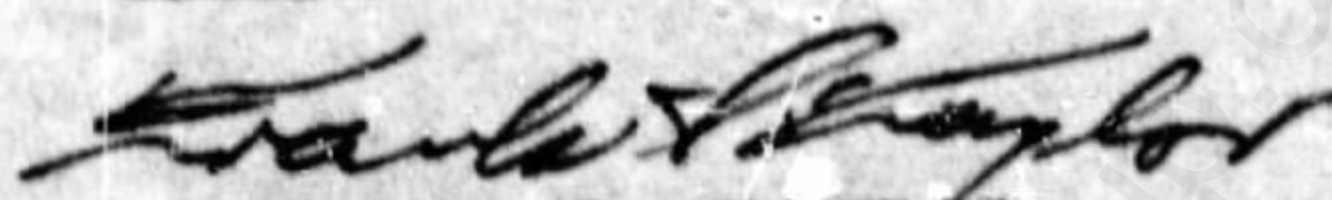
7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

NONE

8. Date of report 25 September, 1944

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	Paul B. Stern	2nd Lt.	0-710389	222
2.	Frank V. Zinser, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-79211	222
3.	Charles A. Hinojos	Cpl.	3923262	222
4.	Thomas J. Moore	Sgt.	19109538	222

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-570187</u>	<u>S-2</u>
<u>FRANK S. TAYLOR</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>NAME</u>			

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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9. INSTALLED WEAPONS

- A. 1295311 Buffalo Arms
- B. 1294883 Buffalo Arms
- C. 952970 Savage
- D. 1295482 Buffalo Arms
- E. 1293276 Buffalo Arms
- F. 129145 Buffalo Arms
- G. 952935 Savage
- H. 1293278 Buffalo Arms
- I. 953107 Savage
- J. 1295359 Buffalo Arms
- K. 1295275 Buffalo Arms
- L. 1295309 Buffalo Arms

All guns were Cal .50 Aerial Machine Guns.

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DOG TAGS

1.) Robert A. Cameron 170 90209 T43 43 O
P

2.) Armando Oliva 19207348 T44 O
P

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Paul

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AMERICAN PAPERS

1.) Bicycle certificate No. 0106 of Cameron, R. A. S/Sgt. 17090209

2.) Receipt for Registered Article No. 603 of Sgt. R.A. Cameron

3.) Receipt for Registered Article No. 588 of Sgt. R.A. Cameron

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Area Wiesbaden

S/ Sgt. Cameron Robert, A P.W.

S/ Sgt. Oliva Armando P.W.

Transit camp Wetzlar

inc. Sept. 44

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25 Sept 44

2.) Bad - Soden, 1145 hrs, 4-engines craft, 6 dead, 4 prisoners, - 35 A
(see: K U 3012).

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B-17
9 men

John E. Laursen, 02044937 was the pilot of a
P-51 (mustang) - KIA on 25 Sep 44

DATE: 25 September 1944 AT: 1145

PLACE: Bad Seion

368th (HE) Sqd.

RANK

NAME

K U 3012

LAURSEN, JOHN F.

ASN: 0-2044937

HART, Carl J.

ASN: 0-749903

CHERESNIK, Edward J.

ASN: 0-757870

6 dead.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 25 September 1944 1200 hrs.

CASUALTY NO.

KH 3008PLACE OF CRASH 22 WiesbadenTYPE OF AIRCRAFT BombardierREPORTING OFFICER Salzburg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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OLIVA	Armando	S/Sgt.	19207348	captured	Dulag Luft
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CAMERON	Robert Allen	S/Sgt.	17090209	captured	Dulag Luft
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16 September 1922 Castle Rock, Col.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 6 October 1944 No.

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9 men
AAF #2-107057

KU3012

DATE: 25 September 1944 AT: 1200

PLACE: Wiesbaden

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

546th (HBo) Sqd. 384th Group

RANK	NAME	K U 3008
2nd Lt.	FLOWMAN,	ASN: -----
P/O	FERGUSON	ASN: -----
2nd Lt.	HART, CARL D.	ASN: 0-749,903
1st Lt.	CHERESNIK, EDWARD J.	ASN: 0-757,870
S/Sgt.	CAMERON, Robert Allen	ASN: 17090209
S/Sgt.	OLIVA, Armando	ASN: 19207348
S/Sgt.	HAZA,	ASN: -----
Sgt.	ANDERSON,	ASN: -----
Sgt.	ZENTZ,	ASN: -----

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M 1st Lt. Edward J. Cheresnik

Mrs. Afton D. Cheresnik (wife)
474 J. Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah. ✓

M 2nd Lt. Noel E. Plowman

Mr. Charles J. Plowman (father)
La Crosse, Washington. ✓

M 2nd Lt. Carl J. Hart

Mrs. Phyllis White Hart (wife)
310 Lincoln Street,
New Britain, Connecticut. ✓

M F/O Lawrence W. Ferguson

Mr. Laton D. Ferguson (father)
Box 137 Rural Free Delivery Number Six,
Charleston, West Virginia. ✓

✓ S/Sgt. Frank J. Anderson

Mrs. Doris K. Anderson (wife)
Starlake Avenue,
Bloomington, New Jersey. ✓

M S/Sgt. Gordon R. Maxa

Mrs. Emma Jane E. Maxa (wife)
303 Glenwood Avenue,
Mankato, Minnesota. ✓

✓ S/Sgt. Robert A. Cameron

Mrs. Mary F. Cameron (mother)
469 Steele Street,
Denver, Colorado. ✓

✓ Sgt. Armando Oliva

Mrs. Concepcion Oliva (mother)
2819 South Maple Avenue,
Los Angeles California. ✓

✓ Sgt. Kenneth M. Lentz

Mrs. Catherine M. Lentz (mother)
216 Bell Avenue,
Findlay, Ohio. ✓

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kenneth M. Lentz Rank Sgt. Serial No. 35227032
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Smith Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month September day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Frankford, target, Marshaling yards, target
time, 10:45, altitude, 12,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? FRANK FORD
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 3, three
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: I WAS UNCONSCIOUS FROM
TIME PLANE WAS HIT UNTIL TWO WEEKS LATER
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SCHABACK
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? AT BASE,
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. My Mother received a
letter from England stating four parachutes
were seen bailing out of the plane-

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Sir:
Am very sorry that I can
give you the necessary infor-
mation concerning the members
of my crew because I was
unconscious and do not know how
I bailed out.

Sincerely

Kenneth Lentz

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Armando Oliva Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 19207348
2. Organization 384 th Bomb GP. Gp Commander Col. Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Stallins Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Fifteenth, target, Frankfurt, Germany, target time, 10:20 a.m., altitude, 26,000 ft. route scheduled, In through France, route flown In through France.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Right over target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? That I know of, two
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". My waist gunner bailed out immediately after me and my engineer a few seconds before us through the nose hatch. I have no knowledge of my tail gunner.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? On the outskirts of Frankfurt.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I imagine five not counting the tail gunner of whom I know nothing about. The five are: pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, radioman.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the nose, pilot's compartment, and radio room.
12. What was their condition? With exception of radioman who I believe was unconscious, I don't know.
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. No knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HALL, Gordon Raymond

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

37 555 883

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

Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No he didn't.

Where? _____

If not, why not? Because I believe he was unconscious when I last saw him.

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

Will explain in "Hearsay Information" line.Was he injured? Internally he may have been but he looked all right externallyWhere was he when last seen? In the radio room.Any hearsay information: Not hearsay, but when I came out of my turret,next to the radio room door, I saw him lying on the floor very stillwhich makes me believe that he was unconscious. I tried to pull himtoward me and out to the waist but just then the ship went into aspin and I was knocked past the ball turret landing near the waistSource: window & seeing the ground very close I barely had time to jump.

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

My supposition is that since the waist gunner bailed out directlybehind me, and my chute barely opened before I hit the ground. No oneelse could have had time to jump, especially if he was unconscious.when I had seen him.Total number of missions of above crew member: FifteenDates and destinations if possible: August 4 through Sept. 25, 1944.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HART, Carl Johnston**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **0-749 903**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't think he had time.

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

Nothing but an oxygen check. I also told him the bomb bay doors
were closing and all bombs were away.

Was he injured? I don't know.

Where was he when last seen? At his bomb sight.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

My supposition is that due to the wild spinning of the ship,
he may have been knowcked against some object, losing consciousness
thus going down with the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Fifteen.

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug. 4 through Sept. 25, 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

CHERBONIK, Edward John

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-757 870

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Bomber)~~

Navigator

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't think he had time.

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

A comment was made on the territory over which we were flying.Was he injured? I don't know.Where was he when last seen? In the navigator's compartment.Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

My supposition is that due to the wild spinning of the
ship, he may have been knocked against some object and
lost consciousness, thus going down with the ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 33Dates and destinations if possible: Ending Sept. 25.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

FERGUSON, Lawrence Winston

Rank:

E/O

Serial number:

E-125 389

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~First (Pilot)~~

CO-Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't think he had time.

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

There was none. that I remember.Was he injured? According to my engineer's report, no.Where was he when last seen? Pilot's compartmentAny hearsay information: My engineer told me that as he was passingthe pilot's compartment on the way to bail out, he noticedthat the pilot and co-pilot had just broken loose theirsafety belts and were scrambling on the floor.Source: My engineer.

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

My supposition through my talk with the engineer leads me tobelieve that since the plane was at approximately 4000 feetwhen the engineer bailed out, and since the plane was in adive, that he went down with the ship.Total number of missions of above crew member: FifteenDates and destinations if possible: About-from Aug. 4 to Sept. 25, 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

FLOWER, Noel R.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-886 495

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter):~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't think he had time.

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

There was none.Was he injured? According to my engineer's report, no.Where was he when last seen? In the pilot's compartment.Any hearsay information: My engineer told me that as he was passingthe pilot's compartment on the way to bail out, he noticed thatthe pilot and co-pilot had just broken loose their safety beltsand were scrambling on the floor.Source: My engineer.

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

My supposition through my talk with the engineer leads me tobelieve that since plane was at approximately 4000 feet whenthe engineer bailed out, and since the plane was in a dive,that he went down with the ship.Total number of missions of above crew member: SeventeenDates and destinations if possible: Ranging from August 1 to Sept. 25, 1944, approx

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges****Abschuß-Nr.** KU 3008**Abschußtag und Zeit:** 25.9.44 - 12.00**Abschußort:** Wiesbaden**Flugzeugtyp:** Fortress**Meldende Dienststelle:** Salzburg**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib:
				welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

OLIVA
CAMERON
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Armando
Robert Allen
Castle Rock, Col.

S/Sgt. 19207348 gef. Dulag-Luft
S/Sgt. 17090209 gef. Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: MACR-9414**DULAG-LUFT, den** 6.10.44 Wo.