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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

7544

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 398th Bomb Hq; Squadron 602nd Bomb Hq; Detachment None

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 131 Course Per atchd track chart
Intended Destination Lechfeld, Germany & Return Type of Mission Operational

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____

Clouds 3/10 6-7000 ft., Visibility: Unrestricted aloft, 10-12 miles vertically.

4. GIVE: (a) Date 19 July 1944; Time Approx 0954; and Location Near A/F Lechfeld, Gr.
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 WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only
one () Enemy Aircraft, (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft, () Other Circumstances as
Follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-1C2511 X

7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number
(a) SN-015489; (b) SN-015394; (c) SN-014409; (d) SN-002425

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

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	651658
(b)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	652399
(c)	Brown, Lipet and Chapin	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1528606
(d)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	981722
(e)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	981700
(f)	Brown,, Lipet and Chapin	.50 cal A/C mach gun	731010
(g)	Brown, Lipet and Chapin	.50 cal A/C mach gun	730563
(h)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	982954
(i)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	652702
(j)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	648928
(k)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	651309
(l)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	651764
(m)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972087
(n)			
(o)			
(p)			
(q)			
(r)			
(s)			
(t)			

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

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

<u>CREW POSITION</u>	<u>NAME IF FULL</u> (Last Name First)	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u> <u>NUMBER</u>
✓ 1. Pilot	KIA HAWKINS, DALLAS L	7 2nd Lt	0-812987
✓ 2. Co-Pilot	KIA HART, EARL K	6 2nd Lt	0-816761
✓ 3. Navigator	KIA DOGLIO, JOSEPH D ✓	3 2nd Lt	0-717191
✓ 4. Bombardier	KIA LOMIS, JOHN A, JR	8 1st Lt	0-754920
✓ 5. Top Turret Gunner	KIA Sadborough, Gordon	9 T Sgt	16159483
✓ 6. Radio Operator Gunner	KIA Humming, Paul	2 T Sgt	16080552
✓ 7. Right Waist Gunner	KIA Borchers, Doyle	1 S Sgt	18106040
✓ 8. Ball Turret Gunner	KIA Garrett, Thomas D	4 S Sgt	19143862
✓ 9. Tail Gunner	DEAD Bronski, Gregory G	5 S Sgt	13043823
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. SLEAMAN, HARRY J	2nd Lt	0-686530		X		
2. HAAS, JAMES R	2nd Lt	0-704193		X		
3. WHITEHEAD, LEROY A	S Sgt	37501548		X		

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

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

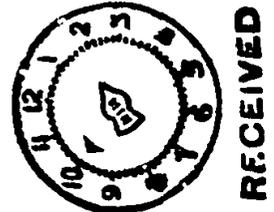
14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

(Descriptions atchd)

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 any search being made.

Date of Report 22 July 1944

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

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398th Bombardment Group Hq
Lechfeld, Germany 19 July 1944

Lead Group 1st "C" CBW Formation Over Target

			F 10 <u>DUNLAP</u> <u>ROONEY</u> 7746-T			
			F 6 <u>Dellar</u> 7387-H	A <u>Durtschi</u> <u>Scott</u> 7625-I		
	F 8 <u>Turner</u> 7337-E	F 3 <u>Clark</u> 2593-C			F 4 <u>Cobb</u> 7150-K	F 8 <u>Driscoll</u> 7810-S
F 2 <u>Becher</u> 2543-B	C 6 <u>Ballard</u> 2418-N				F 12 <u>Hawkins</u> 2511-P	
		C 8 <u>Nelson</u> 2519-H				

High Group 1st "C" CBW Formation Over Target

			B 2 <u>CULLINAN</u> <u>POPKINS</u> 2553-K			
			B 5 <u>Lowder</u> 6083-V	B 1 <u>Kaufman</u> 2469-Q		
	B 5 <u>Sovak</u> 7073-U	B 1 <u>Foster, DL</u> 2568-N			B 3 <u>Dwyer</u> 2579-C	B 3 <u>Sloan</u> 2562-G
B 6 <u>Engel</u> 7317-P	C 2 <u>Chase</u> 2487-B			B 7 <u>Fahrenthold</u> 7138-T		
C 5 <u>Umaler</u> 2600-Z		C 7 <u>Menzel</u> 7892-L				

Low Group 1st "C" CBW Formation Over Target

			D 1 <u>GRIFFEN</u> <u>ARLIN</u> 7080-S			
			D 3 <u>Mc Carty</u> 7509-J	D 10 <u>Binger</u> 7385-X		
	D 1 <u>Heintzelman</u> 7098-Y	D 8 <u>Weekley</u> 2516-H			D 2 <u>Davis, J H</u> 7889-B	
D 7 <u>Taylor</u> 7874-H	C 4 <u>Albedoff</u> 7214-V					
C 3 <u>Law, RB</u> 2467-J		C 6 <u>Slayin</u> 2570-F		D 4 <u>Hierney</u> 7203-Z		D 10 <u>Farnsworth</u> 2607-F

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102511, Pilot,
2nd Lt Dallas L Hawkins, O-812987, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 398th
Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Lechfeld, Germany 19 July 1944.

✓ We were flying number two position in the high element of the high group. From the IP the lead group flew straight for the primary target at Lechfeld, Germany. Our group made an "S" turn starting to the right over the lead group in an effort to gain time to work out a bombsight malfunction. Just as we were to the left of the lead group about five hundred yards, the lead group entered a concentrated flak area. Lt Hawkins' plane which was ahead and off to our right about three or four hundred yards received a direct hit. A flame engulfed the whole plane and then the plane broke into several parts. It appeared that the nose fell off and as it did so I noticed something fall out as I looked again it looked as though two chutes opened immediately. I was waiting for bombs away so didn't have time to check my observation.

✓ The way the plane was blown apart it could have been two men from any part of the ship however I believe most, if not all, of the crew was killed by the hit. They must have had their chutes on or never would have gotten out..

James R Haas

JAMES R HAAS, O-704193
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Bombardier, B17G 42-102562 G

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102511, Pilot,
2nd Lt Dallas L Hawkins, O-812967, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 598th
Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Lechfeld, Germany 19 July 1944.

We were flying number two position in the high element of a twelve ship high group on July 19, 1944. On our turn from the IP the target was changed for the high group due to the bombsight malfunction and the high group made a sharp "S" turn to the right. As we were regaining position we noticed the lead group making a run on the primary target. I noticed the number three ship in the high element of the lead twelve ship group disintegrate in flames and smoke--parts flying in all directions. To the right of the smoke cloud formed by the explosion was a white streamer presumably from an engine. By this streamer were what appeared to be three or four parachutes about two or three thousand feet below the smoke cloud. From what I saw I should say the explosion was sufficient to have killed or stunned everyone aboard.

Harry J. Sleaman

HARRY J SLEAMAN, O-686530
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 42-102562

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102511, Pilot
2nd Lt Dallas L Hawkins, O-812987, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 398th
Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Lechfeld, Germany 19 July 1944.

I was top turret gunner on Lt J H Davis' crew on 19 July 1944.
We were flying in the high squadron of the low group over Lechfeld,
Germany when I saw Lt Hawkins' ship get hit in number two gas tank
by a flak burst. The left wing came off as the tank exploded. There
another explosion which evidently was the bombs. This explosion
broke the ship in half, at about the ball turret. I saw the waist
gunner or the radio gunner falling through space head over heels.
The ship broke into three different pieces before I lost sight of it.

Leroy A. Whitehead

LEROY A WHITEHEAD
S Sgt 37501648
TTG B17G 43-37889

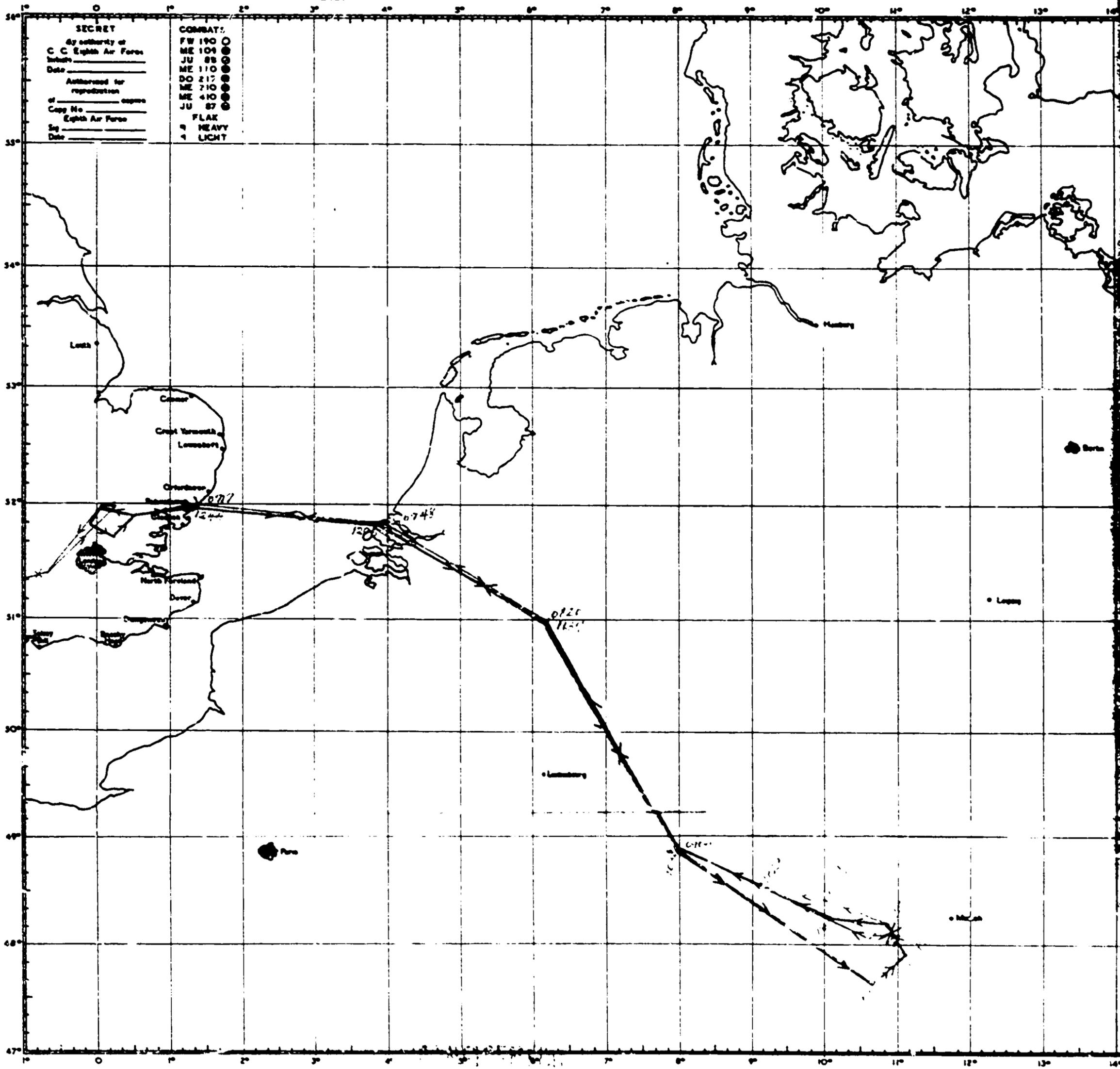
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TRACK CHART

DATE 19 July 44

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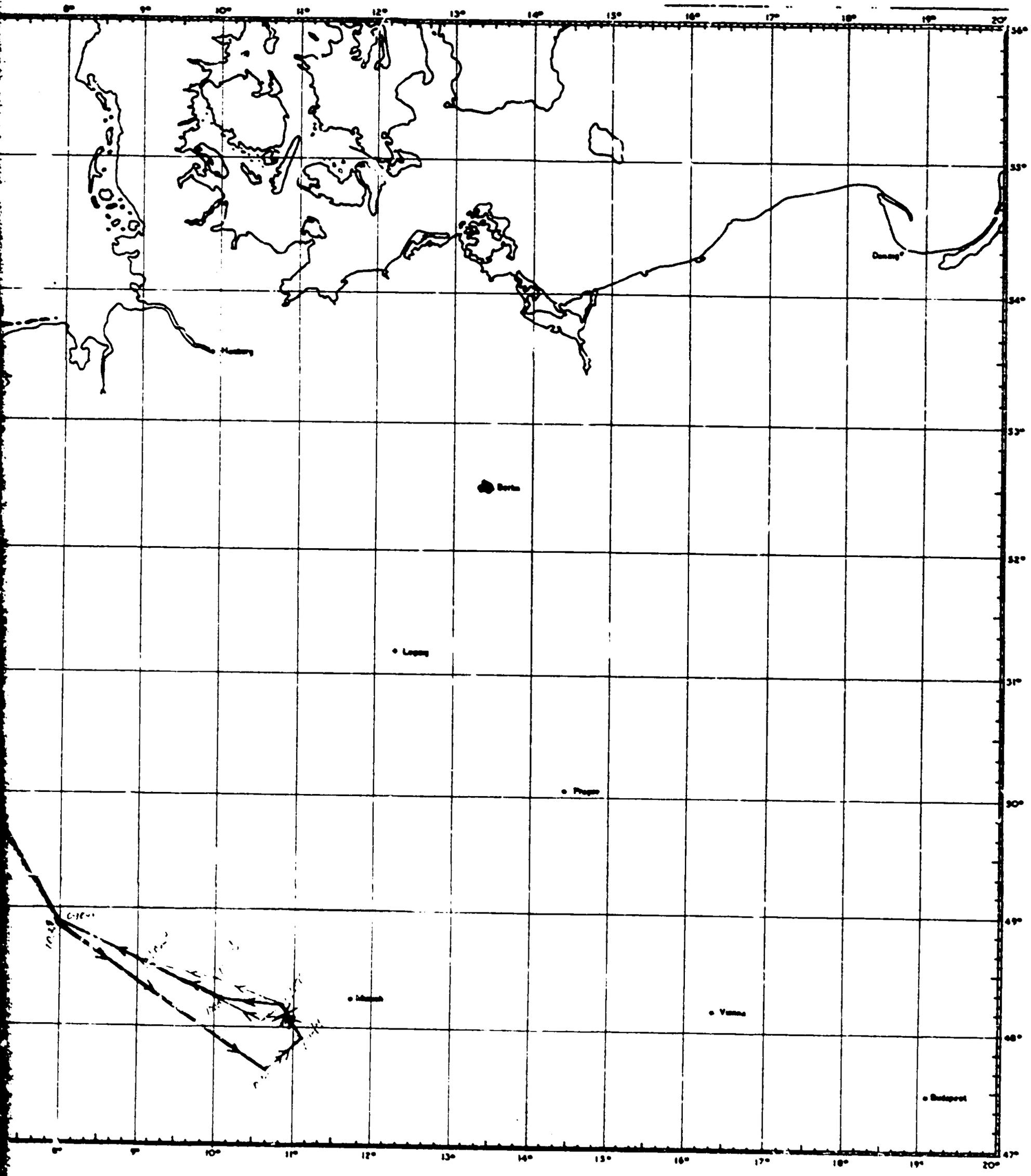
PRIMARY Lechfeld, Germany



TRACK CHART

DATE 19 July 44

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY	
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<u>Dotted</u>	<u>Dotted</u>
<u>Long Dash</u>	<u>Long Dash</u>



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Box 294
Clifton, Texas
Feb, 25, 1946

Dear Sirs:

I have received a letter from you concerning casualty information of crew members, and I have complied with your request.

In relation to this letter you specified therein that I am now 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)

① I would like to have these three restrictions explained in details and all available regulations pertaining thereto sent to me, as I am compiling material for a book relating to my experiences while a P.O.W. in Germany.

Thanking you sincerely--

Doyle J. Borchers

Doyle J Borchers
Box 294
Clifton, Texas

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Erwin J. Bevers Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. C-807665
2. Organization 495th Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO 702nd Rank —
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month December day 22nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Amblewich, target, Railroads, target time, 13:15, altitude, 22,000 ft, route scheduled, over Holland, route flown over Holland
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Germany
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes but I do not know who or how many. One boy there was (Henry)
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". My knowledge is that we were in the nose of the ship without any gear and for the most part I do not know. Lt. Miller tried to take control with myself. He gave orders to bail out.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In a cemetery Backhuizen Holland
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No just MC 110 attached about (6)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No Knowledge
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any oth. crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I lived with Lt. Hal Nelson and his Bombardier. Ted Weaver & a couple of his crew and a crew member from the 495th Gp who was killed by the Germans another English B-24 by the name of Gerald Martin if you would like more information about Pilot's Contact
Wendy Van Harten
Cruststraat, Nijmegen, A
Holland.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Werner Van Harten
Grootestraat,
Hijverdal, \odot
Holland

If you have any information of what happened
to my crew or how it happened I would like
to know for I was hurt or wounded and
was unable to obtain this information.

Crew of Lt. Allen } 702 ~~and~~ Bomb Sqdn
445 Bomb ~~Sqdn~~
Tickenham, England }

Sincerely yours
Erwin P. Pevins Jr.
1534 4th Avenue
Manhattan, New York

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: HAWKINS, Dallas L
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: O-812987
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER (Pilot)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge as I was blown clear of aircraft when bombs

Where? Near Munich, had just turned on I.P. and had sighted large lake (AMBER) exploded.

If not, why not? Above.

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

Oxygen check—few min prior to loss of ship.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge prior to loss of ship.

Where was he when last seen? On take off of this mission.

Any hearsay information: German interrogation officer said that he was found dead and that

I do not believe as he made other remarks and I had not given any information and

I was not captured until about ten day after I was shot down.

He was guessing I think.

Source: Above.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I do not think

that the man had a chance.

Total number of missions of above crew member: This man was a replacement and I do not
know the number of missions made prior to this.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

Dayle Barber
 ASN 17000040
 S/Sgt. Waist Gunner 16-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: HART, Earl K.
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: O-818761
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge as I was blown clear of aircraft when bombs exploded.

Where? Near Munich, just turned on I.P. and sighted a large lake (AMBER)

If not, why not? Above.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen check
 few min. prior to loss of aircraft.

Was he injured? I couldn't say, not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Entering ship on take off of mission.

Any hearsay information: German officer (interrogation) said that he was dead I think that
 he was lying, due to other remarks he made and also in that I had given no information

Source: None Above

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I do not think
 that he had a chance in the world.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eleventh mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not available.

Doyle J. Borchers
 ASK 18106 40
 S/Sgt WAIST Gunner 6-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: DOGLIO, Joseph D.
 Rank: 2nd Lt
 Serial number: O-717191
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ (Navigator): Navigator

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge, I was blown clear of aircraft and don't know.

Where? Near Munich, had just turned on I.P. and had sighted a large lake (Amber)

If not, why not? Above.

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

Talked to Joe as he had told me to look out and see if I could see a lake on the right
side of the ship, I confirmed this for him and he made a remark that the flak was
 Was he injured? I do not think so before the loss of the aircraft. rough.

Where was he when last seen? Entering the ship on take off of mission.

Any hearsay information: German interrogation officer said that he was dead but I think by
other remarks he made that he was only guessing as I would not tell any thing other than
name, rank and serial number.

Source: OSFI Above

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't think
that he had a chance in the world.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eleventh

Dates and destinations if possible: Not available

Doyle J. Baehne
ASN-18106040
Sgt. WAIST
Gunnery 68861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: LOOMIS, John A. jr.
 Rank: 1st Lt
 Serial number: 0-754920
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Bombarxdier

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? Near Munich, we had just turned on the I.P and had sighted a large lake (Amber)

If not, why not? Above.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I talked to him on oxygen check just prior to the loss of the ship.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge before the loss of the plane.

Where was he when last seen? On take off of mission.

Any hearsay information: German interrogator officer told me that he was dddddd dead But I don't believe this from other remarks that he made and don't beleive that the (German) knew what he was talking about as I gave no information and he seemed to be in doubt as to the number of plane I was flying.

Source: Above.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't think that he had a chance in the world.

Total number of missions of above crew member: This man was a replacement and I donot know.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

Donald J. Barbers
0-754920
S/1st Lt. Wrist  *6-3861 AF*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: SUDBOROUGH, Gordon
 Rank: T/Sgt
 Serial number: 16159483
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Top Turret Gunner~~ Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge, as I was blown clear of aircraft when bombs exploded.
 Where? Just as we had turned on the I.P. of bomb run and could sight a large lake (Amber).

If not, why not? Above.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen check
just few min prior to loss of ship.

Was he injured? I had no knowledge of him being injured.

Where was he when last seen? Entering ship on take off of mission.

Any hearsay information: German interrogation officer said that he was dead and was found
but I do not believe this as other remarks he made belied the first statement. The German
interrogation officer did not know for sure just which ship I was flying, he had the
number along with several others but I did not divulge this information nor any other.

Source: Above

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't think
That he had a chance as the ship blew completely to peices, However he may have been
blown clear as I was.

Total number of missions of above crew member: This man was a replacement on my crew and
I do not know how many missions he had previously flown.
 Dates and destinations if possible: Not known.

Dayle J. Sanchez
 ASN. 18106040
 T/Sgt Waist Gunner
 6-3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: GRONCKY, Gregory G.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 13043823
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~YB-49 (Bomber)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge as I was blown clear of aircraft when bombs exploded.

Where? Just as we had turned on the I.P. of bomb run and could sight a large lake right side of aircraft.
Near Munich.

If not, why not? Saw one man falling as I was falling could not identify man as my crewman.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Crewmen check
fifteen min. prior to being shot down.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? I had checked just prior to the ship being hit.

Any hearsay information: German officer at interrogation center at Oberusel (near
Frankfort, on the Mainse) told me that all of my crewmen were found in the ship.

but I do not believe it to be true as they never knew which ship that I was flying.

To the best of my knowledge and belief they were just trying to get me to talk.

Source: Interrogation officer (German) Place same as described above.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None other
than those above told me by the German officer. To the best of my knowledge I do not
believe that he had a chance.

Total number of missions of above crew member: This man was a replacement on my crew and
I have no knowledge of the number of missions that he had made previous to this miss
 Dates and destinations if possible: Not available.

Dwight J. Borchers
 S/Sgt. 18106040
 NAIST GUNNER -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: GARRETT, Thomas D.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 19143862
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER (ENGINEER)~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge, almost an impossibility as the ship was blown to peices and he was in the ball, without a chute. It was in the waist.

Where? Near Munich, just as we had turned on the I.P. near a lake. Ten or fifteen min. before target.

If not, why not? explained above.

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

Was he injured? I think so but cannot be certain.

Where was he when last seen? Upon entering ball turret beginning of mission.

Any hearsay information: Interogation officer (German) told me that he ~~was~~ was dead and found in the plane. I don't believe this as they were not sure of my plane number because I would not talk. Once while they were working me over one of the Germans said ~~hey~~ "How can you know for sure anything when a stubborn son of a bitch won't talk" So I believe that that they knew nothing for sure.

Source: Same as above.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't think that he had a chance as he couldn't get out of the turret and no chute as the aircraft had blown to peices. I hit the ground only a short distance from ~~the~~ part of the ship where it hit and it was a mass of flames.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his eleventh mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not available

Doyle J. Bouchner
 S/Sgt. 1816040
 Waist Gunner 3861, AF

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 7544

Name of crew member: BUNNING, Paul
 Rank: T/Sgt
 Serial number: 16080552
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Radio Operator Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge, almost an impossibility as the ship was blown to pieces. I think that he had on his chute tho.

Where? Near Munich, we had just turned on the I.P and was near a large lake (Amber)

If not, why not? Above. I was blown clear by the explosion and really don't know.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen check, just ten or fifteen min before we were hit.

Was he injured? I have no way of knowing but I think not.

Where was he when last seen? Only few min, before the loss of the ship.

Any hearsay information: Interrogation officer(German) told me that he was dead but I don't think that this was true as I wouldn't talk and they did not know for sure just which ship I was flying, thier remarks indicated as much.

Source: Above.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I don't think that he had a chance.

Total number of missions of above crew member: He was on his eleventh.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not available available

Paul Bunning
 S/Sgt. AS 16080552
 Waist Gunner. 6-3861, AF

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Doyle John Borchers Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 13106070
2. Organization 398 Bn Gp Commander Robinson Rank Col. Sqn CO Booney Rank Major
602 Sqd. (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 10th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BMW Factory, target, Munich, target
time, 430, altitude, 24,000 to 28,000 route scheduled, not available
route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? had just turned on the I.P. about ten min.
before target.
6. Did you bail out? was blown out of aircraft when bombs were hit and exploded.
7. Did other members or crew bail out? Not to my knowledge.
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". None
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near a woods in a wheat field, near a red
farm house.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) I have no knowledge of ~~what~~
whether any man of the crew bailed out or not nor if there were any of the crew in
the ship at the time it struck the ground. The plane was in a mass of flames where
it struck the ground and no one could have been alive if they were in the ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Above.
12. What was their condition? Above.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? Above. Did not see any of them after I hit the ground
I had my chute on and used it after I was blown clear of the aircraft.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None other than the addresses of
American P.O.W.s in prison camp with me and they have given you the information
of their crews as I know that they were liberated at the same time I was.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

- ✓ Col. William L. ...
- ✓ Col. ...
- ✓ Col. Joseph B. ...
- ✓ Col. John A. ...
- ✓ Capt. ...

- Mr. William L. ... (USA)
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- Mr. ... (Major)
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- Mr. ... (Major)
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- Mr. ... (USA)
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- Mr. ... (Major)
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- Mr. ... (Major)
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DELEGATES

MAR
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- 1) **D.J. Borchers** **B**
18106040 T-42-8 **P**
- 2) **Paul Banning** **B**
16080552 T-43-44 **C**
- 3) **Paul Banning** **B**
16080552 T-43-44 **C**
- 4) **John A. Woods Jr.** **O**
0-754920 T 43-43 **P**
- 5) **T.B. Garrett** **O**
19143862 T 42-44 **P**
- 6) **Earl K. Hart** **O**
0-818761 T 43-44 **P**
- 7) **Gordon Sudborough** **O**
16159483 T-42-3 **P**
- 8) **Joseph B. Doglio** **O**
0717191 T 42-44 **C**

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AIR FORCE DEMAND A(0) 14/VII

Kaufbeuren, 24 July, 44

Subject: Deter of Evaluation Center West, Oberursel, March 44.

To: Parachuting 20 or 21 July, 44 in the forenoon.
(According to statement of prisoner)

Crew: Part of parachuted crew captured by Pfc. Jack Erwin,
Local Defense Btl, 422 Buchloe, was transferred to Air Field
Command A(0) 14/VII Kaufbeuren.

Type of plane: not known, (according to prisoner).

Markings: not known.

Prisoner: S/Sgt Borchers D.J. A.S.N. 18106040

signed

AIR FORCE COMMAND A(0) 14/VII

Kuchouren, 24 July, 44

Initial Order of Detention Center West, Cherevsk, March 44.

In Forwarding 20 or 21 July, 44 in the forward.
(According to statement of prisoner)

From Part of parachuted crew captured by Pfc. Jack Smith,
Local Defense Det. 422 Bushlov, was transferred to Air Field
Command A(0) 14/VII Kuchouren.

Type of aircraft known, (according to prisoner).

Markings not known

Prisoner: S/23 Barkovs B.J. A.S.N. 1210140

Doyle J

signed

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(O) 14/VII

PLACE: Kaufbeuren

DATE: 24 July, 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Parachuting, 20 or 21 July, 44 in the forenoonEN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Borchers

FIRST NAME: B.J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) S/Sgt 18106040 T 42-3

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Near Friesenried, about 8 Km west of Kaufbeuren/Allg.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR FIELD COMAND A(0) 2A/VII

PLACE: Kumbouron

DATE: 21 July, 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF. Parachuting, 20 or 21 July, 44 in the forenoonEN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Berchers

FIRST NAME:

Det. Doyle J.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

S/Sgt 1810600 T 42-5

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Near Fricowried, about 8 Km west of Kumbouron/Allg.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

M Ill - 19 Jul 44Do WPMc - 25 May 45R signed

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

25 July, 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

10.10

ROLL:

FROM:

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REMARKS:-

VERY URGENT

L S K F No 690

25 July, 44

15.20

To Dalag Luft Oberursel.

Statements on capture of enemy craft.

Post Air Field Command A (C) 1A/VII, C.O. Kaufbeuren.

Time of Downings: 19 July, 44 10.30

Place of crash: 2 km NW of Markt Weil. Railroad route Muenchen-Buchloe, 9 km NW of Landsberg/Lech.

Kind of capture: Plane was probably shot down by A.A. from 6000 m altitude.

Type of plane: Four-engine American bomber Boeing Fortress II B-17-G

Markings: NMTT N-2-P, American emblem, assistance No 2102511.

Equipment: was not found.

F.T.-Frequencies: cannot be stated.

Condition of aircraft: 95% destruction by crash.

After removal of weapons, ammunition, and the automatic pilot, the plane will be salvaged with assistance of the community of Weil. 7 men of the crew are dead and were buried in 3 coffins by the community of Weil. 1 man was captured.

Air Field Command A(C) 1A/VII
Kaufbeuren

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

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25 July, 44

THROUGH:

TIME:

10:30

ROLL:

FROM:

LSL

THROUGH:

Memo

REMARKS:

VERY URGENT

L. S. R. P. No 690

25 July, 44

15:30

To Major Genl. Stewart.

Statement on capture of enemy craft.

Air Field Command A (S) 14/VII, G.S. Karlsruhe.

Date of landing: 25 July, 44 10:30

Place of crash: 1 km SE of village Weil. Railroad route (Kornwestheim), 9 km SE of
Sinsheim/neck.

Kind of capture: Plane was probably shot down by A.A. from 4000 ft altitude.

Type of aircraft: Single engine biplane, similar to Messerschmitt ME 109.

Markings: L.S.R. P. No 690, American colors, identification No 210011.

Engine: Not found.

P.I. (Proprietor): Not stated.

Condition of aircraft: 90% destruction by crash.

After removal of weapons, ammunition, and the automatic pilot, the plane will be salvaged with assistance of the community of Weil. 7 men of the crew are dead and were buried in 3 coffins by the community of Weil. 1 man was captured.

Air Field Command A(S) 14/VII

Karlsruhe

19 July, 44
Rail near Eifenhausen
Railroad near Muenchen-Buchloe

Fortress B 17 G

Air Field Kaufbeuren

Lt Louis, John, A. Jr.
Lt Hart, Karl, K.
Lt Doglio, Joseph
Sgt Bunning, Paul
Sgt Garrett, F. D.
Sgt Sudborough

Dilag Luft, Wetalar
26 July, 44

17 July 44
To: Mr. K. K. K.
Subject: Mr. K. K. K.

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Air Field Kuching

- 1. Kuching, J. A. Jr.
- 2. Kuching, J. A.
- 3. Kuching, J. A.
- 4. Kuching, J. A.
- 5. Kuching, J. A.
- 6. Kuching, J. A.

Being left, Kuching
26 July 44

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Emsbrunn, 24 July, 44

Initial Report on downed American B-24 near Weil, 19 July, 44

Location: Weil near Emsbrunn, railroad-route Mannheim-Heidelberg

To: Major Left General

Statements on found dog tags of above mentioned plane.

- 1) 2 dog tags: Paul Manning G
1600552 T-43-44 G
- 2) 1 dog tag: F.D. Surrency G
19143062 T-43-44 P
- 3) " " Gordon Sutherland G
15197403 T-43-3 P
- 4) " " John A. Lewis Jr G
G-751920 T-43-4, 3 P
- 5) " " Karl K. Hart G
G-612751 T-42-44 P
- 6) 2 dog tags Joseph D. Doglio G
with key 0717191 T-42-44 G
- 7) 17 photographs
- 8) Bank notes: 2000 French Francs
- 9) 1 Escape kit map

signed

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

19 July 44, time 2000

CASUALTY NO.

2000

PLACE OF CRASH

Well near Buechel.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base HQ, Luxembourg

NAME

RANK

SERIAL

NUM BER

CAPT'D

TOUNDED

DEAD

PLACE OF INTERNMENT

FORGERS
1920

Boyle John
Tex.

S/Sgt. 18103040 captured Daling Luft

REMARKS:

Daling Luft, 18 Aug 44 No.

Air District No. 11

Bombing and prisoners of war

From: 1 December 1944

to: 31 December 1944

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