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by E. A. BRAUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by F. M. MUEGGE, Capt., AC  
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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This Report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name NUTHEAMPSTEAD, ENGLAND Group 398TH BOMB BN  
Squadron 602nd Bomb Bn Detachment NONE  
Command or Air Force 8TH AIR FORCE USA
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure NUTHEAMPSTEAD, ENGLAND Hours Approx 880 Mag  
Target or Intended Destination BERLIN, GERMANY  
Type of Mission OPERATIONAL BOMBING
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS: Temp -42°C, Height of Aircraft 25000 ft. Clouds: 8-10/10 LG tops 10-12,000 feet. Contrails light non-persistent. Visibility 10 to 15 miles, aloft.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month OCT Year 1945; Time 1044 Approx and Location 5347N-1127E Approx of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Speed 300 mph; Altitude 25000 ft; Last contact by radio ( )  
Force(s) ( ); Soon to reach ( ) or information not available ( ).
5. AIRCRAFT: Is LOCATED IN FLAMES? YES NO UNKNOWN. AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy aircraft ( ); Enemy anti-aircraft ( ); Other Circumstances as follows: Crashed in mid-air, with another aircraft.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G and Serial No. 42-97387 ✓
7. MARKINGS OF AIRCRAFT: "MAUDE & MARIA"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 Serial No. (a) SW-001396  
(b) SW-01779 (c) SW-005851-A (d) 41-41261
9. INSTALLATIONS: 50 Caliber Machine Guns as follows:  

Make	Serial No. or F	Type	Serial Number
(a) Frigidaire	646782	(b) Savage	731332
(c) Frigidaire	6467874	(d) High Standard	603106
(e) High Standard	594504	(f) Frigidaire	78136
(g) High Standard	600629	(h) Frigidaire	77680
(i) Frigidaire	648179	(j) Frigidaire	76909
(k) Frigidaire	648018	(l) Frigidaire	69583
10. THE PERSONS ON BOARD NOT REPORTED S: (a) Safe, healthy X  
or (b) Little Com. ability
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED KILLED: Crew 9 Passengers 0 Total 9  
Following information listed for personnel aboard aircraft:  
Crew Position Name or Title Rank Serial Number Current Status

  1. Pilot MCCORMICK, JOHN R 1st Lt 0-825663 MIA P-5 RTD
  2. Co-Pilot FEINSTEIN, WILLIAM 1st Lt 0-828397 MIA MIA
  3. Navigation HOLTMAN, RAY R 1st Lt 0-2066092 MIA MIA
  4. Togglier LOGAN, WILLIAM G S/Sgt 32978116 MIA DEW
  5. Top Turret Gunner COODEN, MARVIN L T/Sgt 39695900 MIA
  6. Radio Operator STRITCHE, JOSEPH F T/Sgt 32962155 MIA
  7. Waist Gunner GARNER, WILLIAM F S/Sgt 35893396 MIA MIA
  8. Ball Turret Gunner GARCIA, REYNALDO S/Sgt 38654562 MIA
  9. Tail Gunner WITHROW, JACK B S/Sgt 37619842 MIA

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12. 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	Rank	Serial No.	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Force Landing
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1. <u>SAFERITE, WENDELL A</u>	2nd Lt	0-576141		X		
AKINS, KENNETH L	S/Sgt	35699269		X		
2. <u>MALIN, EDWARD J</u>	2nd Lt	0-776743		X		
PERRON, EDWARD H	S/Sgt	14105457		X		
3. <u>HAWS, THOMAS R</u>	Sgt	39420878		X		
DUNN, DONALD D	S/Sgt	35297697		X		
4. <u>MAIRS, JAMES D</u>	2nd Lt	0-2056623		X		

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

14. ATTACH AIRPORT PHOTOGRAPHY, MAP CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.  
 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.  
 16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT No knowledge of any search.

Date of Report 9 February 1945.

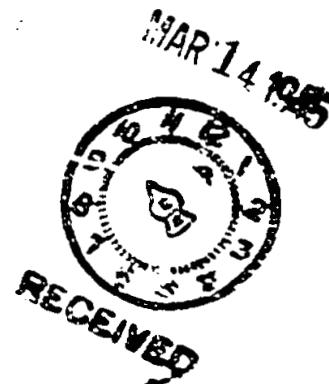
Wallis L Campbell

WALLIS L CAMPBELL  
Captain, Air Corps  
Statistical Officer.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

(Statements Attached)

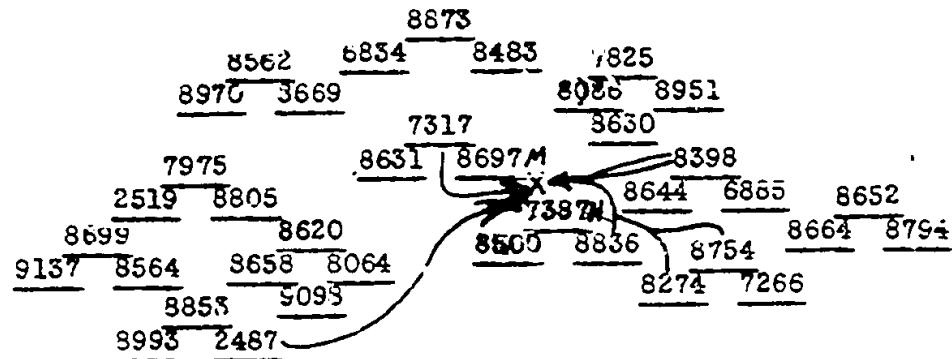
This Aircraft Collided with Missing Aircraft B17G 43-38697 under the command of 1st Lt Perry E Powell, 0-766657, 603rd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Gp Hv.



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398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP HV  
Berlin, Germany Mission  
3 February 1945

Formation Plan After Assembly



Lead Sq "A" Group

Lt Col Ensign

Smith

M-8373-K GH PFF

Blythe Brandstatter

Thomas

A-6834-H

Steel

A-8562-V

M-8483-T GH PFF

Aniello

A-7325-J Tarr

Pinner

A-8370-A

Stockman

A-8669-G

Hanauer

A-7317-P

Overton

A-8086-C

A-8951

Selby

A-8631-T

Powell

A-8697-M

Ryndman

A-8630-U

Low Sq "A" Group

Hershberger

Hall

E-8398-Q PFF GH

McCormick

E-7387-H

Shappell

E-8644-N

Ashworth

E-6685-W

Andrako

E-8652-V

Brown

N-8500-F

Lamieill

E-8836-T

Schipull

E-8754-A

Gray

E-8664-P

Ferguson

E-8794-J

Saferite

E-8274-B

Godfrey

E-7266-G

High Sq "A" Group

Anderson

Johnson

M-7975-U PFF

Dean

M-8699-J

Sheffer

M-2519-A

Trotterow

M-8305-2

Kenyon

N-8620-F

Shiemk

M-9137-H

Sponholz

M-8564-X

Sistek

M-8853-L

Beatty

N-8658-A

Baldwin

N-8064-H

Grinter

M-8993-Y

Riley

M-2487-B

Lipnick

N-9098-C

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hv on Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

While looking out side window about 1045 I happened to notice that the lead squadron was getting quite close and the low low element of Lead Squadron was about even; ship "H" seemed to be getting a lot of propwash and looked as if it were out of control. Ship number 8697-M dropped about three to four hundred feet and seemed to shoot up on a forty five degree angle and the right wing of 8697 cut 387 in half between the ball turret and the radio room. Ship 387 fell apart in two pieces and 697 went up into a stall and fell off on the left wing into a spin. I lost sight of them after that. I saw no chutes.

Wendell A Safrite

WENDELL A SAFRITE, O-576141  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Pilot, B17G 44-6274

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97587, Pilot, 1st Lt John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

About an hour before bombs away 3 February 1945 I noticed these two planes flying about level up at seven o'clock. One plane was flying under the other ship. I saw the under ship raise its nose in a climb such that the planes hit in mid-air. It seemed to me that the lower ship broke in half at the ball turret. As the two parts went down I saw no one leave either part. The other ship went down about one or two thousand feet and then broke at about the tail wheel. About that time I noticed one parachute opening in about the vicinity of the tail section.

Maurice L. Akins

Maurice L AKINS, 35699269  
S/Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq  
Tail Gunner, B17G 44-8398

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt John R McCormick, (-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group H<sup>v</sup> on Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

On the 3rd of February on a combat mission I saw two ships collide <sup>McCormick in the vicinity of our I.P.</sup> The time was about 1045. From my observation Ship # 7387-H was split into at about the radio room. Its tail dropped past our ship # 8836-T. I am pretty sure that the letter on the tail was "H". The other ship seemed to be under control. I watched it as it dropped from formation seemingly under control. It passed out of my view.

I did not see any crew member bail out of either ship.

*Edward J. Malin*

EDWARD J MALIN, O-776743  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Bombardier, B17G 43-38856

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft P-17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt  
John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Ev on  
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

At approximately one hour before bombs away I saw two aircraft collide in mid-air. It appeared that the lower of the two aircraft came up under the higher one. The lower aircraft was immediately cut in half at the ball turret and the tail section fell behind our own tail until no longer visible to me. The front half of the plane went down in a steep dive disappearing through the clouds. I saw no parachutes open in this aircraft.

The high aircraft fell over on its left side after the collision with the right half of the horizontal stabilizer cut away and the other damaged noted. This aircraft fell for approximately two thousand feet before it appeared that the pilot had the ship partially under control. The tail section then snapped off at about the tail wheel and the front of the ship went down in a dive. I saw one parachute open from this aircraft. It appeared to have come from the tail immediately after it snapped off also. I saw what appeared to be a body falling through the air but lost track of it when the other chute opened.

I was flying as left waist gunner for Lt Hall in the lead ship of the low squadron. The accident appeared at seven-thirty level.

Edward H Perron

EDWARD H PERRON, 14105457  
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Waist Gunner, B17G 44-8398

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt  
John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hv on  
Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

I saw a ship to the rear and left of us start going sideways toward another ship left of it. Both ships seemed to see and try to avoid hitting but they both seemed to hit propwash and the ship closest to our ship sat down on top of the other ship and its props chewed the other ship in half; just above the waist window. The front section of the ship that was cut in half went into a spin. Its tail section floated away and I saw one white chute from this tail section just before it went through the clouds. The other ship dipped to the right about three hundred feet on its left wing after the collision, went into a spin under us and out of my sight.

Thomas R Haws

THOMAS R HAWS, 39420878  
Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq  
Tail Gunner, B17G 43-38754

Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Hq on Operational Mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

I was flying tail gunner in Lt Hanauer's crew 3 February 1945. About ten or fifteen minutes before our bomb run, I noticed our right wing ship (Lt Powell) glide over to the right -- apparently to avoid propwash from another ship. He evidently caught some propwash as he went on into a dive for about a hundred feet. As he pulled out of this dive, his plane broke in half between the radio room and the ball turret. The front half of the plane turned up cutting part of the nose of Lt McCormick's plane off. At the same time the tail half hit the tail section of Lt McCormick's plane tearing part of the vertical stabilizer off and about all of the right horizontal stabilizer off. About that time I saw an orange parachute come out about two hundred feet behind the planes, followed shortly by a white one. I saw Lt McCormick's plane drop off to the left in a shallow bank finally dropping over into a spin and disappearing into the clouds. I didn't pay much attention to the pieces of Lt Powell's ship after the collision.

Donald D. Dunn  
DONALD D DUNN, 35297697  
S/Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq  
Tail Gunner, B17G 42-97317

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-97387, Pilot, 1st Lt John R McCormick, O-825668, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group Fw on Operational Mission To Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

We were flying number two of the low, low element of the high squadron South-East of Dummer Lake at 1044½, when I glanced out the window on my right and saw the two planes just after the collision. I immediately called the crew on enterphone and told them to count the chutes.

One plane was cut or broken in-to about the ball turret. It continued to break up into smaller pieces on the way down. The other plane, in the collision had (I think) the left Horizontal Stabilizer torn off. It disintergrated more completely than the first ship after it had spun down a way.

I saw one white chute open but could not idencify which ship it came from. Three or four other members of our crew saw the one chute open.

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JAMES D MAIRS, O-2056623  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Navigator, 42-102467

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Instructions: a. If aircraft recovered, only questions 2 and 7 will apply. b. Question number 5 not applicable to fighter group. c. Report will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be retained. d. Interrogating Officer will sign original report.

Unit 398th B.G. / 603rd W/C / 48-37397-H MI INTERVIEW 3 Feb 45

Name McCormick, John R. 1st Lt O-825668 INTERVIEWER Berlin, Germany  
INTERVIEWED 2 Feb 45 1100 hrs

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or reported:

a) By coordinates 5247N-1127E

b) Approximate altitude 25,000 feet

c) Last noted heading Unknown

d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation collided in air.

2. Description of enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity of anti-aircraft fire, enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to 1C and 2C aircraft):

Nil and not applicable.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc.):

Stabilizer was knocked off when two A/C collided. No fires or explosions were noted.

4. If aircraft out of control describe appearance:

A/C was out of control going downward out of sight into clouds.

(Signed)

General Manager

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6. If dispersed aircraft was out of formation to 15 feet or  
less, give distinguishing markings of flight or  
if no number, color and/or aircraft numbers.  
Nil.

7. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approx-  
ate altitude, time before jumps, etc.):

No parachutes were observed.

8. Any other comments not covered by above:

Nil.

9. Date of report 11 February 1945

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Reg. No.</u>	<u>10.</u>
Selby, Claude H.	Capt	O-424735	631 T
Tarr, Joseph A. Jr.	2nd Lt	O-825338	751 B
Hanner, James E.	1st Lt	O-3058171	317 P
Smith, John E.	2nd Lt	O-826834	373 X

CONFIRMED (Sign Original and copy):

Charles H. H.

Captain

O-568990

Dated  
11 Feb 45

10. Supplemental information or developmental comment to this account  
is as follows: Information is attributable to Capt. C. H. H., 704  
Squadron, 357 Group, subject to revision in CRU Report,  
July 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

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 your TTY ATTPS 2000, 23 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty William Feinstein  
b. Rank 1st Lt. c. Crew position Co-Pilot  
d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Ussen, Germany  
f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-air collision.

Plane crashed and burned.

g. Known information (eye witness only)

Saw man bail out, know he cleared airplane

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

None

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

I. John R. McCormick 0-825668  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAFBU, CAAF, Columbus, Mississippi  
Unit

cc: CG, ATTYRC  
cc: Sub Comd Fq

HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

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 your TTY 47009, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty Ray Woltman.

b. Rank 1st Lt. c. Crew position Navigator.

d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen, Ulaen, Germany.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-Air collision.

g. Known information (eye witness only) None

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

Navigator was thrown from airplane without parachute.

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

Lt. John R. McCormick Q-825662  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAF BU, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
ASW Unit

cc: CG, AFTRC  
cc: Sub Comd HQ

HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

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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 your WVR AFPPS 3900, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty Marvin Gooden

b. Rank T/Sgt. c. Crew position Engineer

d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Ulsen, Germany.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-Air collision

g. Known information (eye witness only)

Saw engineer bail out of aircraft at point where aircraft was broken off.

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

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

Lt. John R. McCormick, O-825668  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAFBU, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
ASV Unit

cc: CG, ATTRC

cc: Sub Comd Eq

HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War.

To : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 14315, Munitions Building.

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

a. Name of casualty Stritch, Joseph  
b. Rank T/Sgt. c. Crew position Radio Operator  
d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Wiesau, Germany  
f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-Air Collision

g. Known information (eye witness only)

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

Almost sure radio operator did not bail out.

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

1st Lt John R. McCormick O-825668  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAP BU, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
Unit

cc: CG, AFPS  
cc: Sub Comd Fq

HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

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 your TWR AFMPS 3909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty Reymold Garcia

b. Rank S/Sgt. c. Crew position Ball gunner

d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Ulaen, Germany

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-air collision

g. Known information (eye witness only)

Ball gunner had no chance to bail out having been crushed on impact of collision.

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

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

1t, John R. McCormick O-825668  
Rank and name of recorder

2113 AAFBU, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
Unit

cc: CG, AFMRC

cc: Sub Cmd Eq

HEADQUARTERS  
COLUMBUS ARMY AIR FIELD  
Columbus, Mississippi

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War.

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

1. In compliance with your TTY AFPPS 2909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

a. Name of casualty William Garner.

b. Rank S/Sgt c. Crew position waist gunner.

d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Ulsen, Germany.

f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-air collision.

g. Known information (eye witness only)

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

Man reported to have bailed out.

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

Lt. John R. McCormick O-825668  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAF BU, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
ASW Unit

cc: CG, AFTRC  
cc: Sub Comd Fq

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Columbus, Mississippi

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ATTN: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315, Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with your TTX ATTPS 2909, 28 Sep 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Jack Witherow  
b. Rank S/Sgt. c. Crew position Tail Gunner  
d. Date last seen 3 Feb 1945. e. Place last seen Ulsen, Germany  
f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft Mid-Air Collision  
g. Known information (eye witness only)

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

Part of the tail was torn off on collision and probably making it unlikely tail gunner was able to bail out

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

Lt. John R. McCormick Q-825668  
Rank and name of reporter

2113 AAF BN, CAAF, Columbus, Miss.  
AS<sup>2</sup> Unit

cc: CG, ATTPC  
cc: Sub Comd Fq

1st Lt John R. McCormick

Mrs. Phyllis E. McCormick, (Wife)  
311 No 2nd St  
De Kalb, Illinois

1st Lt William Feinstein

Mrs. Sylvia Feinstein, (Mother)  
1710 Andrews Avenue  
New York, New York

1st Lt Ray R. Woltman

Mrs. Ruth E. Woltman, (Mother)  
1138 Nagar Road  
Rocky River, Ohio

S/Sgt William G. Logan

Mrs. Mary E. Logan, (Wife)  
1611 West 9th St  
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T/Sgt Marvin L. Gooden

Mrs. Bertie M. Gooden, (Mother)  
4101 Stockton Ave  
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T/Sgt Joseph F. Stritch

Mrs. Caroline Stritch, (Mother)  
1571 Union Street  
Brooklyn, New York

S/Sgt William F. Garner

Mrs. Eileen Garner, (Wife)  
2919 South Monroe Street  
Muncie, Indiana

S/Sgt Reynaldo Garcia

Mrs. Francisca Garcia, (Mother)  
609 Meadow Avenue  
Laredo, Texas

S/Sgt Jack B. Withrow

Mrs. Lillian M. Withrow, (Mother)  
901 Georgia Street  
Hannibal, Missouri

MARCH 1945  
 P-19-49-29  
 RHF 49-1

3 Feb 1945 1034

Lohne b/Hannover

Type: Fortress  
602 H Sqd. 398 Group

Target: Airbase  
Lueneburg

	19 Peter.		
1st Lt. WESSICK	John Robert	KU 3652	
1st Lt. PERINSON	William	O-2825668 capt	
1st Lt. VOLTMAN	Ray	O-828397 dead	
S/Sgt. GARNER	William F.	O-2056092 dead	
S/Sgt. LOGAN	William Gerard	35893396 dead	
T/Sgt. COOPER	X	32978116 capt	
- T/Sgt. STRUTCH	J.		
- S/Sgt. GARCIA	R.		
— S/Sgt. KIRKETT	Jack B.	37619842 dead	

3 dead. Cemetery Lohne

KU 3652      1 Boeing east of Lohne on 3. February 1945 at 1034 AM. - 6 dead, 2 captured.  
 99 % damage. -  
 Airbase Command Lueneburg signed Werner assistance

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Identification Page

William F. Garner, 35893396

Pilot and Crew Member Physical Record Card and Identification card, William Feinstein, 0828397

Logan William G., 32078116 Individual Issue Record and photo

PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

William Feinstein: 0828397

AAF Form No. 206  
1 page of Commission Register  
Officers Pay Data Card  
Officers Identification Card, No. 1402632  
Individual Issue Record, 1 page

William G. Logan, 32078116

2 pages of individual issue record  
Official Identification Card, No. 1034  
1 picture of Logan

William F. Garner, 35893396

1 Class B Pass  
1 identification tag

KC 3652

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase HQ A 21/XI

PLACE: Licensburg

DATE: 3 Feb 45 2340

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45  
EM. LANDING: AT: east of Lehnke Time: 1034

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) McCORMICK

FIRST NAME: John R.

Rank: 1st Lt  
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-825663 T 43-44

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured, transferred to Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Grabau, 1200

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distribution:  
Airdistrict Command XI

signed: illegible  
Major and officer for  
special duty

restricted

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase HQ on 21/XI

PLACE: Lueneburg

DATE: 3 Feb 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45  
ER. LANDING: AT: east of Lehne Time: 1034

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) REINSTEIN

FIRST NAME: William

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-628397

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

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PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: cemetery Lehne on 4 Feb 45 at 1600

Distribution:

Airdistrict Command

signed: illegible  
 Major and officer for  
 special duty

~~Restricted~~REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Airbase HQ A 21/XIPLACE: LueneburgDATE: 3 Feb 45REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,  
EM. LANDING:BoeingDate: 3 Feb 45east of LehndeTime: 1034HOLTMANRay2nd Lt  
0-2066092dead

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

Rank:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Cemetery of Lehnde on 3 Feb 45 at 1600

Distribution:

Airdistrict Command XI

Signed: illegible  
Major and officer for  
special duty

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: Airbase HQ A 21/XIPLACE: LudensburgDATE: 5 Feb 45REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing Date: 5 Feb 45  
EM. LANDING: AT: east of Labnko Time: 1034NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) GARNERFIRST NAME: William F.SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Sgt 35893396 T 43-44 *N/A or Vice*RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: cemetery Labnko on 4 Feb 45 at 1600Distribution:  
Airdistrict Command XISigned: illegible  
Major and officer for  
special duty

**Restricted****REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**POST: Airbase Bd n 21/IIPLACE: LüneburgDATE: ~~200000000000000000~~  
6 Feb 45 2150REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45EM. LANDING: AT: east of LehrteTime: 1034NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) LOGANFIRST NAME: WilliamRank: S/SgtSERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 32978116RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured, transferred to OberurselPLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: at 0930 on 6 Feb 45 in Bassen, County Delmen

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Distribution:

Airdistrict Command XI

By order  
signed: Werner  
Ass. of CO

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase HQ A 21/XI  
 PLACE: Lueneburg  
 DATE: 2 March 45 1030  
CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,  
 REGARDING: EM. LANDING: AT:  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Boeing B 17 Date: 3 Feb 45  
 FIRST NAME: WITHROW  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) Jack S.  
Rank: S/Sgt  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) 37619842  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: dead  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL:  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: cemetery Lehmke on 4 Feb 45 at 1600  
 Distribution:  
 Evaluation Center West  
 Airdistrict Command XI  
 Command Airfield Zone  
 Draft  
 signed; illegible  
 Major and officer for  
 special duty

3 Feb 45, 1034

east of Lehnitz; 7.5 km southeast of Uelzen

Boeing - 99% damage  
6 dead, 2 prisoners

unidentification members of this crew

① Doreen, Marion L., 29, 425, 702  
KIA on site

② Stricklin, Joseph F., 32, 462, 155  
KIA on site

③ Garcia, Reynaldo, 33, 554, 582  
KIA on site

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

3 February 1945 1034

CASUALTY NO.

KU 3652

PLACE OF CRASH

Lehmke near Hann.

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Lueneburg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO. OR CODE	CAPT'D KILLED	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
			REASON	

Mc CORMICK John Robert 1st.Lt. O-825668 captured Dulag Luft West  
8 October 1918 De Kalb, Ill.

LOGAN William Gerard S/Sgt. 32978116 captured Dulag Luft West  
28 July 1919 N.Y.

FEINSTEIN William 1st.Lt. O-828397 dead Cemetery Lehmake <sup>(A 3 P.M.)</sup>

WOLTMAN Ray 1st.Lt. O-2066092 dead Cemetery Lehmake

GARNER William F. S/Sgt. 35893396 dead Cemetery Lehmake  
*(Wack 122)*

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 20 February 1945 Wo.

Case 5482

KU 3652 10.) 1034; east of Letzke; 7.5 km southeast of Walzen; B B 1; Fosing;  
99% destr; plane rammed another Fosing; 6 killed; 2 prisoners;  
Recovery by Luensturt;

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR BASE COMMAND A 21/XI

INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH BOARD WEST,  
C. B. E. G. R. S. E. L.

PLACE: LUXEMBOURG

DATE: 2 March 1945 at 1030

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, # B C E I N G B 17 #EM. LANDING: AT: Front of LIEGE

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

ON 3 February 1945 at 1034V I F X 2 0 9

FIRST NAME: JACK, J.

RANK: 2/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 37619842

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) dead recovered

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: Cemetery at LIEGE on 4 February 1945 at 1600

Signed: BEINERBACH

Major &amp; Staff Officer for spec. Duty.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 12214

Name of crew member: FEINSPIEGEL, William  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-828397  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~ (Fighter): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southeast of Ulzen, Germany

If not, why not?

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

No conversation but a motion to abandon the plane

Was he injured? Not prior to jumping

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the plane

Any hearsay information: No

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is my belief that he may have been hit by the props because as he left the ship the plane began to roll.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target for the 26th mission was Berlin.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 12214

Name of crew member: HOLTMAN, Ray R.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-2066092  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight / Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? Nose of the plane was severed

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

No conversation

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? At time of starting mission

Any hearsay information: HEX I was told by the Togglier that the Navigator didn't have his chute on at the time the nose was cut

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is the belief of the Togglier and myself that this man fell from the plane without a chute

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 12214

Name of crew member: LOGAN, William G.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 32973116  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flyghter/Flyghter~~: Togglier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southeast of Ulzen, Germany

If not, why not?

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

None

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Last seen in the prison camp at Nuernberg

Any hearsay information: None in connection with his death. This mans brother-in-law found his grave and a small amount of information on how he was killed.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to be killed by bomb fragments during a raid .

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 12214

Name of crew member: Gooden, Marvin L.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 39695900  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Fighters: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where?

If not, why not?

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

leaving the plane myself he was kneeling in the nose section

(over)

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen?

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: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin

I motioned for him to hurry and get out. The plane rolled over and I was thrown back under the cockpit floor. When I moved back to the door to jump I did not notice him in the nose section and figured he had gone out when the plane rolled over.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 12214

Name of crew member: STRITCH, Joseph F.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 32762155  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (Fighter) Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Unknown

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Start of mission

Any hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed to have been killed in the plane due to the props of the other plane cutting up through the bottom of my ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Last and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 10214

Name of crew member: GARNER, William F.  
Rank: 2/Sgt.  
Serial number: 35293396  
Position: Crew (Comber) or Flight/Fighter? "First Gunner"

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where?

If not, why not? Unknown

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Start of mission

Any nearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was either thrown from the plane or he jumped and his chute failed to open.  
He was found by the Germans some distance from where the plane came down

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File # 12214

Name of crew member: GARCIA, Reynaldo  
Rank: 1/Sgt.  
Serial number: 38551582  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~7/Vgbt/WAGHTMANN~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Unknown

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

None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Start of mission

Any hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Due to the other plane striking from underneath I believe this man was killed while in the ball turret

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Target last mission Berlin

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE File 12214

Name of crew member: WITHROW, Jack R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 37619842  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight/Fighter: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Unknown

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_  
None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Start of mission

Any hearsay information: None

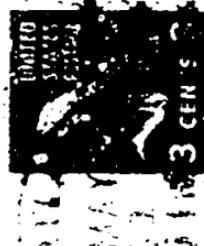
Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Props from  
other plane cut up through the tail section and I believe he  
was killed while in the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: To get last mission Berlin

Dear John P. M. Bryant  
118 So 42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Dept. of Illinois



Dear John P. M. Bryant  
I am enclosing some  
clippings from the  
Washington Post.

At PA-8

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John R. McCormick Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. 0-825668
2. Organization 398th Gp Commander Ensign Rank Lt. Col. Sqdn CO Rooney Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month February day 3 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomber, target, Berlin, target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 47,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 27,000 ft. in vicinity of Ulzen, Germany
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". Logan, William S/Sgt. was thrown from the plane and landed safely. He later was killed by Allied bombing on the outskirts of Nurnberg, Germany. Woltman, Ray 1st Lt. fell from the plane without his chute. His personal belongings were seen by myself later at Luneberg, Germany. According to the Germans he was buried where found. (see reverse) side
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Stritch, Joseph T/Sgt. radio operator; Garcia, Reynaldo S/Sgt. ball gunner; Withrow, Jack S/Sgt. tail gunner. These men were in the plane I know for sure and Gooden, Marvin T/Sgt. Engineer may have been.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Positions mentioned in 10
12. What was their condition? Unknown
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. Bancroft, S/Sgt. tail gunner from the other plane in the accident was with me in Ulzen and Luneberg, Germany. He was unhurt and the sole survivor of that plane. He was with S/Sgt. Logan in Nurnberg when the latter was killed.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

8. Feinstein, William 1st Lt. bailed out from the front escape hatch. I believe we were at about 10,000 ft. when he jumped. He was unhurt at that time. In Luneberg I was shown his belongs and told that he was killed in jumping.
- Gooden, Marvin T/Sgt. was last seen going out through severed nose section. The plane rolled over on its back and I was thrown under the cat walk. When I sat up to jump Sgt. Gooden was not seen in the nose section and I assumed he had jumped.
- Garner, William S/Sgt. waist gunner was either thrown from the plane or jumped. He was found on the ground dead by the Germans. I saw his belongings at Luneberg and his wallet contained a considerable amount of money. At the time I believe it was about two hundred dollars \$200.00
- Stritch, Joseph T/Sgt. radio operator; Garcia, Reynaldo S/Sgt. tail gunner; Withrow, Jack S/Sgt. tail gunner were not seen after taking off from England nor were they contacted after the accident because of no radio. From the way the ship was cut up thru the bottom I believe these men were killed in the plane and were in it when it crashed. Upon hitting the ground the plane exploded and burned furiously.
- 9 As close as I can judge the plane landed southeast of Ulzen some 20 or 30 miles. The plane landed near a very small village within a mile. The name I do not know but there was a barbed wire enclosure on the side of a barn marked Lager XIII D

At approximately one hour before bomber was I saw two aircraft collide in mid-air. It appeared that the lower of the two aircraft came up under the higher one. The lower aircraft was immediately cut in half at the tail fin and the tail section fell behind our own tail section no longer visible to me. The front half of the plane went down in a steep dive disappearing through the clouds. I saw no parachutes open in this aircraft.

The high aircraft fell over on its left side after the collision with the right half of the horizontal stabilizer cut away and the other damaged section. This aircraft fell for approximately two thousand feet before it appeared that the pilot had the ship partially under control. The tail section then snapped off at about the tail wheel and the front of the ship went down in a dive. I saw one parachute open from this aircraft. It appeared to have come from the tail immediately after it snapped off also. I saw what appeared to be a body falling through the air but lost track of it when the other chute opened.

I was flying as left waist gunner for Lt Hall in the lead ship of the low squadron. The accident appeared at seven-thirty level.

*Edward H Perron*  
EDWARD H PERRON, 14105457  
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq  
Waist Gunner, B17G 44-8398

Statement concerning Missing Aircraft H17G 42-97887. Pilot, 1st Lt. John P. McCormick, O-88658, 602nd Bomb Sq, 398th Bomb Group R on operational mission to Berlin, Germany 3 February 1945.

On the 3rd of February on a combat mission I saw two ships collide in the vicinity of our I.P. The time was about 1045. From my observation ship # 7387-H was split into at about the radio room. Its tail dropped past our ship # 8856-T. I am pretty sure that the letter on the tail was "P". The other ship seemed to be under control. I watched it as it dropped from formation seemingly under control. It passed out of my view.

I did not see any crew member bail out of either ship.

*Edward J. Malin*  
EDWARD J MALIN, O-776743  
2nd Lt, Air Corps  
Bomberdier, H17G 42-88656

Formation Plan After Assembly



Lead Sq "A" Group

Lt Col Ensign

Smith

M-8373-X GH PFF

Thomas

A-8562-V

Blythe

A-8334-H

Brandstatter

M-8483-T GH PFF

Aniello

A-7825-J arr

Plumer

A-8970-A

Stockman

A-8669-G

Banauer

A-7317-P

Overton

A-8086-C

McCormick

E-7387-H

Selby

A-8631-T

Powell

A-8697-M

Byndman

A-8630-U

Low Sq "A" Group

Hershberger

Hall

E-8398-Q PFF GH

McCormick

E-7387-H

Shappell

E-8644-N

Ashworth

E-6685-N

Andrako

E-8652-V

Brown

E-8500-Y

Lamie

E-8836-T

Gray

E-8664-P

Ferguson

E-8794-J

Schipull

E-8754-A

Saferite

E-8274-B

Godfrey

E-7266-G

High Sq "A" Group

Anderson

Johnson

Y-7975-U PFF

Dean

M-8699-J

Sheffer

Y-2519-A

Trevorrow

E-8806-Z

Monson

E-8620-E

Shiemek

E-9157-H

Sponholz

E-8564-Y

Sistek

E-8853-L

Grinter

E-8993-V

Riley

E-2487-B

Beattie

E-8653-A

Baldwin

E-8654-H

Lipnick

E-8698-C

Patient address

Let Me Be Quick John R. 0325665

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De Paul, Ill.

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LISAN, William S.

34, 918, 116  
POW-US(2947, ne 14 Nov 45)

24, 741 (dead)

Ad 741 (45)

16 Jul 45

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MARCH 12213

GARDNER, William F.  
25, 863, 3A

KIA

AF 383-6

(14 Mar 43)

1513-62-9

DA

MARCH 12214

FEINSTEIN, William

8828397

KIA-

AF 383-6

(14 Mar 43)

1513-62-9

MACR 12214

Wolman, Ray R.

82066042

KIA-32 ab 45 - Germany

095132

MACR 12214

McCormick, John R.

825668

RM C-29 ab 45 - ETD - ship E/51  
EUS - US - ETD - 1/3 4 - 49