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Mr. Lonnie K. Wall (Father)
Route Number Two
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Grandview, Texas

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S/Sgt. James A. Butach

Mrs. Josephine S. Butach (Mother)
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Mrs. Marjorie V. Hall (Wife)
Longbranch, Washington

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2d Lt. Everett G. Walker

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2d Lt. Lincoln A. Larson

Mr. Peter G. Larson (Father)
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S/Sgt. Walter R. Solfe

Mrs. Edsith S. Solfe (Mother)
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Approved
for the
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of
Hamilton
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All Calls
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SR-B 7227

Classification changed to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. W. MURPHY, Capt., AO
Date **MAR 1 5 1948**

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON
ENGINEER AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123; Command or Air Force 8th AF 8th AF 754th
 2. SPECIFIC: Point of Departure AAF 123; Source acc; Destination ITZKESHOOF, GERMANY
Type of Mission COMBAT
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR TIME LAST REPORTED:
6-8/10 Cirrostratus, 3/10 Stratocumulus Base at 4000 Ft Tops 5000 Ft.
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 Jul 48; Time 1013; and Location Wahr Valley
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: () Not sighted; (x) Last contacted by Radio; ()
Forced down; () Seen to Crash; () Information not available.
 5. AIRCRAFT WAS NOT, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DOWN, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circum-
stances as follows: Unknown
 6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series 42-100962; S.N. 42-100962
 7. ENGINE: Type, Model & Series 1830-65; S.N. RP-431762 (a) RP-431762
(b) RP-431505 (c) RP-430220 (d) RP-430890
 8. INSTALLATION: (Specify below Make, Type & Serial No)
(a) NOSE RP-945175 (b) MOUNT RP-945102 (c) WHEEL RP-720434 (d) TAIL RP-945235
(e) RP-945212 (f) RP-941897 (g) RP-720879 (h) RP-945258
(i) HALL RP-945226 (j) HALL RP-944997
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty YES
(b) Non-Battle Casualty
 10. MEMBERS OF CREW ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11 Passengers 0 Total 11
- | Crew Position | Name in Full | Rank | SERIAL NO | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1. Pilot | LARSON, LINCOLN A. | 1st Lt | 0-805847 | K/A |
| 2. Co-Pilot | MC GUIRE, RALPH G. | 1st Lt | 0-764406 | RTD ENS |
| 3. Navigator | WALL, CHARLES D. | 1st Lt | 0-713030 | K/A |
| 4. Bombardier | WALKER, EVERETT G. | 1st Lt | 0-704250 | RTD ENS |
| 5. Radio Operator | WILLIAMS, OSCAR A. | S/Sgt | 18123941 | K/A |
| 6. Top Turret | WUTSCH, JAMES A. | S/Sgt | 17079921 | K/A |
| 7. Ball Turret | WICKERSON, JOHN D. | S/Sgt | 19072076 | RTD ENS |
| 8. Right Waist | WOLFE, WALTER R. | S/Sgt | 37470898 | RTD ENS |
| 9. Left Waist | HAMILTON, LAWRENCE D. | S/Sgt | 35613448 | RTD ENS |
| 10. Tail Gunner | HALL, MUSTIN R. JR. | Sgt | 39202414 | RTD ENS |
| 11. Pilotege Nav. | STANLEY, FRED L. | 2d Lt | 0-620870 | K/A |
11. IDENTIFY PILOT THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT THE AIRCRAFT
AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID: Check only one column
By: () Lost () Crashed () Paroled
- | Name in Full | Rank | Serial No. | Radio | Sighted | Crash | Landing |
|---------------------------|--------|------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| 1. MC COLLOUGH, JOSEPH C. | 1st Lt | 0-681147 | X | | | |
| 2. HANSON, ROBERT W. | 1st Lt | 0-693773 | X | | | |
12. (a) Parachutes were used _____ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of
crash _____ or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
 13. ATTACH APPLICABLE PHOTOGRAPHS, MAP, CHART, OR SECTION AIRCRAFT PART WHEN
 14. ATTACH WEATHERS DESCRIPTION.
 15. EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY None.

Date of Report 9 Jul 48

John A. Hessler
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOHN A. HESSLER,
Major, AO,
Air Inspector.

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TELEGRAM FORM

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REMARKS:

July 7 1944

- 5) loss in shipping channel of Has river 12 km west Fates, CP 47, Liberator, 100 ft low, identification marks not as recognizable, since plane rests in the water. 6 prisoners, rest of crew probably drowned.

Air District Command II
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4-224 AF (S)

Ku 2437
7 Jul 44

5) 1055 in rut of Eze river 12 kms west Baden CP 47, 1 liberator, 6 prisoners, rest of crew probably drowned, mentioned plane rests in the water.

4-2224 AF(5)

KU 24321

10.30 o'clock into waterway of the RNS river, 12 km west of LAMON, CP 47.
LIEKRAUER, 6 prisoners, rest probably drowned, because craft is lying in the water.
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WITNESSED BY:

Representative of the Department of Defense
Representative of the Department of the Army

OFFICE OF AIR FORCE IS
CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATION NO. 34.....

Time covered by report .. April 24 - July 22 1944 -

Distributed by Army Information Center, Kansas City

<u>UNIT:</u>	<u>SERIAL:</u>	<u>TYPE:</u>	<u>A.S.S.:</u>	<u>DATE OF LOSS:</u>	<u>LOCATION OF LOSS:</u>	<u>REMARKS:</u>
OFF.	Loren	Lincoln A.	C-47	July 14 1944	Army cemetery situated western Part Grove No. 102	Washed ashore at Lyons 12 km w of Union July 11 1944 and recovered.

Remark : The dead man is probably a member of the Liberator downed by it over waterway of the river
1.4 km w of Union on July 7 1944.

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Maj. and Airbase Commander

Baron - [unclear]

Aircrew No 1 (12/1)

111-22222222

Replacement unit : Aircrew Replacement Sqd. 17

Commander

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CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AIRCRAFT NO. 99

This covers the report July 12 - July 14 1944

Distributor : Malindi -India

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>DATE OF BIRTH</u>	<u>LOCATION OF CASE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2/7/44	<u>A. Gilbert Cecil</u>		18127941	July 28 1914	Caribbean country Western Western Port Cross NO. 122	Washed ashore and recovered at sea (east) of water Batter House July 14 1944

Remark : None. No wreckage found at the coast. Gilbert was a member of the Liberator downed over waterway
of the river S.A. in an of down 12 km W of down by at on July 7 1944

Eligible

Maj. and Aircrew Commander

Libert Cecil A
acc 7 July 44
MIA 7 July 44

KU 2419

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **H.C. Air Base A Wittmannhafen**

DATE: **14 July 44**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **L A R S O N, Lincoln A** *not on 490
KIA on 14 July*

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Officer (Rank unknown)** **A/N: O-805847**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **Beach at Hyams, 12 km west of Ensen on 11 July 44**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

Subjects Unknown aircraft

Results Body washed ashore

Place and time of Burial: **The dead is probably a crewmember of the Liberator which was downed by Flak on 7 July 44 over the Channel of the Ras 2.4 km north west of Ensen, 12 km west of Ensen.**

Distributors Air District Command XI

Signs illegible
Major and Commander of Air Base.

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Air Base HQ. A 12/II
Wittmundhafen

Wittmundhafen, 14. July 1944

List of confiscated items of the dead persons

Officer (Rank unknown) Lincoln A. LARSON
A.S.N. O-805 847

Shot-down unknown: probably Liberator 7. July 1944 10 55 A.M. near "Knock"
12 KM west of Emden in the navigable watertrack of the river Ems:

1 Identification Tag:

Lincoln A. LARSON O-805 847 T 41 - 44 O. P.

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Major and Air Base Commander

Acknowledgment of receipt
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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE No. 332

-OBERURSEL-

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To Evaluation Point West Oberursel

Transmitted by Wire to: Command Air Base Section 9/XI IS Dalaushorst

To: Flight District HQ. XI/Te Hamburg / Blankensee

To: Evaluation Point West, Oberursel

On 11. July 1944 the dead body of the American Flight Officer (Rank unknown) Lincoln A. Larson ASN 080567 was drifted ashore and recovered at the coast near Nyssa 12 km west of Knack.

Probably member of the crew of the Liberator which was shot down over navigable track of the river Ems 2.4 km northwest of Knack by AA guns on 7. July 1944 at 10 55 a'clock

Air Base HQ. A 12/XI Wittmundhafen

Handwritten notes:
 12/11/44
 10 55
 080567

4-3224 AF (1)

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A.
 PLACE: Wittmundhafen
 DATE: 14 July 1944
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown craft
IN LANDING: AT:
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) LARSON
 FIRST NAME: Lincoln A.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) C-805 847
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead body drifted ashore recovered
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Strand near Rysum 12 km west of Emden
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Garrison cemetery Wittmund Westside
 Grave Nr. 161

Remarks: The Dead person is probably a member of the Liberator's crew which was shot down on 7. July 44 over the navigable track of the river Ems 2.4 km northwest of Battery Knock 12 km west of Emden by AA guns.

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Major and Air Base Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A

PLACE: Wittmundhafen

DATE: 16. July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown

IN LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME): GILBERT

FIRST NAME: Cecil A.

Rank: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 16123941

RESULT: (~~DEAD~~) On 14. Jul. 44 dead body drifted a shore recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: East-Pier Outer Harbor Emden

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Garrison cemetery Wittmund, Westside
Grave Nr. 162 14. July 1944

Remarks: According to notes found on the dead person Gilbert was a member of the crew of the liberator shot down 7 July 44 over the navigable track of the river Ems 2,4 km northwest of KROCK, 12 km west of Emden by AA guns.

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Major and Air Base Commander

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 134

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REMARKS:

Extremely urgent

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To Evaluation Station West Oberursel, B Frankfurt a. Main
 Transmitted by wire To Flight District HQ XI, Is Neuburg
 To Evaluation Point West, Oberursel, B. Frankfurt a. Main
 To Air Base Section HQ. 9/XI, I B Delmenhorst.

On 7 July 1944 shot-down of a "Liberator" over the navigable track of the river Main
 2.4 km west of Baden. Fighter Square F 4,7, Plane Square 2547,65 R. 5914, 16 H by
 heavy A.A. guns. Aircraft plunged burning into navigable water track. Identification
 marks could not be discovered any more. Members of the crew jumped out and were
 captured and that:

1) 2nd Lt.	Everett G. Walker	0-704250
2) 2nd Lt.	Ralph Mc Guire	0 764406
3) 2/Sgt.	John D. Dadriskson	19072075
4) 2/Sgt.	Lawrence Hamilton	55633664
5) 2/Sgt.	Walter R. Wolfe	37A30098
6) Sgt.	Austin R. Hall Jr.	39202111

Prisoners will be delivered on 8 July 44 to Oberursel. Fate of the other members of the
 crew unknown. Probably fallen down with the burning plane.

Air Base H.Q. A 12/XI Wittmannhafen

6 captured

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A

PLACE: Wittmundhafen

DATE: 14. July

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF, a Liberator
 AT: "Knock" 12 km west of Emden in the navigable water
 of the river Ems.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) WALKER

FIRST NAME: Everett G.

Rank: 2nd Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: (OSI) O-704250

RESULT: (SERIES) CAPTURED Delivered to Oberursel on 8 July 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 11 km west of Emden
 7 July 1944, 12 15 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

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Major and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE BY MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A

PLACE: Wittmundhafen

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH (DOWNED) OF a liberator
XXXXXXXXXX AT: "Knock" 12 km west of Emden in the navigable water
of the river Ems.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) McGUIRE

FIRST NAME: Ralph

RANK: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-764 406

RESULT: (~~XXXXXXXX~~ CAPTURED) delivered to Oberursel on 8. July 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 11 km west of Emden on 7 July 1944, 12.15 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

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Major and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A.
 PLACE: Wittmundhafen
 DATE: 8 July 1944
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Liberator
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: "Knock" 12 km west of Emden in the navigable water
 of the river Ems.
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) DEBRICKSON
 FIRST NAME: John D.
 Rank: Lt. / Sgt.
 SERIAL NUMBER (USA) 19072076
 RESULT: ~~POW~~ CAPTURED; and delivered to Oberusel on 8. July 1944
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 12 km west of Emden, 7 July 44 12.15 o'clock
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

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Major and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A

PLACE: Wittmundhafen

DATE: 6 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Liberator
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: "Knock" 12 km west of Eiden in the navigable track
of the river Ems.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HAMILTON

FIRST NAME: Lawrence

RANK: S/Opt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35633468

RESULT: ~~(XXXXXXXXXX)~~ CAPTURED delivered to Oberpfalz on 8. July 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 11 km west of Eiden, 7 July 44 12.15 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

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NAME and COMMAND:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A

PLACE: Wittmundhafen

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH (DOWNED) OF a LiberatorAT: "Knock" 12 km west of Emden in the navigable water
of the river Ems.

NAME (LAST OR SURNAME): HOLFE

FIRST NAME: Walter R.

Rank: S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER (USA): 37470898

RESULT: ~~RECOVERED~~ CAPTURED and delivered to Oberursel on 8. July 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 11 km west of Emden, 7 July 44 12.15 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

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Major and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A
 PLACE: Wittmundhafen
 DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) of, a Liberator
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: "Knock" 12 km west of Emden in the navigable water
 of the river Ems.
 NAME (LAST OR SURNAME) HALL Jr.
 FIRST NAME: Austin R.
 RANK: Sgt.
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39202411

RESULT: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CAPTURED and delivered to Oberursel on 8 July 1944
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Battery "Knock" 11 km west of Emden, 7 July 44, 12.15 o'clock
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Major and Commander

7 July 1944

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Navigable water of the river Ems
2.4 km north of Ensch
12 km west of Hagen

Liberator

Air Base HQ. Wittmundhafen

1st Lt. WALKER, Everett, G.

Lt. Mc GWINN, Ralph

Sgt. DEDRICKSON, John D.

Sgt. Hamilton, Lawrence

Sgt. HOLFE, Walter E.

Sgt. HALL, Austin E.

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REMARKS:

A LFM 243 July 16 (18.20)
 To Airdistrict Command XI, Ia, Hamburg - Blankensee
 Copy to: Evaluation Center West, Oberurgel (Thomas)
 Airdistrict Command XI, Ia, Hamburg - Blankensee
 Airfield District Command 9/XI Wittmundhafen

The body of the American S/Sgt GILBERT, Cecil A, serial number 16123941, was washed ashore and recovered at the east Pier of the outer harbour of Esden on July 14, 1944.
 According to papers of the dead, Gilbert was a crew member of the Liberator, which was downed by A.A. at the Esder river channel 2.4 km northwest of Knoek on July 7, 1944 at 10.55

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPLACE: Airfield No. 1, Wittmannhafen

Distributors

DATE: July 16, 1944

Airdistrict Command XI, Ia

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF /////// GILBERT, Cecil A.deadSerial number: 1F12941

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: S/SgtPLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: East Pier of the outer harbour of Ruda on July 14, 1944
Body was washed ashore and recoveredPARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- unknown
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)TYPE OF CRAFT unknownREMARKS: According to papers of the dead, Gilbert was a crew member of the Liberator
which was downed by A.A. at the Emeriver channel 2.4 km northwest of Ruda
and 12 km west of Ruda on July 7, 1944Buried: on July 18, 1944 at Garrison Cemetery of Wittmund, west side, grave No. 182

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Major and Field Commander

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DATE: 8 July 1944

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To Airdistrict Command XI, Ia, Neuburg

Duplicate to: Evaluation Station West, Oberursel
 Air district Command XI, Ia, Neuburg
 Hq, Airbase Area 9/XI, Ia, Dalsheimhof

"Liberator" downed on 7 July 1944, 10 55 over the channel of the Rhine, 2.4 km northwest of Knock, 12 km west of Bessen, fighter map grid CP 4,7 Map square 2567, 63 N. 5914, 16 E. Downed by heavy AA. The burning aircraft fell in the channel. Markings not identified. 6 crew members parachuted and were captured:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 1) 2nd Lt. Everett G. Weber | 0-701250 |
| 2) 2nd Lt. Ralph W. Gaire | 0-761106 |
| 3) S/Sgt. John D. Dedrickson | 19072076 |
| 4) S/Sgt. Lawrence Hamilton | 35633468 |
| 5) S/Sgt. Walter E. Hulse | 37430898 |
| 6) Sgt. Austin R. Hall Jr. | 39202411 |

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The prisoners will be transferred to Oberursel on 8 July 1944. Fate of the other crewmembers is unknown, (probably crashed with burning aircraft).

Hq, Airbase A 12/XI Wittmannshafen

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REMARKS:

A LFM 211 13 July 17 45

To Airdistrict Command II, Ia, Hamburg-Blankensee
 Duplicate to: Evaluation Station West, Oberwiesenthal
 Hq. Airbase Area 9/XI, Ia, Delmenhorst
 Airdistrict Command II, Ia, Hamburg-Blankensee

Body of American Air Force officer

Lincoln A. Larson Rank unknown ASN: O-805047

washed ashore and found at beach of Rysan, 12 km west of Hagen on 11 July 1944.
 Probably crew-member of the Liberator, that was downed by FLAK on 7 July 1944, LD 55
 over the Channel of the Ems, 2.4 km north-west of Knoek.

Hq. Airbase A 12/XI, Wittmundhafen

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Hq. Airbase A Wittmundhafen**

DATE: **8 July 1944**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **WALKER, Everett G.**

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YEAR OF BIRTH: **Serial Number: 09704250**

RANK: **2nd Lt.**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **Battery "Knock", 11 km west of Emden on 7 July 1944, 12 15**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

Subject: **Crash of a "Liberator" at Knock, 12 km west of Emden in the Channel of the Ems on 7 July 1944, 12 15**

Result: **Transferred to Oberwesel on 8 July 1944**

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Major and Commander

Distributors

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Hq. Airbase A** **Hiltmannhafen**

DATE: **8 July 1944**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **MC GUINE, Ralph**

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YEAR OF BIRTH: **Serial Numbers** **O-754406**

RANK: **2nd Lt.**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **Battery "Knock", 11 km west of Emden on 7 July 1944, 12 15**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

Subject: Crash of a "Liberator" at Knock, 12 km west of Emden in the channel of the Ems on 7 July 1944, 12 45

Result: Transferred to Oberweel on 8 July 1944

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Major and Commander

Distributor:

Air District Command II

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RESTRICTED**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**

Force **Airfield M.G. A** **Distribution:**
PLACE: **Wittmundhafen** **Dilag (Air)**

DATE: **July 8, 1944**

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **HAMILTON, Lawrence**
Serial number **39633468**

YEAR OF BIRTH: **unknown**

RANK: **S/Sgt**

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **at battery "HOCK", 11 km west of Emden on July 7, 1944, 12.15**
transferred to Oberusel on July 8, 1944

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
~~SECRET~~ **EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?**

at "HOCK" 12 km west of Emden, in the
 navigable water of the Ems river, on
 July 7, 1944 at 10.55

TYPE OF CRAFT

"Liberator"

REMARKS:

Signature illegible

Major and Commander

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Airfield N.G. 4, Wittmundhafen** Distribution:
 DATE: **July 8, 1944** **Dilag (Air)**
 NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **ROLF, Walter R.**
 Serial number: **37470898**
 YEAR OF BIRTH: **unknown**
 RANK: **S/SGT**
 PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **at battery "KNOX", 11km west of Rufen on July 7, 1944, 12.15**
transferred to Oberweel on July 8, 1944

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN? **at "KNOX", 12 km west of Rufen, in the navigable water of the Wes river, on July 7, 1944 at 10.55**

TYPE OF CRAFT *** Liberator ***

REMARKS:

Signature illegible

Major and Commander

RESTRICTED.
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: **Airfield H.Q. A, Wittmundhafen****Distribution:**DATE: **July 8, 1944****Dilag (Atr)**NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: **HALL, Jr. Austin R.****Serial number: 99202411**YEAR OF BIRTH: **unknown**RANK: **Sgt**PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: **at battery "KNOX", 11 km west of Rends on July 7, 1944, 12.15
transferred to Oberursel on July 8, 1944**

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: -

//////////	EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN
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at "KNOX", 12 km west of Rends, in the
navigable water of the Rens river, on
July 7, 1944 at 10.55

TYPE OF CRAFT **" Liberator "**

REMARKS:

Signature illegible**Major and Commander**

Personal Casualty Report No. 326 - Period: 8/2/44 to 8/6/44 - Distributors as usual.

Shot down plane not established. On 8/6/44 at 8.00 - Hiern(Groningen) flashed ashore.

The incident took place at the courtesy of Hiern(Groningen) on 8/7/44.

1. BUTSCH James A. 17079921 Killed in action (crash) - KIA

Serial No. 1

Serial No. 2

? July 44 MIA
? July 44 KIA

See U. 3178

Date: 8/15/44

1/4 Schmidt

Capt. and group officer.

KU 2419

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 352

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 19. July 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 12 20

FROM: LERN

ROLL:

THROUGH: Frank

REMARKS:

A LFVN 243

16. July (18 20)

To Evaluation Point West Oberursel / Tamms

HQ. Air Corps II, in Hamburg-Klammsee

Flight HQ District 9/XI Hildeshausen

Evaluation Point West, Oberursel / Tamms

On 14 July 1944, the body of the U.S. American S/Sgt. Cecil A. Gilbert A.S.N. 16123941 was drifted ashore and recovered at the eastern pier of the outer harbor of Rade. According to notes of the dead person G. is a member of the crew of the Liberator which was shot down on the 7 July at 10 55 o'clock over the navigable track of the Raa river 2.4 km northwest of Knock by AA guns.

HQ. Air Base A 12/XI Wittmundhafen

MIA - 7 Jul #1
 KIA 7 Jul 44
 AC

6-3224.17(1)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
 WAS SHOT DOWN

7 July 44, time 1050

CASUALTY NO. KU 2419

PLACE OF CRASH:

Sea near Japan.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

B-24 Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE:

Air Base HQ, Wittmundhafen

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF INTERMENT
WELSH Everett Gregory	2nd/Lt.	G-704250	captured	Dalag Luft
MC GUIRE Ralph Gordon 10 March 28 Los Vegas	"	G-764406	"	" "
BOLFE Walter Robert 24 Feb 24 Council Bluffs, Ia.	S/Sgt.	37470399	"	" "
BERNICKSON John David 31 Aug 20	S/Sgt.	19072076	"	" "
HAMILTON Lawrence Bill 19 Jan 19 Columbus, Ohio	"	38613668	"	" "

Casualty No.: KU 2419

1st additional report of 11 Aug 44.

KALL
Austin Richard
25 Nov 23
Wash.

Sgt. 39202414 captured Dalag Luft

Casualty No.: KU 2419

2nd additional report of 26 Aug 44.

LARSON
Lincoln A.

Lt. G-802247 dead post cemetery Wittmund

GILBERT
Cecilia

S/Sgt. 18122041 " 4th. grave 128

7227

REMARKS:

Dalag Luft 17 July 44. No.

BU 2439

GILBERT, Cecil A.

Sgt./Sgt.

M129941 T 42 43 A P

drowning 7 July 1944, 1055)7) Knock, 12 Km W Ender

dead

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

6 Aug 1944, 0800 hours

PLACE OF CRASH:

body was washed ashore near Bierum

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

-/.

REPORTING OFFICE:

Air Base Headquarters K(v) 203/II

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:

HUTSON, A James

DATE OF BIRTH:

-/.

RACE:

-/.

SERIAL NUMBER:

17079921

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

yes

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMPS:

-/.

TYPE OF INJURY:

-/.

GRAVE LOCATION:

Bierum Cemetery, Row # 1, Grave # 9,
on 7 Aug 1944

REMARKS:

-/.

Dialog Luft, 26 Sept 1944 No.

See AV 1268/44
 KV 2419

MAR 7227

All 11 men listed below - attached sheets pertain to this crew.

DATE:	AT:	TIME:	NAME:	SI - 2119
7 July 1944	1055			
PLACE: Enns, 12 km west of Baden		2nd Lt	WALKER, Everett Gregory	ASH: 0-706250
		2nd Lt	MC GUIN, Ralph	ASH: 0-764406
TYPE OF CRAFT: Liberator		Lt	LARSON, Lincoln A	ASH: 0-805847
MARKINGS: "Bomarcop".		Lt	WALL, CHARLES D.	ASH: 0-71220
See Case 7123		S/sgt	DERRICKSON, John David	ASH: 19072076
754 (Dbs) Spt - 458 Group		S/sgt	HAMILTON, Lawrence Bill	ASH: 35433468
TARGET: Airbase - Headquarters		S/sgt	HELFE, Walter Robert	ASH: 37470898
Wittmannhafen		Sgt	HALL, Austin, Richard Jr	ASH: 39200414
		S/sgt	GILBERT, Cecilia A.	ASH: 18123941
		S/sgt	BUTCH, A J	ASH: 17079921

Staub, Fred S
KIA.
see Case 7123.

Dead buried in Post-Obituary Wittmann on 18 July 1944

MAR 7227
B-24
AAF # 42-140362

5 KIA
6 EUS
11 crew.

11 man crew (the ten listed above and FRED L. STAUB, 0690870, who is shown as KIA, i.e. written off on statements of crew members given.

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" 2 SHAP - SHOTS "

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109415 - 109413

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LARSON Lincoln A.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 805 847
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unable to Get out - Fire Trap

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

He gave the order bail out

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In His seat - (left one)

Any hearsay information: Co-pilot - Lt R. G. McGuire

said he saw him in the water after the plane crashed and that he seemed to be helpless as he couldn't use his arms & he drowned.

Source: 2nd Lt. Ralph G. McGuire Co-pilot

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

co-pilot could not reach him as he had a Fractured hip and various wounds about the head & hands

Total number of missions of above crew member: 19 - Nine Teen

Dates and destinations if possible: May-27-Neunkirchen - 28-Zietz

29-Tutew - others - forgotten -

No - Record.

P.S.) if at all possible, please send me any information you have about these five men.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A L L Charles D.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 713 030
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown

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

Forgotten

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In The Nose

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: May-27 - NonKirchen

28 - Zietz - 29 - Kottow - others

Forgotten - No - Record

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GILBERT Cecil A.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **18 127 941**
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~Engineer~~ **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was Trapped in The Top Hatch

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

Forgotten

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Trapped in Top Hatch

Any hearsay information: He was Thrown out
 into The water with The Co-Pilot
 & drowned

Source: 2-2-22 Ralph - G. McGuire - Co-Pilot

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

No.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: May - 27 - Neun Kirchen
 28 - Zietz - 29 - Tufew - Others Forgotten
 No Record

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BUTSCH James A.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 17 079 921
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ T T G

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was Hit by Flak - in Top Gunnet

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

Forgotten

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Lying on the Flight deck Floor

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: May-27 - Neunkirchen

28 - Zietz - 29 - Tutew - Others Forgotten

No Record

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STAUB Fred L.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 690 780**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): **Pilotage Nav.**

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? Unknown

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

Forgotten

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In The Nose

Any hearsay information: No

Sources: _____

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2?

Dates and destinations if possible: July 5th - Leipzig

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Polfe, Walter, R. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 3242088
2. Organization 1st Bomb Group Commander Inabell Rank Col. Sqn CO Robert Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 9th did you go down? yes
4. What was the mission, kiepzig, target, Oil-Tanks, target
time 7:30 AM, altitude, 20,000 ft. route scheduled,
route flown Balgoin - Rhur Valley - Halle
5. Where were you when you left formation? 40-Miles From Target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes - six - counting 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". (T.G. Hall - bailed - OK)
(N.G. Hamilton - bailed - OK)
(B.G. Dedrickson - bailed - OK - Bombardier)
bailed - O.K. - Co-pilot - Crashed with ship
was picked by German - bailed - All - Paul's
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? between Friesland Islands and
Amien Ger. - in water
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot - H. J. Larson
Co-pilot - R.G. McGuire - Top Turret - G. - J. H. Bullock
Radio Operator - C. H. Gilbert - 1st Navigator -
2nd Navigator - For.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Yes.
12. What was their condition? Trapped by Fires
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? (B.G.) - France - O.K.
(T.G.) - France - O.K.
(N.G.) - France - O.K.
(Bombardier) - France - O.K.
(Co-pilot) - France - O.K.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
None Known.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LARSON Lincoln A.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 805 847
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Navigator)~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? TRAPPED ON FLIGHT DECK BY FIRE

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

COMMUNICATIONS OUT OF ORDER

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? PILOTING PLANE

Any hearsay information: CO-PILOT SAYS HE SAW PILOT IN WATER AFTER SHIP WENT DOWN, BUT PILOT DROWNED BEFORE HE COULD BE REACHED.

Source: CO-PILOT RALPH G. MCGUIRE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTSCH James A.**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **17 079 921**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **T T G**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded in head by Flak

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

NO Knowledge

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? LYING IN FLOOR OF FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: NO Knowledge

Source: _____

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

NO Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: NO Knowledge



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: WALKER, Everett G. 2nd/Lt.

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: L A R S O N Lincoln A.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 805 847
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Radio Operator~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? WIND PREVENTED HIM FROM DOING SO

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

IN CONTROL ROOM BEHINDING WENTHER TO BAIL OUT OR DITCH

Was he injured? NO, UNTIL AFTER CRASH

Where was he when last seen? AMID THE WRECKAGE TRYING TO INFLATE MANTNET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

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

OF PILOT LARSON WAS JUST BEFORE HE DROPPED PROBABLY ASSUMPTION

WAS THAT THE CRASH HAD BURNED HIS SHIRT AND HE WAS UNABLE TO

INFLATE HIS LIFE-VEST

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: 26 May 44, Mulhausen, 27 May 44 Heukerchen
28 May 44 Leltz, 29 May 44 Tutow, 31 May 44 Bertrix, 2 June 44 Stella
Flare, 4 June 44 Bourges, 6 June 44 Cherbourg and Fontaubault, 8 June 44
Fontaubault, 10 June 44 Chateaudun, 11 June 44 Beauvais, 13 June 44
Watten, 23 June 44 Ho Bell, 24 June 44 Conches, 25 June 44 St. Omer
26 June 44 5 July 44 Le Coulet, 7 July 44 Lutskendorf.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GILBERT Cecil A.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 18 123 941
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator/Navigator~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? FIRE PREVENTED HIM FROM DOING SO

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? HANDING MATCHES TO AND TAKING OFF ON TOP ESCAPE PARACHUTE

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

OR HIS CRASH PARACHUTE WAS CAUGHT IN SOME MATCH BOXES AND BURNED IT

IS CERTAIN HE WAS DOWN WITH SOME IN PLACE OF SOME OF THEM HE WAS

KILLED IN CRASH OR BURNED BY IS UNKNOWN. HE WAS NOT BURN IN THE

WATER AFTER CRASH.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: May Neukirchen, 28 May Zeitz, 29 May
Tutow, 31 May Bertrix, 2 June Stella Plage, 4 June Bourges, 6 June
Pontaubault and Cherbourg, 8 June Pontaubault, 10 June Chateaudun,
11 June Beauvais, 18 June Watten, 23 June So Bell, 24 June St, Omer,
~~25 June~~ 5 July Le Coulet, 7 July Lutskendorf.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTSCH James A.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **17 079 921**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **TTG**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? ENGINEER HAD KILLED HIM IN HIS TOP TURRET

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

Was he injured? Yes. (killed)

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS TOP TURRET

Any hearsay information: ENGINEER, ROLFE, INFORMED PILOT LARSON THAT

JAMES A. BUTSCH HAD BEEN KILLED

Source: ENGINEER ROLFE

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

DOWN WITH THE WRECKAGE OF SHIP

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: 27 May Neunkirchen, 29 May Zeitz, 29 May
Tutow, 31 May ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Bertrix, 2 June Stella Plage, 4 June Bourges,
5 June Cherbourg and Pontaubault, 8 June Pontaubault, 10 June Chateaudun
11 June Besauvais, 18 June Watten, 23 June No Ball, 24 June Conches,
25 June St. Omer, 5 July Le Coulet, 7 July Litzkendorf.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTSCH James A.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **17 079 921**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **TTG**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? ENGINEER HAD KILLED HIM IN HIS TOP TURRET

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

Was he injured? Yes. (killed)

Where was he when last seen? IN HIS TOP TURRET

Any hearsay information: ENGINEER, ROLFE, INFORMED PILOT LARSON THAT

JAMES A. BUTSCH HAD BEEN KILLED

Source: ENGINEER ROLFE

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

DOWN WITH THE WRECKAGE OF SHIP

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: 27 May Neunkirchen, 29 May Zeitz, 29 May
Tutow, 31 May ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Bertrix, 2 June Stella Plage, 4 June Bourges,
5 June Cherbourg and Pontaubault, 8 June Pontaubault, 10 June Chateaudun
11 June Besauvais, 18 June Watten, 23 June No Ball, 24 June Conches,
25 June St. Omer, 5 July Le Coulet, 7 July Litzkendorf.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LARSON Lincoln A.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: O - 805 847
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? Not in my hands

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

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

Communication system shortly before system was shot away

Was he injured? hearing to be that he was injured extent unknown

Where was he when last seen? in pilot seat

Any hearsay information: just that of the copilot as stated above.

also that he was free of ship but drowned before rescue.

Source: A.C.D. McGuire

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: Can't recall them

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **W A L L Charles D.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 713 090**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Navigator**

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: approx 10 min

before sinking

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In view of ship

Any hearsay information: Bombardier said he was preparing to

abandon aircraft

Source: Lt Col Walker

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

he was down when aircraft sank

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: can't recall

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: G I L B E R T Cecil A.
 Rank: S/8gt
 Serial number: 18 123 941
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER/PILOT~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Communication shortly before aircraft was hit

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in the flight deck

Any hearsay information: That he was trying to leave by way of

upper escape hatch when engineer left. Possibly killed

there in upper escape hatch.

Source: Sgt W. Ruff

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

statement of his being killed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: Can't Recall

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTSCH James A.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **17 079 921**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Right): **T T G**

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: _____

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? in upper portion of the floor of flight deck

Any hearsay information: He had received a direct hit while in upper gun turret

Source: S/Sgt W. Ruff

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Supposed he was killed when turret received direct hit

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: can't recall

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STAUB Fred L.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 690 780**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): **Pilotage Nav.**

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: saw

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In rear compartment

Any hearsay information: He was preparing to abandon aircraft

Source: Lt D.G. Walker

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

drown when aircraft sank

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LARSON Lincoln A.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 805 647**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~www.flightcrew.com~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? NO ~~REDACTED~~

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: APPROX
10 MINUTES BEFORE WE WERE SHOT DOWN

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS
THROWN FROM THE PLANE ON IMPACT AND
DROPPED BELIEVED TO BE WOUNDED
FIRST.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A L L Charles D.
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 713 030
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? UN KNOWN

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

STANDING AT THE NOSE WHEEL READY TO

JUMP & WAS NOT SEEN AFTER

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **GILBERT Cecil A.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **16 123 941**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? ON THE FLIGHT DECK

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

TO CLIMB out TOP HATCH AND

PRESUMED TO BE HIT BY FLAK

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BUTSCH James A.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 17 079 921
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: T T G

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? Wounded

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

Was he injured? Believed to be

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

FLAK IN THE UPPER Turret

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STAUB Fred L.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 690 870**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Pilotage Rev.**

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? NOSE

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

REASONABLY CERTAIN THERE WAS A
DIRECT HIT IN THE NOSE WHICH
COULD ACCOUNT FOR AT WALL LT
STAUB + LT HARRON

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name AUSTIN R. HALL JR. Rank SGT. Serial No. 39202414
2. Organization 451st CG Commander Innable Rank COX. Sqn CO Hinn: e Rank CPT
(full name) (full name)
3. What year '944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 17, target, WUTZKENDORF, target time, APROX. 12 AM, altitude, 19,500, route scheduled, VAT
KNEWIN, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER THE RUHR VALLEY
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? NORTH SEA, AT EMDEN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) WILKINSON, LT WALL, S/SGT. GILBERT, LT STAUB, SGT BURTCH, RUTSCH
11. Where were they in aircraft? FLIGHT NOSE, COMMAND DECK,
12. What was their condition? UNKNOWN
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? IN FRANCE IN JUNE, AWW WELW, LT MCGUIRE, SGT HAMILTON, S/SGT ROWE, LT WALKER AND SGT DEDRICKSAN.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name McQuire, Ralph G. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. O-704406
Robert E, Jr.
2. Organization 458th Cg Commander Isbell Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchell Rank Capt.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Synthetic Oil, target, Lutzendorf, target
 time, uncertain, altitude, 15,000 route scheduled, unk
 route flown unk
5. Where were you when you left formation? about 30 minutes from the target
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, Lt. Walker, Sgts. Hall, Wolfe,
 Dedrickson, and Hamilton.
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 who bailed out were
 over Emden Harbor, Germany, Lt. Walker bailed out of the nose, Sgt.
 Wolfe went out the bomb bay and Sgts. Hamilton, Hall, and Dedrickson
 went out the camera hatch
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It crashed in the water of Emden.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
 cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. Larson, Lts. Wall
 and Staub, and Sgts. Butsch and Gilbert.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Lt. Larson, Sgts. Butsch and Gilbert were on
 the flight deck. Lts. Wall and Staub were in the nose.
12. What was their condition? Butsch was dead from 20 mm. but others were un -
 injured.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
 cribed above? After liberation from P. O. W. camp all surviving members
 were seen at Camp Lucky Strike, St. Valery France.
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)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: STAUB Fred L. 18
 Rank: 2nd LT
 Serial number: 0 - 690 870
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~see Flight (Flight)~~ Pilotage Nav.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WOULD HEARD

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

JUST BEFORE HOWARD'S WALKER BAILED OUT HE CALLED HIM PLEASE TO TAKE

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WING OF THE SHIP PRIOR TO THE CRASH

Any hearsay information: HOWARD'S WALKER SAID HE WAS READY TO TAKE JUST

BEFORE WALKER BAILED OUT

Source: LT. WALTER G. WALKER HOWARD

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS IN THE

WING OF SHIP AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH AND WAS NOT SEEN AFTER CRASH

IN THE WATER. PROBABLY KILLED IN CRASH OR DROWNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: **W A L L Charles D.**
 Rank: **2nd LT**
 Serial number: **0 - 713 030**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? UNKNOWN REASON

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

JUST BEFORE BOMBARDIER WALKER BAILED OUT HE HELPED HIM PREPARE TO JUMP

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WOSE OF THE SHIP PRIOR TO THE CRASH

Any hearsay information: BOMBARDIER WALKER SAID HE WAS READY TO JUMP JUST

BEFORE WALKER WENT OUT

Source: LT. EVERETT G. WALKER BOMBARDIER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS IN ROSE

OF SHIP AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH AND WAS NOT SEEN AFTER CRASH

IN THE WATER. PROBABLY KILLED IN CRASH OR DROWNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: 29 May 44 Neukirchen, 29 May Zeitz, 29 May
Tutow, 31 May Bertrix, 2 June Steill Plage, 4 June Bourges, 6 June
Cherbourg and Pontaubault, 8 June Pontaubault, 10 June Chateaudun,
11 June Beauvais, 18 June Watten, 23 June No Ball, 24 June Conches,
25 June St. Omer, 5 July Le Coulet, 2 July Lutskendorf.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name EVERETT G WALKER Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-704250
2. Organization A.C. (p) Commander JAMES H. ISBELL Rank Col. Sqn CO Hickley Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, LEIPZIG, target time, 1000 AM., altitude, 20,000' route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 25 minutes from target
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Five (5) MYSELF included
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". ENGINEER, ARMOR GUNNER, TANK GUNNER, WATER GUNNER, AND MYSELF BAILED OUT IN ABOVE ORDER AT 500-1000 FT OF ALT. AS THE SHIP LEFT THE COAST. NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ONE LEAVING THE SHIP AFTER ME.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the WATER OFF SWICH COAST NEAR EMLEN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the WATER (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot: L.A. LARSON; Navigator: C.D. WALL; Pilotage NAV: F.L. STARR; Radio Operator: G.A. GILBERT; T. GUNNER, G.A. BUTCH; CO-PILOT, RALPH G. MCGUIRE
11. Where were they in aircraft? All on flight deck except NAV. G.P. LITINA who was in the nose
12. What was their condition? T. GUNNER, G.A. BUTCH wounded in head others OK
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NAV. + PILOTAGE NAV. WERE ready with chutes on, when I bailed out. I do NOT know if they bailed out or stayed with the ship
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)

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NAMES OF MEN WHO BAIKED OUT

WALTER ROHKE - ENGINEER
JOHN DEBRICKSON - ARMOR GUNNER
HAMILTON - WING GUNNER
HALL - TAIL GUNNER

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Co-pilot, RAUF G. McGUIRE was only crew member
to get out alive AFTER SHIP STRUCK WATER

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LARSON left formation at 5140-0957 saying that he had 2 Engines out, and asking for fighter support, at 0915 at 23000 feet. He was later heard over the RIVER VALLEY at 1013 calling Lincoln Leader saying he was losing altitude and expected to abandon ship.

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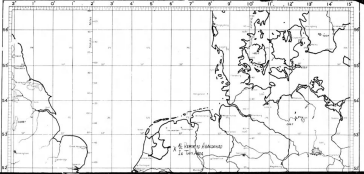
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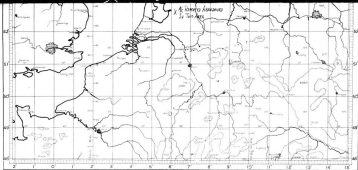
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