

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: **AIX FIELD H.Q. LIPTSTADT**

PLACE: **ERWITTE**

DATE: **25. February 1944 1830**

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~: (DOWNED) OF, **BOEING FORTRESS**

~~ENGINEER~~ AT: **not known 22. February 1944 1900**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **D & AUSTIN V/O**

FIRST NAME: **RUSSE**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **T - 122767 T 43**

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

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **ERWITTE 1830**

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

LT. COLONEL AND AIR FIELD COMMANDER

HEADQUARTER OF ARMY AIRBASE A
GUTTENBERG

See AV 651

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 5

Time covered by Report: 31 Jan. - 22 Feb. 1944
Distributed to Army Information Center

Regarding: Downed Boeing Fortress, at Eraks-Sonne II
near Bielefeld

Date and Time: 22 Feb. 1944 at 15.40 O'clock

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2. Surname:
First Name:
A S No.:
Rank:
Date of burial:
Location of Grave:

Hoffer I.
John
O-576722 T 42 - 45
Lieut.

Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld
Section I, Subdivision No. 5
Grave No. 11

- KIA

2. Surname:
First Name:
A S No.:
Rank: S/sgt.
Date of burial:
Location of Grave:

Bright
John J.
301991/4
T/sgt.

Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld
Section I, Subdivision No. 5
Grave No. 10

KIA

3. Surname:
First Name:
A S No.:
Rank:
Date of burial:
Location of Grave:

Fisher
Francis J.
O-511525 T 42
Lieut.

Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld
Section I, Subdivision No. 5
Grave No. 9

- KIA

REMARKS OF ARMY MESSAGE
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MACR 2930
10 man crew
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No. 4, below identified as ARTHUR
N. BUTLER, 311012967, - KIA

CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 5

Time covered by report: 21 January - 12 February 1944
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See KU937, AV 612

Place and Time Air-
craft was downed

Rank	Surname	First Name	A S No.	Date of Death	Location of Grave	Place and Time Air- craft was downed
KIA-1. Lt.	Fisher	Francis J.	0-501555 7 65	1 March 1944 at 11.00	Cemetery of Soms at Biolafeld, Abt. I, Section 5 Grave No. 9	3 - 17, Fortress at Brak-Soms II at Malafeld 21 Feb. 1944 at 15.00
KIA-2. Sgt. Bright	Edna	J.	25490104		Soms; Grave No. 10	
KIA-3. Lt. Baffer	John	I.	0-576799 7 42-43		Grave No. 11	
EUS-4. Lt. Scott	Joseph	R.	0-511510		-EUS - not on chart Grave No. 12	
KIA-5. Sgt. Draynak	HENRY	R.	12066799 1206799		Grave No. 13	
KIA-6. Sgt. Lorenz	Berling		12129556		Grave No. 14	

AV 6 51/44
KU937

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BUKOWSKI CASIMER L. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 12207335
2. Organization 381 Gp Commander Rank ; Sqn CO LORD Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 22. did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMING, target, Oschersleben, target time, , altitude, route scheduled, , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over 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". Lt. W. R. Farrell and F/O Austen bailed out through the nose escape hatch. T/Sgt J. P. Roe and I went out through the rear escape hatch. Lt. J. J. Haffer went out the nose escape hatch.
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) No Knowledge
I did not see the aircraft anymore after I got out.
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Met T/Sgt. J. P. Roe in Prison camp in Germany.
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: **FLAHERTY, Francis J.**
Rank: **1st Lt.**
Serial number: **O-801553**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Pilot**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Heard he was killed in the cockpit of the
ship.

Source: NAVIGATOR

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately fourteen

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HOFFER, John I.**
Rank: **2nd Lt.**
Serial number: **O-676799**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: **CP**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: Heard he was wounded ^{bailed out} and evaded

Source: Navigator

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately thirteen

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BRIGHT, Netra J.**
Rank: **T/St.**
Serial number: **35496704**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~CREW (BOMBER)~~: **TIG**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any newsay information: Heard he was killed in the shipSource: Navigator

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately fourteen

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LARSON, Burling (NMI)** File # **2930**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **12139356**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer (Observer)~~: **BTG**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? I believe he was killed in the ship.

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

standing in front of me when 20 m.m. burst. On floor of ship when I left.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? Doubled up on the floor of ship

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I think he was
killed with the same burst that wounded me.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately fourteen

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTLER, Arthur N.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **31101297**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~ (Fighter): **TE**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KIZYAK, Henry R.**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **12066799**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Crew (Fighter)~~: **RWG**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? I believe he was killed in the ship.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was standing beside me when 20 mm. burst.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? On floor of ship when I left.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately fourteen

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name William Richard Farrell Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0749765
2. Organization 381 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO Lord Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1934 month Feb day 22 did you go down?
PILOT OScherleben OSerscheben
4. What was the mission, BURCAFT Component target, OScherleben GERMANY target
time, 2:20 pm altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, Wash Eng -
Zuiden Sea - voland - route flown same - on course
5. Where were you when you left formation? Guinea Sloth Germany
6. Did you bail out? Yes -
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Three others were able to bail out
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge (GROUND Brieffield @ Guinea Sloth Germany)
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 Knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? "
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?
Flight OFFICER - Austin, Russell - Stalag Luft 1 - Good Condition
SERGEANT Bukowski - Guinea Sloth, Ger - Badly wounded in Face - TAKEN
in same doctor and there detained -
SERGEANT Rowe - Frankfurt Ger - Shrapnel wounds along left side
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: BUTLER, Arthur N.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 31101297
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: TG

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13 - same as crew

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KRZYZAK, Henry R.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12066799
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: RWG

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No KnowledgeWhere? If not, why not? Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneWas he injured? Where was he when last seen? Any hearsay information: NoneSource: Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No KnowledgeTotal number of missions of above crew member: 13 - same as RestDates and destinations if possible: of crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LARSON, Burling (NMI)
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12139356
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Pilot)~~: BTG

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No KnowledgeTotal number of missions of above crew member: 13 -Dates and destinations if possible: Same as crew -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BRIGHT, Netra J.
Rank: T/St.
Serial number: 35498704
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~EXCELLENCE/EXCELLENCE~~: TTG

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No Knowledge -

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? IN TOP TURRET

Any hearsay information: GERMANS SAY - dead - Found dog tags -

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12-OR 14 ABOUT SAME AS NEXT

Dates and destinations if possible: OF CREW -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 2930

Name of crew member: HOFFER, John I.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-676799
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~EXPLORER (PILOT)~~: CP

Did he bail out? No Knowledge -

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Yelled Get Out - Just before oxygen bottles exploded

Was he injured? No Not Injured

Where was he when last seen? In Co Pilot's seat

Any hearsay information: German's say dead - Found his dog tags

Source: German Interrogation Officer

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: believe 13 - (About the same

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

As pilots -

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FLAHERTY, Francis J.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: O-801553
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

File # 2930

Did he bail out? No Knowledge -

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

Signaled with hand to Get out - Co-pilot said "Get out"

Was he injured? No - Not then -

Where was he when last seen? In Pilot's seat

Any hearsay information: GERMANS SAY Found dead in plane

Identified by dog tags

Source: German Interrogation Officer

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

As soon as I left the Pilot's camp - some shells exploded ca
 using the oxygen tanks - causing plane to burn rapidly -

Total number of missions of above crew member: Flying his Thirteenth

Dates and destinations if possible: Dolingen, G - (Nov 30 - 41) Paris - Bremen - Bremen -

Oswinbrouh - CAIRIS - Dec 24 - 41) Mannheim - Kiel - Ludwigshafen - Osebachleben

Jan 11 - Frankfurt - Aschleichen - Feb 20 - Osebachleben Feb 22 -

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ROE, JOHN PETER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 32436119
2. Organization 381 Gp Commander LIEBER Rank Lt/Col. Sqn CO FITZGERALD Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, AUSCHERSLAGEN, target, FACTORY, target time, UNKNOWN, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, DIRECT ROUTE (APPROX), route flown ROUTE SCHEDULED (BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE)
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER BCHOFFELD, 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".
- | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Lt. FARRGH | - | OVER BCHOFFELD | - | OUT NOSE | - | APPROX 1300 HRS |
| S/SGT BUKOWSKI | - | " | - | OUT WAIST | - | " " |
| T/SGT ROE | - | " | - | " | - | " " |
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? OUTSIDE OF TOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) - S/SGT B. LARSON
S/SGT H. KRZYZAK - S/SGT. A BUTLER -
11. Where were they in aircraft? BUTLER IN TAIL - KRZYZAK AND LARSON
IN WAIST
12. What was their condition? KRZYZAK AND LARSON - DEAD - BUTLER - UNKNOWN
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE SEEN BEFORE TAKE OFF AND ALL IN GOOD CONDITION
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUTLER, Arthur H.**
 Rank: **S Sgt.**
 Serial number: **11101297**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Fighter~~ (Fighter): **TO**

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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: _____

Before take off.Was he injured? UnknownWhere was he when last seen? In tailAny hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

Believe he got it on the first pass, as
nothing was heard from him during
or after said attack.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KRZYZAK, Henry R.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **12066799**
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (**Fighter**): **ENG**

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Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Dead

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

During fighter attack

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In Waist

Any hearsay information: No - to best of my knowledge he was dead in waist after 20 min of fire from fighters. Checked him before I jumped.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LARSON, Darling (NMI)**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **12139356**
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Fighter): **BTG**

File # 2930

Did he bail out? ~~Yes~~ **No**

Where? _____

If not, why not? **Dead**

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

During fighter attack

Was he injured? **Yes**

Where was he when last seen? **In Waist**

Any hearsay information: **No - to the best of my knowledge he was dead in the waist after 20 mm fire from fighters. Checked him before I jumped.**

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Unknown**

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BRIGHT, Notra J.**
Rank: **T/SGT**
Serial number: **35498**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~: **TTO**

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Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? "

If not, why not? "

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

During fighter attack

Was he injured? + Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HOFFER, John I.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-676799**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **CP**

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Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Belofeld Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

During fighter attack.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: Supposed to have evaded and gotten back to England.

Source: Waist Gunner Bukowski

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

No

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **FLAHERTY, Francis J.**
 Rank: **1st Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-801553**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Pilot**

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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: _____

During Wing Formation

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: Supposed to have gone down with ship

Source: Walt Gunner Bukowski

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

Wounded and went down with ship

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: Feb 22 /44 Aachenlaben

Dates unknown - Paris - Bremen, Ludwigshaven Germany

Kiel, Nancy, Aachenlaben, Pas De Calais

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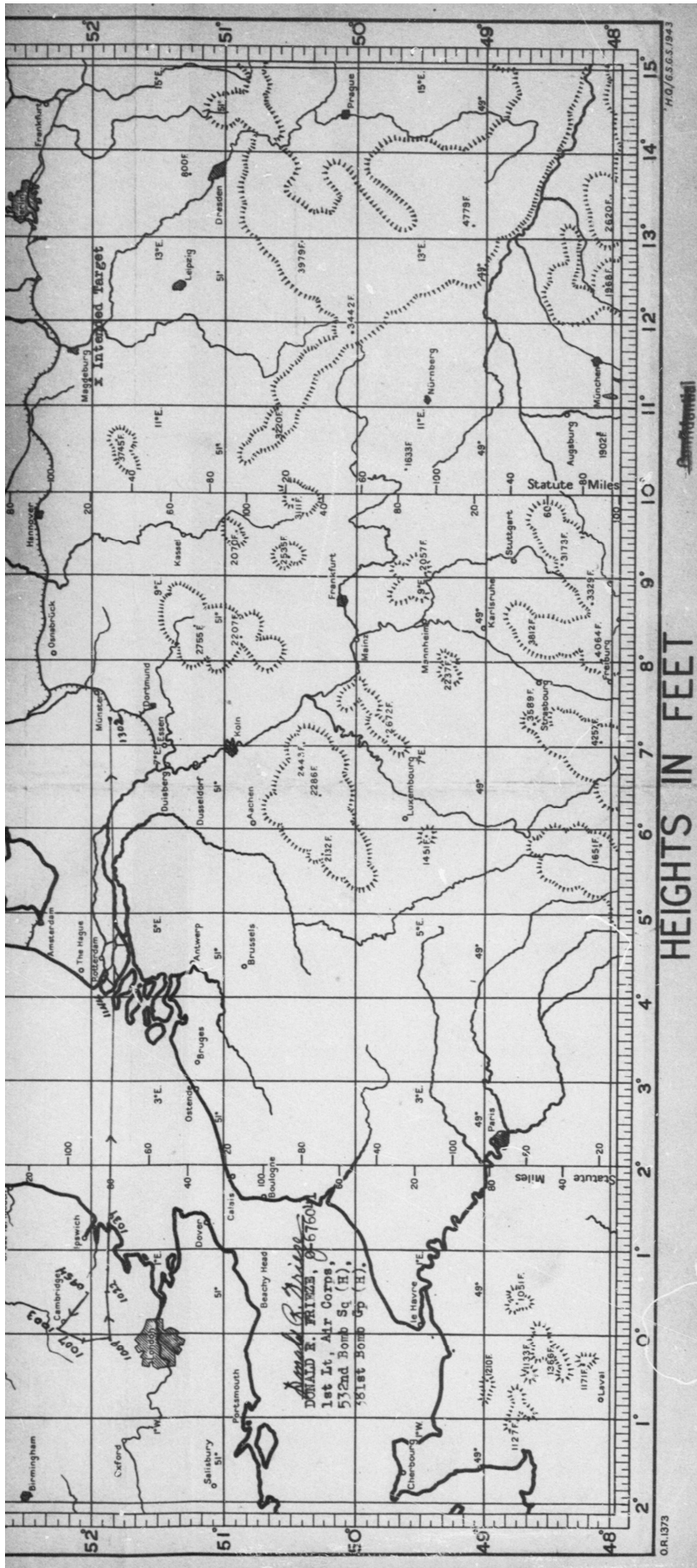
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Capt. Sinalal - 3 cases

Date	Writer	Wrote About
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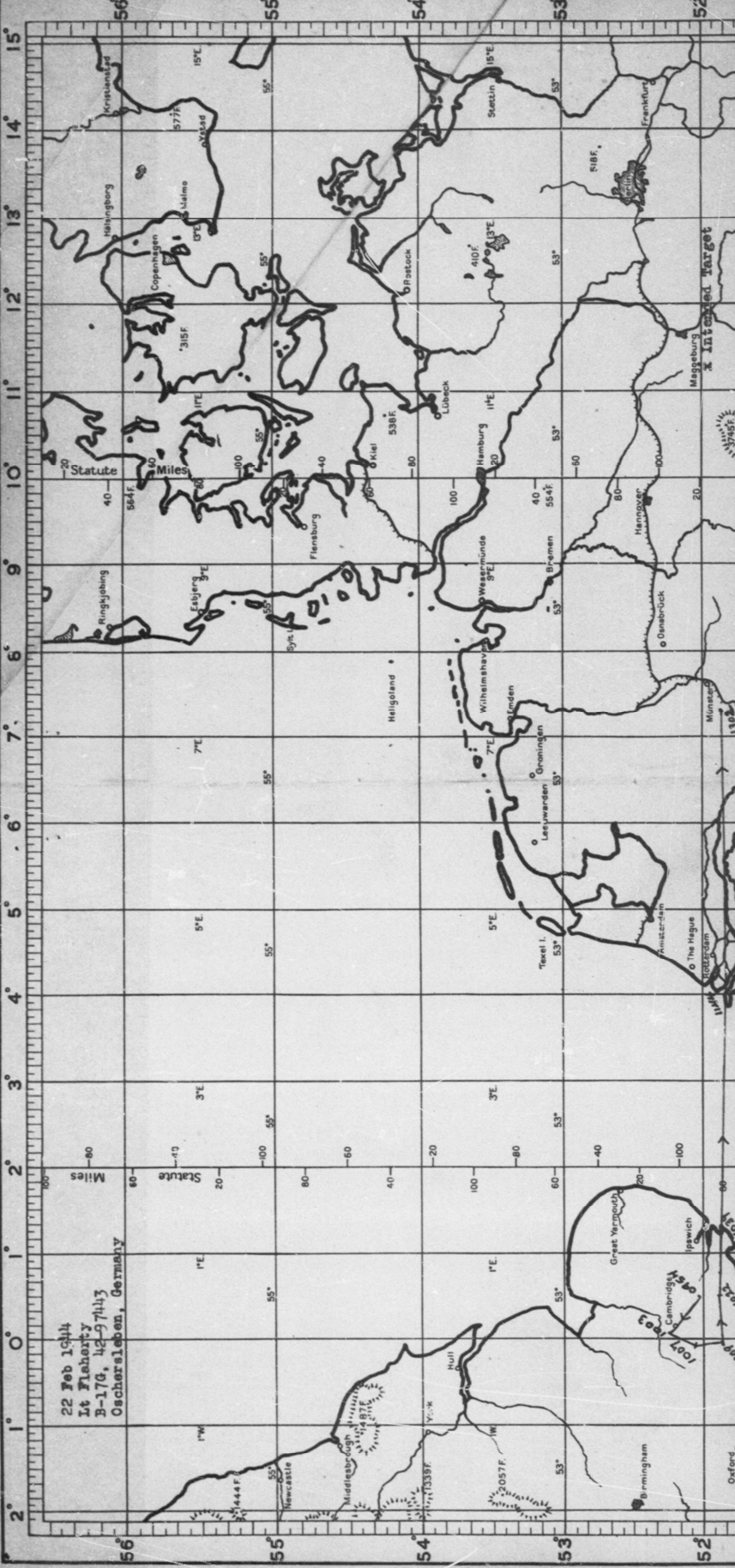


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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: AIR FIELD H.Q. LIPPSTADT

PLACE: ERWITTE

DATE: 25. February 1944 1830

REGARDING: ~~CRASH~~ (DOWNED) OF BOEING FORTRESS

AT: not known 22. February 1944 1900

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

D & AUSTIN F/O

FIRST NAME:

RUSSEL

SERIAL NUMBER (USA)

T - 122767 T 43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

ERWITTE 1830

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

LT. COLONEL AND AIR FIELD COMMANDER

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L F O U 116

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 27. February 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0705

ROLL:

FROM: L P F M

THROUGH: F A

REMARKS:

A L W L Y 409 26. February 1944 1220

To: transit camp air force OBERURSEL / TAUNUS

Re: B(air) 2706/07 IIc -

Subj.: Capture of a parachuted American Pilot
Place and time of capture: ERWITTE 25. February 1944 1830

RANK: flight officer

NAME: RAUSTIN

FIRSTNAME: RUSSEL

SERIAL NUMBER: T - 122767 T 43

STATUS: captured

LOCATION OF: BOKING (FORTRESS)

PLACE OF DOWNING: not known

KIND OF CAPTURE: downing by fighter

AIR FIELD H.Q. L I P P S T A D T

EXU

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532nd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
381st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

26 February 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Airplane on Combat Mission.

TO : Whom It May Concern.

1. On Combat Mission, 22 February 1944, I saw Ship #42-97443, at about 1200, leave our Group Formation and join the 91st Group Lead Formation. At about 1250 I noted that this ship was no longer flying with the Formation.

Henry F. Genthner
HENRY F. GENTNER,
1st Lt, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS OF ARMY AIRBASE A
QUESTERLONCASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 5Time covered by Report: 31 Jan. - 22 Feb. 1944
Distributed re Army Information CenterRegarding: Downed Boeing Fortress, at Frahn-Sonne II
near Bielefeld

Date and Time: 22 Feb. 1944 at 13,40 O'clock

1. Surname:	Hoffer
First Name:	John
A S No.:	O-076799 T 42 - 43
Rank:	Lieut.
Date of burial:	-----
Location of Grave:	Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld Section I, Subdivision No. 5 Grave No. 11

2. Surname:	Bright
First Name:	Notra.
A S No.:	35499104
Rank:	T/Sgt.
Date of burial:	-----
Location of Grave:	Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld Section I, Subdivision No. 5 Grave No. 10

3. Surname:	Flaherty
First Name:	Francis
A S No.:	O-601555 T 43
Rank:	Lieut.
Date of burial:	-----
Location of Grave:	Cemetery of Sonne at Bielefeld Section I, Subdivision No. 5 Grave No. 9

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CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 5

Time covered by report: 21 January - 22 February 1944
Distributed to Army Information Center, Berlin W 50

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>A. S. No.</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>	<u>Location of Grave</u>	<u>Place and Time Air- craft was downed</u>
1. Lt.	Flaherty	Francis	O-601535 T 43	1 March 1944 at 11,00	Cemetery of Zenna at Birolefeld; Able, Section 5 Grave No. 2	B-27, Fortress at Frankenstein II at Birolefeld 23 Feb. 1944 at 13,40
2. S/Sgt.	Bright	Walter	35490104	"	Same; Grave No. 10	"
3. Lt.	Hoffer	John	O-676799 T 42-43	"	" Grave No. 11	"
4. Lt.	Scott	Joseph	O-811810	"	" Grave No. 12	"
5. S/Sgt.	Krynak	W. E.	1206722	"	" Grave No. 13	"
6. S/Sgt.	Larson	Burling	12130356	"	" Grave No. 14	"
7. Lt.	Seled	Hilton	O-743043 T 43	25 Feb. 1944 at 10,00	East Cemetery of Leipoldshoche; Community Ebenhausen/ Westfalen; Common Grave No. 7	Beeing B-17, at Hille- Gessen; Community Ebenhausen/Grave 22 Feb. 1944 at 13,30
8.	unknown	unknown	unknown	"	"	"
9.	"	"	"	"	"	"
10.	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Roe, John Peter, T/1st.
Ident. Tag: 32436119
Taken prisoner

Farnell, William Richard, 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: O-749765-
Taken prisoner

Austin, Russell David, Flt. Com. Aug. 22, 1916
Ident. Tag: T-122767
Taken prisoner

✓ Hoffer, John, Lt.
Dead

✓ Flaherty, Francis, Pt.
Ident. Tag: O-801553
Dead

✓ Bright, Noddy, T/1st.
Ident. Tag: 3549810
Dead

Bukowsky, Casimir J., S/1st.
Ident. Tag: 12207235-
Wounded
Location: in a field
hospital.

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
A. Henry F. Genter	1st Lt.	0-799066				X
B.						
C.						
D.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YLS 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 EYEWITNESS 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 24 February 1944

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Marvin D. Lord
(Signature of preparing officer) ASI
/T/ MARVIN D. LORD, Maj, AC.
Sqn 532nd Bombardment Squadron (H).
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by S. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AG
by P. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date MAR 16 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Ridgewell, England; Command or Air Force 8th Air Force; Group 381st Bomb (H) Squadron 532nd Bomb (H).
2. SPECIFY: point of departure Ridgewell, England; Course To Destination Intended Destination Oschersleben, Germany; Type of Mission Day-Combat.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Thin scattered clouds, about 5/10ths coverage at 5,000-7,000 ft. Visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22 Feb 44; Time 1302 and Location Near Munster, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) specify whether () last sighted; () last contacted by radio; () forced down; () seen to crash; or () information unavailable.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (x) Enemy aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; () other circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial NO. 42-3443
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series SW-3645; AAF Serial NO. SW-2143
(b) SW-3541 (c) SW-3751 (d)
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial Number)
K&H 684313, K&H 684126, K&H 683041, K&H 684457, B&A 890132, B&A 889756, B&A 889861, Frig - 650699, Frig - 647315, Frig - 684300, Frig - 684503, K&H 889639, K&H 883225
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; passengers 0
(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).

	Crew position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Number Serial
a.	Pilot	<u>(X-6-143) Flaherty, Francis J.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>KIA 0-801553</u>
b.	CP	<u>(X-6-149) Hoffer, John I.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>KIA 0-676799</u>
c.	N	<u>Austin, Russell D.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>RTD T-122767 RTD</u>
d.	B	<u>Farrell, William R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>RTD 0-749765 RTD</u>
e.	TRG	<u>(X-6-144) Bright, Notra J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>KIA 35498704</u>
f.	BOG	<u>Roe, John P.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>RTD 32436119</u>
g.	BTG	<u>(X-9-204) Larson, Burling (NMI).</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>KIA 12139356</u>
h.	RWG	<u>(X-9-203) Krzyzek, Henry R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>KIA 12066799</u>
i.	LW G	<u>Bukowski, Casimer L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>RTD 12207335 RTD</u>
j.	TG	<u>Butler, Arthur N.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>KIA 31101297</u>
k.				

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First Lieutenant Francis J. Flaherty

Mr. Frank P. Flaherty (Father)
Prattsburg, New York.

Second Lieutenant John I. Hoffer

Mr. John C. Hoffer (Father)
212 South Front Street,
Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

Flight Officer Russell D. Austin

Mr. William M. Austin (Father)
Electra, Texas.

Second Lieutenant William R. Farrell

Mrs. Mary O. Farrell (Mother)
2 Fleet Street,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant Notra J. Eright

Mrs. Cora M. Bright (Mother)
Lexington, Indiana.

Technical Sergeant John P. Roe

Mrs. Eva Roe (Mother)
134 Woolley Avenue,
New York, New York.

Staff Sergeant Burling Larson

Mrs. Ingburg Larson (Mother)
11 Rosedale Street,
Buffalo, New York.

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Staff Sergeant Arthur N. Butler

Mr. Dennis F. Butler (Brother)
7-18th Street Southeast,
Washington, D. C.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: L P O U 116

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 27. February 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0705

ROLL:

FROM: L P P M

THROUGH: F A

REMARKS:

A L W L I 403 26. February 1944 1220

To: transit camp air force OBERURSEL / TAUNUS

Re: D(air) 2704/07 Ixc -

Subj.: Capture of a parachuted American Pilot
Place and time of capture: BERNITZ 25. February 1944 1830

RANK: flight officer

NAME: BAUSTIN

FIRSTNAME: BUSSEL

SERIAL NUMBER: T - 128767 T 43

RESULT: captured

DOWNING OF: BOKING (FORTRESS)

PLACE OF DOWNING: not known

KIND OF CAPTURE: downing by fighter

AIR FIELD H.Q. LIPPSTADT