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B-17 42-3232/Flak Happy caduto presso Brescia

Delivered Cheyenne 5/4/43; Bangor 27/5/43; Assigned 350BS/100BG [LN-V]Thorpe Abbotts 9/6/43; Missing in Action Schweinfurt (Regensburg) 17/8/43 with Ron Hollenbeck, Co-pilot: John Williams, Navigator: Harry Weintraub, Bombardier: Zeke Buckner, Flight engineer/top turret gunner: Rush Mintz, Radio Operator: Emile Reimherr, Ball turret gunner: John Pachiotti, Waist gunner: Glen Keirse, Waist gunner: Bill Rouse, Tail gunner: Tom Flounders (10 Prisoner of War); enemy aircraft hit ship in bomb bay, and #4 feathered, crashed in mountains at Ghedi, 12 miles S of Brescia, It., heading for North Africa. Missing Air Crew Report 676. FLAK HAPPY.

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EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

MACR 676

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Glen H KIRSEY, S/Sgt, 38089004

22 June 1944

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Date)

350 Bomb Squadron, 100 Bomb Group

BAE #763

(Unit)

			MEMBERS OF CREW	PRESENT	OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	0-729657	1st Lt	Ronald W HOLLERBECK	P/W	
CO-PILOT	7-60810	F/O	John L WILLIAMS	P/W	
N/VIGATOR	0-667465	2d Lt	Harold L WEINTRAUB	P/W	
BOMBARDIER	0-731399	2d Lt	Zeak M BUCKNER, JR	P/W	
RADIO OPERATOR	34290593	T/Sgt	Maile A KEMMERER	P/W	
TOP TURRET GUNNER	14062348	T/Sgt	Rush S MINTZ	P/W	
MID TURRET GUNNER	38089004	S/Sgt	Glen H KIRSEY	ED	
W/ST GUNNER	20123753	S/Sgt	William A ROUSE	P/W	
W/ST GUNNER	33057029	S/Sgt	John Q PACIOTTI	P/W	
TAIL GUNNER	16034059	Sgt	Thomas E FLOWERS	P/W	

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
17 August 1943; 1300 hours; near GHEBI, Italy.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
The plane had Nos. 3 and 4 engines shot out; the former was wind-milling.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

All bailed out; all chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? The plane crashed into a mountain.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

All crew were seen alive on the ground.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

See below

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? The officers were seen on a train on the way to Germany by 1st Lt Frank WALKER. The EM all escaped from Camp 54. S/Sgt ROUSE was captured 27 February 44 and I received information that KEMMERER, MINTZ, PACIOTTI and FLOWERS were taken prisoner.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

Classification Change
by E. A. ... Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. ... Capt., AG
Date

OCT 19 1947

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Station 139 ; Command or Air Force VIII ;
Group 13000 Bomb Group (H) ; Squadron 350th B. Sq. Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 139 ; Course Regensburg ;
Intended Destination North Africa ; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17 Aug 45 Time 1030 approx and Location Yereva
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
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-17 ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3200
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-27 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-19764
(b) 43-67334 ; (c) 41-88432 ; (d) 41-82002
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) 503383 ; (b) 504179 ; (c) 503224 ; (d) 503296
(e) 313665 ; (f) 313725 ; (g) 313769 ; (h) 313813
(i) 303171 ; (j) 504082 ; (k) 313887 ; (l) 313773
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers ; 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot	Hollenbeck, Ronald W.	1st Lt	0-728057	RTD
2. C P	Williams, John L.	P/W	7-50910	RTD
3. Nav	Weintraub, Harold L.	P/W	0-867488	RTD
4. Bombardier	Suckner, Frank M., Jr.	P/W	0-731350	RTD
5. Aerial Engineer	Hintz, Rush S.	P/W	14062348	RTD
6. Waist Gunner	Bouse, William A.	P/W	20123753	RTD
7. Radio Gunner	Reinherr, Emil A.	P/W	34290593	RTD
8. Waist Gunner	Peletti, John G.	P/W	33057029	RTD
9. Ball Turret Gunner	Feinsey, Glen H.	P/W	38088004	RTD
10. Tail Gunner	Flounders, Thomas E.	P/W	16034088	RTD

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	Rank	Contacted		Saw	
			By	Last Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. De Marco, Bernard A.	1st Lt	0-701290	X			
2.						
3.						

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) Plane believed to have landed.
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. Information attached.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search made.

* The above listed guns are: Browning Date of Report 6 September 1945
Machine guns, Calibre 50. Type M2.

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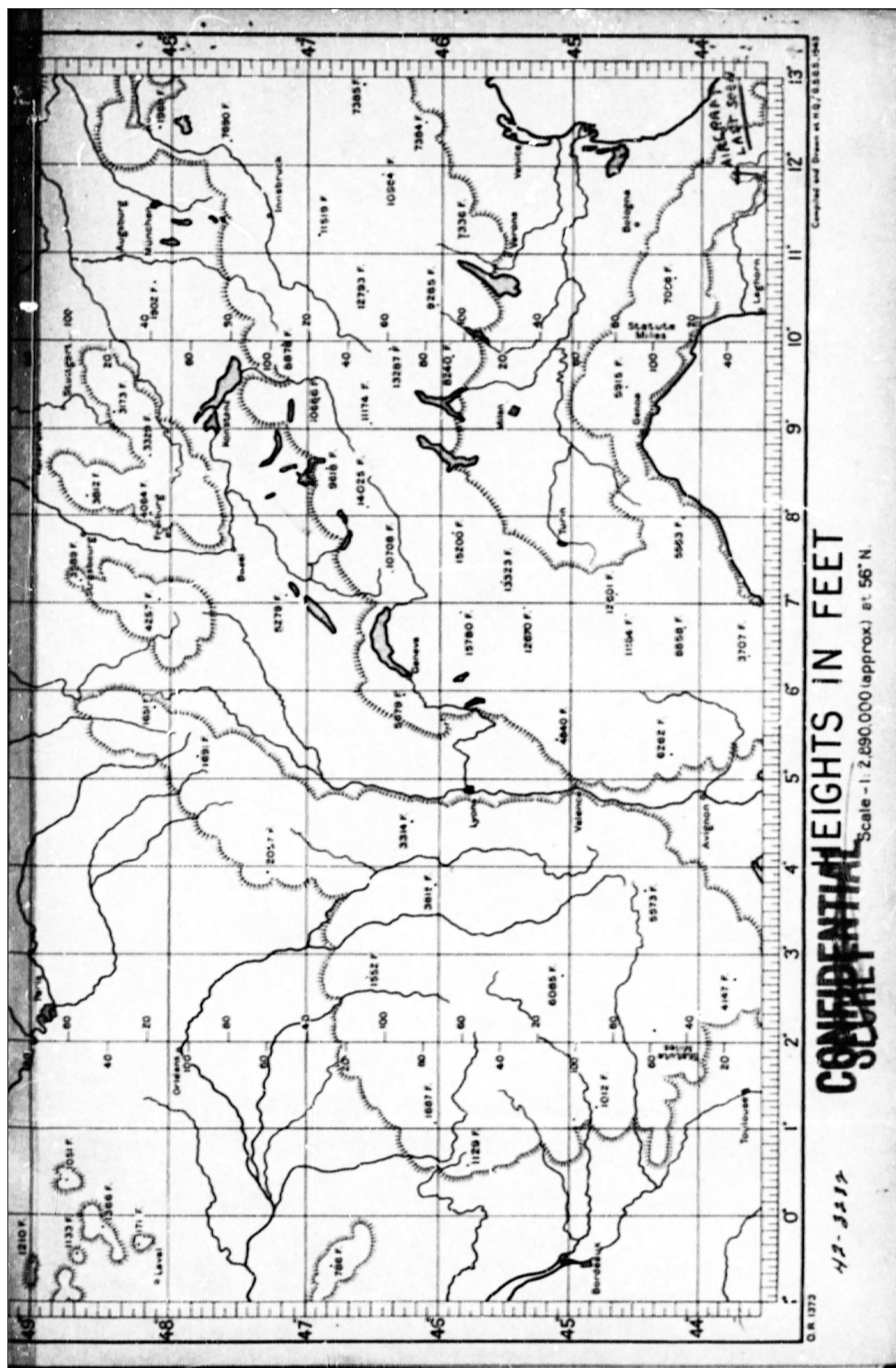
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
CLAUDE L. HOSFORD, Jr.,
1st Lt, AG, Personnel Officer.

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14. EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT:

B-17 #232 was hit in Bomb Bay and jettisoned its bombs fifteen minutes before the target. The bombs fell in a wooded area. It stayed with formation until we circled at Verona to pick up stragglers where it continued on Route alone. No. 4 engine feathered as A/C pulled away. It appeared that one of the crew was injured and was being worked on in nose of A/C. It is thought that this A/C may have landed at Gardinia.

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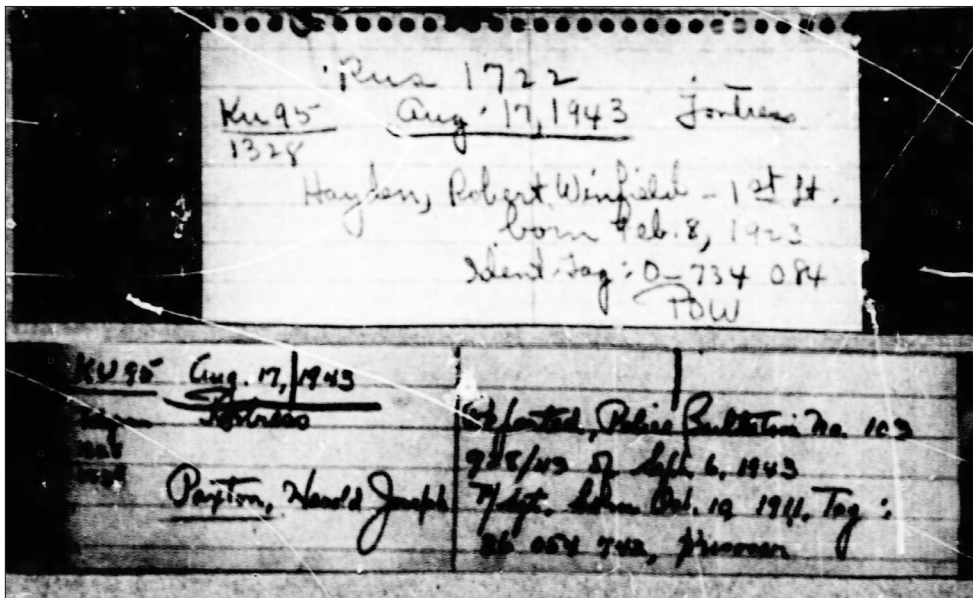
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Buckner, Fred M. Jr.	2 ^d Lt. 0-731357 - Euse
Flounders, Thomas E	Sgt. 16034057 - Euse
Hollenbeck, Ronald H. KORSEY	1 st Lt. 0-729857 - Euse
Kiersey, Glen H.	S-Sgt. 38089004 - EUS
Mintz, Ruth S.	T-Sgt. 14062348 - Euse
Paciotti, John G.	S-Sgt. 33057029 - Euse
Reimherr, Emil A.	T-Sgt. 34290593 - Euse
Rouse, William A.	S-Sgt. 20123753 - Rmc
Heintracht, Harold L.	2 ^d Lt. 0-667465 - Rmc
Williams, John L.	F/O 4-60810 - Euse

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B-17 42-3194/*Little Hell* caduto presso Fidenza

Delivered Cheyenne 17/3/43; Dow Field 11/6/43; Assigned 334BS/95BG [BG-A] Horham 19/6/43; 7m, Missing in Action Regensburg 17/8/43 with Bob Hayden, Co-pilot: Chas Meadow, Navigator: George Loring, Bombardier: Dick Bell, Flight engineer/top turret gunner: Harry Paxton, Radio Operator: Joe Eisenberg, obs-Lt John Lee (7 Prisoner of War); Ball turret gunner: John Riley, Waist gunner: Ken Mears, Waist gunner: Chas Hill, Tail gunner: Earl Moorer (4 Killed in Action); flak & fighter attacks, crashed Santa Margherita, 15 miles NW of Parma, Italy; Missing Air Crew Report 400. LITTLE HELL.



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to
by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AG
by F. C. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date MAR 1 1954

ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 AAF STATION 119; Command or Air Force 8AV SFG
Group 25th; Squadron 334th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF STATION 119; Course
Intended Destination REGENSBURG GERMANY THEN TO A Kind of Mission ARMED
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17-5-43; Time; and Location 44°40' N. 00°55' E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether ☒ Last Sighted; ☐ Last contacted by Radio;
☐ Forces Down; ☐ Seen to Crash; or ☐ Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one ☒ Enemy aircraft; ☐ Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ☐ Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B 17 F; A.M.F. Serial Number 42-3154
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1820-97; A.M.F. Serial Number (a) 41-58949
(b) 43-60487; (c) 41-55482; (d) 41-57501
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and Serial Number)
(a) 500 BOMBARDIER; (b); (c); (d)
(e) 500; (f); (g); (h)
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; 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).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
EUS1	Pilot	HAYDEN, ROBERT W.	1ST LT	0-734024
EUS2	Co-Pilot	MEADOW, CHARLES (WMI)	2ND LT	0-800917
EUS3	NAV	LORING, GEORGE H.	2ND LT	0-687412
EUS4	Bomb	WILL, RICHARD W.	1ST LT	0-404459
EUS5	ENG	EISENBERG, JOSEPH A.	T/SGT	3240224
EUS6	ENG	PAXTON, HAROLD J.	T/SGT	34084742
KIA7	ENG	RILEY, JOHN H.	2 SGT	11044344
KIA8	ENG	MEYER, EARL J.	S/SGT	34102218
KIA9	ENG	HILL, CHARLES E. JR.	S/SGT	32068940
KIA10	ENG	MEARS, KENNETH J.	S/SGT	11059682

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank	Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing

1. NOT AVAILABLE
- 2.
- 3.
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) UNKNOWN
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 NONE

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of Report 26-R-43

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

DAVID E. OLSON,
1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Operations Officer.

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ARMAMENT ON SHIP

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SERIAL</u>
G. W.	50 Cal	463785
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"	"	451985
"	"	451960
"	"	463845
"	"	463435
"	"	463636

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Chas. MEADOW Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-800912
2. Organization 95th (full name) Co Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO HARRY CROSBY (full name) Capt
3. What year 1943 month 8 day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Regensburg, target, Meier Factory, target time, 12:30, altitude, 18,000, route scheduled, East-West, route flown, North-East, Southwest Run
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over the Poe Valley Plain
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". R.W. Bell - Bailed home after 10th. Harold Boston returned home after 10th. George Strong home after liberation. Bombardier, Engineer & Navigator
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? outside Parma Italy
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Hill, Chas. R.W. Gunner, Moore, Earl Tail gunner, Please Men left waist gun, Kelly, Joe Ball turret
11. Where were they in aircraft? Radio Room
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? when last seen members were 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: SEITZ, Robert W.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-21004
Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bomber) Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Roma, Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Leaving Ship through Nav. Escape hatch

Was he injured? Not known

Where was he when last seen? on the Road to Musselburg Germany

Any hearsay information: January 30, 1945

believe he is home now living in Alameda
California - Conversation with members of
Stalag Luft III after Liberation in France
& England - Saw him last in England.

Source: _____

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

He is back at School in California
San Francisco

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RIEY, John E.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 11064346
Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? no.

Where?

If not, why not? Confusion

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

Ration Room

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? In Ship

Any hearsay information: Seen by Engineer

Source: Harold Paxton

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

Death

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: Not Known

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WICKS, Earl J.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 24523 *tail*
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ *Turret Gunner*

Did he bail out? no: Yes

Where? Over Italy - caught caught on horizontal stabilizer

If not, why not? (Confusion)

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

Room with parachute.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In bomb bay

Any hearsay information: Engineer saw body

Source: 1/c Harold Paxton Crew Member

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven or 8.

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Hill, Charles E. Jr.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32055410
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? fear and confusion

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: standing at bomb bay escape hatch in line to jump out.

Was he injured? not that he could see

Where was he when last seen? in radio room with parachute

Any hearsay information: Engineer saw body after plane crash in field between Parma & Fribourg Italy.

Source: Sgt. Harold Paxton crew member

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HILL, Charles E. Jr.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 32055960
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Right Waist Ganner~~ : Right Waist Ganner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Not Known

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

Others

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? 3rd in line To Jump

Any hearsay information: _____

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: MOORE, Earl J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 38109215
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and~~ Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? YES, BUT SHOT CAUGHT ON RIGHT HORIZONTAL STRAP

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

PREVIOUS PAGE

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? LAST IN LINE TO JUMP FROM REAR ROOM

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

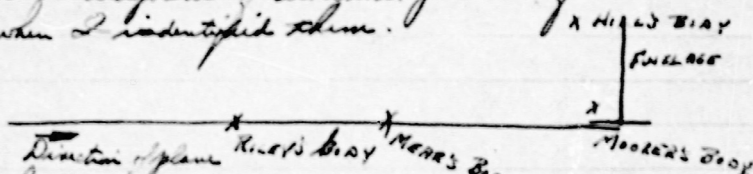
Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

EXPLANATION
 (OVER)

In discussion with the members of crew after capture, we evolved the theory that Sgt. Moore & Will went back to jump from which hat when Sgt. Riley blew jump from Rake Room & evidently pulled his rip. And so on, thereby getting hung upon the tail, which possibly frightened Will from jumping & he was still in the waist when the plane hit the ground causing injuries which cost him his life.

The fuselage was intact from just behind the Rake Room on back & came to rest upright down at approximately a 90° degree angle to the path which the plane took going into the ground. I managed to see the plane when it hit the ground, it went in on its right wing in an open field, bursting into flames. Following is a diagram of direction position of bodies as they were when I identified them.



Both Riley & Moore were burned. Moore was badly mangled & Will had received back injuries, but since his head had been wrapped in his chute I didn't look to see what his injuries were.

I hope this will enable you to ascertain the fate of these four fellows as I know it, for I have given this information several times & it hasn't been pleasant to check that scene over & over.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HEARS, Kenneth J.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial Number: 11089582
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Right Gunner~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Not Known

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

ORDER To Put On CHUTE PRIOR To JUMPING

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? BEHIND SET RILEY IN RADIO ROOM

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RILEY, John H.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 11046366
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~non-Flight Officer~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Reason Not Known - Supposedly From Fear

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: When Giving Orders To Put On Parachute - Prior To Jumping

Was he injured? Not At That Time

Where was he when last seen? Next In Line To Jump - From Ball Turret

Any hearsay information: Sgt Riley Was Killed When Plane Crashed - I Was Taken To The Scene To Identify The Bodies For The Italians & The Red Cross. I Was Told By An Interpreter That They Would Be Given A Military Funeral Nearby - So Their Graves Should Be In The Fidenza-Parma Area

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

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Name of crew member: HAYDEN, Robert W.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: O-734064
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxx~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR FRIEDLAND, ITALY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WHEN I BECAME
UNCONSCIOUS DUE TO

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? BY ME - IN THE COCKPIT

Any hearsay information: CAPTURED BY GERMANS - TRANSFERRED TO
GERMAN P.W. CAMP INSTEAD OF BEING TURNED OVER TO
THE ITALIANS

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: LT. HAYDEN
SURVIVED & WAS HOME ON TERMINAL LEAVE AT 329
HAYES AVE, ALAMEDA, CALIF. WHEN LAST I HEARD FROM
HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HAROLD J. TAYLOR Rank 1/1ST Serial No. 3605472
2. Organization 95th Gp Commander GERARD Rank 1st Lt Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month AUGUST day 17th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, RENNESBURG, target. ME109 FACTORY, target
time, 11:00, altitude, 15,000 ft route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? NAKE LINTANLA
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - PILOT - CO-PILOT - BOMBARDIER
NAVIGATOR & RADIO OPERATOR
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". NAVIGATOR, BOMBARDIER
PILOT - FROM FORWARD LANDING MAT. CO-PILOT, RADIO OPERATOR
& MYSELF - FROM BOMBAY
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR FRIEDENLA ITALY - NOT
FOR FROM PARMA
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) BOMB TURRET GUNNER,
LEFT WING & RIGHT WING GUNNERS - TAIL GUNNER'S THERMIST
WINGED AIRLINE RIGHT HORIZONTAL STABILIZER
11. Where were they in aircraft? YES LINED UP IN RADIO ROOM
12. What was their condition? O.K. WHEN I LEFT SAW
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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DEAN, RICHARD W. Rank CAPT Serial No. 040839
2. Organisation 75th Gp Command Rank Col Sqn CO Connally Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Aug day 17 did you go down? yes
4. What was the mission, Attack Geronimo, target, A-2-1000 GCP, target
time, _____, altitude, 17,000 route scheduled, _____
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Lake Garda, Italy
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes 6 Total
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 near
Frederenza, Italy which is near Parma, Italy. Time was near 1400
17 Aug 43 - No Knowledge as to how!
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near FREDENZA, Italy
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) From Information
received from 1st Lt. Patton the following 5/10th were in plane on crash:
Dean, R.D., Moore, E.L., Moore, R.D., Riley, J.H.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Moore was entangled in tail - the others in main cabin
12. What was their condition? To my knowledge none were injured
13. When, where, and in what condition, did you last see any members not already described above?
Wendell Charles 2nd as Co-Pilot - both were injured - physically sound
Patton, Harold 1st Lt. Hospital - both were injured - believed to have had
some illness - may be a social one
Moore, E.L. 2nd Lt. - Moore, R.D. 2nd Lt. - Physically sound &
both were injured - both were injured - both were injured
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: BAHNS, Robert W.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-7744
Position: Crew (Bomber) (Bombardier) Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? NEAR FREDENZA, ITALY

If not, why not? —

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

He Told me to bail out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I saw him in Eng. Aug. 1945

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He is now at his home in Oakland Calif. As I have received correspondence from him since returning to the States

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 17 1943 Destination N Africa
Bailed out near Fredenza Italy. Target was
Regensburg, Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RILEY, John E.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 1284344
Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? -

If not, why not? Decided to take chances by remaining with airplane

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

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? Radio Room with chute on

Any hearsay information: Same as 1/2 Hill

Source: 1/2 Paulsen, Harold J.

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

It is believed that he decided to take chances by remaining with aircraft since 1/2 Moore was caught in tail elements being support by his entangled chute. However 1/2 Riley shot down a FW 190 on this mission

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 17, 1942, Base crashed at Erdonze, Italy. Destination - Africa

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MEARS, Kenneth J.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 2109940
 Position: Crew (Bomber): Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Perhaps he believed chances better to remain with plane

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

None

Was he injured? killed

Where was he when last seen? Reels Room with chute ON

Any hearsay information: Same as S/S Hill - It is believed that when S's Mearns's chute became entangled in tail assembly, S's Mearns decided to take chances by remaining with aircraft altho the pilot gave express orders to leave the ship

Source: S/S Paxton, Harold J. who viewed wreckage

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

Same as S/S Hill

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 12 1942 Freize, Italy

Destination N. Africa

Target aircraft factory Regensburg Germany

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Name of crew member: Hill, Charles E. Jr.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3825940
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? It is believed by S/Sgt. Harold J. Paxton, who was on the crew, that S/Sgt. Hill decided to remain with the plane until the end of the crew members' escape was completed in full of ship.

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

Was he injured? Yes, killed

Where was he when last seen? in radio room with chatter by ^{confirmed} S/Sgt. Paxton

Any hearsay information: Ans. 3 above which was related to me shortly after the crash of plane - Perhaps 3 or 4 days after.

Source: S/Sgt. Harold J. Paxton who was supposed to visit WRECKAGE by Italian

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

I arrived at the conclusion that S/Sgt. Hill believed his chances to be regarded by remaining with airplane even though the pilot, Lt. Robert W. Hayden, gave the order to abandon ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6 - maybe one either way

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 17, 1943 about 1400 DESTINATION BASE IN N. AFRICA - PLANE CRASHED NEAR FREDEHAR, Italy which is near Parma Italy.

Notes:

1. S/Sgt. Paxton Aug 1, 1943?
2. Trossheim, Norway Jul 17, 1943 (Not with regular crew)
3. Trossheim, Norway Jul 29, 1943?
4. CAN'T REMEMBER OTHERS

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WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: LORING, George E., 2nd Lt., O-667412

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

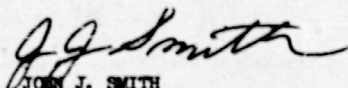
3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



JOHN J. SMITH
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KAUSE, Robert W.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-51000
Position: Crew (Bomber) (Pilot): Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Parma Italy

If not, why not? ---

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

we are leaving the ship

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? STANLAGER 7A at Moosburg Germany

Any hearsay information: He was in Stlog Luft 3 Sagan Germany
and taken to 7A at Moosburg in January and February
of 1945. I saw him a day or so after we were
liberated

Source: Lt George H Kerive

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

I thought he arrived home safe. I saw his
name on file at Camp Lucky Strike as
having passed thro there.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: La Palice, France July 4 - Kiel
Germany 24 July - Hanover, Ger 25 July 43 - Osterleben
Germany 26 July 43 - 2 Airports near Reims July 15 Aug 43
Roggenburg Ger 17 August 43

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: HILL, Charles E. Jr.
 Rank: 2/Lt.
 Serial number: 32055740
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Reason not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: At the time we left formation all gunners reported OK

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At the escape hatch in the rear of plane

Any hearsay information: The radio man was the last to jump and he claims all 4 gunners were at the escape door when he jumped. The Italians took the engineer to identify the bodies. He claims the tail gunner's parachute was wrapped around the tail, as if he jumped

Source: T/Sgt Joseph Eisenberg - Radio Man

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: T/Sgt Harold Paxton - Engineer

If he saw the tail gunner with his chute caught he might of waited too long to jump

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6

Dates and destinations if possible: 1st Kitz Germany 24 July 43 2nd Hanover Germany 25 July 43, 3rd Osterleben, Germany 26 July 43
4th Airport in France 15 Aug 43, 5th Regensburg 17 Aug 43
I think this man made other raids with another crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HELTZ, John E.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 1104464
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? -----

If not, why not? Reason not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As the plane left the formation all gunners reported all right

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At the escape hatch in the rear of the plane

Any hearsay information: The radio man who was the last to jump claims all four gunners were at the escape door when he jumped. The Italians took the engineer to identify the hoodies. He claims the tail-gunner parachute was wrapped around the tail, as if he jumped and pulled the parachute too soon.

Source: T/Sgt Joseph Eisenberg - Radioman T/Sgt Harold Paxton - Engineer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If he saw the tail gunner with his parachute caught, he might have waited too long to jump.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 Or 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Miel, Germany 24 July 43 Panover, Germany 25 July 43 Ostersleben, Germany 26 July 43 2 airport near Reims 15 August 43 Regensburg, Germany I think this man made other raids with another crew.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WHEAT, Kenneth J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 1124922
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Wingman (Navigator)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? -----

If not, why not? Reason not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As the plane left the formation all gunners reported in all right.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At the escape hatch in the rear of the plane.

Any hearsay information: The radioman who was the last to jump claims all four gunners were at the escape door when he jumped. The Italians took the engineer to identify the bodies. He claims the tail-gunner's parachute was wrapped around the tail, as if he jumped and pulled the parachute too soon.

Source: T/Sgt Joseph Eisenberg Radioman T/Sgt Harold Paxton Engineer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If he saw the tail gunner with his parachute caught, he might have waited too long to jump.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 or 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Kiel, Germany 24 July 43 -- Hanover, Germany 25 July 43 -- Osteralaben, Germany 26 July 43 -- 2 airports near Reims France 15 August 43 Regensburg, Germany 17 August. I think that this man made other raids with another crew.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROBERT, Earl J.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3009015
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Parrot Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? -----

If not, why not? Reason not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: As the plane left the formation all gunners reported all fight.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? At the escape hatch in the rear of the plane.

Any hearsay information: The radio man who was the last to jump claims all four gunners were at the escape door when he jumped. The Italians took the engineer to identify the bodies. He claims the tail-gunner parachute was wrapped around the tail, as if he jumped and pulled the parachute too soon.

Source: T/Sgt Joseph Eisenberg Radioman T/Sgt Harold Paxton Engineer

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If he jumped and pulled the parachute too soon it caught on the tail.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 or 6

Dates and destinations if possible: Kiel, Germany 24 July 43 Hanover, Germany
25 July 43 Guterslaben, Germany 26 July 43 2 airports near Reims
15 August 43 Regensburg, Germany 17 August 43 I think this man
made other raids with another crew.

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1. Your name George H. LORING Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 0-667412
1st Lt. 55459
2. Organization Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO Harry Conley Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Regensburg Gnr, target, ME 109 factory, target
time, 2200, altitude, 8,000 route scheduled, England -
Regensburg - Africa, route flown England - Regensburg - Africa
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Lake Garda in N. Italy
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Lt except ball turret
2 waist and tail gunners
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". Co Pilot - Chas Meadows 2nd Lt
Bombardier - R. Bell 1st Lt, T/Sgt Foster, T/Sgt Eversberg, Lt Hayden all
bailed out and were taken prisoner by the Italians. Pilot 1st Lt
Hayden bailed out and was taken prisoner by the Germans
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Fidenza Italy
Parma
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 9 above and individual questionnaires) Sgt Morris, Morris
Riley and Hill
11. Where were they in aircraft? Gunnery in rear of aircraft
12. What was their condition? No wounds
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt Hayden was in prison camp with me
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)

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NINETY FIFTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer

25 August 1943

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I hereby certify that no eyewitness is available for this report.

I further certify that the following is a correct statement of facts as obtained from the G-2 files for this mission.

B 17 F 42-3194 piloted by 1ST LT ROBERT W. HAYDEN was hit by enemy aircraft and over Italy 44°40' North 09°55' East left the formation. No chutes were seen to leave the ship, however just prior to a crash landing the aircraft was seen to explode.

David E. Olsson
DAVID E. OLSSON,
1st Lt, Air Corp.,
Asst Operations Officer.

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