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WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE  
 WASHINGTON  
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 129; Command or Air Force 8th GA 58th SQ 752d  
 2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 129; Course 60 Destination ASCHERLISEN  
 Type of Mission Combat  
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VICINITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 Jun 44; Time 0935; and Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether ( ) last sighted; ( ) last contacted by radio; ( )  
 forced down; ( ) seen to crash; or ( ) information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check  
 only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circum-  
 stances as follows: A/C returned but two crew members bailed out over

ASCHERLISEN

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H A.A.T. SERIAL NO. 42-51110 X  
 7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series \_\_\_\_\_; AAF SERIAL NO (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial NO)  
 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (j) \_\_\_\_\_

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES  
Two men of crew that bailed out. (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_

10. NUMBERS OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9

- | Crew Position   | Name in Full                  | Rank   | SERIAL NO       |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1. Pilot  | <u>GORRELL, KENNETH M.</u>    | 1st Lt | <u>0-747169</u> |
| 2. Co-Pilot   | <u>LAKEY, NORMAN L.</u>       | 7/0    | <u>7-61282</u>  |
| 3. Navigator  | <u>FELDMAN, MILTON M.</u>     | 2d Lt  | <u>0-711970</u> |
| 4. <del>Engineer</del> Engineer                       | <u>MURPHY, EDWARD J.</u>      | T/Sgt  | <u>32373228</u> |
| 5. Radio Operator                                     | <u>MIDDLEKAUF, WILLARD R.</u> | S/Sgt  | <u>39266462</u> |
| 6. Top Turret   | <u>MACK, GEORGE (MGT)</u>     | S/Sgt  | <u>34035595</u> |
| 7. Bell Turret <del>and</del> <u>MURRAY, JAMES R.</u> | <u>MURRAY, JAMES R.</u>       | Sgt    | <u>35274255</u> |
| 8. Right Waist  | <u>HUNTER, DAVID C.</u>       | S/Sgt  | <u>14049104</u> |
| 9. Left Waist   |                               |        |                 |
| 10. Tail Gunner                                       | <u>FITZPATRICK, JAMES J.</u>  | S/Sgt  | <u>31181504</u> |

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT  
 AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID CHECK only one column

Name in Full	Rank	Serial No.	Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

12. (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of  
 crash \_\_\_\_\_ or (c) any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH APPROX LAST SEEN  
 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION.  
 15. EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY None

Date of Report 30 Jun 44

AUG 26 1944



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*John A. Hensler*  
 (Signature of Preparing Office)  
 JOHN A. HENSLER,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Air ~~Staff~~ Inspector.

## STATEMENT

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of

KENNETH M. CORRELL, 1st Lt, AG, O-747169, ~~752d~~ 752d Bombardment Squadron,  
458th Bombardment Group (H), AAF Station 123, APO 558. Pilot on A/C 42-51110.  
B 24 H.

At about 0930 on 29 Jun 44 while on the bombing run attacking ASCHERSLEBEN, we received several flak hits, one of which started a fire in the Pilot's oxygen system and spread over the left side of the cockpit. The CO2 Fire Extinguisher was used but did no good. The fire was getting worse and it appeared that we would be unable to get it out so the signal was given to prepare to abandon ship. The interphone system was out and the alarm bells in the tail and on the flight deck did not work and it is not known whether the bell in the nose compartment worked or not. We continued to work on the fire and finally managed to beat it out. At this point the Engineer made an inspection of the ship to see if there were any further damage or injuries to personnel. It wasn't until then that we found out that the Navigator and Nose Turret gunner had bailed out. The waist gunners saw the two parachutes open but did not realize at the time who it was. The rest of the crew was uninjured and returned with the ship to the base safely.

*Kenneth M. Correll*  
KENNETH M. CORRELL,  
1st Lt, AG.

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Col. John J. Smith  
Chief Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personal Services Division, AC/AS-1  
Headquarters Army Air Forces  
Washington, 25, D.C.

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*Air Mail*

February 25, 1946  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Ref:AFPPA-8, AFPPA-11, File 7085

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your questions concerning air crew members S/Sgt James J. Fitzpatrick, S/Sgt David C. Hunter, Sgt. James R. Murray, S/Sgt. George Mack, T/Sgt Edward J. Murphy, F/O Norman L. Lakey, 1st Lt. Kenneth M. Gorrell:

At the time I was shot-down over Germany, August 9th, 1944, I was not flying with this crew. The reference made to the above crew must be of a mission I flew with this crew in June or July of 1944 to Aschersleben, Germany. On that mission we were badly shot-up by flak. The pilots oxygen control box was struck by a piece of flak, and the resulting flames that enveloped the flight deck, plus the confusion and increased amount of altitude we were losing, influenced the nose-turret gunner Sgt. James R. Murray 35274255, and our navigator 2nd Lt. Feldman, to bail-out. However, the pilot, engineer, and myself, succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and we made it back to our base in England, without our nose turret man and navigator. This action all occurred over the target, Aschersleben, Germany. We were all members of the 752nd SQ., 458th Bomb. GP., 8th Air Force.

The members of my crew the day I was shot-down, Aug. 9, 1944, were:

- Lt. Thompson, pilot
- Sgt. Pacon, engineer
- Sgt. Beatty, radio
- Sgt. Luke, nose turret
- Sgt. Walker, waist gunner
- Sgt. Olson, tail gunner
- (unknown) co-pilot
- (unknown) navigator

These men have all, to the best of my knowledge, survived the imprisonment in Germany, and are now back in the states.

Yours sincerely,

*Willard R. Middlekauff*

Willard R. Middlekauff  
Ex-PW 3270, Stalag Luft 4

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- - -

1. Your name Milton M. Feldman Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-711370
2. Organization 458 Gp <sup>Col. Isbell</sup> Commander Rank Col SqN CO Freeman Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month June day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Aachenleben, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, No Knowledge, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, straight  
in, route flown straight in
5. Where were you when you left formation? In position.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? only None gunner  
whose name I don't know
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". I flew with a  
strange crew. None gunner and I was the only  
one to bail out. Bail out signal was rung. The  
plane flew back to base.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It went back to base.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I never saw anyone from my crew  
after I bailed out.
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 # 7085

Name of crew member: GORRELL, Kenneth E.

Rank: 1st Lt.

Serial number: O-747169

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

No Knowledge.

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7085

Name of crew member: LAKKY, Norman L.

Rank: F/O

Serial number: T-61282

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight Instructor~~: Co-Pilot

No Knowledge

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7085

Name of crew member: MACK, George .

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 34035595

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~34035595~~ Flight (Fighter): Top Turret Gunner

No Knowledge.

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 7085

Name of crew member: MURPHY, Edward J.

Rank: T/Sgt.

Serial number: 32373228

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Pilot)~~: Engineer

No Knowledge

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 7085

Name of crew member: **MURRAY, James R.**Rank: **Sgt.**Serial number: **35274255**Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: **Ball Turret Gunner***No Knowledge.*

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File# 7085

Name of crew member: HUNTER, David G.Rank: S/Sgt.Serial number: 14049104Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx Right of Seat~~: Right Waist Gunner

No Knowledge

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 7085

Name of crew member: FITZPATRICK, James J.

Rank: S/Cgt.

Serial number: 31181504

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Bomber)~~: Tail Gunner

r/o Knowledge.

All of these men returned to the base.

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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

KU 831 A

Identification tag filed under KU 831 A

Milton M. FELDMAN  
O-711370 T43-44 A H

S. H. S.

KU 831 A ?

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq. Airbase Koethen

PLACE: Koethen/Anhalt

DATE: 30 June 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator

EM. LANDING: AT: Brumby, 3 km west of Calbe 29 June 1944 0945 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) F E L D M A N N

FIRST NAME: Milton M.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Lt.  
0 711370

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: between Bernburg and Calbe on 29 June 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ---

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ---

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

29 June 1944, 1600 hrs

PLACE OF CRASH:

Calbe

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE:

Keethen

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CREWSURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME:

FELDMAN, Milton Maurice

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

G-711270

CAPTURED:

yes

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

Dulag-luft

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Dulag-luft, 24 July 1944 No.



KU 831a

Ranks    Names

2nd Lt. FELDMAN, Milton Maurice    O-711370 .  
1st Lt. JOREL, K.  
P/O        LAKFY

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Date:        29 June 1944  
              at 1000

Place:       Calbe

Type:        Liberator

Markings:  
  
752 (HB) Sqd.  
458 Group

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MACR 7090  
B-24  
10 man crew  
AAF # 42-50300

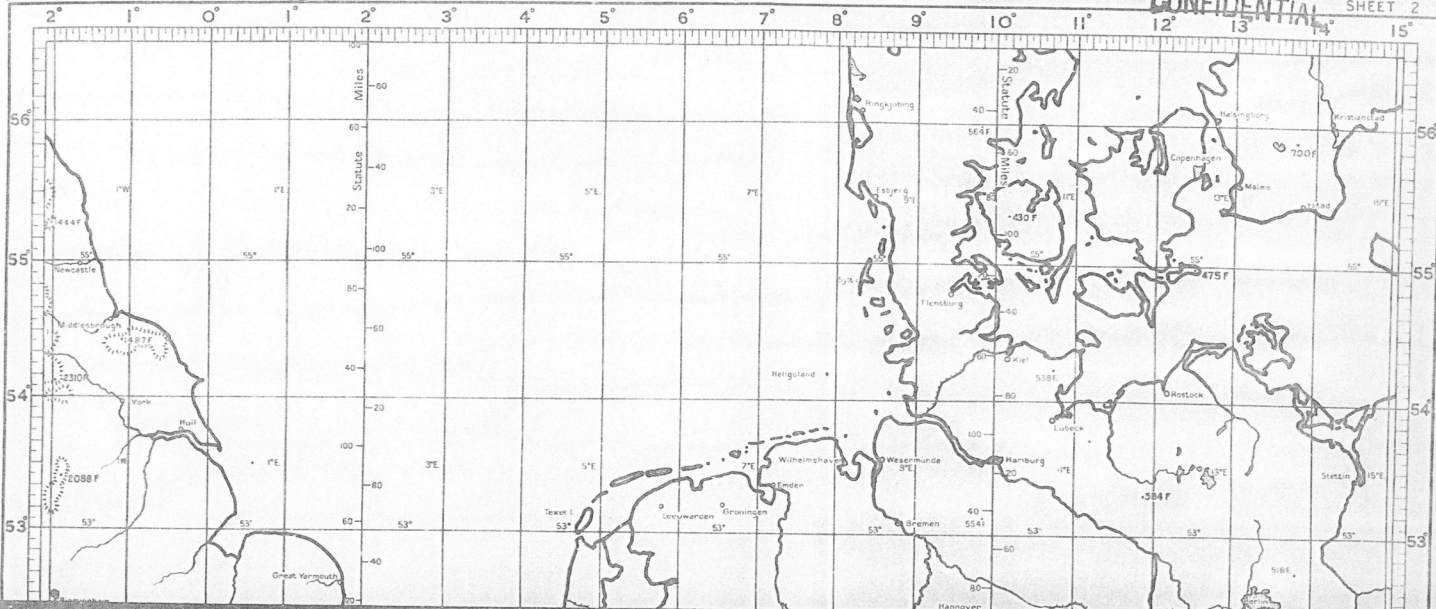
DATE:	AT:	RANK:	NAME:	KU - 2390
29 June 1944		2nd Lt	OLSTEIN, Irving Louis	ASN: 0-706962
PLACE: Muehlingen / Elbe		2nd Lt	FRIEND, John Edward	ASN: 0-699550
TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator		1st Lt	RAMSEY,	ASN: -
446 Group		2nd Lt	GILLESPIE,	ASN: -
			PARSCH, Jerry H	ASN: 16035535
TARGET: Airbase - Headquarters Keethen			MURRAY, James R	ASN: 35274255

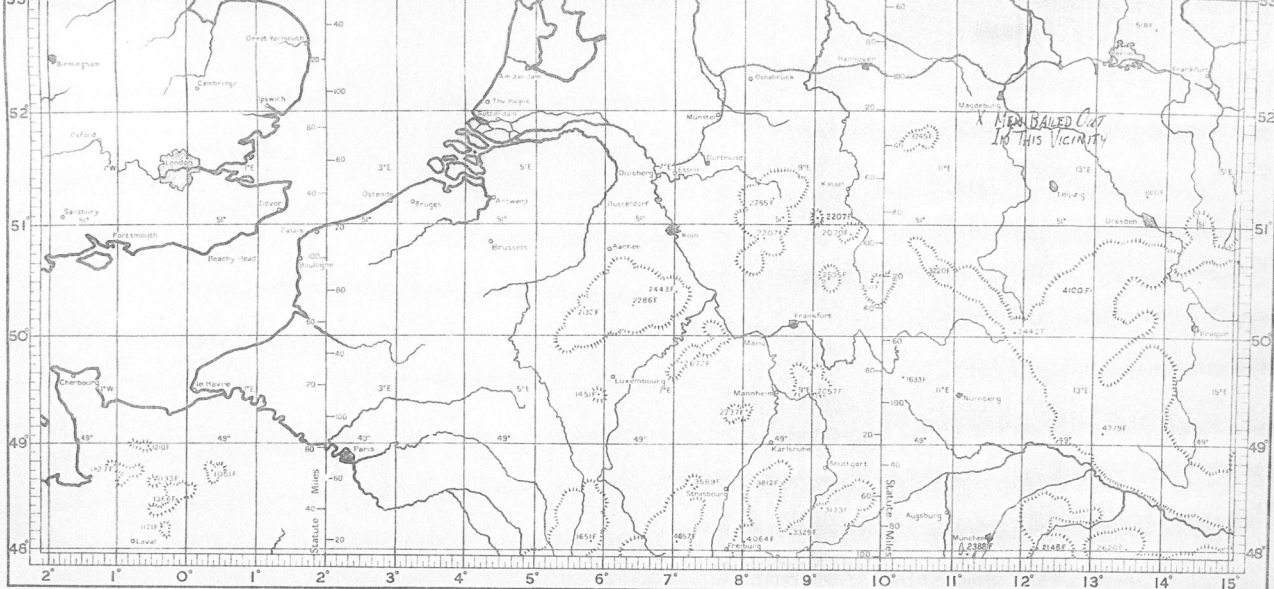
MACR 7090  
MACR 7085

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MACR  
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fill  
MACR  
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OR 1373  
Spot Height corrections, 1944.

HEIGHTS IN FEET

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