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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 144 APO 558; Command or Air Force 8th AF; (Group) 389th Bomb Gr (H); Squadron 564th Bomb Sq Detachment _____
2. Specify: Point of departure AAF Sta 144 Course _____
Intended destination Ludwigshaven, Germany Type of Mission Operational
3. Weather conditions and visibility at time of crash or when last reported:
See statements attached.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 31 July 44 Time App: 1255 and Location Area of Ludwigshaven.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted, () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Other circumstances as follows: _____
5. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24-H3H AAF SER NUM 41-28778 X
6. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43 AAF SER NUM (1) FF-310729
(2) FF-446009 (3) FF-446547 (4) FF-445349
7. Aircraft was lost, or is believed to have been lost, as a result of: (chk 1)
() Enemy aircraft, () Enemy anti-aircraft, () Other circumstances as follows: _____
8. Installed weapons (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Numbers)
50 Cal. Browning Machine Guns, A/C Flex: 966545, 966672, 966134, 979831, 218678, 960298, 595557.
9. The persons listed below were reported as: (a) Battle Casualty X
(b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. Number of persons aboard aircraft: Crew 13 Passengers 0 Total 13

	Rank	ASN	Remarks
1. Command Pilot	Low, Andrew S Jr.	Major	0-24754 RTD
2. Pilot	Lamb, Robert E.	Capt.	0-498667 RTD
3. Co-Pilot	Jireitano, John M.	2d Lt.	0-886994 RTD
4. Navigator DR	Conl, Thomas F.	1st Lt.	0-692374 RTD
5. Navigator MI	Bushbaum, William B.	1st Lt.	0-687986 RTD
6. Bombardier	Lodinger, Herman MI	2d Lt.	0-886832 RTD
7. Bombardier FB	Popper, Robert R.	1st Lt.	0-729498 RTD
8. R. O. N.	Miller, Carl E.	T/Sgt.	37216090 RTD
9. Top Turret	Tharpe, Marshall A.	S/Sgt.	18194525 MIA
10. Ball Turret	Koussa, Michael MI	S/Sgt.	31120277 RTD
11. Right Waist	Murello, Francis J.	S/Sgt.	33092764 RTD
12. Left Waist	Koch, Louis F.	T/Sgt.	13113265 RTD
11. Identify below those persons who are believed to have last knowledge of aircraft, and check appropriate column to indicate basis for same:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Contacted by Radio	Last sighted	Saw crash	Forced Landing
1. Doncke, Henry G.	1st Lt.	0-675176		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2. Post, Lester J.	1st Lt.	0-756148		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. Post, W. A.	F/O.	T-61803		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
12. If personnel are believed to have survived, answer yes to one of the following statements: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (specify) _____
13. Attach aerial photograph, map chart, or sketch showing approximately location where aircraft was last seen. Attached
14. Attach eyewitness description of crash, forced landing, or other circumstance pertaining to missing aircraft. Attached
15. Attach a description of the extent of search, if any, and give name, rank & serial number of officer in charge here None made by this Hqs.

Date of Report 1 August 1944.

Reid A. Pringle
(Sign. of Preparing Officer)
REID A. PRINGLE,
Capt., AG.
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
 AAF STATION 144, APO 558

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location _____; Command or Air Force _____
 Group _____; Squadron _____ Detachment _____
2. Specify: Point of Departure _____ Course _____
 Intended destination _____ Type of Mission _____
3. Weather conditions and visibility at time of crash or when last reported: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date _____ Time _____ and Location _____
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether () Last sighted, () Last contacted by radio;
 () Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Other circumstances as follows: _____
5. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____ AAF SER NUM _____
6. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____ AAF SER NUM (1) _____
 (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
7. Aircraft was lost, or is believed to have been lost, as a result of: (chk 1)
 () Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-aircraft, () Other circumstances as follows: _____
8. Installed Weapons (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Numbers) _____

9. The persons listed below were reported as: (a) Battle Casualty _____
 (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. Number of persons aboard aircraft: Crew _____ Passengers _____ Total _____
 1. Tail Gunner Cavford, Everett M. S/Sgt. 11029650 RTD
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____
 10. _____
 11. _____
 12. _____
11. Identify below those persons who are believed to have last knowledge of aircraft, and check appropriate column to indicate basis for same:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Contacted by Last Radio sighted	Saw Saw crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. If personnel 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) _____
13. Attach aerial photograph, map chart, or sketch showing approximately location where aircraft was last seen.
14. Attach eyewitness description of crash, forced landing, or other circumstance pertaining to missing aircraft.
15. Attach a description of the extent of search, if any, and give name, rank & serial number of officer in charge here _____

Date of Report _____

Reid A. Pringle
 (Sign. of Reporting Officer)

REID A. PRINGLE,
 Capt., AC,
 Statistical Officer.

✓ Major Andrew S. Low, Jr.

Mrs. Helen F. Low, (Wife)
Box 48,
Arlinton, Rhode Island.

✓ Capt. Robert E. Lamb

Mrs. Evangline A. Lamb, (Wife)
Box 837,
Laurel, Montana.

✓ 1st. Lt. Robert R. Popper

Mr. Jack Popper, (Father)
607 East Twenty Second Street,
Oakland, California.

✓ 1st. Lt. Thomas F. Coml

Mrs. Carmela M. Coml, (Mother)
1803 Second Avenue,
Watervliet, New York.

✓ 1st. Lt. William Buchsbaum

Mrs. Catherine L. Buchsbaum, (Mother)
308 East 183rd Street,
New York, New York.

✓ 2nd. Lt. John M. Jircitano

Mr. Anthony Jircitano, (Father)
2156 Jersuld Avenue,
Niagara Falls, New York.

✓ 2nd. Lt. Herman Lodinger

Mrs. Rose Lodinger, (Mother)
429 West Bay Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

✓ T/Sgt. Carl E. Miller

Mrs. Electa E. Miller, (Mother)
Elwood, Kansas.

✓ T/Sgt. Louis F. Koch

Mrs. Rose Koch, (Mother)
1062 Amity Street,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

✓ S/Sgt. Marshall A. Tharpe

Mrs. Edgar A. Tharpe, (Mother)
540 Delaware Street,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

✓ S/Sgt. Francis J. Morallo

Mrs. Mary G. Bandois, (Sister)
187 North 8th Avenue,
Butler, Pennsylvania.

✓ S/Sgt. Michael Koussa

Mrs. Anson Koussa, (Mother)
290 West Street,
Central Falls, Rhode Island.

✓ S/Sgt. Everett H. Cayford

Mrs. Dorothy L. Cayford, (Wife)
Skowhegan, Maine.

WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR THE 31 JULY 1944. OVER LIEPZIG/FAZEL, GERMANY.

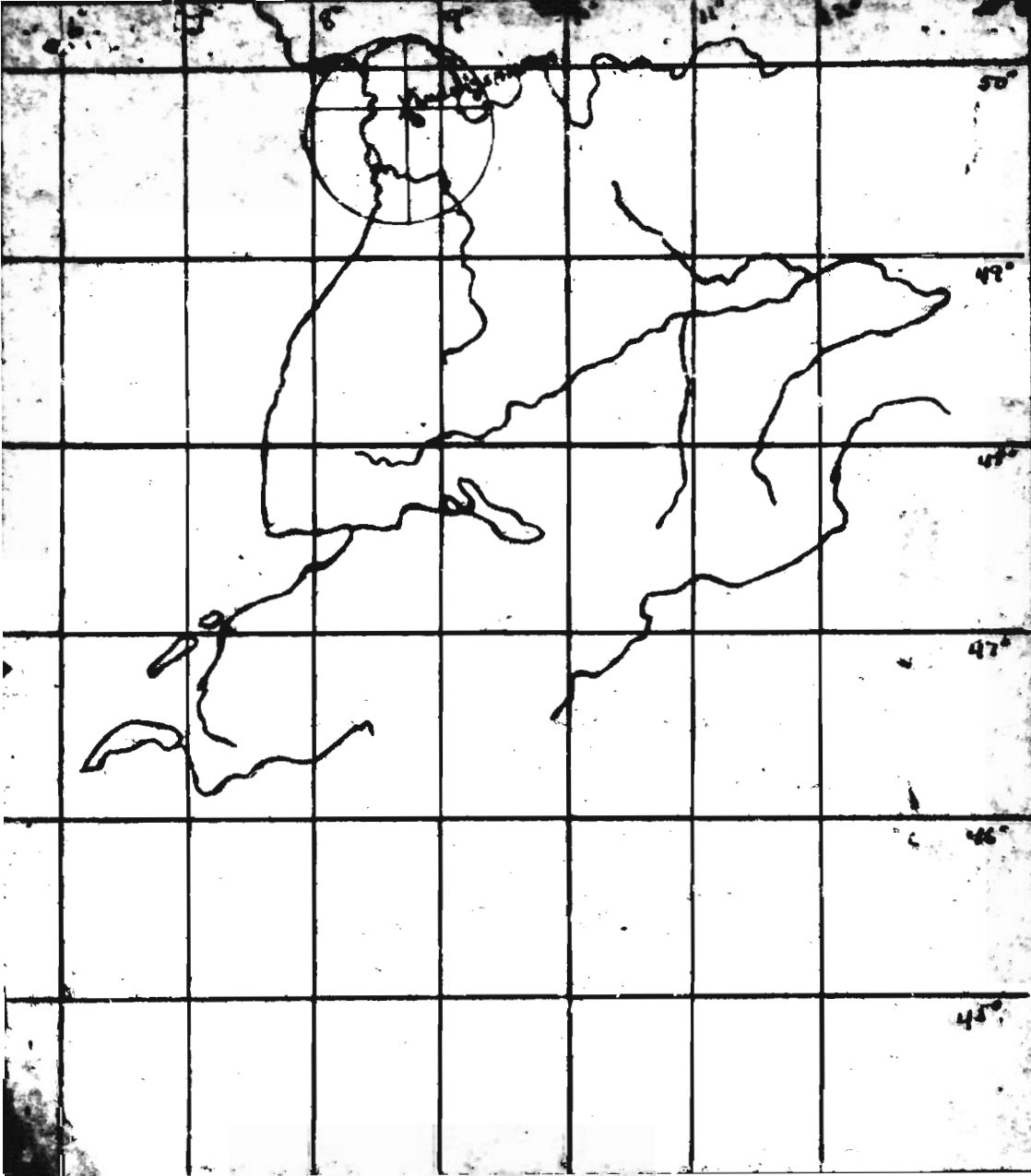
6 to 8 tenths strato cumulus and swelling cumulus tops from 12,000 to 15,000 feet. 1 - 3 tenths High Clouds at 25,000 to 26,000 feet. Horizontal visibility unrestricted, scattered moderate non persistent contrails at 24,000 feet.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THE INTERROGATION REPORTS FOR THE MISSION OF THE 31 JULY 1944.

Deake, Henry G. 1st Lt. O-675176. Lead FF went down just after the bombs away # 3 engine on fire and bomb bay. A/C eased out of formation then dove straight down. 7, possibly 8 chutes seen.

Wax, Lester J. 1st Lt. O-756148. B - 24 down over target; shallow glide, then steeper with flames seen. Single chute over target before bombs away.

Hugh, W.A. F/O T-61803. B - 24 49 - 45 H
08 - 30 E 3 chutes.



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Low, Andrew S. Rank Lt. Col. Serial No. O-29734
2. Organization 453rd B Commander G. M. Thomas Rank Col. Sqn CO (on G. Staff) Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, PFF - Wing, target, Ludwigshaven, Ger., target time, 1315, altitude, 29,000 route scheduled, as briefed, route flown as briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the target after "Bombs Away"
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but two
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 bailed out in target area, just (2 kilometers) north of Mannheim.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In nearby vicinity
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Evidently two men - Top turret and left waist gunner
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the bombays, I believe
12. What was their condition? Suffocated fighting fires (my guess)
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. All were rounded up by soldiers and all ended up in civilian jail in northern Mannheim suburbs together. Spent couple of hours in jail and then were taken to Luftwaffe field to Guard House. One man turned his ankles on landing and the pilot Major (then Captain) Robert E. Lamb, O-438667, and myself were burned quite badly.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 774

Name of crew member: SHIFF, Marshall A.
 Rank: S./Capt.
 Serial number: 241 24005
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Navigator)~~: Top Turbot

Did he bail out? Do not think so

Where? _____

If not, why not? Burned before he could get out.

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

None by me.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? On flight deck going into bombays

Any hearsay information: Believe he was assisting Engineer in fighting fires. When alarm rang to bail out his chute opened in the air plane, burned, and set him on fire.

Source: Hearsay from talking with crew on ground and in Prison

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

Pulled rip cord or caught it on something in rush when BAIL OUT sounded

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown?

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown } I was riding as command pilot for the first with this crew. Believe it was 27th mission of most of crew.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KOCH, Louis F.
 Rank: T./Sgt.
 Serial number: 13113265
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~_____~~ (~~_____~~): Left Waist

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Probably overcame while fighting fires

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

None by me

Was he injured? Unknown by me

Where was he when last seen? I saw him go into bombays about five minutes before we bailed out.

Any hearsay information: _____

He was in bombays trying to put out fires

Source: Talking with crew on ground in Prison Camp

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

Overcome by flames or loss of oxygen and did not hear bail out signal. Flames from Bombay burned two pilots in cockpit so it was impossible to see into bombays.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

I was riding as command pilot for the first time with this crew. Believe it was 27th mission of most of crew.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Lamb Robert E. Rank Major Serial No. O-438667
2. Organization 389 Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO Schott Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
Manneheim.
4. What was the mission, 28th, target, I. J. Farben, target
time, 12:05, altitude, 22000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? just after target
6. Did you bail out? Blown Out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes except two that were killed in
in the bombay.
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 personnel bailed out after bombs away except men who were
dead in bombay.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Aircraft blew up
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 des-
cribed above? _____
In Le Harve France condition good

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 774

Name of crew member: THARPE, Marshall A.
 Rank: S./Sgt.
 Serial number: 282508
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunight (Right)~~: Top turret

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Fighting fire in the bombay and died there

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

Was he injured? yes, Burns from fire.

Where was he when last seen? fighting fire in the bombay

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt. Tharpe
went down into the bombay to assist Sgt Kock fight the fire,

the ship exploded around the Manneheim area and so far I have been

unable to find out the location where the ship hit or the bodies.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28

Dates and destinations if possible: records of 389 Bomb Cp 564 th Sqd.⁹

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KOCH, Louis F.
 Rank: S./Capt.
 Serial number: 12112000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Navigator)~~: Yacht Club / engineer

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Sgt Koch was fighting fire in the bombay and died there.

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

Was he injured? yes, Flak wound in leg

Where was he when last seen? In ship

Any hearsay information: ~~Ship was hit on target, Mannheim. ship exploded after all persons were out except pilot, eng, and asst. eng.~~

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Sgt Koch went down in the bombay to fight the fire caused by flak damage, which occurred on the bomb run, seeing we were lead PFF ship and he knew that the successful completion of the mission depended on us Sgt Koch without regard for his own life and wounded besides went down into a flaming bombay and fought the fire so we could complete the mission.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28

Dates and destinations if possible: records of 389 Bomb Gp. 564 Sqd

I recommended Sgt Koch for Silver Star, but have not heard if his family received the award. However I believe him worthy of a much higher award and would like to see it given to his family. The bravery of this man cannot be too highly estimated.

Robert E. Lamb
Major A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty James Thorpe
- b. Rank s/Sgt. Crew position Asst. Engineer
- d. Date last seen July 31, 1944 Place last seen Over Mannheim, Germany
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft
Plane damaged by flak over Mannheim, Germany
- g. Known information (eye witness only)
Was seen trapped in flames in airplane.
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
Germans reported finding body in wrecked airplane.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

John M. Jancik 1st Lt.
Rank and name of reporter

0-886994 38916 Gp 564th Sq.
ASN Unit

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Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

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TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Louis Koch
- b. Rank T/Sgt. Crew position Engineer
- d. Date last seen July 31, 1944 Place last seen Over Mannheim, Germany
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft _____
Plane damaged by flak over Mannheim Germany
- g. Known information (eye witness only)
Was seen trapped in flames in airplane.
- h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)
Germans reported finding body in wrecked airplane.

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving information requested above.)

John M. Jucitans
Rank and name of reporter

0-886994 389th 6p - 564th Sq.
ASN Unit

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name COMI THOMAS F. Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-692371
Robert Miller
2. Organization 389th Gp Commander Rank 601 Sqn CODale Sigson Rank Maj
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Strategic, target, Ludwigshafen, Germany, target time, 1313, altitude, 22500 ? route scheduled, Unk
route flown same as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? On E/Northerly heading from Ludwigshafen
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? I saw all but two of my crew members on the ground and all had 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". All crew members bailed out on their respective stations. Members on the flight deck bailed out the top hatch because of fire in the bomb bay. I have no knowledge of the two missing members of my crew
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) No knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? Unknown
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW all members of my crew on the grounds at the Mannheim aerodrome except the two in question. Most of them were slightly injured.
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)

REFER AFPA-5

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: Commanding General Army Air Forces, Attn. AFPA-5 Washington 25, D.C.

1. The inclosed information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. In some instances information marked unknown may be obtained from records of the 389th, Bomb. Group

Thomas F. Coll

THOMAS F. COLL
Capt. A.C.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: T H B E P E , Marshall A.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 18134525
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? Near Wienhien--north west of Mannheim

If not, why not? Note--Mickey-Jan and Navigator claims he popped his chute after getting out of the Turret

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Bomb-bay

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROSE, Louis F.
 Rank: 2. Lt.
 Serial number: 341288
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Radio Operator (Right): Left Wing

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Wienhien—northwest of Mannheim

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Mickey Man claims he was hit in the leg with flack

Where was he when last seen? Stuck in the top hatch

Any hearsay information: Co. Pilot, Major Lowe, claims he threw someone with an A-2 jacket out the top hatch. Koch was the only one on the crew wearing an A-2 Jacket.

Source: Co. Pilot, Major Lowe

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27th

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BUCHSBAUM, WILLIAM, B. Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-687986
389TH, 564SQ.
2. Organization _____ Gp Commander MILLER Rank COL Sqn. CO D. SISSON Rank MAJOR
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LUDWIGSHAFEN, target, CHEMICAL FACTORY, target time, APP. 1300, altitude, 23000 FT. route scheduled, HOLLAND, BELGIUM, GERMANY, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? WING LEAD
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, ELEVEN INCLUDING MYSELF
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". LOW MAJOR, TOPE SCAPE HATCH; LAMB, CAPT - SAME; BUCHSBAUM, W. 1ST - SAME; COMI, T. E. 1ST - SAME; JIRCITANO, 2ND - CAMERA HATCH; POPPER, R. 1ST - NOSE WHEEL; LODINGER, H. 2ND - SAME; CAYFORD, S/SGT - LEFT WAIST; MILLER, T/SGT - RIGHT WAIST; MAURELLO, M. S/SGT - SAME; KOUSA, F. S/SGT - SAME; KOCH, L. T/SGT - NO KNOWLEDGE; THARPE, M. S/SGT
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR LUDWIGSHAFEN (NO KNOWLEDGE)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) BELIEVE T/SGT KOCH AND S/SGT THARPE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? YES AT THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE
12. What was their condition? BELIEVE THEIR CLOTHING WAS ABLAZE.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Form 700

Name of crew member: THARPE, Marshall A.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 14250000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Top Turret

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? WAS TRAPPED IN BOMB BAY WHILE FIGHTING FIRE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: THARPE ENTERED BOMB BAY TO AID TSGT KOCH. IN LEAVING TOP TURRET, HE "POPPED" A CHUTE WHICH IGNITED ENGULFING BOTH MEN IN FLAMES

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN THE BOMB BAY

Any hearsay information: THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES INFORMED US THAT THE BODIES OF KOCH AND THARPE WERE FOUND IN THE PLANE WRECKAGE. TO MY KNOWLEDGE NO MEMBER OF OUR CREW SAW THE BODIES OR AN IDENTIFICATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THE GERMAN CLAIM.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE ABOVE MAN WAS BURNED TO DEATH AS IT WAS HIS CHUTE THAT WAS "POPPED." ALSO, WHEN I LEFT, BOTH MEN SEEMED HOPELESSLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7747

Name of crew member: KOCH, Louis F.
 Rank: T./Capt.
 Serial number: 13113865
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunner (gunner)~~: Left Waist

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where?

If not, why not? WAS TRAPPED IN BOMB BAY WHILE FIGHTING FIRE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: KOCH WAS IN BOMB FIGHTING FLAMES AND CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THARPE. AT THIS TIME CHUTE WAS "POPPED" SPREADING FLAME

Was he injured? BELIEVE HE WAS WOUNDED BY FLAK IN LEGS

Where was he when last seen? IN BOMB BAY

Any hearsay information: SAME AS THARPE

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE HE PERISHED IN SHIP AS HIS CHUTE WAS ALSO IN BOMB BAY AND HE SEEMED HOPELESSLY TRAPPED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HERMAN LODINGER Rank 2ND LT. Serial No. 0-886832
2. Organization 389d B.G. Sq. Commander RE MILLER Rank COL. Sqn CO D.S. SISSON Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 31ST did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LUDWIGSHAFEN, target, I.G. FARBER WORKS, target time, APPRX. 1240., altitude, 22,000 FT. route scheduled, FORGOTTEN, route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? LEAD SHIP - DROPPED ABOUT 2000 FT
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? TEN OTHERS
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". PILOT, COMMAND PILOT, BOTH (2) NAVIGATORS JUMPED FROM TOP ESCAPE HATCH, TAIL GUNNER, WAIST GUNNERS (2) COPILOT, RADIO OPERATOR JUMPED FROM WAIST WINDOWS AND CAMERA HARSH PILITAGE NAVIGATOR AND MYSELF JUMPED FROM NOSE WHEEL DAIRS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? FIVE KILOS. N.E. OF MANNHEIM GERM.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO CREW LIST ATTACHED BOTH ENGINEERS WENT DOWN WITH SHIP (MARSHALL A. THARPE ASN 181715 F. Sgt. LOUIS F. KOCH ASN 181132 65 TSGT.
11. Where were they in aircraft? KOCH WAS IN BOMBAY, THARPE ON FLIGHT DECK
12. What was their condition? KOCH WAS WOUNDED IN LEG, THARPE NOT WOUNDED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL MEMBERS THAT BAILED OUT WERE ALIVE. EXISTING MEN AND BOTH NAVIGATORS LAST SEEN AUG. 10TH 1944 AT TRANSIENT PRISON CAMP "DORUSSEL" REMAINDER LAST SEEN APRIL 29TH AT PW. CAMP AT "MOOSBERG"
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. UNKNOWN

(over)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

PILOT - R. E. LAMB

CO-PILOT - J. JERICITANO

NAVIGATOR - T. E. COMI

RADAR NAVIGATOR - W. F. BUCHSBAUM

BOMBARDIER - H. LODINGER

PILOTAGE NAVIGATOR - R. POPPER

GUNNERS - M. ROUSSA, F. MORELLO,

RADIO OPERATOR - C. E. MILLER

ENGINEERS - M. A. THARPE, LOUIS F. KOCH

COMMAND PILOT - ANDREW LOW

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE 770

Name of crew member: SMITH, MARSHALL A.
 Rank: S. LT.
 Serial number: 241228
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bomber) (Bomber): Top Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

#3 If not, why not? HE PULLED HIS RIP CORD BY ACCIDENT AND CHUTE

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

Was he injured? UNKNOWN AT TIME OF BAIL OUT ORDER

Where was he when last seen? ON FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: SAME AS #3.

Source: CREW MEMBERS

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: REPORTED DEAD BY GERMAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS. THEY SAID HE AND KOCH WERE FOUND BADLY BURNED NEAR WRECKAGE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: TOO NUMEROUS. LAST MISSION JULY 31, 1944 WAS TO LUDWIGSHAVEN WHERE WE WERE SHOT DOWN. WRECKAGE WAS ABOUT 5 KILOS N.E. OF MANNHEIM

#3 - BURNED IN SHIP

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE 7707

Name of crew member: NEEL, Louis F.
 Rank: S./Capt.
 Serial number: 1211200
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (~~Engineer~~): Left Wing (ENGINEER)

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? LAST SEEN TRAPPED IN BOMBAY FIGHTING FIRE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE ASKED FOR ANOTHER FIRE EXTINGUISHER JUST BEFORE BAILOUT ORDER

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? BOMBAY

Any hearsay information: HE COULDN'T JUMP BECAUSE HIS CHEST PACK WAS ON FLIGHT DECK AND FIRE SPREAD FROM BOMBAY TO THERE, PREVENTING HIM FROM REACHING IT.

Source: CREW MEMBERS

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: ACCORDING TO GERMAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS HIS BODY WAS FOUND NEAR WRECKAGE, BADLY BURNED (DEAD)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: To NUMEROUS - THE LAST
MISSION WAS TO LUDWIGSHAVEN WHERE WE WERE
SHOT DOWN. WRECKAGE WAS ABOUT 5 KILOS N.E. OF MANNHEIM

HE ALSO STATED HE WAS HIT IN THE LEG BY FLAK.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CARL E. MILLER Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 37216030
2. Organization 389 Bn Gp Commander MILLER Rank Col. Sqn CO UNKNOWN Rank CAPT
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMB LUDWIGHAVEN, target, LUDWIGSHAVEN, target
time, 1313, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOMBS AWAY
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". NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROXIMATELY WITHIN 30 MILES OF TARGET
I SAW IT GO DOWN TO THE CLOUDS BUT SAW NOTHING OF IT WHEN I GOT THROUGH
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should THE
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE CLOUD
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? _____

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 770

Name of crew member: THARPE, Marshall A.
 Rank: C. / 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 2nd 10000
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bombardier) (Navigator): Top Turret

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? NO KNOWLEDGE

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

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

THE USUAL BOMB RUN CONVERSATION

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? COMING OUT OF HIS TURRET - I AM TOLD

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

THE GERMANS SAID THERE WERE TWO BODIES IN THE WRECKAGE OF A SHIP, SUPPOSEDLY THE ONE I WAS IN. MEANING THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY M.A. THARPE AND L.F. KOCH WERE KILLED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 26 OR 27

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

*Barth Miller
 to Woods
 Kansas*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KOCH, Louis F.**
 Rank: **T./Sgt.**
 Serial number: **13113365**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Right~~ ~~(Right)~~: **Left Waist**

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? NO KNOWLEDGE

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

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

THE USUAL BOMB RUN CONVERSATION

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? IN THE BOMBAY TRYING TO PUT OUT A FIRE

Any hearsay information: NO ONLY THAT L.F. KOCH WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG BY THE SAME BURST OFF FIAK THAT SET FIRE TO OUR SHIP. I RECOMMEND A DECORATION TO HIS FOLKS FOR HIS BRAVERY.

Source: NAVIGATOR COMI AND MICKY OPERATOR BUCHBANTM

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

THE GERMANS SAID THERE WERE TWO BODIES IN THE WRECKAGE OF A SHIP. SUPPOSEDLY THE ONE I WAS IN. IT IS MY OPINION THAT M.A. THARPE AND L.F. KOCH WERE KILLED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26 OR 27 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: UN KNOWN

*Carl E Miller
 Elwood, Kansas*

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Francis J. Morello Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 33032764
2. Organization 564th Sqdn. Robert B. Miller Rank Col. Sqn CO Cisson Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 26th, target, Ludwigshafen, target time, 1315, altitude, 2400 route scheduled, as briefed, route flown as briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? Mannehien
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". All but two listed bailed out as per their instructions.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Northwest of Mannehien
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? Top turret gunner and Flight Engineer--in Flight Deck
12. What was their condition? unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Last seen in bomb-bay at the time the bombs were dropped.
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 7747

Name of crew member: THARPE, Marshall A.
 Rank: S./Sgt.
 Serial number: 18134535
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ (Engineer): Top Turret

Did he bail out? Unknown ? S/Sgt. Tharpe was standing in the bomb bay when the
airplane burst into flame obscuring my vision
 Where? Action took place in the vicinity of Ludwigshafen, Germany

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When the order to
abandon ship was given

Was he injured? I believe so because he was in the fire

Where was he when last seen? In the bomb bay

Any hearsay information: A crew who were flying our wing on the day in question stated
that they saw one chute come from the aircraft aflame. I assume it was S/Sgt Tharpe
because I saw all of my crew members except S/Sgt Tharpe and T/Sgt. Koch. Koch did not
have a chute on at the time the aircraft burst into flame.

Source: Prisoner of War Camp

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

None except as stated. _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: Information asked may be obtained in records of
564th Sqd. 389th Bomb. Group.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No.

Name of crew member: BOG, Louis F.
 Rank: S./Sgt.
 Serial number: 121222
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~: Left Waist

Did he bail out? I assume he did not

Where? Action took place in the vicinity of Ludwigsfelden, Germany

If not why not? He was in the bomb bay attempting to extinguish the fire and as yet had not attached his chest chute. He was then caught in the middle of the fire
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

He called me and told me he was wounded in the leg by flak. He went off inter phone to go into the bomb bay. I last saw him as the aircraft burst into flame.

Was he injured? Yes (same as above)

Where was he when last seen? In the bomb bay

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

~~I have heard from men shot down after us that they saw all chutes from our aircraft~~
 I do not believe this to be true. Because I don't see how he could clear the aircraft without being burned to death. This is only a personnel opinion and not a statement of fact

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: Information may be obtained in records of the 54th Sqd. 389th Bomb Group

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Ernest M. Crawford Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 11029650
2. Organization 389 Cpt Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 7 day 31 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Ludwigshafen, target, marshalling yards, target
time, _____, altitude, 22000, route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Ludwigshafen
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". bailed out, all landed in and around Mannheim
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? no knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No knowledge, I can't say for a fact, if there, Marshall A. Sgt and Tech. Louis T. Sgt. were still in the aircraft but I think so.
11. Where were they in aircraft? in the bombays of the aircraft
12. What was their condition? the bombays were open, so they couldn't be seen.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw all crew members on ground after we bailed out all but Sgt. [unclear] and Sgt. [unclear]. [unclear], which we all bailed out down with the aircraft.
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 7747

Name of crew member: **FRANKE, Marshall A.**
 Rank: **S./Sgt.**
 Serial number: **18134525**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer (Engineer)~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was in bombay, trying to put out fire and was overcome.

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

Was he injured? I would say he was overcome by the fire which filled bombay.

Where was he when last seen? in bombay

Any hearsay information: no

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was trying to put out the fire coming from the gas bins over tail it filled the bombay was overcome by it. there was no way to get him out because the fire was filling the aircraft.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE 7747

Name of crew member: KOCH, Louis F.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 13113365
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Left Waist

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was in bomber trying to put out fire and was overcome

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

Was he injured? I would say he was overcome by the fire which filled bomber

Where was he when last seen? in bomber

Any hearsay information: no

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was trying to put out the fire coming from the gas line area till it filled the bomber was overcome by it. There was no way to get him out because the fire was filling the aircraft.

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

Airfield - Headquarters

LOCATION:

Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE:

3. August 1944

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

31. July 1944 19.30 h

PLACE OF CRASH:

(NEAREST TOWN)

3 km north of Viernheim/Hausen

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(PLAIN, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

Flak

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Liberator, B-24, fabrication Nr. 125776

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) on the wing ends a blue colored G in a dark circle surface. On the fuselage -insignia--nothing else identifiable.

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

not to identify
destroyed 96%

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

SIGNATURE

Captain, officer for special disposal/-equipment

Abschlußtag und Zeit: **31.7.44 - 12.30**
 Abschlußort: **Vierhain/Hessen**
 Flugzeugtyp: **Liberator**
 Meldende Dienststelle: **Mainheim**

2.8.44

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Grablage
JINGITANO	John Mark	2.Lt.	0-886994	gef.	Dulag-Luft
LOW	Andrew Stevenson	Maj.	0-24734	gef.	Dulag-Luft
POPPER	Robert Roy	1.Lt.	0-729498	gef.	Dulag-Luft
LOHMEYER	Herman	2.Lt.	0-886832	gef.	Dulag-Luft
BUCHSBAUM	William Bernard	1.Lt.	0-687986	gef.	Dulag-Luft
MORRELO	Francis James	S/Sgt.	33032764	gef.	Dulag-Luft
MILLER	Carl Eugene	T/Sgt.	37216030	gef.	Dulag-Luft
GAYFORD	Maurice Everett	S/Sgt.	11089650	gef.	Dulag-Luft
GOMEZ	Thomas Francis	1.Lt.	0-672374	gef.	Dulag-Luft
KOUSSA	Michael	S/Sgt.	31120277	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: *7747*

DULAG-LUFT, den **2.8.44** No.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

31 July 44, time: 1330

CASUALTY NO. KU 2595

PLACE OF CRASH Viernheim/Essen

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE Mannheim

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D FOUNDED HEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
Jircitano	John Mark	2nd/Lt. 0-886994	captured	Dulag Luft
Low	Andrew Stevenson	Maj. 0-24734	"	" "
Popper	Robert Roy	1st/Lt. 0-799498	"	" "
Loding	R, Herman	2nd/Lt. 0-886832	"	" "
Buchsbaum	William Bernard	1st/Lt. 0-687986	"	" "
Morello	Francis James	S/Sgt. 33032764	"	" "
Miller	Carl Eugene	T/Sgt. 37216030	"	" "
Cayford	Maurice Everett	S/Sgt. 11089650	"	" "
Gomi	Thomas Francis	1st/Lt. 0-672374	"	" "
Koussa	Michael	S/Sgt. 31120277	"	" "

Casualty No.: 2595 KU

1. additional report of 21 Aug 44

Lamb 18 Jan 20	Robert Elmer Jamestown, N.Y.	Capt. 0-438667	Captured	Dulag Luft
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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 8 Aug 44

Identification tag

Andrew S. Low Jr.
O-24724 L 43 43 O
Helen F. Low
16 Rocky Hollow Rd
E. Greenwich, R.I. P

Identification tags

John M Jircitano
T-61852 T 43-43 O

O

Carl E Miller
37216030 T 43-43 O
Maude Miller
Elwood, Kan. P

Wm. B. Buchsbans
O-687986 T 43-43 B

C

Francis J Morello
33032764 T 41-43 O

O

Michael Koussa
31120277 T 43-4 A

C

31 July 1944 1330
 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

Liberator ?

- 2nd Lt. J i r c i t a n o , John M.
- 1st Lt. R o p p e r , Robert R.
- Major L o w , Andrew S.
- 2nd Lt. S o d i n g e r , Herman
- S/Sgt. K o u s s a , Michael
- S/Sgt. M o r e l l e , Francis J.
- S/Sgt. C a y f o r d , Everett
- Tech/Sgt. M i l l e r , Carl R.
- 1st Lt. B u d i n b a u m , Wm.
- 1st Lt. C o m i , Thomas F.

Dalag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 3 Aug 1944

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: 31 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim-Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
on 31 July 1944
place unknown

EMERGENCY LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L a m b (American)

FIRST NAME: Robert E. RANK: Captain

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-438667

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: probably Lorsch/Hessen on 31 July 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters
 PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen
 DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
 on 31 July 1944 1330
 AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Low Jr. (American)

FIRST NAME: Andrew S. RANK: Major

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-247734 T 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Roster of personal property attached

Signature
 Capt and Off for special duty

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
 Received: 5 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Liberator
 on 31 July 1944 1330
///LANDING/// AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Miller (American)

FIRST NAME: Carl E. Tech/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37216030

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
 Capt and Off for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Liberator
~~ENEMY / DOWNING~~ AT: on 31 July 1944 1330
3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) L o d i n g e r (American)

FIRST NAME: Herman 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-886834 T 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: 5 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
on 31 July 1944 1330
EW/XXXXXX AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) P o p p e r (American)

FIRST NAME: Robert R. 1st Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-729498

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberurzel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
on 31 July 1944 1330
/SM / UNWISUNG / AT: 3.5 km north of Veirnheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Morello (Italian)

FIRST NAME: Francis J. S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33032764

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

Dulag Luft, Metzlar
Received: 5 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
on 31 July 1944 1330
~~#####~~ AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Cayford (American)

FIRST NAME: Everett S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 11029650

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured ans Transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -/.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -/.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
on 31 July 1944 1330
EAL/LADARB// AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Koussa (American)

FIRST NAME: Michael S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 31120277

RESULT: (FEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim

NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.

Captured property attached

Signature
Capt and Off for special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters
 PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen
 DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
 on 31 July 1944 1330
EN. LANDINGS AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Buchsbaum (American)
 FIRST NAME: William 1st Lt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-687986
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: ./.
 Captured property attached

Signature

Dulag Luft, Weizlar
 Received: 5 Aug 1944

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters
 PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen
 DATE: 1 August 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Liberator
 on 31 July 1944 1330
~~//////~~ AT: 3.5 km north of Viernheim/Hessen
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) C o m i (American)
 FIRST NAME: Thomas F. 1st Lt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-692374
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured and transferred to Oberursel
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: picked up at Police Weinheim
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: ./.
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT: ./.
 Captured property attached

Signature
 Capt and Off for special duty

MACR 7747

B-24

Serial number is

13 man crew

AAF# 41-28978

{KO 2694
{KO 2595

Date: 31 July 1944
Time: 1930
Place: Vierbahn/Kessen
Type: Liberator
Markings: MACR 7747
544 H B Sqd.
Group 300

*Complete crew
11 men
3 KIA*

Rank	Name	No.:	2005
2nd Lt.	JINGIZANO ✓ John Mark	ASN	O-808994 .
1st Lt.	POPPER ✓ Robert Ray	ASN	O-729400 .
Major	LOW ✓ Andrew Stevenson Jr.	ASN	O-24724 .
2nd Lt.	LOEINER ✓ Herman	ASN	O-808222 .
S/Sgt.	EGUSNA ✓ Michael	ASN	31130377 .
S/Sgt.	MONELLO ✓ Francis James	ASN	23032764 .
S/Sgt.	GAYFORD ✓ Maurice Everett	ASN	11024600 .
T/Sgt.	MILLER ✓ Carl Eugene	ASN	37210030 .
1st Lt.	HUCKERBAUM ✓ William Ber-	ASN	O-807988 .
1st Lt.	OSMI ✓ Thomas Francis	ASN	O-808974 .
Capt.	LAMB ✓ Robert Elmer	ASN	O-428367 .
KIA	TAMM, MINNICK ✓ 11134525		
KIA	NOCH, LAMEN ✓ 13113265		

MAAR 7747

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APP 41-28778

Date:	31 July 1944 at 1330	10 September	KU 2694
Place:	Between Weinhelm and Viernheim		
Type:	Liberator 128778	79 Sgt. THARPE, Marshall A. 19 T/Sgt. KOCH, Louis Francis	18134525 13113265
Target:	Luftgau VII Cemetery " Viernheim "		

7747

INDEXED
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11

3 km

KU 2694 7

Presumably Liberator shotdown n of Vinhhois 21 July 44 . Ser.No. of Liberator :

~~13113265~~ 128778

K O C H , Louis Francis

dead

T/Sgt

~~13113265~~
13113265

KU 2603

9. Weinheim/Viernheim, 12 km NE Mannheim, - SS 7 -, 1330 hrs, Liberator,
KU 2694 exploded in the air, 98 %, Insignia : blue C in black circle
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1 envelope:

From: Post Office Oberursel

To: Capt Olfermann
Interrogation Center West
Oberursel

to C A S E KN 2694 are attached : 1. Identification tag

1. MARSHALL A. TRAPE 18134525 4 13-43 A P

MPCR-7747

IN 2004

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

22 July 1944 1230 a.m.

PLACE OF CRASH

between WHEWIKH and VILWIKH

TYPE OF CRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICER

Air District Command VII

NAME		RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS	PLACE OF INTERMENT
NAME	Marshall A.	Lt.	1813025	dead	Sanctuary of VILWIKH grave No. 72
KOCH	Louis Francis	S/Mgt.	1813045	dead	" " No. 12

Headfield - Headquarters
Wiesbaden - Headquarters

Wiesbaden - 5. Airhofen, 24. Aug. 1944

File classification: 6

Subject: Downing of Liberator B-24, Fabrication No. 128778 on 31. July 1944, at 13.30 h, 3 km north of Wiesbaden/Hessen.
Relating to: Form leaf 1 from 31. Aug. 1944 and 7. July 1944.

To Distributor:

Following to above entries mentioned relation we report the grave position of the died American pilots:

Sgt. MARSHALL A. THORPE, identification tag: 18131525, Community cemetery at Wiesbaden/Hessen section III, row 7, grave No. 79

1/Sgt. LOUIS FRANCIS KUGH, identification tag: 13113265, Community cemetery at Wiesbaden/Hessen, Grave yard section G 1, Row 2, Grave No. 19.

SIGNATURE

Captain, officer for special disposal

Distributor:

District Headquarters VII, Wiesbaden
Office of appraisal of slaves west Oberursel