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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 131; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
Group 398th Bomb Bv; Squadron 603rd Bomb Bv; Detachment None
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 131 Course Per atchd track chart
Intended Destination Munich, Germany & Return Type of Mission Operational
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 10/10 multilayer cloud - Dense persistent contrails.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 July 1944 Time Approx 1043; and Location Approx 4815N-0808E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted, () Last Contacted by Radio,
() Forced 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 (X) Enemy Aircraft, () Enemy Anti-Aircraft, () Other Circumstances as Follows _____

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-102476
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number _____
(a) SW-015740; (b) SW-013784; (c) SW-015701; (d) SW-015660
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
(a)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	653240
(b)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	646814
(c)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972494
(d)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	6-6916
(e)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	646806
(f)	Chapin Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	712908
(g)	L. C. Hayes	.50 cal A/C mach gun	448120
(h)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972606
(i)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972613
(j)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972215
(k)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	11222
(l)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	646884
(m)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	972044
(n)	Frig. Div. Gen. Motors	.50 cal A/C mach gun	

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty M I A
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

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10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9

CREW POSITION	NAME IF FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
<i>EUS1.</i> Pilot	GALLAGHER, RAYMOND J	1st Lt	0-730098
<i>EUS2.</i> Co-Pilot	CASTLEMAN, HARRY L, JR	1st Lt	0-560764
<i>EUS3.</i> Navigator	BERRY, WILLIAM C	2nd Lt	0-717165
<i>EUS4.</i> Bombardier	DAVIS, WENDELL P	2nd Lt	0-754886
<i>EUS5.</i> Eng Turret Gunner	Sudduth, Robert C	T Sgt	16076242
<i>EUS6.</i> Radio Operator Gunner	Skeem, Arlo J	T Sgt	19073294
<i>RM7.</i> Ball Turret Gunner	Warkentin, Robert C	S Sgt	39689358 KIA
<i>EUS8.</i> Right Waist Gunner	Fels, Robert J	S Sgt	32706505
<i>DED.</i> Left Waist Gunner	McLean, Charles F	S Sgt	14102239
10.			
11.			
12.			

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. BERWICK, GARFIELD L	S Sgt	39568054		X		
2. LYNN, GEORGE E	T Sgt	15334563		X		
3. ANDERSON, EMIL R	S Sgt	13118923		X		

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 reason (Specify) _____

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

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

(descriptions atchd)

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 18 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

WALLIS L CAMPBELL
1st Lt, Air Corps
Statistical Control Officer

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

16 July 44, time: 1115

CASUALTY NO. KU 2498

PLACE OF CRASH

Hinter - Heubach in Kitzigtal

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base HQ. Freiburg in Br.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED / DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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SKEREM Arlo Jensen
31 March 21

T/sgt. 19073294 captured Dulag Luft

CASTLEMAN Harry Lee

1st/Lt. 0-560764 " " "

WARKENTIN

Sgt. 39689355 dead interred on 17 July 44 in
community censtery St.
Roman

MC LEAN Charles B.

Sgt. 14102239 " dto.

2 Unknown dead

dto.

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 2 Aug 44 WO.

Identification Tags and following Certificates

Hickmott, Edward W. 38341233 T 43-43 O
P

Kibble, William J. 16154154 T 43-44 O
P

- 1 Physical Record Card for Pilot and Crew Member (Garken)
- 2 Immunization Register " "
- 1 Officer's Pay Data Card " "
- 1 Identification Card " "
- 1 Medical Note " "

- 1 Certificate of Proficiency (Hickmott)
- 4 Immunization Register " "
- 1 Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card " "

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Indentification-Tags

Charles B. Mc Lean	14102239	T	42-43	A	C
Charles B. Mc Lean	14102239	T	42-43	A	C
Robert C. Warkentin	39689358	T	43-44	O	P
Harry L. Castleman	0560764	T	41-42	O	P
Arlo J. Skeem	19073294	T	42-43	A	P

Enclosed Indentification Card belonging to S/Sgt Robert Warkentin.

July 16, 1115 hour

Hinter-Heubach, 8 Km north of Schiltach, Kinzig-Valley

Fortress
KZ

Airbase Headquarter VII, Freiburg

S. Livingston, P.J.?

Dulag-Luft, Metzlar
Receive Aug 1. 1944
Central File and Reporting station

1 Priscner ?
4 Deads ?

KU.2498

(17a) Freiburg, July 20, 1944

Airbase Headquarters A 7/VII
Freiburg/Brg.

KU 2498 ?
99 Sgt Modl

Supplement

To Camouflaged sport-roster July 20, 1944

9) Sgt. Arlo J. Skeem, No. 19073294

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL- Dulag-Luft, Weizlar
Receive Aug. 3, 1944

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

Central File and Reporting station

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: August 2, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0150 hour

ROLL:

FROM: LSGL

THROUGH: Nickele

REMARKS:

A LSFG Nr 8, August 1, 1615 hour

To Evaluation-Center west Dulag, Oberursel

Re: Crash of enemy Aircraft 10 Km behind Heubach near Wolfach/Baden on July 16,
at 1115 hour. Identification of two dead.

1.) Charles B. Mc Lean No. 14102239 T 42-43 A American

2.) Robert C. Warkentin No. 39689358 T 43-44

Burial Rural cemetery St. Roman/Kinzigvalley/Baden

Airbase Headquarter 7/VII, Freiburg/Breisgau

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Airbase Headquarter a 7/VII, Freiburg/ Breisgau

DATE:

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Castleman, Harry, American
Identifikation-Tag 0560764

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: 1st Lt

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Rohrbach, District Donaueschingen

July 18, 1944, 22.00 hourPARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:- Presumably Shot down
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

Boeing17

REMARKS:

July 16. 1944

1115 hour

KU 2498

Hinter-Heubach, 8 Km north of Schiltach/Kinzigvalley

Fortress 17 G
KZ

Airbase Headquarter VII Freiburg

99% Damage

4 Dead

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Receive July 20, 1944
Central File and Reporting station

Dilag-Luft, Metzlar
Receive: Aug 17. 1944
Central File and Reporting station

KU 2193

To
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Final Report of Shutdown Aircraft on 13 July 1944, Day Attack on Munich.

Final Report of Shutdown Aircraft on July 16, 1944, Day Attack on Munich.

6. Hinterheubach

10 mi northeast of Wolfach (Schwaben, Fighter net - CR 6 -
11.15 hour, Boeing 95% Damage, 4 dead, 1 Prisoner, Flak
Identification and No. can & xbe determined.

DISTRIBUTOR:

Outside Distribution taking care of it

Local Distribution:

Commander in Chief, 1a, 1a op 1, 1a op 2,
1a op 3, Chief of Air Distr, Command
lc/OFA, 1c Sectionleader, 1c L 1, 1c KTB,
1c L Guardofficer, 1c L 2, (Sketch)

AIR DISTRICT COMMAND VII/1c L 2

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Major

Airbase Headquarter A 7/VII
Freiburg/Brg.

(17a) Freiburg, July 20. 1944

Supplement

To ~~complete~~ roster July 20, 1944

9.) Sgt. Arlo J. Skoen No. 19073294

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
Receive, July 23, 1944
Central File and Reporting station

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: July 18. 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 2100 hour

ROLL:

FROM: L S E B

THROUGH: F A P

~~URGENT-LSFG 253, July 18. 1535~~

REMARKS:

Urgent-LSFG 253, July 18. 1535

To: Dula g-Luft, Oberursel, Frankfurt/Main

Re: Report on Capture of enemy Aircraft

Shot down: July 16. 1944 1115 hour

Place of crash: Behind Heubach 8 Km northeast of Schiltach/Kinzigvalley

Kind of Capture: By evidence of witness ~~Engines~~ showed smoke screen.

Whether driving gear was defected by Fighter or Antiaircraft-Action could not be determined

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing B 17 Gustav Insignia

And Fabrication No. could not be Identified.

Radar: None

RT. Frequencies: Aircraft Inno

Condition 99% damage caused by crash and Fire

Fate of Crew: 4 Men dead, rest of crew supposedly dead.

Armament: 12,7 mm Final Report Follows.

Airbase Headquarter A 7/VII Freiburg/Brg.
Salvage Unit 6-3224.AF(5)

Diag. Unit, Weislar
Receive; Aug. 17. 1944
Central File and Reporting station

Ku 2498

To
Evaluation Center West, Oberursel

Final Report of Shutdown Aircraft on 13. July 1944, Day Attack on Munich.

Final Report of Shutdown Aircraft on July 16, 1944 Day Attack on Munich.

7. Haigerloch. 10 Km west of Herringen, Fighter met - GS-5-
11.05 hour Boeing 99 % Damage crashed by five. 5 Prisoners 1 dead,
Flak Airbase Grosselfingen by MG 81, Identification: A-Rest illegible, No. can't
be determined.

DISTRIBUTOR:

Outside Distribution taking care of it

Local Distribution:

Commander in Chief, 1a, 1a op 1, op 2,
1a op 3, CU, Ing of Air Distr. Command
1c/OFA, 1c Sectionleader, 1c L 1, 1c KTB,
1c L Guardofficer; 1c L 2 (Sketek)

AIR DISTRICT COMMAND VII/ 1c L 2

Peters M
Mayor

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DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL- Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
 Receive July 24, 1944
 Central File and Reporting station

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: July 22, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 20800

ROLL:

FROM: LSEB

THROUGH: Maul

REMARKS:

A LSFG 286, July 20, 1635 hour

3.) Evaluation-Center West Dulag, Oberursel b/ Frankfurt am Main

Subject: Crash of Enemy Aircraft behind Heubach, 10 Km northeast of Wolfach: Baden
 on July 16, 1944, 1115 hour

Investigation of names: 1st Lt. Harry Castleman (American)
 No. O-560764-

Location and Date of Capture: Rohrbach District Donaueschingen on July 18 1944
 2200 hour

Fate of Crew: c Captured: 1 Man, Escaped: Probably 3 Men, Dead, 4 Men

Damage: 99%, Type of Aircraft: Boeing 17

Reason of Downings: Unknown

Burial of Deads: Rural Cemetery St. Roman on July 17, 1600 hour

Airbase Headquarter 7/VII, Freiburg/Breisgau

rural police-station Schiltach
rural police-district Wolfach
J.# 367

KU 2498

Schiltach, 19 July 44

Subj.: Downed enemy aircraft.

To : Airbase Headquarter Freiburg 1/Breisgau.

After thorough investigation bodies belonging to 3 men of the were recovered at the place of crash (distr. Kinzigtal, village, Hinterheubach, Blaulich) of the downed 4-engined USA Bomber on July 16, 1944. Recovery was done by the community of Kinzigtal, in presence of the undersigned rural police-man of Schiltach.

The dog-tags of 2 dead could only be found. The third crew-member could be identified only by small parts of a body belonging to a third person definitely.

As far as possible, personal property of each dead was kept separately and put on a roster. Lists are enclosed in triplicate. Contents of bag 1 and 3 had been found apart but supposedly belong together as parts of body were missing. These had been found with the contents of bag 3 in the vicinity of the corpse and were recognized as belonging to it.

The names of the identified dead are :

- 1) Robert C. Warkentin ASN 38689358 T43-44 O F
bags #1 and 3
- 2) Charles B. Mc Lean ASN 14102259 T42-43 A bag # 2

The dead were buried on the cemetery of St. Roman, community Kinzigtal.

The personal property of the dead was wrapped in bags and sealed and will be handed over to airbase Hqts. Freiburg by messenger Cpl. Heinrich Griebel upon signing.

STUFFER?

T/sgt of rural police
appr. Kuecherer

Rural Police Station Schiltach
Rural Police District Wolfach

KU 2498

Schiltach, July 20, 1944

The found material of the downed USA Bomber on July 17, 1944 at Hinter-Heubachtal, community Kinsigtal as well the recovered personal property of the dead crew-members was handed over to me to-day, for forwarding to Airbase Headquarter Freiburg.

Hel. Griebel, Cpl.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarter A 7/VII, Freiburg /Brg.

PLACE: Freiburg/ Brg.

DATE: July 20, 1944 - 2045 hour

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing 17 (presumably)EM. LANDING: AT: Heubach Distr. Wolfbach (probably)
Date: July 16. 1944 1115 hour

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Skeen

FIRST NAME: Arlo J. American Rank: Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 19073294 T 42-43/A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Moehringen/Donau, July 18, 1944 - 4.45 hour

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase Headquarter A 7/VII

LOCATION: Freiburg/Brg.

DATE: July 20, 1944

DATE AND TIME: July 16. 1115 hour
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Hinterheubach, 8 Km northeast of Schiltach, Kinzigtal
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE: Engines Showed itrong smoke stripes. Wether driving gear defect
(FLAK. HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER, by fighter or anti aircraft Action could not be established
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing 17, Model No G, Number of engines 3

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) could not be indentified

ADMITTANCE NO: could not be indentified

EQUIPMENT:
F.T. FREQUENCIES: none
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99% damage

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

Salvage by: Salvage Unit Freiburg i/Breisgau

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Receive: July 29, 1944
Central File and Report station

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-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

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DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: July 26, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0300

ROLL:

FROM: Bierstadt

THROUGH: O.H. Schroedel

REMARKS: wireless message

To Evaluation Center West Oberursel

Temporary Report of Shotdown Aircraft on July 16, Day Attack on Munich.

6. Hinterheubach, 10 Km northeast of Wolfach, fighter net - CH 6- 11.15 hour,
Eosing 99 % Damage, 1 Prisoner & Dead

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6-3224, AF(5)

1st. Lt. Raymond J. Gallagher

Mrs. Virginia M. Gallagher, (Wife)
830 Darien Way,
San Francisco, California.

1st. Lt. Harry L. Castleman, Jr.

Mr. Harry L. Castleman, (Father)
1320 East Moreland Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

2nd. Lt. William C. Berry

Mrs. Jeanne M. Berry, (Wife)
2102 Howell Avenue,
Dayton, Ohio.

2nd. Lt. Wendell P. Davis

Mr. Fred E. Davis, (Father)
Route Number Two, Box 34,
Latham, Kansas.

T/Sgt. Robert C. Sudduth

Mrs. Percy P. Earnest, (Aunt)
2040 South State,
Springfield, Illinois.

T/Sgt. Arlo J. Skeem

Mrs. Norma H. Skeem, (Wife)
Hinkley, Utah.

S/Sgt. Robert J. Fels

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Fels, (Mother)
404 East 23rd Street,
New York, New York.

S/Sgt. Charles B. McLean

Mr. Henry N. McLean, (Father)
Route Number Four,
Jasper, Alabama.

Sgt. Robert C. Warkentin 371

Mrs. Juanita J. Warkentin, (Wife)
96 August Avenue,
Reedley, California.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY, 24 August 1944

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

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew of the Ninth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of all crew members to be missing in action, 16 July 1944, except S/Sgt Robert C. Warkentin, 39689358, who is carried as killed in action, 16 July 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

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

1 Incl:
n/c (dup w/d)

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 557

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22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.
(Att: 21st Statistical Control Unit).

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report for mission of 16 July 1944 on A/C # 42-102476 for Station 131, 1st Bombardment Division,

Edward L. Schroeder
EDWARD L. SCHROEDER,
Captain, AC,
Statistical Officer.

1 Incl:

Incl 1- MACR, Station 131, mission 16/7/44

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1st Ind. (S-2 Aug 44)

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. 24 JUL 1944

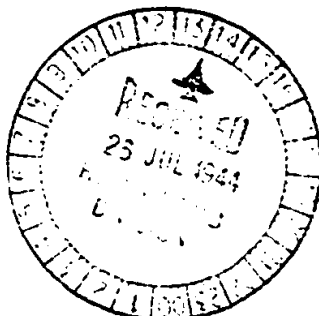
TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. Request this headquarters be advised as to correct status of S/Sgt. Robert C. Warkentin, 39689358, indicated on records this headquarters as missing in action, whereas Missing Air Crew Report indicates killed in action.

2. Request eyewitnesses be interrogated as to what assumption they based the fact that the ball turret gunner was S/Sgt. Robert C. Warkentin, 39689358, other than that was his assigned battle position.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

3 Incl: n/c.



H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

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2nd Ind. (S-31 July 44).

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 27 July 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Station 131, APO 557. (Att: Statistical Officer).

1. For compliance with 1st Indorsement.
2. Attention is invited to suspense date, 31 July 1944.

By Command of Major General WILLIAMS:

DOLLEY A. ROSPIQUEZ
Captain, ACD.
Asst. Adjutant General

1 Incl: n/c.

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Ord. Dir.

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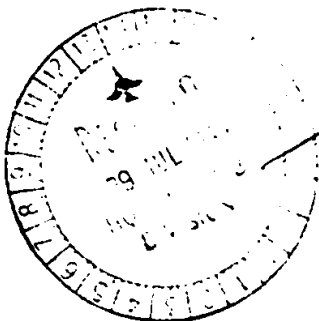
HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 101, APO 637, 29 July 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 8th Air Force, Station 101, APO 634
(THRU Channels)

1. Eyewitnesses state that it was impossible to recognize the body extending from the Ball Turret of the ship.

2. Immediately prior to take off the loading list was filled out by the pilot showing S/Sgt Robert J. Warrington, assigned as the Ball Turret Gunner on the crew for that mission. He was reported killed in action on the assumption that he was actually flying the assigned position during the flight.

For the Commanding Officer:



Jack S. Garland
Jack S. Garland
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 30 July 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report for A/C # 42-101476 from Station 131, 1st Bombardment Division.

For the Commanding General:



Harry Hance
HARRY HANCE
Captain, AGD.
Asst. Adjutant General

1 Incl: n/c.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

TO: Commanding General, Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations,
APO 871, U. S. Army. 5 AUG 1944

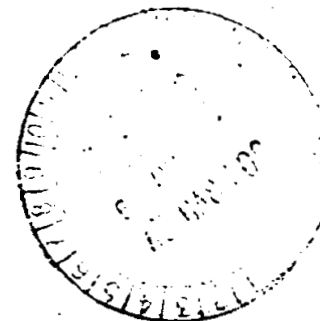
1. Attention invited to 1st and 3rd Indorsements and inclosures hereto.
2. Supplemental report forwarded on DCR C-115, 27 July 1944, changing the status of S/Sgt. Robert C. Warkentin, 39689358, from MIA to KIA 16 July 44.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

1 Incl: n/c



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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft Bl7G 42-102476, Pilot, 1st Lt
Raymond J Gallagher, O-730098, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on
Combat Mission to Munich, Germany 16 July 1944.

About forty minutes after bombs away we were flying number three
position in the ~~element~~ ^{SQUADRON} Lt Gallagher's ship was number ~~two~~ ^{five} in. As I
saw a fighter make two attacks coming in at six o'clock close on to
Lt Gallagher's ship. On the second pass the fighter turned up and the
pilot bailed out. Then the pursuit went into a spin.

The ball turret gunner on Lt Gallagher's ship was then hanging
out of the ball, evidently dead, because he never left the ship. Three
chutes came from the waist door and two chutes came from the nose escape
hatch. His ship then crossed to the left behind us and I lost sight of
it. Then I heard our tail gunner say that a total of seven chutes had
come from the ship, although five was all that I saw.

Garfield L. Berwick

GARFIELD L BERWICK
S Sgt 39568034
RAG Bl7G 42-107078

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Eye witness description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102476, Pilot 1st Lt Raymond J Gallagher, O-730098, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Munich, Germany, 16 July 1944.

Over target the weather was very bad, caused from contrails. After leaving target visibility cleared up. About forty minutes out from the target and ME-109 came from about twelve o'clock high and swept over the formation. There were quite a few bursts of twenty MM shells bursting. Then from about five o'clock from our tail was three 109's. The first one came up and fired. That was when I saw Lt Gallagher's ship get hit. I noticed a hole in the left wing and a small fire. The ball gunner's door was blown off and he looked to be hanging by his feet from the turret. As they came closer to us the ball gunner looked as if his head was blown off. Then I was busy helping shoot down the other two fighters attacking us for about a minute. Then I saw Lt Gallagher's ship again gradually drift to the right of our ship and the men started to bail out. I saw four men bail out at this point. Then his ship drifted over to the left rear of us and I lost sight of him.

George E. Lynn

GEORGE E LYNN
T Sgt 15334563
Top Turret Gunner B17G 42-107337 R

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102476, Pilot 1st Lt Raymond J Gallagher, O-730098, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group on Combat Mission to Munich , Germany 16 July 1944.

I was flying ball turret gunner on Lt Stoll's ship. Lt Gallagher was flying right wing on Lt Stoll. As our group came out of the clouds the two ships (Lt Stoll and Lt Gallagher) were straggling about three to five hundred yards behind the main group. Just after coming out of the clouds the two ships that were straggling were jumped by three fighters (ME-109's). The first pass made by the fighters hit the ball turret gunner and portions of the left wing of Lt Gallagher's ship with twenty MM cannon fire. The result of this sweep by the enemy fighters was: the ball turret gunner was killed and a small fire broke out in the left wing. Lt Stoll called Lt Gallagher and told him of a fire on the underside of his left wing.

Immediately after this I saw four men bail out, the second of which did not open his parachute as far as the cloud level below us. Lt Gallagher's ship then dropped below and behind and then I saw four more men bail out. Our tail gunner called over the interphone that he had seen eight men bail out. The ball turret man on Lt Gallagher's ship was obviously killed. His turret was blown open and I saw his body without a head hanging out of the turret. The lower part of the body was caught in the turret keeping the body from falling out.

EMIL R ANDERSON
S Sgt 13118923
Ball Turret Gunner B17G 42-97337

Emil R. Anderson

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398th Bombardment Group (Hv)
Munich, Germany Mission 16 July 1944

Lead Group 1st "B" CBW Formation Over Target

			F-10 <u>Miller - Rudrud</u> 7740-Q		
		F-6 <u>Driscoll</u> 7810-S		F <u>Durtschi</u> 7746-J	
			F-2 <u>Clark</u> 7387-H		
		F-17 <u>Dollar</u> 2597-V		F-5 <u>Rudow</u> 2506-L	
	C-5 <u>Baker</u> 2600-Z			F-2 <u>Hough</u> 2543-B	
C-9 <u>Fritog</u> 8157-W		C-8 <u>Wheeler</u> 7223-A	F-7 <u>Roderick</u> 7374-X		F-3 <u>Boheme</u> 2593-C
	C-3 <u>Elwood</u> 7191-K			C-6 <u>Alhadeff</u> 2507-F	
D-8 <u>Darner</u> 2516-H		C-7 <u>Lovelace</u> 2599-U	C-3 <u>Ford</u> 2467-J		C-2 <u>Lowe, DB</u> 2487-B

Low Group 1st "B" CBW Formation Over Target

			D-2 <u>Lamb - Frasier</u> 7190-L		
		D-4 <u>Fairbank</u> 2585-M		D-5 <u>Griffin</u> 7080-S	
			D-3 <u>Heintzelman</u> 7098-Y		
		D-4 <u>McCarty</u> 7203-Z		D-3 <u>Taylor</u> 7509-J	
	B-1 <u>Stoll</u> 7337-R			D-7 <u>Binger</u> 7338-C	
B-3 <u>Foster, DL</u> 2579-C		B-2 <u>Gallagher</u> 2476-B	D-10 <u>Wiernoy</u> 2507-F		D-5 <u>Weckley</u> 7401-T
				B-6 <u>Engel</u> 7317-P	
B-3 <u>Dwyer</u> 2568-G		B-5 <u>Fisher</u> 7078-U	B-7 <u>Spitzer</u> 7053-M		B-6 <u>Kleeman</u> 2570-F

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395th Bombardment Group Hq
Munich, Germany Mission 16 July 1944

Low Squadron, Low Group 1st "B" CBW Formation about forty minutes after target
just before fighters hit.

B-3
Foster, D L
2579-C

B-5
Fisher
7078-U

B-3
Bryer
2568-X

B-1
Stoll
7337-R

B-2
Gallagher
2476-B

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McLEAN Charles B.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 14 102 239
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Pilot)~~ L W Gnr.

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Dead - Killed by 20MM fire from German fighter plane.

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

Declared dead a few minutes before crew bailed out. (By radio operator).

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Lying in waist of plane.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eight missions. (Approximately)

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 June 1944, Rouen, France - 24 June, Crepy, France -

25 June, Toulouse, France. - 4 July, Tours, France - 7 July Leipzig, Germany -

8 July, Fresnes, France - 11 July, Munich, Germany - 16 July, Munich, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A R K E N T I N Robert C.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 39 689 358
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxx (Fighter)~~ B T Gr.

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Kill by 20mm fire from a German fighter plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____
Oxygen check just before the fighter attack.

Was he injured? Upper portion of body and head were disintegrated.

Where was he when last seen? In the ball turret.

Any hearsay information: Was seen dangling (headless) from hole that was shot into bottom of ball turret. Also said to have fallen clear of aircraft.

Source: Group members, who were shot down at a latter date and became P.O.W.s.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____
Believe that the radio operator (Sgt. Arlo J. Skeem) was notified by the Germans as to Sgt Warkentin's burial place.

Total number of missions of above crew member: approximately eight missions

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 June 1944, Rouen, France - 24 June, Crepy, France - 25 June, Toulouse, France - 4 July Tours, France - 7 July Leipzig, Germany. - 8 July, Fresney, France - 14 July, Munich, Germany - 16 July 1944, Munich, Germany.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wendell P. Davis Rank IstLt. Serial No. 0-754895
2. Organization 398th Gp Commander Hunter Rank Col. Sqn CO Meyer C. Wagner Captain
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 16 did you go down? Yes
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Munich, target
time, 1030 (?), altitude, 24000 ft. route scheduled, over the
Zwicker Zie, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Never. Were straggling.
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".
These people have all returned safely to the U.S.A.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Believe it to have exploded.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Undoubtedly Sgts. McLean and Markentin.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Sgt. McLean - waist. Sgt. Markentin - ball turret.
12. What was their condition? Both dead.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? May 1945, I saw all the officers and Sgt Fells all in good condition. Sgts. Skeem and Suddeth were last seen by me at Wetzler, Germany, July 1944 in good condition.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McLEAN Charles B.

Rank:

S/Sgt

Serial number:

14 102 239

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

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Did he bail out? NOWhere? —If not, why not? HE WAS DEADLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —OXYGEN CHECKWas he injured? —Where was he when last seen? IN THE PLANEAny hearsay information: —Source: —Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: —REPORTED TO ME BY ARLO J. SKEEM (RADIO MAN)KILLED BY 20MM CANNON SHELL FROM ATTACKING
ME109Total number of missions of above crew member: ?Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WARKENTIN Robert C.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt**
 Serial number: **39 689 358**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter):~~ **B T Gnr.**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS DEAD

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

OXYGEN CHECK

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

REPORTED TO ME BY ARLO J. SKEEM (RADIOMAN)
20 MM SHELL FROM ME109 COMPLETELY
BLASTED BALL TURRET APART.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 8

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RAYMOND J. GALLAGHER Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-73098
2. Organization FC Gp Commander DEAD Rank COL. Sqn CO WAGNER Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, CENTER OF TOWN, target time, 1100, altitude, 28000 route scheduled, OVER GERMANY, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER BLACK FOREST
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". ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF CREW BAILED OUT SAFELY - SAW ALL OF THEM IN A TRANSIENT PRISON CAMP - WETZLAR - GERM.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? EXPLODED IN AIR
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) CB MC LEAN & R.C. WARKENTIN
11. Where were they in aircraft? ~~FEET~~ IN THE WAIST AND BALL TURRET RESP.
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)

THE FIRST TOWN I WAS TAKEN
TO IN GERMANY - NEAR WHERE I LANDED
IN GERMANY WAS "ROTTWEIL" A FEW
MILES FROM THE SWISS BORDER. THE PLANE
WAS HEADED 300° AND MUST HAVE COME DOWN
SOON AFTER I BAILED.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McLEAN Charles B.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 14 102 239
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: L W Gnr.

Did he bail out? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

Where? _____

If not, why not? DEAD ACCORDING TO RADIO OPR. - SKEEM

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO CONTACT EXCEPT PREVIOUS OXYGEN CHECKS

Was he injured? DEAD

Where was he when last seen? WHEN BOARDED PLANE IN ENGLAND

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

BASED ON REPORT OF RADIO OPERATOR

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: W A R K E N T I N Robert C.
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 39 689 358
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~oocFighter(Fightack)~~ B T Gnr.

Did he bail out? DON'T KNOW

Where? —

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? WHEN BOARDED PLANE IN ENGLAND

Any hearsay information: DIDN'T GET OUT OF PLANE,
 LATER ARRIVALS AT PRISON CAMP, CLAIM
 SAW HIM HANGING OUT OF BALL TURRET
 SHOT TO PIECES

Source: HEARSAY

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

SAW OTHER CREW MEMBERS, BUT
 NOT HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: —

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William C. Berry Rank 2ND LT Serial No. 0-717165
2. Organization 398 H.B.G. Gp Commander COL HUNTER Rank COL Sqd CO WAGNER Rank CAPT
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, AIRCRAFT FACTORY, target
time, ABOUT 1900, altitude, 28000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? WING
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". MCLEAN - INFORMED BY RADIO OPERATOR - SKEM, OVER INTERPHONE THAT HE WAS DEAD. WARKENTIN - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) MCLEAN
and WARKENTIN
11. Where were they in aircraft? WARKENTIN - BALL TURRET GUNNER
MCLEAN - WAIST GUNNER
12. What was their condition? DEAD TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL OTHER CREW MEMBERS LAST SEEN ALIVE
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: McLEAN Charles B.
 Rank: 2/Sgt
 Serial number: 14 102 239
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: LF Car.

Did he bail out? No

Where? - ON RETURN FROM MUNICH NEAR FRIBURG

If not, why not? HE WAS KILLED BY BULLET IN LEFT SIDE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I WAS ASKED TO LOOK AT WING AS IT WAS REPORT ON FIRE. IT WAS; SO I REPORT IT + PILOT ORDER US TO BAIL OUT.

Was he injured? KILLED INSTANTLY

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS Laying in waist of plane

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: ---

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHT

Dates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN JUNE 16, 1944 * JULY 16, 1944. ON FRANCE * GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

WARKENTIN Robert C.

Rank:

S/Sgt

Serial number:

39 689 358

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

B T Gnr.

Did he bail out? NOWhere? ON RETURN FROM MUNICH NEAR FRIBURGIf not, why not? HE WAS KILLED; 20MM EXPLODED IN BALL TURRET WITH HIMLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I WAS ASKEDTO LOOK AT WING AS IT WAS REPORTED ON FIRE, IT WAS, SO I REPORTED IT
& PILOT ORDER US TO BAIL OUTWas he injured? KILLED INSTANTLYWhere was he when last seen? IN BALLAny hearsay information: —Source: —Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: —Total number of missions of above crew member: EIGHTDates and destinations if possible: BETWEEN JUNE 16, 1944 & JULY 16, 1944, ON FRANCE & GERMANY

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ARLO J. SKEEM Rank T/SGT Serial No. 19073294
2. Organization 398th Gp Commander NO KNOWLEDGE Rank — Sqn CO — Rank —
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, MUNICH, target time, 9:30 AM, altitude, 25 000 route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE
route flown —
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON RETURN FROM MUNICH
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES & SIX OTHERS & I
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 CREW LIST ATTACHED!
OFFICERS & ONE ENLISTED MAN BAILED OUT FRONT ESCAPE HATCH. I & TAILED GUNNER BAILED OUT REAR ESCAPE HATCH. PLANE WAS B-17
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) MCLEAN, C. B. & WARKENTIN, R. C. WERE ON PLANE WHEN I LEFT. PLANE WAS REPORTED TO ^{HAVE} EXPLODED A FEW SECONDS AFTER.
11. Where were they in aircraft? YES ONE IN WAIST; ONE IN BALL TURRET
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? IN PRISON CAMP. ALL WELL IN AUG-1944
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE OF FULL NAMES.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McLEAN Charles B.

Rank:

S/Sgt

Serial number:

14 102 239

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

LV Gun.

Did he bail out? NO

Where? —

If not, why not? DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKING OF WOMEN TEN MINUTES BEFORE TAKE OFF.

Was he injured? DEAD

Where was he when last seen? AT LEFT WAIST GUN POSITION

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: POSSIBLE 6

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File No 7242

Name of crew member:
Rank:
Serial number:
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

W ARKENTIN Robert G.
S/2gt
39 689 358
B T Gun.

Did he bail out? NO

Where?

If not, why not? DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TALKED OF
WIFE, WHILE HELPING HIM WITH LOWER BALL GUNS

Was he injured? DEAD

Where was he when last seen? ENTERING LOWER TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name ROBERT J. FELLS Rank S/ST Serial No. 32706505
2. Organization 399 B.G. Gp. Commander HUNTER Rank COL. Sqn CO WAGNER Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 44 month JULY day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, ROUND HOUSE, target time, 10:15, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 50 MILES SOUTH - EAST.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES BOTHERS
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
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) 4 CREW MEMBERS WHICH WERE DEAD
11. Where were they in aircraft? BALL AND WAIST POSITION
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NONE
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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HEADQUARTERS

MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD
MIDLAND TEXAS

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

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

1. In compliance with TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted: (JOHN - perhaps)

a. Name of casualty WORKENTINE

b. Rank S/SGT c. Crew Position BALL GUNNER

d. Date last seen 16 JULY 1945 Place last seen IN AIRCRAFT

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft SHOOT UP BY FIGHTER PLUMES + GAS FIRE LIKELY EXPLODED

g. Known information (eye witness only)

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

DECLARED DEAD BY RADIO OPERATOR - UPPER PORTION OF BODY DISINTEGRATED BY EXPLOSIVE SHELL.

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

Wendell P. Davis, 2nd Lt.
Rank and name of reporter

0-754895 398th Bomb. Gr.
ASN Unit

603rd Sq.
8th A.F.

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

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

- a. Name of casualty CHARLES McLEAN
b. Rank S/SGT c. Brew Position WAIST GUNNER
d. Date last seen 16 JULY 1945 Place last seen IN AIRCRAFT
f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft SHOOT UP BY
FIGHTER PLANES & GAS FIRE LIKELY EXPLODED
g. Known information (eye witness only)

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

RADIO OPERATOR
declared him dead a few minutes before
jumping - SHOOT TO DEATH

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

Wendell P. Davis, 1st Lt.
Rank and name of reporter

0-754895 398th Bomb Gr.
ASN Unit
403 Aps.
8th A.F.

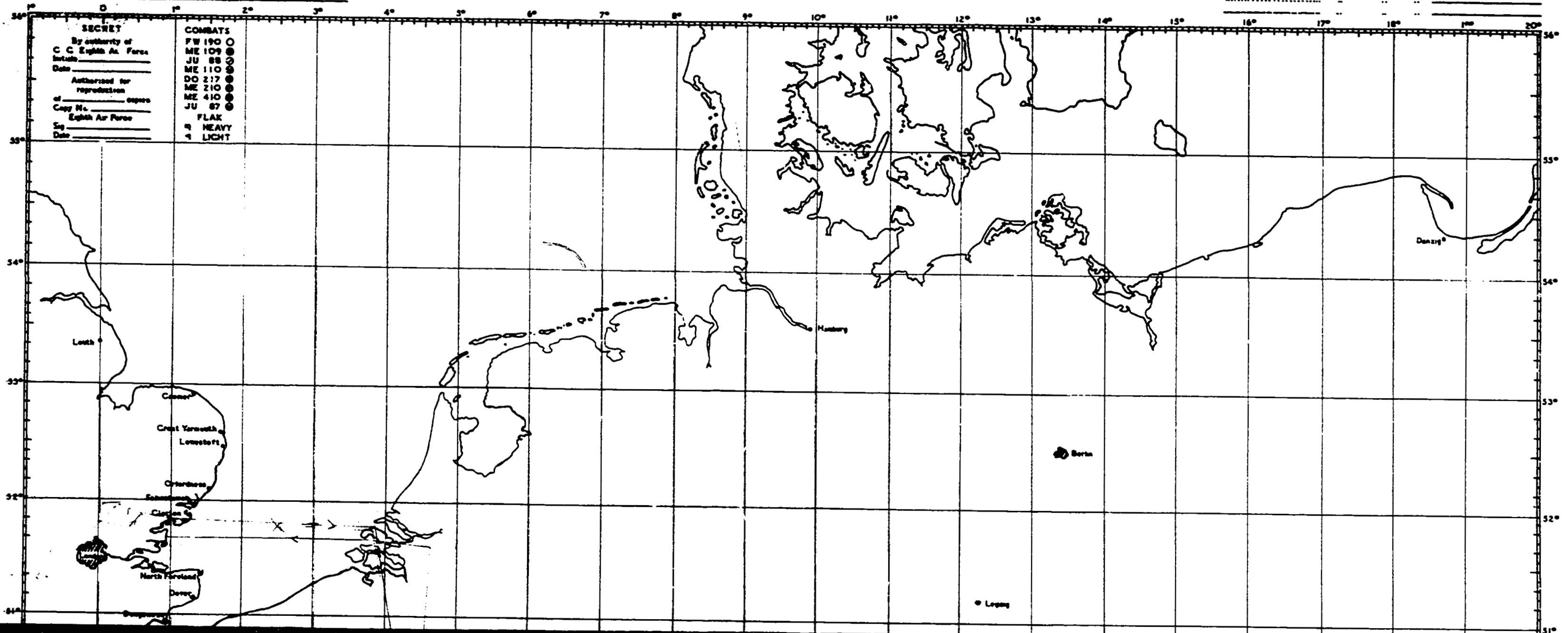
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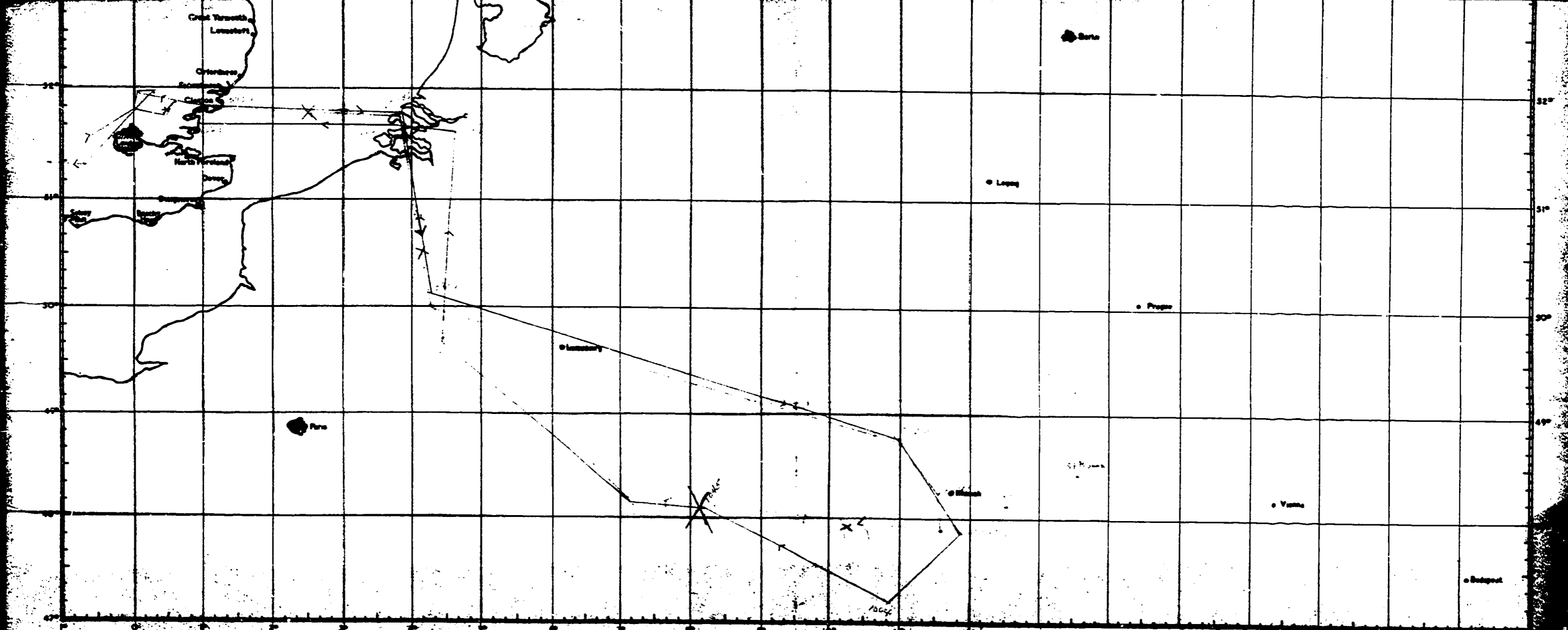
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DATE 12 July 44

TARGETS
PRIMARY MUNICH, GERMANY

INTENDED ROUTE FOLLOWED BY
ACTUAL 374 BOMB GR
.. .. 1000 + LOW GR





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