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Date **18 Aug 1943**

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 No 106 ; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th ; Squadron 544th ; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY POINT of Departure AAF Station No 106 ; Course As briefed
Intended Destination Bahnsfurt Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
3/0 overcast
- GIVE: (a) Date 17 Aug 43 Time 0445 ; and Location Before Initial Point
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; () Other Circumstances as follows Was losing gasoline and turned back enemy fighters were circling around him.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____ ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3222
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____ ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-57815
(b) 42-57822 ; (c) 42-57830 ; (d) 42-57841
- 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 _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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	
1. Pilot	<u>Pilot KIA - Mattas, Frank G.</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>0-665319</u>	<u>DEAD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>RTD Thompson, Arthur J. Jr.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-735473</u>	<u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>RTD W.S. Keatworthy, Wayne L.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-785323</u>	<u>RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>PDD Kozfal, Alan H.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-736474</u>	<u>H.I.</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>RTD Platter, Homer J.</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>36345794</u>	<u>RTD</u>
6. Tail Turret	<u>RTD Miller, William A. (Walter)</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>36178539</u>	<u>RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>RTD Ebdow, James G.</u>	<u>5/1st</u>	<u>16014609</u>	<u>RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>RTD Garcia, Edward J.</u>	<u>5/1st</u>	<u>19064757</u>	<u>RTD</u>
9. Flexible Gunner	<u>RTD Ray, Thomas</u>	<u>5/1st</u>	<u>11068329</u>	<u>RTD</u>
10. Flexible Gunner	<u>RTD Thompson, John P.</u>	<u>5/1st</u>	<u>13028470</u>	<u>RTD</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS 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 For Land
1. <u>Armstrong, Lloyd W.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-665266</u>	<u>X</u>			
2. _____						
3. _____						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS; (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) any other reason (Specify) _____
- 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 18 Aug 1943
[Signature]
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Mattes, Frank G.
 Rank: 1/Lt.
 Serial number: O-665319
 Position: Cre. (Bomber) ~~5th Bombardment Group~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Northeast of Mannheim

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: We both decided we should abandon the plane.

Was he injured? At the time I thought not, but later I think he was.

Where was he when last seen? In bombay of the plane

Any hearsay information: I was told later by a Gunner from another crew that he saw Mattes's grave with his M4 West lying on the grave. I also heard the German's gave him a military funeral.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I am not sure whether he was injured in plane, landing in trees or was killed after landing on the ground.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his 13th Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: June 20, 1943 - Antwerp, Belgium

June 26, 1943 - Villacoublay, France, June 28, 1943 - Beuumont Le

Royers, Fr., June 29, 1943 - Villacoublay, Fr., July 4, 1943 - Le Mans, Fr.

July 10, 1943 - Abbeville, Fr., July 25, 1943 - Hamberg, Ger.

July 26, 1943 - Kassel, Ger., July 28, 1943 - Hamberg, Ger., Aug. 12,

1943 - Gilsen Kirchen, Ger., Aug. 15, 1943 - Ploeg T Amiens, Fr.

Aug. 16, 1943 - Le Bourget, Fr., Aug. 17, 1943 - Schwienfurt, Ger.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Konefal, Adam
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0 734474
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Bombard.

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? DEAD-HEARSAY

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: About 5 minutes before I bailed out

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Bomb Compartment

Any hearsay information: was hit twice by 20mm cannon

Source: Lt. Westworth

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: June 21, 23, 24, 30; July 4, 25, 27, 28, 29; Aug 12, 15, 16 and 17th

Edward J. Garcia

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY

Name of crew member: Donald, Alan
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 11176
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Bombardier

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Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? SHOT IN THE STOMACH (KIDNEY)

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

LEAVE OFF APR 12, 1945

Was he injured? HE MUST HAVE BEEN INJURED SERIOUSLY

Where was he when last seen? BEFORE TAKE OFF ON APR 12, 1945

Any hearsay information: LT KONGER TO 42 MS. LATER WAS KILLED

HE SEEMED WOUNDED IN THE DISTANCE NOT CLEAR). HE DID

SAYED SOMETHING AFTER HE WERE HE. THEN HE CALLED FROM

THE INTERPHONE THAT HE DID. HE WASN'T HEARD ON

THE INTERPHONE AFTER THAT.

Source: OTHER CREW MEMBERS

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

HAVE BEEN KILLED INSTANTLY OR WOUNDED SO

BAD THAT BRUCE WOULDNT FIND SOME WAY

HE WOULD HE DID GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP

HE WAS NEVER REPORTED BY THE GERMANS

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Wesley, Alan Neil
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-954894
Position: Crew (Bombardier)

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Did he bail out? No knowledge.

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When he called for a bomb run.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Retained in the nose.

Any hearsay information: Navigator said he was hit the time the plane was knocked out. The plane was knock out by a twelve plane attack on the nose.

Source: Navigator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No knowledge.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: First June 22, 43 last August 17, 43.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

John
45

1. Your name James C. Rhodes Rank 1st Sgt Serial No. 16 017609
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO 1st Lt Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month 8 day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission Chwickfurt, target, Germany, target
time, 14:30, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled,
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Nazis, Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes Alt. 18,000
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Copilot, Navigator, engineer, ass engineer,
Radio, Ass radio, Armor gunner 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". First to leave was
Engineer and Radio through bomb bay. Ass engineer armorgunner ball turret tail
gunner left through waist door a little before Copilot and Navigator (one out
through bomb bay and other through nose hatch in that order.
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) Believed that the
Bombardier was still in the nose.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nose
12. What was their condition? Believed dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Last time I heard from the Pilot was when he gave me orders to get
out of the ball turret and put on my chute. I believe him alright at that time.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Konefal, Adam M.I.
 Rank: 2/Lt.
 Serial number: O-734474
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was seriously injured; more than I thought at the time.

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

We had were hit, he said something about salvaging the bombs.

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? In the nose of the plane.

Any hearsay information: I certainly would have checked better if I had thought he couldn't get out of plane. Now, claims Bombardier was preparing to leave plane. Things happen pretty fast when you get hit & plane is burning.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I am not certain about his condition after he was hit.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his 13th mission

Dates and destinations if possible: June 22, 1943 - Antwerp, Belgium, June 26, 1943 - Villacoublay, France, June 28, 1943 - Beaumont Lez Rogues, Fr., June 29, 1943 - Villacoublay, Fr., July 4, 1943 - Le Mans, Fr., July 10, 1943 - Abbeville, Fr., July 25, 1943 - Hamburg, Ger., July 26, 1943 - Passel, Ger., July 28, 1943 - Hamburg, Ger., Aug. 12, 1943 - Gelsenkirchen, Ger., Aug. 15, 1943 - Ploix & Amiens, Fr., Aug. 16, 1943 - Le Bourget, Fr., Aug. 17, 1943 - Schweinfurt, Ger.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Konefal Anam 292
 Rank: 2nd Lt. 47
 Serial number: 0-731171
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Bombardier

Did he bail out? Don't believe so

Where? _____

If not, why not? I was lead to believe that he was killed by a storm that came through the nose

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He released the bombs and told pilot that he had done so

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? In the nose

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

second question. Story told to me by the navigator Lt Wayne L. Wentworth

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

Garcia, Edward J.

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S/Sgt

Honolulu

48-214-229

6 Oct - 45

Address -

Box 238

Vacaville - Calif -

22 Jul 48

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Ray, Thomas

11 088 329 8 Sgt

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CS-457-267

25 Sept 1945

Address

73 Milk St.

Brunswick Maine

27 Jul - H 6

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13 May 49

Thompson, John P. 13 028 470

1st Sgt

In active service
in 1935

W.C.
N 1-505-927

Address
8309 Pinecrest Ave.
Philadelphia - Pa.

20-may-1946

sub-address
as of 26-Apr-46
Westover Field
Mass.

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Thompson, Arthur J., Jr., O-788 471 1/1

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Howe, Doc -
30 Dec 40

Address

835 North Hillside

Wichita - Kansas -

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Wentworth, Wayne L.

O-795 323 Capt.

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17- June-48

Home address

700 East 24th St.

Austin Texas

28-MV-47

Mil - address -

436 B. Sq.

7 B. Dep.

Carewell A.F.B.

Ft Worth Texas

17- June-48.

13 MAY 48

Plattner, Homer E.

35 343 794 2/82

Home - Dr -

C8-442-050

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Address

37 31. Elston Ave.

Chicago 18 - Ill.

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13 MAY 47

WALTER, Walter E. 24 179 538 7/56

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#2 182281*

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This man's records have been forwarded to:

**Warrens Administration
District Office #6
55 South Starling St.
Columbus, Ohio**

His insurance number is W-103-281.

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Rhodes, James O.

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438 Costa Costa

Vallejo - Calif.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILLER, William A.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 36173529
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out? Yes, I saw him at La Harve, Pa. in May, 1945 working
to come home.

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: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name THOMPSON JOHN P. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 13027170
2. Organization 22nd ABW Commander Col PERLICO Rank Col Sqd CO KETTELSON Rank Sgt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Aug day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, HEAVY BOMBING, target, SCHWEINFURT GER, target
time, 2:30 PM, altitude, 22,000 FT route scheduled, AS GIVEN
IN BRIEFING, route flown AS GIVEN IN BRIEFING
5. Where were you when you left formation? IN THE REGION OF MANNHEIM GER.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? EIGHT MEN OF THE TEN MAIN
CREW BAILED OUT AND ALL REACHED THE GROUND ALIVE
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? IN THE REGION OF MANNHEIM GER.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) IT IS MY BELIEF THAT
THE BOMBARDIER (OR BOMBARDIER) WAS STILL IN THE PLANE. HE
WAS EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED SERIOUSLY DURING THE ACTION
11. Where were they in aircraft? BOMBARDIER WAS LOCATED IN NOSE COCKPIT.
12. What was their condition? BOMBARDIER WAS HIT IN STOMACH BY 20 MM.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? I SAW ALL THE ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL OF THE
CREW IN THE DAY OF LIBERATION FROM THE GERMANS.
THEY WERE THE WALTER H. MILLER, D. HOMER
T. FLETCHER, W. JAMES RYAN, SGT EDWARD FRASER, AND
THE THOMPSON ALL WERE IN FAIR HEALTH.
14. Please give any status 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) a-1

709-4.
June 5, 1946

(2)
SUBJECT: Delay in answering Casualty Information of Crew Members.
TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCE, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

1. Due to my reenlisting in the army again, I have been transferred three times since the date of your letter. I hope what little information I was able to give will help you uncover something about the two believed dead members of the crew.

2. There was nothing taken from me that wasn't returned except that was issued to me by the government.

James C. Rhodes
James C. Rhodes
T/sgt am 16 014 609
1103rd AAF. ATC. Base
Harrison Field, Florida

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY

Name of crew member: Miller, William A.
 Rank: T/Sgt
 Serial number: 36 178539
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Top Turret

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE REGION OF MANNHEIM GER

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: BEFORE TAKE OFF ON MORNING OF AUG 17 1947

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? I LAST SAW W.A. MILLER ON MAY 3, 1945

Any hearsay information: W.A. MILLER WAS HELD PRISONER IN THE SAME CAMP WITH ME (STALAG 120) HE SURVIVED THE FORCED MARCH IN APRIL OF 1945 AND HE WAS STILL WITH US ON THE DAY OF LIBERATION (MAY 3, 1945). I TALKED WITH MILLER ON THAT DAY.

Source: INFORMATION IS NOT HEARSAY.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and designations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY

Name of crew member: Mattes, Frank G.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 0 6 65 319
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? HE MUST HAVE BECAUSE THE SHIP BURNED ON THE GROUND

Where? IN THE REGION OF MANNHEIM GER

If not, why not? _____

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

TAKE OFF ON AUG. 17, 1943

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS REPORTED TO US AS DEAD.

Any hearsay information: LT MATTES WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND

ON THE GROUND DEAD. HE WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE GERMANS

BY A (DINGHY DRILL SHEET) THAT HE CARRIED ON HIS

PERSON. ALSO BY NAME ON AIR TICKET. I DID NOT SEE

HIM AND I DON'T THINK ANY OTHER CREW MEMBER DID

Source: OTHER CREW MEMBERS

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

OPINION THAT LT MATTES DID BAIL OUT AND THAT HIS

PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN. BECAUSE IF HE WAS FOUND

ON THE GROUND HE COULD NOT HAVE GONE DOWN WITH

THE SHIP. THE SHIP EXPLODED AND BURNED UP ON LANDING.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

APPENDIX

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Miller, William A.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 3547300
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Top turret

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? about a few minutes before the men in the waist bailed out.

If not, why not? did

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I called
six planes coming in on the tail.

Was he injured? no.

Where was he when last seen? In France just before we left to come home Camp was
called Lucky Strike.

Any hearsay information: no. I talked to him

Source: My own

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I have heard
by a voice out of his that he was once again in Detroit, Michigan and discharged.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Shot down the thirteenth

Dates and destinations if possible: first was June 22, 43 last August 17, 43

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Matte, Frank G.
Rank: 1/Lt.
Serial number: 0-868319
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

For me to get out of ball turret and get on my chute.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Hear say in the bomb bay ready to bail out by Co-pilot.

Any hearsay information: a howe

Source: Co-PIlot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When I was captured

the Germans drew a square and placed a cross in it, but I thought they were running me for information. The reason for this was that I had seen and held Lt. Matte's flight jacket. There were no holes or blood either on the outside or inside. That is all I know about him.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: no knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Mattos, Frank G.
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-665319
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? NEAR MANN HORN

If not, why not? _____

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

at the controls when I bailed out

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: GERMANS SAID HIS CHUTE
did not open - which they accounted for
his death. WAS buried

Source: GERMAN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When he
spoke last - he did not sound right - as if
wounded - he said he was not wounded -
but a 20 mm cannon came through his
INT. PANEL.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: First Unknown by Me -

June 21, 23, 26, 30). July 4, 25, 27, 28, 29)

Aug 12, 15, 16 and 17

Edward J. Garcia

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Walter

Name of crew member: Miller, William A.
 Rank: T/Sgt
 Serial number:
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter) 36178539
 To p Turret

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? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

*Referring to T/Sgt. Miller, Walter A - He was
 with me in Prison Camp and is home
 Now.*

Edward J. Garcia

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GARCIA, Edward J. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 12069757
2. Organization 384 Gp. Commander Pearly Rank Col. Sqn. CO Kellison Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Aug day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Heavy Bomb, target, Schwimfart, target
time, 2:30, altitude, 19,500 route scheduled, _____
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 30 minutes from 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".
ON BACK OF PAGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Mountains
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Lt. Konefal, Adam
11. Where were they in aircraft? Bomb Compartment
12. What was their condition? HEAT SICK - DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. Thompson 1st Lt. Thompson 1st Lt. Rhodes
1st Lt. HAY - at German Red Cross station in good condition
Lt. MONTGOMERY - at German Red Cross station
with injuries
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)

guys (8) - Sgt's Miller + Platter bailed
out of Bombay Compartment
Sgt's Thompson, Rhodes, Hay & I
bailed out of waist Compartment

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Thompson, Arthur J., Jr. Rank 1st Serial No. 0-735471
 2. Organization 384 Co Commander Col. Bud Pollock (full name) Col. Sq. CO Raymond Kell (full name) 1st Lt. Capt
 3. What year 1943 month Aug. day 17 did you go down?
 4. What was the mission, Schwienfurt, Ger., target, Ball Bearing Factory, target time, Approx. 19:40, altitude, 21,000' route scheduled, OVER North Sea, Holland, Ger., route flown same
 5. Where were you when you left formation? About five min. of Target
 6. Did you bail out? Yes
 7. Did other members of crew bail out? Everybody bailed out except Bombardier
 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". When we were knocked out of formation by fighter fire, we went for 10 or 15 minutes in the direction of Mannheim, Ger. We were still under fighter attack & plane on fire so we decided to bail out. The crew bailed out west east of Mannheim, Ger.
 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North east of Mannheim, Ger.
 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) 2nd Lt. Adam Kane tal
My understanding at the time we were abandoning ship was he wasn't hurt but undoubtedly he was because I never saw him bail out. I counted 8 chutes besides my own. (see attached)
 11. Where were they in aircraft? In the Nose of the plane
 12. What was their condition? He was badly hurt
 13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw all members of the crew except Lt. Mottles & Lt. Kane tal at La Havre, France just prior to coming home in May, 1945.
 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)

I saw the Nav. leave the plane & just suppose Bombardier left also. I understood that he was hurt but & was bailing out. I now actually think he was fatally hurt when we were hit by 20 mm shells from FW190's. The plane was hit directly in the nose & right wing. We lost #3 and #4 Engines. There was a hole about 4" in diameter right in the middle of the instrument panel. Un doubtly Lt. Frank Mattes was hit at that time, but he would not acknowledge it to me. He (Mattes) & myself crawled back to the bomb bay where we left the plane. That was the last time I saw him. He appeared all right. 1st William A. Miller bailed out without injury. I saw him at Delay (Frankfurt on Main) & also when we were at La Harve getting ready to come home.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Mattes, Frank G.
 Rank: 1st. Lt.
 Serial number: 0 665319
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He gave the bail out signal and then contact was broken

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Cockpit

Any hearsay information: His body was found and buried

Source: Small German boy

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: My supposition is that he was wounded so bad that he was unable to pull his chute, or his chute never opened when he did pull it

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Miller, William A.
 Rank: T/Sgt
 Serial number: 36128539
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Top turret

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Some where near Crenheim, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Going out the bomb bay

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It's a

fact that he is alive and now lives in
Adrian, Mich.

Total number of missions of above crew member: About 9

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Thomas Hay Rank Sgt Serial No. 11068329
2. Organization 384 Co Commander Red Post Rank Col Sqn CO Ketchum Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13, target, Schwien Park, target time, ?, altitude, 20,000, route scheduled, ?, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? Leading high box
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". Centworth - out the
Ness hatch - H. J. Thompson, Fletton Miller - bomb bay
Rhader - J. P. Thompson - Garcia - Hay - waist door
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ?
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ?
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? Before take off was the last time I
saw Carter, pilot and Kincaid - bombardier
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No info

(Any additional information may be written on the back)