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H. D. AYER, NARS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982.

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17. ENTIRE BUNCH THOSE PERSONS WHO WERE ADVISED TO HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH AIRMAIL, REPORT ON AIRMAIL DELIVERY TO INDICATE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw
			By Name	Last Contacted	
1. GIDCUMB, ALLEN D	2nd Lt	0-711648			X
2. SALSANO, CARMINE R	S/Sgt	32811844			X
3. HYNDMAN, STAVEL J	1st Lt	0-768107			X
McLAUGHLIN, ROBERT J	S/Sgt	17114624			X

18. McLAUGHLIN, ROBERT J S/Sgt 17114624. While, however, it is one of the things that were used: (a) persons were used; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) any other reason (Specify) Aircraft under control when last seen at approximately 28,000 feet.

14. A. J.

15.

16.

No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 28 November 1944

Wallis L. Campbell
 WALLIS L. CAMPBELL, CAPT, AC, STATISTICAL O.
 (Director of Reporting Office)

17. MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:
 (Witness Statements Attached)

Intelligence Reports state that Bombs were away at 1135½ and that enemy fighters attacked planes of the 398th Bomb Group Ev at 1150. Members of the High Squadron believe that their attacks came at approximately 1200.

AIRCRAFT B17G 42-102600 was last seen gradually dropping behind the formation just before the formation was hit by enemy fighters. The aircraft seemed to be under control, but unable to keep up with the formation.

Other Aircraft and their Commanders that are reported as Missing in Action from this formation were:

- B17G 42-107138--1st Lt Paul H Rich, Jr., 0-817531
- B17G 43-58671--1st Lt Robert W Lehner, 0-756264
- B17G 44-8348--1st Lt Kenneth S Hastings, 0-764011
- B17G 43-38147--1st Lt Charles E Howell, 0-817445



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396th Bombardment Group Ev
Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944

FIGH Squadron "B" Group 1st CB. Formation
Five minutes before fighters hit.

	F-1 Hastings Buzza <u>E-8348-A</u> (MIA)	
	Howell <u>M-8147-L</u> (MIA)	B-6 Lehner <u>A-8671-F</u> (MIA)
	B-4 Spangler <u>A-8091-L</u>	B-2 JOHNSON <u>A-7982-K</u>
B-3 Hyndman <u>A-7078-U</u>	B-7 Rich <u>A-7158-T</u> (MIA)	C-6 Tarr <u>M-7249-P</u>
↙ ↘ ↘ ↘ C-5 Hilmer <u>M-2600-Z</u> (MIA)		C-1 Stevens <u>M-2390-X</u>
		B-1 Spitzer <u>A-2469-Q</u>

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102600, Pilot, 1st Lt
Frederick C Wismer, O-558118, 803rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group BV
on Operational Mission to Herseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Howell arrived late and took No. 3 position in the lead element, Spitzer, who had filled in the No. 3 position, moved back into the diamond of lead element and as far as I knew Lehner was deputy lead. Later on Spitzer moved out.

I saw Wismer, who was flying our right wing shortly after we left the target. He was with us until the fighters hit us. At the time he was out of position - out wide and a short way back. After the fighters hit, none of us saw him again.

After the fighters hit us, I saw five chutes come out of one ship, which was crossing under us and to our left. This we believed to be Lt Howell. Later the ship exploded. At about the same time I saw another ship's crew bale out to the front and under us. I saw about six men come out of this ship. Over interphone I heard our waist gunner say that nine had come out. I do not know whose crew this was but I believe it must have come from our lead element.


ALLEN D. GIDCOMB, O-711643
2d Lt, Air Corps, Co-Pilot
B17G 42-107078.

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102600, Pilot, 1st Lt Frederick C Wismer, O-558118, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group BV on operational Mission to Herseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Before we got hit by fighters someone up front asked where our right wing man was. I looked out of the right waist and I saw the right wing man falling back and below us and disappearing into contrails.

I was at the left waist window at the time after we got hit by fighters. The pilot called over the interphone and said to count the chutes of a plane to the left of us in front. I counted four chutes that came very close by to us. I then saw the ship go down gradually and turning to the left. It looked as if it was out of control. As it got down, almost to the cloud level, I saw another chute from the same ship. I then saw the ship blow up and the wing going down in flames.

I saw four chutes floating down to the left. I did not see the ship that they came from. I heard someone say over the interphone from the front of our ship that some more chutes were coming out of the aircraft going down up ahead of our plane.

Carmine R. Salsano

CARMINE R SALSANO, 32811844
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq
Waist Gunner, B17G 42-107078

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102600, Pilot, 1st Lt
Frederick C Wismer, O-558118, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Hq
on Operational Mission to Kerssburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Lt Howell arrived at the formation late and took the left wing of
the leader, after Spitzer moved out of the left wing position. When the
fighters attacked the formation I saw one fighter hit Lt Howell's ship
and I saw a small burst of flame on his left wing just by number two
engine. We were then hit by a fighter ourselves and I didn't pay any
attention to the other ships for a number of minutes because our own
ship was damaged.

I next saw a ship pass over in front of us moving to the left in a
slight glide. We saw five chutes come out of this ship and then the
waist gunner saw the ship explode.

The last we saw of Lt Wismer was just before the fighters hit.
I called my waist gunner and asked him if he could see our wing man
and he said that he was a little below and behind us. That is the
last we saw of him.

Staver J. Hyndman

STAVER J HYNDMAN, O-768107
1st Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 42-107078

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Statement Concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102600, 1st Lt
Frederick C Wismer, O-558118, 603rd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group
Hq, as Pilot on Operational Mission to Merseburg, Germany 21 November 1944.

Just before fighters hit us on the mission to Merseburg, Germany
21 November 1944 I saw Lt Wismer's ship--which had been flying low
on our right wing, drop back. He fully disappeared into the contrails
and clouds just before fighters hit us.

Robert J McLaughlin

ROBERT J McLAUGHLIN, 17114624
S/Sgt, 603rd Bomb Sq
Tail Gunner, B17G 42-107078

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3-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 398 SC 603 A/C # 600 - Z MISSION DATE 21 Nov. 1944
O-558118
FIRST PILOT Wisner, Frederick G., 1st Lt. DESTINATION Station 131.
NAME RANK SER #

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

- (a) By coordinates nil.
- (b) Approximate altitude nil.
- (c) Last noted heading nil.
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation nil.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

nil.

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

nil.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

nil

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as it last saw of escort? nil. If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter crew if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, numbers, etc.). nil.

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

nil.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

No information available on this crew.

8. Date of report 28 Nov. 1944.

<u>NUMBER:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>A/C</u>
1.	<u>nil.</u>			
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Matthew Meyer

Matthew Meyer, Capt. O-561680 Asst. Group S-21

NAME

RANK

SERIAL

DUTY

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter 1, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OS-1-10 P-1, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 807, U S ARMY, 8 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., attention: AFPPA-8.

1. ~~Missing Air Crew Report~~ concerning aircraft number 42-102600, piloted by 1st Lt. Frederick D. Wismer, C-558116, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st Indorsement this headquarters, AG 500.33 Gas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Eldon B. Severson, C-765849, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: AFPPA-8
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 534
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAP-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Second Lt. Eldon B. Severson, 0765849
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
603rd. bomb squadron
(Organisation)
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 8 Feb 45)

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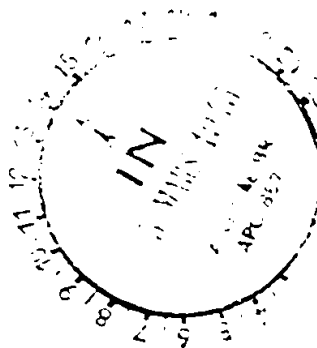
SCU-D-17

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. **F1 10 FEB 1945**

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. Eldon B. Severson, 0765849, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-102600. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.
H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Second Lt. Eugene W. Reaves 0558119
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
603rd. bomb squadron
(Organization)
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

- 1 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. Eugene W. Reaves, O558119, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-102600. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. S. Wilson, Jr.', is written over the typed name and title.

H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Major, A.G.M.
Asst. Adjutant General.

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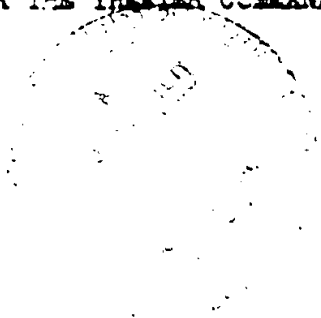
AG 319.1 Cas. 2nd Ind. JWP/JFR.
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 3 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., Attention: AFFPA-8.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-102600, piloted by 1st Lt. Frederick C. Wiser, C-55818, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG-300.33 Cas, dated 28 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of Flight Officer Abeleas Rares, T-126491, to be missing in action, 21 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



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H. M. RUND, ^w
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: **AUPPA-8**
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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

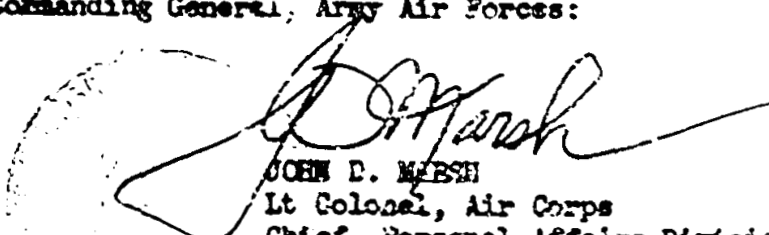
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SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAF-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of Flight Officer Aheless Pares T-126491
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
603rd bomb squadron, 398th bomb group
(Organization)
reported missing, missing in action, 21 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:


JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 9 Feb 45)

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

15 FEB 1945

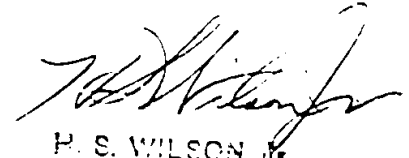
TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show F/O Aheleas Pares, T-126491, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-102600. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 10 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:

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H. S. WILSON, JR.

Major, A.C.D.

Acting Commanding General

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN

21 Nov. 1944

CASUALTY NO.

KH 1144 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Gotha

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Hq, Local Airbase Erfurt-Binderleben

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
PARIS, Abelaas	F/O	T-128491	captured	Dulang-luft West
NEVERSON, Elton B.	2/Lt.	O-763847	"	"
WICKER, Frederick Cleveland	1/Lt.	O-555118	"	"
BUTLER, John Edward 1921 USA	S/Sgt.	35773112	"	"
LEVY, David	S/Sgt.	16078484	"	"
<u>Dossier No. KH 1144 A</u>		1st Additional Report, 5 Jan. 1945		
LIXXI, Samuel Lee	T/Sgt.	11089127	captured	Dulang-luft West
RAGEL, Herman Lloyd	T/Sgt.	18137662	"	"

make 11212

SIC 8552

REMARKS:

Dulang-luft, 21 Dec. 1944 No.

On 21 November 1944

PLACE: Gotha

TYPE: Fortress
603 H.Bo.Sqd.
398 Group

RAEG

~~NAME~~

(8 December 1944) KH 1144

F/O	PARIS Abelsas	T 126491
2nd Lt.	SEVERSON Eldon B.	O 765844
1st Lt.	WISMER Frederick Cleveland	O 358118
2nd Lt.	REAVES Eugene	
S/Sgt.	LEVY David	16078484
S/Sgt.	BYTLER John Edward	35773112
T/Sgt.	LUIZLI Samuel Leo	11089127
T/Sgt.	HAGER Herman Lloyd	18137662
S/Sgt.	CLARK Marvin E. Jr.	18139699

mac 11212

NO INFORMATION.

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INSTALLED WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. High Standard	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	600758
2. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	77930
3. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	603113
4. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	777848
5. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	972046
6. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	972576
7. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528861
8. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528782
9. Chapin General Motors	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	731235
10. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	229346
11. Savage Arms	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1084290
12. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	78741

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1st. Lt. Frederick C. Wimer POW EDS

Mrs. Dorothy E. Wimer (wife) ✓
322 Wenden Lawn Street
East Lansing, Michigan

2nd. Lt. Eldon B. Swerren POW EDS

Mr. Elmer O. Swerren (father) ✓
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Detroit, Michigan

2nd. Lt. Eugene W. Reeves EDS

Mrs. Valeria A. Reeves (wife) ✓
1714 Beaubien Street
Detroit, Michigan

T/O Alanson Pares EDS

Mr. James Pares (father) ✓
912 Howard Avenue
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T/Egt. Samuel L. Linnel POW EDS

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S/Egt. Harvin E. Clark

Mr. Harold S. Clark (father) ✓
New Rauge, Louisiana

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San Diego, California

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Return to 52700

Name of crew member: LEVY, David
Rank: S/ser.
Serial number: 16 978 484
Position: Crew (Bomber) PF/FF/BFF/TF/BFF/TF: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes, he bailed out

Where? APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES S.W. of Leipzig, GER.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DURING PROCEDURE OF BAILING OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? JUST AFTER CAPTURE

Any hearsay information: WAS WITH LEVY THROUGHOUT OUR STAY AS A PRISONER OF WAR - UP TO THE DAY OF LIBERATION APR. 26, 1945.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 15 or 16

Dates and destinations if possible: TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:
STUTTGART, GER. (SEPT. 10, '44) LUTZKENDORF, GER. (SEPT. 13)
EINDHOVEN, HOL. (SEPT 17) COLOGNE, GER. (SEPT 27) MUNSTER, GER. (SEP. 30)
KASSEL, GER. (OCT. 2) NEUBRANDENBURG, GER. (OCT. 6) SCHWEINFURT, GER.
OCT. 9) COLOGNE, GER. (OCT. 15) HAMM, GER. (OCT. 30) MERSEBURG, GER.
(NOV. 2) NANAU, GER. (NOV. 5) METZ, FRANCE (NOV. 9) MERSEBURG, GER.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **REAVES, Eugene W.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-558 119**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PILOT/COPILOT~~ **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROXIMATELY 30 MI. S.W. OF LEIPZIG, GER.

If not, why not? -----

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

ON INTRA PHONE ABOUT 15 MIN. BEFORE BEING HIT

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? AT A LITTLE TOWN NAMED OHRDRUF

Any hearsay information: NOTHING, EXCEPT HE WAS SENT
TO A GERMAN HOSPITAL

Source: FELLOW CREW MEMBERS

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: Ludwigshaven, Ger. (Sept. 9) Stuttgart, Ger.
(Sept. 10) Steyerhof, Ger. (Sept. 13) Emden ^{Holland} (Sept. 17) Frankfurt,
Ger. (Sept. 25) Oshabruck, Ger. (Sept. 26) Cologne, Ger. (Sept. 27)
Munster, Ger. (Sept. 30) Kassel, Ger. (Oct. 2) Neubrandenburg, Ger.
(Oct. 6) Bruch, Ger. (Oct. 7) Schweinigen, Ger. (Oct. 9) Cologne, Ger.
(Oct. 15) Munster, Ger. (Oct. 28) Hamm, Ger. (Oct. 30) Neubrandenburg,
Ger. (Nov. 2) Hanau, Ger. (Nov. 5) Merseburg, Ger. (Nov. 8)
Mitz, Ger. (Nov. 9) Merseburg, Ger. (Nov. 21)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HERMAN L. HAGER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 18137662
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander Rank COL Sqn CO MOORE Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month NOV. day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MERSEBURG, target, SYNTHETIC OIL, target time, 11:53, altitude, 28,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 1 BELIEV 30 MI. S.W. LEIPZIG
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". JOHN E. BUTLER (BALL TURRET) BAILED OUT OF WAIST, FRED C. WISMER (PILOT) BAILED OUT WAIST, ALHELIAS PARES (NAVIGATOR) BAILED OUT BOMBAY. SAMUEL LUZZI (ENGINEER) BAILED OUT BOMBAY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NOT KNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO ONE WAS IN AIRCRAFT WHEN IT STRUCK THE GROUND.
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? DAVID LEVY - APRIL 26th HALLE, GERMANY WAS IN FAIRLY GOOD CONDITION. ELDON B. SEVERSON (BOMBARDIER) MAY '45. LA HARVE FRANCE WAS IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION EUGENE W. REAVES (CO-PILOT) MAY '45 LA HARVE, FRANCE WAS IN FAIRLY 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: CLARK, Marvin E., Jr.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 15 139 699
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Left Waist Gunner

yes

Did he bail out? _____

Where? near Erfurt, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

The order to bail out

no

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? The radio operator saw him go out

Any hearsay information: one

Some was shot upon hitting the ground

Source: A member from another crew of our squadron

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

Marvin E. Clark might have been the person that was shot
 when he hit the ground by German Civilians

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SEVERSON, Eldon B.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-765 849
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~(A1/F1A1A11/F1A1A-11)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Near Erfurt , Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Went through the pilots compartment when bailing out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Returned to the U. S.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HEAVES, EUGENE W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-558 119

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

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Area of Erfurt, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Shaked hands as he left the Co-pilots Hand

Was he injured? Broke his right ankle & Fractured his left ankle

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Returned to the U.S.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 20

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

LEVI, David

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

16 078 484

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PF/PFF/PFF/PFF/PFF~~:

7.1 Gunner

Yes

Did he bail out? _____

The Area of Erfurt, Germany

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

The Order to bail out

no

Was he injured? _____

Air field near Erfurt, Germany

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

None

Source: _____

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

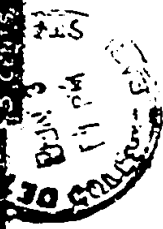
Was Not injured and returned to the U.S.

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

20

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

MR. FRED C. WISMER
15310 LA SALLE APT-A-33
DETROIT, MICH.



Commanding General, Army Air Forces
ATT: AFPPA-8.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Handwritten signature or initials

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Frederick C. Wisner Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-558118
2. Organization 398 B.G. Commander _____ Rank COL. Sqn Cdr Miller Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year November month 21 day 1944 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Kerseberg, target
time, 11:30 A.M., altitude, 27,000 Feet route scheduled, _____
Unknown, route flown Unknown 25,00 Ft.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Area of Erfurt, 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".
Pares, (Nav) Bailed out through the bombay because the nose hatch was jamed tight
- R.O) Hager, Herman L. Bailed out through the waist door
Unknown but I think it was
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? out in the county near Erfurt, Ger
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
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)

Honorable James H. Morrison
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

General Arnold has asked me to reply to your letter received 28 December 1945, regarding Staff Sergeant Marvin E. Clark, Jr.

The Army Air Forces has established a Missing Air Crew Research and Investigation Office, in France, to collect all information from our own and enemy sources. That office furnishes details to search teams who are sent into areas in which our aircraft were reported lost. I have forwarded a copy of your letter, together with all details contained in our files regarding Sergeant Clark, to the Missing Air Crew Research and Investigation Office, with the request that a special investigation be made and all information which may be obtained be furnished this headquarters. When this report is received, I will communicate with you again.

Please be assured that every effort is being made to ascertain the whereabouts of Sergeant Clark.

Very sincerely,

MEMO FOR RECORD: Suspense #7333, S/Egt Marvin E. Clark, Jr., 15139699

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1 Identification Tag:

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H a g e r, Herman L.

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2 Identification Pages

Samuel L. L u i s s i

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Paros, A h o i e a s

T 126491 T 43 - 44 A B P.

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2 Identification Tags:

✓ Samuel L. Luizzi

11089127 T 43 - 44 B, C.

↓ Pares, A h e l e s

T 126491 T 43 - 44 A B P.

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1 Street Car Ticket (Leonidas)

1 Identification Tag: Eldon B. Severson

O - 765849 T 43 - 44 O, P.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST:

PLACE: Air Base Command A (O)31/III

Erfurt - Hindralben.

DATE:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

REGARDING:

Fortress

EN. LANDING: AT:

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

Trugleben of Hoesbaeh
on 21 Nov. .944

FIRST NAME:

B u t l e r

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

John E.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

35773112 T 43

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

~~Gotha, 27 Nov. 1944.~~

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

Gotha, 27 Nov. 1944.

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

Clipped to German original:

1 Identification Tag:

John E. Butler

35773112 T 43 - 44 A, P.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O)31/III

PLACE: Erfurt - Pinersleben.

DATE: --

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Enemy plane (type unknown.)
EN. LANDING: AT: near Erfurt, on 21 Nov. 1944, at about 1300h

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAMES) N i s e r

FIRST NAME: Frederik

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 62200 Rank: Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: - - - -

NAME OF HOSPITAL: - - - -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: near Erfurt, on 21 Nov. 44, at about 1300.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O)31/III

PLACE: Erfurt - Bindersleben.

DATE: - - -

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Enemy plane (type unknown.)
EW: UNKNOWN AT: unknown, on 21 Nov. 44, between 1200 and 1300.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H a g e r (Hager)

FIRST NAME: Hermann

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18 137662 Rank: Y/Sgt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Ohrdruf near Gotha, on 21 Nov. 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command A (O) XI/III**

PLACE: **Erfurt- Bindersleben.**

DATE: **-----**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Enemy Plane (type unknown.)**
EM. LANDING: AT: unknown, at between 1200 and 1300.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **L u i z e i**

FIRST NAME: **Samuel**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **11089127** Rank: **T/Sgt.**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **near Kissenach, on 21 Nov. 1944**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **---**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Air Base Command A (O)31/III**PLACE: **Erfurt - Hindersleben.**DATE: **-----**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy plane (type unknown.)**
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: unknown, on 21 Nov.44, between 1200 and 1300.
EN. LANDING:NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **L O V Y**FIRST NAME: **David**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **16078484** Rank: **St./Sgt.**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **--- near Ohrdruff district Gotha**
on 21 Nov. 1944.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command A (O)31/III

PLACE: Erfurt-Bindersleben

DATE: _____

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, enemy plane (type unknown)
EN. LANDING: AT: unknown, on 21 Nov. 44, between 1200 and 1300.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S e v e r s o n

FIRST NAME: Eldon S.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O - 765849 Rank: 2nd Lt.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Eisenach, on 21 Nov. 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

1 Identification Tag:

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MACR 11212

Wisner, Frederick C.	0558118	(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	019112
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	164021
Reaves, Eugene W.	0558119	(P. O. W.	Date not shown	067148
		(I. U. S.	Date not shown	067148
Pares, Aheleas	T 120291	(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	019112
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	126147
Severson, Eldon E.	0705849	(P. O. W.	Date not shown	019112
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Butler, John F.	35,773,412	(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	019112
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	169059

MACR 11211

Luisi, Samuel L.	11,089,127	(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	02,107
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	123252
Hager, Herman L.	18,137,662	(E. U. S.	Date not shown	167055
		(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	02,107
Levy, David	16,078,484	(R. M. C.	Date not shown	137034
		(E. J. S.	Date not shown	164021
		(P. O. W.	21 Nov 44	019112
		(R. M. C.	11 May 45	Ship # 146
		(E. U. S.	Date not shown	178096

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

Abschluß-Nr. KU 1144 A

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 21.11.44
Abschlußort: Gotha
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Pl. A. 1122. Erfurt-Binderleben

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
PARES SEVERSON	AMELEAS Eldon B.	P/O 2. Lt.	T-126491 O-765847	gef. gef.	Dulag-Luft West Dulag-Luft West
WISMER	Frederick Cleveland	1. Lt.	O-555118	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
BUTLER 1921	John Edward USA	S/Sgt.	35773112	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
LEVY	David	S/Sgt.	16078434	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

Bemerkungen: 1122-11212

DULAG-LUFT, dsm 21.12.44 Wo.