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by ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, Lt. Col., AF  
by P. M. [unclear], Capt., AF  
Date: 11/15/55

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Peter L. Luntilla Rank S/sgt Serial No. 34200402
2. Organization 92nd Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, desmission, target, Dunmuck, target time, 2:45, altitude, 20,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown westward
5. Where were you when you left formation? on our way home
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". Everybody bailed out 'cause I watched each chute and the air
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? yes
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? only the pilot was dead and I was injured, the other both legs and the fuselage did not give me away hospitalization at all my knees are still in pain.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LAVINE, William R.  
Rank: 2nd Lt  
Serial number: 0-552123  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of flight (navigator)~~ Pilot

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Did he bail out? yes

Where? Island north of Denmark

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

last words were "bail out"

Was he injured? not that I know of

Where was he when last seen? Just before bail out in Denmark

any hearsay information? The Germans thought him to

be an administrator of an infantry out-

post of the Germans in the island.

At midnight he was moved to other mainland

in a truck next to me

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

any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He stayed

to long before bailing out 'cause he wanted to

hold the plane steady so we could bail out he

must of have broken his neck - The automatic pilot

was broke that's the cause of his fate.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: February 22/44 in an

northern island of Denmark

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Armed Forces Military Administration HQ.  
Frederikshavn  
File No. 145/44

Local Quarters, 3 March 1944

To the Army Information Office for  
War Casualties and Prisoners  
of War

Berlin W 30  
Hohenstaufenstrasse 47/48

MIA 22 Feb 44

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On 26 Feb. 1944 the English airman

William Ralph LAVIS

has been interred at the Memorial Cemetery Frederikshavn, Grave No. 61.

Enclosed we are forwarding 2 copies of the Death Certificate and a list about  
left items.

The items which were taken from the dead will be forwarded to your post as a  
package. At the same time the Death Certificate, made out by the Surgeon of  
the unit Army Postal N. I. 24 606, will be forwarded.

Signature

Major and Armed Forces Military Administration  
Commander

4 Enclosures

MIA 22 Feb 44

Surge on attached to Army Postal Unit L 24606  
Air District Postal Office Helsingborg 1

Local Quarters, 23 Feb. 1944

Death Certificate

On 22 Feb. 44 the body of

William R. Lavis,  
ASN O-802123 F 42-43 A  
Rank unknown

was recovered from the Linfjord near Hvidbjerg. He pertained to a crew of an English aircraft which crashed here. There are no injuries. Death occurred on 22 Feb. 44 through drowning.

Rigor mortis had set in everywhere.

Signature

1st Lt. and Troup Surgeon

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command # 106/II (sea)  
 PLACE: Thisted  
 DATE: 23 Feb. 44, 1944  
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 17  
 EM. LANDING: AT: Hoerhus, 20 km S.W. of Thisted (North-Jutland)  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 23 Feb. 44, 15:5  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) PHACOCK  
 FIRST NAME: FRANCIS B. Rank: Lt.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 0-809708 A  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: 23 Feb. 44, 0800 near Hvidbjerg  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 100/XI (Sea)

PLACE: Thisted

DATE: 22 Feb. 44, 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF a Fortress B 17

EM. LANDING: AT: 3 km W. of Hoerdum, 20 km E. of Thisted

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 22 Feb. 44, 1945 (Denmark)

FIRST NAME: illegible Rank: illegible

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) (illegible) O-1 876 P 45

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: near Hoerdum, 22 Feb. 44, 1945

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 106/XI (see)  
 PLACE: Thisted  
 DATE: 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 17  
           EN. LANDING: AT: Hoerdum, 20 km S.V. of Thisted  
           ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) SWIDLER  
 FIRST NAME: VERN. Rank: Sgt.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 18048334 ? A B  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Hoerdum, 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 106/XI (usa)

PLACE: Thisted

DATE: 22 Feb. 44, 1945

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 1V

FM LANDING: AT: Hoerdum, 30 mi S.W. of Thisted (Jutland)  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ on 22 Feb. 44, 1945  
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) WALCOTT

FIRST NAME: JOHN Rank: Staff Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 5723019 A B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Hoerdum, 22 Feb. 44

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **Air Base Command B 106/XI (sea)**

PLACE: **Thisted**

DATE: **22 Feb. 1944, 1515**

REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 17**

**EN. LANDING: AT: Heerdun, 20 km S.V. of Thisted (North-Jutland)**  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **on 22 Feb. 44, 1515**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **SCHURK**

FIRST NAME: **LESTER F. Rank: Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **17156397 0**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **Heerdun, 22 Feb. 44, 1515**

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **-**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **-**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 106/XI (sea)  
 PLACE: ~~Thisted~~  
 DATE: 22 Feb. 1944, 1515  
 REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, in Fortresses B 17  
 IN LANDING: AT: Esbjerg, 20 km S.W. of Hirtsholm (North-Jutland)  
~~THISTED~~ on 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
 NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) JHUBAN  
 FIRST NAME: ROBERT S. Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-748038 A  
 RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured  
 PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Esbjerg 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
 NAME OF HOSPITAL: -  
 PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 106/XI (sea)

PLACE: Thisted

DATE: 22 Feb. 44, 1915

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 17

EN. LANDING: AT: Hoerdum, 20 km S.W. of Thisted (North-Jutland)  
on 22 Feb. 44, 1915

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) BYRN

FIRST NAME: HELL H. Rank: T. Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 1763308 A B

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Hoerdum, 22 Feb. 44, 1915

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 100/XI (see)

PLACE: Thisted

DATE: 22 Feb. 1944, 1515

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) CF. Fortress B 17NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) SM. QUASTELLER AT: Hoerden, 20 km S.W. of Thisted (Jutland)  
on 22 Feb. 1944, 1515  
HERBERT QUASTELLER

FIRST NAME: PETER Rank: Staff/Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 34200402 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Hoerden, 22 Feb. 44, 1515

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Base Command B 106/XI (sea)

PLACE: Thisted

DATE: 22 Feb. 1944, 1515

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, a Fortress B 17

EN. LANDING: AT: Hoerdum, 20 km S.W. of Thisted (Jutland)

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) XXXXXXXXXXXX on 22 Feb. 44, 1515  
HARRAN

FIRST NAME: WILLIAM E. Rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 33629336 0)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Hoerdum, 22 Feb. 44, 1515

NAME OF HOSPITAL: -

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: -

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Fortress

Guastella, Peter, S/Lt.  
Ident. tag: 34 2010 402.  
Taken prisoner

Harman, William Edgar, Sgt.  
Ident. tag: 33-628 336  
Taken prisoner

Halcott, John James, S/Lt.  
Ident. tag: 33 23 2019  
Taken prisoner

Byers, Neil Edgar, T/Lt.  
Ident. tag: 17 03 2 368  
Taken prisoner

Shuman, Robert Samuel, 2nd Lt.  
born Feb. 18, 1920  
Ident. tag: 0-748 038  
Taken prisoner

Swindler, Vern Clyde, S/Lt.  
Ident. tag: 18 045 834  
Taken prisoner

Schrenk, Lester Francis, Sgt.  
Ident. tag: 17 156 397  
Taken prisoner

George Thomas Washington  
U.S. 1632 & H53  
date Mar 12, 1944

Check Only One Column

Contacted

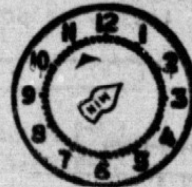
	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw	
						Crash	Forced Landing
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

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. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Date of Report 23 February 1944.

*William M. Sage*  
**WILLIAM M. SAGE, 1st Lt., A.C.,**  
**Statistical Officer.**  
 (Signature of Preparing  
 Officer)

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Classification changed  
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by **E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AC**  
by **F. M. GIBSON, Capt., AC**  
Date **Mar 15 1948**

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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**AND 795072**  
By **MM:llw** MARS, Date **9-14-79**

**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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 109; Command or Air Force Eighth Air Force  
Group 92nd Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 327th Bomb Sq.; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 109; Course Northeasterly  
Intended Destination Allberg, Denmark; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST  
SIGHTED Smooth, clear, undercast
- GIVE: (a) Date 22 Feb 44; Time 1445; and Location 57°15' N 08°15' E  
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.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-31377
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-002976  
(b) SW-003181; (c) SW-003126; (d) SW-003134
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) KHW-684256; (b) KHW-684696; (c) COLT-749508; (d) COLT-949119  
(e) KHW-684340; (f) KHW-680552; (g) KHW-685240; (h) KHW-684606  
(i) KHW-683683; (j) KHW-684049; (k) KHW-684271; (l) KHW-684260  
(m) KHW-683243; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualties x  
(b) Non-Battle Casualties 0
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
<i>Co. Pilot</i>	LAVIES, WILLIAM R. <i>of 4th cond.</i>	2nd Lt.	0-802123
<i>Co-Pilot</i>	VAUGHAN, ELIJAH C. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-808616 RTD
<i>Navigator</i>	PEACOCK, FRANCIS B. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-809708 RTD
<i>Bombardier</i>	SHUMAN, ROBERT S. ✓	2nd Lt.	0-748038 RTD
<i>Top Turret Gnr.</i>	BYERS, NEIL E. ✓	S/Sgt.	17032368 RTD
<i>Ball Turret Gnr.</i>	SCHRENK, LESTER F. ✓	Sgt.	17156397 RTD
<i>R. Waist Gnr.</i>	GUASTELLA, PETER (NMI) ✓	Sgt.	34200402 RTD
<i>L. Waist Gnr.</i>	HARMAN, WILLIAM E. ✓	Sgt.	35628336 RTD
<i>Tail Gnr.</i>	SWINDLER, VERN C. ✓	Sgt.	18045834 RTD
<i>Radio Opr. &amp; Gnr.</i>	WALCOTT, HOHN J. ✓	S/Sgt.	33232019 RTD

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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*[Signature]*

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FRANCIS B. PEACOCK Rank 2<sup>ND</sup> LT Serial No. 0-809208
2. Organization 92<sup>ND</sup> Gp Commander RICO Rank Col Sqn CO PARKER Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, AALBORG, DEN, target, Supply Dump, target  
time, 2:30, altitude, 18,000 route scheduled, OVER NORTH  
SEA, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? At the Group Rally Pt. 10 mi. N. of DANISH  
COAST OVER NORTH SEA.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, ALL
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". I WAS FIRST OUT  
AND DUE TO FAULTY PARACHUTE DID NOT SEE ANY OTHER  
CHUTES OR CREW MEMBERS UNTIL I REACHED STALAG LUET I  
NO KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 5 mi NORTH OF THISTED, DEN.
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? LAST SEEN ALL OF CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT PILOT  
AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE. ALL IN GOOD HEALTH.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LAVINE, William R.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-902125  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

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Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER DENMARK, NEAR THISTED

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAID,  
"So long, SEE YOU DOWNSTAIRS"

Was he injured? NOT IN THE PLANE.

Where was he when last seen? DEAD ON THE GROUND

Any hearsay information: GERMANS TOLD ME MY PILOT WAS DEAD IN THE  
NEXT ROOM AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE BURIED THE NEXT  
DAY, FEB. 29, 1949 IN THISTED, DENMARK. ENLISTED MEN ON  
OUR CREW WHO CARRIED HIS BODY SAID THAT THERE WERE  
NO APPARENT MARKS ON HIS BODY.

Source: GERMAN GARRISON AT THISTED, MY OWN CREW MEMBERS

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

HE EVIDENTLY PULLED HIS RIPCORD IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING  
PLANE. WE WERE INDICATING OVER 250 MPH. AND PERHAPS  
THE JERK OF HIS SHUTE KILLED HIM. HE LANDED ON A FROZEN  
LAKE AND COULD HAVE HAD A HARD LANDING. NO BLOOD ON HIM  
THOUGH.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 30, 1943 - LUDWIGSLAVEN, ~~FRANKFURT~~,

JAN 6, 7, 8 (?) FEB 11, OSBERSLIEBEN, FEB 20, 21, 22

FRANKFURT; TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY, THISTED (AALBORG)

I HAVE NO RECORDS MYSELF AND I CANNOT REMEMBER  
DATES. [I DID NOT ALWAYS FLY WITH HIM]

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your Name Schreck, Lester F. Rank Sgt. Serial No. 17156392
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Aalborg, Den., target  
time, 2:30 P.M., altitude, 10,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 mi. From Coast headed toward  
England
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 bailed out  
APP. the same time except Pilot
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Northern Tip of Denmark
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? was asked to identify Pilot at German  
Headquarters in Denmark - condition - dead
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: LAVINS, William R.  
Rank: 2nd Lt  
Serial number: 0-802123  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

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Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Northern coast of Denmark

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

asked for nearest point of land - order to bail out

was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Dead at German Headquarters.

any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Believed to have stayed in aircraft

Too high - not sufficient altitude

for jump.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN J. WALCOTT Rank T/SGT Serial No. 33232019
2. Organization 93 BOMB GP Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, AALBORG, DEN., target, AIR FIELD, target time, 12 NOON, altitude, 22000-23000 FT? route scheduled, OVER NORTH SEA., route flown OVER NORTH SEA.
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER N. SEA ON WAY BACK TO ENG.
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". \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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) 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: LAVIN, William R.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-80122  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~, Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? OVER DENMARK

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: TOLD PILOT I WAS BLOWING OFF. PILOT GAVE ORDERS TO BAIL OUT WHEN WE REACHED LAND

Was he injured? DON'T KNOW.

Where was he when last seen? THINK I SAW HIM WHEN HE BAILED OUT.

Any hearsay information: GERMANS GAVE ME NO INFORMATION. JUST TOLD ME MY PILOT WAS KILLED. ONLY EXPLANATION I CAN GIVE IS THAT HE PULLED RIP CORD IN PROP WASH AND BROKE NECK OR BACK, OR FELL ON ICE AS THERE WERE SEVERAL PONDS FROZEN OVER.

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

EXPLANATION I GAVE ABOVE IS MY OWN SUPPOSITION. ALL THE ENLISTED MEN SEEM TO THINK THE SAME THING.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 27 OR 28 - 1943 - LUDWIGSHAUEN. JAN 11 - 1945 OSCHERSLEBEN. (DATES UNKNOWN BUT WE WENT TO FRANKFURT (2) CHATEAU DHN - LEIPZIG

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## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert S. Shuman Rank 2nd Lt Serial No O-748038
2. Organization 92nd B.G. Commander Col. Reed Rank Col. Sqn CO Maj. Parkank Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Aalborg, Den, target, Air Field, target time, Early Afternoon, altitude, 20,000 ft. route scheduled, North Sea to Denmark, route flown Same as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the North Sea about 6 min. a way from land on the way back to England
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 members of the crew except the pilot were taken prisoner by the Germans.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near target area.
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? The pilot left the plane with the crew but was killed. As described in the individual questionnaire
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 C ULARY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2750

Name of crew members: LAVIE, William R.  
Ranks: 2nd Lt  
Serial numbers: O-60222  
Positions: Crew (Bomber) Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Aalborg, Denmark

If not, why not?

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

He ordered the crew to bail out.

Was he injured? He was killed

Where was he when last seen? On the ground by two other Crew members

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Wolcott and another of my crew members were instructed by the Germans to carry Lt Lavie's body. They said that there wasn't a mark on him and that they did not know what caused his death. It is my belief that he either struck his head on the ground when he landed or his neck broke when the chute opened.

Sources: Staff Sgt. Wolcott and other of my crew members.

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

See hearsay information above

Total number of missions of above crew members: About 11

Dates and destinations if possible; I don't recall

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ELIJAH C. VAUGHAN Rank 1<sup>ST</sup> LT Serial No. 0-806616
2. Organization AC Gp Commander REED Rank COL Sqn CO PARKER Rank MAJ  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, DENMARK, target, AIRFIELD, target  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER NORTH SEA BETWEEN DENMARK & NORWAY
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". BOMBARDIER + NAVIGATOR PILOT + CO-PILOT THROUGH FRONT ESCAPE HATCH - RADIO & ENGINEER THROUGH BOMB BAY - REST OF CREW OUT REAR DOOR
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) 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? LAST SAW PILOT AND NAVIGATORS WALK AWAY FROM PLANE SAW THE REST EXCEPT NAVIGATOR THE NEXT MORNING IN JAIL. LATER NAVIGATOR ARRIVED IN PRISON CAMP
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LAVIE, William R.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-802123  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Pilot

File # 2750

Did he bail out? Yes he bailed out shortly after I did.. just a matter of seconds.

Where? On the northern tip of Denmark, I believe near Aalborg, Denmark.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before leaving through the navigators escape hatch he was right beside me and he said to me lets stay together when we get down. I left and he came immediately after me. I saw him leave the ship as I was falling.  
 Was he injured? He was not injured at all before leaving the ship.

Where was he when last seen? The last time I saw him alive was just before jumping.

Any hearsay information? The next morning before leaving the jail the guards ask me if I wanted to see him in the next room where he was laid out. I had talked to my engineer who had to help carry him and he had told me that he didn't have a mark on him. --- (I saw him land on the frozen lake, because I had followed his chute down after I landed.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he died from a blow on his head when he hit the ice. He was as calm as anyone could be under the circumstance before leaving the ship. He was wearing a winter flying helmet and when his head hit it didn't leave a mark for the engineer to find. This is the only way in which I believe his death could of occurred.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) Ludwigshafen, Germany 30 Dec. 1943

(2) Aachenleben, Germany 11 Jan. 1944 \*\* (3) Frankfurt on the Maine

(4) Frankfurt on the Maine (5) Chateaudun, France (6) Nancy, France

(7) Target Frankfurt but we hit Ludwigshafen (8) Leipzig, Germany 20 Feb. 1944 (9) unknown (10) Airfield in Northern Denmark.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leland W. Emmett Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. O-861573  
H.Sq.
2. Organization 870th. Gp Commander Wright Rank Col. Sqn CO Robert E. Haynes Lt. Col.  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month December day 19th. did you go down?
4. What was the mission, night bombing, target, Nagoya arsenal, Japan, target  
 time, about 20:30, altitude, 30,000 ft. route scheduled, direct  
 , route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? No formation, individual mission
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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".  
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9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? struck the ocean 140 miles North West  
 of Saipan
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should  
 cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_  
all members:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? At their ditching stations
12. What was their condition? dazed, sick but no knowledge of serious injury
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
 cribed above? last saw Robert Tuttle in the water after ditching, seemingly  
carried under right wing of floundering plane by wave and current.  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
 have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back) a-1

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English airman:

Coffin No. 61

Rank: Unknown

Name: William Ralph Lavis

Identification tag: O-802123 T 42-43 A

Home address: Nettie E. Lavis, 4612 7th Ave. Nylan  
Birmingham Ala. P

Place of death: Evidbjerg/Justland Limfjord

Date of death: 22 Feb. 1944

Cause of death: Aircraft crash of an American aircraft Type Fortress B 17  
Death through drowning

Place of interment: Memorial Cemetery Frederikshavn

Date of interment: On 26 Feb. 1944, Time 1000

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