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Date MAR 15 1944

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAP 123; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 45th; Squadron 753; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAP 123; Course _____
Intended Destination Berlin; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clouds running from 4,10/10 coverage along route with medium & high clouds Vis- 5-6 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 6 Mar 44; Time Unknown; and Location over enemy territory
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Cause unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B24-D; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. 42-52306
- ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R1830-43; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. (a) 301594
(b) 301604; (c) 301349; (d) 301064
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No.)
(1) Waist Mt 982207 Chesson Rt681079 (b) Martin Rt679749; (c) Bell Rt1152416; (d) Tail Rt 1152415
(3) " Lt951253 (e) # Lt116334 (f) " Lt681360; (g) " Lt1152425; (h) " Rt 1152458
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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).

Status

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	SERIAL NUMBER
KIA-1	Pilot	* MC NAINS, JESSE LEE	2d Lt	0-83737 1
EUS-2	Co-Pilot	* Kolesynski, Casimir Joseph	2d Lt	0-893687 RTD
EUS-3	Navigator	* ROBERTS, WILLIAM ROBERT	2d Lt	0-89105 RTD
EUS-4	Bombardier	* DEAN, ROBERT LEE	2d Lt	0-832078 RTD
EUS-5	Radio Operator	* Hafstatt, Harvey La Verne	S/Sgt	3520062
KIA-6	Top Turret	* Day, Clarence Cecil	S/Sgt	12163539
EUS-7	Ball Turret	* Lutz, Conrad Charles	S/Sgt	3520223 RTD
EUS-8	Right Waist	* Lash, Carl Milton	Sgt	666028 RTD
EUS-9	Left Waist	* Gomez, Jess Joe	S/Sgt	3735011 V+1
EUS-10	Tail Gunner	* Hunter, Glenn Wilson	S/Sgt	1911107 D.T.D

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

Check Only One Column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	SMITH, JACK K.	2d Lt	0-797049		X		
2.	BRYAN, JAMES W.	P/O	T-61272		X		

- IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR OTHER, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. may have had P-38 Support.
- ATTACH A SUMMARY OF THE ENTIRE CASE, INCLUDING, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Date of Report 14 March 1944

John A. Hensler
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JOHN A. HENSLER,
Major, Air Corps,
Technical Inspector

SECRET

2nd Lt. James L. McFadyen KIA

Mrs. E. A. McFadyen (mother)
2915 Wilburth Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

1st Lt. Charles J. Salomon RTD

Mr. John Salomon (father)
2819 West 24th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

2nd Lt. William H. Roberts RTD

Mrs. Hugh Roberts (mother)
3725 Pierce,
Kansas City, Missouri.

2nd Lt. Robert L. Dean RTD

Mrs. Letha L. Dean (mother)
429 South Francis Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

4/Sgt. Harvey L. Ruffolet KIA

Mrs. Viola Ruffolet (wife)
1319 Wolfe Avenue,
North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Inella Ruffolet (mother)
1204 Air Brake Avenue,
Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

2/Sgt. Clarence C. Dow KIA

Mrs. Amanda Dow (mother)
324 West Wright Street,
Panama, Florida.

2/Sgt. Conrad C. Luns RTD

Mrs. Sarah Devlin (mother)
624 North Duke Street,
York, Pennsylvania.

1/Sgt. James J. Gans RTD

Mrs. Mary F. Gans (mother)
3425 Inca Street,
Denver, Colorado.

1/Sgt. Glenn W. Hunter RTD

Mr. Otto W. Hunter (father)
Box 163,
Purcell, Oklahoma.

Sgt. Carl M. Lash RTD

Mrs. Myrtle Lash (mother)
214 West 3rd Street,
Maroo, Michigan.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KOLEZYNSKI, CASIMIR, J. Rank 1st LT. Serial No. 0-693687
2. Organization 458 Gp Commander ISABEL Rank COL. Sqn CO FM O'NEIL Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, BERLIN, GER., target
time, 12:01, altitude, 20,000 FT. route scheduled, STRAIGHT IN
_____, route flown STRAIGHT LINE FROM G.R. YARMOUTH, ENGLAND
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER BERLIN - AFTER WE RELEASED
OUR BOMB LOAD.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES. - 6 OTHER CREW MEMBERS
BAILED OUT.
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". SIX MEN PLUS MYSELF
BAILED OUT ABOUT 70 KM. S. OF HAMBURG. FOUR MEN BAILED
OUT THRU WING ESCAPE HATCH IN THE TAIL OF THE SHIP. TWO
MEN BAILED OUT THRU THE NOSE HATCH. I WENT OUT THE BOMB
BAY.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 70 KM. S. OF HAMBURG.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) SHIP BLEW UP. PILOT,
RADIO OPERATOR, & ENGINEER, WERE STILL IN THE SHIP UNDER
PILOT'S ORDERS. I WAS ON THE FORWARD CAT-WALK. - CHECKING EXTENT OF FIRE.
ENGINEER KICKED ME OFF THE CAT-WALK.
11. Where were they in aircraft? ENGINEER & RADIO OPERATOR ON THE FLIGHT DECK
PILOT IN HIS SEAT SETTING THE AUTOMATIC PILOT.
12. What was their condition? NONE OF THE THREE WERE INJURED IN ANYWAY.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
NO KNOWLEDGE
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 # 3349

Name of crew member: McMANS, Jesse Lee
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: 0-68373
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~753rd Sq~~ Pilot.

Did he bail out? NO - NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

Where? _____

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UP BEFORE HE GOT OUT.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: CHECK FLAMES
IN BOMB-BAY - My REPLY - HOLD ALTITUDE IN CASE WE HAVE TO BAIL
OUT.

Was he injured? NO.

Where was he when last seen? IN THE PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: NONE.

Source: NONE.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE THAT
HE WAS KILLED WHEN THE SHIP BLEW UP. HAVE NOT BEEN
ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY OTHER INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO
HIS FATE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT KNOWN BY ME
753rd Sq.
Gp 458 BOMB B GP. SHOULD HAVE RECORDS.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: D A F, Clarence Cecil
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 1416339
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ Top Turret.

Did he bail out? NO -

Where? _____

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UP BEFORE HE COULD GET OUT.

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

GET CHUTE ON AND BAIL OUT.

Was he injured? NO.

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK - ADJUSTING HIS CHUTE.

Any hearsay information: _____

NONE

Source: NONE

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

HE WAS KILLED WHEN THE SHIP BLEW UP. HAVE NOT BEEN

ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO HIS FATE

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

NOT KNOWN BY ME.

458th Bomb Gp. 753rd Sq. SHOULD HAVE RECORDS.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: HOFSTOTT, Harvey La Verne.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 33420062
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Yield~~ Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? SHIP BLEW UP BEFORE HE COULD BAIL OUT.

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

NONE - JUST TO HURRY UP & GET HIS CHUTE ON.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK - SENDING A CODE MESSAGE

Any hearsay information: _____

NONE.

Source: NONE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE THAT HE WAS KILLED WHEN THE SHIP BLEW UP. HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO HIS FATE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWO

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

NOT KNOWN BY ME

458th BOMB. Grp 753rd SB. SHOULD HAVE RECORDS

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William R. Doherty Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-809105
Col. Isbell
2. Organization 458 Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO O'Neill Rank Lt. Col.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month March day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Berlin, to get
 time, 13:10, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, straight
90° from England, route flown route scheduled.
5. Where were you when you left formation? North of Berlin
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". Sgt. Lash and myself bailed out from the nose; all other crew members from the bomb bay.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Barenberg, Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
As far as I know, Lt. McMains, Sgt. Hoffstott, and Sgt. Daw were still in the plane when it hit the ground.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the radio compartment and pilot's cpmt.
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I never left the nose of the ship after we started on the mission, consequently I never saw them after taking off for the flight.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 3349

Name of crew member: No. H A I K S , Jesse Lee
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: 0-483757
 Position: Crew (Domber) of ~~(Light Bomber)~~ Pilot.

Did he bail out? I do not know, but do not believe that he had
time.

Where? _____

If not, why not? The plane caught fire and went down too suddenly.

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

Pilot told crew to bail out.

Was he injured? No,

Where was he when last seen? In the cockpit

Any hearsay information: Co-Pilot says Pilot was still at controls, and
co-pilot was the last man known to have left ship from the bomb bays.

Source: Lt. Kolcynski

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

I believe he went down with the ship, possibly was overcome by
smoke, and trapped by flames.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: March 3, 1944 to Hamburg, Germany, this
mission originally scheduled for Berlin, Germany.

Second mission to Berlin, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: D A W, Clarence Cecil
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 14163539
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~ Top Turret.

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? XX

If not, why not? I believe he was trapped in the plane.

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In the radio compartment

Any hearsay information: Co-pilot says he was still in the plane when
co-pilot left, and co-pilot was last one known out of plane
and had bad facial burns.

Source: Lt. Kolczynski

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

I believe he must have been trapped in the plane, probably
overcome by the smoke, or trapped by the flames.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 Unknown, he was a substitute
crew member.

Dates and destinations if possible: XXXXXXXXXX

None known except March 6, 1944 to Berlin, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 3349

Name of crew member: HOFFSTOTT, Harvey La Verne
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 3142062
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot~~ Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? I do not know.

Where? ~~XX~~

If not, why not? I believe he was trapped by smoke and flames.

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In the radio compartment

Any hearsay information: Co-pilot says he was still in the plane when
 co-pilot bailed out.

Source: Lt. Kolcynski

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

Believe he must have gone down with ship, as co-pilot was last
 man to leave ship from the bomb bays, and he states that Hoffstott
 was still in the ship at that time.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: March 3, 1944 to Berlin, Germany; turned
 back at Hamburg, Germany due to cloud banks, but mission credited.

March 6, 1944 mission to Berlin, Germany.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name: ROBERT LEE DEAN JR. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 062078
2. Organization 458th Gp. Commander ISABELL Rank Col Sqd CO C. NEIL, FM Rank 1st Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BERLIN - target, BERLIN, target
time, 1:15 PM, altitude, 22500 route scheduled, DIRECT
route flown DIRECT
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER BERLIN
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". LOUNDED 6 CHUTES
Besides my own. Met girl 6 white in GERMANY.
time was about 2 PM. + OVER FOSSBERG, GER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR FOSSBERG
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) JESSE MACMANS -
HAROLD HURFST - CHARLES LAW
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT SECTION & RADIC RM.
12. What was their condition? UNINJURED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW ALL MEN BEFORE LEAVING FOR PERMANENT
CAMP IN GERMANY. DID NOT SEE 2 dead.
THE NAVIGATOR LT. Wm. R. DOHERTY WAS IN
SAME CAMP AS MY SELF.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: Mc MAINS, Jesse Lee
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: 0-683737
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~0-683737~~ Pilot.

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? TRAPPED IN by FIRE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ORDERS
over interphone to bail out.

Was he injured? Not apparently.

Where was he when last seen? in pilots seat.

Any hearsay information: NO.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

what so ever - was not seen to leave ship before
exploded + crashed. by 7 men.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: HAMBURG BERLIN (Last)
and one attempt at Berlin for 1/2 credit.

This mans family deserves an award for their son
 who gave his life that we who escaped might live.
 he gallantly fought to keep this burning airplan. in straight
 flight til we all were out. + then it was too late for
 him self. 6-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name crew member: D A W, Clarence Cecil
 Rank: S/Egt
 Serial number: 14163399
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~ Top Turret.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? TRAPPED BY FIRELast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONEWas he injured? NOT APPARENTLYWhere was he when last seen? HELPING PILOT WITH SHIPAny hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO

NONE WHATSOEVER WAS NOT SEEN TO LEAVE SHIP
BEFORE EXPLODED + CRASHED BY 7 MEN
(CREW)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: HAMBURG ^{MARCH 2, 1944} BERLIN (lost)
and one attempt at ^{MARCH 4, 1944} BERLIN for 1/2 CREDIT

This man's wife or family deserves any award for his gallantry in sticking with the ship & helping pilot till it was too late to save him self.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: HOPSTOTT, Harvey La Verno.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 33420062
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXX~~ Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? TRAPPED BY FIRE

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

Was he injured? NOT APPARENTLY

Where was he when last seen? IN SEAT IN FRONT OF RADIO

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO

NONE what so ever. was not seen to leave ship before exploded & crashed. by 7 men.
1 crew member

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 1/2

Dates and destinations if possible: HAMBURG ^{11/17/44} BERLIN (lost)
and one attempt for Berlin ^{"11/18/44"} for 1/2 credit.

this mans wife or family deserves an award. for his gallantry in sticking to his radio calling for help. Til it was too late to get out.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Colonel L. Lundy Rank Sgt. Serial No 3502423
2. Organization 28th Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO V. Neil Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BERLIN Gcp target, BERLIN, target
time, No Knowledge, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, No Knowledge
route flown No Knowledge
5. Where were you when you left formation? Vicinity of BERLIN, Gcp.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, 5 others that I know of
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". Seen after leaving target we started to bail out with R DEAN went 1st Sgt. J. Gomez, 1st Nunter, and my self. I don't know when with C. Kolesowski, and W. DeBanty and Sgt C. Lash bailed out as they were in front of ship
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Vicinity of Munden 5' S.W.
to the best of my knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 9 above and individual questionnaires) with Mc MAINS, Sasser Lee, Sgt Hatstatt, Harvey La VORNA, Sgt RAW, Clarence Cecil to the best of my knowledge.
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No Knowledge
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 3349

Name of crew member: D A W, Clarence Cecil
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 1416539
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~Engine~~ Top Turret.

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: " "

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: " "

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 3349

Name of crew member: ROYSTOTT, Harvey La Verne
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 3342062
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~B-29~~ ~~Superfort~~ Radio Operator.

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? " "

Any hearsay information: " "

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: " "

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 3949

Name of crew member: No. 1 MAINS, Jesse Lee
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: 0-683737
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Pilot.

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? " "

If not, why not? " "

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? No Knowledge

Any hearsay information: " "

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

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Ku 641A March 6, 1944 Liberator

Punz, Conrad Charles, 2/Lt. born Oct. 8, 1919

Ident. Tag: 33 502 423

Taken prisoner

Kolezynski, Casimir, 2nd Lt. born May 25, 1918

Ident. Tag: 0-693 687

Taken prisoner

Hunter, Glenn W., 2/Lt. born 1922

Ident. Tag: 19 114 107

Taken prisoner

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Russ 4070

Lash, Carl Milton, Sgt.

Ident. Tag: 6. 668 028

Taken prisoner

Doherty, William Robert, 2nd Lt. born July 20, 1920

Ident. Tag: 0-809 105

Taken prisoner

Dean, Robert Lee, 2nd Lt. born Dec. 12, 1923

Ident. Tag: 0-682 078

Taken prisoner

TELEGRAM FOR.

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: 1735

10 188

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 7. March 1944

THROUGH: 8. March 1944

TIME: 2000

ROLL:

FROM: L F H B

THROUGH: BR.

REMARKS:

Very urgent IFFA no. 106 7. March 1810

To H.Q. Airbase XI Hamburg Blankensee.

A Liberator⁺ crashed burning in the area of the ammunition factory Munster on the 6. March 1944 about 14,00 downed by fighter and A.A.

A Boeing 17 B crashed near Schmarbeck, 3 Km. south of Fassberg about 14,15

9 men parachuted to safety. An American fighter crashed in the training camp Munster in the swamp of Ostenholz about 14,00. Till now together 16 men alive and 1 dead found. 16 prisoners will be transferred to Oberursel on the 7. March.

H.Q. AIR BASE A 29/XI FASSBERG.

*** ~~SECRET~~ ***
*** 120303 ***

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: AIR BASE COMMAND A 29/ XI

LOCATION: FASSBERG

DATE: 7. MARCH 1944

DATE AND TIME: 6. March 1944 14,00
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH: Area of Army Ammunition factory Munsterlager
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: Downed by fighter connect with A.A.
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: Blue "K" in a white radius.
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 252 306

EQUIPMENT: Camera sent to Oberursel on the 7. March 1944

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 100% Destruction

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

Radio compass unit BC 433 G entirely destroyed, radio transmitter BC 778 - 6 order No. 1152 W.F. -42 Entirely destroyed types not to be determined

SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE
CAPT. & SPEC. SERV. OFFICER.

*** 120304 ***

MACR 3349

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE COMMAND A 29/ XI

PLACE: PASSBERG

DATE: 7. MARCH 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, AN ENEMY AIRCRAFTEN. LANDING: AT: ON THE 6. MARCH 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DEAU LT.

FIRST NAME: ROBERT L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 - 682 078 -3 - 3A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) CAPTURED WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OBERURSEL ON THE 7. 3. 44

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 6. MARCH 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

O.B.O.
 SIGNAT. ILLEGIBLER.
 CAPT. & SPEC SERV. OFFICER

** 120307 **

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE COMMAND A 29/XI

PLACE: FASSBERG

DATE: 7. MARCH 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, AN ENEMY AIRCRAFTEM. LANDING: AT: ON THE 6. MARCH 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) KOLEZYNSKI LT.

FIRST NAME: Z. J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 15130839 T43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) CAPTURED WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OBERURSEL ON THE 7. MARCH 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: ON THE 6. MARCH

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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 SIGNAT: ILLEGIBLE.
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POST: AIR BASE COMMAND A 29/ XI

PLACE: FASSBERG

DATE: 7. MARCH 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, AN ENEMY AIRCRAFT

EN. LANDING: AT: ON THE 6. MARCH 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DOHERTY RK: LT.

FIRST NAME: WILLIAM, ROBERT

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-809105

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) CAPTURED WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO OBERURSEL ON THE 7. MARCH 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: IN EBSTORF 25 KM. NORTH OF FASSBERG ON THE 6. MARCH

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

O.B.O.

SIGNAT. ILLEGIBLE.
CAPT. & SPEC. SERV. OFFICER

*** 120310 ***

MAC R 3349

- KU 1104 2) Plane was shot down on March 6, 1944 about 11.10.
 Type: LIBERATOR
 Site of crashup: Ammunition-dump MUESTER-DORT, near UELTZEN.
- a) Armament: 1 twin MG - Cal. 0.50 - in tail-gun-stand and 7 single MG Cal. 50
 Armor-plates: 1 armor-plate of 8 mm and 2 of 4,5 mm thickness were found.
 Location unknown.
- b) Radio-sets: 1 Radio-Compass Unit: EC G Ser.Nr. 6717 (destroyed)
 1 Radio-Transmitter: EC 778 - C, Order NB. 1152 WF 42
 Serial-Nr. 10462
 and 4 more sets, Type not discernible any more.

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- To:
- KU 1104 2) c) Engines: Four twin Wasp Pratt and Whitney engines.
 One Typeplate bore following inscriptions: P & W A
 Radio shielding: Type and Model R 1830 - 43
 MFG Assembly Nr. GM - 54618, Spec.Nr. AN - 9510
 Order-Nr. Chevrolet Aviation Plant.
 No further plates were found.
- d) Airplane markings: On the right fin the number 852306 could be -
 verified, above it was a blue K in a white circle.
 The Plane was completely destroyed, no samples of fuel and lubricants
 could be taken.

MACR 3349

	Rank:	Name:	KU 641 A
Date:		2nd Lt. DOWNEY, W. R.	
		2nd Lt. MC MAHES, J.	
Place:		2nd Lt. KOLEZYNSKI, J. C.	13130839 dead
		2nd Lt. DEAN, Robert L. Jr.	0482078
Type:		S/Sgt. HOFFSTOT, H. L.	dead
		S/Sgt. DAW,	dead
Markings:		Sgt. LASH, Carl M.	643028
		Sgt. GOMEZ,	
Airbase:		Sgt. HUNTER, G. W.	
		S/Sgt. LUNZ, Conrad C.	33502423

S.R.D 5647
M.F.

MACR 3349

3000

KE 1104

~~On: March 6 - 44 at 1400~~
Place: Army's ammunition depot
 Manchester
Type: Liberator
Marks: 252 306
Airbase Fossberg

Mark: Name:

A.S.N.:

SIMONS Melvin P

14 097 744

MACR:

2914
3349
3017

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPORT: ~~Air Base - Germany~~ A 79/21LOCATION: ~~FACHSHEIM~~

DATE: March 7, 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN March 6, 1944 about 11.00 p.m.PLACE OF CRASH: Army Ammunition - Camp ~~MUEHLEN~~
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: ~~Shot down by Flak and Fighters~~
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: ~~None~~ K in white circle
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 25 23 06

EQUIPMENT: Sent to Oberursel on March 7, 1944
F.T. FREQUENCIES: could not be verified
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Remarks: 100% damage

signed
Captain

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2. ROBERT L. DEAN JR. C-100000 1-23-43 B 1 9 ✓
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3. O. J. KOLEBYNSKI
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Mr. John Kolaynski
2305 W. 19 St
Cleveland, Ohio

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field Command A 29/II

PLACE: Fassberg

DATE: March 9, 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Liberator supposedly near Isenhagen, District
of Wittenhagen, on March 6, 1944 at 1300.

EN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L A S C H

FIRST NAME: GAREL Rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 666028 ✓

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured at Poitzsen

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Poitzsen on March 7, 1944 by Burak Home Guard

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Captain and Special Duty Officer

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field Command A 29/XI

PLACE: FASSBERG

DATE: 9 March 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, B 24 HEN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Lann

FIRST NAME: Conrad Rank: Staff/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 38502423 ✓

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Munster on 6 March 1944 at 12.15 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Field Gornand A 20/21**PLACE: **FASHERS**DATE: **9 March 1944***India 6 Mar. 44
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air Corps*REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, B 24 B****EN. LANDING: AT:**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

~~Zona~~*33.502.423*

FIRST NAME:

General C. Rank: Staff/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

25700133

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Manster on 8 March 1944 at 12.15 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: