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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 WTTT; Group 38th; Squadron 5th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Kyllburg, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
9-10/10 overcast. Dense and persistent contrails
4. GIVE: (a) Day 8 Month JAN Year 1945; Time 1022; and Location 5026N. 0522E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x); 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: A/C when last sighted was under control, but dropping behind the formation.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A/P Serial Number 42-98000
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Fightin' Hebe"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A/P Serial Number (a) 41-41316; (b) SW-220248; (c) SW-018767; (d) SW-003473
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1180787 Sav; (b) 1181284 Sav; (c) 601005 H.S.; (d) 621255 H.S.;
(e) 1182993 Sav; (f) 1183612 Sav; (g) 1182614 Sav; (h) 1182613 Sav;
(i) 1183035 Sav; (j) 1182832 Sav; (k) 1182529 Sav; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
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	DeFrancesco, John Joseph	1st Lt.	0-825120	MTA <u>RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	Simmons, Robert Edwin	2nd Lt.	0-775599	MTA <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	Spann, Lynwood Erskin	F/O	T-131944	MTA <u>RTD</u>
4. Togglier	Lott, Homer L.	S/Sgt.	34874712	MTA <u>RTD</u>
5. Radio Oper.	Bias, Ira J., Jr.	T/Sgt.	6664777	MTA <u>RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	Williams, John Allen	S/Sgt.	15090463	MTA
7. Ball Turret	Doleshal, Charles J.	S/Sgt.	32233702	MTA
8. Tail Gunner	Hastings, Harmon C.	M/Sgt.	6275061	MTA
9. Waist Gunner	Reed, Gordon Wilbur	S/Sgt.	15327467	MTA <u>RTD</u>
10.				
11.				

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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. Wyatt, William Glenn	1st Lt.	O-715911		X		
2. Robbitt, Charles R.	Sgt.	14158265		X		
3.						

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) Unknown
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD 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 14 January 1945

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Office)

J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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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 544th A/C 42-4800 MISSION DATE 8-1-45

FIRST PILOT DeFrancesco, John J. 1st Lt. DESTINATION Kyllburg, Ger.
NAME PLNK ASN

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

(a) By coordinates 5026N-0522E

(b) Approximate altitude 28,000

(c) Last noted heading _____

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation _____

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

Flak and enemy fighters nil.

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

None observed.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance: ☐

In control.

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort?

no If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). _____

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mlw/3/24/45

EUG 1st. Lt. John S. DeFrancesco

Mrs. Fannie E. DeFrancesco (mother)
742 Congress Avenue
Waterbury, Connecticut

RMC 2nd. Lt. Robert E. Simmons

Mrs. Claudine F. Simmons (wife)
2404 Fifteenth Street
Lubbock, Texas

RMC 1st. Lt. Lynwood H. Sparr

Mrs. Ethel L. Sparr (mother)
104 South Florida Street
Mobile, Alabama

WIA 1st. Lt. Herman G. Hastings

Mrs. Hazel G. Hastings (wife)
207 North McQueen Street
Florence, South Carolina

RMC 1st. Lt. Ira J. Rine, Jr.

Mr. Ira J. Rine, Sr. (father)
West Haddon, West Virginia

RMC 1st. Lt. Charles J. Dolan

Mrs. Daisy E. Dolan (mother)
1044 Antone Street
Fresno, California

RMC 1st. Lt. John A. Williams

Mr. Alva C. Kice (uncle)
142 Walnut Street
Dayton, Kentucky

RMC 1st. Lt. Gordon E. Reed

Mrs. Mary E. Reed (mother)
4554 Lundy Road
Deer Park
Cincinnati, Ohio

RMC 1st. Lt. Henry L. Lott

Mrs. Opal E. Lott (wife)
Box 12
Holbrook, Kansas

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WILLIAMS, John Allen

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

15 090 463

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or FV/GRV/(Fighter)/~~

Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? approx. 50 Degrees 30 Minutes N. Lat. 6 Degrees East Long.

If not, why not? _____

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

Just before bail out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Air Corp Interrogation Camp Frankfurt, Germany

Any hearsay information: none

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: ~~xxxxxx~~ unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HASTINGS, Harmon C.
Rank: M/Sgt.
Serial number: 6 275 061
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of / flying / flying~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approx. 50 Degrees 30 Minutes No. Lat. 6 Degrees East Long.

If not, why not? _____

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

Just before bail out

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Lynwood E. Spann Rank F/O Serial No. T-131944
Full Name Unknown Lt.
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Milton Rank Col. Sqd CO Booster Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month January day 8 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Kyllaburg, Germany, target
time, approx 1145 hours, altitude, 28,000 ft. route scheduled, Flight
Plan unknown, route flown Flight Plan
5. Where were you when you left formation? approx 30 minutes before target time
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 about the same place 50 Degrees 30 Min. No. Lat. 6 Degrees East Long.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? approx same place
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)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

DOLESHAL, Charles J.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

39 233 702

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 71/4th/1st/1st/1st~~

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Area of Bonn Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

followed me out of plane.

Was he injured? - Yes - cut on nose by chute.

Where was he when last seen? I saw Sgt. Doleshal

Any hearsay information: in Prison camp after we
were liberated by Americans.

Source: _____

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

heard he is now at home and discharged.

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknown.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HASTINGS, Harmon C.

Rank:

M/Sgt.

Serial number:

5 275 061

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~1st/Flt Lt~~ ~~(1st/Flt Lt)~~:

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out?

unknown.

Where?

If not, why not?

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

I called
to Hastings on interphone to ask if he heard bail out
order.

Was he injured?

I don't think so.

Where was he when last seen?

Starting to leave tail position.

Any hearsay information:

I heard from others of crew that
the plane was cleared of personnel. I cannot
tell if this was true - There was no
~~any~~ evidence in the wreckage of the plane
so the Germans told us.

Source:

T/Sgt John A. Williams - Eng.

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

It might
be that his chute never opened. but
I cannot say for sure.

Total number of missions of above crew member:

unknown

Dates and destinations if possible:

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name REED, Gordon W. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 15322467
2. Organization 384th Bomb Gp Commander Col. Milton Rank Col. Sqn CO Booska Rank MAJOR.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN. day 8th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, KYLBURG GERMANY target
time, 11:30 (I think), altitude, 28,000 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". all of crew
except Sgt. HASTINGS I KNOW BAILED OUT AND WAS
IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP. AS TO SGT HASTINGS - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? AREA OF BONN 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) UNKNOWN IF
SGT HASTING WAS IN AIRCRAFT. - GERMANS SAID NO
EVIDENCE IN WRECKAGE.
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? I SAW ALL OF CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT SGT.
HASTINGS - AFTER WE WERE IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP
I HAVE SEEN SOME OF THEM HERE IN STATES AND
KNOW THEY ARE NOW CIVILIANS.
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

Name of crew member:

HASTINGS, Harmon C.

Rank:

E/Sgt.

Serial number:

6 275 661

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~First/Station~~

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Kilberg Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Acknowledged order to bail out

Was he injured? Prior to bailing out, no

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the plane over Kilberg Germany

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

My theory is that he fell into the hands of civilians or SS troop
or failed to make good his escape.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Thirty-Five (35)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WILLIAMS, John Allen

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

15 090 463

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

Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Kilberg Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Acknowledged order to bail out

Was he injured? Not at the time

Where was he when last seen? In prison camp at Nuremberg, Germany

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

He was liberated at Mooseberg, Germany

Total number of missions of above crew member: Thirty-Five (35) in ETO

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

DOLESHAL, Charles J.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

39 233 702

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Bomber)~~

Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Kilberg Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Acknowledged order to bail out

Was he injured? At the time, NO

Where was he when last seen? In prison camp at Muehlenberg, Germany

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

He was liberated at Muehlenberg, Germany

Total number of missions of above crew member: Thirty-Five (35)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

At approximately 1130 the order to bail out was given. It was in the vicinity of Kilberg, Germany, on Jan. 8, 1945.

After acknowledging the order HASTINGS, WILLIAMS and DOLESHAL left through the waist door. The rest went through the bomb-bay.

The weather was bad and I didn't see any of the boys after they left the plane.

No other knowledge.

If any information is received through your office I would appreciate it if you would let me know, if possible.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name De Franco, John J. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0#825120
2. Organization 384 B SR
544 B SR Co Commander Milton Rank 1st Lt Co Booska Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1948 month January day 8TH did you go down?
4. What was the mission, RR Depot, target, Kilberg, Germany, target
time, 1130 Appr., altitude, 27000 Ft., route scheduled,
route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just turning onto the IP
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".
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In area of Kilberg, 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)
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? All members not mentioned were in fair condition
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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1 Ident. Br. 10 Aug. Request current address of Sgt. John A. Williams.
Search Section 1949 15090465.
Info. Sec. Liaison
Mackenzburg Ref. Ltr. # 351 Rogers
72000

*C-14187646
called C-7.*

Postage Liaison
Aug 1 1949
Main Div. 0202

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY
INTRAOFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

DUE, HOUR AND DATE _____

1 NO.	2 FROM—	3 TO—	4 DATE	5 MESSAGE
1	Iden. Br. Search Info. Sec. Mackenburg	Admin. Pentagon Liaison	10 Aug. 1949	Request current address of Sgt. John A. Williams, 15090463. Ref. Ltr. # 291 <i>HWK</i> Rogers 72000
2	QM Pentagon Liaison	Iden Br Search Info	16 Aug 1949	Information requested follows: John A. Williams 328 Overton St. Newport, Ky. <i>B.J.S.</i> Sekowski 6679 <i>E.M.D.</i> Dyer 73090

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POW. Receiving Unit
Flamersheim
Call Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 10. Jan. 1945

Subj.: Br. E. Nr. 276.44 List # on 18. Oct. 1944.

To Intelligence Office West Oberursel.

The american F/O. Spann Lynwood E. T-131944 was ^{delivert} ~~RECEIVED~~ on 9. Jan. 1945 von Baasen
by 6. SS.-Panzerarmee. The guards had not had any papers which could explain
some thing about the prisoner. The prisoner was asked here and gave the following
statements.

Shot down on 8. Jan. 1945 1200.

Place : near Baasen

Captured : 8. Jan. 1945

Place: 1,5 km. SW. of Baasen

Type of plane: Fortress 9 man crew)

Markings: unknown

Nr of admission: unknown

Reason for shot down: Motor defect.

The prisoner stated to be ,Navigator and gunner.

The prisoner will be transferred to Camp Hardthofe in order for
further transportation to Oberursel.

Heymann Opt. and leader of the office.

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Headquarter of the 6. SS. Panzerarmee

A.H.Qu. 8.Jan.1945

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Mk

To Army Group B/ Lw
Connection Officer

Report:

The name of the American Flying Officer delivered today 1400. by Cpl. Korting Member of the SS Ps. AOK.6 in our Office, is Lynwood E. Spann which parachuted out of the bomber, crashed 800 m. S. of Baesem (after statement) Spann was captured (street from Stadthyll-Baesem) 1.5 km. NW. of Baesem on the street by a member of the air corps and one member of the Ground forces and was given to Korting which transported him in his Truck. After arriving of the American Officer and after telephone call with Ic./AO 6. SS Panzerarmee SS Oersturabannfuhrer (Gen. Maj.) Doerner at this Office a immediately examination for papers and weapons was carried out, and any ~~transmit~~ immediately transport to Army group B/ Luftwaffe Communication Officer was ordered. Following effects were found during the examination: 1 map, documents, and personnel papers taken away, and sent for further investigation. Wrist watch, Briefcase, with Photos spectacles, Emergency food, in a Celluloid case, also a full Flying Combination, were given back to the prisoner.

Wettel Lt.

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1) Doleshal Chas. J. 39233702 T41 42 T44 O C

Daisy E. Doleshal 1066 Mentone St. Pasadena Calif.

2) Ira J. Bias Jr 6664777 T42 44 A P

3) John A. Williams 15090463 T42 43 A

4) Spann Lynwood E. T-131944 T43 44 O P

5) J.J. DeFrancesco 0-825120 T43 44 O C

6) Robert E. Simmons 0-775599 T43 44 A P

One Identification Card 0-1269567 Robert Edwin Simmon 2nd.Lt.

One Officers Identification Card 1562071 John J. De Francesco 2ndLt
0-825120

One Officers Pay Data Card Lynwood E. T-131944 F/O.

; One Immunization Register Spann Lynwood.

One Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card. for Spann Lynwood T-131944

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KU 1232 A

POW Receiving Unit,
Flamersheim
Call: Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 12.Jan.1945

Subject: Br. B. Nr. 276 List M 18.Oct.1944

To Intelligence Office West Oberursel.

On 11.Jan.1 945 the Amer. Airforce Sgt. Bias Ira 6664777 was delivered at Army POW Center 60.

The escort Command had as proof only the enclosed personal papers. The prisoner was asked here and gave the following statements.

Shot down on 8.Jan.1945 1100. near Schmidtheim

Captured : Immediately

Place of capture : near Schmidtheim

Type of plane : 4 mot. Fortress P 17 (9 man crew)

Markings : Unknown

Nr. of admission: Unknown

Reason for shot down: Motor defect.

The prisoner stated to be a Rear gunner.

The prisoner will be transferred to Camp Hardthoehe for further transportation to Oberursel.

Heymann Cpt. and Leader of the Office.

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KU 1236 A

Army POW Center 60

Nr. 106

10.Jan.1945

Bias

Ira

USA.

T/Sgt. Flying personal

USA Airforce

Ser Nr. 6664777

Date of birth and place : No Statements

single.

Adress of father: Mr. I.Bias West Hamlon West Virginia.

Captured on 8.Jan.1945 shot down.

closer statements refused.

delivert on 10.Jan.1945 by 6/874 Schmidtheim

Further transport: on 11.Jan.1945 to Receiving Unit Flamersheim

Signed Kelterborn Uffz.(Sgt.)

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Army POW center 60:

Nr. 103

9.Jan.1945

Inter:

Homer L.

USA.

T/Sgt.

USA Air Corps (Flying personal)

Ser.Nr.:34874712

Born on 28.August 1919 (Mississippi)

Occupation : refused

Married 1 child.

Husband : Mrs. Homer Lett Holcomb /Mississippi

Date and place of capture 8.Jan.1945 near Schmidtheim

Delivered : 9.Jan.1945 r- 6/874 (Schmidtheim)

Further transport: 11.Jan.1945 to Receiving Unit Flammersheim

Kelterborn Uffs.(Sgt.)

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KU 1232 A

POW. Receiving Unit
Flamersheim
Call Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 12.Jan.1945

Subject: Br.B Nr. 276/44 1st M on 18.Oct.1944

To Intelligence Office Werra Oberursel :

On 11.Jan.1945 the prisoner Reed Gordon W. 15327467 Sgt. was delivered by the
POW.center 60.

The escort Command had as proof the personal acts of the prisoner.

The prisoner was questioned and gave the following statements.

Shot down on 8.Jan.1945 1130.

Place : near Schmittheim

Captured: on 8.Jan.1945 1135.

Place of the capture: near Schmidtheim

Type of plane: Fortress B 17

Markings: Unknown.

Nr.of admission: Unknown

Reason for shot down: Motor defect.

The home airbase is Graftonunderwood. The POW is waistgunner. Since middle
Oct.1944. on front. Short before the object he parachuted.

The POW will be transferred to Camp Hardthoehe for further transportation
to Oberursel.

Heymann Opt.and Leader of the Office.

Dulag Luft Wetzlar 25.Jan.1945.

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Army POW CENTER 60

Nr. 107 O U 10. Jan. 1945
Name : Reed
1st. Name : Gordon Wilbur
USA.
Rank: S/Sgt. Flying personal
USA Aircorps
Ser. Nr. 15327467
Born: 27. August. 1922
Occup.: Worker
Father Mr. Wilbur Reed 4154 Amity Road Cincinnati
Ohio.
Date of Capture : 8. Jan. 1945
Delivert : 10. Jan. 1945 by 6/874 Schmidtheis
Transferred: 11. Jan. 1945 to Receiving Unit Flammersheim.

Reisig Uffz. (Sgt.)

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POW Receiving Unit.
Flamersheim
Call Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 12.Jan.1945

Subj: Br.B. Nr. 276/44 List M. on 18.August.1944.

To Intelligence Office West Oberursel.

On 11.Jan.1945 the american Flyer Sgt. Dolashal Charles J. 39233702 was delivert
by POW. Center 60.

The escort command had as proof personalpapers of the POW.

The POW was questioned and gave the following Statements.

Shot down on 7.Jan.1945 1000/

Place Short behind the frontin Germany

Captured 008.Jan.1945 1000. Short behind the frontin Germany.

Type of plane : 4 Mot Fortress. 17.

Markings: Unknown

Nr.of admission: Unknown

Reason for shot down : Motordefect.

The POW is gunner. Home airbase rGraftonunderwood, 30 km of Northampton. He has 30
Missiones

The POW will be transferred to Camp Haedthoehe for further transportation to
Oberursel.

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Army POW Center 60

9. Jan. 1945

Nr. 104

Dolleshal

Charles

USA

T/Sg t. Mechanic

39233702

Some statements refused.

Address of the mother: Mrs. Daisy E. Dolleshal 1066 Mertone Ts. Pasadena (Calif.)

Time and place of capture: 8. Jan. 1945 near Schmidtheim after shootings by Flak parachuted.

Delivered on 9. Jan. 1945 by 6/874 Schmidtheim

transferred on 11. Jan. 1945 to receiving unit Flammersheim

Translator: elterborn Uffz. (Sgt)

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Army Prisoner Center 60

Nr. 105

10. Jan. 1945

Name: Simmons

first name: Robert E

Nationality: USA

Rank: 1st. Lt IAC

Ser. Nr: O-775599

Date of birth: 11. April. 1925

Occupation: Student

Married

Address of wife.: Husband Mrs. R.E. Simmons 2404 15th. Street Lubbock Texas

Time and place of capture: 8. Jan. 1945

Delivered on 10. Jan. 1945 by 6/374 Schmidheim

Transferred : 11. Jan. 1945 to Receiving Unit Flammersheim.

Translator Reising Offs. (Sgt)

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POW Receiving unit
Flamersheim
Call Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 12.Jan.1945

Subj.: Br B Nr. 276/44 List M. on 18.~~NEWY~~ August 1944

T Intelligence Office West Oberursel:

On 12.Jan.1945 the American Flyer Lt. Simmons Robert E. O-115599 was delivered by
POW Center 60.

The escort Command had as proof personal papers.

The POW was asked here and gave the following statements:

Shot down:	8.Jan.1945 noon
Place of shot down:	Schrodtheim
Captured:	8.Jan.1945 1300.
Place of capture:	2km. of Schmidtheim
Type of plane:	4 mot Fortress B 17
Markings:	unknown
Nr. of admission:	unknown
Reason for shot down:	unknown

Dulag Luft Wetzlar 26.Jan.1945

Home base is Graftonwood. The POW stated to have 30 missions.

The POW will be transferred to Camp Hardthoehe for further transportation to
Oberursel.

Heymann Cpt. an Leader of the Office.

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PCW Receiving Unit
Flamersheim
Call: Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim 12.Jan.1945

Subject: Br,B,Wr, 276/44 List M. on 18.Oct.1944

To Intelligence Office West Oberursel:

On 11.Jan.1945 the amer, Flying Sgt. was delivered to Army Center 60
Name: Lott Homer L. 34874712

The escort Command had as proof only the enclosed personal papers.

The prisoner was questioned and gives the following statements:

Shot down: on 8.Jan.1945 noon

Place : Right behind the Battleline

Captured : on 8/Jan.1945 1300.

Place of capture: Right behind the Battleline.

Type of plane : 4 mot. Fortress 17

Markings: Unknown

No. of admission: "

Reason for shot down: Probably E Flak.

The prisoner is Waistgunner. He stated that another crew member parachuted too. It was the 1 st. mission of the prisoner. He was only a few days in England. The prisoner will be transferred to Camp Hardthoehe for further transportation to Oberursel.

Heymann Opt. and Leader of the Office.

Dulag Luft Oberursel 25.Jan.1945

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**Meldung über den Abschuss eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuss-Nr. KU 1232 A

Abschusstag und Zeit: 8.1.45. 11.30.

Abschussort: Schmidtshain b. Bonn

Flugzeugtyp: P-51 Mustang

Meldende Dienststelle: Harthöhe / Bonn

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib: gef.: welches Lager verw.: Art d. Verwundung tot: Grablage
✓ DEFRANCESCO John J. 21.1.24. Bonn.	1/Lt.	O-825120	gef. Dulag-Luft West
✓ SIMMONS Robert E. 11.4.23. Orangeville, Ill.	2/Lt.	O-775599	gef. dito
✓ STAHN Lylwood Brskin 10.4.23.	P/O.	T-131944	gef. dito
✓ BIAS Ira J. 26.10.19.	T/Sgt.	6664777	gef. dito
✓ REED Gordon Wilbur 27.8.22.	S/Sgt.	15227467	gef. dito
✓ LOTT Homer L. 28.8.19. Carrollton, Miss.	S/Sgt.	34874712	gef. dito
✓ DOLESHAL Charles J. 7.9.17. Pasadena, Cal.	T/Sgt.	31233702	gef. dito
✓ WILLIAMS John Allen 17.10.19. Dayton, Ohio.	S/Sgt.	15090463	gef. dito

Bemerkungen: 11579

DULAG-LUFF, des 2.1.2.45. v. S.

October 12, 1998

Dear Nate,

Here is what I have come up with.

The plane was last seen by the formation at location 50 degrees, 26 min. N, by 5 degrees, 22min. E. (see map 1, #1). In the plane, the order to bail out was given at 50 degrees 30 min. N, by 6 degrees E. (map 1, map 2 #2) The plane had traveled approx. 27 miles.

Radio op. T/Sgt. Ira J. Bias was captured immediatly on landing near Schmidtheim, Gr.(map 1 #3 and map 2 #3) Time 11:00. Report by Cpt. Meymann, POW Receiving Unit, Flamersheim, Gr. Distance from point where bailout order was given, approx. 24 miles.

Navigator F/O Lynwood E. Spann was captured on the road between Baasem and Stadtkyll. He was 1.5 km NW of Baasem. The bomber crashed 800 m. south of Baasem. This is according to Lt. Wettel, 6. SS. Panzerarmee. Date 8. Jan. 1945.

Do not find Baasem on modern map. May have been destroyed during war, or had name changed. Stadtkyll is #4 on both maps. I think that Baasem is to the south-east of Stadtkyll and #7 on both maps could be the area of the crash

#6, both maps, is Kyllburg, the target that day.

Map 1 #5. Just threw this in. Another Rochefort, this one in Belgium!

It has been a long row to hoe, but maybe this is a handle on the location of your plane.

Take care,

Clint.

October 15, 1998

Hi Nate,

Just found a bit more info.

Capt. Heymann

POW. Receiving Unit

Flamersheim, Gr.

and

KU 1232A

Army POW. Center 60

Translaters- Sgt. Kelterborn and Sgt. Reisige.

The above are in reports to Intelligence Office West Oberursel, and are as follows, in part.

Reed, Gordon W. 15327467 Sgt. Captured on 8 Jan. 1945, 11:35 near Schmidtheim

Doleshal, Charles J. 39233702 Sgt. Captured on 8 Jan. 1945, 10:00 near Schmidtheim

Simmons, Robert E. c-115599 Lt. Captured on 8 Jan. 1945, 13:00 2km. of Schmidtheim

Lott, Homer L. 34874712 Sgt. Captured on 8 Jan. 1945, 13:00 near Schmidtheim

The POW. Receiving Unit was located at Flamersheim, not far from Schmidtheim.

Schmidtheim is #3 on both maps.

Good luck

Clint