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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 131; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
Group 393th Bomb Hq; Squadron 600th Bomb Hq; Detachment none

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 131 Course Per Atchd Track Chart
Intended Destination Leipzig, Germany & Return Type of Mission Operational

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
CAVU with slight haze

4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 July 1944; Time Approx 0951; and Location Near Leipzig, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted, () Last Contacted by Radio,
() Forced Down, () Seen to crash, or () Information not Available.

5. AIRCRAFT WA. LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-Aircraft, () Other Circumstances as Follows Reason as to why plane went down unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107216

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number
(a) SN-015030; (b) SN-014584; (c) SN-014744; (d) SN-014437

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	Buffalo Arms Co. N.Y.	Gun, Machine Cal..50 Browning M-2, AB	1296502
(b)	Buffalo Arms Co. N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1296510
(c)	Savage Arms Corp., N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	71598
(d)	Frig. Div. General Motors	" " " " " " " "	716593
(e)	Savage Arms Corp., N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1191824
(f)	Savage Arms Corp., N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1192201
(g)	Buffalo Arms Co. N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1296498
(h)	Buffalo Arms Co. N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1296287
(i)	High Standard	" " " " " " " "	1584718
(j)	Savage Arms Corp., N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1192503
(k)	Buffalo Arms Co., N.Y.	" " " " " " " "	1296086
(l)	Frig. Div. General Motors	" " " " " " " "	716652
(m)			
(n)			
(o)			
(p)			
(q)			
(r)			
(s)			
(t)			

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty LIA
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

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

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
1. Pilot	FOLGER, ROBERT A	2nd Lt	0-758327 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	HOPP, RAYMOND C	2nd Lt	0-819812 RTD
3. Navigator	MOSES, WILLIAM F	2nd Lt	0-717596 RTD
4. Bombardier	BUSBEE, CHARLES R	2nd Lt	0-760007 RTD
5. Top Turret Gunner	Paris, John J	S Sgt	57414950 RTD
6. Radio Gunner	Quinn, John P	S Sgt	32739119 RTD
7. Ball Turret Gunner	Harvey, Calvin D	Sgt	37562174 RTD
8. Left Waist Gunner	Schneider, John G Jr	Sgt	33301325 RTD
9. Right Waist Gunner	Zeller, Louis (M.I.)	Sgt	37608570 RTD
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: (Check Only One)

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			By Radio	Last Sighted		
1. JESSOP, RICHARD B	S Sgt	33563973		X		
2. KOLAFKA, JOHN F	S Sgt	20653509		X		
3. Burk, James J	T Sgt	37188398		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Nil; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash Nil; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
Plane when last sighted was under control.

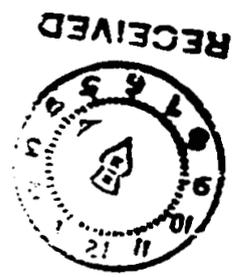
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

(Eye Witness Descriptions attached)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No knowledge of search being made.

Date of Report 10 July 1944



Wallis L. Campbell
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
WALLIS L CAMPBELL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Statistical Control Officer

AUG 30 1944



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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107218, Pilot 2nd Lt Robert A Folger, O-758327, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Leipzig, Germany mission 7 July 1944.

We were flying high squadron, lead group number two ship. Just after bombs away I heard over the interphone that Lt Folger's ship had left formation. I saw it go into a slight dive to the right. It pulled out at about ten thousand feet.

The last I saw of it, it was headed back into the flak over the target in Leipzig, Germany and under control. There were no chutes that I could see.

Richard B. Jessop

RICHARD B JESSOP, 33563973
S Sgt, 601st Bomb Sq.
Tail Gunner B17G 42-107096

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107218, Pilot 2nd Lt Robert A Folger, O-758327, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Leipzig, Germany mission 7 July 1944.

I was riding as tail gunner of the lead ship, high squadron of the lead group. We had just finished our bombing run when I noticed a ship from our formation falling behind in what seemed to be an uncontrolled bank to the left. The pilot righted the ship and seemed headed back for our formation when the ship seemed to fall off a second time--this time to the right. This time when the ship appeared to get under control, it was headed back for the city of Leipzig in a long glide at about ten thousand feet. I couldn't say whether or not it was under control, though it well could have been. I watched it continue this glide until it disappeared from view over the city. When I looked at our lead squadron # 6 ship was missing so I assumed that the ship I saw was it.

John F. Kolafa
JOHN F KOLAF, 20653509
S Sgt, 600th Bomb Sq.
Tail Gunner B17G 42-102600

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-107218, Pilot
2nd Lt Robert A Folger, O-758327, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group
on Leipzig, Germany mission 7 July 1944.

We were flying number two ship in the high squadron. Just after
bombs away I saw the rear left ship in the lead squadron peel off to
the right in a slight dive and go back over the target at about ten
thousand feet through heavy flak. The last I saw of him he was headed
in the opposite direction from our formation. I saw no one bail out
and the ship was not in flames.

James J. Burk
JAMES J BURK 37188398
T Sgt, 600th Bomb Sq.
TTG B17G 42-10709

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

7 July 44, time: 1100

CASUALTY NO.

KU 2408

PLACE OF CRASH

Dresden near Leipzig

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Brandenburg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTEREST	
QUINN	John Phomister	S/Sgt.	37739113	captured	Dalag Luft
PARIS	John Jefferson	"	37614980	"	" "
SELLER 7 Dec 20	Louis New Jersey	S/Sgt.	37008570	"	" "
HALVET 21 Oct 28	Calvin Dwight Baron, S. Dak.	"	37232114	"	" "
FOLGER	Robert Arntstead	2nd/Lt.	0-753572	"	" "
MOSES	William Fredrick	"	0-717306	"	" "
SCHMIDT 14 Oct 21	John Gordon	Sgt.	33301225	"	" "
CHOFF	Raymond C.	2nd/Lt.	0-819812	dead	

1 Unknown dead

Casualty No.: KU 2408

1st additional report of 11 Aug 44.

BURKE Charles Robert 2nd/Lt. 0-750007 captured Dalag Luft

MAAR 7221
B-17 AAF# 42-107218
9 men on crew

REMARKS:

Dalag Luft, 17 July 44 No.

H O P P , Raymond G.

del

NY 2408

0-819812 T 43 B T 44 G

DATE: 7 July 1944

AT: 1700

RANK:

NAME:

SI - 2408

PLACE: Dresden, 21 km north-east of
Leipzig

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKING: 218

400 (IB) sqd - 2 998 Group

TARGET: Airbase Dresden

2nd Lt	HOPP, Raymond C	dead
		ASN: 0-819312
2nd Lt	MOSES, William Frederick	
		ASN: 0-917996
2nd Lt	FOLGER, Robert Alexander	
		ASN: 0-758327
2nd Lt	HUGHES, Charles Robert	
		ASN: 0-760007
S/Sgt	QUINN, John Phandator	
		ASN: 3272819
S/Sgt	ZELMER, Louis	
		ASN: 37608570
S/Sgt	PILLS, John Jefferson	
		ASN: 37816990
Sgt	HARVEY, Calvin Dwight	
		ASN: 37962274
Sgt	SCHNEIDER, John Gordon	
		ASN: 33901325

2 dead

Ref. Group 21

London, 20 Nov. 1942

Ref. 1.
Subject:
Enclosure:

D (left) 2707
Report on salvaged equipment.
2

To
Air District Command XI
Is
Harbour-Blackness.

Enclosed a report on salvaged equipment from Air Base Command
A 1/XI Fuhichuetel according to above mentioned ref., form 1
is sent.

by order

signature illegible
Lt. Col.

26.) Between **LUEBEN** at the river **MULDE**, 30 km north-east of **LEIPZIG**, in **EF 4**;
10.00 & 11.00 h **FORTRESS II**, destroyed to 96%. Markings and fabrication Nr. :
KU - 2408 unidentifiable. 2 dead, 6 prisoners.-----

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27.) Between **DUEBEN** at the river **MULDE**, 30 km north-east of **LEIPZIG**, in **EF 4**;
10.00 & 11.00 h **FORTRESS II**, destroyed to 98%. Markings and fabrication-Nr. not available.
11.00 h 2 dead, 6 prisoners. -----
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KU 2408

Nationality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Airman

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 7 Jul 44. at 1100 hours, Dneben near Leipzig

Reported by: Delag Luft Unterlag b See POW V
V 4 a Prof IV 1

Dead List No. 47

Serial No. 149

Receiving Command

with the 2nd Flight Comp.

Flight Division of the
Aviation Signal Training School

Halle / Saale, 12 July 44

Halle / S.

C O P Y .

The Local Police County Leader
of the County Bitterfeld
Administration District Merseburg

Bitterfeld, 12 July 44

Subject: Arrest of two parachuters.

Yesterday at 23.15 o'clock 2 parachuters were arrested by Sgt. Sommerlath of Pit Leopold in Miesack on the villag road and delivered to the Local Police station there.

Concerned are 2 soldiers who have bailed out of the enemy bomber which crashed in Busben on the 7th of this month.

Signature

District Cpt. of the L. Police
and Gendarmerie County Leader

Correctness of above copy
certified

Arrens
Captain

Air Base HQ. A 37/III Brandis
Repair Section 5/III

EG 2408

Brandis, 8 July 1944
Air Base

To Air Base HQ. A 37/III

Brandis

Salvage of a shot down enemy airplane

Situation of the wreck: Dueben, Saarstr. tenement house
3 km north-east of Leipzig
15 km north of Kl.enburg
29 km west of Torgau/Xlbe

Time of crash: around 11 00 o'clock.

On 7 July 1944 an enemy airplane crashed down in Dueben, Saarstr. and thereby completely destroyed a tenement house. By exploding gasoline tanks a fire was started which implicated several adjacent tenement houses partly heavily in the damage. At the arrival of the Receiving Command the Dueben Fire Brigade and Local Defense Units were fighting the fire. The airplane has buried by bricks and beams following it and cannot be salvaged before the rubble has been cleared away. Single scattered aroundsheet metal fragments and a shock absorbing strut point to the fact that it might have been a B 17. After salvage of the airplane remnants rare details about manufact. serial Nr., motors and airplane call can probably be made.

Ruech

Distributor:

Flight Engineer

Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

Seen:

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Major

7 July 1944

10 00

Fortress 17 C

Dresden, Saxonian

21 mi north-east of Leipzig

Air Base Brandis

Air Base Horitz near Elbenburg

Lt. Glogg, Engineer, dead

90% destruction

6 prisoners

1 - 2 dead

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

0 171

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

THROUGH:

TIME:

ROLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

Atmospheric interference - Secret -

Very urgent LEHD 0 30 7 July 22 00

To Evaluation Point West Oberursel/Tamms

Reference: D (Air) 2706/07 and Flight District HQ. III Group Ia from 5 March 44

- A) Place of crash: Dachsen, Saatzhausen (tenement house destroyed)
31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of Kitzburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Klbe
- B) Time of crash: 7 July 44 around 11 00 o'clock
- C) Type of craft: B IVII 6 Fortress 9 cylinders valve control mechanism
SWS radial motor.
- D) Markings: Indeterminable as 97% destroyed.
- E) Condition of craft: 98% destroyed
- F) Disposition of crew:
 - 1) Dead: Raymond Chese ASN e-819812 T 43 B E 44
1 crew member burst in the wreck of enemy plane, name indeterminate.
 - 2) 6 Prisoners

Air Base HQ. A 37/III Erandis File No. 371/44 Secret

6-3224,AT(5)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 106

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 8 July

THROUGH:

TIME: 05 30

ROLL:

FROM: LEB

THROUGH: Paul

REMARKS:

High Priority

LEED 215

7 July 18 30

To Evaluation Point West Oberusel

Field Command Morris reports:

- A) Residential Section of the town Doeben/Walds
- B) Around 10 00 o'clock on 7 July 44
- C) Probably Fortress
- D) Indeterminable
- E) Total Destruction
- F) 1) None 2) 3 Prisoners 3) None 4) Unknown

Field Command Morris near Eichenburg

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Receiving Command**

PLACE: **Halle Bitterfeld**

DATE: **12 July 44 13 00 o'clock**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, an unknown craft**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **AT: ca 7 July 1944**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

FIRST NAME: **John G. Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **33901325**

RESULT: (~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED) **Captured not wounded**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Niemegk near Bitterfeld on 11 July 44 23.15 o'clock**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks: On 12 July the prisoner was delivered to the Receiving Command by the local police County Leader of the County Bitterfeld

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Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

MIA 7 Jul 44

POST: **Receiving Command**

PLACE: **Halle - Nottleben**

DATE: **12 July 1944 19 00 O'clock**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, an unknown aircraft**

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **MUSBER**

FIRST NAME: **Charles Officer**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-76007**

RESULT: ~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED) **Captured not wounded**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Kienegh near Bitterfeld on 11 July, 23 15 o'clock**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

On 12 July the prisoner was delivered to the Receiving Command
by the County Police County Leader of the County Bitterfeld

Illegible

Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base HQ. A 37/III**PLACE: **Brandis**DATE: **8 July 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G Fortress**

**AT: Busen 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 north of
Eilenburg, 29 km west of Tregau/Kibe on 7 July,
11 00 o'clock**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

HARVEY

FIRST NAME:

Calvin D. Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37562176 T 43 - 44 BRESULT: ~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED**Until transfer to Oberursel at Air Base HQ. Brandis**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Feldmark House and Forest Krina

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G FortressEM. LANDING: AT: Dueben 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of
Eilenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe, on 7 July,
11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) QUINN

FIRST NAME: John P. 2/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32739119 T 43 - 43 A P

RESULT: ~~KILLED~~ OR CAPTURED) Robina Quinn, 218 - 58th St. Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Captured until transfer to Evaluation Point West at
Air Base HQ. BrandisPLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwesal 4 km north of Dueben/E, 7 July 44, a round 10 30
o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base HQ. A 37/III**PLACE: **Brandis**DATE: **8 July 1944**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **a B XVII G Fortress**EN. LANDING:AT: **Duesen, 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of E
Hilmsberg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe, on 7 July, 11 00
o'clock**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

MEYER

FIRST NAME:

William F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O 717396 T 43 - 44 B PRESULT: ~~DEATH~~ OR CAPTURED)**Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Tornau, 5 km north of Duesen/Elbe

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. a B XVII G FortressEM. LANDING: AT: Duesen 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of
Eilenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe on 7 July, 11 00
6'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FOLGER

FIRST NAME:

ROBERT A. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

G-758337 T 43 T 44 A P

RESULT: ~~DOWNED~~ OR CAPTURED)

Captured, until transfer to Oberursel at Airbase III.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Ternau, 5 km north of Duesen/Malde, 7 July 1944, around
10 30 o'clock.
Brandis

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Major

To Evaluation Point West

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base HQ. A 37/III**PLACE: **Ernstlo**DATE: **8 July 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A B XVII G Fortress****EM. LANDING: AT: Dvoban, 31 km northeast of Leiszig, 15 km north of
Kilburg, 29 km west of Trogau/Elbe on 7 July,
11 00 o'clock**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

KILLER

FIRST NAME:

Louis S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

3760570 T 43 - 44 ARESULT: (~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED) **Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Feldmark Base and Fortress Maria**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G FortressEN. LANDING: AT: Euseben, 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of
Ellenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Eibe, on 7 July,
11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

PARIS

FIRST NAME:

John J. 2/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37414950 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED)

Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Feldmark Rogge and Forest Krina. Time unknown

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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398th Bombardment Group (H)
Leipzig, Germany Mission 7 July 1944

Lead Group 1st "A" CBW Over Target

		F <u>GEN GROSS</u> <u>Douglas</u> 7740-Q PFF		F CCL HUNTER <u>Rudrud</u> 7746-C PFF	
	C <u>Menzel</u> 7214-V		C <u>Baker</u> 2519-A		C <u>Lovelace</u> 2599-U
		C <u>Folger</u> 7218-T			
	D <u>Dalton</u> 7394-F				C <u>Rice</u> 2600-Z
D <u>Falkenbach</u> 7190-L		D <u>Hierney</u> 7090-K		C <u>Wheeler</u> 2467-J	C <u>Slavin</u> 2487-B
	D <u>Davis, JA</u> 2565-M			B <u>Davis, JH</u> 2596-N	
D <u>Darner</u> 7538-C		D <u>Weekley</u> 7080-S		B <u>Taylor</u> 2445-R	D <u>Wilson</u> 7385-X

Low Group 1st "A" CBW Over Target

		F <u>Dunlap</u> <u>Walker</u> 7094-A		F <u>Hough</u> 2543-B	
	F <u>Clark</u> 7188-G		F <u>Zimmerman</u> 2510-Y		
		F <u>Bohane</u> 2505-L			
	B <u>Cullinan</u> 2553-K			F <u>Woodson</u> 7150-K	
B <u>Fahrentsoid</u> 7317-P		B <u>Nisewogger</u> 2508-J		F <u>Driscoll</u> 2593-C	F <u>Rudow</u> 2597-V
	B <u>Dwyer</u> 2579-C			B <u>Novak</u> 7078-U	
B <u>Foster, DL</u> 2568-N		B <u>Switzer</u> 2562-B		B <u>Howden</u> 6085-V	B <u>Ballagher</u> 7348-R

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TARGETS:

PRIMARY

LEIPZIG, GERMANY

7221-FX

TRACK CHART

DATE 7 JUL 44

INTER-OED ROUTE FOLLOWED BY 39174E-246

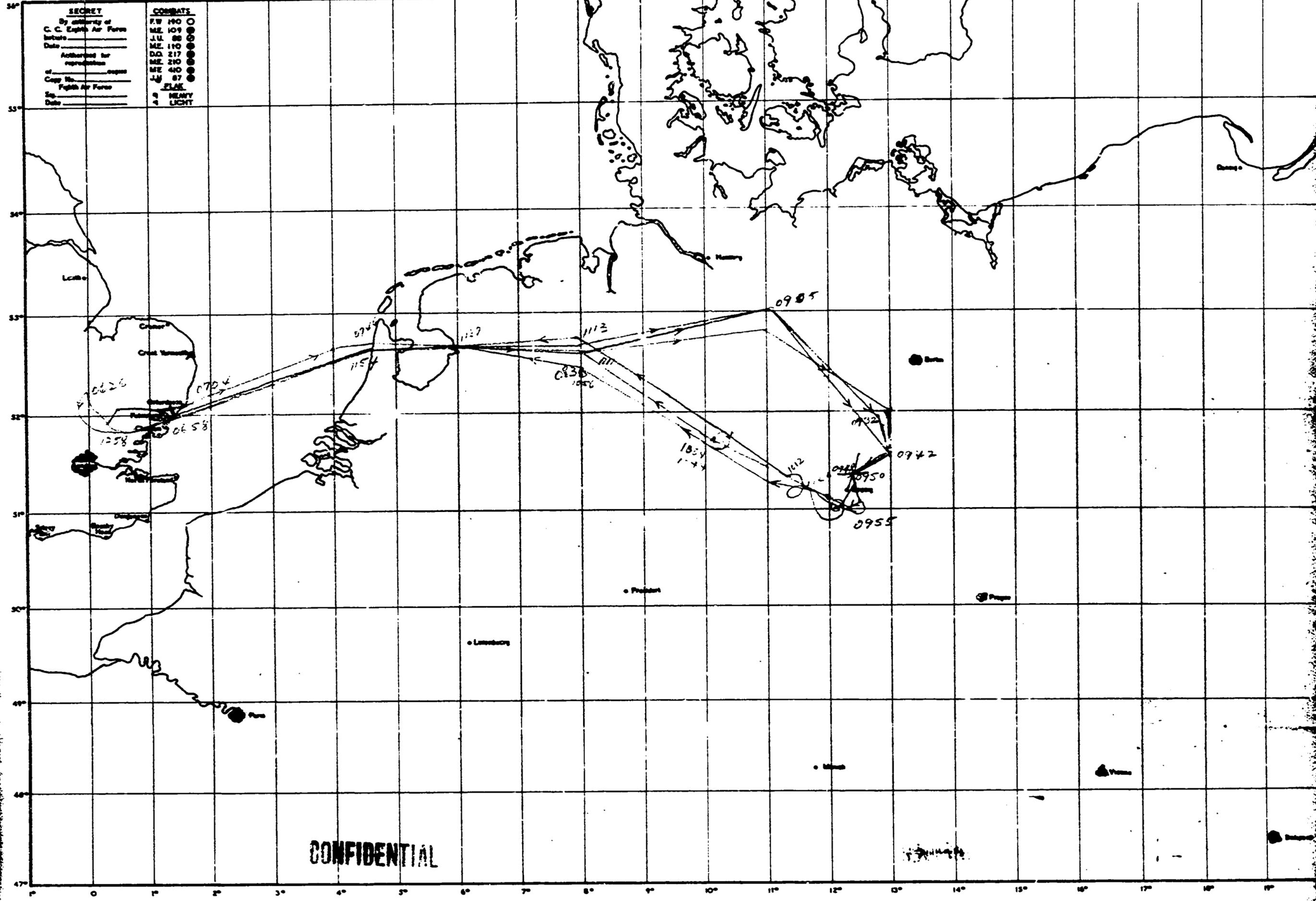
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 ME 210 ○
 ME 410 ○
 Ju 87 ○
 FLAK
 4 HEAVY
 4 LIGHT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HOPP, Raymond G.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-819 312

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~AFPPA-11 (712297)~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 20 Mi North west of Leipzig Ger. 7/12/44

If not, why not? _____

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

I Told him to bail out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? in the plane

Any hearsay information: I was told by the German officer who captured me ^{TOLD ME} that he had been shot.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: Refer To 398th Bomb GR 600th Sqdn
59d. CO. 4th COL Daily

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROBERT A. FOLGET Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-759329
2. Organization A-6 Gp Commander Rank COL Sqn CO Brace Rank J COL
(full name) COL Hunter (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Leipzig, target time, 08:45, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? over The Target
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 members Bailed out & were 21,000 ft when they left
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? ?
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? No
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
No knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: FOLGER, Robert A. 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:

H O P P , Raymond C.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-819 812

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES. NEAR ELLENBURG, ABOUT 30 MILES (I BELIEVE)Where? NORTH OF LIEPZIG.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: PILOT CO-PILOT
RELATION ON CALL FOR FIGHTER PROTECTION.Was he injured? I DO NOT THINK SO, UNLESS ON LANDING IN GERMANYWhere was he when last seen? IN THE PLANE PRIOR TO BAILING OUT.Any hearsay information: GERMANS SHOWED BALL GUNNER, CALVIN HARVEY, LT. HOPP'S
PERSONAL DATA, WALLET, DOG TAG ETC. AND INDICATED THAT LT. HOPP HAD
BEEN SHOT THROUGH THE CHEST WHEN HE ATTEMPTED AN ESCAPE.
INTERPRETED GERMAN'S ONLY THROUGH SIGN LANGUAGE AS HARVEY COULD
NOT UNDERSTAND GERMAN.Source: 1SGT CALVIN D HARVEY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I CAN'T SAYBECAUSE PERSONAL DISLIKE OF KRAUTS BIAS MY OPINIONS.POSSIBLE ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 OR 8 - NOT SURE.Dates and destinations if possible: ON JULY 7 1944 AT APPROX. 9:30 AM.
WHILE STRIKING AIRCRAFT PLANT IN NORTHERN ~~LEIPZIG~~ LEIPZIG.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN P. QUINN Rank T/SGT Serial No. 32739119
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander HUNTER(?) Rank COL. Sqn CO Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 7 day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LEIPZIG, 9, target, LEIPZIG, target time, 9-10 A.M., altitude, 22000 - 23000 route scheduled, ENGLAND STRAIGHT TO LEIPZIG, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES PAST TARGET.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - ALL OF THEM.
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". NARVEY, ZELLER, SCHNEIDER AND QUINN IN THAT ORDER FROM WAIST DOOR. FOLGER, HOPP, BUSBEE AND PARIS LEFT FROM NOSE ESCAPE HATCH. DO NOT KNOW DETAILS OR ORDER IN WHICH THEY LEFT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DO NOT KNOW.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE.
11. Where were they in aircraft? ---
12. What was their condition? ---
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL IN SHIP AT TAKE OFF.
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

Name of crew member:

H O P P , Raymond C.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-819 812

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~W/FA/2nd Lt (Fighter)~~:

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? North West of Leipzig Germany (Rosa)

If not, why not? _____

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

Hopp Bail out, 1st man to leave ship

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Leaving Aircraft (11,000 ft)

Any hearsay information: A GERMAN Told me he had shot ONE OF MY Comrades, with a Single Barrel Shot gun he had, he Also Showed me Lt Hopps pocket Book, Knife, ect.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: June 25, 27, 28, 29 July 4, 6, 7

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John T Paris Rank 1/Sgt Serial No. 37414950
2. Organization 8th AAF 1ST Div. 1ST Wing 398 Bomb GP 600th SQDN
Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Leipzig, Germany, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, 22,000 Feet route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Leipzig
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All Crew Members Bailed out
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". all men bailing at approx. 0930, first Hopp, Zeller, Horney, Burdy, Schneider, Quinn, Mason, and Folger
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) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? ---
12. What was their condition? ---
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Folger in POW Camp with broken leg Saw Quinn, Mason, Zeller, Harvey, and Schneider in POW Camp Escaped with Quinn April 8th, 1945
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

Name of crew member: **H O P P , Raymond C.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-819 812**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PILOT/COPILOT~~: **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR LEIZIG, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: I WAS TOLD BY SMALL GERMAN BOY THAT Lt. Hopp was buried. To my knowledge this must be outside a small town which is approximately 5 miles from the small town of (Rösa Germany.)

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS shot in the chest with a rifle by a member of the GERMAN hand watch. Told to me by CREWMEMBER HARVEY and small GERMAN boy.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LOUIS ZELLER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 37608570
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, LEIPZIG, Germany, target time, 0930, altitude, _____, route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR LEIPZIG
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". 0945 7/7/44
SCHWABER, HARVEY, QUINN & ZELLER - REAR DOOR FOLGER,
HOFF, BURKE, MASSE & PARIS - FRONT HATCH. ALL NEAR
LEIPZIG, Germany.
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) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW PARIS, QUINN, HARVEY AT STALAG
LUFF 4 and later saw BURKE and MASSE AT STALAG
LUFF 1. All in good condition.
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

Name of crew member:

HOPP, Raymond G.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-819 812

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight (Fighter)~~:

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes.Where? NEAR LEIPZIG - IN AREA OF ROSA

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None.Was he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? AS HE BAILED OUT

Any hearsay information: A GERMAN OFFICER ASKED IF HE WAS ON OUR CREW. WHEN WE DID NOT REPLY HE SAID "IT DOESN'T MATTER, HE WAS SHOT" HE MADE MOTIONS TO SHOW THAT HOPP WAS KILLED BY SOMEONE WITH A RIFLE.

Source: A GERMAN OFFICER THAT TRIED TO INTERROGATE ME AT AN AIRFIELD - WHOSE LOCATION I DO NOT KNOW.

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

I IMAGINE HOPP TRIED TO RUN, AND SOMEONE SHOT HIM DOWN

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST ONE WAS JULY 7, 1944 -
DESTINATION - LEIPZIG.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HILBER, Roger G.**
Rank: **Pvt.**
Serial number: **2-3072**
Position: Crew (Member) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Ball Gunner**

Did he bail out? I have NO knowledge of
Where? The ABOVE MENTIONED MAN.
If not, why not? He WAS NOT ON MY CREW

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Date and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MOSES, William F Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-717596
2. Organization 398 Bg Commander Hunter Rank Capt Sqd CO DAILY Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBARDMENT, target, LEIPZIG, target time, 0955, altitude, 25000 route scheduled, WIK
FORGOTTEN AS TO BE DOWN FORGOTTEN AS TO DETAIL
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER A FEW MINUTES AFTER BOMBS AWAY OVER TARGET
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 CREW MEMBERS WERE CAPTURED & TURNED OVER TO PRISON CAMPS. EXCEPT FOR HOPP - whose QUESTIONNAIRE IS ATTACHED
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) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NONE
12. What was their condition? NONE
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

Name of crew member: HOPP, Raymond G.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-819 812
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR LEIPZIG

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DO NOT
REMEMBER

Was he injured? DONT THINK HE WAS

Where was he when last seen? GOING DOWN IN PARACHUTE

Any hearsay information: GERMAN POLICEMAN SHOWED ME
HOPPS LOG TAGS, ESCAPE PICTURES AND ESCAPE KIT
AND TOLD ME HOPP WAS SHOT THROUGH
THE BACK BY A RIFLE.

Source: GERMAN POLICEMAN

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT SEVEN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HARVEY, CALVIN Rank S/SGT Serial No. 37562174
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander HUNTER Rank COL Sqn CO ? Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 7 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LEIPZIG, target, AIRCRAFT PLANT, target,
time, ABOUT 9:30 A.M., altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ALL OF THEM
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 - I WAS SECOND TO BAIL OUT. CO-PILOT WAS FIRST TO GO AND HE WAS THE ONLY ONE I SAW GOING DOWN IN HIS CHUTE.
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) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? _____
OVER
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)

Pilot - Robert A. Folger - transit camp, bad leg
Bombardier - CHARLES BUSBY - CAMP LUCK STRIKE, FRANCE - good condition
Navigator - MOSES - " " " " " "
Radio Operator - John P. Quinn - ON German march - poor condition
Engineer - John J. Paris - " " " " - poor "
Waist - Lou Zeller - STALAG LUFT 4 - fair
Tail - John G. Schneider - just before getting on transport
in Germany to be flown to
Brussels - fair condition

Receiving Command
with the 2nd Flight Comp.
Flight Division of the
Aviation Signal Training School
Halle / S.

Halle / Saale, 12 July 44

C o p y .

The Local Police County Leader
of the County Bitterfeld
Administration District Merseburg

Bitterfeld, 12 July 44

Subject: Arrest of two parachuters.

Yesterday at 23.15 o'clock 2 parachuters were arrested by Sgt. Sommerlake of Pit Leopold in Miemegk on the villag road and delivered to the Local Police stationed there.

Concerned are 2 soldiers who have bailed out of the enemy bomber which crashed in Duesben on the 7th of this month.

Signature

District Cpt. of the L. Police
and Gendarmery County Leader

Correctness of above copy
certified

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Captain

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Identification Tags

Raymond C.	Hopp	0-819812	T 43 T 44	B G
John G.	Schneider	33301325	T 42 - 43	O P
Charles R.	Basbee	0-760007	T 43 44	O P
John J.	Paris	37414950	T 43 - 44	A P
Robert A.	Folger	0-758327	T 43 T 44	A P
John P. Robina B. Quinn	Quinn	32739119 218-58th St. Niagara Falls, NY.	T 43 - 43	A P
William F.	Moses	0 717596	T 43 - 44	B P
Louis	Zeller	37608570	T 43 - 44	A P
Calvin D.	Harvey	37562174	T 43 - 44	B P

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGBARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G FortressEN. LANDING: AT: Dueben, 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of Eilenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe, on 7 July, 11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) PARIS

FIRST NAME: John J. S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37414950 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (~~WIA~~ OR CAPTURED) Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Feldmark Roese and Forest Krina. Time unknown

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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To Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

Air Base HQ. A 37/III Brandis
 Repair Section 5/III

Brandis, 8 July 1944
 Air Base

To Air Base HQ. A 37/III

Brandis

Salvage of a shot down enemy airplane

Situation of the wreck: Dueben, Saarstr. tenement house
 3 km north-east of Leipzig
 15 km north of Eilenburg
 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe

Time of crash: around 11 00 o'clock.

On 7 July 1944 an enemy airplane crashed down in Dueben, Saarstr. and thereby completely destroyed a tenement house. By exploding gasoline tanks a fire was started which implicated several adjacent tenement houses partly heavily in the damage. At the arrival of the Receiving Command the Dueben Fire Brigade and Local Defense Units were fighting the fire. The airplane has burst by bricks and beams following it and cannot be salvaged before the rubble has been cleared away. Single scattered aroundshost metal fragments and a shock absorbing strut point to the fact that it might have been a B 17. After salvage of the airplane remains more details about manufact. serial Nr., motors and airplane cell can probably be made.

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Distributor:

Flight Engineer

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7 July 1944

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Fortress 17 G

Duden, Saarstrasse

31 km north-east of Leipzig

Air Base Brandis

Air Base Moeritz near Eilenburg

Lt. Chopp, Raymond, dead

98% destruction

6 prisoners

1 - 2 dead

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 106

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 8 July

THROUGH:

TIME: 05 30

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Paul

REMARKS:

High Priority

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7 July 18 30

To Evaluation Point West Oberursel

Field Command Moeritz reports:

- A) Residential Section of the town Dueben/Mulde
- B) Around 10 00 o'clock on 7 July 44
- C) Probably Fortress
- D) Indeterminable
- E) Total Destruction
- F), 1) None 2) 3 Prisoners 3) None 4) Unknown

Field Command Moeritz near Eilenburg

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command

PLACE: Halle Nietleben

DATE: 12 July 44 13 00 o'clock

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, an unknown craft~~NO. 111111~~

AT: on 7 July 1944

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

SCHNEIDER

FIRST NAME:

John G. Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

33301325

RESULT: (~~DEED~~ OR CAPTURED)

Captured not wounded

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Niemegk near Bitterfeld on 11 July 44 23.15 o'clock

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Remarks: On 12 July the prisoners was delivered to the Receiving Command by the local police County Leader of the County Bitterfeld

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Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Receiving Command
 PLACE: Halle - Nietleben
 DATE: 12 July 1944 13 00 0'clock
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, an unknown aircraft
EM. LANDING: AT: unknown
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) BUSBEE
 FIRST NAME: Charles Officer
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-760007
 RESULT: ~~XXXX~~ OR CAPTURED Captured not wounded
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Niemeck near Bitterfeld on 11 July, 23 15 o'clock
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

On 12 July the prisoner was delivered to the Receiving Command
 by the County Police County Leader of the County Bitterfeld

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Captain

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. a B XVII G Fortress
XXXXXXXXXX AT: Duesben 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 north of
 Ellenburg, 29 km west of Trogau/Elbe on 7 July,
 11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) HARVEY

FIRST NAME: Calvin D. Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37562174 T 43 - 44 B

RESULT: ~~DOWNED~~ OR CAPTURED) Until transfer to Oberursel at Air Base HQ. Brandis

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Feldmark Roese and Forest Krina

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:
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To Evaluation Point West, Oberursel

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. a B XVII G FortressEM. LANDING: AT: Dueben 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of Eilenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe, on 7 July,

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

QUINN 11 00 o'clock

FIRST NAME:

John P. S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

32739119 T 43 - 43 A P

RESULT: ~~DOWNED~~ OR CAPTURED)

Robina Quinn, 218 - 58th St. Niagara Falls, N.Y.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Captured Until transfer to Evaluation Point West at Air Base HQ. Brandis

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Schweusal 4 km north of Dueben/M, 7 July 44 a round 10 30 o'clock

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

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To Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G Fortress

EN. LANDING: AT: Dueben, 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of E
 Silenbourg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe, on 7 July, 11 00
 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) MOSES

FIRST NAME: William F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O 717596 T 43 - 44 B P

RESULT: ~~XXXX~~ OR CAPTURED) Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Tornau, 5 km north of Dueben/Mulde

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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To Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brandis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a B XVII G FortressEM. LANDING: AT: Dueben 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of Eilenburg, 29 km west of Torgau/Elbe on 7 July, 11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) FOLGER

FIRST NAME: ROBERT A. Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-758327 T 43 T 44 A P

RESULT: (~~DEATH~~ OR CAPTURED) Captured, until transfer to Oberursel at Airbase HQ.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Tornau, 5 km north of Dueben/Kulde, 7 July 1944, around 10 30 o'clock Brandis

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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To Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base HQ. A 37/III

PLACE: Brnadis

DATE: 8 July 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, A B XVII G FortressEM. LANDING: AT: Dueben, 31 km northeast of Leipzig, 15 km north of Eilenburg, 29 km west of Trogau/Elbe on 7 July, 11 00 o'clock

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

ZELLER

FIRST NAME:

Louis S/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

37608570 T 43 - 44 A

RESULT: (~~DEAD~~ OR CAPTURED) Captured. Will be transferred to Oberursel immediately

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Feldmark Roess and Forest Krina

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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To Evaluation Point West

Oberursel

HEADQUARTERS

HAAF

Hobbs, N. M.

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

**TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.
Attn: Personnel Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.**

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

- a. Name of casualty Raymond C Hopp
- b. Rank 2nd Lt. c. Crew position Co-Pilot
- d. Date last seen 7 Jul 44 e. Place last seen over Leipzig, Germ.
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft AP abandoned after being hit.
#218
Entire crew bailed out 398th BMBGP, 600th Sq.
- g. Known information (eye witness only)

After Hopp landed, I saw him killed by a rifle shot fired by a civilian. Location of death about 20 miles north of Leipzig, Germany adjacent to a nursery.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

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

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