WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

4954

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 547th ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed Intended Destination Kiel, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 6-7/10 cumulus, tops 15,000 feet. Visibility unrestricted
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 May 44 Time 1308 and Location 54°00'N, 09°54'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify with an 'X' how 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; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other circumstances as follows A/C turned in opposite direction from course away from formation. Not observed to have been hit by flak or fighters. A/C went into spin
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-102402
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-008572 (b) SW-008585 ; (c) SW-012540 ; (d) SW-010038
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 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9 (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	Castleman, Milton Eugene	2nd Lt	0-690928 RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	Hickey, Jack Franklin	2nd Lt	0-683996 RTD
3.	Navigator	Hepp, Eugene Francis	2nd Lt	0-707053 RTD
4.	Bombardier	Merkley, Ronald Charles	2nd Lt	0-681758 RTD
5.	Radio Operator	Hardman, John Bethany	T/Sgt.	39167609 POW
6.	Top Turret	Stevens, Howard Orville	T/Sgt.	12167890 RTD
7.	Ball Turret	Cook, Herbert Arno	S/Sgt.	31216315 RTD
8.	Tail Gunner	Fitch, John Gilmore	S/Sgt.	17152119 POW
9.	Flexible Gunner	Markiewicz, John Henry	S/Sgt.	10600982 RTD
10.				

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 Radio	Check Only One Column: Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. June, Glenn Joseph	1st Lt	0-751504		X		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 4 chutes seen to emerge
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE-WITNESS 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

Date of Report 25 May 1944

~~Incl 1~~

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant

Incl 9

2nd Lt. Ronald C. Merkley	Mrs. Margaret B. Merkley, 1508 South Kernan Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin.	(Wife)
2nd Lt. Eugene F. Hepp	Mrs. Virginia H. Hepp, 12788 Strasburg, Detroit, Michigan.	(Wife)
2nd Lt. Jack F. Hickey	Mr. Henry C. Hickey, 657 South Market, Springfield, Missouri.	(Father)
2nd Lt. Milton E. Castleman	Mrs. Mattie Castleman, 1124 East Laurel Street, Springfield, Illinois.	(Mother)
S/Sgt. John H. Markiewicz	Mr. Ted Markiewicz, 93 Peace Street, Buffalo, New York.	(Brother)
T/Sgt. John B. Hardman	Mr. Hugh W. Hardman, 1845 Champa Street, Denver, Colorado.	(Father)
S/Sgt. John G. Fitch	Mrs. Neva R. Fitch, 1420 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.	(Wife)
S/Sgt. Herbert A. Cook	Mr. Arthur Cook, 17 Valley Road, Bath, Maine.	(Father)
T/Sgt. Howard O. Stevens	Mrs. Florence E. Stevens, 113 Fairbanks, Rochester, New York.	(Wife)

1958

A U 1958

Downing of a unknown enemy aircraft on 22 May 1944
near Klinkrade / Lauenburg.

Name: F I T C H John C. d e a d
A.S.N.: 17 152 119 T 42 - 3 0 F
(died on the 22 May 44 in the hospital: Res. Hospital II, Luebeck)

Report on graves.

A V 1209 / 44.
F 6679
American Prisoner of War

REPORT ON DEATH AND BURIAL OF A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.

A Name: F I T C H , JOHN G. (38/120)
(?)

Rank, unit: Sgt.; belonged to an enemy airplane.

Date of birth: 26 July 1916

Place of death: Luebeck

Date of death: 22 May 1944

Serial Number: 17152119 T 42- 3 0 P

Nationality: American

Cause of death: (injuries) Weakness of blood circulation after fracture caused by bullet

B Place of burial: Luebeck, Prisoner of War Cemetery of the Vorwerker Cemetery at Luebeck.
Section, grave no.: XXI 2 f 11

Date of burial: 27 May 1944 ;without military honors.

C The prisoners sustained his injuries within the Home Defense Zone, Service Command X, by air raid.

The correctness of Pars.A and C certifies:

Luebeck, Reserve Hospital, 1 June 1944

illegible
Paymaster 1st Cl.

This report on graves will be forwarded in triplicate to the Garrison Commander at Luebeck by the office reporting the death.

Hereby the Garrison Commander/or an officer acting for him certifies:

I. of the place of death:
the completeness of the entries under Pars.A and C of the report.

In triplicate to
Service Command X
Hamburg 13
Gen.Knochenhauerstr.14

22 Sept.1944
Garrison Commander
at Luebeck

Pagels
Major and Officer
of the Garrison

II. of the place of burial.
the correctness of the statements under Par.B of the report.

In duplicate to
Service Command X
Hamburg 13

22 Sept.1944
Garrison Commander
at Luebeck

Pagels
Major and Officer
of the Garrison

NO:	Place, Date and Cause of Casualty:	FirstName:	Last Name:	Seriel No.
2	22 May 1944 Downing of an unknown airplane near Klinkrade/Lauenburg.	F.JOHN G.	F I T C H	17,152,119

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Killed in Action	Remarks	Location of Grave.
no	Seriously wounded. Transferred to Reserve Hosp.(Vorwerker Cemet- II,Luebeck.	" Grave no.XI The burial of above mentioned dead took place in the Cemetery at Luebeck on 27 May 1944

der

22 May 1944

Reserve-Hospital, Kiel

D Files

Sgt. John J. FISH, ASN: 17152119, born on 26 July 1916, American citizien, residence: DES MOINES, Iowa, was admitted to the Reserve-Hospital of Kiel at 1900. Kind of injury: Shot through the right knee-point, amputation was effected. Place of downing near Olderslos.

2100 o'clock
Gr.

MIA 22 May 1944
DOW 22 May 1944
203086-E-6Y

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MACR
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DATE: 22 May 1944 1315 o'clock RANK NAME 23 May KU 1926

PLACE: RETWISCH
NEUENSTEIN near LUEBECK

TYPE: Fortress
MARKINGS: 2L-2402
547 (H Bo.) Sqd.
384 Group

Base: Grafton - Underwood

2nd Lt.	CASTLEMAN,	Milton Eugene	0-690928 *
~~2nd Lt.~~	~~DAMON,~~	~~Milton S.~~	~~0-756897~~ *
2nd Lt.	MERKLEY	Ronald Charles	0-661758 *
2nd Lt.	MICKEY	Jack Franklin	0-683996 *
2nd Lt.	H E P P	Eugene Francis	0-707053 *
T/Sgt.	HANDMAN	John Bethany	35167909 *
T/Sgt.	Stevens	Howard Orrille	12167890 *
S/Sgt.	C O O K	herbert Arno	31216515 *
S/Sgt.	MITCH	John G.	17152119 dead
S/Sgt.	Fugate		
S/Sgt.	MANKIEWICZ,	John Henry	10800982 *

#1-3 "Hosp.

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DATE: 22 May 1944 1315 o'clock RANK NAME 22 May XU 1926

PLACE: REWISCH
NEUMUENSTER near LUEBECK

TYPE: Fortress
MARKINGS: 2122402
547 (H Bo.) Sqd.
384 Group

Base: Grafton - Underwood

2nd Lt.	CASTLEMAN,	Milton Eugene	0-690928	*
~~2nd Lt.~~	~~DAMRON,~~	~~Milton S.~~	~~0-756507~~	*
2nd Lt.	MERKLEY	Ronald Charles	0-681758	*
2nd Lt.	HICKEY	Jack Franklin	0-683996	*
2nd Lt.	H E P P	Eugene Francis	0-707053	*
T/Sgt.	HARDMAN	John Bethany	39167609	*
T/Sgt.	Stevens	Howard Orrille	12167890	*
S/Sgt.	C O O K	herbert Arno	31216315	*
S/Sgt.	FITCH	John G.	17152119	dead
S/Sgt.	Fugate			
S/Sgt.	MARKIEWICZ,	John Henry	10600982	*

"L-5" Hosp.

2102402

Identification tags

J. H. Markiewicz	10600982
John G Fitch	17152119
John G Fitch	17152119

KU 1926

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE LBOU 747 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Salvage Department (0) 5/XI

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 26 May 44

TIME: 2400

FROM: LJTZ

THROUGH: No.

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

S LFLB 444 24 May 44 1045

To Duing Luft

Subject Salvage Airplan
Post: Air Base Hqus Luecbeck Blankensee Salvage Department
(0) 5/ XI Operation platoon
Place: Blankensee
Time: 1003hrs, time of crash 22 May 44 1300
Place of Crash. Rhtwischfeld bei Bad Oldesloe
Downed by: Fighter
Type: Boeing B 17 F
Insigina of Aircraft: On Fin: F 8022402 L
Admittace No not ascertainable
? Camera. Frequencies: Aircraft by crashfire 95 % destroyed.
6 Prisoners; Other members of the crews Disposition unknown .

Salvage Department (0) 5/ XI Operation Platoon

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FORM 1

XU 1926

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Dulag Luft

POST: Field Command A 2 /XX

PLACE: Neumuenster 23 May 44

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Loesem South Segeberg, 22, May 44 1315hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) K i c k e y

FIRST NAME: Jack Yl

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt 0-683996 T 43 43 BP

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Will be turned over to Oberursel 23 May 44 2030hrs

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Captured: Loesem South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscated Items:

5 military insignia
1 identification tag
1 Escape kit

6-3224.AF(1)

FORM 1

KU 1926

Transport Hummemster 24.May

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field Command A 2/XI — L to Dulag Luft

PLACE: Hummemster

DATE: 23 May 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Loesem South Segelberg.22May 44 1315hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Morkley

FIRST NAME: Ronald C

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt o-661758 T 42 43 BG

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Will be turned over to Oberursel 23 May 44 2031 hrs.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Captured: Loesem South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315 hrs

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscated Items

1 military insignia
1 identification tag

1 Escape kit

6-3224,AF(1)

FORM 1

KU 1926

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: Air Field Hqrs. A 2/XI
[redacted] Rommerster

DATE: 23 May 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Loesem South Segeberg
22 May 44 1315 hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Herkiewics

FIRST NAME: Jan, Henry S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 10600 982 T 44 AS

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured: Loesem South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 23 May 44 turned over to Prisoner Hosp. Schleswig

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscated Items

1 Whistle
3 Photo
1 Identific. tag
1 Escape kit

6-3224,AF(1)

KU 1926

Garrison Hosp: XI Schleswig

Schleswig 24 May 44
Stadtfeld

SUBJECT: District Medical Department
Concerning: Reception of POW after fight.
American POW in Garrison Hosp.

TO: Medic Officer of Service Command X

Hamburg 13
Hansastrasse 2

According to above mentioned order, is reported:
On 23 May 44 2030 the below mentioned POW turned in to Garrison Hosp. XI (Dept. for POW). The mentioned POW was captured 22 May 44 1315 on attack on Reichs-apfen, near Leesen South Segeberg.
The plan was shot down, he escaped by parachute.
The Supreme Command of Wehrmacht was notified of reception of the this prisoner, 24 May 44, by written report, according to Order: OKW Chef des Wehrmachtsanitaetswesens No 1297/44 [illegible] 8 In Wi G IV) vvom 4. March 44.

1.) Nationality: American
2.) First Name: John H
3.) Name: /SE: M a r k i e w i c z ASN: 16600982
4.) Rank: S/Sgt
5.) Born: 29. 10 1921
6.) Place of Birth: New York City
7.) Diagnosis: Crush, Fraction of right Ankle

TO:
POW transit Camp Oberursel
Intelligence Officer in Prisoner Camp XI Schleswig

Turning over to this place can be carried out in about 8 days

Sign: First Surgeon

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE LSOU 0436 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: -AT Base Hqus. A 5/ XI Luebeck

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 24 May 44

TIME: 0730

FROM: LSOU

THROUGH: Krlb

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

-S E C R E T-

SSD LFHL 040 23/5 1700
To Information Center West Oberursel
Frankfurt /M
From the downed Boeing Fortress B 17 G "g" were 5 crewmembers as Prisoners turned i
in. Boeing was downed by Day - Fighter, near Oldesloe (Holstein)

1.) Lt D a m r o n Milton, ASN: 0-707053
2.) Lt H e p p Hugus F ASN: 0-707053
3.) Lt C a s t l e m a n Milton ASN: 0-690928/T 4
4.) T/Sgt Stevens Howard O ASN: 12167890 / 42 3
5.) S/Sgt C o o k Herbert ASN: 31216315

ThePOW will be shipped by this post to Oberursel on 23 May 44. Departure Luebeck 2017hrs.

Air Base Hqur. A 5/XI Luebeck Blackensee
Book No 937/44 secret. 23 May 44

Air Base Equs. A 5 /
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 May 44

List of confiscated Items of POW T/Sgt S t e v e n s Howard O

Identstagt 12167890 T 42 43 OP
Crashd Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 near Bothwisch Feld Oldesloe
(Holstein)

1 pair brown gloves
1 parcel photos
1 mechanic pencil
1 Ident. tag 12157890 T 42 43 OP

KU 2926

Flr Pers Hqrs, A 5 /XI
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 25 May 44

List of confiscated items of POW
Lt Hepp Eugen F

Id/mt: 0-707053
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22. May 44 Rethwisch-Feld Near Oldesloe Holst.

1 Pair brown gloves
1 Pocket knife
1 Parcel photos
1 comb
1 mechanic pencil

KU 1926

Air Base Hqus
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee

List of confiscated items of POW
Lt Damron Milton S

ASN; 0-756507 T 43 0 P
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 [redacted] Rothwisch Feld /Oldesloe
Holst.

1 purse . . ston
1 Comb
1 Identf. tag
1 Whistle
1 Package of Morphium

KU 1926

Air Base Rpus A 5/XI
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 5.44

List of confiscated Items of POW
Lt Castlemrn Milton E

Identt tag: 0-690928
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 Retwisch Feld / Oldesloe Holstein

1 Identt Tag
1 Pocket knife
1 Comb
1 little goldem locket

KU 1926

Air Base Hqus. A 5/XX
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 May 44

List of confiscated items of POW
S/Sgt Cook Herbert

Ident. tag: 31216315
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 near Rothwisch Feld near Oldenloe Holstein

1 leather folder
1 package Photos

Identification tags

Jack F Rickey	0-683996
Milton Eagleman	0-690928
Ronald CHorkley	0-681798
John DHardman	39167609
Howard OStevens	12167890

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU 646

Air Base Hqs Neumuenster

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

DATE: 25 May 44

TIME: 0125

FROM: LSLB

THROUGH: Ob.

REMARKS:

SSD LFWR 667 24 May 44 1815

To Dulag Luft Oberursel
Subject: 1.)Telegr No 23.May 44

1.) D Luft 2706 07 II

POW Mortkowicz was turned over to PoW Camp Schleswig

Air Base Hqrs A 5/ 11 Field Command
Neumuenster.

Garrison Hospital II Luebeck
Chief Surgeon

Luebeck 23 May 44

Subject: Reception of wounded Members of the enemy Air Force
Concerning: HSKM 49 p Wi b/IV 13 December 43 No 6164/43 I Ang

To Dulag Luft
Frankfurt/Main

Report to abouve mentioned Subject:
Fitch Johnny/Sgt
22 May 44. unknown
Bullet wound, left lower leg. Bullet penetrated leg.
Amputation of left leg.
Died: 22 May 44 2400 in Garrison Hospital II Luebeck

for: Sign:illegible

TO: POW Camp No 3 of Air Force,
Sagan.

Chief Surgeon.

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 22 May 44, time: 1315 Casualty No.: KU 1926

Place of crash: Neumuenster near Luebeck

Type of airplane: Fortress

Reporting office: Luebeck

Name	Rank	Serial Number	Captured wounded dead	Place of internment
CASTLEMAN	Milton Eugene	2nd/Lt.	0-690928	captured	Dulag Luft
BAMRON	Milton S.	"	0-756507	"	"	"
MERKLEY 6 Jan 20	Ronald Charles USA	"	0-681758	"	"	"
HICKEY	Jack Franklin	"	0-683996	"	"	"
HEPP 1e Sept 21	Eugene Francis Detroit, Mich.	"	0-707053	"	"	"
HARDMAN	John Bethany	T/Sgt.	39167609	"	"	"
STEVENS	Howard Orville	"	12167890	"	"	"
COOK	Herbert Arno	S/Sgt.	31216315	"	"	"

Casualty No : KU 1926 1st additional report of 28 June 44.

MARKIEWICZ 29 Oct 20	John Henry	S/Sgt.	10600982	captured	Dulag Luft

Casualty No.: KU 1926 2nd additional report of 4 Aug 44.

FITCH	John G.	S/Sg	17152519	dead

Dulag Luft, 3 June 44 We.

5. On 22 May 44, Time 13.00, AA 9 - at Rothwischfeld 2 km. south Oldesloe.
Type Boeing B 17 G - Markings of craft: A D P 2102402 L (black)
Condition of craft: wreckage 90°/o - 3 men captured in Neumuenster & 7 men captured in
Luebeck - HL - " Sea " Recoverind Luebeck - HL - " Sea "
- KU 1926 -

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24 May 44

6) At 1300 h at Rethwischfeld 3 km southeast of Bad Oldeslohe. 9.
KU 1926 Boeing. 100% wreckage. Insignia on rudder "P" beneath it 2 102 402
beneath this I AD KOK. 10 Prisoners. Lusbeck. Salvage by Blankenese.

FORM LEAF #1

Restricted

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Field Hdqu. 2/XI

DISTRIBUTOR: Duplg Air District Command XI

OFFICE OR STATION: Neumuenster

LOCATION: Date: May 25, 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) a Fortress
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: May 22, 1944, 1515

AT: ~~NEAR~~ NEAR: Leesen, south of Segeberg

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) M E R K L E Y
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) Ronald C.
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: 2nd Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 0-661 758 T 42-45 B.C.
SERVICE

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: Captured
DATE OF CAPTURE: Leesen, south of Segeberg
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: May 22, 1944, 1515
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*
Disposition:
Will be transferred to Oberursel on May 25, 1944, 2031

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

See 1729 11 9 1 2

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Articles removed from the prisoner: 1 mil. insignia, 1 identification tag, 1 escape bag

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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FORM LEAF #1

Restricted

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Field Hdqu., A 2/XI

DISTRIBUTOR: Dulag Air
Air District Command XI

OFFICE OR STATION: Neumuenster

LOCATION: Date: May 23, 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: (OWNED / EMERGENCY LANDINGS / CRASH) a Fortress

DATE AND TIME: May 22, 1944, 1515

AT: Land: Leezen, south of Segeberg

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: (SURNAME / LAST NAME) HICKEY

FIRST NAME: (CHRISTIAN NAME / GIVEN NAME) Jack F.

RANK: 2nd Lt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (SERIAL / SERVICE) O-825 936 T 45-45 D.P.

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: captured
DATE OF CAPTURE: May 22, 1944, 1515
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Leezen, south of Segeberg
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

Disposition:
Will be transferred to Oberursel on May 25, 1944, 1031.

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

Ltr 12391/44 12

REMARKS: Articles removed from the prisoner: 5 sil. insignias, 1 identification tag, 1 escape bag

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: 125906

6-3224.AF(3)

FORM LUAF #1

Restricted

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH: Air Field Hdqu. A 2/XI

DISTRIBUTOR: Dulag Air
Air District Command XI

OFFICE OR STATION: Neumuenster

LOCATION: May 23, 1944

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED) a Fortress
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: May 22, 1944, 1315

AT: ~~NEAR~~: Leezen, south of Segeberg

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) / LAST NAME) M E R K I E N I C Z

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) / GIVEN NAME) Jan Henry

RANK: T/Sgt.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL / SERVICE 10 600 982 T 44 A.C.

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: captured
DATE OF CAPTURE: May 22, 1944, 1315
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Leezen, south of Segeberg
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE *(UNIFORM)*

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION *(PLACING)* UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

See 123911912

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: Transferred to Prisoner Hospital of Schleswig on May 25, 1944
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS: Articles removed from the prisoner: 1 whistle, 5 photos, 1 identification tag, 1 escape bag

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD: 123907

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence No. 7555

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

~2 may

DATE: May 25, 1944

TIME: 0940

FROM: FMB

THROUGH: (illegible)

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: Very very urgent.

Very very urgent LFNR No. 619 25 May 0820
To Air District Command XI-Ic/Ass., Hamburg-Blankenese
Subj.: D(Air) 2708/07 II
a) May 22, 1944, 1515, Leesen south of Segeberg
b) 1. T/Sgt. Merkiewicz, Henry Jr., 10 600 982 T 44 A.C.
2. 2nd Lt. Hickey, Jack F., 0-683996 T 45-45 D.P.
c) 3 men captured probably one man dead.
d) Fortress e) unknown f) unknown g) probably AA fire
Merkiewicz fracture of the ankle.
Hickey and Merkley transferred from Neumuenster to Oberursel on May 25, 1944 at 2051.
Arrive there on 24 May 1944 about 0300.

Air Field Hdqu, A 5/XI, Field Command, Neumuenster.

Ltr IV 3908
IV 3909
IV 3907

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22. May

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:
Sequence No: 7674

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 24 May 1944

TIME: 1135

FROM: LFBL

THROUGH: Cal

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

S LFBL 444 24 May 1045

To: Air District Command XI, Hamburg
Subjects: captured aircrafts
Post: Airfield Hq, Luebek - Blankensee
Maintenance Detachment (O) 5/XI, Staff Section
Place: Blankensee.
Time: 1000 Time of downing: 22 May 1944,at 1300
Place of crash: Rehtwischfeld near Bad Oldesloe.
Kind of seizure: shot down by fighter
Type of craft: Boeing B 17 G
Markings: On fin P 2102402 L
Admittance No: unknown

MACR 4954
Fitch, John G., 17152119 Dow
Nr
Dow
Alert 101

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Photo equipment: FT frequencies
Condition of craft: destroyed by crashfire to 95%
6 prisoners, remaining crew unknown at this time.

Maintenance Detachment (O) 5/XI Staff Section

Luebek - Blankensee

123937 B

MAUR
1954
49
B-17
9 men

AAF # 42-102402

5., 22 May 1944 1300 . - AA 9 . - near Rothwischfeld . - 2 km south of Oldesloe . - Boeing B 17 G . - Markings: A D fin F, below 21022402, below black L . - 90% (crash fire) . - 3 prisoners in Neumuenster, 7 prisoners in Luebeck-Bl'Sea . - Salvage: Luebeck-Bl'Sea.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence No: 7234

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

THROUGH:

ROLL:

22 May

DATE: 22 May 1944

TIME: 2240

FROM: LFHB

THROUGH: illegible

REMARKS:

NKHB 36037 22 May 1944 1930

To Air District Hq XI, Hamburg Blankenese
Shot down this afternoon between 1300 and 1400 during a dog fight
1) American heavy bomber, presumably crashed several km south east of Oldesloe. 1 man of the crew, seriously wounded, bailed out near Klixkrade. Will be transferred to Reserve Hospital Luebek. As per his statements, 10 men were on board of the aircraft.

2) 1 more American Flyer landed uninjured by parachute at Schuerenstehlen, and was captured. Will

be transferred to Airfield Blankensee. In both cases, the dispositions were ordered by myself.
Acting General Command X. Air District Command XI and airfield Blankensee are informed.

Garrison District Leader Ratzburg.
Signed: I N, Lt. Col.

123938 - 123939 B

STATEMENT BY LT. G. J. JUNE, PILOT, A/C NO. 273, MISSION TO KIEL, GERMANY, 22 MAY 1944.

We were flying in the Lead Squadron in position No. 2. Lt. CASTLEMAN, in A/C No. 402, was flying No. 2 in the Low Squadron. At 1308 hours, seven (7) minutes after the target, at 54° 00' N, 09° 54' E, altitude 24,600 feet, A/C No. 402 peeled off from the formation with Nos. 1 and 2 engines feathered. A/C turned in the opposite direction from the course we were flying at the time, although it was not seen to have been hit either by flak or fighters. A/C went into a spin and four (4) 'chutes were seen to emerge.

/s/ G. J. JUNE,
G. J. JUNE,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 273

Incl 2

A TRUE COPY
J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Castleman, Milton E. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-690928

2. Organization 384th B.(H) Gp Commander Dale O. Smith (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Horace Frink (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

3. What year 1944 month May (~~Oct, etc~~) day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Kiel, Germany, target, Naval yards, Docks, target time, 12:45 PM, altitude, 24,500 route scheduled, North Sea, route flown As Scheduled

5. Where were you when you left formation? turning SW off target (Kiel)

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, all, but tail Gunner who was Fatally injured

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All bailed out when ordered except TG - Radio oper., Rt. waist Gunner & B. turret bailed out Rear door, head First - Engineer, Navigator, Bombardier, Co-pilot, + myself bailed out Front exit head First as briefed

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx. 25 Mi. SW. of Kiel

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) T. Gunner, T/Sgt. John G. Fitch (plane exploded in air according to Co-pilot & other Crew Members

11. Where were they in aircraft? In front of tail wheel B-17G

12. What was their condition? Critically injured or dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? At Dulag Luft, Frankfurt, Germany - Ball turret Gunner S/Sgt. Herbert A. Cook shocked, severely burned Right Leg Above Knee caused by contacting high tension wire upon descent from plane

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back) a-1

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1st Lt. Lyellon E. Castleman
To Gen. Del.
BRAAF
Boca Raton, Fla.

AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Markiewicz, John Henry Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 10600982

2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Smith (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Dillingham (full name) Rank Major

3. What year 1944 month May day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, City of Kiel, target time, 1200, altitude, 24000 ft. route scheduled, England through North Sea, route flown Flown as briefed.

5. Where were you when you left formation? Target bombed and headed for home base.

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes (except tail gunner who was killed in the plane.

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All members of the crew bailed out (except tail gunner) and later reunited in German prison camp.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Tail gunner (Dead)

11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail section of aircraft.

12. What was their condition? Dead

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Same as question 8.

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Unknown

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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AFPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 4954

Name of crew member: CASTLEMAN, Milton Eugene
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-690928
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~[illegible]~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? City of Kiel (Germany)

If not, why not?

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

Over interphone when giving orders to bail out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In aircraft

Any hersay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 18

Dates and destinations if possible; Unknown

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AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 4954

Name of crew member: FITCH, John Gilmore
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17152119
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted]; Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Dead

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before Bombs were unloaded. Conversation in regard to German fighters and flak

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In tail position of aircraft

Any heresay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible; Unknown

6-3861-AF

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 4954

Name of crew member: CASTLEMAN, Milton Eugene
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-690928
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~): Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Near Lubeck, Germany. Was brought in about ten minutes after I was.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
" Lets get out of here.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Day before I left Germany after being liberated.

Any heresay information: To my knowledge he is not a casulaty.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As far as I know, he is still living.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately eighteen.

Dates and destinations if possible;

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4954

Name of crew member: FITCH, John Gilmore
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17152119
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Of Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not sure.

Where? It would have been near Lubeck, Germany.

If not, why not? He was wounded in the right leg.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was in the tail position when wounded. The radio man was instructed to drag him into the waist of the ship. This he did.

Was he injured? Yes, in the right leg.

Where was he when last seen? In the waist by enlisted men stationed behind the bomb bay.

Any heresay information: As there was a fire in the bomb bay, no Officer could get back to him. In the confusion of finding the fire and bailing out, no order was given for the wounded man to be thrown out. Of the enlisted men contacted later, no one mentioned throwing him out. He may or may not have been able to get out of the plane.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible; Toule, France; Cherbourg, France; twice, Berlin, Germany twice; Stettin, Germany; Kiel, Germany. Missions accomplished between 20 April 1944 and 22 May 1944.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Eugene F. Hopp Rank 1 st Lt. Serial No. O- 707053
   Dale O. Smith
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO Frink Rank Major
   (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month May day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Kiel , target, Naval Stores Warehouse, target time, 1215 , altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, North Sea , route flown North Sea
5. Where were you when you left formation? Twenty miles southeast of Kiel
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Castleman, Merkley, Hicky, Stevens, and myself bailed out the front escape hatch. The rest of the enlisted men left by way of the rear door. All left within a minutes time. It is possible that Fitch did not leave the plane as he was wounded in the leg.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Possibly Fitch
11. Where were they in aircraft? Waist, if that was the case.
12. What was their condition? Wounded in the leg.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All accounted for.
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)

6-3862, AF

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 4954

Name of crew member: FITCH, John Gilmore
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 17152119
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge.

Where? Kiel, Germany

If not, why not? He had been seriously wounded by flak.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I've been hit. That leg will never be any good again, I need help.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? Before the mission.

Any heresay information: That he didn't get out before the plane exploded.

Source: Conversation of other crew members I had seen.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He probably lost conciousness from loss of blood and was unable to get out. The plane was on fire in the wings and bombay making it impossible to go from front to rear and check. Emergency of situation probably prevented those in rear from checking.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 or 8

Dates and destinations if possible; Don't recall

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4954

Name of crew member: CASTLEMAN, Milton Eugene
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-690928
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Kiel, Germany

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I saw him going out of the nose hatch.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At a prison camp on outskirts of Nuernberg

Any heresay information: None. I didn't know he was missing.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He may have escaped on the second march from Nuernberg to Mooseburg.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20 approx.

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MERKLEY, Ronald Charles Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-681758

2. Organization 384BmbGp Commander _____ Rank ___ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month May day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Kiel, Germany, target, Dock area, target time, 12:45 P.M., altitude, 27,500 route scheduled, North Sea, route flown same

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Kiel

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attacned. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". I saw the pilot co-pilot and engineer go out of the nose hatch as I was on my way to the rear to offer assistance to an injured gunner. Seeing this, I decided to get out myself. Navigator followed me. No knowledge of how those in the rear got out.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Possibly Fitch, John G.

11. Where were they in aircraft? He was in the tail.

12. What was their condition? Wounded

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw the rest of the crew at the interrogation center near Frankfurt. Ball and waist gunner had sustained injuries in landing. Others seemed all right.

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)

6-3862, AF

AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4954

Name of crew member: CASTLEMAN, Milton Eugene
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-690928
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Keil Germany

If not, why not?

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

talked with Lt Castleman at Dulag Luft. Frankfurt

Was he injured? no.

What was he when last seen? No Knowledge.

Any heresay information? Left for officers Prisoners Camp.

May 23- 1944.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 22 missions

Dates and destinations if possible; No Knowledge

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4954

Name of crew member: FITCH, John Gilmore
Rank: S/Sgt
Serial number: 17152119
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(Fighter)~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: routine interphone conversation during mission

Was he injured? yes.

Where was he when last seen? in ship.

Any heresay information: heard Fitch on interphone with radio operator he asked for help. Said he had been hit. Radio operator told Pilot he was unable to help Fitch. Because both his legs (Fitch's)

Source: had been shot off. About 3 min. before bailing out.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe Fitch went down with ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six missions

Dates and destinations if possible; no knoledge.

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Identification tags

J. H. Markiewicz	10600982
John G Fitch	17152119
John G Fitch	17152119

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE LSOU 747 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Salvage Department (O) 5/XI

ACCEPTED:		DELIVERED:	
		DATE:-	
RECEIVED:		TIME:	
		TO:	
DATE:	26 May 44	THROUGH:	
TIME:	2400	ROLL:	
FROM:	LJFE		
THROUGH:	We.		

REMARKS:

S LFLB 444 24 May 44 1045

To DuBMg Luft

Subject Salvage Airplan
Post: Air Base Hqus Lueebeck Blankensee Salvage Department
(O) 5/ XI Operation platoon
Place: Blackensee
Time:1000hrs, time of crash 22 May 44 1300
Place of Crash. Rhtwischfeld bei Bad Oldesloe
Downed by: Fighter
Type: Boeing B 17 F
Insigina of Aircraft: On Fin: F 21022402 L
Admittace No not ascertainable
? Camera. Frequencies: Aircraft by crashfire 95 % destroyed.
6 Prisoners; Other members of the crew: Disposition unknown .

Salvage Department (O) 5/ XI Operation Flatoon

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FORM 1

KU 1926

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Dulag Luft

POST: Field Command A 2 /XI

PLACE: Neumuenster 23 May 44

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, cFortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Leezen South Segeberg, 22, May 44 1315hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H i c k e y

FIRST NAME: Jack Fl

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt 0-633996 T 43 43 DP

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Will be turned over to Oberursel 23 May 44 2031hrs

NAME OF HOSPITAL: Captured: Leezen South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscated Items:

5 military insignia
1 identification tag
1 Escape kit

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FORM 1

KU 1926

Transport Neummenster 24.May

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field Command A 2/XI L to Dulag Luft

PLACE: Neumunster

DATE: 23 May 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Leezen South Segelberg.22May 44 1315hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M e r k l e y

FIRST NAME: Ronald C

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 2nd Lt o-681758 T 42 43 BC

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Will be turned over to Oberursel 23 May 44 2031 hrs.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Captured: Leezen South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315 hrs

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscated Items

1 military insignia
1 identification tag

1 Escape kit

6-3224.AF(1)

FORM 1

KU 1926

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Fld Reqs. A 2/XI

PLACE: [redacted] Neumuenster

DATE: 23 May 44

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Fortress

EM. LANDING: AT: Leezen South Segeberg
22 May 44 1315 hrs

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) M e r k i e w i c z

FIRST NAME: Jam, Henry S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 10600 982 T 44 AC

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Captured: Leezen South Segeberg 22 May 44 1315

NAME OF HOSPITAL: 23 May 44 turned over to Prisoner Hosp. Schleswig

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Confiscatet Items

1 Whistle
3 Photo
1 Indentific. tag
1 Escape kit

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KU 1926

Garrison Hosp: II Schleswig

Schleswig 24 May 44
Stadtfeld

SUBJECT: District Medical Department
Concerning: Reception of POW after fight.
Amcican POW in Garrion Hosp.

TO: Medic Officer of Service Command X

Hamburg 13
Hansastrasse 2

According to above mentioned order, is reported:
On 23 May 44 2030 the below mentioned POW turned in to Garrison Hosp. II (Dept. for POW). The mentioned POW was captured 22 May 44 1315 on attack on Reichs-afea, near Leezen South Segeberg.
The plan was shot down, he escaped by parachute.

The Supreme Command of Wehrmacht was notified of reception of the this prisoner,24 May 44, by written report,according to Order: OKW Chef des Wehrmachtssanitaetswesens No 1297/44 (H S In Wi G IV) vvom 4. March 44.

1.) Nationality: American

2.) Fist Name John H

3.) Name: ASN M a r k i e w i c z ASN: 10600982

4.) Rank: S/Sgt

5.) Born: 29. 10 1921

6.) Place of Birth New York City

7.) Diagnosis: Crash, Fraction of right Ankle

TO:
POW transit Camp Oberursel
Intelligenz Officer in Prisoner Camp Xa Schleswig

Turning over to this place can be carried out in about 8 days

Sign: First Surgeon

KU 1926

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE LSOU 0438 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Air Base Hqus. A 5/ XI Luebeck

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ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

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DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: 24 May 44

TIME: 0730

FROM: LSFM

THROUGH: Krib

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS: - S E C R E T -

SSD LFBL 040 23/5 1700
To Information Center West Oberursel
Frankfurt /M
From the downed Boeing Fortress B 17 G "G" were 5 crewmembers as Prisoners turned i
in. Boeing was downed by Day - Fighter, near Oldesloe (Holstein)

1.) Lt D a m r o n Milton , ASN: 0-707053
2.) Lt H e p p Eugen F ASN: 0-707053
3.) Lt C a s t l e m a n Milton ASN: 0-690328/T 43
4.) T/Sgt Stevens Howard O ASN: 12167890 / 42 43
5.) S/Sgt C o o k Herbert ASN: 31216315

ThePOW will be shipped by this post to Oberursel on 23 May 44. Departure Luebeck 2017hrs.

Air Base Hqus. A 5/XI Luebeck Blackensee
Book No 937/44 secret. 23 May 44

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Air Base Hqus. A 5 /IV
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 May 44

List of confiscated Items of POW T/Sgt S t e v e n s Howard 0

Ident: tag: 12167890 T 42 43 OP
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 near Rethwisch Feld Oldesloe
(Holstein)

L pair brown gloves
1 parcel photos
1 mechanic pencil
1 Ident. tag 12157890 T 42 43 OP

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Air Base Hqus, A 5 /XI
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 25 May 44

List of confiscated items of POW
Lt Hepp Eugen F

Ident: 0-707053
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22. May 44 Rethwisch-Feld Near Oldesloe Holst.

1 Pair brown gloves
1 Pocket knife
1 Parcel photos
1 comb
1 mechanic pencil

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Air Base Hqus A 5/XI
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 M.44

List of confiscated Items of POW
Lt Castleman Milton E

Ident tag: O-690928
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 Retwisch Feld / Oldesloe Holstein

1 Ident Tag
1 Pocket knife
1 Comb
1 little golden locket

KU 1926

Air Base Hqus. A 5/XI
Luebeck Blankensee

Luebeck Blankensee 23 May 44

List of confiscated items of POW
S/S Cook Herbert

Ident. tag: 31216315
Crash: Boeing Fortress 22 May 44 near Rethwisch Feld near Oldesloe Holstein

1 leather folder
1 package Photos

Identification tags

Jack F Hickey 0-683996

Milton E Castleman 0-690928

Ronald C Merkley 0-681758

John B Hardman 39167609

Howard O Stevens 12167890

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE **LSOU 646** -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **Air Base Hqus Neumuenster**

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: **25 May 44**

TIME: **0125**

FROM: **LSLB**

THROUGH: **Ob.**

THROUGH:

ROLL:

REMARKS:

SSD LFNR 667 24 May 44 1815

To Dulag Luft Oberursel
Subject: L.)Telegr No 23.May 44

1.) D Luft 2706 07 II

POW Merkiewicz was turned over to PoW Camp Schleswig

Air Base Hqus A 5/ 11 Field Command
Neumuenster.

Garrison Hospital II Luebeck
Chief Surgeon

Luebeck 23 May 44

Subject: Reception of ~~xxxxx~~ Members of the enemy Air Force
Concerning: HSIN 49 p Wi b/IV 13 December 43 No 6164/43 I Ang

ToDulag Luft
Frankfurt/Main

Report to abouve mentioned Subject:
Fitch John Lt/Sgt
22 May 44, unknown
Bullet wound, left lower leg.Bullet penetreted leg.
Amputation of left leg.
Died: 22 May 44 2400 in Garrison Hospital II Luebeck

for: Sign:illegible

TO: POW Camp No 3 of Air Force,
Sagan.

Chief Surgeon.

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HEADQUARTERS
Army Air Forces Pilot School (ATE)
Turner Field, Albany, Georgia

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Bldg.

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

a. Name of casualty Fitch (Unknown).

b. Rank S/Sgt. . Crew position Tail-Gunner.

d. Date last seen 22 May, 1944. Place last seen Kiel Germany (In air)

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Bomb-bay and No. 3 engine were on fire as a result of several flak hits.

g. Known information (eye witness only)
Last seen by S/Sgt. Hardman, Radio-operator.

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

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

1st Lt. Milton E. Castleman
Rank and name of reporter

0-690928 354 B.G.P., 547 B.S.
ASN Unit