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Pate of Report 1 March 1945

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At about tel minutes before the I.P. a ME 252 (jet propelled) enemy fighter his a ship in our formation. From the nose I could see bursts of the 20mm or 50 mm shells, drawing my attention to Lt Beatty's plane. The bursts started at the radio room going up the fuselage to the left wing, then out the left wing, bursting flames commenced as the plane dived across our nose. The flames seemed to be more intense between numbers one and two engines. Later I noticed five chutes burst out of the plane. At about 5,000 feet the plane exploded, however at the angle I was at at the time of the explosion there could have been more chutes among the aluminum which floated down. I could not be cartain, but there was distinctly five chutes that came from the plane.

CIARLES B PENDLETON, 37508631 S/Set, 600th Bomb Sq

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Statement concerning Micsing Aircraft B17G 43-39128, Pilot, 1st Lit Rebert 7 Beatty, 0-826642 600th East Squadres, 398th Benb Group Hv on Operational Mission to Standal, Generaly 22 February 1945.

I was in the Ball Turret of the number four Aircraft of the Lead Element and saw the IE 262 come in out of the clouds from about ":00 o'clock and attacked number three aircraft of the High Element. The aircraft seemed to be riddled from the radio room foreward and out on the left wing. The plane was burning violently between numbers one and two engines and passed just beneath our aircraft. I saw fire parachites come from the aircraft just before it exploded at about 5,000 fact. (Two parachites opened aimost immediately and three just before the emplosion). The enemy sircraft broke into a climb at 11:00 o'clock and the last I saw of it P-51's seemed to be attacking it.

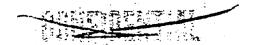
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Statement concerning Minging direct D170 48-59128, Pilot, 1st "t Robert F Beatty, 0-526848, tooth Book Squadren, 398th Book Group Hy on Cambet Missien to Stendal, Gormany 22 February 1945.

I saw an ME-252 come out of the clouds, from 7:00 o'clock just before we turned on the L.P. The ship had several cannon holes in the left wing. The number one and to engines were on fire. The ship slid out of for ation to the left loosing altitude. I saw five parachutes open before the ship biew up at around 5.000 feet. Parts of the left wing were breaking off, while the ship was leaving the formation. The enemy aircraft made a sharp climbing turn to the left after making the pass and P-51's started chasing it.

FRANK C LEWIS, 34684050 S/S.t., 660th Bomb Sq Torglier, 1176 42-97249



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### S-S DIBLEMANDS NO- INNELL ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only nuestions 2 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Group. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer till sign original and second copy.

GROUP 398th Boxb Gp go 600th Bomb St/O : 43-39128-H HILLION DATE 22 Feb 45
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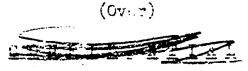
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- (b) Approximate altitude 10,000 feet.
- (c) last noted heading \_\_\_\_\_ 029 Mogretic.
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- E. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular vaference to missing aircraft): Attacked by one E/1 (Me-362). Enemy aircraft was out of claud and have from below, Made one pass from seven of claud and peeled off into steep climb.
- 3. Description of extent of damage to missing direraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

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4. If sireraft was out of control describe appearance:
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- 5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last se the escort? no secort If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter around if noted (Group number, solor and/or fighter aircraft numbers, sicknames, etc.). Home.
- 8. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approxinate altitude, tide between jumps, etc.):

Five paradintes were reported. Altitude was approximately 9,000 feet. Interval between jumps or any other details are not known.

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INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Charles H. KROH

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NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this accountable forward of in manner prescribed in par 8, letter 10, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB - 44 F-M, subject Whissing Air Ord Reports, 7 July 1944.

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Did he bail out? No
Where?
If not, why not? No Chance
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
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Was he injured? Not as I know of
Where was he when last seen? At the nose hatch
Any hearsay information: No
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Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
I believe he was blown out without his chute on
or he went down with the ship
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Total number of missions of above crew member:
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Any hearsay information: No
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Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly or supposition:
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Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber) of Fighter):
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Did he bail out?
Where?
If not, why not? No Chance
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Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
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Name of crew member: ERATT, Embert J.
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Serial number: 0-826645
Position: Crew (Bomber) manufactural and Pilot
Did he bail out? No.
Where?
If not, why not? Didn't have time.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured? No.
Where was he when last seen? In catwalk under cockpit.
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Source:
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:
Total number of missions of above crew member:
Dates and destinations if possible:

Name of crew member:

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And on individual questionnaires All the answers below #8 is information the other crew members told me, but it has been accepted as official.

I didn't open my chute until & man about 2,600 Ft. above the ground, so I didn't see the plane after I jumped.

Yours truly,

alva L. Freemen

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRS

LUMA, James E. Name of crew member: 2nd Lt. Rank: 0-2063259

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) manufilded transfer (Barigator

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Was he	injured?	No knowledge
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	killed in explosion	of the aircraft.
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Name of crew member:

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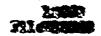
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# CASUATTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Your name James H. Godsey Rank M/Sgt. Serial No. 6971018
Organization 398thBGp Commander Rank Sqn CO Rank Multiple Rank Sqn CO Rank What year 1945 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
What year 1945 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
What was the mission, Bomb Marshal Yds., terget, Stendal , target time, Approx 1150 , altitude, 12000 route scheduled, — , route flown
Where were you when you left formation? few minutes of target
Did you bail out? Was injured and thrown from ship
Did other members of crew bail out?
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". The only member I saw actually bail out was Sgt Freeman who left by the waist Hatch.
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Note: I was injured in the ship and was thrown out by Sgt. Ragley according to him and other members of the crew. I was unconcious during most of descent and therefore have very little knowledge first hand of what happened.