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Date Aug 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 24 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 546th; Detachment
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Langenhagen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 2-3/10 cumulus tops 6-9000 feet. Visibility 10 plus miles
- GIVE: (a) 5 Aug 44 Time 1230; and Location Garlstorf, 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.
- 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 Five (5) crew members bailed out due to misunderstanding.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107058
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-79946
(b) SW-004411; (c) 41-22542; (d) 43-60885
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See attached; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) sheet; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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	<u>M* Mead, Frank Willard</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-759643</u>
2.	Co-Pilot	<u>* Daniel, Thomas Cogswell, Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-764248</u>
3.	Navigator	<u>* Bryson, Jerry Russell</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-717174</u>
4.	Nose Gunner	<u>* Dillon, Howard Arthur</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39695321</u>
5.	Radio Operator	<u>AD Vennel, Alexander Joseph</u>	<u>MIA Sgt.</u>	<u>31341572</u>
6.	Top Turret	<u>Joyce, Robert Oliver</u>	<u>MIA S/Sgt.</u>	<u>34403758</u>
7.	Ball Turret	<u>Treat, John Afton</u>	<u>MIA Sgt.</u>	<u>38511577</u>
8.	Tail Gunner	<u>Castiglione, Vincent Joseph</u>	<u>MIA Sgt.</u>	<u>13043198</u>
9.	Waist Gunner	<u>Woods, Harold Leroy</u>	<u>MIA Sgt.</u>	<u>39122693</u>
10.				

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
1. <u>Mead, Frank Willard</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-759643</u>		<u>x</u>				
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) 5 chutes seen
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Report 9 August 1944

* These men returned safely with A/C.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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

- a. 1295045 Buffalo
- b. 1292731 Buffalo
- c. 952791 Savage
- d. 1295498 Buffalo
- e. 952305 Savage
- f. 952995 Savage
- g. 1295146 Buffalo
- h. 952487 Buffalo
- i. 952781 Savage
- j. 1293272 Buffalo
- k. 1295387 Buffalo
- l. 1295372 Buffalo
- m. 744826 Colt Patent

All guns were Cal..50 Aerial Machine Guns.

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STATEMENT OF LT. F. W. MEAD, PILOT, A/C NO. 058, ON MISSION TO LANGEHAGEN, GERMANY,
5 AUGUST 1944.

We were flying No. 3 position in the High Group, 41st Combat Bombardment Wing "B". At 1230 hours at GARLSTORF, Germany, shortly before reaching our I. P. the hydraulic motor burned out, causing intense smoke in the cockpit. Pilot instructed the Engineer to investigate the source of the smoke, and ordered the remainder of the crew to stand by for possible bailing out. Due to a misunderstanding of instructions, apparently issued by one of the men bailing out, the Radio Operator, Top Turret Gunner, Ball Turret Gunner, Waist Gunner and Tail Gunner bailed out. A/C attacked the target with only four (4) crew members aboard.

/s/ F. W. MEAD,
/t/ F. W. MEAD,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C 058.

A TRUE COPY

J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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Identification Tags

V. J. Castiglione
13 043 198 T 44 O
C

Harold L. Woods
39 122 693 T 43 - 44 O
P

John A. Treat
38 511 577 T 43 - 44 O
P

attached: Social Security Act
account No. 430 - 36 - 3664
John Afton Treat

DOMINICK J.

Reverse: Lionette Daniel 2nd Lieutenant
Type of plane: Fortress
Squadron No.: 817. H. B. Sq.
Date of downing: 18 July 1944
Place of downing: area Muningen
Crewmembers: see Staff Sergeant Dreps O.H. No 1423

Alexander Vennel
31 341 572 T 43 - 44 A B
C

attached: Staff Stripe
inscription: 77

Robert O. Joyce
34 403 758 T 43 - 44 A
P

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield - H. Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: Local Command Reinschlen

DATE: 5 August 1944 at 1445

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Place of crash: unknown

Hooda

Harold
soldier
39 122 639

Dulag Oberursel

Winter Moor at 1400

signed: Zinirg

First Lieutenant and Officer for
special disposition

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DATE: 5 August 1944 at 1445

Place of crash: unknown

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~REX~~~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~REX~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Woods

FIRST NAME:

Harold

Rank:

soldier

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

39 122 639

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dulag Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

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NAME OF HOSPITAL:

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Restricted**REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**POST: **Airfield - H. Q. A 20/XI**PLACE: **Locale Command Reischien**DATE: **at 1645**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~**EM. LANDING: AT:**
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~**Place of crash: unknown**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Vennel ✓

FIRST NAME:

Alexander ✓SERIAL NUMBER: **Rank:**
(USA)**Sgt.** ✓**32 341 572 T 43 - 44 AB** ✓

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dulang Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

at 1645, Welle, Lueneburger - heath

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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air corps*

**signed: Zinirg
First Lieutenant and officer for
special disposition**

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POST: Airfield - H. Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: Locale Command Reischlen

DATE: at 1645

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Place of crash: unknown

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Vennel

FIRST NAME:

Alexander

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Rank:

Sgt.

31 341 572 T 43 - 44 AB

Dulag Oberursel

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

at 1445, Welle, Lueneburger - heath

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed: Zinirg
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POST: Airfield - H. Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: Locale Command Reinsehlen

DATE:

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Place of crash: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Joyce

FIRST NAME:

Robert O.

Rank:

Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

34 403 758

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dulag Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

at 1445, Welle, Lueneburger - heath

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed: Zinirg

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PLACE: **Local Command Reinschlen**
DATE: **at 1445**
~~CRASH: (DOWNED) OF~~
REGARDING: **Place of crash: unknown**
~~EN LANDING: AT:~~
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **Castiglione**
FIRST NAME: **V. J.**
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **Rank: Sgt. 13 043 198 T 44**
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Fulag Oberursel**
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **at 1445, Welle, Lüneburger - heath**
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

signed: Zinirg

First Lieutenant and officer for
special disposition

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield - H. Q. A 20/XI

PLACE: Local Command Reinsehlen

DATE: at 1645

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Place of crash: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Castiglione

FIRST NAME:

V. J.

Rank:

Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

13 043 198 T 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Dulag Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

at 1445, Welle, Lueneburger - heath

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed: Zinirg

First Lieutenant and officer for
special disposition

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield - H. Q. A 6/XI

PLACE: Hamburg - Fuhlsbuettel

DATE: 19 August 1944 at 1600

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown date: unknown
" " time: "
EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Treat

FIRST NAME: John A.

Rank: unknown

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 36 511 577 T 43 - 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: captured at Hamburg - Eidelstedt ca 19 August 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

signed: Heinz

Lieutenant Colonel and Commander

(copy)

Report

Station guard Hamburg - Eidelstedt, 19 August 1944

After leading back a transport to section IV Pfc. Baumgarten of the Station guard Eidelstedt observed at about 0950 on a curve north of the railroad tracks a suspicious looking person. Looking closer it turned out to be a man with flyer helmet and flying dress trying to hide himself behind a bush. He did not come up in spite of shouts and signals until a gun was levelled at him. Pfc. Baumgarten took the prisoner to the guard office and reported. Together with Baumgarten and Corporal Wasserstraat I went to the place of the capture to confiscate any hidden articles. But there was only a celluloid bottle containing a liquid, and some apples, pears, and onions. I took the prisoner back and reported to the unit immediately.

The prisoners had the following articles about him:

- 1 Flyer helmet headphone taken out
- 1 handkerchief
- 1 pair of socks (dirty)
- 1 celluloid - bottle containing a clear liquid
- 1 little compass with rubber cover
- 1 leather - case with photographs
- 1 bag containing a dictionary of several European languages.
- 1 bag with maps and 1500 French francs
- 1 celluloid case with food, safety razor A.S.O.
- 1 pocket knife
- 1 steel necklace with 2 identification tags
- 1 small wooden stick with marks.
- some pills etc.

Questioned about other parachute jumps his parachute, arms etc. The prisoner always answered " No Sir". He declared over and over again to be an American. He declared not^{to} have any identification cards about him.

signed: Schoch, Corporal

Station guard unit Greater Hamburg

KU 2818

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield Command A(0) 24/II

PLACE: Braunschweig Broitzsen Group CO.

DATE: 23. August. 1944.

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, unknown

EM. LANDING: AT: Parachut escape nt Date unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

✓ Wood

FIRST NAME:

Joseph W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

✓ 31219716 T 43 44 •

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

for a further cemetery Braunschweig S. on Brotweg
left row.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

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NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

./.

Braunschweig 23. August . 1944 1640

Salvaged as dead on 23 August. 1944 Okerwiese Uferstrasse. K. of Braunschweig

Hoeszinger

LT. COL. and Staff Officer.

Kia 5 Aug 44
Kia 5 Aug 44
a.c.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF ENEMY CREWMEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCES

POST : AIR BASE COMMAND A 6/XI

DISTRIBUTOR: AIR BASE COMMAND DISTRICT XI

PLACE : HAMBURG - FUHLSDORF

DATE : 19 August 1944 at 1600

CRASH (DOWNED)
REGARDING: of: an unknown enemy Air Plane
EN. LANDING at: an unknown place

NAME (LAST OR SURNAME): T R E A T

FIRSTNAME : JOHN A.

SERIALNUMBER (USA) : 38511577 T 43 - 44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE & TIME OF CAPTURE : At HAMBURG - NIDELSTRAAT on 19 August 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL : -

TIME & PLACE OF INTERMENT : -

signed : VON HEINE

LT. Col. & COMMANDER OF THE AIR BASE.

*5 Aug 44 MIA
EUS*

MACR 7885

B-17

9 men

Date: 5 Aug 44, at 1220
Place: Soltau / Lueneburger
Heide
Type of
craft: Fortress
Markings: -----
546(HB)Sqd.
384 Group

Rank: Name:

KU 885 a

2nd Lt. MEAD,
2nd Lt. DANIELS
2nd Lt. BRYSON
S/Sgt. VENNEL, Alexander Joseph: 31341572 .
S/Sgt. JOYCE, Robert Oliver : 34403758 .
S/Sgt. TREAT, John Alton : 36511577
S/Sgt. CASTIGLIONE, Vincent Joseph,
: 13043198
S/Sgt. MOODS, Harry Le Roy : 39122693 .

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 885 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 5.8.44 - 12.20
Abschußort: Soltau b. Lüneburger Heide
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Red. 2. Schl.

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib:
				welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
CASTIGLIONE 25.4.22	Vincent Joseph W.Va.	S/Sgt. 13043198	gef.	Dulag-Luft
JOYCE 8.4.21	Robert Oliver	S/Sgt. 34403758	gef.	Dulag-Luft
VENNEL 9.8.24	Alexander Joseph Simsbury, Conn.	S/Sgt. 31341572	gef.	Dulag-Luft
WOODS 28.3.24	Harold Leroy	S/Sgt. 39122693	gef.	Dulag-Luft
TREAT	John Afton	Sgt. 38511577	gef.	Dulag-Luft
MEAD	Frank	2. Lt.	tot	

Bemerkungen: 7885

DULAG-LUFT, den 2.9.44 Wa.

Fragebogen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name:

Vorname:

Dienstgrad:

Geboren am:

Geboren in:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung:

seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):

Befinden:

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:

b) Unverwundet-Verbleib:

c) Tot:

Todesursache:

Beigesetzt am:

Grablage:

7. Bemerkungen:

....., den