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WAR DEPARTMENT
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 546th ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed
   Intended Destination Berlin, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
   4/10 to 6/10 cumulus
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 May 44 Time 1110 ; and Location Berlin, Germany
   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 a direct burst of flak in the No. 2 engine. A/C cut across the target and joined the low squadron. A/C Maintained altitude, lost air speed
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G, A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31364 ✓
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-003601
   (b) SW-569 ; (c) 43-64974 ; (d) SW-002600
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
EUS 1.	Pilot	6	Seamon, Grover Lawrence, Jr. ✓	2nd Lt	0-810046
EUS 2.	Co-Pilot	5	Kohlston, Herbert Francis	2nd Lt	0-818695
EUS 3.	Navigator	8	Sulser, James David, Jr. ✓	2nd Lt	0-710343
EUS 4.	Nose Gunner	7	Thompson, Raymond Archie	Sgt	34645478
KIA 5.	Radio Operator	3	Ramos, Manuel Mason ✓ 371	S/Sgt	39851403
EUS 5.	Top Turret	4	Loving, Elmer Hill, Jr.	Sgt	13118654
EUS 7.	Ball Turret	2	Housh, Leonard Jess	Sgt	16089746
KIA 8.	Tail Gunner	1	Altstaetter, Herbert Emerson 371	Sgt	35550924
EUS 9.	Waist Gunner	7	Settlemyre, James Walter	S/Sgt	34604961
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	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Sammons, Gerald Busby	Capt.	O-417447		X		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
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

Date of Report 27 May 1944

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

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2nd Lt. James D. Sulser, Jr.	Mrs. Mary F. Sulser, (wife) Box 374, Lumberton, Mississippi.
2nd Lt. Grover L. Seamon, Jr.	Mr. Grover L. Seamon, (father) 117 West 11th Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.
2nd Lt. Herbert F. Kohlston	Mrs. Margaret G. Kohlston, (mother) 2307 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey.
Sgt. Raymond A. Thompson *written aug. 12 Oi*	Mr. Harold L. Thompson, (father) Route Two, Fountain Inn, South Carolina.
S/Sgt. Manuel M. Ramos	Mrs. Teresa M. Ramos, (mother) 743 First Street, Douglas, Arizona.
Sgt. Leonard J. Housh.	Mrs. Irene E. Housh, (wife) 2109-60 Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Sgt. Herbert E. Altstaetter 371	Mrs. Laura E. Altstaetter, (mother) 605 West Sycamore, Columbus Grove, Ohio.
S/Sgt. James W. Settlemyre	Mrs. Lucille E. Settlemyre, (wife) Route No. 6, Box 375, Statesville, North Carolina.
Sgt. Elmer H. Loving, Jr.	Mrs. Ann L. Loving, (wife) R. F. D. No. 1, Madison Heights, Virginia.

Identification tag

Herbert F. Kohlston 0-212695 POW

24 May 1944

Identification tag

R.A.Thompson 14645478 POW

24 May 1944

Identification tag

Hannel M. Ramos 3985403 KIA

24 May 1944

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Identification tag

Grover L. Seamon 0-812046 POW

24 May 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

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DISTANCE - MESSAGE -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

ACCEPTED:

RECEIVED:

DELIVERED:
DATE:-
TIME:
TO:

DATE: May 26 1944

TIME: 1205 h

FROM: LSOL

THROUGH: Fess

THROUGH: KU

ROLL:

REMARKS: QEH

Very important Current No. 1630 may 25 0920 h
To information center west Oberursel

At Herzberg 12 km east south east of Neuruppin on may 24 1944 at 1130 h one Boeing Fortress by crash in flames till 99 % damaged

Flight crew Sgt. Herbert Altstaetter ser. No. 35550924 dead recovered
Sgt. Manuel Ramos [redacted] dead recovered
39851403

4 captured

Rest of aircrew unknown fate

Airbase Hqs Neuruppin

6-3224,AF(5)

Abteilung Nge 25/III
Neuruppin Salvage Det.

July 3 1944

Report of Salvage Det. Neuruppin

I. 1.) Place of crash — At Herzberg 12 km east south east of Neuruppin at highway Radensleben.

2.) Date of crash — may 24 1944 at about 11.30 h

3.) Type of aircraft — Boeing Fortress II B 17 G

4.) Number of engines — 4

a. Damage in % — 95 %

b. Damaged parts — by disassembling and crash in flames damaged to 95 %

5.) Arrival of Salvage Det. at place of crash — may 24 1944 at about 1500 h. Airplane was allready guarded by Home Guard. Herzberg

6.) Strength and Composition of Salvage Det.

Det. Leader — Capt. Renner
Techn. Off. (NP) — Inspecter Stengele
Techn. Off. (Fl) — Off. Ing. Brunnemann
2 Armorer, 1 Radio technician

II. 1.) Armament and Ammunition

a. 5 MG cal 12,7 mm factory colt — unusable

b) 500 bullets ammunition 12,7 mm cal — unusable

2.) Armor — 7mm armor (normal)

3.) Radio set — 1 radio control box BC -434-A ser, No. 2310?

The following radio sets were ascertained

1 radio compas indicator I 52 A ser.No.7763
1 power control box BC958 A
1 selector control box BC 965 A
1 dinamotor Type G 1e25 A 3 CA 2
1 radio transmitter BC 458 A
1 radio receiver BC 454 B
(1 rack MX 22e A)
1 radio receiver BC 348 R
1 jack box BC 366
1 dinamotor style No.950972 A
1 antenna tuning unit BC3e6 A
1 frequenzimeter BC 221 M
1 radio compass unit BC 433 G
1 loop LP 21 A

4.) Radio frequencies — not ascertainable

5.) Production making
Design of motor

9 cylinder aircooled valve controlled radial engine
type : Wright license Studebaker
with the following ser. No. s :

cylinder head	cylinder base	housing No.
SW 002600	YIA 5541	C 22564
SW 005428	R 27 B	C3631
241137	414965	C 18429
none	RF 33	
	414965	
	YIA 444 B	

6.) Signatures — occiude D.S. on tail not ascertainable (fuselage)

7.) Fuel and lubrication samples — not ascertainable

8.) Camera — found completely damaged

III Bombs — not available

IV Flight crew — lo men
a.at place of crashcaptured at 1150 on may 24 1944 and received by salv. det. and transferred to air distr. comm. 4/III Stahlen

1.) 2nd Lt. Herbert Francis Kohlsten ser. No. 0-818693
2.) Sgt. Elmer Hill Loving 13128654
3.) Sgt. Leonhard Jens Kousb 16089746
4.) Sgt. James Walter Settlemyre 34604961

dead recovered by salv. det. Neuruppin and buried at village cemetery Herzberg on may 24 1944 grave No. 1 & 2 communite gr.

1.) Sgt. Herbert Altstaetter ser. No. 35550924
2.) Sgt. Manual Ramos 39851403

Nothing is known about the rest of the crew.Chance offixing by another salv. det. exists

Remarks :

The airplane was spred allover the meadows and forsts by disintegrating [illegible] at air. First of all the signatures on tail were not ascertainable by the flames. As far radio sets were not completely damaged they were removed and salvaged. Any new devices of installations were not ascertained.After release of crashed airplane the smaller particles were transported by the village community Herzberg for shipment to the railway station Herzberg.Bigger parts and the engines were salvaged by salvage det. 7/III Stahlen.The shipment of the bigger parts will be carried out by airbase Neuruppin to salvage plant Crevlich, the engines to salvage plant Finkenherd/Frankfurt/Oder.

illegible Capt.

FORM #1

XV - 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/XI Neuruppin

LOCATION: Neuruppin

DATE: May 25 1944 2Coo h

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: May 24 1944 at about 1130 h

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN): Herzberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING): by fighter

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing Fortress

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA): B 17 G cockade DS

ADMITTANCE NO: not ascertainable

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES: not ascertainable
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: damaged till 99 % by crash in flames

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOC -LUFT, ETC.)

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Capt.

6-3224.AF(4)

FORM 1

KU - 194[redacted]

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hgs 25/XXX

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 e8ee h

REGARDING: C[redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B 17 E coehmde DS

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) [redacted] AT: Herzberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin may26 1944 113e h

FIRST NAME: Herbert Francis 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-818695

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Transferred to PW center air distr. comm. 4/XIX Stalken may 26 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 115e h at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Capt.

6-3234,AF(1)

FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: May 25 1944 0800 h

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXX~~ (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B M7 G cockade DS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Hersberg 12 km sse of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h
Housh

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Leonhard Jens Sgt.

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 16089746

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to PW center air distr. comm 4/III
Steaken

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 1150 h at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FORM 1

KU - 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25 / III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 o8oo h

REGARDING: ~~KNIGHT~~ (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B17 G cockade DS

~~[illegible]~~ A.. Hornberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 113o h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ~~Loring~~ Jr.

FIRST NAME. Elmer Hill Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13118654

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to PW center air distr. comm. 4/III Stenken on may 26 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 115o at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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6-3224,AF(1)

FORM 1 [redacted] 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/XIII

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B 17 G cockade DS

AT: Herzberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
~~MAY~~ 24 1944 1130 h
~~Ramos Manuel Sgt.~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) [redacted]

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered at place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried at village cemetery Herzberg grave 2 on may 24 1944

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Sec AV. 925/44

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FORM 1 — 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase [illegible] 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 ofco h

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) EN. LANDING. OF: Boeing Fortress B 17 G coded4 DS

AT: Herzberg 12 km ono of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h
Alt stretter

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME): Herbert

FIRST NAME: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35556924

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered at place of crash

K/A
See AV 923/44

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried at village cemetery Herzberg grave No 1 on may 24 1944

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6-3224, AF(1

Identification tag

Herbert Altstaetter 3555924 KIA

24 May 1944

FORM 1 KU - [illegible]

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs A(O) 27/XIX

PLACE: Schoenwalde post Velten / Mark

DATE: may 24 1944 2400 h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, unknown enemy airplane

[redacted] AT: Oranienburg
may 24 1300 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Seamen

FIRST NAME: Grover 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-810046

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Sommerfeld may 24 1944 1330

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Ziegler

Col. and airbase Commander

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FORM 1

KU - 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs A(O) 27/XII

PLACE: Schoenmlde post Velten/Mark

DATE: may 24 1944 at about 2330 h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF. unknown enemy airplane

[redacted] AT: Oranienburg
may 24 1944 1300 h
Thomsen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Reuen Sgt. Eur

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 34645478

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Sommerfeld may 24 1944 at about 1330 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Ziegler

Col. and airbase Commander

S-3224, AF(1

K U 1941

Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17 G on 24 May 44 Time: 1130
near Herzberg, 12 km eastsoutheast of Neuruppin.

Name: R A M O S Manuel KIA dead
A.S.N.: 39 451 403
Rank: Sgt.

Name: A L T S T A E T T E R Herbert KIA dead
A.S.N.: 35 550 924
Rank: Sgt.

AV 925/44

3	Crash of a Boeing Fortr. B 17 G, cockade US, at Herzberg, 12 km ESE of Neuruppin on 5/24/44 time : 1130	Herbert	Altstaetter 35550924 Sgt.	K/A	Buried at the cemetery of Herzberg on 24th May 1944 Grave Nr. 1 (common grave)
4	"	Manuel	Ramos 39851403 Sgt.	K/A	"

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See KU 1941

Remark: Unit and other data of the above mentioned men unknown. All of them were killedin action caused by crash.

Date and time aircraft was shot down: 24 May 44, time: 1130 Casualty No.: KU 1941

Place of crash: Nersberg

Type of airplane: Fortress

Reporting office: Air Base HQ. Neuruppin

	Name	Rank	Serial Number	captured wounded dead	Place of internment
Cus	KOELSTON Herbert Francis	2nd/Lt.	0-818695	captured	Dulag Luft
Cus	SEANON Jr. Grover Lawrence	"	0-810046	"	" "
Cus	SEPTLEMYER James Walter	S/Sgt.	34804861	"	" "
Cus	LOVING Jr. Elmer Hill	"	15118654	"	" "
Cus	HOUSE Leonhard Jess 14 Jan 18 USA	"	16089746	"	" "
Cus	THOMPSON Raymond Archie	Sgt.	34645478	"	" "
K/A	ALTSHATTER Herbert	"	35550924	dead	24 May 44 cemetery Nersberg, grave 1
K/A	RAMOS Marvel	"	32021403	"	dto. grave 2

Entire Crew accounted for
{ 2 K/A
7 Cus

See AV 926/44

Dulag Luft, 8 June 44 We.

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12.)~ 1130 Hersberg 12 Km South east Neuruppin, in Fortress XX 99% Insp: Insigt 3 Cockade D S W- No. unknown, crased in flames, 4 prisoner.

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DATE: 24 May 1[illegible], 1130 hrs

PLACE: Herzberg/Neuruppin

TYPE: Fortress

MARKINGS: 384th Group
Base: Gr. U.

TARGET: Hq. Airbase
Neuruppin

RANK: NAME: 7 June NU 1941

2/Lt.	KOHLSTON, Herbert Francis ASN: 0-818 695		✓
2/Lt.	SEAMON, Grover Lawrence ASN: 0-860046		
1. Sgt.	ALTSTAETTER, Herbert ASN: 35550924		dead
2. Sgt.	RAMOS, Manuel M. ASN: 39851403		dead
S/Sgt.	HOUSH, Leonard Jess ASN: 16039746		
S/Sgt.	LOVING, Jr. Elmer Hill ASN: 13 128 654		
S/Sgt.	Settlemyre, James Walter ASN: 34 604 961		
Sgt.	THOMPSON, Raymond Archie ASN: 34 645 478		

24 May Community Cemetery Herzberg

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DATE: 24 May 1944, 1130 hrs

PLACE: Herzberg/Neuruppin

TYPE: Fortress

MARKINGS: 384th Group
Base: Gr. Ü.

TARGET: Hq. Airbase
Neuruppin

RANK: NAME: 7 June 1941

2/Lt. KOHLSTON, Herbert Francis .
ASN: 0-418 695
2/Lt. SEAMON, Grover Lawrence ASN: 0-8600[illegible] .
1. Sgt. ALTSTAETTER, Herbert ASN: 3[illegible]550924 dead
2. Sgt. RAMOS, Manuel M. ASN: 39[illegible]51403 dead
S/Sgt. HOUSH, Leonard Jess ASN: 16[illegible]89746 .
S/Sgt. LOVING, Jr. Elmer Hill .
ASN: 13 118 654
S/Sgt. Settlemyre, James Walter .
AFM: 34 604 961
Sgt. THOMPSON, Raymond Archie .
ASN: 34 645 478
24 May Community Cemetery Herzberg

STATEMENT BY CAPT. G. B. SAMMONS, PILOT A/C NO. 221, MISSION TO BERLIN, GERMANY, 24 MAY 1944.

We were flying No. 4 position in the Lead Squadron, Lead Group. Lt. SEAMON in A/C No. 364 was in No. 3 position. At 1110 hours, immediately after bombs were away A/C No. 364 suffered a direct burst of flak in the No. 2 engine. Aircraft cut across the target and joined the Low Squadron in No. 7 position. At the time A/C No. 364 was last observed it was maintaining altitude but losing airspeed.

/s/ G. B. SAMMONS,
/t/ G. B. SAMMONS,
Capt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 221.

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J. R. Wyatt

J. R. WYATT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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AG 360.33 1st Ind CBS/jh
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, 12 June 1944

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943, file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund

H. M. RUND
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Commanding General

(ZA-G-2)

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7 JUN 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.
(Thru: Commanding General, ETOUSA, APO 871, U.S.Army).

Missing Air Crew Reports are transmitted herewith in accordance with 1st Indorsement, AG 360.33 (5-23-43), Hq, SOS, ETOUSA, 3 June 1943, on War Department letter, AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-S-AF-M, 23 May 1943, subject: "Missing Air Crew Report".

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

BURNIS ARCHER
Capt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

30 Incls:
Incl 1. Missing Air Crew Report, 384th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-31364, 24 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 2. Missing Air Crew Report, 385th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-31742, 24 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 3. Missing Air Crew Report, 385th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-97603, 27 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 4. Missing Air Crew Report, 385th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-97847, 28 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 5. Missing Air Crew Report, 388th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-31741, 25 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 6. Missing Air Crew Report, 388th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-106989, 25 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 7. Missing Air Crew Report, 388th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-107017, 25 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 8. Missing Air Crew Report, 389th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-94951, 27 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 9. Missing Air Crew Report, 389th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-95091, 27 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 10. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-31651, 28 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 11. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-31985, 28 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 12. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-32089, 28 May 44 (in dup)

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Incl 13. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-37806, 28 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 14. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-97295, 27 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 15. Missing Air Crew Report, 390th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102440, 28 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 16. Missing Air Crew Report, 398th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-107132, 24 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 17. Missing Air Crew Report, 398th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-107231, 24 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 18. Missing Air Crew Report, 446th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-7583, 23 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 19. Missing Air Crew Report, 446th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 41-29140, 25 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 20. Missing Air Crew Report, 447th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-102494, 24 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 21. Missing Air Crew Report, 466th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 41-28743, 8 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 22. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40065, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 23. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40088, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 24. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40133, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 25. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40151, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 26. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40152, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 27. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-40171, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 28. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 42-110151, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 29. Missing Air Crew Report, 492nd Bomb Gp
B-24J, 44-110153, 19 May 44 (in dup)
Incl 30. Missing Air Crew Report, 801st Bomb Gp (Prov)
B-24D, 42-40550, 28 May 44 (in dup)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RAMOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39851403
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Radio Operator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? About 40 miles(north of)Berlin: O er the village of"Hertzberg" Germany

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: At about 1200 hours (London time) just 10 seconds before I bailed out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I saw him hanging in his chute

Any heresay information: Exact imformation can be secured from my waist gunner:(S/Sgt.) James W.Settlemyre at his present address:203-Morris Street, Monroe, N. C. S/Sgt. Settlemyre told me that he had seen and talked to S/Sgt. Ramos at a German Luft Waffe base and that S/Sgt. Ramos Was severly wounded and said he was shot by the German fighter Scurset planes as he was hanging in his parachute!-

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: S/Sgt. James W. Settlemyre told me that after he talked to S/Sgt. Ramos at that particular German luft base that Ramos was taken to a hospital by the German guards. Later I was taken to the same Luft base and the German guards told us the next morning that Ramos had died at the hospital.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: BERLIN: May 20(2)1944

Saarbruken: May 23, 1944

BERLIN: May24, 1944

THE VILLAGE OF HERTZBERG, GERMANY IS ABOUT 40 MILES FROM BERLI
IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION I BELIEVE

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ALTSTAETTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted] Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? I don't Know: He was in the plane when I jumped.

Where?

If not, why not? He signaled to me that he would jump after I did.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: At about 1200 hours (London) time) just seconds before I Bailed out.

Was he injured? YES

Who was he when last seen? I saw his body at the village church in Hertzberg Germany

Any heresay information: The following facts are acurate and true; The Germans who captured me took me to various parts of our B-17 scattered over a large area and at one place next to a large part of the fuselage I saw the body of S/Sgt. Altstaetter. The body was put on the truck I was on and taken to the village church in Hertzberg where an elderly

Source: German told me in English that the body would buried in the church yard.

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

The above facts are true as witnessed by myself and my Co-pilot 2nd Lt. Herbert F Kohlston whose last address known to me was Sq-B-1 Box 812, Perrin Fld., Sherman, Texas., and my engineer S/Sgt. Elmer H. Loving of RFD#1 Madison Heights, Virginia.

Total number of missions of above crew member; 3 (Three) (Possibly 4)

Dates and destinations if possible; BERLIN: May 20(?) 1944

SAARBRUKEN: May23, 1944

BERLIN: May 24, 1944

The Village of "Hertzberg" Germany is about 40 miles from BERLIN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION I BELIEVE.

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leonard J. Housh Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 16089746

2. Organization 334 B.S. Gp Commander Smith (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO Nutal (full name) Rank Lt.Col

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BERLIN , target, _____ , target time, _____ , altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____ , route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? About 20 miles after bombing Berlin.

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". OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It blew up in mid-air.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Could cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) No accurate knowledge OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM.

11. Where were they in aircraft? No knowledge.

12. What was their condition? OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM.

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

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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The following are answers to questions listed on the other side:

Question ANSWERS

5 : After leaving the target area we had only two engines thus we could not keep up with the rest of the formation.

8 : 2nd Lt. James D. Sulser, Jr. and
S/Sgt. Raymond A. Thompson both bailed out of the escape hatch in the nose.
2ndLt.Grover L. Seamon and
2ndLt. Herbert F. Kohlston and
S/Sgt. Elmer H. Loving all bailed out of the escape hatch in the nose next to #2 engine.

I,(S/Sgt.) Leonard J. Housh bailed out of the escape hatch in the waist, as did
S/Sgt. Manuel M. Ramos.

S/Sgt. James W. Settlemyre told me later that he was blown out of the plane when it exploded in mid-air at about20,000 ft. altitude.

10 & 12 :S/Sgt. Herbert E. Altstaetter was still in the plane when I bailed out so I don't know if he bailed out of the plane although I did see his body later lieing next to a piece of the fuselage after I was captured by some German soldiers.

GENERAL FACTS :

After bombing the target we lost the use of two of our engines and could not keep up with the rest of the formation.
As we struggled along badly crippled we were attacked by German fighter planes.
Later we were given the order to abandon the plane as it was on fire.
The German fighter continued to attack.

S/Sgt. Manuel M. Ramos later told S/Sgt. James W. Settlemyre that as he hung in his parachute he was attacked and wounded by the German fighter planes. As a result Ramos was taken to a haspital where,the German guards told us later that he had died.

The hospital was at a German luft base on the out skirts of a town about 80 minutes rid by German truck from the Village of Hertzberg which is about 40 miles from Berlin.

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: R/MOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 37365140.
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? About 30 miles from Berlin.

If not, why not? ----------

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

No contact or conversation.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? At hospital in Luftwaffe Air Base about 10 miles from village of Herzberg.

Any hearsay information: Was told by interrogater at Dulag Luft that Sgt. Ramos died in hospital as a result of wounds received.

Source: German interrogater.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Because his wounds did not prevent his bailing out, I believe they may not have been serious enough to cause his death had he received at least average treatment in the hospital to which he was taken or had he not been injured further after bailing out. These further injuries could have been inflicted by enemy fighters while in his chute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Two. Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown.

I believe the above information to be fairly accurate, based on conversation with other members of the crew while I was a prisoner. However, I would like to mention that I did not see Sgt. Ramos personally at any time after we took off on this mission.

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ALTSTAETTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where? ---

If not, why not? He was wounded by enemy fighters before plane was abandoned.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He reported over interphone that we were being attacked by enemy fighters from the tail.

Was he injured? Yes.

Where was he when last seen? I saw his body placed in a vault or crypt in village of Herzberg.

Any hearsay information: Was told by German soldier that Sgt. Altstaetter would be buried in the cemetary at Herzberg and that his grave would be marked. This village was 59 kilometers from Berlin according to road signs. 37 miles

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believe Sgt. Altstaetter was still in the plane when it exploded and that he fell to the ground without opening his chute. The plane exploded in the air.

Total number of missions of above crew members: Three.

Dates and destinations if possible; Unknown.

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Kohlston, Herbert F. Rank 1/Lt. Serial No. O-818695

2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Smith (full name) Rank Col. Sqn CO Nuttall (full name) Rank Lt. Col.

3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target Berlin, target time, 1130, altitude, 28,000ft. route scheduled, Through France, route flown Through France

5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Berlin imm. after bombs away.

6. Did you bail out? Yes.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes. Except Tail-Gunner

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All crew members bailed out at approx. same time about 30 miles from Berlin.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Exploded in air, pieces landed near village of Herzberg which is 59 kilometers from Berlin.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.

11. Where were they in aircraft? -------

12. What was their condition? --------

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No Knowledge

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge.

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RAMOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39851403
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Pilot (Bomber)~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ~~Sweden~~ NEAR BERLIN

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAW Him leave the plane

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? At Hospital - NEAR BERLIN

Any heresay information: He told me that German Fighter Planes ~~killed~~ strafed him while still in His Chute - I was told later that He died in Hospital

Source: Interrogator At Frankfurt

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None except what He told me Himself + The Interrogators report of his death

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: May 19, 1944 - Berlin - May 21, 1944 SAME BROKEN - MAY 24 1944 Berlin

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ALTSTADTTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He was Wounded + unable to get out

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He called just After Attack from fighters + Said that he was Wounded

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? When Buried. NEAR Berlin

Any heresay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is believed that He was thrown from plane when it Exploded - And He Hit the ground Without speeding His Chute

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible; May 19 1944 - Berlin -- May 24, 1944 Brunekeskon -- May 24 1944 Berlin

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James W. Settlemyre Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 34604961

2. Organization 354 Gp Commander Smith (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO Huttle (full name) Rank Lt/Col.

3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Berlin, target, _____, target time, 11:59 A.M., altitude, 30000 Ft. route scheduled, North Sea, route flown Same

5. Where were you when you left formation? over Berlin

6. Did you bail out? yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but one — Herbert E Altstaetter

8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No Knowledge of members up front. In waist Sgt Hensa left first then S/Sgt. Ramos then Myself. Sgt. Altstaetter was wounded & was unable to leave ship

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Blew to peices on outskirts of Berlin

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Sgt. Altstaetter was unable to leave plane & was in it when plane exploded.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Sgt Altstaetter was tail gunner

12. What was their condition? Seriously Wounded

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Sgt. Ramos was picked up Along with me and He was Wounded seriously but was conscious. He told Me that he was strafed by German fighter planes While in His Chute. I accompanied him to the Hospital but never saw him ~~since~~ again. I Was told that he died in the Hospital - By the interrogater

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 5268

Name of crew member: RAMOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39851403
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Radio Operator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OUTSIDE BERLIN GERMANY (HEARST BURG) 57 MILES FROM BERLIN

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HEARD RAMOS SAY TO BOMBADIER THAT ALL BOMBS WERE AWAY

Was he injured? NO NOT AT TIME HE BAILED OUT.

Where was he when last seen? AT A LUFTWAFFE BASE CLOSE TO HEARST BURG

Any heresay information: WAIST GUNNER WAS PICKED UP BY SAME TRUCK THAT ALREADY CONTAINED RAMOS. WAIST GUNNER S/Sgt SETTLEMYRE ASKED RAMOS WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AS HE WASNT WOUNDED BEFORE BAILOUT. S/Sgt. RAMOS REPLIED GERMAN FIGHTER PLANE STRAFED HIM IN CHUTE.

Source: S/Sgt. JAMES W. SETTLEMYRE WAIST GUNNER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: GERMAN GUARD TOLD US THAT OUR WOUNDED COMRADE DIED SOON AFTER HE GOT TO THE HEARST BURG AIR FIELD.

Total number of missions of above crew member: THREE

Dates and destinations if possible; MAY 21ST BERLIN GERMANY MAY 23rd. ESSEN GERMANY MAY 24TH BERLIN GER.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 5268

Name of crew member: ALTSTAETTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) [redacted] Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?

If not, why not? WAIST AND BALL GUNNER SAID HE WAS TOO FAR GONE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I HAD FIRE UNDER CONTROL BUT IT CAUGHT AGAIN. HE ASKED HOW THINGS WERE

Was he injured? YES.

Where was he when last seen? AT CEMETARY AT HEARSTBURG GER.

Any hearsay information: I WAS IN TRUCK WITH CO-PILOT 2ND LT. KOHLSTON & SGT. L. J. HOUSH. GERMANS TOOK US TO OUR CRASHED SHIP AND REMOVED ALTSTAETTER'S BODY AND PUT IT ON TRUCK WITH US. THE BODY WAS TAKEN TO HEARSTBURG WHERE IT WAS BURIED OR SO THE GERMANS SAID IT WOULD BE

Source: PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: BERLIN - ESSEN - BERLIN

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LOVING EIMER H. JR. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 13118654

2. Organization 384 BOMB GP H. Gp Commander COL. SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO NOTTAL Rank LT. COL.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month MAY day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, BERLIN, target time, 1150 APPROX., altitude, 26000 route scheduled, NORTH SEA - THEN DOWN, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST AFTER BOMBS AWAY BERLIN

6. Did you bail out? YES

7. Did other members of crew bail out? PILOT-CO-PILOT. WAIST, BALL & UPPER GUNNERS NAV. & BOMBIER.

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". I PUSHED PILOT LT. SEAMON OUT NOSE HATCH AND FOLLOWED HIM. CO-PILOT CAME AFTER ME. NAV. & BOMBADIER WENT THROUGH NOSE HATCH. DON'T KNOW ABOUT REST OF CREW.

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? CLOSE TO HEARST BURG GER.

10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) SGT. ALTSTAETTER'S BODY WAS IN W. CAGE

11. Where were they in aircraft? DONT KNOW, GERMANS REMOVED BODY

12. What was their condition? DEAD AS FAR AS I KNOW

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. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RAMOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39851403
Position: Crew (Bomber) [illegible] Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Berlin

If not, why not? _____

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

Only a few minutes befor we were hit

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Being taken to a hospital in a truck

Any heresay information: all information I can give on this man was obtained from S/Sgt. J.W. Settlemyer who was with him on the ground and in the truck. He was also told by the Germans that Sgt. Ramos had died.

Source: S/Sgt. James W. Settlemyer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is my firm belief that this man was strafed in his chute as he was last seen by Sgt. L.J. Houck, discharging radio equipment and at that time he was unmanned and the plane was going down

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible; May 19 1944 Berlin
May 23, 1944 Navy Essen France (bombed Saarbrucken)
May 24, 1944 Berlin (shot down)

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ALTSTAETTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Of Flight (Fighter)~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? apparently not

Where?

If not, why not? He was seriously wounded

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: just before we were hit

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In waist of plane bleeding profusely

Any heresay information: Sgt. Alstaetter crawled from his gun position to the waist after being seriously wounded by fighters which set the ship afire. When told we had to jump he waved others of the Crew on saying he would follow.

Source: Sgt. L. J. Hirsch (Ball turret gunner)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he didn't jump due to fear or he either jumped and failed to pull his chute; due to death caused by his wounds. His body was found near the wreckage of a part of the plane, Chute unopened (body identified by Sgt. E. N. Lowry, Jr.)

Total number of missions of above crew member: three

Dates and destinations if possible; May 19, 1944 Berlin
May 23, 1944 Nancy Essen France (bombed Saarbrucken)
May 24, 1944 Berlin

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AFPPA-12

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Grover L. Seagroves Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-810046

2. Organization 384th Bomb Gp. Gp Commander Dale Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO A.E. Nuttall Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Hi. Alt. Bombing, target, Berlin Germany, target time, 11:10, altitude, 26,500 route scheduled, Up North Sea Across Baltic, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? over target

6. Did you bail out? Yes (out nose hatch)

7. Did other members of crew bail out? 7 others

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". Herbert E. Kollston - Bailed out nose hatch, Elmer N. Young bailed out nose hatch - James D Sabin, Bailed out nose hatch - Raymond Thomson - Bailed out nose hatch - James W. Settlemyer (T.G.) - bailed out waist door. all these men bailed out following order to abandon ship.

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) Sgt. Herbert E. Altstadter was believed to be still in the ship as his Body was found near it on the ground.

11. Where were they in aircraft? Rear section of waist

12. What was their condition? dead

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

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

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of Crew member: RAMOS Manuel Mason
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 39851403
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? A few minutes after We left Berlin.

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? He wasn't when he left plane

Where was he when last seen? A few minutes after we were shot down

Any hearsay information: He was not injured when he left plane but was shot by a German fighter when he was parachuting down. He was still conscience but died that night. He was buried in a cemetary app forty Kilometers from Berlin.

Source: My Engineer, Waist Gunner, Ball Turret Gunner

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Berlin - May 19 1944
Pade Calis - May 23 "
Berlin - May 24 "

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File # 5268

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ALTSTAETTER Herbert Emerson
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 35550924
Position: Crew (Bomber) or [redacted] Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He was Killed before we bailed out.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His notifing us of fighters coming in

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? app. forty Kilometers from Berlin

Any heresay information: He was Killed by fighters and was unable to bail out. He was in the plane when it exploded. He was buried in a German cemetary at a small town app forty Kilometers West of Berlin

Source: My engineer, Waist Gunner, Ball Turret Gunner.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Berlin - May 19 - 1944
Pade Calis - May 23 - "
Berlin - May 24 - "

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Thompson, Raymond A. Rank T Sgt. Serial No. 34645428
2. Organization A.A.F. Gp Commander Col Smith (full name) Rank Col Sqn CO Nuttall (full name) Rank Lt. Col.
3. What year 1944 month May day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Berlin, target, City, target time, 11:45, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, North Sea - Kiel Canal, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? a few minutes after target.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes
8. Tell all you know about when, wh... how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attac... bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Each crew member bailed out but Sgt. Altstaetter which was already killed. He was in plane when it exploded before it hit the ground. S/Sgt. Ramos bailed out but was shot by a German fighter before he hit the Ground
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? app. forty Kilometers from Berlin.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Sgt. Altstaetter was in plane when it exploded.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Tail
12. Wha. was .heir condition? Killed
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw the rest of my crew members in a PW Camp. None of them was seriously Injured.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No information

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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Identification tag

Herbert F. Kohlston 0-818695

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Identification tag

R.A.Thompson 34665478

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Identification tag

Manuel M. Ramos 39851403 - Kia

Identification tag

Grover L. Seamon 0-81ec46 RTd

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE 696 -OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU

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TIME: 1205 h

FROM: LSGL

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REMARKS: QKM

Very important Current No. 1630 may 25 0920 h
To information center west Oberursel

At Hersberg 12 km east south east of Neuruppin on may 24 1944 at 1130 h one Boeing Fortress by crash in flames til 99 % damaged

Flight crew Sgt. Herbert Altstaetter ser. No. 35550924 dead recovered
Sgt. Manuel Ramos [redacted] dead recovered
3985140 3

4 captured

Rest of aircrew unknown fate

Airbase Hqs Neuruppin

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Airbase Eqs 25/III
Neuruppin Salvage Det.

July 3 1944

Report of Salvage Det. Neuruppin

I.	1.) Place of crash	At Herrsberg 12 km east south east of Neuruppin at highway Radensleben.
	2.) Date of crash	may 24 1944 at about 1130 h
	3.) Type of aircraft	Boeing Fortress II B 17 J
	4.) Number of engines	4
	a. Damage in %	95 %
	b. Damaged parts	by disassembling and crash in flames damaged to 95 %
	5.) Arrival of Salvage Det. at place of crash	may 24 1944 at abc t 1500 h.Airplane was allready guarded by Home Guard. Herrsberg
	6.) Strength and Compositon of Salvage Det.	
	Det. Leader	Capt. Renner
	Techn. Off. (MW)	Inspector Stengele
	Techn. Off. (Fl)	Off. Eng. Brunnemann
	2 Armorer, 1 Radio technician	
II.	1.) Armament and Ammunition	
	a. 5 MG cal 12,7 mm factory colt	unusable
	b) 500 bullets ammunition 12,7 mm cal	unusable
	2.)Armor	7mm armor (normal)
	3.) Radio set	1 radio control bem BC -434-A ser, No. 23107
	The following radio sets were ascertained	1 radio compas indicator I 82 A ser.No..7763 1 power control box Bc958 A 1 selector control box BC 965 A 1 dinamotor Type G 1025 A 3 CA 2 1 radio transmitter BC 458 A 1 radio receiver BC 454 B (1 rack FR 22o A) 1 radio receiver BC 348 R 1 jack box BC 366 1 dinamotor style No.958772 A 1 antenna tuning unit BC3o6 A 1 frequencimeter BC 221 B 1 radio compass unit BC 433 G 1 loop LP 21 A
	4.) Radio frequencies	not ascertainable

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5.) Prudu:tion making
Der'gn of motor

9 cylinder aircooled [illegible] valve controlled radial engine
type : Wright license Studebaker
with the following ser. No. s :

cylinder head	cylinder base	housing No.
[illegible] 602600	TTA 5541	C 22564
[illegible]5428	R 27 B	C3631
141137	414565	C 18429
none	RF 33	
	414565	
	TTA 444 B	

6.) Signatures — cockade D.S. on tail not ascertainable (fuselage)

7.) Fuel and lubrication samples not ascertainable

8.) Camera — found completely damaged

III Bombs — not available

IV Flight crew — lo men
a.at place of crashcaptured at 1150 on may 24 1944 and received by salv. det. and transferred to air distr. comm. 4/III Stakken

1.) 2nd Lt. Herbert Francis Kohlsten ser. No. 0-818695
2.) Sgt. Elmer Kill Loving 13118654
3.) Sgt. Leonhard Jess Housh 16089746
4.) Sgt. James Walter Settlemyre 346[illegible]4961

dead recovered by salv. det. Neuruppin and buried at village cemetery Herzberg on may 24 1944 grave No. 1 & 2 communite gr.

1.) Sgt. Herbert Altstaetter ser. No. 35550924
2.) Sgt. Manual Ramos 39851403

Nothing is known about the rest of the crew.Chance offixing by another salv. det. exists

Remarks :

The airplane was spred allover the meadows and forsts by disassembling amidst air. IXXXXX First of all the signatures on tail were not ascertainable because of the flames. As far radio sets were not completely damaged they were removed and salvaged. Any new devices of installations were not ascertained.After release of crashed airplane the smaller particles were transported by the village community Herzberg for shipment to the railway station Herzberg.Bigger parts and the engines were salvaged by salvage det. 7/III Staaken.The shipment of the bigger parts will be carried out by airbase Neuruppin to salvage plant Greulich, the engines to salvage plant Finkenherd/Frankfurt/Oder.

illegible Capt.

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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 0800 h

REGARDING: CREW: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing Fortress B 17 B cockade DS

[redacted]: AT: Hörsberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may25 1944 1130 h
Kohlston

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Kohlston, Eva

FIRST NAME: Herbert Francis 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-818695

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Tansferred to PW center air distr. comm. 4/III
Staaken may 26 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 1150 h at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Illegible
Capt.

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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airborne Hqs. 25/XIX

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: May 25 1944 about h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B 17 G coclude DS

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) [redacted] AT: Herzberg 12 km nne of Neuruppin may 24 1944 1130 h Numb

FIRST NAME: Lombard Jess Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 16089746

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to PW center str distr. comm 4/XIX Stanken

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 1150 h at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Illegible Crypt.

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FORM 1

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25 / XXX

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 ofco h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B17 G ocehado DE

[redacted] AT: Herzberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Loving Jr.

FIRST NAME: Elmer Hill Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 13116654

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to FW center air distr. comm. 4/XII
Stenken on may 26 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: may 24 1944 at 1130 at place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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KU - 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqu 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 o8ooh

REGARDING: ~~XXXX~~ (DOWNED) OF. Boeing Fortress B17 G cockade DS

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Her sberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Settlemyre

FIRST NAME: James Walter Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 34604961

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) transferred to PW center air distr.comman 4/III
Staakan on may 26 1944

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: captured on may 24 1944 at 1150 at
place of crash

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FORM 1

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B 17 G cockade DS

AT: Hersberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h
Ramos Manual Sgt.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 39851403

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered at place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried at village cemetery Hersberg grave 2 on may 24 1944

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FORM 1 KU - 1941

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs 25/III

PLACE: Neuruppin

DATE: may 25 1944 0800 h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Fortress B-17 G cockad4 DS

[redacted] AT: Hersberg 12 km ese of Neuruppin
may 24 1944 1130 h
Alt ~~shotter~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Herbert

FIRST NAME: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35550924

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered at place of crash

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Buried at village cemetery Hersberg grave No 1 on may 24 1944

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Identification tag

Herbert Altstaetter 3555o924

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Hqs A(S) 27/III

PLACE: Schoenwalde post Velten / Mark

DATE: may 24 1944 2400 h

REGARDINC: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF. unknown enemy airplane

[redacted] AT: Oranienburg
may 24 1300 h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Seaman

FIRST NAME: Grover 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-810046

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Sommerfeld may 24 1944 1330

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Ziegler

Col. and airbase Commander

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Auirbase Hqs A(O) 27/III

PLACE: Schoerwalde post Velten/Mark

DATE: may 24 1944 at about 2330 h

REGARDING: [redacted] (DOWNED) OF, unknown enemy airplane

[redacted] AT: Oranienburg
may 24 1944 1300 h
Thomsen

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME; Raeman

FIRST NAME: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 34645478

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Sommerfeld may 24 1944 at about 1330 h

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Ziegler

Col. and airbase Commander

6-3224, AF(1