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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AMP 129 - APO 558; Command or Air Force 2nd  
Group 45th; Squadron 24th; Detachment 1st
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AMP 129; Intended Destination WORMS, GERMANY; Type of Mission COMBAT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8-10/19 STRATOCUMULUS AT 10000' WITH BREAK IN CLOUDS AT PLACE OF CRASH.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 APR 44; Time 0857; and Location VIRY, FRANCE  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forces Down; (X) 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 \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-D; A.A.F. SERIAL NO 42-5435
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1820-43; A.A.F. SERIAL NO (a) 43359  
(b) 43310; (c) 43310; (d) 43370
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)  
(a) NAVIN HP-2091 (b) Nose HP-22046; (c) BALL HP-25150; (d) WAIST- HP-27319  
(e) HP-251245 (f) HP-25148; (g) HP-25152; (h) HP-27651
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

MAIL HP-251566  
HP-251390

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	SERIAL NUMBER
1. Pilot	<u>CONN, JR, JOHN HENRY</u>	<u>1ST LT</u>	<u>0-72206</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>NOY, CHARLES WILLYS</u>	<u>2ND LT</u>	<u>0-51228</u>
3. Navigator	<u>DEAN, EUGENE EDWARD</u>	<u>2ND LT</u>	<u>0-52183</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>BIRCH, CHARLES GEORGE</u>	<u>2ND LT</u>	<u>0-58816</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>WERNER, HERBERT OTTO</u>	<u>1/SGT</u>	<u>3430508</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>HELINE, ANTHONY EDWARD</u>	<u>1/SGT</u>	<u>3558391</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>WELLS, CLAYTON LOUIS</u>	<u>2/SGT</u>	<u>3752759</u>
8. Right Waist	<u>WAGNER, JOE (JIM)</u>	<u>1/SGT</u>	<u>1811928</u>
9. Left Waist	<u>TAMMOR, SAMUEL HARRY LEONARD</u>	<u>1/SGT</u>	<u>3657928</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>MC CARTHY, RICHARD OWEN</u>	<u>1/SGT</u>	<u>3475543</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK A PROPER COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial	By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>ANDREW, LLOYD B. 1ST LT 0-72206</u>		<u>Radio</u>		<u>X</u>	
<u>NOY, CHARLES W. 2ND LT 0-51228</u>		<u>Radio</u>		<u>X</u>	
<u>CONN, JOHN H. 1ST LT 0-72206</u>		<u>Radio</u>		<u>X</u>	

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 \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 27 April 1944.  
John A. Kinster  
JOHN A. KINSTER

(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
Major, US  
Air Inspector.

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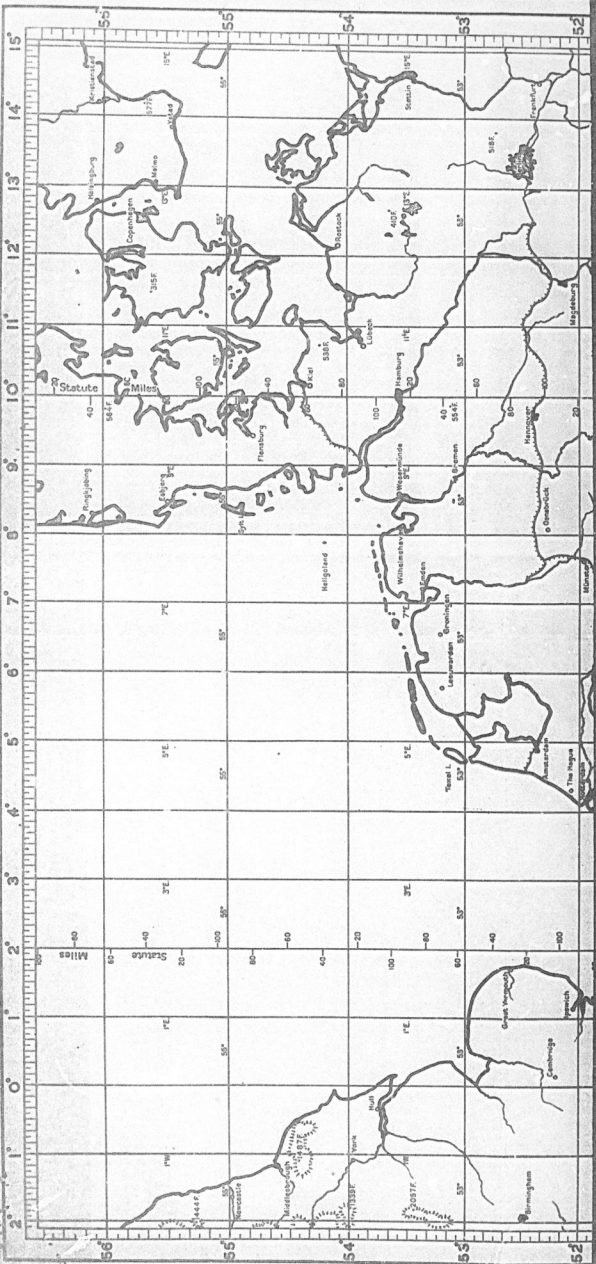
24. COMB'S A/C WAS HIT BY ME109'S EAST OF VITRY, FRANCE AT 0857. HE  
PULLED UP, STALLED OUT, FELL OFF TO LEFT AND WENT INTO FLAT SPIN. ONE  
RENDER WAS SEEN TO COME OFF AND THREE CREWS REPORTED THAT A/C CRASHED  
ON GROUND. REPORTS ON NUMBER OF "CHUTES" SEEN VARY FROM ONE TO SEVEN  
WITH FOUR "CHUTES" THE COMMONEST.

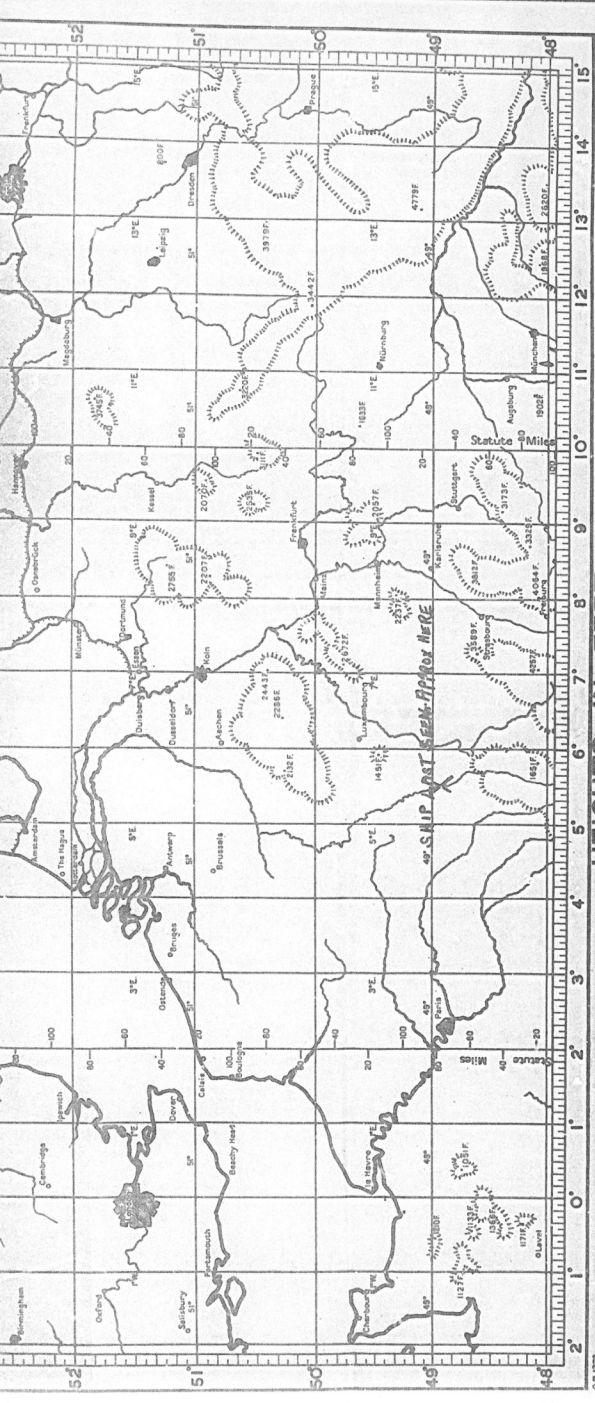
1st Lt. John H. Combs, Jr.	Mrs. Joanna H. Combs, Jr., (wife) c/o Bill Combs, 1750 Les Fieros Drive, Glendale, California.
1st Lt. Charles W. Roof	Mrs. Lella I. Roof, (mother) Hazel Delivery # 3, Dundee, New York.
1st Lt. Eugene M. Hoag	Mr. E. Forwood Hoag, (father) Springport, Michigan.
2nd Lt. Charles G. Bieber	Mrs. Sarah J. Bieber, (mother) 6185 Grove Street, Hidgewood Queens, New York.
T/Sgt. Robert G. Behrens	Mr. Otto R. Behrens, (father) Patrickburg, Indiana.
S/Sgt. Anthony B. McKeon	Mrs. Catherine McKeon, (mother) 1492 North Wilton Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt. Clayton L. Miller	Mrs. Mabel G. Miller, (mother) Morristown, South Dakota.
T/Sgt. Joe Wagner	Mrs. Christine Wagner, (wife) R. F. D. # 1, Anderach, Texas.
S/Sgt. Harry L. Tumber	Mrs. Anna Tumber, (mother) 2 Gillies Street, Clifton, New Jersey.
S/Sgt. Richard O. McCarthy	Mrs. Gertrude McCarthy, (mother) Apex, New York.

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CARTAINS OF AIRCRAFT MAP

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Further information has been received <sup>which indicates</sup> indicating that \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>report</sup> Lieutenant Hoag was a crew member - pilot  
of a B-24 (Liberator) bomber which  
departed from England on a  
bombardment mission to Wannheim, Germany  
on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Full details are not available, but  
the report indicates that during this mission, at about 8:55  
a.m. in the vicinity of Vitry, France,  
six planes encountered enemy aircraft  
and in the ensuing engagement your  
son's plane sustained damage. ~~His~~  
~~bomber left the formation and from one~~  
~~to several parachutes were seen to fall to~~  
~~leave the damaged aircraft.~~ <sup>None of the ground</sup>  
as the crew members of other planes  
on this mission were unable to  
furnish further details, the Foreign  
Constitutes all the information  
presently available relative to the  
disappearance of this Liberator.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Charles W ROOF, 2d Lt, O-610224  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
754 Bomb Squadron, 497 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

31 July 1944  
(Date)  
BXE #645

	MEMBERS OF CREW			PRESENT
				OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	O-742063	1st Lt	John H GOMBS, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	O-610224	2d Lt	Charles W ROOF	ND
NAVIGATOR	O-662183	2d Lt	Eugene W HOAG	ND
BOMBARDIER	O-662166	2d Lt	Charles O BIEBER	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	3613532	T/Sgt	Robert O BIRENS	ND
TOP TURRET GUNNER	3350092	S/Sgt	Anthony B MCKEON	ND
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37314739	S/Sgt	Glayton L MILLER	MIA
WAIIST GUNNER	32577920	S/Sgt	Harry L TAMBORH	MIA
WAIIST GUNNER	18119298	T/Sgt	Joe WAGNER	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32745523	S/Sgt	Richard O MCGARHRY	MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
25 April 1944; 0845 hours; PASHIUM near VITRY

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Plane was out of control caused by a fighter shooting off the tail; elevator damaged beyond usefulness.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? About 18,000 feet.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Ball turret gunner and 1st waist gunner did not bail out; chute of tail gunner was caught by plane; bombardier delayed his jump too long - recovery.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
No - but some recovered.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
Yes - see 1 above.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.  
Yes - see 2 above and F/W (tail) by recovery.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?  
No love that 2 were killed (reason given above).



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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Eugene H HOAG, 2d Lt, G-442183  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
754 Bomb Squadron, 438 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

24 June 1944  
(Date)  
ME 8769

MEMBERS OF CREW				PRESENT
				OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	0-742065	1st Lt	John H GOMES, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-620224	2d Lt	Charles W BOOP	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
NAVIGATOR	0-422183	2d Lt	Eugene H HOAG	ED
BOMBARDIER	0-466144	2d Lt	Charles G BIEBER	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	36435502	T/Sgt	Robert O HEBBENS	ED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33580991	S/Sgt	Anthony B McLEEN	ED
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37314739	S/Sgt	Clayton L MILLER	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	32537980	S/Sgt	Harry A TAMBOUR	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	18119298	T/Sgt	Joe WAGNER	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32745525	S/Sgt	Richard O McCARNEY	MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
25 April 1944; 1000 hours; between FURIGN, France, and canal to the south.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Elevator controls damaged; both fins shot off; no fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 4000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Possibly the tail gunner was injured.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
Pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, navigator, radio operator, top turret gunner, 2 waist gunners.  
Bombardier's chute did not have time to open.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No. Bombs exploded about 15 minutes after  
plane caught fire in track.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
Bombardier dead; Wagner alive on ground.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew  
were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the  
other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

A dead identified by name: BIEBER, TAMBOUR, McCARNEY, MILLER  
Heard that pilot was captured.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
Completely demolished and burning; bombs exploded later.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was  
source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that  
would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for  
his opinion? A dead buried near LE BUIS-ON; Pilot captured (Nearby).

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Robert O BERRINS, T/Sgt, 36135582  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

24 June 1944  
(Date)

754 Bomb Squadron, 458 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

IME 770

MEMBERS OF CREW				PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	0-743365	1st Lt	John H GIBBS, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-610224	2d Lt	Charles W ROOF	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
NAVIGATOR	0-462183	2d Lt	Reginald M HOAG	ND
BOMBARDIER	0-468144	2d Lt	Charles G BERRIN	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	36135582	T/Sgt	Robert O BERRINS	ND
TOP TURRET GUNNER	32900371	S/Sgt	Anthony B MOLESON	ND
BALL TURRET GUNNER	3731A739	S/Sgt	Clayton L MILLER	DEA
WAIIST GUNNER	38557129	S/Sgt	Harry L TAMBOUR	MIA
WAIIST GUNNER	16119889	T/Sgt	Joe WAGNER	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32745523	S/Sgt	Richard O McCARTHY	MIA

- Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
**25 April 1944; 1000 hours; FORTHOUC, France.**
- Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
**Elevator controls out and one rudder shot off.**
- At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **15,000 feet**
- Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
**No**
- What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
**Navigator, bombardier, pilot, co-pilot, radio operator, top turret gunner and waist gunner; bombardier's chute did not open fully.**
- Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Yes**
- Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
**Yes - several days later.**
- Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.  
**Yes - saw two, and in time was given information of all others by name.**
- Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
**No**
- If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.
- What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? **Four dead (Hearsey); one captured (Hearsey).**

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Anthony B McKEN, 2/Sgt, 3360091  
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

24 June 1944  
(Date)

734 Bomb Squadron, 450 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

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	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>		<u>PRESENT</u>	
			<u>OFFICIAL STATUS</u>	
PILOT	0-742065	1st Lt	John E COMBS, JR	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-610824	2d Lt	Charles W ROOP	IN NEUTRAL COUNTRY
NAVIGATOR	0-482189	2d Lt	Regene H HOAG	ED
BOMBARDIER	0-480166	2d Lt	Charles C BIERER	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	344-3582	7/Sgt	Robert C BIERER	ED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	3360091	2/Sgt	Anthony B McKEN	ED
BALL TURRET GUNNER	3731679	3/Sgt	Glayton L MILLER	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	3297790	2/Sgt	Harry L TAMMER	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	18119279	2/Sgt	Joe WAGNER	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	3874553	2/Sgt	Richard C McARTHUR	MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.  
25 April 1944; 1030 hours; about 1/2 mile from FONTION.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Controls were shot out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 10,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Not to my knowledge.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open? All bailed out except ball turret gunner and 1 waist gunner; 1 chute opened too late and 1 was caught on wing.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Unknown

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
Yes - co-pilot alive; also saw Sgt WAGNER.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Yes - the dead were identified by name.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?  
Believe BIERER, MILLER, TAMMER and McARTHUR were killed and the pilot captured - Hearsay from several sources.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Eugene H. Hoag Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-680183
2. Organization 558 B.G. Co Commander Tabell Rank Col Sqn CO Hanson Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Beauchamp Head  
route flown 30 mi. rt. of course, 5 mi. west of Paris
5. Where were you when you left formation? Between Vitry Le Francois & St Dizier Fr.
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". 1st Lt. John H. Combs (bail out)  
Bailed out over Vitry (POW); 2nd Lt. Charles W. Roof (co-pilot) bailed out near Pontion, Marne, France. (Evadee); Robert O. Behrens (radio) bailed out near Pontion, Marne, France. Captured at Spanish border.  
bailed out near Pontion, Marne, France. Captured at Spanish border.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 1/2 mile from Pontion, Marne, France.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Clayton Louis Miller S/sgt., 37314739; Harry Leonard Tamboer, S/Sgt., 32557920.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Waist
12. What was their condition? uninjured and should have bailed out.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? none
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)

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BIEBER, Charles George  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-688166  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Navigator: Bombardier

File # 4342Did he bail out? YesWhere? Pontion, Marne, France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: we bailed out of nose at the same timeWas he injured? He was killed when his parachut failed to openWhere was he when last seen? He was lying about 40 feet from planeAny hearsay information: He was burried by Maurice Collet of Le Buisson, Par Haussignemont, Marne, France. I was staying at his home at the timeSource: Maurice Collet

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

There is no entry for this: I seen him on the ground and definately know he was dead.Total number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McGARTHEY, Richard Owen  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 32745523  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight XXXXXXXXXX: Tail Gunner

File # 4342Did he bail out? YesWhere? Near Pontion, Marne France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? He was killed when his parachute fouled on the wing.Where was he when last seen? unknown to meAny hearsay information: He was buried by Maurice Collet of Le Buisson.Par Haussignemont, Marne, FranceSource: Maurice Collet

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

noneTotal number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McNEU, Anthony BernardFile # 4342

Rank:

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Serial number:

3337092Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Top Turret GunnerDid he bail out? YesWhere? Near Pontion, Marne, France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? He was back in England and was returned to the U. S.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

NoSource: ---

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

NoneTotal number of missions of above crew member: UnknownDates and destinations if possible: Unknown

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MILNER, Clayton Louis  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 3731A739  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight/Flight/~~ Ball turret gunner

File # 4342Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? unknown (he had sufficient time & was uninjured).Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? Killed in plane when it hit the groundWhere was he when last seen? About 20,000 feet after plane was hit.Any hearsay information: He was buried by Maurice Collet of Le Buisson,Par Haussignement, marne, FranceSource: Himself

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

TAMBOUR, Barry Leonard

File # 4342

Rank:

2/3rd.

Serial number:

3257720

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight

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Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? no

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? unknown (he had parachute on & was at waist window at 20,000Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? Killed when plane hit the groundWhere was he when last seen? at 20,000 at time plane was hit.Any hearsay information: He was buried by Maurice Collet of Le Buisson,Par Haussignemont, Marne, FranceSource: Maurice Collet

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

NoneTotal number of missions of above crew member: unknownDates and destinations if possible: unknown

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1 identification tag for: Harry L. Tamboer, 32557920

Telgram:

3S D LLSV 151 26 Apr 1944. 11:15 p.m.

To Computing Station West Oberursel.

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An P. LGK. WFR. Room 1 C position. On investigating enemy equipment.  
West Room, 2 Chartres. An KDO. FL. H. BER. 4 Room 7 Melun.  
An Dkeur LW Berotrups Par 8 (LLNT)

Subject: Location of enemy crash.

On 25 Apr 1944, at 9:00 the shooting of a Liberator bomber near Ponthien,  
10 miles eastwards of Vitry, Le Francois (Frankreich.) 100% destruction,  
nameplate first. Further salvage movable.

Crew: 1 captured 1/Lt. John H. Combi, 074065. 4 dead. Charles Bieber,  
0686186, Harry L. Tamboer, 32558920. The two other dead are burned beyond  
recognition. The plane was shot down through FW 190.

FE-Equipment: Rack type 50009 Ref N 110 D/148 with quartz 8155, 71 and 8284,  
62 KC 20 % destroyed; Radio receiver BO 966 A. Ser. N 64938, 50% destroyed.  
The rest fully destroyed.

Armament: 6 MG 20 % damaged. Type one salvage is still movable.

Ammunition: 10 small bombs CA 50 EG remaining near aircraft armament.

Motors (engines) The radial engine nameplate not yet established.

FL. H. KDTR A 212 /Room ZWOEL f ST. BIZIER

KU 1639

not on 494 file

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

25 April 1944 - 09.00

CASUALTY NO. 25 1499

PLACE OF CRASH:

Ponthion, France

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Headquarters Army Air Field St. Dizier

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
COCHRAN, John Harley Jr,	1st Lt.	0-742045	Captured	Belag Luft
BIBERT, Charles	Officer	0-682166	Dead	?
THORNER, Harry L.	Sgt.	32550920	Dead	?

REMARKS:

Belag Luft: 16 May 1944 / No.

Shooting and Captured Report #20

WACK 4342

Airbase Command Westfrankreich; 25 Apr 1944

<u>Place of Shooting</u>	<u>Type Airship</u>	<u>Captured</u>	<u>Dead</u>
b/Ponthion, 10 mi. S. NE Vitry-le Francois	Liberator	<u>1</u> Oberita, John H. Comb 074065  5 men are missing	<u>4</u> Charles Bieber 0688166 Harry L. Tambeer 32558920 3 & 4 unable to identify

KU 1639

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25 April 1944, 0900  
Ponthion  
10 km, E. of Vitry Le  
Francois ( France )  
Type: Liberator  
Target: ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
Airfield Command  
St. Mieler

13 May.  
1st Lt. COMBS  
BYRNER  
TAMBOER

KU 1639

John Harley O-74265 capt.  
Charles O-682164 dead  
Harry L. 32558920 dead

2 unknown dead

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On 25 Apr 44, at 0900 hours, Liberator, Fighter, near Ponthion, 10 km  
of Oua Virty Le Francois, AK 83/00, East B.

Date: 25 April 44 at 0930  
Place: Vitry  
Type of  
craft: Liberator  
Markings: -----  
754 (HB) Sqd.  
458 Grosy,

Rank: Name:

KU 898 a

T/Sgt. WAGNER, Joe  
T/Sgt. BOHERN (or YBENERN)  
Sgt. McKEEN,  
Sgt. MILLER,  
1st Lt. COMBS,  
2nd Lt. ROOF,  
2nd Lt. HOAG,

: 18119298 .

KU 1639 ?

KI 1639

Name : BIEBER  
ASN. : O-60166

*Charles George*

*ac*  
MIA 25 Apr 44  
KIA Dead

Name : TAMBOAR  
ASN. : 32557920

*Harry L.*

Dead

*X*

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: H.Q. Army Airbase A.F.O. No. 27413  
 B 522/XXI (St. Dieler) Air Corps Post Office Paris  
 PLACE: St. Dieler, France

DATE: 25 April 1944

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF, Liberator B 24  
~~CRASH~~ 9,00 o'clock 25 April 1944  
 EW. LANDING AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Capt. 1st Lt.

FIRST NAME: John H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Fontaine 10 Km east of Vitry, Le Francisc  
 10,00 O'clock 25 April 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

The P.O.W. was captured by a Cpl. of a transport train.  
 The plane was shot down by a fighter plane PW 100

Signature: Heinoff Capt.



REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN:

25 April 1944, 0930 hrs

PLACE OF CRASH:

Vigny

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE:

Wichbaden

## CREW

SURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME:

WALKER, Joe

DATE OF BIRTH:

20 Dec. 1919, Plantersville/Tenn.

RANK:

T/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

18119298

CAPTURED: **yes**

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: **Salag-Laft**

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

**Salag-Laft, 2 Sep. 1944 No.**