

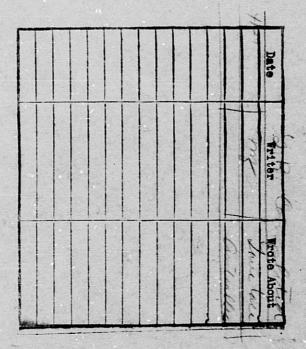
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by L. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Bate MAR 1 5 1948

GERMAN RECORDS

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2nd Lt. Alten H. Andrews

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	ING ATE CREW REPORT	
IMPORTANT: This report will be organization within reported missing.	e commiled in triplicate by n 48 hours of the time an ai	each Army Air Forces reraft is officially
1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF St. Group 398th Bomb Hv : Square		
2. SPECIFY: Point of Dopa ture AAF	Station 131 Course	Per atchd track chart
Intended Destination Munich,	Germany & Return Type of M	dission Operational
WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VIOLENTIAL A	I TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST	REPORTED:
10/10 multilayer cloud - Dense	persistent contrails.	$1 \leq k \leq $
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 July 1944; Time	Approx 0946; and Location	Near 4757-1142E
of last known whereabouts of	missing aircraft. Near 4	757N-1142E
(b) Specify whether (X) Land () Forced Down, () Seen to	ast Sighted, () Last Contac	ted by Radio,
() Forced Down, () Seen to	erash, or () Information no	t Available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVE	ED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A R	ESULT OF: (Check only
one () Enemy Aircraft, (X)	Enemy Anti-Aircraft, ()	ther Circumstances as
Follows		
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6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series	Plea A A B C W	12 102500
	B17G ; A.A.F. Serial Nu	mber 42-102599 X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series (a) SW-014953; (b) SW-0	11978 ; (c) SW-011890	; (d)SW-012165
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below	Make, Type and Serial Numb	er)
VAKE	TYPE	SERIAL NUMBER
(a) Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	227670
(b) Kellsey-Hayes wheel Co. (c) High Standard	.50 cal A/C mach gun	448072
	.50 cal A C mach gun	1082942
Lipe Chapin	.50 cel A/C mach gun	1529007
High Standard	.50 cal A/C mach gun	594857
Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	77934
(h) Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972042
High Standard	.50 cal A/C mach gun .50 cal A/C mach gun	599365 86795
(d) Lipe Chapin (e) High Standard (f) Frig. Div. Gen. Motors (g) Frig. Div. Gen. Motors (h) High Standard (i) Frig. Div. Gen. Motors (y) Buffalo Arms (k) High Standard	.50 cal A/C mach gun	1299465
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9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE RE	PORTED AS: (a) Bettle Com	alty WTA

or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

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10.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ABO CREW POSITION		NAME IF F	ULL		SERIAL	al9
	1		ast Name		CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	KIH
	Pilot M	LOVELACE			d Lt	7557	
	Co-Pilot	~\\HART, RO				0-8210	-
	Navigator	WUHL, ROB			nd Lt	0-7175	
	Bombardier Eng Turret Gunner	MI Rees, Ro			Sgt	0-7067 395515	The second second
	Radio Operator Gunne	on the same of the same of the same of				161195	
	Tail Gunner	en Miller,			Sgt	365940	
	Right Waist Gunner	Land, Do			Sgt		67 RTD
	Ball Turret Gunner					161605	
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12.	·						J.
	IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE I AND CHECK APPROPRIAT Name in Full (Last Name First)	E COLUMN TO IN	DICATE BAS Serial	SIS FOR S Contacted By	AME: (Ch	eck Only Saw	
1	DWINCHICK, THEODORE		12083680		X		1
2	BENNINGFIELD, HARLEY	0 Sgt	37499640		I		
3	FORD, LEON W	S Sgt	11082376		I		
12.	IF PERSONNEL ARE BELLI STATEMENTS: (a) Para from scene of crash	chutes were us	ed T	(b) Pers	ons were s		
13.	ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGR WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS	APH, MAP, CHAR LAST SEEN.	T, OR SKE	rch showi	NG APPROXI	MATE LOCA	TION
14.	EYEVITNESS DESCRIPTION TAINING TO MISSING	N OF CRASH, F	ORCED LAND	DING, OR	OTHER CIRC	UNSTANCES	PER-
	(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 18 July 1944

(Signature of Brenaring Officer)

lst Lt, Air Corps Statistical Control Officer

398th Bombardment Group (Hv) Munich, Germany Mission 16 July 1944

Lead Group 1st "B" CBW Formation Over Target

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	C-5	2597-V		2506-L	F-2	
	Baker				Hough	
C-9	2600-Z	C-8		F-7	2543-B	F-3
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6157-N	C-5	7223-A		7374-X	C-6 '	2593-C
	Elwood				Albadeff	
D-8	7191-K	C-7		C-3	2507-F	C-2
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2516-H		2599-0		2467-J		2487-B

Low Group 1st "B" CBW Formation Over Target

			D-2			
			Lamb - Frazio	2		
		D-4	7190-L	D-5		
		Fairbanks		Griffin		
		2565-M	D-8	7080-8		
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		D-4	7098-Y	D-3		
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	Stoll				Binger	
B-5	7337-R	B-2		D-10	7338-C	D-5
Foster, DL		Gallagher		Wierney		Weekley
2579-C		2476-B		2607-F	B-6	7401-1
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B-5		B-5		B-7	7317-P	B-6
Dayer		Fisher		Spitzer		Sleaman
2568-G		7078-0		7053-¥		2570-F



Eye Witness Description Of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102599, Pilot 1st Lt Curtis D Lovelace, 0-755715, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Munich, Germany 16 July 1944.

I was tail gunner on Captain Bakers ship, which was flying lead ship of the squadron in which Lt Lovelace's plane was number two of second element. About fiveminutes after bombs away over Munich, I saw Lt Lovelace's ship pull out of formation to the left of our ship passing below us with men abandoning ship. The ball turret gunner and I each counted nine men come out and the last man came out of the bomb bay just as the ship made a half roll to the right and then into a spin. I saw no fire or explosion. I saw about four of the chutes open before the men dissappeared into the clouds.

Theodore Dwinshick

THEODORE DWINCHICK, S Sgt 12083680 Tail Gunner, B17G 42-102600Z



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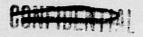
I was flying as tail gunner in the number two ship of the first element, low squadron of the lead group. Contrails were very pronounced as we left the target at Munich. Lt Lovelace's ship, which had been flying about a hundred yards directly behind us commenced dropping back to my right and losing a little altitude. About five minutes after bombs away I noticed three men with their cnutes open below us to the right about two hundred fifty yards to the rear.

I then started looking for the plane they came from, and saw four men leave Lt Lovelace's ship through the bomb bay. After the last man left the ship it rolled over on its back, the right wing broke off by the number four engine and ship went into a spin. More men could have come out of the ship before I started watching it, as the contrails definitely obstructed my vision.

HARLEY O BENNINGFIELD

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Tail Gunner B17G 42-107223 A



Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft Bl76 42-102599, Pilot, 1st Lt Curtis D Lovelace, 0-755715, 600th Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Munich, Germany 16 July 1944.

About five minutes after bombs away I saw Lt Lovelace's ship flying about ninety feet below us. His waist and nose doors came off and two men came out opening their chutes immediately. Then five more came out at short intervals and made delayed jumps. The ship went into a spin, end tip of right wing blew off, and I believe the tokyo tanks hiew up. Then their ship disappeared below the clouds banks. We passed over small tip of Alps between ten or fifteen minutes after they bailed out.

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TATENDED ROUTE FOLLOWED BY PRIMARY MUNICH, GERMANY CONFIDENTIAL COMBATS
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ME 109 0
JU 85 0
ME 110 0
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ME 210 0
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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAST

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

16 Jul 44

PLACE OF CRASH:

Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Unknown

REPORTING OFFICE:

Air Base Miq. Neubiberg July 16, 1944

CREW

SURBAME, ABO FIRST BAME:

LAN D

DATE OF BIRTH:

RASE:

8/8gt.

SERIAL MUNDER:

39418067

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CAPTURED: July 16, 1944

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

20,00 hrs. Bad Krouth mear Tegerasee. TYPE OF ISJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARES: Distributions

Air Forces Adm. Hdq. Command Evaluation Station Vest.

/s/ Koering ?? Major and Air Hase Commander. :

Air Base Hdq, A (o) 1 /VII Aibling

Aibling, Sept. 26, 1944

TRANSPORT LIST.

Transport Secort Command Sgt. Behring Vermer Air Base Hdq. A (c) 1/ WII Aibling March phatoon

T/Sgt. Beger Otto Air Base Hdq. A (o) 1 / VII Aibling Air Base Company

S/Sgt. MILLER, Samel B. Ident. Tag: 36594051 RMC

The P.V. belongs to the downed Fortress / Seeing which was shot down July 16, 1944 near Achenkirchen / Tirol.

The prisoner was delibered July 17, 1944 to the Air Ferces Hospital Eitzbushel as already pr viously reported, and was turned over via the Air/Forces Hospital Bad Viesses to this duty post for the purpose of forwarding.

The list by names as well as the personal articles of the prisoner was already transmitted to the post there July 25, 1944.

/s/ Toepfer Mc.jor & Air Base Commander. AF Hospital 3/VII Ward II File 50 Bad Wiessee, 20 Jul 1944

KSU-70A

Reference: Camp Med. Off. Order No.2/44 of 12 apr 44, Mark 3c. Subject : Admittance of American War Prisoner (member of AF)

To Dulag 16 Oberursel Frankfort/Wain.

To San. Med. Off:

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Lt Col (Med) & Sen. Med. Off.

In acc/with above ref., AF Hosp. 3/VII ward II reports that the American war prisoner (member of AF) S/Sgt Sam HTLLER, SN: 36594051, born 18 Feb 14 in Detroit, was admitted this hospital on 20 Jul 44 because of dislocation & fracture of right ankle and fracture left inner ankle, as well as dislocation of lumbar vertebral column.

Pow M. crashed on 16 Jul 44 in Jenbach/Tyrol and was admitted on 18 Jul 44 to AF Hosp. Kitabuehl and admitted for medical treatment on 19 Jul 44 this hospital thru Med. Det. Innsbruck.

It is simultaneously reported, that the American Fow Sgt Agostin ARROYO SU-1363 was placed in transit on 21 Jul 14, to Bad Abbling, in Base RQ, for purposes of forwarding to Dulag (Air) (perursel.

(signed - illegible)
Capt (Ned) & Ward Med. Off.

Report to: Air Zone Comd VII Med. Off. Munich

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:
Rank:
Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) or The transfer that the control of the co
Position: Crew (bomber; officers).
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Did he bail out?
Where?
If not, why not?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
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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:
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- (v) (v) (v) (v)
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

Name of crew member:

AHATAILLIA, Gerard C.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Position: Crew (Bomber) ografication : Bell Surret Connect
Did he bail out?
Where?
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Where was he when last seen?
Any hearsay information:
Source:
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Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

Name of crew member:

Rank:
Serial number:
Position: Crew (Eomber) or 155715

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Where?
If not, why not? No Arrow Arrow
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Was he injured?
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Dates and destinations if possible:

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	CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE
Y	our name Andrews Alton A. Rank 2nd 14. Serial No. 200876
2:	rganization 398 Gp Commander Anna Rank Col Sqn CO Rank (full name)
	hat year /944 month day did you go down?
W t	hat was the mission, Borbing, target, Monich, target ime,, altitude,, toute flown, route flown
W	here were you when you left formation? 50 M; les South of Mon Ch
	id you bail out?
D	id other members of crew bail out?
1	ndividual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please ive facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
W	There did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
W C	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Shoul cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
	There were they in aircraft?
ı	That was their condition? O.K. when lost soon
	When, where, and in what condition did you lest see any members not already described above?
	Anothilia was last seen standing in the unist of the ship strapping on his chute
]	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)

Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: 755715 Pilot Position: Crew (Bomber) or Did he bail out? I Sont know, for sure 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? Any hearsay information: a day a young berne Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Total number of missions of above crew member: // Dates and destinations if possible:

1/ Set Samuel B Miller

A.S.N. 3651405/

Ward 2

Percy Jones Ju Hap Bittle Geek

Name of crew member: Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) or

ANATAILLIA, GOFAFA C.

Trickien : Bell Turret Gunner

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fhere?
If not, why not?
ast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
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There was he when last seen?
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Any hearsay information: Would you kidly shock on this story and Inform Mrs Anataille (mother of 5253 maple 8 (Cearling Michigan
Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

	Your name MILLER Samuel B. Rank Ther. Serial No. 3657405.
	Organization 398 Resp. Commander HUNTER Rank Col., Sqn CO Rank Copf. (full name) (full name) (full name) day 16 did you go down?
	What year 1944 month July day 16 did you go down?
	What was the mission, factory, target, Municht, target time, 4:45 Am, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled,
1	Where were you when you left formation? IN Tail Postions (TAIL GUNCA)
	Did you bail out? YES
	Did other members of crew bail out? Imembers bailed out so for cal
	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. Pleas give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No travelge
	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Shoul cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
	Where were they in aircraft?
	What was their condition?
	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member:

Rank: 1st Lt
Serial number: 0-755715
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Ranksky (Rightex): Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowdlege
Where? No knowdlege
If not, why not? No knowdlege
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was preparig
for bailout when I last saw him. Was turning out of his seat.
Was he injured? Not when last seen by me.
Where was he when last seen? In first pilots sect.
Any hearsay information: A German Major at Rosenhime, Cermany voluenteered
inf rmation that he was dead which only aroused my suspicion to trickery
as I had no reliable knowdlege on the subject.
Source: Major of t e German Army: Rosenhime, Germany
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Dossible that
he was unable to leave the ship. To the best of my knowdleg the left
wing blew off immeadiately after I left the ship. but am not sure of the
exact time it blew off due to very poor visibility.
Total number of missions of above crew member: eleven
Dates and destinations if possible: 18jun44 Hamburg: 20Jun44Hamburg: 21Jun44Berlin
22Jun44Rouen, France; 24Jun44Belloy Sur Somme, Rr.; 25Jun44Toulouse, Fr.
4July44Tours, Fr.: 6July44Cauchie D'Toques, Fr.: 7july44Leipzig, Germany;
8July44 Fresnoy, Fr.; 16July Munich, Germany.

Lt. Lovelace was from my home town, Fulton, Kentucky, and I have given all information in my posse sion to his parents.

Lt. Lovelace, according to the Germans was buried at Achenkirchen, Austria on the 19th of July 1944.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of cr	ew men	ber:	
Rank:			
Serial num	ber:		
Position:	Crew	(Bomber)	on Michael Hacht

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Did he bail out? No knowdlege
Where? No knowdlege
If not, why not? No knowdlege
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: At time of
danger he was ordered out of position a d to prepare for bailout.
Was he injured? Not to my knowdlege
Where was he when last seen? In shirs waist
Any hearsay information: R.O. T/Sgt C.D. Weatherwas said he was in waist of
ship puting on his chute. (3) German Major at Rosenhime, Germany also
told me of Sgt. Anataillias death.
Source: (1) Maj. German Army Rosenhime, Germany
Rosenhime, Germany Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Navigator lost
shoes in jump. Germans gave him felt shoes that belonged to b la gunner
which were in ferfect condition. I believe had he been in the colp when
it struck the ground the shoen would have been damaged in some way.
In veiw of this he may have bailed out.
Total number of missions of above crew member: <u>televen</u>
Dates and destinations if possible: 18 Jun 44 Hamburg; 20 Jun 44 Hamburg;
21 Jun 44 Berlin; 22 Jun 44 Rouen, Fr.; 24 Jun 44 Belloy Sur Somme, Fr.
25 Jun 44Toulouse, Fr.; 4 July 44 Tours, Fr.; 6 july 44 Camenie P'Esques, F
7 July 44 Leipzig, ; 8 July 44 Freency, Fr.; 16 July 44 Munich.
(over)

Sgt. Anataillia , according to the Germans was buried at Achenkirchen, Austria on the 19th of July 1944.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1.	Your name HART, ROBERT TAN Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-891007
2.	Organization 398 Gp Commander Hunter Cank Col.Sqn CO Daily Rank Maj. (full name) (full name) What year 1944 month July day 16 did you go down?
3.	
4.	What was the mission, eleventh , target, Munich, Germany , target time, aptrox. 1130 , altitude, 28,500 ft. route scheduled, Belgium, Luxembrough , route flown Same
5.	Where were you when you left formation? Approximately fortymiles south of target.
6.	Did you bail out? Yes
7.	Did other members of crew bail out? Knowledge of seven members bailing out. This includes 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". Tailgunger # 1 ilgunger except natch. W.G. ? R.O. Main entrance hatch. Members forward of bambay used nose escape hatch. No knowledge of Lt. Curtis D. Lovelace or let. Gerard C. Anataillia. Bailed out at time of order at place stated in question 5.
٥.	Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowdleg
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 (it is possible that Lovelace and Anataillia were in plane when it struck ground but no facts supporting)
	Where were they in aircraft? 1st Pilot and ball gunner
11.	
12.	What was their condition? uninjured at last contact.
13.	When, where, and in what condition did you <u>last</u> 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)

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Branch Office 2858

2 January 1945

Report

Places of crash see pages: 131604/05

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KSU 70 A KSU 1467 Ku 858 A

On 16 July 44 at 0955

Place: Achen Kirchen/Tirol Type: Fortress Ident.: 600 (HB) (of 858°) 398 Group 1

Airfield: 131

Target: Airfield K.Aibung

XU Nr. 2556

Fank Name: 31/7

2nd Lt. HART, Robert Tan 2nd Lt UHL, Robert George 1st Lt LOVELACE, Curtis D.

2nd Lt ANOHERS, Alton, Richard

S/Sgt ANTAILLIA, Gerard S/Sgt BILLER, Samuel Barney

Hospital Kitzbushl

M/Sgt RELS, Robert Eugene T/Sgt WEATHERWAX, Clifford D.

S/Sgt LAND, Donald Les

Serial Number

0-821007 .

0-717537

0-755715 dead

0-706769 . 16160591 dead

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19 July cemetery Achenkirch, Tirol.

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Date:	16 July 44 at 12 00	1st Lt.	LOVELACE, Daune C. HART, Robert	
Place:	Muanchen	2nd Lt.	UHL, George	
Type:	Fortress	T/Sgt.	WEATHERWAX, Clifford REES, Robert Eugene	39351534 •
Markings:	# in triangle 600 (HB.) Sqd. 398 Group	S/3gt. Sgt. S/3gt.	IAND, Donald Ise ANTALLIA, Gerard MILLER, Samuel B.	39418067 •
Airbase:	131			

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EU 2556 3.) ACHEWALD (also ACKEMEIRCK) 37 km north east-og 'IMRSERUCK.-F D 7 - 09.55 o'clock , BORING, loo \$, burnt in crash, 6 prisoners, 2 dead, markings and No. N. F. , downed by flak.

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	Robert Eugene Decatur Ill.	T/Sgt.	39551534	п	n	п
	Donald Lee Creswell, Orc.	s/sgt.	39418067	H	и	
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Casualty No	.: KU 2556	lst addi	tional rep	ort of 13	Sept 44	

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DOG TAGE.

- 1) James L.Cole B 0-699650 T 43-44 P
- 2) James L.Cole B 0-699650 T 43-44 P
- 3) Alton R.Andrews 0 0-706769 T 43-44 P
- 4) Robert T.Hart B 0-821007 T 43-44 P
- 5) Robert G.Uhl A 0-717537 T 43-44 P
- 6) C.D.Weatherwax 0 16119557 T 43-43 P
- 7) Curtis D.Lovelace A 0-755715 T 43-44 P
- 8) Curtis D.Lovelac A 0-755715 T 43-44 P

REPORT ON POST MORTEM EXAMINATION.

NAME:

Curtis D.Lovelace 0-755715 T 43-44 A A

NATIONALITY:

American (Canadian?)

RESIDENCE:

Not pr oofed by documents

AGE:

RELIGIOM:

CAUSE OF DEATH: Skull fracture, hematoma of abdomen and genital area, sippy concentration in abdomen. Inside bleeding caused by crash.

DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH: 16 July,44 (found 16.00)

DATE OF BURIAL:

19 July,44

09.00

PLACE OF BURIAL:

Achenkirch Cemetery

REMARKS:

The result of the post mortem examination is just based on a general inspection of the partly covered corps without obduction

> Achental, 18 July,44 The Coroner

Dr. Volkmaur Wieser Practicing Doctor

Achenkirch/Tirol

REPORT OF POST MORTEN FLANTMATION

WANE:

Gerard D. Antaillia 16/60591 T 43-44 American aviator

WATIONALITY:

American (Canadian?)

RESIDENCE:

Not proofed by documents

AGE:

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RELIGION:

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Broad skull fracture, fracture of upper spine, compound communeted fracture of right tigh and lower leg, several small tissue injuries.

DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH:

16 July,44 (found 12.00)

DATE OF BURIAL:

19 July,44

09.00

PLACE OF BURIAL:

Achenkirch Cenetery

REMARKS:

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To: Evaluation Center, West, Oberursel

Final Report of Shotdown Aircraft on July 13. 1944, Day Attack on Munich.

From No. 1 to No. 3 see Temporary Report!

Final Report of Shotdown Aircraft on July 16, 1944 Day Atttack on Munich.

3.) Acherwald (Achenkirch)

37 Km northeast of Innsbruck: Fighter net FD 7; 9.55 hour, Boeing 100% Damage by crash; 6 Prisoners 2 dead, Indentificat on an No.: can 7 be determined Flak.

Outside Distribution taking care of it local
Distribution:
Commander in Chief, la, la op 1, la op 2,
la op 3, Qu, Ingenieur of Airdistrict Command,
lc/OFA, lc Section leader, lc L 1. lc KTB, lc L Guardofficer
lc L 2, (Sketch)

AIRDISTRICT COMMAND VII/ le L 2

Peters Mayor

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AIR FIELD COMMAND A(0) Salvage officer

Aibling, 31 July,44

Subj.: Location of grave of the two aviators Curtis Lovelace and Gerard Antallia, died during crash of Boeing Fortress 17, NW of Achenkirch, 16 Jul.44

To: Dulag Luft Oberursel

Attached: Scetch of grave location of the two American crew members, drawn by Police Post Achenkirch, and two reports on post mortem examination.

Signed

Salvage Officer

Achenkirch, 19 July,44

Sketch of grave location of the two American aviators.Community Cemetery in achenkirch, Landkreis Schwaz, Reichsgau Tirol und Vorarlberg. (Sketch att. in file)

Description: The two aviators are baried in the 5th row on the left side, lst grave from the middle way if you stand in front of the church, view to west.

AIR FIELD COMMAND A(0) 1/VII Section Dockyard/Salvage Off.

Aibling, 29 July,44

COMPLEMENTARY REPORT

To onvestigation report of 2 July,44 ,downing of American plane Boeing B 17 on the Brettersberg HW of Achenkirchm (Tirol) 16 July,44

II. TECHNICAL REPORT:

To No. 7) Weapons: Weapons were nearly completely destroyed when plane orashed and afterwards detonated.9 single and one double WG were found destroyed. Readable inscription on the weapons:

MG .	were found	dest	royed.l
1)	600190	GVT	50 M
2)	227670		
3)	448072	Ħ	
4)	1299465		11
5)	599365		11
6)	594857		
7)	971955		
8)	86759		T
9)	1529007	11	
10)	1082942	*	
11)	972042		•

Ammunition was removed mixix from place of crash and mostly entrenched in a depth of 1.50 m.

To No. 11) F.T.-Equipment:The following equipment was salvaged:

Sender: Radio Transmitter BC-458-A Ser.No.: 42065

Sender: Radio Transmitter BC-375-E # 57848

Transformer:belonging to voltage regulator

Model 5 D 48 B 94 Type: D 48

D.C. on: 28 Volt 19 Amps.

D.C., out: 1000 # 35 #

35 KVA

Made by General Electric Tr ansformer: Westinghouse D.C. on: 28 Volt D.C.out:250 Receiver: Radio Receiver BC-348-Q Ser.No.:3098 Order No. 3541-WF-42 Made by Wells Gardner & Co. Illinois Chicago Photo Equipment Without inscription 1 Motor: Motor camera, Aircraft, Type K 21 Type E 2 I IPC Volts 24 D.C. Ser.No. S 12197 A.C. Order No. W 535-AC-21201 Spec.No.31160 Mfg by the Dumore Co Spec. No. 5283 for The Follmer Graflex Corporation. Rochester, H.T. Antenna Tuning Unit: AntennaTuning Unit BC-306-B Ser. No. 100442 Made by General Electric Co. U.S.A

To No. 15) Remarks: Inscription onea tank:

Lining No. 3956121 CP Tank, fuel, self sealing, bulletproof, suitable for aromatic

fuels. Specification No. 3956121 CP. B.A.C. Part No 15-10391- C Cap. 41 U.S. Gals. 34 Imp.Gals.

G 67

Cell.WT. 53 lbs.CDYR. DWG No. 2 Fl.-G-2831-1

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Akron

Construction F.T.L. ION

Tested 3 lbs P.L.I.

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Also one small motor was salvaged: Mfd. under one or more of the following U.S.A. Patents 1,276,552 1,358,809 1,730,276 1,824,824 Rs 18,496 other pat. pend. Assy. Dwg. No. D-49177-8 Type Y-150 No. B.J.-6963 Volts DC 24 Made in U.S.A. Eclipse Aviation Corporation

Bendix, New Jersey U.S.A. An unknown apparatus was taken in custody by Av. Head Ingen. Paetzold

Inscription: Type G 16 A 2 CA 21 Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company Minneapolis, Minnesota. U.S.Pat. 2,041,050 2,159,513

Attached are 27 Type labels, found in the plane.

signed by SalvagebOfficer

P.S. to No. 15) Remarks:

In addition was salvaged: 1 Regulator Demand Oxygen Regulator Type No. A 12 Ser.NO. AF-43-58605 VI. 16 July,44 09.00 WW of Achenkirchen, W of the Achensee on the Brettersberg.

Crew: Partly parachuted, partly dead.
Type of plane: Boeing 17 G
Markings: Mfg. No. 75-512-617

Shot down: not stated wheather by A.A. or fighter.

Crew: Alton R.Andrews 2nd Lt 0-706769 T 43-44 0 P

Uhl G.Robert # # 0-717537 T 43-44 A

Hart T.Robert # # 0-821007 T 43-44 B

Hart T.Robert " " 0-821007 T 43-44 B
Miller B.Sammel 345-94051
Antaillia G.Gerard 16160591 T 43-44

dead, 19 July, 44, 09.00 buried in Achenkirch, Municipal Cemetery besides church, row 5.

Lovelac Curtis D. 0-755715 T 43-44 A dead, 19 July,44, 09.00 buried in Achenkirch, Municipal Cemetery besides church,row 5.

signed

AIR FIELD COMMAND A (0) 1/VII
AIBLING

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(0) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 25 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING: AT: Achenkirch/Tirol 16 July,44 09.90

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Alton

FIRST NAME: Andrews R.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt 0-706769 T 43-44 0 P

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

LACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 23 July, 44 Hochalpe near Achenkirchen

NAME OF MOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Rem.: Able to be transported

Report on Inspection of an Enemy Plane, downed NW of Achenkirchen (Tirol)

I. IN GENERAL: 16 July,44 09.55 downing of an American Boeing 17 G on the Brettersberg, NW of Achenkirchen.

1) DATE OF CRASH: 16 July,44 09.55

2) PLACE OF : 3 KM NW of Achenwald on the Brettersberg, about 1 Km W of the Halslalm (1200 m) Fighter Grid Map ON F D 8

3) CONDITION OF CRAFT: The plane broke into many pieces. Some perts were thrown into the valley. The rest of the plane burnt out when she hit the ground.

- DESTINY OF THE CREW: 2 men of the crew have been found dead and identified. 6 men of the crew were captured after parachuting.3 of them were transferred to Air Field Holzkirchen, 2 to Station Commander Schwez/Tirol, and one wounded to Hospital Joergl or Kitzbuehel. It was ordered that the prisoners will be transferred to Dulag Oberursel via Aibling. It was stated without doubt that the prisoners belong to this plane, but it could not be seen wheather the plane had 8 or 10 crew members.
 - 5) SURFACE DAMAGE: About 100 qm woods destroyed. 6) DETAILS ABOUT DOWNING: No witnesses cuold be found which have seen a probable air fight. The report of one witness-Forest Keeper Johannes Rastl, Achenwald 26 - is attached.

II. TEDHNICAL REPORT: 1) TYPE OF PLANE: Acc. to the master plack: Boeing Fortress Model No. B-17-G Briggs Unit No. 8469-L

Acc. to master plack: Part No. 75-5127-617 2) FACTORY NO .:

Connot be seen because of the high grade of destroyment.by fire, 3) MARKINGS: only a light star on dark ground.

4) YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: Probably 1942

Studebaker Corporation W-535 AC 1739.Spec.No. VAR.-A.No further 5) MOTORS: dates can be stated.

1. Part-No. 6477 A/O Ser.No 7562. Numbers of blades not to be seen. 6) PROPELLERS: 2. Part-No. 6477 A/O Ser.No NKAA 7245 T.O.No. 03-2000-2

Angle 20-88 AT 42. Numbers of blades not to be seen.

3rd and 4th propeller are missing.

Found were 6 single and 2 twin-weapons completely destroyed. 7) WEAPONS: W.No. were only seen on two weapons: Cal. 13.7 mm -Mixture of ammunition: 1:1:1 . Marking of ammunition:point of projectile black.Spec.No. T 17681 T 127343

Cannot be stated because of destruction by fire

8) BOMB BAY: Found were: 9) ARMORE:

larmour plate 50/40/6 cm 1 seat armour 100/40/6 cm 2 armour plates 80/40/6 cm 1 armoured hatch 80/52/6 cm 1 armour plate 90/80/6 cm

10) NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT: Completely destroyed

- 11) F.T.EQUIPMENT: Sender BG-375-E. 5 completely destroyed Tuning Units.

 Radio Receiver BC-348-Q.Other equipment completely destroyed.
- 12) FREQUENCIES: Cannot be stated.
- 13) SPECIAL INSTALLATIONS: Because of nthe complete destroyment no statements could be made.
- 14) CAMOUFLAGE:

Without camouflage.

15) REMARKS:

Found equipment, pneumatic boats, 8 MG with ammunition were salvaged and cent to the competent offices. The salvage of the rest of the mostly burnt plane would be very difficult ENDEXINE due to the steep grade and altique of this particular place and stands in no proportion to the evaluation.

signed
Av.Head Ing., Chef of Sec.Dockyard

signed Major and Salvage Officer

DISTRIBUTOR: Dulag luft, Oberursel

P.S. to part I. 7) REMARKS:

Gouvernmental and personal property of the crew members is attached. Besides the above mentioned equipment(part II) of the technikal report two bullet-proof vests were found and taken in custody.

In the bomb bay was engraved: Release Bomb Rack Type A-4
24 Volts BC Assembly No. 43 G 1984c-R. One of the wings had awhite star of five points on black ground. Radius about lm

The both dead will be buried in the cemetery of Achenkirchen according to the existing regulations.

Route to place of crash: from inn of Hagen in the woods (Achental) about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours on the steep mountain-path through high wood.

Guarded preliminary by: 2/12 men of Mountain Troops (Ing.) Btl. 83 in Schwaz.

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar Receives July 29. 1944 Central File and Reporting station

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TO:

DATE: July 26. 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0300

ROLL:

FROM: Bierstadt

THROUGH: OH. Schroedel

REMARKS:

Wircless message

To Evaluation Center West Oberursel

Temporary Report of Shotdown Aircraft on July 16, Day Attack on Munich.

3.) Achenwald 37 Km northeast of Innsbruck, fighter net, F.D. 7-8; 09.55 hour, Boeing 100% Damage crashed by five; 2 dead, 6 prischers.

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Air District Command VII lc L 2

6-3224,AF(5)

Achenwald, 10 July,44

v.Hake Major and Flight Director

EXAMINATION

The Area Ranger Johann R a s t 1 , Achenwald appeared.

I, Johann Rastl, hereby certify that the following is true and correct:

In relation to the person: My name is Johann Rastl, born 8 December, 1907 in Villnoes (Suedtirol), single.

In relation to the subject:
Sunday, 16 July,44, between 09.00 and 10.00, I have seen parts of a plane flying into the Achental which probably belong to that plane that came from the direction of Muenchen-Innsbruck.On the Brettersberg I saw smoke and then I went up. There the fire was extinguished whith showels and some trees were cut. Before my arrival ranger Jacob Schebesta, Achenwald was already there. Before we went up we found two great rubber tanks in the valley 20 m besides the street.

V.g.u.

Hans Rastl Area Ranger

sign. Major and Flight Director

Remarks: The rubber tanks seem to be stolen later on by civilians.

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(O) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 22 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: Achenkirchen/Tirol 16 july,44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Willer

FIRST NAME: B.Samuel

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 345-94051

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

MACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 20 July,44 near Achenkirchen/Tirol

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Kitzbuehel

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Wounded, 17 July, 44 transferred to Hospital Kitzbuehel

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(O) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 26 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: Achenkirchen/Tirol 16 July,44 09.50

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Antaillia

FIRST NAME: Gerard

SERIAL HUMBER: (USA) 16160591 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

CE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: found dead 16 July,44 09.50, immediately after crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried: 19 July,44n 09.00 in Achenkirchen, Landkreis Schwaz, Municipal Cemetery, besides church, row 5.

No personal property.

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(O) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 22 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: Achenkirchen / Tirpl 16 July,44 09.50

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Lovelace

FIRST NAME: Curtis D.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1st Lt 0-75 5 715 T 43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

CE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 16 July,44 16.00 found dead in the Klammbach

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried: 19 July,44 09.00 in Achenkirches, Landkreis Schwas, Reichsgau Tirol Arnicipal Cemetery, besides church, row 5.

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A (0) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 22 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: Achenkirchen / Tirol 16 July,44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Uhl

FIRST NAME:

Robert G.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

2nd Lt 0-717537 T 43-44 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

MCE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 18 July,44 08.00 Area Achensee

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Rem.: Able to be transported

POST: AIR FIELD COMMAND A(O) 1/VII

PLACE: Aibling

DATE: 22 July,44

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 G

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT: Achenkirchen / Tirol 16 July,44

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Hart

FIRST NAME: Robert

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt 0-821007 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

CE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 18 July,44 in the morning, area of the Achensee

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Rem.: Able to be transported

KU-858 A 75'64

Identification Tags

Rees, Robert E. 39551534 T 43-44 O P
Land, Donald L. 39418067 T 43-44 O P