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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Inhalt: 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. **Location of Origin** Location POSTED: AIR STATION 131; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force Group 398th Bomb (Ev); Squadron 600 B-3 (Ev); Detachment None

2. **Point of Departure** AAF Station 131; Course Via North Sea

3. **Intended Destination** Berlin, Germany

4. **Type of Flight** Bombing

5. **Cumulus at approximately 15,000 ft.**

6. **Gives** (a) Late 19 May 1943 Approximately 1400; and Location Approx. 15,000 ft Above Berlin, Germany

7. **Specify whether (X) last sighted; ( ) last contacted by radio; ( ) forced landing; ( ) seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.**

8. **Airman and Aircraft is believed to have been shot, as a result of (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows Heavy Flak encountered.

Aircraft lost altitude into clouds when last sighted.

9. **M.C.H.D.** Type, Model Airacobra B-1176 and Serial Number 42-87339

10. **M.A.R.** Type, Model air Serial 9176 and Serial Number (a) SW 012362 (b) SW 003539 (c) SW 005763 (d) SW 005763

11. **Inclusive Dates** (furnished below make, type and serial number)

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<th>(a) General Motors</th>
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Information on (7) seven additional guns is not available.

12. **Reasons Why Airplane was Abandoned** (a) Battle Casualty XTA or (b) Non-Battle Casualty

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10. **NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT**: Crew 10; passengers 0; total 10

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<td>Comer, Roger D.</td>
<td>2nd Lt</td>
<td>0-700353</td>
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<td>Navigator</td>
<td>Inglis, Howard F.</td>
<td>2nd Lt</td>
<td>0-700352</td>
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<td>Bombardier</td>
<td>Read, Merritt A.</td>
<td>2nd Lt</td>
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<td>Bell Turret Gunner</td>
<td>Berzane, Joseph J. V</td>
<td>Ht</td>
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LOST LID OFF OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

- Contacted
- Check Only One Column

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<td>Holmberg, M. C.</td>
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12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS; (a) parachutes were used; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) ANY OTHER PERSON (SPECIFY) DISAPPEARED INTO CRASH SITE LAST SEEN.

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROPRIATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT LAST FELL.

14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIBITION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

(Per Eyewitness Accounts Attached)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SHOT, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE IN SEARCH

**Date of Report**: 21 May 1944

**Signature**: [Signature]

**Position**: 1st Lt, Air Corps

**Confidential**
November 12, 1945

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter, requesting information on the disappearance of Lt. O'Neal.

I never did see Lt. O'Neal after our aircraft was hit but by a process of elimination I have come to the conclusion that he was the person that fell out of his parachute while he was coming down.

Between Lt. Baer and myself we could account for the other eight persons, because we had seen them in the airplane when we bailed out, leaving only Lt. O'Neal unaccounted for. I did see an empty parachute floating down, beside me, complete with the harness, which I am sure was his.

Lt. Baer the navigator on our plane saw the co-pilot killed in the plane. He saw Bob Jenkins, our tail gunner, complete with parachute on the ground. I saw Joe Barsano, our ball turret gunner, Fred Cone, our engineer, Jerry Terran, our waist gunner, Lt. Duell, our bombardier, in the waist with no chance to jump due to the force of gravity on them.

A crew flying next to us said our top turret was shattered by a direct hit, so I eliminated the top turret gunner. That leaves only Lt. O'Neal and an open parachute.

This is about the only information I have concerning his disappearance.

Yours truly,

/s/ George Grant
14523 Linnaurst
Detroit, Michigan

Original addressed to CG AAF,
filed in notification Br.,
Personal Affairs Div, AAF
19 May 1944:

About 1345 to 1400 while we were flying at 26000 ft, flak being heavy it
seems that Lt O'Neal's plane was hit by flak on No three engine. I saw the
No three engine on fire. He slid and put cut the fire, and dropped to about
15000 ft, then the ship went in a nose dive. It came out of the dive, flew
level for about a minute, and then went in a flat spin; then into another dive.
A ball of fire came off the right wing by No three engine. The last I saw
of the ship it went thru a cloud formation.

WILMUTH O HOLMBERG
S Sgt, Tail Gunner B17G 42-10592
Report of Eyewitness on Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97349 which was lost of Berlin Germany, 19 May 1944.

I was riding as left waist gunner in Lead plane of high group. Lt O'Neal was flying number (5) five of lead group and Lt Nelson was flying on our left wing. About two or three minutes after other planes had dropped their bombs I saw the bombs appear to fall Salvo from Lt Nelson's plane directly on Lt O'Neal's. Most of them hit over the Cockpit, top turret and front part of radio hatch. One bomb hit No (3) three engine and flame up but the fire went out. The plane went out in wise sweep as though out of control and than came back in position and Co-pilot appeared to be flying it. They remained in position for a few minutes and then went down under us and out of my vision. All the bombs hit flat as they did not have distance enough to turn. Lt O'Neal was out of position at the time of the accident.

Sgt. OTT. TONNE.
C. A. BENNETT, 31545 27
S Sgt, L Waist Gun B17G 42-102390
Report of Eyewitness of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97396 on Berlin Mission of 19 May 1944:

While flying directly opposite Lt O'Neal on May 19, 1944, a few minutes after 1355, I saw his ship hit by most of the 100 Lo incendiary bombs from the ship directly above him. The bombs were dropped in salvo and hit from the cockpit back to the radio hatch. Some bouncing off and several hitting the wing.

I saw a pinkish flame, possibly a bomb exploding and I could see the wing was badly torn. Lt O'Neal then dropped behind and I lost sight of him.

Charles J Searl
2nd Lt, Air Corps 0-691204
Pilot, B17G 42-102507
SUBJECT: 1st Lt. Ira L. O'Neal, 0809862

INTERROGATING: S/Sgt. George Grama
2nd Lt. Howard F. Baer

WRITTEN BY: -Frances Bayless
Downing of a Boeing B 17 on May - 19 - 44
in: Alt - Roesnitz, 9 km north-east of Frohnlake
Time: 1358

Name: J I R I N S Robert C.  
A.S.N.: 85 216 163 T 42 - 43

Name: P A R R E N Gerald F.  
A.S.N.: 32 751 437 T 43 - 45

Name: O ' N E A L Imo L. Jr.  
A.S.N.: 0 - 609 962 T 42 - 3

Name: B A R R A N O Joseph G.  
A.S.N.: 33 435 914 T 43 - 43

Name: C O H E N Roger D.  
A.S.N.: 0 - 709 393 T 43 - 43

Name: S C H A U P P Dale F.  
A.S.N.: 17 123 462 T 42 - 43

Name: D E H N L Merriit A.  
A.S.N.: 0 - 669 219 T 42 - 43

Name: C O H E Frederick B.  
A.S.N.: 17 037 042 T 42 - 43

*) 1358 - at Alt Roesnitz, 9 km north-east of Frohnlake, in F D 4, Fortress 4, 20% destruction, Insignia B 8 V, Factory not destroyed, 7 Casualties, 1 wounded, 1 prisoner.
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To

Research-Office West


Subject: Internment of members of enemy crew.

Refer to: Shoot-down of a B-17 near Alt-Ruditsitz, 9 km north-east of 2nd Freienwalde on 15 May 1944 at 1558 hrs.

Referring to the above mentioned the Internment of the following members of enemy crew is reported:

1. BARRANG JOSPH 6. FADEN HERALD F.
2. O'NEAL IRA L. 5. OCHS FREDERICK R.
3. GOME ROGER B. 6. JENKINS ROBERT K.
4. SCHAPP JAREL D. 7. FADEN HARRY A.

The Internment took place on the cemetery of Alt-Ruditsitz on 22 May 1944 for the men mentioned under 1 - 7 and on the 27 May 1944 for No. 6, in the south-east corner.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A (o) 28 III
PLACE: Strausberg
DATE: 19 May 1944

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:

bailed out from B-17, shot-down near Alt-Rudnitz
2 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder
G R A N A

GEORGE
16 11 35 66 8-43-4
wounded, injure of sacro-iliac bone and backbone
Alt-Rudnitz near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 1944
at 1415 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Rudnitz
Airforce-Hospital Berlin-Reinickendorf

Signature
1st. Lt.

- 2 -
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strassberg

PLACE: Strassberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF

REGARDING: EM. LANDING

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAMES)

SOCIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE. DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

bailed out from Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt- Ruednitz, 7 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder B A E R

HUARD

O 703922  T-43-4

captured, slightly injured (Scratches)

Alt-Ruednitz near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 44 at 1420 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Ruednitz none

none

Signature

Lt. Col. H.C.
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase—Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strassberg

PLACE: Strassberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF:

REGARDING:

FM. LANDING: AT: Bowing B 17, shot down near Alt-Riednitz 9 km North-East; Bad Freienwalde/Oder at the 19 May 1944, 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) JENKINS

FIRST NAME: ROBERT Y.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33216163 2-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Riednitz. The interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield-Headquarters A (o) 26 III Airfield Command Strassberg
PLACE: Strassberg
DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF
REGARDING:
EM. LANDING: AT

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:

Boeing 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz 9 by north-east of Treuenwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44 at 1338 hrs.

COX R
ROGER D.

0 - 70 C3 58 T-43-43

found dead

none

The corpse has been turned to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for Interment. The Interment is reported later

Signature
Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (Go) 26 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF:

REGARDING:

ENAMEY LANDING: AT:

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:

Being B-17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz 5 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44 at 1358 hrs.

0! N E A L JR.

IRA L.

-30 98 62 1-42-3

found dead

none

none

The corps has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (e) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH (DOWNED) OF:

 REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT:

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:

Boeing B-17, shot down near Alt-Rudnitz 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19th at 1338 hrs.

FARR EN

GERALD F.

32751437 T-42-43

found dead

none

none

The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Rudnitz for interment. The interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNEO) OF,

REGARDING:

EM. LANDING: AT:

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:

Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 2 km North-East-bed Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

BANZARO

JOSEPH G.

3343 69414 T-43-43

found dead

none

none

The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF:

Crash: (DOWNED) OF:

W. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

NAME: FREDERIK B.

FIRST NAME:

17 03 7G 42 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

NAME found dead

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

none

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME: none

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Rusednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) REGARDING: None

OF: Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km

EM. LANDING: AT: 1258 hrs.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) SCHEUERLE

FIRST NAME: DALZ F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17 12 34 63 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strassberg

LOCATION: Strassberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

DATE AND TIME: 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

PLACED OF CRASH: Alt-Rusdnitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder

KIND OF CAPTURE: Hunter

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: N 8 V

 ADMITTANCE NO: Not identified

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: (DULOG, LUFT, ETC.)

RECEIVER: DC-348-B, Frequency-Dial 6, 6 MC. Sender DC-450-A

Transversal-Scale 7,5 Frequency-Scale 6,775 Sender DC-454-A

Transversal-Scale 7,5 Frequency-Scale 5,075 Receiver DC-454-B

Frequency-Scale 5,75, Receiver DC-455-B, Frequency-Scale 6,475

Every above mentioned types are U.S. construction.

Engines broken off by crash. Fuselage pushed together. Wings deformed. Plane is lying in the marshy county of the Oderbruch.

Signature illegible

Maj. and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: * (DOWNEO) OF Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Riednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: Daniel

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 066-9319 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Riednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature illegible

Major and Officer in Charge

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-ÖBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number 49

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: 21. May 1944

TIME: 14.45 p.m.

FROM: INR

THROUGH: Cerrad

REMARKS:

[Handwritten Remarks]

TO Research-Office West Öberursel

SUBJECT: Crash Alt-Schudits 9 km north-east 2nd Prinzhalle on the 19.5.44 at 1353 p.m.

REFERENCES TO 3 (Left) 2706 /07 Above Sector above 619 619 61

A) Alt-Schudits - 9 km north-east 2nd Prinzhalleföder

B) at 1353

C) Being B 17

D) E 57

E) Se 5 Distraction

F) 1. 7 Casualties, 1) Fredrik B. Gaa, 2) Dall. F. Schiper, 3) L. Ival

O'Neal, 4) Hagen S. L. 4) Ourger B. Constr, 5) Gerald F. Parren

6) Robert W. Jenkins 7) Joseph G. Beven, 83

2. 1 Prisoner 3. 1 Injured 4. 2006

Airbase-Headquarter 28 roman III Airfieldground Strassburg

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Subject: Shot down of a B-17 near Alt-Briesnitz, 9 km north-east Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 p.m.

Refer to: Telegram Airbase-Headquarters 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg of 21 May 1944.

Barnes L. Merritt A. is reported as eighth casualty referring to the above mentioned. The corpse could only be found after salvaging of the enemy plane.

Signature illegible

Major and Commanding-Officer

Distributor

Research-Office West with 2 enclosures (Form 1 and contents of pockets of the corpse.
Air district Command III - I a
Airbase-Command 49/III, 1b/Salvage
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Date and time aircraft was shot down: 19 May 44, time: 1330  
Casualty No.: KU 1890

Place of crash: Alt Budzint  
Type of aircraft: Fortress  
Reporting Office: Air Base M. Straussberg

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<th>Rank</th>
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1st additional report of 20 June 44.

Casualty No.: KU 1890  
2nd additional report of 22 Sept 44.

Casualty No.: KU 1890  
3rd additional report of 2 Nov 44.

Please line out name under additional report no. 1. The name of this person is written correct under 2nd additional report.

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Döberitz, 1 June 44 Wo.
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Airbase Headquarters A (c) 28 III  Airfield Command Strausberg

POST:  Strausberg
PLACE:  19 May 1944
DATE:  

CRASH:  (DOWNG) OF,  bailed out from B-17, shot-down near Alt-Rusednitz
REGARDING:  9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder
EM. LANDING:  G X A M A
AT:  

NAME:  (LAST OR SURNAME)  GEORGE
FIRST NAME:  
SERIAL NUMBER:  (USA)  16 11 35 68 T-48-4
RESULT:  (DEAD OR CAPTURED)  wounded, injury of sacro-iliac bone and backbone

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:  Alt-Rusednitz near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 1944 at 1415 hrs. by homeward Alt-Rusednitz
NAME OF HOSPITAL:  Airforce-Hospital Berlin-Reinickendorf
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:  none

Signature

1st. Lt.
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 38 III Airfield Command Strausberg
PLACE: Strausberg
DATE: 19 May 1944
CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)
REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT: bail out from Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) HUVARD
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0 703922 T-43-4
captured, slightly injured (Scratches)
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
Alt-Ruednitz near Bad Freienwalde/Oder on 19 May 44
at 1420 hrs. by homeguard Alt-Ruednitz
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:
none
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
none

Signature
Lt. Col. M.U.
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase-Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Stralsburg

PLACE: Stralsburg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing B-17, shot down near Alt-Bosedantz 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder at the 19 May 1944, 1358 hrs.

REGARDING: FM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) JENKINS

FIRST NAME: ROBERT W.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 35216163 T-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned to the major of Alt-Bosedantz. The Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield-Headquarters A (c) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DROWNED) OF

REGARDING:

EN. LANDING:

AT:

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:

Boeing P 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz
9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
at 1358 hrs.

COMER

ROGER D.

0 - 70 03 53 T-43-43

found dead

none

none

The corpse has been turned to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. The interment is
reported later

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg
PLACE: STRAUSBERG
DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, REGARDING:
EM. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) NELSON jr.
FIRST NAME: IRA L.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-809862 T-43-3
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corps has been turned over to the major of Alt-Rudnitz for interment. The Interment is reported later.

Signature
Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (c) 28 III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Boeing B-17, shot down near Alt-Einseln 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 44 at 1358 hrs.

REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT: none

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) PARR E H

FIRST NAME: GERALD F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 22 75 14 37 1-43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Einseln for Interment. The Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strasbourg

PLACE: Strasbourg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNEO) OF, REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT:

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:

Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

BARRANO
JOSEPH G.

33 43 69 14 T-43-43

found dead

none

none

The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPOR ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF:

REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT:

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:

Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

C O N E

FRITZK B.

17 03 TO 42 T-42-43

ENMI found dead

none

none

The corpse has been turned over to the mayor of Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

PLACE: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNEO) OF: Boeing B-17, shot down near Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km
North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944
at 1358 hrs.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME: DALE F.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 17 12 34 62 T-42-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) found dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: none

NAME OF HOSPITAL: none

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: The corpse has been turned over to the major of
Alt-Ruednitz for interment. Interment is reported
later.

Signature

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (o) 28/III Airfield Command Strausberg

LOCATION: Strausberg

DATE: 19 May 1944

DATE AND TIME: 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

PLACE OF CRASH: Alt-Ruednitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder

(MOST NEAR TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: Hunter

(TYPE, KIA, IU, MIKE, MIKE, NEAR HUNTER, EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: N & V

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: Not identified

EQUIPMENTS:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULONG, LUFTH, ETC.)

not yet found

Receiver: BC-348-A, Frequency-Dial 6, 6 MC, Sender BC-454-A
Transversal-Scale 7,5 Frequency-Scale 6,575 Sender BC-454-A
Transversal-Scale 7,5 Frequency-Scale 5,075 Receiver BC-454-A
Frequency-Scale 5,75, Receiver BC-455-3, Frequency-Scale
6,495

Every above mentioned type are U.S. construction.

Engines torn off by crash. Fuselage pushed together. Wings
defaced. Plane is lying in the marshy county of the
Oderbruch.

Signature illegible

Major and Officer in Charge
REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase - Headquarters A (c) 22/III Airfield Command Strausberg
PLACE: Strausberg
DATE: 19 May 1944
CRASH: (DOWNEO) OF, REGARDING:
EM. LANDING: AT:
RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)
PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:
NAME OF HOSPITAL:
PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Boeing B 17, shot down near Alt-Rüdnitz, 9 km North-East Bad Freienwalde/Oder on the 19 May 1944 at 1358 hrs.

DINEL
MERRIT A.

0 66 92 19 T-42-43
found dead
none
none

The corpse has been turned over to the major of Alt-Rüdnitz for interment. Interment is reported later.

Signature illegible

Major and Officer in Charge
TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

- OBERURSEL -

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Sequence Number 43

ACCEPTED: DELIVERED:
RECEIVED:
DATE: 23. May 1944
TIME: 14:45 p.m.
FROM: LSSS
THROUGH: Conrad

REMARKS:

#3 LESS 6 40 21 May 130 2 13

To Research-Office West Oberursel

Subjects: Crash Alt-Rendszita 9 km north-east of Przemswalde on the 19.5.44 at 1058 p.m.

Refer to: B (Luff) 2786 /07, Ablach Sector roman XI, 6 U. roman VII

A) Alt-Rendszita - 9 km north-east of Przemswalde
B) at 1058
C) Being B 17
D) H 8 V
E) 0% Distraction
F) 1. 7 Casualties, 1) Frederik B. Gom, 2) Dale F. Schoen, 3) L.Fruter O'Neal, roman X 2 R. 4) Roger D. Conner, 5) Gerald F. Parson
6) Robert W. Jenkins, 7) Joseph C. Rizante, 

2. 1 Prisoner 3. 1 Injured 4. none

Airbase-Headquarter 28 roman XIII Airfield Command Strausse 24 AF(5)
A i r b a s e - H e a d q u a r t e r s 2 8 / I I I
Airfield command Strausberg
Section Th/Salvage File # 6

To

Distributor

Subj ect: Sh t down of a B o i n g B 17 near A l t-Rusednitz, 9 km north-east Bad
Freienwalde/Oder on the 19. May 1944 at 13.58 p.m.

Ref er to: T e legram Airbase-Headquarters 2 8 / I I I Airfield command Strausberg
# 6 4 0 of 2 1 . May 1944.

D e m o l, M e r r it A. is r e p o r t e d as eighth casualty refering to the
above mentioned. T he corpse could only be found after salvaging of
the enemy plane.

Signature illegible

Major and Commanding-Officer

Distributor

Research-Office West with 2 enclosures (Form 1 and contents of pockets of the
corpses.
Airdistrict Command II - I e
Airbase-Command 4/28, Th/Salvage
Design
IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF THE FOLLOWING MEN

1. O'Neal, J. R. , Ira L. 0-899862
2. G O N E, Frederick B. 17097842
4. P A R R E N , Gerald F. 32751547
5. G O M M E R , Roger D. 6-700353
6. D E W E L , Horrit A. 0-6692819
7. S C H A U P P , Dale J. 17123462
8. B A N N , Howard F. 0-709922

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To
Research-Office West

Subject: Internment of members of enemy crew.

Refer to the shot-down of a Boeing B 17 near Alt-Rusdnitz, 9 km north-east of Bad Freienwalde on 19 May 1944 at 1338 hrs.

Refering to the above mentioned, the internment of the following members of enemy crew is reported:

1. BARBARO JOSEPH G.
2. O'NEAL IRA L.
3. COGER ROGER D.
4. SCHAPIRA DALE J.
5. PAPPEN HERMANN F.
6. CONE FREDERIK E.
7. JENKINS ROBERT N.
8. DUNLOP HERBERT A.

The internment took place on the cemetery of Alt-Rusdnitz on 22 May 1944 for the men mentioned under 1 - 7 and on the 27 May 1944 for No. 8, in the south-west corner.

Signature
Major and Office in Charge
Mr. Lee O'Neal, (father)
515 Hermosa Street,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Roger D. Comer, (wife)
2029 Bayard Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Blaine Baer, (mother)
1717 Behrens Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sam Safones, (uncle)
14523 Limhurst,
Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. William A. Cone, Sr., (father)
Trent, South Dakota.

Mrs. Verna L. Schaupp, (mother)
Dunlap, Iowa.

Mrs. Voreen W. Parren, (mother)
1108 West 6th Street,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Susanna Jenkins, (mother)
709 Seabrights Lane,
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Mrs. Marie A. Barsano, (mother)
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