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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

7278-1

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Nordhausen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
2-4/10 low cloud tops 5-6000 feet
4. GIVE: (a) 20 July 44 Time 1115; and Location 51°50' N, 12°50' 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 A/C dropped back to release bombs apparently unable to keep up with
formation. A/C under attack by 6 E/A. Went down in glide under control.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37974
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-608
(b) SW-619496; (c) 43-64839; (d) SW-001756
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below table, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See attached; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) sheet; (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 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(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		Grant, Walter Edward	2nd Lt.	0-818855
2. Co-Pilot	<u>371</u>	Grabon, Daniel Stanley	2nd Lt.	0-819797
3. Navigator		Wells, Benjamin Franklin	2nd Lt.	0-703544
4. Toggler		Zipfel, Herbert Walter	S/Sgt.	35549231
5. Radio Operator		Sexton, William Hiram	T/Sgt.	35132838
6. Top Turret		Farrow, Thomas Chappell	T/Sgt.	32364054
7. Ball Turret		Fulwider, Albert Clayton, Jr.	T/Sgt.	13090947
8. Tail Gunner		Karcher, Norbert Raymond	S/Sgt.	13168238
9. Waist Gunner		Jablonski, Raymond Joseph	Sgt.	36321492

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Check Only Saw Crash	Check Only Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Patella, Joseph David</u>	<u>Tx</u>	<u>E/O T-61621</u>		<u>x</u>		
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. 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 _____; (c) Any other reason (Specify) 4 chutes seen to emerge
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 TYPE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

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Report 24 July 1944

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

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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

- a. 1051018 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- b. 1150631 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- c. 2650758 General Motors Co.
- d. 1150582 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- e. 1151017 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- f. 650360 General Motors Co.
- g. 1151870 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- h. 1151871 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- i. 1150712 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- j. 1151479 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- k. 1150917 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.
- l. 1149338 Kelsey Hayes Wheel Co.

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STATEMENT BY E/O J. PATELIA, PILOT, A/C NO. 888, MISSION TO DESSAU, GERMANY,
20 JULY 1944.

We were flying in No. 2 position High Squadron, High Group. Lt. GRANT, in A/C No. 974, was flying in No. 5 position, Low Squadron, High Group. At 1115 hours, 51° 50' N, 12° 50' E, altitude 25,000 feet, A/C No. 974 dropped back to release its bombs, being unable to keep up with the formation. A/C 974 was, at the time, under attack by four (4) ME 109s and two (2) FW 190s. Four (4) chutes were seen emerging, as the aircraft went down in a glide, apparently under control.

/s/ J. PATELIA,
/t/ J. PATELIA,
E/O, Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 888

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J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No. 7278

Name of crew member: BRABON, Daniel Stanley
Rank: 2nd Lt
Serial number: 0-818797
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Co-Pilot

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: _____

Believed to have been killed by civilians

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

SOURCE: 1st Lt. Walter E. Grant, 0-818855

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: GRABON, Daniel Stanley
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-819797
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Don't know

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: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: KARCHER, Norbert Raymond
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 13168238
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~/of Flight 116/~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded and collapsed over tail wheel bulkhead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said
he was shooting at Enemy aircraft on our tail. I counted two downed.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? Half in and out of tail section and

Any hearsay information: Waist Compartment. He had left his
position without parachute because of injuries. He tried to
crawl thru airplane but ~~and~~ collapsed just before
he emerged into waist comp. from tail. Wounded
from 20 or M shells which I heard exploding in tail section.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: We bailed out
in the area of town of Chemnitz, Germany. Aircraft was
in that area as per German interrogators. I don't
know condition of aircraft because I did not see it after
I bailed out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2nd Mission 2nd Tour (27)

Dates and destinations if possible: July 20, 1944, Target Leipzig, Ger.
2nd refineries



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: JABLONSKI, Raymond Joseph Sgt.

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Raymond J. Johnson Rank Sgt Serial No. 36321692
2. Organization 384 B. Gp Commander Smith Rank Col Sqn CO LT Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Leipzig, Ger., target, Oil Refineries, target
time, App 11:30 altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, South
of target, route flown West
5. Where were you when you left formation? Straggling 1/2 mile behind Gp.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Except R. N. Karcher
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". R. N. Karcher was left in aircraft. No knowledge of P. S. Graber
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Don't know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Don't know.
Plane was reported exploded in mid air by other members of group who were shot down shortly after on July 29, 1944
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail gunner
12. What was their condition? Bleeding very much from ²⁰⁴⁴ wounds
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Tail gunner crawled midway into waist compartment without parachute. Bleeding from wounds in head and body. Collapsed over tail wheel bulkhead and remained in that position when I last saw him as I stepped out of the aircraft in parachuting
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No, 7278

Name of crew member: G R A B O N , Daniel Stanley ,
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-819797
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OSCHATZ GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

INTERPHONE OUT OF ORDER

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? BAILING OUT

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY CIVILIANS

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: **MARCHER, Norbert Raymond**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **13168238**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT** Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? KILLED BY 20 MM

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKING
ON INTERPHONE CALLING DIRECTION OF ATTACKS

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: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: GRABON, Daniel Stanley
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-819797
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of B-29 / B-29 / B-29 / B-29~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? *Yes*

Where? Approximately 25 or 30 miles South & East of Lor.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I helped him snap his chute pack on just prior to his bailing out.

Was he injured? not as I could see.

Where was he when last seen? As he left the plane.

Any hearsay information: none whatsoever

Source :

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Any one of a
dozen things could have happened to Lt. Grabon. I'm sorry
to say that I wasn't able to obtain any explanation at all of
his fate.

Total number of missions of above crew member: one only

Dates and destinations if possible.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: **KARCHER, Norbert Raymond**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **13168238**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? ?

Where?

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called me
on the interphone and told me to "Kick her around a couple of fighters
are coming in for a pass."

Was he injured? unknown

Where was he when last seen? in the tail gunner compartment

Any hearsay information: He was badly shot up and either unconscious
or dead in the tail gunner position of the plane when last
seen by a member of the crew in the rear of the plane.
They could get no response from him and couldn't risk going
back after him as the plane was almost completely in flames.

Source: From information obtained from other crew members.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He most
likely went down with the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: one tour + 2 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: One tour with the same group about
4 or 5 months previous. One mission to Muchin July 29, 1944
and his last one Leipzig July 20, 1944.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Walter Edward Grant Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-818855
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Thacker Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, high altitude bombing, target, Leipzig, target time, approx 11:30, altitude, 25,000 ft route scheduled, 270° over target, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? approx 25 or 30 miles Sth east of 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". Engineer, Co-pilot bailed out front hatch just ahead of myself. Navigator & toggle box also went out this hatch. Other members in rear of plane ~~to~~ ~~except~~ except our tail gunner bailed out of the rear hatch at approx. the same time that we did.
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) According to information obtained from other crew members who were in the rear of the plane our tail gunner Sgt. Karcher could have been.
11. Where were they in aircraft? ~~no knowledge~~ no knowledge
12. What was their condition? ~~no knowledge~~ no knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ~~I lost~~ I saw all of our crew members in Camp Lucky Strike, France except Lt. Graben and Sgt. Karcher. This was approximately May 15th 1945. All members that I saw here were in good condition.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. none

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7276

Name of crew member: GRABON, Daniel Stanley
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-819797
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? No knowledge

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? _____

Any hearsay information: Due to the fact that Lt. Grabon was the Co-Pilot and I was the Ball-Turret gunner that day it is impossible for me to give any information about him. He was in the front part of the ship and I was in the back part of the plane out of contact.

The German Burgmaster or Mayor of the little town where they took me after I was captured informed me that one of my comrades was dead. He did not give me the name. Due to the fact that the tail gunner was dead in the plane and it was on fire I always thought that the dead comrade could have been the Co-Pilot because the rest of the crew were accounted for.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First mission

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Albert C. Fulwider Jr. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 13090947
547 B.Sqd.
2. Organization 384 B Gp Commander D.O. Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Thacker Rank Lt./Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 31 st., target, Dessau, Germany, target
time, Approx. noon, altitude, 27,000 ft. route scheduled,
route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? No knowledge
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other member of crew bail out? Yes. Pilot, Nav., Bomb., Radio Operator,
Engineer, Waist 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". Pilot-No knowledge, Nav.-
No knowledge, Eng.-No knowledge, Bomb.-No knowledge, Radio Operator
bailed out the waist door of the plane. Waist gunner bailed out the
waist door first.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Plane blew up before hitting
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) Co-Pilot-No knowledge.
The tail gunner was left in the plane when I bailed out. Plane was in
Flames then.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Co-Pilot-No knowledge. Tail gunner, S/Sgt.
Karcher was lying near the tail wheel.
12. What was their condition? Co-Pilot-No knowledge. Tail gunner-dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? All the rest of the members of the crew where seen at
Camp Lucky Strike, France after we were liberated. May 1945. They
all appeared in good condition.
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

File number 7278

Name of crew member: **KARCHER, Norbert Raymond**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **13168238**
 Position: **Crew (Bomber) / ~~on Flight / (Engineer) /~~ Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Sgt. Karcher was killed from enemy action.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before I
bailed out of our burning plane I knelt beside him and I could not detect
any life. He was bleeding a great deal from wounds received from 3 20mm's

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? When I left the plane he was laying by the tail wheel

Any hearsay information: After the Germans had picked me up they told me that

one of my comrades was dead. This could have been the tail gunner, Sgt.

Karcher or the ^{Co}pilot, Lt. Grabon, the rest of the crew ~~were~~ accounted for.

The Germans did not tell me the name of the comrade. The Mayor or Burgmaster

of the small village where they had us was the one who told me.

Source :

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Due to the fact that Sgt. Karcher had no parachute because it was in the tail of the plane and that the plane was completely in flames when I left, I believe that I was the last out of the back part of the plane. I had presumed that Sgt. Karcher was dead.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 30 some

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7278

Name of crew member: **KARCHER, Norbert Raymond**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **13163238**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight~~ **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? DEAD OR NEARLY SO

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE CALLED OUT
APPROACH OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND OPENED FIRE. I DON'T
REMEMBER HIM SAYING ANYTHING ELSE

Was he injured? YES, A SHELL HAD PASSED THROUGH HIS BODYWhere was he when last seen? LYING NEAR WAIST DOORAny hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WHEN I LAST
SAW HIM HE WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR WITH A LARGE HOLE IN
HIS BACK TOO LARGE FOR HIM TO BE ALIVE, AND AS I WAS LAST MAN
TO LEAVE TAIL OF SHIP I'M SURE HE WENT DOWN WITH THE
SHIP OR WAS BLOWN OR BURNED UP IN IT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: SECOND TOUR APPROX. 35Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- (FOR MEERLY)
1. Your name WILLIAM H. SEXTON Rank 1/SGT Serial No. 35132838
 2. Organization 384 Gp Commander S SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO THACHER Rank LT/COL.
(full name) (full name)
 3. What year 44 month JULY day 20 did you go down?
 4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, _____, target _____
time, 11:00, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
 5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR CHEMNITZ - GERMANY
 6. Did you bail out? YES
 7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, AT LEAST 8.
 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". JABLONSKI, WAIST GUN. & FULLWEIDER, BALL TURRET GUN. BOTH BAILED OUT JUST BEFORE THRU THE WAIST DOOR. (OTHER CREW MEMBERS NO KNOWLEDGE). WE
 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I DON'T KNOW
 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) POSSIBLY COPILOT ALTHOUGH GERMANS SAID THEY PICKED HIM UP WITH UNOPENED CHUTE, TAIL GUNNER
 11. Where were they in aircraft? TAIL GUNNER WAS NEAR WAIST DOOR
 12. What was their condition? APPARENTLY DEAD
 13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ISAW ALL MEMBERS OF CREW AFTER BAILING OUT EXCEPT GARDON & KARCHER, I LAST SAW KARCHER JUST BEFORE I LEFT THE PLANE. HE HAD BEEN HIT BY A SHELL IN THE CHEST OR STOMACH AND WAS EITHER ALREADY DEAD OR NEARLY SO.
 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)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

20 July 44, time: 1100

CASUALTY NO. KU 2523

PLACE OF CRASH

Zettseritz near Chemnitz

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Oschatz

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
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ZIPPEL	Herbert W.	S/Sgt.	35549231	captured	Dulag Luft
GRANT	Walter Edward	2nd/Lt.	0-818855	"	" "
WELLS	Benjamin Franklin	"	0-703544	"	" "
FULWIDER	Albert Clayton	T/Sgt.	13090947	"	" "
FARROW	Thomas Chappell	"	32364054	"	" "
JABLONSKI 1920	Raymond Joseph Ill.	"	36321492	"	" "
SEXTON	William Hiram	"	35132838	"	" "
KARCHER	Norbert R.	Sgt.	13168238	dead	

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 2 Aug 44 Wo.

KU 2523

Remarks: J 1654

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8 Identification Tags

Walter E. Grant ✓
O-818855 T 43-43 A P

Norbert R. Karcher
13168238 T 43-44 C C

William Sexton
35132838 T 43-42 O P

Raymond J Jablonski
36321492 T 42-43 B C

Herbert W. Zipfel
35549231 T 43 T 44 A C

Thomas C. Farrow
32364054 T 43-44 O P

Martin Zipfel
R 1
Defiance, Ohio

Mrs. H.S. Farrow
Phila, Pike,
Claymont, Delaware

Benjamin F. Wells
O-703544 T 43-44 B P

Albert C Fulwider
13090947 T 43-4 A P

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KU 2523

Airbase Headq uarters
A 41/III Oschatz

Oschatz, 21 July 1944

List of confiscated articles of the
PoW Zipfel, Herbert W. ASN 35549231

Downing: Fortress, 20 July 44 about 1100 near Zetteritz on the road
Mittweida-Rochlitz north of Chemnitz.

1 escape-bag Mark III opened
containing: 2 maps
2000 French Francs
1 small saw

1 identification tag No: 35549231

9 photographs passport size

1 cigarette-lighter

1 comb

2 packets of cigarettes, 1 opened

2 " " chewing gum, 1 "

2 slips

14 sticks of chewing gum

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

signed: illegible

Major and Special Duty Officer

Maintenance Division 1/III

Final report on capture of enemy aircraft

1. Date of downing	: 20 July 44, 1130
2. Place of crash	: near Zetteritz, 5 km southeast of Rochlitz/Saxony
3. Kind of downing:	: by fighter
4. Type of plane	: Boeing B 17
5. Markings of plane	: not ascertainable
6. Factory No	: blue P, 23977, yellow M
7. Condition of plane	: 98% damage

The capture of the above mentioned aircraft was reported by long-distance call to Signal Center 2, Wunsdorf/Hannover on 21 July 44. The written subsequent report in compliance with form-leaf 2, Airforce-Manual 2706/07 with distribution as ordered followed on 24 July 44.

Since the plane was destroyed by crashfire an identification of any kind of equipment was impossible. Only 1 radio could be ascertained:

Radio Compass Unit BC-433-G.

The release of the above mentioned plane was reported immediately by long-distance call through signal center 2. The salvage-operation was made by Airbase Oschatz.

Distribution:

/x Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

signed: Erlinger

Flight-Chief Engineer and head
of Maintenance Division

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received 7 Sept 1944

KU 2523

Airbase Headq uarters
A 41/III Oschatz

Oschatz, 10 August 1944

Refer: Airbase HQ A 41/III Oschatz of 21 July 44

Subj.: The dead American Flyer Karchner of the enemy aircraft
shot down near Zetteritz at the road Mittweida-Rochlitz
north of Chemnitz on 20 July 44.

To : Evaluation Center West
Oberursel/Taunus

The Airbase Headquarters transmits an inclosure with the report
of the mayor of Seelitz near Rochlitz and a sketch of grave location
on burial of the American flyer

Norbert R. Karcher, ASN 13168238

-1- inclosure

signed: illegible

Evaluation Center West
received 13 August 1944

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received 17 August 44

signed: Sgt. Kroll

Dulag

KU 2523

Seelitz, 7 August 1944

To Airbase Headquarters A 41/III Oschatz

The body of the American flyer Norbert Karcher was buried in the cemetery here on 21 July 44, at 1700, since the release was reported. Grave location as to be seen on sketch on the west side of cemetery near to cemetery enclosure.

The received identification tag will be attached to the cross.

Mayor.

(Sketch of Cemetery of Seelitz follows, showing cemetery west of village entrance. Karcher's grave is situated along the western wall of the grave yard, west of children's graves).

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 41/III
Oschatz
received 9 August 1944

Maintenance Division 30/III

Oschatz, 31 July 1944

O s c h a t z

S u b j e c t :

Frame - plates of the enemy aircraft Boeing B 17 G, Fortress II
that crashed near Zettwitz ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ (3 km southeast of
Hochlitz) on 20 July 44.

To Evaluation Center West

Section Ic of the German Airforce

O b e r u r s e l

The unit sends equipment from the above mentioned aircraft:

50 Type - plates (12 of transmission, 24 of fuselage and wings,
11 of radio - equipment, 3 of weapons.)

16 Paper - tags

1 Plan of fuel - installation

1 Description glued on a piece of wood

Post - office 1 packet

settled on 1 August 44

Signed : illegible

Flight - chiefengineer

Dulag - Luft, Wetzlar

Received : 1 August 1944.

Airbase Headquarters A 41 /III

O s c h a t z

Oschatz, 22 July 44

Sch./Meh.-

Report on Salvage of the downed Aircraft southeast of Rochlitz on 20 July 44.

The salvage - squad consisting of :

Captain	S c h w e i g e r t	as leader
Flight-engineer	M u e l l e r	as engineer
T/ Sgt.	M o e l l e r	as signal-expert

and 4 guards of the airbase company rode on a truck and a car to the downing- point on 20 July 44, at 15 15.

The downed aircraft, a Boeing B 17 G, Fortress II, was found in the vicinity of Zettwitz. Loose parts like, left wing, front part of fuselage, rear part of fuselage, engines, etc. were scattered over an area 2 - 3 km wide.

3 prisoners (2 officers, 1 enlisted man ,american) were taken by the country-police post of Altmittweide and brought on a truck to Oschatz. Concerned are :

- | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| 1.) Officer | G r a n t , | A.S.N. | O- 818 855 |
| 2.) Officer | W e l l s , | A.S.N. | O- 703 544 |
| 3.) | Z i p f e l g | A.S.N. | 35 549 231 |

The charred body of the crewmember :

K a r c h e r, Norbert A.S.N. 13 168 238

was buried at Seelitz near Rochlitz. The identification-tag was sent to Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

4 crewmembers were transferred to Stalag Hartmannsdorf by country-police post Markersdorf; one dead was brought to the morgue of Clausnitz by the same post.

Distribution :
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Evaluation Center West
received: 25 July 1944

Signed : illegible
Captain and salvage-officer

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received : 29 ~~July~~ July 1944.

Airbase Headquarters 41/III
O s c h a t z

Oschatz, 21 July 44.

Maintenance Division 30/III

Technical Report:

On 20 July 44, about 11 30 (by statement of witness) an enemy aircraft, crashed after it was shot in fire by a German fighter near Zetteritz (3 km south-east of Rochlitz).

At the crashpoint following details were ascertained :

The downed aircraft is a Boeing B 17 G Fortress II, manufactured at the Douglas Aircraft Company Plant, Long Beach California U.S.A.

The inscription of a frame- plate: Boeing B 17 G, Serial 87 60, Engine and Type: R- 18 20 - 97, A.O.T.O. No: AF 42- 37 974. The engines are 9-cylinders radial engines and a frame-plate reads: Modell R-18 20-97 made by: Studebaker Corporation South Bend, Indiana.

The right side of the fin was painted as follows : On a white, equilateral triangle was a "P" below " 237 972 " and an "H". The parts did not burn after crash, only the rear of the fuselage was gutted. The engines, part of wings, parts of fuselage and the rest of the aircraft are scattered 2 - 3 km wide. The aircraft exploded in the air.

It is believed the destruction was arranged by the crew. The entire right wing though completely destroyed contains 9 protected tanks installed in flight direction and 2 tanks installed transversal.

One of the latter was still full. Lubrication could not be found. Remains of destroyed radio equipment, weapons and ammunition as well as parachutes, life-jackets and coveralls of 3 prisoners were checked and secured by experts.

The scrap-metal is brought for transportation to the next station, while the secured parts are stored at the airbase of Oschatz and shipped from there, Damage 90%.

Signed: illegible

Flight- chiefengineer

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Maintenance Division 1/III

LOCATION: Altenburg

DATE: 21 July 44

DATE AND TIME: 20 July 44, at 11 30
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: near Zetteritz, 5 km southeast of Rochlitz
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: by fighter
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17
Number of engines : 4, not found
MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: blue P, 23 977, yellow M

EQUIPMENT: 1 two-barrelled, 1 single-barrelled M.G. 12,7mm
F.T. FREQUENCIES: 1 Radio compass unit BC - 433 - G
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: about 95% damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: 1 x Evaluation Center West, Oberursel
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Evaluation Center West

received : 28 July 1944

Dulag- Luft, Wetzlar

received: 4 August 1944

KU 25 23

20 July 44

11 00

Fortress 17

Zetteritz, Road Mittweida-Rochlitz

B in a square ? 37 974

North of Chemnitz

384 ?

Airbase O s c h a t z

2.Lt. Wells, D. ?

2 dead (1 dead unknown)

2.Lt. Grant, W. ?

S/Sgt. Zipfel, ~~NAME~~ Herbert

Karcher, Norber, R. ? dead

Dulag - Luft, Wetzlar

received : 23 July 1944.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (O) 41/ III

PLACE: O s c h a t z

DATE: 21 July 44, at 11 00

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress Boeing B- 17 G on 20 July 44, at 1100

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

AT:

Zetteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) W e l l s north of Chemnitz

FIRST NAME: Benjamin F.

R a n k : 2.Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0- 703 544

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 20 July 44, about 11 00 in the area of Altmittweida

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To

Evaluation Center West

O b e r u r s e l

signed: illegible

Major and sp. duty officer

Dulag- Luft, Wetzlar

received: 26 July 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Headquarters A (O) 41 / III**PLACE: **O s c h a t z**DATE: **21 July 44, at 11 00**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **a Fortress Boeing B- 17 G on 20 July 44, at 11 00**
EM. LANDING: AT: **Zetteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **north of Chemnitz****G r a n t**

FIRST NAME:

R a n k : 2.Lt.**Walter Edward**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O- 818 855RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured, on 21 July 44 transferred to Evaluation Center**
WestPLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **20 July 44, about 11 00 in the area of Altmittweida**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To

Evaluation Center West**O b e r u r s d****signed : illegible****Major and sp. duty officer****Dulag - Luft, Wetzlar****received: 26 July 1944**

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: **Airbase Headquarters A (O) 41 / III**

LOCATION: **O s c h a t s**

DATE: **21 July 44, at 17 00**

DATE AND TIME: **20 July 44, at 11 00**
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) **Zetteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz north of Chemnitz**

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, **by fighter**
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Boeing Fortress B 17 G**

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) **A F 42 - 37 974**

ADMITTANCE NO: **on right side of fin an equilateral triangle, in it a P
below of P the No: 237 972 M**

EQUIPMENT: **nothing found**

F.T. FREQUENCIES: **calibration Chart Ser. No: 41 669 with frequencies was found**

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: **95% damage**

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.) **Evaluation Center West, Oberursel**

Signed : illegible

Captain and receiving - command-leader

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L S O U**

Sequence No: **420**

s e c r e t

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO: **o p e n**

DATE: **22 July 1944**

THROUGH:

TIME: **09 30**

ROLL:

FROM: **L S E B**

THROUGH: **illegible**

REMARKS: **- Q E M -**

Highest priority **L B A B 410 21 July, at 18 10**

To

Evaluation Center , Oberursel.

- 1.) KU 25 23. Downing of a Boeing 4- engined near Zetteritz, 5 km south-east of Rochlitz/ Saxony on 20 July 44 at 11 30.
Markings: none, completely destroyed. 1 dead, the prisoners were transferred by the local garrison.
- 2.) KU 25 32. Downing of a Boeing 4-engined near Heinersdorf, 4 km north of Chemnitz. On 20 July 44, at 11 30, no markings, 3 dead, 1 wounded was taken away by the army. 6 prisoners transferred to Oberursel.

Airbase Headquarters **A (0) 35 / III Altenburg.**

Dulag - Luft, Wetzlar
received : 23 July 1944 (5)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **L S O U**

Sequence No : **408**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: **22 July 44**

THROUGH:

TIME: **00 50**

ROLL:

FROM: **L S E B**

THROUGH: **Kochler**

REMARKS:

H ighest priority L B O S 819 21 July , 11 30

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

Copy to : Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Airdistrict Headquarters III. I CV. 5 March 44

Subject : Report according D (Luft) 27 06/07

- a.) Place of crash with nearest, generally known city: Zetteritz at the road Mittweida - Rochlitz, Rochlitz north of Chemnitz.
- b.) Exact time of crash : on 20 July 44, About 11 00.
- c.) Type of aircraft : Boeing Fortress B 17 G.
- d.) Markings: Factory No : A F 42 - 37 974.
- e.) Condition of aircraft: 95% damage.
- f.) Disposition of crew:
 - 1.) Number and names of dead : 2 dead, name of first dead: N o r b e r t R. K a r c h e r, name of second dead : unknown,ASN.: 13 168 238.
 - 2.) Number of prisoners : 7 ; 3.) Number of wounded : none
 - 4.) Supposed number of crewmembers at large or their disposition unknown: 1 at large.

Airbase Headquarters A 41/III Oschatz, Salvage-officer.

(Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received: 23 July 1944)

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air force Yard's administration office 1/III

LOCATION: Altenburg

DATE: August 28th 1944

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN July 20th 1944 11,30 hour

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) Zetteritz 5 km southeast of Rochlitz /Sa

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) can't be ascertained

ADMITTANCE NO: "

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98% crash

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Evaluation center West Oberursel

(DUPES LEFT, ETC.) The capture of an enemy aircraft (listed above) had been reported through telephone to FT center Wunsdorf/Hannover on July 21st or 22nd 44. The written report followed according to form #2 AF regulation with ordered distributor on July 24th 1944. The airplane had been destroyed by crash and burned out, an inquiries of equipment couldn't be made. The release of the airplane (l.a.) had been ordered directly through telephone by FU center 2. The salvage made the salvage unit (AFYA Office 1/III Altenburg and the salvage Batl. III Gotha. The scrap-metal had been taken to the next railway station. The engines were sent to Finkenherd. The crew had been transported or buried by Base command Plauen or Air base Hqts. 35/III Altenburg. It ~~IX~~ was difficult to get freight trains. The salvage ^{was} retard until August 10th 1944

Signature: illegible
Airforce chief engineer

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Maintenance-shops 1/III

Final report on capture of an enemy plane.

- 1) Time of downing : : 20 July 44 , 1130
- 2) Place of crash : near Hennesdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz/Saxony
- 3) Downed by : fighter
- 4) Type of plane : Boeing B 17
- 5) Markings : not ascertainable
- 6) Factory no. : blue A, 231812 in yellow, white H
- 7) Condition of plane: 98% damage

The capture of the above mentioned enemy plane was reported by long-distance-call to Signal post 2, Wunstorf/Hannover, on 21 July 44. The subsequent written report according to form sheet # 2, Air-force-field-manual 2606/07 with ordered distribution followed on the 24 July 44.

The plane was destroyed by crashfire. Ascertainment of any equipment was impossible. Only a few type plates of almost completely destroyed and burnt radios could be identified (see reverse). The disposal of above mentioned plane was reported immediately by long-distance-call of the signal post 2. The salvage was made by a unit from Chemnitz/~~Rottuf~~ under the supervision of the salvage-troop-leader of the salvage-troop 22/III Altenburg. The scrap metal was loaded in Chemnitz/Rottuf and transported to the storage-yard for salvaged aircrafts for experimental purpose. The engines were brought to Finkenherd for transportation.

Distribution :
Evaluation center West Oberursel.

signed : Erlinger
Flight chief engineer and head
of the maintenance shops.

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 7 Sept. 1944

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REVERSE:

Following listed radio equipments were identified.

- 1) 1 Receiver BC 348 R
- 2) 1 Aircraft radio receiver type CCT 43 AAY
- 3) 1 Dynamotor unit BC 94 B
- 4) 1 Radio transmitter BC #375 E with transmitter tuning unit TU 26 B
- 5) 1 transmitter tuning unit TU 8 B
- 6) 1 Radio transmitter BC 457 A
- 7) 1 Panel control type III
- 8) 1 Antenna tuning unit BC 306 B
- 9) 1 Transmitter receiver unit type 5043
- 10) 1 Radio transmitter BC 578 A (Emergency transm.)

KU 2532

2 IDENTIFICATION TAGS.

Daniel S. G R A B O N

O-819797 T 43 44 A B
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KU 2532

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Maintenance Division 1/III

LOCATION: Altenburg

DATE: 21 July 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 20 July , 1130

PLACE OF CRASH: near Hennersdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz/Saxony
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, fighter
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

678

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

3 double-barrelled, 1 single-barrelled 12.7 mm

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

about 95 % damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Evaluation center West, Oberursel

On 21 July 1944, 1830, reported by long-distance-call
to signal post 2 to Miss Arlt by Sgt. Burkhardt,

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 4 Aug. 1944

see next page.

KU 2532

20 July 44, 1130

Heinersdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz

Fortress 17

3 dead, 1 wounded, 6 prisoners

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 23 July 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air force administration Office 1/III

LOCATION: Altenburg

DATE: August 28th 1944

DATE AND TIME: July 20th 1944 11,30 hour
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: Hennersdorf 4 km north of Chemnitz
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) can't be ascertained

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 98% crash

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: Evaluation center West Onerursel
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

The capture of an enemy airplane (listed above) had been reported through telephone to FT center Wunsdorf/Hannover on July 21st or 22nd 1944. The written report followed according to form #2 AF regulation with ordered distributor on July 24th 1944. The airplane had been destroyed through ~~XX~~ crash or burnt out. An inquiries of equipment couldn't be made. Some type plates could be established on cases of FT equipment, which were nearly destroyed or burned up (see page-7-). The release of the aircraft (l.a.) had been ordered directly through telephone by FU center 2. the salvage made the salvage unit (ATYA office 1/III Altenburg and the salvage Batl. III Gotha. The scrapmetal had been taken to the next railway station. the engines had been sent to Pinkenherd. The crew had been transported or buried by Base command and Airbase Hqts 35/III Altenburg. was. It was difficult to get freight trains therefore. The salvage retard until August 10th 1944.

Signature: illegible
Airforce chief engineer

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- 2) 1 Aircraft Radio receiver Type CCT-43* AAY
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- 4) 1 Radio transmitter BC-375-E with transmitter Tuning unit
TU 26 B
- 5) 1 Transmitter tuning unit TU-8-B
- 6) 1 Radio transmitter BC 457-A
- 7) 1 Panel Control Type III
- 8) 1 Antenna Tuning unit BC 306-B
- 9) 1 Transmitter receiver unit type 5043
- 10) 1 Radio transmitter BC-578-A(Emergency Transmitter)

✓
2nd Lt Benjamin F. Walls

Mrs. Cecelia M. Walls, (Wife)
104 San Marco Street,
Saint Augustine, Florida.

✓
2nd Lt Walter E. Grant

Mrs. Jimmy L. Grant, (Wife)
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Los Angeles, California.

✓
2nd Lt Daniel S. Graben 371

Mr. Leon Graben, (Father)
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✓
T/Sgt William H. Sexton

Mrs. Nora L. Abner, (Mother)
Post Office,
Frenchburg, Kentucky.

✓
T/Sgt Thomas C. Farrow

Mrs. Agnes H. Farrow, (Mother)
Philadelphia Pike,
Claymont, Delaware.

✓
T/Sgt Albert C. Fulwider, Jr.

Mrs. Vera A. Fulwider, (Wife)
1931 Whitehall Street,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

✓
S/Sgt Herbert R. Karcher

Mrs. John R. Karcher, (Mother)
Burchfield Road,
Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

✓
S/Sgt Herbert W. Riptel

Mr. Marian V. Riptel, (Wife)
Defiance, Ohio.

✓
Sgt Raymond J. Jablonski

Mrs. Anna Jablonski, (Mother)
1101 North Marshfield Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Maintenance-shops 1/III

Final report on capture of an enemy plane.

- 1) Time of downing : 20 July 44 , 1130
- 2) Place of crash : Near Hennersdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz/Saxony
- 3) Downed by : fighter
- 4) Type of plane : Boeing B 17
- 5) Markings : not ascertainable
- 6) Factory no. : blue A, 231812 in yellow, white H
- 7) Condition of plane: 98% damage

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The plane was destroyed by crashfire. Ascertainment of any equipment was impossible. Only a few type plates of almost completely destroyed and burnt radios could be identified (see reverse). The disposal of above mentioned plane was reported immediately by long-distance-call of the signal post 2. The salvage was made by a unit from Chemnitz/~~Hennersdorf~~ under the supervision of the salvage-troop-leader of the salvage-troop 22/III Altenburg. The scrap metal was loaded in Chemnitz/Rottuf and transported to the storage-yard for salvaged aircrafts for experimental purpose. The engines were brought to Finkenherd for transportation.

Distribution :
Evaluation center West Oberursel.

signed : Erlinger
Flight chief engineer and head
of the maintenance shops.

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 7 Sept. 1944

REVERSE.

Following listed radio equipments were identified.

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- 2) 1 Aircraft radio receiver type CCT 43 AAY
- 3) 1 Dynamotor unit BC 94 B
- 4) 1 Radio transmitter BC #375 E with transmitter tuning unit TU 26 B
- 5) 1 transmitter tuning unit TU 8 B
- 6) 1 Radio transmitter BC 457 A
- 7) 1 Panel control type III
- 8) 1 Antenna tuning unit BC 308 B
- 9) 1 Transmitter receiver unit type 5043
- 10) 1 Radio transmitter BC 578 A (Emergency transn.)

KU 2532

2 IDENTIFICATION TAGS.

Daniel S. GRABON

O-319797 T 43 44 A B
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KU 2532

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPOST: **Maintenance Division 1/III**LOCATION **Altenburg**DATE: **21 July 1944**

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

20 July . 1130PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)**near Hennerdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz/Saxony**

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, **fighter**
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

678

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

3 double-barrelled, 1 single-barrelled 12.7 mm

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

about 95 % damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Evaluation center West, Oberursel

**On 21 July 1944, 1830, reported by long-distance-call
to signal post 2 to Miss Arlt by Sgt. Burkhardt.**

**Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 4 Aug. 1944**

see next page.

KU 3532

20 July 44, 1130
Heinersdorf, 4 km North of Chemnitz

Fortress 17

3 dead, 1 wounded, 6 prisoners

Dulag Luft Wetzlar
received 23 July 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

LOCATION: Air force administration Office I/III

DATE: Altenburg

DATE AND TIME: August 28th 1944

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN
July 20th 1944 11,30 hourPLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)

Hennersdorf 4 km north of Chemnitz

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: Boeing B17
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

can't be ascertained

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

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

98% crash

Evaluation center West Onerursel

The capture of an enemy airplane (listed above) had been reported through telephone to FT center Wunsdorf/Hannover on July 21st or 22nd 1944. The written report followed according to form #2 AF regulation with ordered distributor on July 24th 1944. The airplane had been destroyed through ~~XX~~ crash or burnt out. An inquiries of equipment couldn't be made. Some type plates could be established on cases of FT equipment, which were nearly destroyed or burned up (see page-7-). The release of the aircraft (l.a.) had been ordered directly through telephone by FT center 2. the salvage made the salvage unit (ATYA office I/III Altenburg and the salvage Batl. III Gotha. The scrapmetal had been taken to the next railway station. the engines had been sent to Finkenherd. The crew had been transported or buried by Base command and Airbase Hqts 35/III Altenburg. ^{was} It was difficult to get freight trains therefore. The salvage retard until August 10th 1944.

Signature: illegible
Airforce chief engineer

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- 2) 1 Aircraft Radio receiver Type OCT-43⁺ AAY
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TU 26 B
- 5) 1 Transmitter tuning unit TU-8-B
- 6) 1 Radio transmitter BC 457-A
- 7) 1 Panel Control Type III
- 8) 1 Antenna Tuning unit BC 306-B
- 9) 1 Transmitter receiver unit type 5043
- 10) 1 Radio transmitter BC-578-A(Emergency Transmitter)

Airbase Headquarters .A (e) 13/III
Airbase Detail
H a l b e r s t a d t

Halberstadt, 11 July 1944

Roster about captured items of the dead B y e r s , Leon, 18244246:

1 Identification tag

Identification tag attached:

Leon A Byers
18244246 T 43 T 44 O

H

MIA 70-1-1
SEP 2 1944

GRABON, Daniels S.

dead Lt.

O-819797 T 43 44 AB.

KU 2532

buried at the cemetery of Claussnitz 23 July 44

KU 2532

10.) 11.30 WITTOENSDORF, 6 km north west of CHEMNITZ, in E N F 6,
FORTRESS II, 99 % damaged, 3 dead, 1 wounded, 6 prisoners.
Claimed by Flak battalion DRESDEN and Lt. KAHL, fighter - wing
300.

11.) 11.30 WITTGENSDORF, 6 km north west of CHEMNITZ in N F 6,
FORTRESS II, 99 % , markings not recognizable, admittance No. 678
claimed by Flak Battalion DRESDEN, 3 dead, 1 wounded, 6 prisoners.

KU 2532 10.) 11.30

WITTGENSDORF, 6 km north west of CHEMNITZ, in N F 6, FORTRESS I
99 % . 3 dead, 1 wounded, 6 prisoners. Claimed by Flak Battal-
lion Dresden and Lt. KAHL (Fighter Wing 300).

2.) XU 25 32. Downing of a Boeing 4-engined near Heinersdorf, 4 km north of Chemnitz. On 20 July 44, at 11 30, no markings, 3 dead, 1 wounded was taken away by the army. 6 prisoners transferred to Oberursel.

Airbase Headquarters A (O) 35 / III Altenburg.

Dilag - Luft, Wetzlar, AF (5)
received : 23 July 1944

20 July 1944 at 1130
Place: Heinersdorf
4 km N Chemnitz
Type: Fortress

KU Nr. 2532

GRABON, Daniel S.

O-819797

3 dead

KU 2523

Airbase Headq uarters
A 41/III Osehatz

Osehatz, 21 July 1944

List of confiscated articles of the
PoW Zipfel, Herbert W. ASN 35549231

Downing: Fortress, 20 July 44 about 1100 near Zetteritz on the road
Wittweida-Rochlitz north of Chemnitz.

1 escape-bag Mark III opened
containing: 2 maps
2000 French Francs
1 small saw

1 identification tag No: 35549231

9 photographs passport size

1 cigarette-lighter

1 comb

2 packets of cigarettes, 1 opened

2 " " chewing gum, 1 "

2 slips

14 sticks of chewing gum

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

signed: illegible

Major and Special Duty Officer

KU 2523

Remarks: J 1654

8 Identification Tags

Walter E. Grant
O-818855 T 43-43 A P

Norbert R. Karcher
13168238 T 43-44 O C

William Sexton
35132838 T 43-42 O P

Raymond J Jablonski
36321492 T 42-43 B C

Herbert W. Zipfel
35549231 T 43 T 44 A C

Thomas C. Farrow
32364054 T 43-44 O P

Martin Zipfel
R 1
Defiance, Ohio

Mrs. H.S. Farrow
Phila, Pike,
Claymont, Delaware

Benjamin F. Wells
O-703544 T 43-44 B P

Albert C Fulwider
13090947 T 43-4 A P

Maintenance Division 1/III

Final report on capture of enemy aircraft

1. Date of downing	: 20 July 44, 1130
2. Place of crash	: near Zetteritz, 5 km southeast of Rochlitz/Saxony
3. Kind of downing:	: by fighter
4. Type of plane	: Boeing B 17
5. Markings of plane	: not ascertainable
6. Factory No	: blue P, 23977, yellow W
7. Condition of plane	: 98% damage

The capture of the above mentioned aircraft was reported by long-distance call to Signal Center 2, Wunsdorf/Hannover on 21 July 44. The written subsequent report in compliance with form-leaf 2, Airforce-Manual 2706/07 with distribution as ordered followed on 24 July 44.

Since the plane was destroyed by crashfire an identification of any kind of equipment was impossible. Only 1 radio could be ascertained:

Radio Compass Unit BC-433-G.

The release of the above mentioned plane was reported immediately by long-distance call through signal center 2. The salvage-operation was made by Airbase Oschatz.

Distribution:

ix Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

signed: Erlinger

Flight-Chief Engineer and head
of Maintenance Division

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received 7 Sept 1944

File Notice

Date: 17 August 1944

Na/Ka

**According to captured plane-formations and sketches
of airbases 384. (B) Group at Grafton Underwood.**

Pilots of the 384. (B) Group according to formation-plan of 20 July 44:

**Allred, Bagby, Bennett, Booska, Clements, Cole, Combs,
Cranstoun, Davis, Donohue, Dudok, Farra, Gibson, Grant,
Hannaford, Halass, Jennings, Kelley, Kelsay, Kock,
Liebert, MacFarlane, Melzar, Minor, Patella, Pranger,
Shearer, Spiers, Stemens, Strand, Thacker, Thompson, Young.**

Copy to:

- 1. Downing-catalogue**
- 2. Yellow catalogue**
- 3. History of squadron**

B 33

KU 2523

Oschatz, 10 August 1944

Airbase Headq uarters
A 41/III Oschatz

Refer: Airbase HQ A 41/III Oschatz of 21 July 44

Subj.: The dead American Flyer Karchner of the enemy aircraft
shot down near Zetteritz at the road Wittweida-Rochlitz
north of Chemnitz on 20 July 44.

To : Evaluation Center West
Oberursel/Taunus

The Airbase Headquarters transmits an inclosure with the report
of the mayor of Seelitz near Rochlitz and a sketch of grave location
on burial of the American flyer

Norbert R. Karcher, ASN 13158238

-1- inclosure

signed: illegible

Evaluation Center West
received 13 August 1944

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received 17 August 44

signed: Sgt. Kroll

Dulag

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

Air force ard's administration office 1/III

LOCATION:

Altenburg

DATE:

August 28th 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

July 20th 1944 11,30 hour

PLACE OF CRASH:

(NEAREST TOWN)

etteritz 5 km southeast of Rochlitz /Sa

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) can't be ascertained

ADMITTANCE NO:

"

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

98% crash

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Evaluation center West Oberursel

The capture of an enemy aircraft (listed above) had been reported through telephone to FT center Wunsdorf/Hannover on July 21st or 22nd 44. The written report followed according to form #2 AF regulation with ordered distributor on July 24th 1944. The airplane had been destroyed by crash and burned out, an inquiries of equipment couldn't be made. The release of the airplane (l.a.) had been ordered directly through telephone by FU center 2. The salvage made the salvage unit (AFYA Office 1/III Altenburg and the salvage Batl. III Gotha. The scrap-metal had been taken to the next railway station. The engines were sent to Finkenherd. The crew had been transported or buried by Base command Plauen or Air base Hqts. 35/III Altenburg.

It ~~is~~ was difficult to get freight trains. The salvage ^{was} retard until August 10th 1944

Signature: illegible
Airforce chief engineer

Seelitz, 7 August 1944

To Airbase Headquarters A 41/III Oschats

The body of the American flyer Norbert Karcher was buried in the cemetery here on 21 July 44, at 1700, since the release was reported. Grave location as to be seen on sketch on the west side of cemetery near to cemetery enclosure.

The received identification tag will be attached to the cross.

Mayor.

(Sketch of Cemetery of Seelitz follows, showing cemetery west of village entrance. Karcher's grave is situated along the western wall of the grave yard, west of children's graves).

Airbase Headquarters A (o) 41/III
Oschats
received 9 August 1944

Maintenance Division 30/III

Oschatz, 31 July 1944

O s c h a t z

S u b j e c t :

Frame - plates of the enemy aircraft Boeing B 17 G, Fortress II
that crashed near Zettoritz ~~UNIDENTIFIED~~ (3 km southeast of
Rochlitz) on 20 July 44.

To Evaluation Center West

Section 1c of the German Airforce

O b e r u n t e r

The unit sends equipment from the above mentioned aircraft:

50 Type - plates (12 of transmission, 34 of fuselage and wings,
11 of radio - equipment, 3 of weapons.)

16 Paper - tags

1 Plan of fuel - installation

1 Description given on a piece of wood

Post - office 1 packet

settled on 1 August 44

Signed : illegible

Flight - chiefengineer

Dling - Luft, Weidlar

Received : 1 August 1944.

Airbase Headquarters A 41 /III

Oschatz, 22 July 44

O s c h a t z

Sch./Meb.-

Report on Salvage of the downed Aircraft southeast of Roschitz on 20 July 44.

The salvage - squad consisting of :

Captain Schweigert as leader
Flight-engineer Mueller as engineer
F/ Sgt. Meoller as signal-expert

and 4 guards of the airbase company rode on a truck and a car to the
downing- point on 20 July 44, at 15 15.

The downed aircraft, a Boeing B 17 G, Fortress II, was found in the
vicinity of Zettwitz. Loose parts like, left wing, front part of
fuselage, rear part of fuselage, engines, etc. were scattered over an
area 2 - 3 km wide.

3 prisoners (2 officers, 1 enlisted man ,american) were taken by the
country-police post of Altmittweide and brought on a truck to Oschatz.
Concerned are :

- 1.) Officer Grant , A.S.N. O- 818 855
- 2.) Officer Wells , A.S.N. O- 703 544
- 3.) Zipfelg A.S.N. 35 549 231

The charred body of the crewmember :

K a r c h e r, Herbert A.S.N. 13 168 238

was buried at Seelitz near Roschitz. The identification-tag was sent to
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

4 crewmembers were transferred to Stalag Hartmannsdorf by country-police
post Markersdorf; one dead was brought to the morgue of Clausnitz by
the same post.

Distribution :
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Evaluation Center West
received: 25 July 1944

Signed : illegible
Captain and salvage-officer

Bilag-Luft, Wetlar
received : 29 July 1944.

Airbase Headquarters 41/III
O s c h a t s

Oschats, 21 July 44.

Maintenance Division 30/III

Technical Report:

On 20 July 44, about 11 30 (by statement of witness) an enemy aircraft, crashed after it was shot in fire by a German fighter near Zettwitz (3 km south-east of Kuchlitz).

At the crashpoint following details were ascertained :

The downed aircraft is a Boeing B 17 G Fortress II, manufactured at the Douglas Aircraft Company Plant, Long Beach California U.S.A.

The inscription of a frame-plate: Boeing B 17 G, Serial 87 60, Engine and Type: R- 18 20 - 97. A.C.P.C. No: AF 42- 37 974. The engines are 9-cylinders radial engines and a frame-plate reads: Modell R-18 20-97 made by: Studebaker Corporation South Bend, Indiana.

The right side of the fin was painted as follows : On a white, equilateral triangle was a "1" below " 237 972 " and an "H". The parts did not burn after crash, only the rear of the fuselage was gutted. The engines, part of wings, parts of fuselage and the rest of the aircraft are scattered 2 - 3 km wide. The aircraft exploded in the air.

It is believed the destruction was arranged by the crew. The entire right wing though completely destroyed contains 9 protected tanks installed in flight direction and 2 tanks installed transversal.

One of the latter was still full. Lubrication could not be found. Remains of destroyed radio equipment, weapons and ammunition as well as parachutes, life-jackets and coveralls of 3 prisoners were checked and secured by experts.

The scrap-metal is brought for transportation to the next station, while the secured parts are stored at the airbase of Oschats and shipped from there, Damage 90%.

Signed: illegible

Flight- chiefengineer

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

Maintenance Division 1/III

LOCATION:

Altenburg

DATE:

31 July 44

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

20 July 44, at 11 30

PLACE OF CRASH:

(NEAREST TOWN)

near Zettwitz, 5 km southeast of Rochlitz

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, ~~by fighter~~
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing B 17

~~Markings on aircraft:~~

4, not found

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

blue P, 33 977, yellow N

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

1 two-barrelled, 1 single-barrelled M.O. 12.7mm
1 Radio compass unit BC - 433 - G
about 95% damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

1 x Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Evaluation Center West

received : 28 July 1944

Dulag- Luft, Wehrhar

received: 4 August 1944

KU 23 23

30 July 44

11 00

Fortress 17

Zettwitz, Road Mittweida-Rochlitz

B in a square ? 37 974

North of Chemnitz

384 ?

Airbase O s c h a t z

2.Lt. Wells, D. ?

2 dead (1 dead unknown)

2.Lt. Grant, W. ?

S/Cpt. Zipfel, ~~NAME~~ Herbert

Karcher, Herber, R. ? dead

Dilag - Luft, Wetalar

received : 23 July 1944.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (O) 41/ III

PLACE: O s - h a t s

DATE: 21 July 44, at 11 00

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

a Fortress Boeing B- 17 G on 30 July 44, at 1100

EN - LANDING: AT:

Zetteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) W e l l s north of Chemnitz

FIRST NAME: Benjamin F.

R a n k : 2.Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O- 703 544

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 30 July 44, about 11 00 in the area of Altmittweida

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To

Evaluation Center West

O b e r u r s e l

signed: illegible

Major and sp. duty officer

Dulag- Luft, Wetzlar

received: 26 July 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (O) 41 / III

PLACE: O s c h a t z

DATE: 21 July 44, at 11 00

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

REGARDING: a Fortress Boeing B- 17 G on 20 July 44, at 11 00

EM. LANDING: AT: Zetteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) north of Chemnitz

FIRST NAME: G r a n t

SERIAL NUMBER: (C-5A) Rank: 2.Lt. Walter Edward
O- 818 855

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured, on 21 July 44 transferred to Evaluation Center West

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 20 July 44, about 11 00 in the area of Altmittweida

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To

Evaluation Center West

O b e r u r s d

signed : illegible

Major and sp. duty officer

Bulag - Luft, Weislar

received: 26 July 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

LOCATION: **Airbase Headquarters A (0) 41 / III****O s c h a t z**

DATE:

21 July 44, at 17 00

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN **20 July 44, at 11 00**

PLACE OF CRASH:

(NEAREST TOWN)

Zotteritz at the road Mittweida- Rochlitz north of Chemnitz

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, **by fighter**
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

Bosing Fortress B 17 G**A F 42 - 37 974**

ADMITTANCE NO:

**on right side of fin an equilateral triangle, in it a P
below of P the No: 237 972 H**

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

nothing found**calibration Chart Ser. No: 41 689 with frequencies was found
90% damage**

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Evaluation Gatter West, Oberursel**Signed : illegible****Captain and receiving - command-leader**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: Airbase Headquarters A 41/ III

DATE: 0 8 0 4 2

REGARDING: 21 July 44, (DOWNED) OF,

a Fortress Boeing B 17 G on 20 July 44, about 1100

EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Zetteritz at the road Mittweida - Rochlitz north of Chemnitz,

FIRST NAME:

Z i p f e l

Herbert W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

S/ Sgt.

35 549 231

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: captured, on 21 July 44 transferred to Evaluation Center West.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

on 20 July 44, about 1100 in the area of Altmittweida .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

To

Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

signed : illegible

Major and sp. duty officer

Dulag - Luft, Weizlar

received : 28 July 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L S O U

Sequence No : 408

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

22 July 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

00 50

ROLL:

FROM:

L S R B

THROUGH:

Koehler

REMARKS:

H ighest priority L B O S 819 21 July , 11 30

To Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

Copy to : Evaluation Center West, Oberursel
Airdistrict Headquarters III. I OV. 5 March 44

Subject : Report according D (Luft) 27 06/07

- a.) Place of crash with nearest, generally known city: Zettwitz at the road Mittweida - Rochlitz, Rochlitz north of Chemnitz.
- b.) Exact time of crash : on 20 July 44, About 11 00.
- c.) Type of aircraft : Boeing Fortress B 17 C.
- d.) Markings: Factory No : A F 42 - 37 974.
- e.) Condition of aircraft: 95% damage.
- f.) Disposition of crew:

- 1.) Number and names of dead : 2 dead, name of first dead: H e r b e r t R. K a r c h e r, name of second dead : unknown, ASN.: 13 168 238.
- 2.) Number of prisoners : 7 ; 3.) Number of wounded : none

- 4.) Supposed number of crewmembers at large or their disposition unknown: 1 at large.

Airbase Headquarters A 41/III Oschatz, Salvage-officer.

(Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received: 23 July 1944)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

L S O U

Sequence No:

430

secret

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

open

DATE:

22 July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

09 30

ROLL:

FROM:

L S S B

THROUGH:

Illegible

REMARKS:

- Q R M -

Highest priority

L B A B 410

21 July, at 18 10

To

Evaluation Center, Oberursel.

- 1.) KU 25 23. Downing of a Boeing 4- engined near Zetteritz, 5 km south-east of Rochlitz/ Saxony on 20 July 44 at 11 30. Markings: none, completely destroyed. 1 dead, the prisoners were transferred by the local garrison.

KU 2523

11.) 11.30 ZETTERITZ 8 km south east of ROCHLITZ, 28 km north east of
ALTENBURG. in N F 3, FORTRESS II 95 %, 7 prisoners, 1 dead,
1 fugitive shot.
1 fugitive, originated from an American lead - plane, stabbed
1 police - sergeant and 1 home - guard man, who they tried to
arrest him, and escaped.

KU 2523

4.) About 11.00 ZETTERITZ, 6 km south east of ROCHLITZ, 28 km north east of ALTENBURG, in H F 3, FORTRESS II, 95 %, factory No. A F 37974 admittance No.: on the right side of the fin equilateral triangle in it P, under that No. 23791 - M, 2 dead, 7 prisoners, 1 fugitive. claimed by Flak Battalion DRESDEN.

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KU 2523 11.) 11.30

ZETTERITZ, 6 km south east of ROCHLITZ, (28 km north east of ALTENBURG), in H F 3, FORTRESS II, 95 %, 7 prisoners, 1 dead, 1 fugitive (shot). (1 fugitive, originating from an American lead - plane, stabbed 1 police - sergeant and 1 home - guard man who tried to arrest him, and he escaped then.)

(continued on page 7)

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Fortress shotdown at Zetteritz at the highway Mittweida - Rochlitz n of Chemnitz
20 July 44 at 1100 .

KARCHNER, Norbert R.

dead

13168238

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

20 July 44, time: 1100

CASUALTY NO.

KU 2523

PLACE OF CRASH

Zettwitz near Chemnitz

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Oschatz

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
ZIPPEL	Herbert W.	S/Sgt.	35549231	captured Dalg Luft
GRANT	Walter Edward	2nd/Lt.	0-818855	" " "
WELLS	Benjamin Franklin	"	0-703544	" " "
FULWIDER	Albert Clayton	T/Sgt.	13090947	" " "
FARROW	Thomas Chappell	"	32364054	" " "
JABLONSKI 1920	Raymond Joseph Ill.	"	36321492	" " "
X SMYTON	William Hiram	"	35132838	" " "
KARCHER	Norbert R.	Sgt.	13168238	dead

REMARKS:

Dalg Luft, 8 Aug 44 No.

7278
B-17
9

20 July 1944 at 1100

Place: Zettwitz near Chemnitz

Type: Fortress

Ident: 57974

384 Group

Target: Airfield: Oschetz.

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KU Nr. 2523

2nd Lt. TELLS, Benjamin Franklin	0-703544 .
2nd Lt. GRANT, Walter Edgar	0-816855 .
S/Sgt. ZIPFEL, Herbert W.	35549231 .
Sgt. KARCHER, Norbert R.	13168238 dead
T/Sgt. FULTIDER, Albert Clayton	13090947 .
T/Sgt. SEXTON, William Hiram	35132838 .
T/Sgt. JABLONSKI, Raymond, Joseph	36321492 .
T/Sgt. FARRON, Thomas Chapell	32364054

2 dead

Scelitz near Rochlitz.

Neg. No. 1029/43

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