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 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AD  
 by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AD  
 Date ~~SEP 15 1949~~

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 A 54-233  
 Box 63

Date	Writer	Wrote About
8/8/46	LT SACKS	DRAHOS
"	"	COKLAUD
"	"	BUTLER
"	"	LONG

BENJAMIN MELBURN  
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Date **Mar 15 1948**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123 ; Command or Air Force 3rd CA 458th Sq 7594
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 123 ; Course 45 DEG Destination Hamburg, Germany  
Type of Mission Combat
- Weather conditions and visibility at time of Crash or when last reported:  
0-0 at flight level, 10/10 cumulus below
- GIVE: (a) Date: 30 Oct 44 Time 1321 Location: Hamburg, Germany  
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( )  
Forced down; ( ) Seen to Crash or (X) Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:  
(Check only one) ( ) Enemy aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other  
circumstances as follows: Unknown.

- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B 24 J A.A.F. SERIAL NO 42-300431
- ENGINES: Type, Model, & Series R-1890-43 A.A.F. SERIAL NO (a) 42-9508  
(b) 44-6394 (c) 44-5094 (d) 928555
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No)  
(a) WAIST IT-494407 (b) Martin IT-992623 (c) Nose Lt-992291 (d) TAIL Lt-992428  
(e) " RT-954923 (f) " RT-935997 (g) " RT-992202 (h) " RT-992725  
(i) Tail Lt-992819 (j) Tail RT-992882

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
(b) Non-Battle Casualty
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9

CREW POSITION	NAMES IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>CURLAND, WILLIAM H.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-760589</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>FRAIT, JR., THEODORE (NMI)</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-767637</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>LONG, GROVER M.</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>T-2599</u>	<u>MIA</u>
Upper Tur 4. <del>XXXXXXXX</del>	<u>BUTLER, JAMES C.</u>	<u>2/Sgt</u>	<u>3464373</u>	<u>MIA</u>
Gunner 5. Radio Operator	<u>LANE, HAROLD H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>13074856</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. Top Turret				
7. Ball Turret	<u>NEHISM, JAMES F.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37557596</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. Right Waist	<u>DUNLACK, Vernon L.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>17127649</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9. Left Waist	<u>MC CAIN, JOHN K.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>15103974</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>BRANDS, VICTOR G.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>35913669</u>	<u>MIA</u>

- attended Cp Navigation School and flew on mission as a Navigator.
- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:  
(Check only one column)

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAT CRASH	FORCED LANDING
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

- (a) Parachutes were used            (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash            or (c) Any other reason (Specify)             
Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH APPROXIMATELY LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNES' DESCRIPTION. See below.
- EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY None

Date of Report 31 October 1944

Ellwood T. Claygett  
ELLWOOD T. CLAYGETT  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Air Inspector

(Signature of preparing Officer)

Serial 29

4/8 491 probably left formation in the vicinity of Hamburg but no definite information extracted by interrogation.

MACR 10/66  
B-24  
AAF 42-100431  
9 men

30 Oct., 44 1324

KU 3225

Deutschsorn near Lueneburg

Type: Liberator

753 (H.B.) Sqd. 458 Group

Target: Airbase Lueneburg

2nd Lt. PRAIT	Theodore H.	O-767637	capt.
2nd Lt. CURLAND	William H.	O-760589	dead
F/O LONG	Grover W.	T-2599	dead
S/Sgt DUNKACK	Vernon Lawrence	17227649	capt.
S/Sgt. Mc CAIN	John Kendall	15103947	capt.
S/Sgt. LAHE	Ronald Harrison	13074656	capt.
S/Sgt. CHISE	James Francis	37537596	capt.
S/Sgt. DRAHOS	Victor C.	35913669	dead
S/Sgt. BUTLER	James C.	34864373	dead

3 dead Cemetery Deutsch-Evera

RU 3225

Date and Time aircraft  
was shot down

30 Oct 44 - 1324

Place of Crash

Eschehovorn near Lueneburg

Type of Plane

Fortress

Reporting Office

Airbase HQ Lueneburg

	NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF IMPRISONMENT
LANE	Harold Harriman	T/Sgt	13074856	captured	Dulag-Luft West
PRAFF	Theodore Jr.	2nd Lt	O-767737	"	"
CHISM	James Francis	S/Sgt	31537596	"	"
McCANN	John Kendall	S/Sgt	15103974	"	"
DUYEKACK	Vernon Lawrence	S/Sgt	17127649	"	"
CURLAND	William H.	2nd Lt	O-760589	dead	
LONG	Grover H.	F/O	T-2999	dead	
BRANES	Victor C.	Sgt	33913669	dead	
BUTLER	James B.	S/Sgt	3464373	dead	

2 Nov 1944

Air-Field HQ  
 LUDWIGSBURG  
 Command Flying-Field Area 121/XI

VITAL REPORT ON MILITARY AIR FORCES EQUIPMENT AND CREWS.

Distribution: Testing Station for enemy Equipment  
 Reich Air Ministry GL/C/Was  
 Air-District Command XI, Engineer.  
 Command Flying-Field Area  
 Evaluation Center West, OBERURSEL

Date of Crash: 20 Oct 1944 15.04. Place of crash: DEUTSCH-STRASSE, 5 km south of  
 LUDWIGSBURG

Type of Aircraft: Liberator Admittance Nr: 100121  
 Flying in.

Markings on Bow: DORF- AM-BEAR

Kind of Crash: Explosion in Air/ Kind of Capture: Flew?  
 99% wreckage.

For Search after fugitive or missing crew-members were alerted:  
 Security Service LUDWIGSBURG 14.00

Craft was guarded by: County Guard, found.  
 Navigational and radio-plane, Papers, Maps etc were

DISPOSITION OF CREW:

	De.A. total: 4	Place of Burial:
1. Flight-Off.	LONG, CHESTER T REGD 2 43 A	Grave-Yard DEUTSCH-STRASSE westside.
2. 2nd Lt.	GUNLAND, WILLIAM C- 760589	"
3. S/Sgt.	BRANCO, VICTOR 36915659	"
4. S/Sgt.	BUTLER, JAMES 34664575	"
	Captured, total: 5	Freehold is Evaluation C. West, OBERURSEL
1. S/Sgt.	DUNKROCK, VERNON 17127549	31 Oct 1944
2. S/Sgt (F)	Chien, James 37337596	"
2. 2nd Lt.	PRAET, THEODORE jr. C- 767837	"
4. S/Sgt.	MC GAIN, JOHN 18103947	"
5. S/Sgt	LANE, HAROLD 12076256(12074386)	"

KEHRER, AAS D.R.



**TECHNICAL DATA**

( PART OF FINAL REPORT OF CAPTURE OF GERMANY AIR FORCE'S EQUIPMENT AND CREWS )

Hull: Complete hull destroyed by crash.

Type of Motors: PRATT-WHITE

Motor No. and Percentage of Wreckage: All engines destroyed by crash.

Propeller: Number of Blades: 3 Type: HAMILTON ORIGINAL.

Propeller radius: 1760 mm

0.7 by radius: 1240 mm; on this place, blade has

a depth of : 310 mm

**ARMAMENT:**

Caliber: 12,7 Type: Browning Machine Gun,  
Cal. 50M 3, manufactured  
Lg. Frigidaire Div.  
General Motors Corp.

movable

Applied Sights: Not to identify

Gun-Ammunition: Cal 12,7 mm Amount and Belt not to identify.

Mixtures: Not to identify.

Balls, Bombights etc. : Not to identify.

Power: 12 mm Number not to identify.

FT- Equipment: ---

Camera-Equipment: - - -

Gasoline and hydraulic oil: Not to identify

Number of Type-Tags, send to Posty-Evaluation Center HEBLIN-ADLERHOFF:

**NIKLAS**

Engineer of Receiving Command.

KU 3225

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LEBL

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TV:

DATE:

1 Nov 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

05.48

ROLL:

FROM:

LEBL

THROUGH:

BRUNIG

REMARKS:

QIN -

VERY VERY URGENT LFLB 1841 31 Oct 1944 11.00

To

Evaluation Center West OBERURSEL

This office reports the downing of a Boeing B 24 30 Oct 1944 13.24 near DEUTSCH-  
Brera, 5 km south of LUNNENBURG, 90% wreckage.  
Until now 3 dead recovered and 5 prisoners taken, search after rest of crew still  
going on .

Air-Field HQ LUNNENBURG

Acc. D. B. VERRER.

6-3224.AF(5)



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Field HQ A 21 /XI  
PLACE: LUENABURG  
DATE: 31 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

Liberator

EM. LANCING: AT:  
XXXXXXXXXXXX

DEUTSCH-VERN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

GURLAND

FIRST NAME:

WILLIAM H

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O- 760589 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

-

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

-

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:  
XXXXXXXXXXXX

Cemetery DEUTSCH-VERN, West-side, 31 Oct 1944  
12.30

**Distribution:**

- Eva luation Center West.
- Air-District Command XI
- Command Flying Field Area
- Hospital.

/ / /  
Captain and Officer for  
Special Assignment.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST **Air-Field HQ A 21/XI**

PLACE **LUNEBURG**

DATE **31 Oct 1944**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, LIBERATOR**

**EN LANDING: AT: DEUTSCH-EVREN**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **LONG**

FIRST NAME: **GROVER W.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **F 2599 T 43 4 A**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Dead**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **-**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Final Cemetery DEUTSCH-EVREN, west-side, 31 Oct 1944 18.30**

**Distribution:**

**Evaluation Center West**

**Air-District Command II**

**Commando Flying-Field Area**

**Hospital**

**Captain and Officer for Special Assignment.**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Field HQ A 21/22

PLACE: LUXEMBURG

DATE: 31 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, LIBRATOR  
EMERSON AT: DEUTSCH-STEIN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) D R A G O S

FIRST NAME: VICTOR G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 25913469

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF <sup>Burial:</sup> INTERMENT: Cemetery DEUTSCH-STEIN, west-side, 31 Oct 1944  
12.30

## Distribution:

Evaluation Center West

Air-District Command XI

Command Flying -Field Area

Hospital

Captain and Officer for special Assignment.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NAME: **JOHN W. BROWN**  
 ADDRESS: **1234 MAIN ST., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**  
 CITY: **SACRAMENTO**  
 COUNTY: **SUTTER**  
 STATE: **CALIFORNIA**  
 DATE OF BIRTH: **12-15-1915**  
 SEX: **MALE**  
 RACE: **WHITE**  
 HEIGHT: **5-10**  
 WEIGHT: **150**  
 HAIR: **BROWN**  
 EYES: **BROWN**  
 OCCUPATION: **UNEMPLOYED**  
 EDUCATION: **HIGH SCHOOL**  
 MARITAL STATUS: **MARRIED**  
 NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS: **2**  
 SOURCE OF INCOME: **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**  
 CHARACTER OF CASE: **UNEMPLOYMENT**  
 REASON FOR REFERRAL: **UNEMPLOYMENT**  
 DATE OF REFERRAL: **1-15-50**  
 NAME OF AGENCY: **SACRAMENTO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
 ADDRESS OF AGENCY: **1234 MAIN ST., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**  
 CITY OF AGENCY: **SACRAMENTO**  
 COUNTY OF AGENCY: **SUTTER**  
 STATE OF AGENCY: **CALIFORNIA**  
 NAME OF SOCIAL WORKER: **JOHN W. BROWN**  
 ADDRESS OF SOCIAL WORKER: **1234 MAIN ST., SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**  
 CITY OF SOCIAL WORKER: **SACRAMENTO**  
 COUNTY OF SOCIAL WORKER: **SUTTER**  
 STATE OF SOCIAL WORKER: **CALIFORNIA**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Field HQ, A 21/XI

PLACE: LITENBURG

DATE: 22 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

LIBERATOR

IN LANDING: AT:

DEUTSCH-WEEN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

G H I S H

FIRST NAME:

JAMES F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37537596 2 43 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured, conducted to GREENHILL

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

BY Place of Crash, 14.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distributors:

Evaluation Center West

Air-District Command III

Command Flying - Field Area

Hospital

Captain and Officer for special assignment.

NO 3225

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: Air-Field HQ A 21/XI

LUXEMBOURG

DATE:

31st Oct 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING:

AT:

LIEBIGER

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) XXXXXXXXXXXX

DEUTSCH-EM

FIRST NAME:

MS. G A I E

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

JOHN K.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

15103847

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Captured, will be conducted to GEBUESSEL

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Krankenhaus, FISCHMILLERSH, District LUXEMBOURG.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

-

Distribution :

Evaluation Center West

Air-District Command XI

Command Flying Field Area

Captain and officer for special assignment

Hospital

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Field Hq A 21/XI

PLACE: LUXEMBURG

DATE: 31 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

LIBERATOR

FM. LANDING: AT:

DEITSCH-HEVEN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

P R A T T

FIRST NAME:

THEODORE

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O- 757637

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured, will be contacted to COMBUSEL

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

KIRCHWILLERSHEM District LUXEMBURG, 15.45

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Distribution :**

Evaluation Center West

Air-District Command XI

Commando Airport-Area

Captain and officer for special assignment.

Hospital

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-Field No A 21/21

PLACE: LUXEMBURG

DATE: 31 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, LIBERATOR

EM. LANDING: AT: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ DEUTSCH-SPRACH

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

L A S S

FIRST NAME:

HAROLD H

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

12974855

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured, will be conducted to GEBHUSEL

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

- FIRCHGELLES-District LUXEMBURG, 31 Oct 1944 6.00

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

-

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

-

Distribution :

Evaluation Center west

Air-District Command XI

Commando Flying Field Area

Hospital

Captain and officer for special assignment.



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air-field HQ A 21/XI

PLACE: LUXEMBURG

DATE: 31 Oct 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, LIBERATOREM. LANDING: AT: DEUTSCH-EVERN

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DUNKOCK (DUNKERACK?)

FIRST NAME: VERNON L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17127649

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured, will be conducted to GHEBURSEL

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: MELBECK, District LUXEMBU RG, 31 Oct 1944, 16.30

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

**Distribution :**

Evaluation Center West

Air-District Command XI

Commando Flying-Field Area

Captain and officer for special assignment.

Hospital

30 Oct 44

(KU 3225) 13.24 DEUTSCH EVERH , 5 km south of LUENEBURG DAß ~~Liberator~~  
99 % wreckage , Admittance Nr 43- 100431, 4 Dead, 5 prisoners  
Salvage Btl 7 salvaged.

X U - 3325

Type of aircraft:  
Place of crash: Deutsche-Hevern  
Time of crash:

✓ CURLAND, William *AK* 2nd Lt. dead  
0-760539 T 43-44

✓ LONG, Grover H. dead  
T 2599 T 43 4 A

✓ DEANOS, Victor dead  
38913468 T 43-44

✓ BUTLER, James dead  
34664373

ac  
mia 30 Oct 44  
~~Kia 30 Oct 44~~

mlw/1/1/45

2nd Lt. William H. Curland

Mrs. Lillian Curland, (Mother)  
5045 Alta Canyon Road,  
La Canada, California.

2nd Lt. Theodore Pratt, Jr.

Mrs. Laura Loveland, (Mother)  
El Monte Apartments East 6th Street,  
Tucson, Arizona.

P/O Grover Long

Mrs. Ruth E. Long, (Mother)  
2004 North Griffin Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

S/Sgt. James G. Butler

Mr. Charlie E. Butler, (Father)  
196 Rankin Street,  
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

T/Sgt. Harold H. Lass

Mrs. Helen E. Lass, (Mother)  
15 College Avenue,  
Crown, New York.

S/Sgt. James F. Chism

Mrs. Catherine A. Chism, (Wife)  
624 9th Avenue,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sgt. Vernon L. Duschak

Mr. William F. Duschak, (Father)  
Route Number 4,  
Great Bend, Kansas.

S/Sgt. John K. McCain

Mrs. Hope L. McCain, (Mother)  
Dunlapville, Indiana.

Sgt. Victor C. Brehan

Mrs. Mae Wright, (Mother)  
8610 Flaga Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10156

Name of crew member:

GURLAND, William E.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-700589

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

Pilot

Did he bail out? No

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: THE GERMANS INFORMED US THAT THIS  
CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT THEY HAD  
BAILED HIM. THE CO-PILOT IDENTIFIED HIS PERSONEL  
RECOGNIZES THAT THE GERMANS HAD.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG 25, 1944 TERTRE <sup>GR</sup> MAINZ <sup>GR</sup>  
<sup>GR</sup> COBLENZ; <sup>GR</sup> MANNHEIM; <sup>GR</sup> HAMM; <sup>GR</sup> RAVES TEIN; <sup>GR</sup> HARBURG.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10166

Name of crew member: LEE S. Grover H.  
 Rank: T/O  
 Serial number: 8-2899  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Pilot)~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No

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: THE GERMANS INFORMED US THAT THIS  
CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT THEY  
HAD BURIED HIM. THE CO-PILOT IDENTIFIED THE  
PERSONS BELONGINGS THE GERMANS HAD OF THIS  
MAN.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

GR. COBLENZ; GR. MAINZ; GR. MANNHEIM; GR. HAMM; GR. HARBURG.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BUTLER, James G.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

34864573

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER (ENGINE)~~:

Upper Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

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: THE GERMANS INFORMED US THAT THIS CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT THEY HAD BURIED HIM. HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE CO-PILOT.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG. 25, 1944 <sup>GR.</sup> FERTRE <sup>GR.</sup>; COBLENZ <sup>GR.</sup>; MAINE <sup>GR.</sup>; MANHEIM <sup>GR.</sup>; HAMM <sup>GR.</sup>; RAVESTEN <sup>GR.</sup>; HARBURG <sup>GR.</sup>

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10156

Name of crew member:

BRASOS, Victor G.

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

3091560

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Right)~~:

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

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: THE GERMANS INFORMED US THAT THIS CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN KILLED AND THAT THEY HAD BURIED HIM. HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE CO-PILOT.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG 25, 1944 TERTRE; COBLENZ; MAINZ; HAMM; MANNHEIM; RAVESTEN; HARBURG



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JAMES FRANCIS CHISM Rank SGT Serial No. 37537596
2. Organization 458 BG Gp Commander ISABEL Rank COL. Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCTOBER day 30 did you go down? YES.
4. What was the mission, HARBURG, target, MARSHALLING YARDS, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 20,000 FT. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? LUNEBERG
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".  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? LUNEBERG
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) CHURLAND, LONG, BUTLER, DRAHOS
11. Where were they in aircraft? ON THE FLIGHT DECK AND IN THE NOSE COMPARTMENTS OF THE PLANE
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
LT. PRATT - NOVEMBER 1944 - GERMANY - GOOD  
SGT. LANE - MAY 1945 - FRANCE - GOOD  
SGT. DUNEKACK - SEPTEMBER 1945 - SAN ANTONIO TEXAS - GOOD  
SGT. MCCAIN - NOVEMBER 1944 - GERMANY - GOOD
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

1. To not know the law is not the same as being ignorant of the law.

2. The law is not a set of rules to be followed blindly, but it is a system of principles which must be applied to the facts of each case.

3. Justice is not done when the law is applied to the facts of a case without regard to the equities of the case.

THE LAW IS NOT A SCIENCE OF LOGIC

I AM NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SAID THIS AND SO YOU CAN SEE THAT IT IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT I HAVE SAID.

THE LAW IS NOT A SCIENCE OF LOGIC. IT IS A SCIENCE OF EQUITY. IT IS A SCIENCE OF FAIRNESS. IT IS A SCIENCE OF JUSTICE.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

GIRLAND, William H.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-790589

Position: Crew (Duster) ~~or Pilot (Pilot)~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He remained at controls to allow crew to bail out

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

No conversation

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? Pilot's position in cockpit

Any hearing information: W. Garland remained at the controls of the plane to

allow the crew to bail out. Before he had a chance to leave the controls

the the assembly of the plane broke up at the canyon mouth, thereby

losing all contact of the crew and, I believe, was trapped in the

plane.

Notes: Crew members who bailed out were not seen or heard.

Any explanation of this date based in part or wholly on supposition:

Garland reported down to Germany crew reports; and

stated that during this plane in a canyon area near the crest

of ridge canyon near Ludwigs, Germany

Total number of witnesses of above crew member: 6

Name and location (if possible): Insufficient information and possibly

in Europe, Germany.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 20168

Name of crew member:

LBS G, Crewer E.

Rank:

T/O

Serial number:

8-250

Position: Crew (Bombardier) or Pilot (Flight):

Navigator - Bombardier

Did he bail out? NoWhere? -If not, why not? TRAPPED IN THE PLANELast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? KILLEDWhere was he when last seen? NAVIGATOR'S COMPARTMENT IN REAR OF PLANE.Any emergency information: DUKE TO THE LOSS OF THE TAIL, APPARENTLY THE PLANEWAS UNCONTROLLABLE AND WHEN THE PLANE WENT INTO THE DIVE,HE WAS TRAPPED IN THE REAR OF THE PLANE.Source: CREW MEMBERS WHO SURVIVED.Any explanation of this case based in part or wholly on supposition: -GERMAN CAPTURES LEAD TO LOCATING CREW MEMBERS -AREA IS CONSIDERED NEAR SCENE OF PLANE CRASH AREA,LOWEY, GERMANY.Total number of witnesses of above crew member: 7Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BUTLER, James O.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 34554373  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(ENGINEER/PILOT)~~: Upper Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? -

If not, why not? TRAPPED IN PLANE

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

BUTLER TO COME OUT OF TURRET AND PREPARE TO BAIL OUT

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? IN MORTON UPPER TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

FERMENTS REPORTED DEATH TO SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS

BORED IN CHURCHWARD NEAR SCENE OF PLANE CRASH ON THE

OUTPOSTS OF LUXEMBURG, GERMANY.

Total number of witnesses of above crew member: 7

Names and destinations if available: Not Known

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10166

Name of crew member: DRAHOS, Victor G.  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 35913669  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ Tail Gunner - NOSE GUNNER

Did he bail out? No

Where? -

If not, why not? TRAPPED IN NOSE OF THE PLANE.

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

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? NAVIGATOR'S COMPARTMENT OR NOSE TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: -

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

GERMANS REPORTED DRAGS KILLED. BURIAL WITH OTHERS

IN CEMETERY NEAR SCENE OF PLANE CRASH ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF

LOREBURG, GERMANY.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Not Known