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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 544th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Sottevast, France; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 May 44 Time 1701; and Location Sottevast, France
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces 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 A/C received direct flak burst in cockpit and started into deep
spiral.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31211
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-796
(b) SW-964; (c) 43-57667; (d) SW-006268
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on Separate sheet
and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	Pilot	✓ Allison, Earl Thomas	1st Lt.	0-798297
2.	Co-Pilot	✓ Jacobs, Randolph George Edward	Capt.	0-2044844
3.	Navigator	✓ Curtin, John Quinn	✓ POW 1st Lt.	0-800687
4.	Bombardier	✓ Nagel, Jack Cameron	1st Lt.	0-734967
5.	Radio Operator	✓ Laubenstein, William Frederick	T/Sgt.	32040920
6.	Engineer Top Turret	✓ Clements, William Arlie	T/Sgt.	35472350
7.	Ball Turret	✓ Kaufman, Vernon Herman	S/Sgt.	37233420
8.	Tail Gunner	✓ Hall, Lester Winfield	✓ POW 2nd Lt.	0-447290
9.	Right Waist Gunner	✓ Grimmett, James Harold	Sgt.	16018325
10.	Left Waist Gunner	✓ Hougard, Kenneth Nelson	S/Sgt.	19170044

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. West, George Berry	1st Lt.	0-802893		x		
2.						
3.						

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) 1 chute seen
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Report 12 May 1944

* Officer a member of 547th Bombardment Squadron

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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STATEMENT BY LT. G.B. WEST, PILOT A/C 435 ON MISSION SOTTEVAST,
FRANCE, 8 MAY 1944.

ABOUT 40 SECONDS BEFORE BOMBS AWAY, A/C 211, LT. ALLISON, PILOT,
RECEIVED A DIRECT FALK BUREST IN THE COCKPIT AND STARTED INTO A
STEEP SPIRAL. TWO (2) MEN OBSERVED EMERGING AND ONE (1) CHUTE
SEEN.

George B. West
G.B. WEST,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 435.

Incl 2

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✓ Captain Randolph G. E. Jacobs ✓

Mr. George E. Jacobs, (father)
4937 E. Francisco Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

✓ 1st Lt. Jack G. Nagel ✓

Mrs. Artie E. Nagel, (mother)
1426 S. Lincoln
Houston, Texas

✓ 1st Lt. Earl T. Allison ✓

Mrs. Earl T. Allison, (wife)
39 Abbott Street
Beverly, Massachusetts

POW 1st Lt. John Q. Curtin ✓

Mr. John Q. Curtin, (father)
26 Lake View Park
Rochester, New York

POW 2nd Lt. Lester W. Hall ✓

Mrs. Elva G. Lewis, (sister)
2354 South Thirty Fourth Street
Omaha, Nebraska

RAF T/Sgt. William F. Leubenstein ✓

Mrs. Josephine M. Leubenstein, (wife)
26 Douglas Street
Little Falls, New York

✓ T/Sgt. William A. Clements X

Mrs. Minnie E. Clements, (mother)
5715 Chandler Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

✓ Sgt. James H. Grimmett ✓

Mrs. Adeline J. Grimmett, (mother)
3068 Elbridge Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

✓ Sgt. Vernon H. Kaufman ✓

Mr. Robert Kaufman, (father)
Rural Route Two
Haddon, Kansas

RAF S/Sgt. Kenneth N. Haugard ✓

Mrs. Adelaide V. Haugard, (wife)
5628 North Greeley Avenue
Portland, Oregon

~~SECRET~~
HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

LEONARD H. HUXGARD, 4/Eft, 19178044
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

7 July 1964
(Date)

544 Bomb Squadron, 386 Bomb Group
(Unit)

BAI #229 (I.S.9-W.I.A.)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT	0-798297	1st Lt	Earl T ALLYSON
CO-PILOT	0-2044844	Capt	Randolph JACOB
NAVIGATOR	0-800687	1st Lt	John O CURTIN
BOMBARDIER	0-734967	1st Lt	Jack G NAGEL
RADIO OPERATOR	32040920	T/Sgt	William F LAUBENSTEIN
TOP TURRET GUNNER	33472350	T/Sgt	William A CLEMENTS
BALL TURRET GUNNER	37193420	S/Sgt	Vernon H KAUFMAN
W/ST GUNNER	19170044	S/Sgt	Samuel H BOUGARD
W/ST GUNNER	16018325	Sgt	James H GRINNETT
TAIL GUNNER	0-447296	2d Lt	Lester W HALL

HEA	✓	Red	Kia
HEA	✓	Red	Kia
P/W	✓		Pow
HEA	✓	Red	Kia
HEA		no life	RTD
HEA	✓	Red	Kia
HEA	✓	Red	Kia
RD		no life	RTD
HEA		PW	Rme
P/W	✓		Pow

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

8 May 1944; 1700 hours; about 1 mile west of STE COLOMBE.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Flak damage to mid-section.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **20,000 feet**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Don't know.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

~~Saw 4 chutes.~~

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Don't know.**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

NO

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Heard that an airman who may be Lt HALL, was captured.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

See above

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4360

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~384th Bomb Group~~

ORDWAY, James Harold

Sgt.

1608325

Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YesWhere? Out of waist position

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: motoredTo Summit to jump then I bailed outWas he injured? noWhere was he when last seen? on plane

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 23

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4560

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

ALLISON, Earl Thomas
1st Lt.
O-798297
Pilot

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? killed

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: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4360

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

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

JACOBS, Randolph George Edward
Capt.
O-204544
Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

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: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4360

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~

NAME, Jack Cameron

1st Lt.

O-734967

Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

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: killed by flak while in
nose of ship

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 27

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4560

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER, TOP TURRET~~

CLARK, William Arlie

T/Sgt.

35472350

Engineer Top Turret

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

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: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4560

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~KAUFMAN, Vernon Herman
S/Sgt.
37233420
Ball turretDid he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed

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: 28

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # A560

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

HALL, Lester Winfield

2nd Lt.

O-447290

Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? YesWhere? out of tail position

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: he was blown out of tail
just as I bailed out -
taken prisoner for 1 yr

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kenneth N. Hargard Rank T/SGT Serial No. 19170044
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Rank _____ Sqn CO 544 Rank Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year May 8, 1944 day _____ did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Southwest France, target
time, 3.30 PM, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Southwest
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No - 3 escaped
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? do not know - I
found the tail piece in a field
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) those killed
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nose - Pilots Comp, turret -
12. What was their condition? Killed
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. _____
5 prisoners
5 killed

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Post E 5600

PLACE:

DATE: 10 May 1944

REGARDING:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Capture of 2 American airmen by security Police
and S.D. at Lyons, French Establishment St. Lo
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Lambertstein

FIRST NAME:

William
E. H. 7.mia 8 May 44
EUS
air Corps

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

23040920

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

. / .

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

. / .

Distributor:

Air District Command Western France
Dolag - Luft
Command Air Base Area 2 / VII
original

Under order:

(signature illegible)
Captain

U.S. Army Prison Paris
Section I

Received, 4 June 1944

DELIVER & CERTIFICATE

To

Interrogation Center of the Air Force

Pilot - Capt. Charles J. Brown

Name: **Grinneth** 16018325
 First Name: **JAMES H.**
 Date of birth: **2 February 1919**
 Faith: **protestant**
 Profession: **no information**
 Nationality: **American**
 Address: **no information**
 Day of delivery: **6 June 44, at 1300**
 Delivering Post: **Security Service - Paris - Bde - IV H**
 Reason for delivery: **Heavy flier**
 At disposal of: **security service - Bde - IV H**

for:

signed: **B r u n n (or Brown)**
Captain

MIA 8 May 44
 EUS

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Staff Officer No 18
for Wehrmacht-Casualties

Quarters, 8 June 1944

Diary No 471

Field post No 21535 R

To

Wehrmacht Information Center
Berlin - W30

On the Cemetery of Cherbourg, Department MANSUE, the bodies of 27 dead American Air Force Members have been buried. Grave-Report no received from Hqts. in charge, is inclosed.

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Signature

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Records at Referate IV

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Pencilled on Back

SANDERS, R. A.
COCHRAN, THOMAS T
CORPENING, ROBERT E
CORBETT, THOMAS W
STEVENS, JOHN J
5 UNKNOWN
SANTORIELLA, MARIO

HUDSON, JON K
CHANCELLER, BENJAMIN
2 UNKNOWN
ZANNI, CLAUDE J
GRADY *Grady*
NAGEL, JACK C
KAUFMANN, V H

CLEMENTS, WILLIAM A
JACOBS, RANDOLPH O
ALLISON, EARL
2 UNKNOWN
MORSE, JOSEPH
FREE, ANN
UNKNOWN

8 May 1944. 1930

UNKNOWN Light Bombers
10 km. SW. of Valence
Type: Fortress
569 HBe Squadr.
Target: Airfield
Command Therville

26 May.

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Sgt.	GRIMMETT	James Harold	16018325	capt
1st.Lt.	CURPIN	Joe	0-800687	capt
2nd.Lt.	HALL	Lester Winfried	0-467250	capt
146	JACOBS	Randolph	T-60327	dead
147	ALLISON	Earl	0-198297	dead
144	KAUFMAN	V. H.	37232430	dead
145	T/Sgt. CLEMENTS	William	35350	dead
149	1st.Lt. NAGEL	Jack C.		dead
	1st.Lt. MORRIS	Joseph	0-674795	capt.
	KOVACHEVICH	N.	0-802582	
	T/Sgt. LADENSTEIN	W.		
	S/Sgt. HOUDARD	K.		

1 unknown Grave 148 on 12 May buried at British Cemetery
Cherbourg

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

8 MAY 1944 6 Time 19.30

CASUALTY NO.

KU 1788

PLACE OF CRASH

Station La Cimmuniere

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

P-47

REPORTING OFFICE

Headquarters Army Air Field Tbilisi

NAME

RANK

SERIAL
NUMBERCAPT'D
WOUNDED
DEAD

PLACE OF INTERMENT

COURTNEY, John

1st/Lt. O-800457

Captured

Dulag Luft

HALL, Lester Winfield
1 April 1921 - Eugene, Oregon

2nd/Lt. O-447290

Captured

Dulag Luft

JAKORS, Randolph

P/O

T 60327

Dead - On 12 May 44 buried at the
English Cemetery Cherbourg Grave #
146

ALLISON, Earl

Officer O-798277

Dead - the same

Grave # 147

KAUFMAN, V. H.

Sgt. 37233420

Dead - the same

Grave # 144

GLENN, William

T/Sgt. 35350...

Dead - the same

Grave # 145

NAGEL, Jack

Sgt.

Dead - the same

Grave # 143

UNKNOWN

UNKNOWN

Dead - the same

Grave # 142

Downing Number KU 1788
MORRIS, Joseph
19 March 1915 - N. Y. C.1st. Follow up Report from 13 June 1944
1st/Lt. O-674795 Captured Dulag LuftDowning Number KU 1788
GRIMMETT, James Harold
12 February 1919 - West Frankfort, Ill.2nd. Follow up Report from 11 August 1944
Sgt. 16018325 Captured Dulag Luft

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 31 May 1944 / We.

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EN EN (SN 1791)

number	cause	time	location of crash	type
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13	anti-aircraft	1930	near Cauteau la Grimmaire, 10.5 km south-west of Valognes	Fortress
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8 May 44

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~~8 May 44~~

fate of crew
 (as far as know, indicate names)
 captured dead fugitive
 missing

2 prisoners:

- 1) 1st Lt. John Curtin
SN 0-800 687
- 2) 1st Lt. Lester Hall
SN 0-447 250

 MIA 8 May 44
 RMC 29 Apr 45
Cherbourg
Grave5 dead:

- ✓ 1) Jack Nagel, SN — dead KIA 143
- ✓ 2) Kaufmann, Verno KIA 8 May 44 144
- SN 37 233 420
- ✓ 3) Wilhelm Clements KIA 8 May 145
- SN 35 472 350
- ✓ 4) Rudolf Jacobs KIA 8 May 146
- SN 60 327
- ✓ 5) Earl Allison KIA 8 May 147
- SN 0-798 297

10 men.

3 men missing 3 RT 19

8 May 44
 KU 17883

Downing of Boeing B-17 Fortress II by Flak at
 Chateau la Grimaudiere (10,5 km south west Valognes).

4 dead crew-members will be interred on May 18, 44 in
 English Cemetery in Cherbourg.

1) Name :	CLEMENTS, William A.	dead
ASN :	35672380	Grave No. 143
Rank :	T/Sgt.	MIA 8 May 44
Resid.:	Cincinnati, Ohio	MIA 8 May 44
Birth :	May 28, 1921	
2) Name :	ALLISON, Earl T	dead
ASN :	O-798297 T 43	Grave No. 147
kin :	Barbara A. Allison	MIA 8 May 44
	39 Abott St.	MIA "
	Beverly, Mass.	
3) Name :	KAUFMANN, V. H.	dead
ASN :	37233420 T 43 O	Grave No. 144
Resid.:	HADDAM Kans. P	MIA 8 May 44
4) Name :	JACOBS, Randolph H. G.	dead
ASN :	T 60387 T 43	Grave No. 146
Resid.:	1360 Green Leaf Av.	
	Chicago Ill.	

Lt. Thomas. The MACr is number: 4660

I.B.

3.) Following listed corpses were recovered from the Boeing Fortress B - roman two, shot down on 8 May 1944, 1930 hours, near Chateau Gromoniere, 10.5 km south west of Valnes.- (IKU 1791)

- ✓ Nagel, Jack, grave number 143.-
- ✓ Kaufmann, V.N., SN 37 233 420 T 43, grave number 144.-
- ✓ Clements, William, SN. 35 350 Tech. Sgt., Grave number 145.-
- ✓ Jakob, Randolph, SN. T 60 327 T 43 grave number 146.-
- ✓ Allison Earl, SN, O- 798 297 T 43, grave number 147.-
- 1 member of crew unknown, grave number 148.0

1. The aircraft was shot down on 3 May 1944, around 1930 hours, in the vicinity of the town of La Cressiniere (12.5 km south-west of Valognes). -

2. One of the crew was captured. -

3. 1st Lt. John Curtin, SN 0-500657. -

4. 1st Lt. Robert Hall, SN 0-41 7250. -

5. Prisoner number 5 (Kamel) will be taken to Air Force Hospital Gieny, on 10 May, the rest number 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 on 10 May 1944, 1200 hours from Cherbourg to Paris, to be transferred to Information Center West Germany. -

By Air Force Therville. -

RTP (15U1786) 1

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Identification tags:

Lester E. Hall
0-447200

POW

Joseph Morris
0-474795

RMC

S. Kevichovich
2-003502Kia buried Moaburg
GermanyEarl Allison
0-790277

Kia

J (1) E. Kaufman
3723420

Kia

Randolph G. Jacobs
760327

Kia

5 May 44

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IN 2700

Identification tag : James H. Grim
1401335

Pow

8 May 44

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IN 1703

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

Mq Air Base Sevillo

PLACE:

L 36413 Igna. Paris
Sevillo

DATE:

6 May 1944, around 1930 hours

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

REGARDING:

by anti-aircraft, of one Boeing B 17 Fortress II

EN. LANDING:

AT:

not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Curtin

FIRST NAME:

John

Rank: (USA)

O-300 687 - T 43

REASON: (DOWNED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

will be taken from Cherbourg to Mq Air Base Area Paris
on 10 May 1944 to be transferred to Information Center West,
Oberursel.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statements at capture: parachuted from plane and was captured near St Jacques de
Echen, 22 km south of Cherbourg, around 2130, by 2nd
mechanised Battalion of 709th Infantry Division.
Location of plane's crash: Chateau la Grimaudiere, 10.5 km
south-west of Valognes.

Items, taken into custody: reference special list.

Distribution: Information Center West, Oberursel.

/s/ (illegible)

Major and Commander of Air Base.

File in Mem. Pers. Rec. Br
Flynn 17 July 47
PA Br. Can Sect
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6-3224, AF(1)

IN 1700

By Air Base
Toulon

10 May 1944

List of items taken into custody from:

~~Curtin, John~~

Serial Number 0-800 667 - T - 43

Downed plane: Boeing B-17 Fortress II on 8 May 1944, south-west of Valognes.

1 Escape kit, marked F.

Contents: 1 Escape map

1 pre-emergency kit (opened)
2000 francs, French

attached: one identification tag: John G. Curtin
0-800667

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FORM 1

IN 1773

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Air Base Theville
 PLACE: L 36413 Ega. Paris
 Theville

DATE: 8 May 1944, around 1915 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: by heavy anti-aircraft, of one Boeing
 EN- LANDING: AT: B 17 Fortress II
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Hall

FIRST NAME: Lester

Rank: 1st
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-447 290, T 42-3

born: 1 April 1922
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: will turned over from Cherbourg to Hq Air Base Area Paris
 on 10 May 1944, 1220 hours, to be transferred to
 Information Center West, Oberursel/.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statement at capture: parachuted from plane and was captured by Motor-park-Repair-Unit
 319th Infantry Division, around 2030 hours. - Location of
 planes crash: near Chateau la Grimoniere, 10.5 km south-west
 of SAINTEVAL Valognes.

Items, taken into custody: reference special list.

Distribution: Information Center West
 Oberursel

/s/(illegible)
 Major and Air Base Commander

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File in D P R B.
 2 days 17 July 47
 Cas. Sect

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6-3224, AF(1)

028PO-CR 201 (Hall) Lester O-447 290

EN 1708

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

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A LINK 95 9/5 2000 .-

To Information Center west, Oberursel near Frankfurt on the Main.-

On 8 May 1944 near Valognes, 1915 hours prisoner, wounded (shot down by anti-aircraft).-

Personal data: Joseph Harris, native town: New York (USA City / N.J.C.), born 23 April 1917.-

Serial number: 0-674795 T-42130 .-

Way of capture: shot down by anti-aircraft near Valognes on 8 May 1944; 1915 hrs.-

Place: May de Puy .-

Wounds: Concussion of brain and laceration on lower jaw, dislocation of shoulder .-

Transferred by express train on 9 May at 1320 to Paris-Glichy.-

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: **Hq Air Base Therville,
L 36413 Igny Paris
Therville near Cherbourg**

DATE:

2 May, around 1930 hours

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,**by anti-aircraft, of one Boeing B17 FortressII
(100% damage)****EM. LANDING:****AT:****not stated**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Hagel

FIRST NAME:

Jack C.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

not known

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

will be buried on 12 May 1944 on English Cemetery, Cherbourg,PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **(grave number 143)**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Statements at Capture : Was jerked from plane near Chateau La Grismontiere
(10.5 km south-west of Volognes)****Items, taken into custody: one leather strip, bearing name.****attached : one leather strip, bearing name of : Jack C. Hagel****Distribution : Information Center West,
Oberursel.****/s/ (illegible)****Capt and Ass. Commander of Air Base.**

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

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NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

FROM 15TH 0430 am Kroch 15TH

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TIME: 0430 hours

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REMARKS:

A LNK 58 9/5 2000 .-**To Information Center west, Oberursel near Frankfurt on the Main.-****On 8 May 1944 near Valognes , 1915 hours prisoner, wounded (shot down by anti-aircraft).-****Personal data : Joseph Morris , native town : New York (USA City / N.J.C.), born 23 April 1917.-****Serial number : 0-674795 T -42130 .-****May of capture: shot down by anti-aircraft near Valognes on 8 May 1944; 1915 hrs.-****Place: May de Puy .-****Wounds: Concussion of brain and laceration on lower jaw , dislocation of shoulder .-****Transferred by express train on 9 May at 1320 to Paris-Glichy.-****By Air Base Area Caen .***

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IS 1700

Identification tag : James H. Grinnett
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Air Force Hospital 5/XII (Paris)

Chief Physician

File Mark : 7 Dr. B. Huber

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Subject: Admission of 5 English-American Prisoners of War.

To : Transit Camp (Air)

Frankfurt on the Main.

Messenerstrasse.

On 8 May and 9 May 1944 following listed English-American Prisoners of War were admitted here and assigned to compound NW -Hard.

1) Lt. Frank. Bernhard, 23 years, no further information.

SN. 0-746175

Diagnosis: Splenial wound on right upper arm

Time: probably 4 to 6 weeks.

2) Lt. Morris. Joseph, no further information

SN. 0-474795

Diagnosis: Contusion and bruises.

Time: 4 weeks

3) Lt. Lithorn. Kenneth, 22 years, no further information.

SN. 1567108

Diagnosis: winey shafings in face and first finger of right hand.

Time: 4 to 6 weeks

4.) Sgt. Daniels. Bernhard-John, born: 2 November 1921, place not indicated.

SN. 2801004

(reverse side)

Diagnosis: burns in face, fracture of ankle suspected.

Time: 8 to 10 weeks

5) Sgt. Bowling. Henry, born: 4 March 1923, place not indicated.

SN. 1577450

Time: 3 weeks

Diagnosis: burns in face and on both hands.

Prisoner of War listed under "1.)" was turned over by T/Sgt. Gross of Hq. L 06459, Paris, numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, were turned over by Sgt. Greif of Hq L 54296, Paris. Location and time of capture are not known here.

Chief Physician
/s/ (illegible) asst.
Lt. Col. MC

IN 1700

Identification tags :

Lester H. Hall -
SG 0-447290Joseph Morris -
O-571795H. Korschewich -
G-832582Earl Allison -
O-798297VERNON. W. (?) R. Kaufman -
97233420? Randolph G. Jacobs
760327

EW 1786

By Air Base
Shawville

10 May 1944

List of items taken into custody from:

Gurtin, John

Serial Number 0-800 687 - T - 43

Downed plane: Boeing B-17 Fortress II on 8 May 1944, south-west of Valognes.

1 Escape Kit, marked F.

Contents: 1 Escape map

1 pre-emergency kit (opened)

200 francs, French

attached: one identification tag: John J. Gurtin
0-800687

FORM 1

IN 1788

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

Hq. Air Base Thoville,

PLACE:

L 36413 Igps Paris

Thoville near Cherbourg

DATE:

8 May, around 1930 hours

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED)

OF:

by anti-aircraft, of the Boeing B17 Fortress II
(100% damage)

EM. LANDING:

AT:

not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Nagel

FIRST NAME:

Jack C.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

not known

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

will be buried on 12 May 1944 on English Cemetery, Cherbourg,

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

Grave number 143

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statements at Capture : Was jerked from plane near Chateau La Grémellerie
(10.5 km south-west of Villedieu)

Items, taken into custody: one leather strip, bearing name.

attached : one leather strip, bearing name of : Jack C. Nagel

Distribution : Information Center West,
Oberursel.

/s/ (illegible)

Capt and Ass. Commander of Air Base.

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NO 1700

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **1st Air Base Thoville**
E 36413 Igny, Paris
PLACE: **Thoville near Cherbourg**

DATE: **8 May 1944, around 1930 hours**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) by anti-aircraft; of one Boeing B 17 Fortress II**
EN LANDING: AT: not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **unknown**FIRST NAME: **unknown**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **unknown**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **will be buried on 12 May 1944 on English Cemetery in Cherbourg**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statements at Capture: Body jerked from plane and recovered near Negreville, 6 km west of Valognes. Location of plane's crash: near Chateau la Grimmoniere, 10.5 km south-west of Valognes. Corpse was totally torn by impact of hit on ground.

Distribution : Information Center West Oberursel.

**/s/ (illegible)
Capt and Asst. Commander of Air Base**

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FORM 1

EE 1786

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

Hq Air Base Thoville

PLACE:

36/23 Igga. Paris
Thoville

DATE:

8 May 1944, around 1930 hours

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

by anti-aircraft, of one Boeing B 17 Fortress II

EN. LANDING:

AT:

not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Curtin

FIRST NAME:

John

Rank & Service: (USA)

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REMARKS: (if known)

will be taken from Cherbourg to Hq Air Base Area Paris

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

on 10 May 1944 to be transferred to Information Center West, Oberursel.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statements at capture: parachuted from plane and was captured near St Jacques de Neheu, 22 km south of Cherbourg, around 2130, by 2nd mechanised Battalion of 709th Infantry Division.
Location of plane's crash: Chateau la Grismiere, 10.5 km south-west of Valognes.

Items, taken into custody: reference special list.

Distribution: Information Center West, Oberursel.

/s/ (illegible)

Major and Commander of Air Base.

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FORM 1

EN 1788

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Hq Air Base Thoville
L 36413 Igpa. Paris
PLACE: Thoville

DATE: 8 May 1944, around 1915 hours

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, by heavy anti-aircraft, of one Boeing
B 17 Fortress II
EN LANDING: AT: not stated

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Hall

FIRST NAME: Lester

Rank: Lt.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-447 290, F 42-3

Born: 1 April 1921

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

will be turned over from Cherbourg to Hq Air Base Area Paris
on 10 May 1944, 1320 hours, to be transferred to
Information Center West, Oberursel/.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Statement at capture: parachuted from plane and was captured by Motor-park-Repair-Unit
319th Infantry Division, around 2030 hours. - Location of
planes crash: near Chateau la Grimoniere, 10.5 km south-west
of MANNHEIM Vaihingen.

Items, taken into custody: reference special list.

Distribution: Information Center West
Oberursel

/s/(illegible)
Major and Air Base Commander

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