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 Date 02-11-80

WAR DEPARTMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCE  
 WASHINGTON

**ARMY AIR CREW REPORT**

**NOTE:** This Report will be credited in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION:** Location, by Name AF 129; Command or Air Force 8th  
 Group 458th; Squadron 755th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- MISSION:** Place of Departure AF 129; Destination \_\_\_\_\_; Course 170  
 Target or Intended Destination Colombia; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF ORIGIN OR WHEN LAST OBSERVED:** \_\_\_\_\_
- CREW:** (a) Day 11; Month 08; Year 44; Time 1235; and Location Colombia, Germany  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); last contacted by radio ( ); forced down ( ); seen to crash ( ); or destination not available ( )
- ALTERNATE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:** (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft ( ); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X); Other Circumstances as Follows: \_\_\_\_\_

- ALTERNATE:** Type, Model and Series B-24D; AUC Serial Number 42-50864
- REGIONS OF ALTERNATE, If Any:** \_\_\_\_\_
- REGIONS:** Type, Model and Series B-180-A34; AUC Serial Number (a) CP-314192; (b) CP-31535; (c) CP-31535; (d) CP-312209
- IDENTIFIED PERSONS:** (Furnish below Name, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) IN-1527229; (b) IN-152704; (c) DL-1524353; ((a) IN-1527836)  
 (d) IN-1527596; (e) IN-1524477; (f) IN-1527782; (g) IN-1528052  
 (h) IN-1528133; (i) \_\_\_\_\_; (j) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (k) \_\_\_\_\_; (l) \_\_\_\_\_

10. **WAR PRIZES AWARDED UNDER WAR DEPARTMENT:** (a) Battle Commemorative Missing in Action  
 or (b) Best Battle Commodity \_\_\_\_\_

11. **NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD ALTERNATE:** Crew 15; Passengers 0; Total 15  
 (Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	<u>Wing Commander, WILLIAM JH.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-139198</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2.	<u>Copilot, WRIGHT, THOMAS W.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-825065</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3.	<u>Navigator, FRENCH, ROBERT L.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-728551</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4.	<u>Bombardier, SANDS, ERNEST M.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-773340</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5.	<u>Pilotage, HAY, MILLER, WILLARD G. JR.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-78311</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6.	<u>Radio Operator, Spencer, Richard J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>575778</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7.	<u>Waist Gunner, Fokler, Joseph G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>6497485</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8.	<u>Upper Turb. Serv. Technician, Terrell</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>4876126</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9.	<u>Ball Turret Gun. Operator, James T.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>1426155</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.	<u>Ball Gunner, Hesse, Vernon A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>4432218</u>	<u>MIA</u>

12. **IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR BASIS:**  
 Check Only One Column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Seen	Period
754th sq.	1. <u>ENGINEER, CHARLES J.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-699599</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>Sighted</u>	<u>Crash Landing</u>
755th sq.	2. <u>ERRY, LARRY H. JR.</u>	<u>24 Lt.</u>	<u>0-806177</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>

(Over)

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13. TO PREVENTERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_; or (c) any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
14. A SHORT HISTORY OF PERSONNEL, TIME, WEATHER, OR SUBJECT, INCLUDING APPROXIMATE LOCATION UNDER AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. KNOWN OR SUSPECTED DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, POWER, LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSED AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF CAPTAIN IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 16 October 1944

*William T. Claggett*  
**WILFORD T. CLAGGETT**, Captain, AC  
 (Signature of Preflight Officer)  
 Technical Inspector

17. REASONS OR EXPLANATIONS, IF ANY:

A/C 864 was hit by Flak over Cologne at 1235 and dropped out of formation No. 1 Engine was smoking but A/C was under control when it entered 8/10ths undercast. No 'chutes reported.

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1 crew

AAF 82-50864

KW 3162  
KH 1051 a

Date: 14 Oct 44, at 1230  
Place: Enola,  
Type of craft: Liberator  
Markings: -----  
755(MB)Sqd.  
458 Group

Rank: Name:

2nd Lt. HILLIS, Millard Clarence Jr.	: O-723141	.
2nd Lt. KENNEDY, William Jr.	: O-439198	.
2nd Lt. WRIGHT, Frederick Scholz	: O-825053	.
2nd Lt. FERRILL, Robert Livingston	: O-722831	.
2nd Lt. FOGLE, Joseph George	: O-722560	.
2nd Lt. FURBER, Richard James	: 37477450	.
S/Sgt. CHARLES, James Thomas	: 14201433	.
S/Sgt. HARRIS, Vernon AL.	: 39302218	.
S/Sgt. FRICKS, THOMAS	: 34770126	.
2nd Lt. SANDS, Ernest Monroe	: O-773340	.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 14 Oct. 1944, 1230 hrs CASUALTY NO. KW 1051 A  
 PLACE OF CRASH Koala  
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Liberator  
 REPORTING OFFICE Bojahn

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	CAPT'D WOUNDED HEAD	PLACE OF INTEREST
YERGEN, Robert Livingston 17 Feb. 1924	2/Lt.	0-722831	captured	Dalag-Luft West
KILLER, Willard Clarence Jr.	2/Lt.	0-723141	"	"
KLOMBEYER Jr, William	2/Lt.	0-439198	"	"
WRIGHT, Frederick Wehrle	2/Lt.	0-825053	"	"
POWLER, Joseph George	2/Lt.	0-722560	"	"
CARLISLE, James Thomas	S/Sgt.	14201433	"	"
HANES, Vernon Al. 1924	S/Sgt.	39332216	"	"
FRICKE, Terrall	S/Sgt.	34770126	"	"
MURKIN, Richard James	S/Sgt.	37477450	"	"
<u>Dunning No. KW 1051 A</u>				<u>1st Additional Report. 3 Jan. 1945</u>
<u>NAME</u> SANDS, Ernest Monroe	2nd Lt.	0-773340	captured	Dalag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dalag-Luft, 26 Nov. 1944 v.S.

List of Identification tags

- 1) Richard J. Sheerer 37 477 450 T 44 B P
- 2) Terrall Frieke 34 770 125<sup>b</sup> T 43 - 43 O P
- 3) Vernon A. Hance 39 332 216 T 43 - 44 O
- 4) Frederick W. Wright 0- 825 053<sup>3</sup> T 43 - 44 O P
- 5) Millard C. Miller Jr. 0- 723 141 T 43 - 44 O P
- 6) James T. Carlisle 14 201 433 T 44 - 44 A P

Command of the garrison  
Boppard

Boppard on 14 Oct. 44.

Subject: Captured aircrews.

To

Garrison command  
Koblenz

Following American aircrewmembers were captured in the area of the garrison command Boppard on 14 Oct. 44 at 1600 - 1900:

- 1.) Klusmeyer, William Jr Lt. O-439 198
- 2.) Ferrell, Robert, Livingston O-122 831
- 3.) Wright, Fred, Newark Lt. O825 093 T A3 - 44 O
- 4.) Fohler, Joseph, George 69 979 16 T A1 - 2
- 5.) Milard, C. MILARD Jr. O-723 1A1 T A3 - 44 O

They were transferred to the garrison command Koblenz on the same day for further transportation.

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Major.

Wiesbaden 22 Oct 44

Very urgent

Distance message

TO : Distributor

Final list of Shot - Down

18 Oct 44 (Fighter-bomber flights in the left lower Rhine District)

14 Oct 44 (Daylight attack on COLOGNE and railway plants of the Rhine District)

15 Oct 44 (Daylight attack on the Rhine - West-German Industry District)

14 Oct 44

E.) between KELL and HEINRICHSDORF, 8 km west of HEINRICHSDORF, 14.00 h,  
Liberator, 90 % destroyed, Markings: I B 290 864 - 90 2 -

Distributor:

Commander

is

is op3

Op/IC- Engineer

is Gr. 1

is Shot down Advisor

For the Air Corps District XIV  
The Chief of the General Staff

Signature illegible

MACR 9487



4) 14 Oct 1944, 15.00 5 km west of ~~HEMISKIL~~, between KML and ~~HEMISKIL~~ 4-engined  
Lumber. Nothing is known about the crew, no details are available, but will be  
reported after being received.

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No 3164

KU 3162

Airport District Command  
12/VII (Neustadt)

Neustadt a.d. W., 19 Oct 1944

Subject: Downed respectively crashed enemy aircrafts.

Refer: Our report of 16 Oct 1944, cipher 4

See Distribution:

On 14 Oct 1944 1400 o'clock a Liberator 226 was downed 5km northwest of Kall (60.80 2)  
Damage 90%, markings on fuselage IS, on fin: 250 864 (black-stenciled), and a red-  
stenciled B. On the wings a black-stenciled K in a white circle. No whereabouts of  
the crew are known.- (KU 3162)

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AG 704 (2 Jul 46)

ME/JHA/mch/13527a/5874

2 July 1946

MERCHANDISE FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Records of personnel imprisoned at Stalag Luft III, South Compound, Sagan, Germany, kept by 1st Lt Ewell R. McGrift, 0727112

1. First Lieutenant Ewell R. McGrift, 0727112, a liberated prisoner of war of the German Government forwarded to Special Determination Sub-Section, Status Review and Determination Section, Casualty Branch, AGO, three volumes of records kept by him while he was interned in the South Compound, Stalag Luft III, Sagan, Germany. These records were a compilation of information received from the officers and men who entered the prison camp between July 1942 and 27 January 1945. Each man was listed by name and serial number and other pertinent detail was recorded, and a number was assigned to each item.

2. The volumes were examined for all evidences of death of members of the United States Army that might be found. Forty seven items out of the more than two thousand were found to contain statements indicating death. From closer investigation it was found that the percentage of error was such as to render the information invalid for purposes of changing the casualty status of the men concerned. However, in many cases, investigation disclosed other and more valid evidence which was used. The investigation included examination of pertinent Missing Air Crew Reports in each case where such a report existed. Upon the decision that these records did not constitute valid evidence, no further investigation was made in the case of air crew members for whom no Missing Air Crew Report existed.

3. A report of the facts discovered in each of the 47 items is given below, using the index number assigned by Lieutenant McGrift and the name of the prisoner from whom information was obtained.

Book One

(a) 21 - Crotsas, H. P., 0664012. Shot down 1 September 1942, over El Alamein buried crew in desert. No MACH and no further investigation.

(b) 22 - Hiers, Irving, 0659004. Shot down 1 September 1942, over El Alamein buried crew in desert. No MACH and no further investigation.

(c) 46 - Scomiere, E. T., 0724273. Shot down 21 October 1942. Died at Lubin, Germany, 23 January 1944. Official record shows "Died Non-Battle 24 January 1944".

(d) 64 - Rickets, Elmer A., 0727776. Shot down 12 November 1942 at Cherbourg, France. Only survivor of B-26 crew. No MACH and no further investigation.

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(e) 180 - Gulka, Wayne H., 0727007. Shot down 26 February 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Navigator and a sergeant only survivors. No MCR and no further investigation.

(f) 1262 - Ferrer, J., 35568298. Captured 29 January 1944 at Anzio, Italy. 80 paratroopers in drop, 46 killed. No investigation.

(g) 1267 - Moriarty, C. F., 31230740. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Germans told him six members of crew dead. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2911.

(h) 1268 - Budo, Daniel, 32258103. Shot down 25 February 1944 over Austria. Sergeant on back slid off when parachute opened. Investigation in SD Case 3913.

(i) 362 - Hissinger, Louis L., 0729632. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel. Lone survivor. Investigation in SD Case 256.

(j) 363 - Hill, William E., 0727362. Shot down 14 May 1943 over Kiel, Germany. Lone survivor of officers. Investigation in SD Case 189.

(k) 385 - Austin, Paul F., 0795171. Shot down 17 May 1943 over English Channel. Sole survivor of officers. Information appears correct, all other officers officially reported killed in action.

(l) 1303 - Jones, Kleber, 16102905. Fell from hospital window at Staling III, Nenia. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 14 October 1943".

(m) 1307 - Carpenter, Wade A., 0533302. Shot down 3 March 1944 over Donnelles, France. Bombardier trapped in plane. Bombardier officially reported killed in action.

Book Two

(a) 467 - Finson, William H., Jr., 0791495. Shot down 11 June 1943 over sea near Borkum, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(b) 468 - Gossan, Sam, 0734079. Shot down 11 June 1943 over Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(c) 521 - Gannon, Vincent J., 0565402. Shot down 13 June 1943 over Frisian Islands. One of two in ship who regained consciousness. Investigation to be found in SD Case 415.

(d) 590 - Hughes, William G., 0790242. Shot down 25 June 1943 over Oldenburg, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(e) 592 - Danahak, Nicholas, 0792440. Shot down 25 June 1943 over North Sea, off Emden, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears correct; all other crew members officially reported killed in action.

(f) 689 - Manning, Richard H., 0734481. Shot down 14 July 1943 near Paris, France. Co-pilot's hand blown off. Pilot injured, pointed ship at marshalling yards and crashed with it. Pilot and Co-pilot both have returned to duty.

(g) 793 - Welford, Lawrence R., 0724258. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Heligoland, Germany. Lone survivor. Investigation to be found in SD Case 889.

(h) 805 - Kendall, Reginald D., 0675098. Shot down 28 July 1943 over Kassel, Germany. Navigator and bombardier lying on floor of nose. Information appears to be correct.

(i) 878 - Miles, C. C., 37015330. Killed by rifle shot from guard 9 April 1944, buried 12 April 1944 in prisoner of war cemetery. Officially reported "Killed Non-Battle 9 April 1944".

(j) 946 - Shaffer, L. C., 33012446. Died from complications after appendectomy 15 November 1943. Buried prisoner of war cemetery, Segun, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 16 November 1943".

(k) 980 - Graves, W. D., 20704293. Captured 21 February 1943, North Africa. "Carter" killed by Arabs while he and Graves were attempting to escape. No "Carter" was identified among those for whom Findings of Death were issued in February 1944.

(l) 1033 - Schoonmaker, Theodore P., 0790182. Shot down 11 January 1943 over Naples, Italy. Lone survivor. No MIA and no further investigation.

(m) 1131 - Mannen, C. P., 0738710. Died 4 June of dementia praecox and pneumonia, buried 12 June Municipal Cemetery, Leignitz, Germany. Officially reported "Died Non-Battle 8 June 1944".

(n) 1176 - Schmidt, Delmer D., 0670265. Shot down 14 October 1943 over Salsouan, France. Lone survivor. All members of crew have returned to duty.

(e) 1197 - Hockert, Heinz E., 0740811. Shot down 8 October 1943 over Bremen, Germany. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

Book T. ee

(a) 1651 - Koenig, William, 18217184. Shot down 6 May 1944 over Albania. Carried Radio Operator who was shot in back six miles. Information appears to be correct.

(b) 1684 and 1733 - McLaughlin, John L., 0760348. Saw Frank Gray in Hungary awaiting execution after escape. Information correct.

(c) 1717 and 1718 - Setliff, Jack W., 0692658. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Bombardier killed while parachuting. Investigation to be found in SD Case 2110.

(d) 1723 - Casadevall, Joseph M., 0703450. Shot down 30 June 1944 over Hungary. Only captive. Investigation in SD Case 3021.

(e) 1730 - Richards, Clinton W., 0764461. Shot down 26 June 1944 over Weimer-Neustadt, Austria. May be lone survivor - only captive. Information appears to be correct.

(f) 1731 - Alexander, Robert C., 0824691. Shot down 2 July 1944 over Budapest, Hungary. Parachuted with co-pilot who fell off back when chute opened. Co-Pilot officially reported killed in action. SD Case 5813.

(g) 1795 - Joyce, Byron S., 31445281. Shot down 2 August 1944 over Italy in water. Heard other crew members calling for help. See also items 1794 and 1796. Information appears to be correct.

(h) 1895 - Doffeld, Charles H., 0718174. Shot down 9 August 1944 over Rotterdam, Holland. Pilot and Co-Pilot killed in crash. Pilot and Co-Pilot both reported killed.

(i) 1926 - Wellbrock, Richard L., 0819438. Shot down 22 August 1944 over Vienna. Four crew members bailed out, nothing left of plane after crash. Information appears to be correct.

(j) 1932 - Abbott, Jack L., 0557876. Shot down 28 August 1944 over Sokolac, Yugoslavia. Parde and Goodwin killed by civilian rifle fire. Parde and Goodwin both bailed and returned to duty.

(k) 1982 - Lloyds, Kenneth G., 0756269. Shot down 19 August 1944 over the Adriatic. May be lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(l) 1774 - Hamilton, William C., 0671351. Shot down 27 May 1944 over Kiel, Germany. Hildebrandt killed by civilians. Information appears to be correct.

(m) 2028 - Vallee, Edward J., 31165663. Shot down 12 June 1944 over Riux, France. Lone survivor. Information appears to be correct.

(n) 2044 - Meyers, Samuel P., 0683848. Shot down 24 February 1944 over Stier, Germany. Lt. L. Brum and Sgt N. Sciarrotto killed. Neither of these two men on crew.

(o) 2063 and 2138 - Biniak, Victor J., 0813303. Shot down 14 October 1944 over Brunn, Czechoslovakia. Winters and Johnson shot by German Luftwaffe, Winters and Johnson officially reported killed in action. SD Case 5398.

(p) 2144 - Taylor, James D., 0700156. Shot down 19 October 1944 over Hains, Germany. Probably lone survivor. All crew members survived except one.

(q) 2155 - Wright, Frederick W., 0825053. Shot down 14 October 1944 over Koblenz, Germany. Radio Operator landed in Rhine and was killed. All members of crew have returned to duty.

(r) 2160 and 2164 - Denton, Edgar A., 0828102. Shot down 2 November 1944 over Diepoltz, Germany. One crew member, Weissman, shot. Weissman officially reported killed in action.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Kluemeyer, William Jr.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-439198  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer/Pilot~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Waiana China River

If not, why not? -----

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

Interphone was shot out when flak hit.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Germany

Any hearsay information: if  
Wainow back in the States and as far as

I know he has gotten his discharge from the Armed Forces

Source: Letter from him.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: eight

Dates and destinations if possible: Lubeck - August 25, 1944; Karlsruhe

August 28, 1944; Mainz Sept. 2, 1944; Madagascar Sept. 10, 1944

Three unknown. Last mission was to W. Colyne on October 14, 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Hanes, Vernon A.

Rank:

2Lt

Serial number:

39312218

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or (Lighter)~~:

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YesWhere? Baden, Germany

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

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

Interphone was shot out by burst of flakWas he injured? No.Where was he when last seen? GermanyAny hearsay information: He got his discharge in November 1945 andis now employed at his home.Source: Letter from him

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two

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

first unknown Second and last was to Cologne Oct. 14, 1944

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Carlisle, James T. Rank (Civilian) S/COPI Serial No. 14201433
2. Organization 458 BCGP Commander Rank Unknown Rank --- Sqd CO                      Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Colyns, target time, 10:30 P.M., altitude, 22,000 Ft. route scheduled, Unknown  
                    , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Colyns, Germany
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". Carlisle, Hanson and Fricks bailed out at Badens, Germany. Miller, Wright, Sands, Farrell, Klusmeyer, Pholer and Shearser bailed out near Rhine, River.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Not any.
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?
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.                       
Not any.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Klusmeyer, William Jr.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-439198  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 16 1/2 MIN AFTER TARGET, (THE LAST MAN)

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE TOLD ME TO HOLD LT MILLER OUT OF THE SHIP.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LT KLUSMEYER WAS MY FIRST PILOT.

Any hearsay information: AND I TALKED TO HIM IN PERSON AT CAMP "LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE" HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. HE RETURNED TO THE U.S. AND WAS MARRIED Aug 4-45 I RECEIVED AN INVITATION. (AND RECEIVED A XMAS CARD -45. LAST I HAVE HEARD FROM HIM.

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9 - CREDIT FOR 7

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

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Hines, Vernon A.

Rank:

Sgt

Serial number:

39332218

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxx~~ (Tail Gunner):

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YESWhere? ONE OF THE FIRST THREE

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OverINTERPHONE BEFORE BOMB RUN.Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? I AKE SO SAW HIM AT "CAMP  
~~See history information~~ LUCKY STRIKE", FRANCE. AND WAS  
ON SAME SHIP TO THE STATES. ("SEA PORPOISE")  
AND RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIM FEB. 4-46  
SENT FROM HIS HOME IN WASHINGTON STATE.

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3 or 4

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

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RICHARD J. SHEARER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 37477450
2. Organization AAF Co Commander E-7 Rank COL Sqn JO Truckee Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 44 month Oct day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Colapost, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? AT RALLY POINT AFTER TURRET.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes (ALL TEN OF US)
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". ALL TEN BAILED OUT WITHIN 16 1/2 MIN AFTER PLANE HAD BEEN HIT. WE WERE HIT WITH THREE 20'S, NASE TURRET, RADIO SECTION, #5 POSITION IN BOMB BAY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approximately 60 mi. AFTER TARGET ON BRIEFED ROUTE.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. LT. MILLER WHO WAS IN NASE TURRET WAS BADLY HURT AND WAS BAILED OUT. (BUT IS SAFE IN SEA NOW.)

[Any additional information may be written on the back]

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Klussmayer, William Jr.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-439198  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~(Fighter/Bomber)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes, (The last one out)

Where? SE of Coblenz, Germany

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He told me to jump where she blew.

Was he injured? Not apparently

Where was he when last seen? Stamm Lager Vils, Moersberg, Germany

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

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

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

He is alive & home

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 or 8

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 25, 1944 - Lebach, Karlsruhe,  
Mainz, Magdeburg, Paderborn, Osnabruck, Cologne



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Hanes, Vernon A.  
 Rank: Sgt  
 Serial number: 39732218  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and (Tail Gunner)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Canessa hatch (SE of Coblenz, Germany)

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

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

None

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Stamm Lager VHA

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

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

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

He is home ~~there~~ & discharged

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: OSNABROCK, Cologne

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ERNEST M. SANDS Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-773340
2. Organization 451st Op Commander <sup>Col</sup> Isbell Rank      Sqn CO Jameson <sup>Jack</sup> Meyer  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 14 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Cologne, target time, 12:30, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? East of Cologne
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? I think it was about 13 mi S.E. of Cologne.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 9 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
None  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.       
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

- Lt F.W. Waight - Cailed out camera hatch after all the enlisted men were gone.
- Lt R. L. Farrell - He followed me out the nose wheel legs. I believe I was about #7 out of the plane.
- Lt M. M. Miller - He was ejected through the camera hatch as he was wounded in the face & eyes.
- Sgt J. Bohler - Camera Hatch, I believe!
- Sgt. Parlyle - #1 out of plane, after the order to jump, was given, by way of the camera hatch.
- Sgt. Hance - Camera Hatch is all I know about him.
- Sgt. Shuman - J. Bohler told me, he jumped from camera hatch otherwise I have no knowledge of him.
- Sgt T. Fricks - Camera Hatch too!

Our crew cleared the airplane very orderly & quickly, when the fire got out of control & the order was given to jump.

List of identification tags

- 1) Richard J. Shearer 37 477 450 T 44 B P
- 2) Terrill F. Ficks 34 770 12<sup>6</sup> T 43 - 43 O P
- 3) Verdon A. Hanes 39 332 218 T 43 - 44 O
- 4) Frederick W. Wright 0-825 09<sup>5</sup> T 43 - 44 O P
- 5) Mill G.C. Miller Jr. 0-723 141 T 43 - 44 O P
- 6) James T. Carlisle 14 201 433 T 44 - 44 A P

Command of the garrison  
Boppard

Boppard on 14 Oct. 44.

Subject: Captured aircrews.

To

Garrison command  
Koblenz

Following American aircrewmembers are captured in the area of the garrison command Boppard on 14 Oct. 44 at 1400 - 1500:

- 1.) Klussmeyer, William Jr Lt. O-439 198
- 2.) Ferrell, Robert, L'Orvington O-122 831
- 3.) Wright, Fred, Wehrle Lt. 0825 093 T 43 - 44 O
- 4.) Fohler, Joseph, George 69 979 46 T 41 - 2
- 5.) Milard, C. Miller Jr. O - 723 141 T 43 - 44 O

They were transferred to the garrison command Koblenz on the same day for further transportation.

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Major.

Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschluß-Nr. KU 1051 A

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 14.10.44. 12.30.  
 Abschlußort: Köln  
 Flugzeugtyp: Liberator  
 Meldende Dienststelle: Boppakt

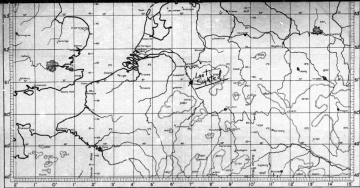
**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Ent- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grüßlage
✓ FERRELL 17.2.24.	Robert Livingston	2/Lt.	0-722831	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ MILLER	Millard Clarence <i>Jr.</i>	2/Lt.	0-723141	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ KLOEMAYER <i>Kf.</i>	William	2/Lt.	0-439198	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
WRIGHT	Frederick Vehrle	2/Lt.	0-825053	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
Pohler	Joseph George	2/Lt.	0-722560	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
CARLISLE	James Thomas	3/Sgt.	14201433	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HANNS 1924	Vernon Al.	3/Sgt.	39332218	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ PRICKS	Ferrell	3/Sgt.	34770126	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ SHEARER	Richard James	3/Sgt.	37477450	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

Bemerkungen: MAC 9487

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