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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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## MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location KIMBOLTON ENGLAND, Command or Air Force 8th A.F.  
Group 379th Bomb GP (H); Squadron 526TH
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure KIMBOLTON, ENGLAND; Course ROUEN, FRANCE  
Intended Destination KIMBOLTON ENGLAND; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
3/10's CLOUD TOPS AT 15,000 FEET UNLIMITED VISIBILITY
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 AUGUST 1944 Time 1305 and Location 48 46N - 0007W  
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.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check  
only one ( ) Enemy aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances  
as follows 7 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series, B-17-G A.A.F. Serial Number  
42-31927 X.
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a)  
43-65921 (b) SW-757; (c) SW-003100 (d) 41-42129
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
12 CALIBER 50 M-2 BROWNING MACHINE GUNS.
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS (a) Battle Casualty X
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 9 PASSENGERS 0 TOTAL 9

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.
PILOT	FELGAR, ROBERT P., JR.	1ST LT.	0-757170 RTD.
COPILOT	BENITEZ, HENRY C.	1ST LT.	0-24806 (524th Sq)
NAVIGATOR	GREGORY, HOMER (NMI)	2nd LT.	0-709353 RTD
BOMBARDIER	HANSEN, J. W. (I.O.)	2ND LT.	0-761429 RTD
RADIO OPER.	MOELLERING, RONALD A.	T/SGT.	37417709 RTD
TOT TURRET	CHASE, ALBERT W.	T/SGT.	31265983 RTD
BALL TURRET	SWINGER, HARRY H.	S/SGT.	17077300 RTD
W/ST GUNNER			
W/ST GUNNER	WELLER, CARL J., JR.	S/SGT.	36594250 RTD
TAIL GUNNER	FOX, ROBERT R.	S/SGT.	15097405

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	ASN	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	FORCED LANDED.
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1. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X (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; 48 46N - 00 07W.
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 NO SEARCH MADE.

DATE OF REPORT.

15 AUGUST 1944.

M. A. PRESTON,  
Colonel, A.C.,  
#20673

P. T. MCKENNA,  
CAPT. A. C.  
STATISTICAL OFFICER

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BENITEZ, Henry, C.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-24806

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

Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? FELL THRU ESCAPE HATCH JUST AS PLANE EXPLODEDWhere? VICINITY OF FALISE, FRANCE. - (BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALaise)

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO VOICE CONTACT.HE BENT OVER ESCAPE HATCH, WAVED TO ME, AND FELL OUT HATCH. PLANE EXPLODED AT THAT INSTANT THROWING BOMBARDIER AND MYSELF INTO SPACE.Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? FALLING OUT ESCAPE HATCH.

Any hearsay information: THERE WAS SOME TALK AMONG THE GERMANS ABOUT ONE OF OUR BOYS THEY FOUND WITH HIS 'CHUTE UNOPENED. I DID NOT HEAR THIS FROM THE JERRIES THEMSELVES BUT THE BOMBARDIER TOLD IT TO ME. I WAS KNOCKED UNCONCIOUS WHEN I LANDED, DUE TO A LARGE HOLE TORN IN MY 'CHUTE, AND COULD NOT MAKE OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON FOR AWHILE.

Source: BOMBARDIER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD IT FROM THE JERRIES WHO CAPTURED US.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION OF THE PLANE, AS I WAS CROUCHED RIGHT BEHIND HIM READY TO BAIL OUT, AND WHEN HE FELL FORWARD THE PLANE BLEW UP BEFORE I COULD FALL OUT BEHIND HIM, JUST AS HE CLEARED THE HATCH THE PLANE EXPLODED, PROBABLY HIT BY PIECES OF THE PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: IT WAS HIS FIRST MISSION.Dates and destinations if possible: AUG. 13, 1944 - RAILROAD LINE APPROX. 50 MI. NORTHWEST

30 MILES WEST OF PARIS. WE WERE TRYING TO CUT OFF SUPPLIES AND MEANS OF RETREAT TO THE JERRIES IN NORMANDY.



Name of crew member:

**CHASE, Albert, W.**

Rank:

7/Sgt.

Serial number:

31265923

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

### Top Turret

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? VICINITY OF FALISE, FRANCE (IF HE DID) BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALAISE.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO VOICE CONTACT.  
I HANDED HIM FIRST AID BANDAGES OUT OF THE FIRST AID KIT IN THE NOSE, SO HE  
COULD BANDAGE THE PILOT'S HAND WHICH HAD BEEN WOUNDED. CO-PILOT WAS FLYING  
PLANE.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? <sup>BESIDE</sup> ~~BEHIND~~ PILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: CREW MEMBERS I MET IN FRANCE AFTER WE WERE

LIBERATED SEEMED TO THINK FLAMES FROM OUR PLANE HAD CAUGHT HIS

'CHUTE ON FIRE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY BASED THIS ON, WHETHER THEY

SAW IT, OR HEARD IT ON THE GROUND FROM THE JERRIES, I BELIEVE THEY

PICKED IT UP FROM THE JERRIES. THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS WHEN I PASSED THE BANDAGES UP TO HIM IN THE PILOTS COMPARTMENT. HE DID NOT COME DOWN TO THE

Source: ENLISTED MEN OF CREW I SAW IN FRANCE AFTER LIBERATION, NOSE HATCH TO BAIL OUT.

any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE DID NOT

COME TO THE ESCAPE HATCH IN THE NOSE TO BAIL OUT. I BELIEVE HE

WAS IN THE PLANE WHEN IT BLEW UP. MAYBE HE WENT TOWARD THE

TAIL TOGETHER AND DIDN'T MAKE IT. I CAN ONLY GUESS ABOUT THIS.

AS I HAVE NO DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE TO GO ON.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 31

Dates and destinations if possible: JUNE 6 - 1944 - ARROMANCHES, FRANCE  
JUNE 6 - 1944 - CONDE SUR NOIREAU, FRANCE  
JUNE 7, '44 - FLEURS, FRANCE JUNE 10, '44 - VANNES, FRANCE JUNE 14, '44 - CREIL, FRANCE  
JUNE 8, '44 - ORLEANS, FRANCE JUNE 12, '44 - PONTAUBAULT, FRANCE JUNE 16, '44 - LAON COUVREY, FR.  
JUNE 20, '44 - HAMBURG, GERMANY JUNE 22, '44 - MARQUISE MIMOYEQUES, FRANCE  
JUNE 21, '44 - BERLIN, GERMANY JUNE 22, '44 - LILLE, FRANCE

JUNE 24 '44 - BREMEN, GERMANY

JUNE 25, '44 - COULANGES SUR YONNE, FRANCE JULY 12, '44 - MUNICH, GERMANY

~~THE~~ JULY 4 '44 - ST. ANDRE, FRANCE

JULY 5 - VOLKEL, FRANCE

JULY 6, '44 - AIRE, FRANCE

JULY 7, '44 - LEIPZIG, GERMANY

JULY 24, 44 - ST. LO, "

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JULY 29, '44 - MERS BERG, GERMANY  
AUG. 5, '44 - HANNOVER, "  
AUG. 7, '44 - PARIS, FRANCE  
AUG. 8, '44 - BRETTEVILLE, FRANCE  
AUG. 13, '44 - RAILROAD LINE ~~WEST~~ OF PARIS APPROX. <sup>50</sup>~~20~~ MILES  
NORTHWEST



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: FOX, Robert, R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 15097405  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? VICINITY OF FALISE, FRANCE (BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALaise)

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

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

Was he injured? NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

Where was he when last seen? LIBERATED PRISONER AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE

Any hearsay information: FOX BAILED OUT BEFORE OUR PLANE

BLEW UP. WAS CAPTURED AND A P.O.W. UNTIL LIBERATED IN THE  
LAST FEW DAYS OF THE WAR IN THE E.T.O. I SAW HIM AT  
CAMP LUCKY STRIKE IN MAY, 1945 WHILE WE WERE WAITING TO BE  
SHIPPED TO THE USA. HE LEFT AHEAD OF ME SO I HAVEN'T SEEN  
HIM SINCE THAT TIME.

Source: PERSONAL OBSERVATION

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: P.O.W.,

LIBERATED IN MAY 1945, AND HEADED OUT OF LUCKY  
STRIKE CAMP IN FRANCE FOR THE USA. THE LAST TIME I  
SAW HIM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 31

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS ALBERT W. CHASE ON  
PREVIOUS PAGE.

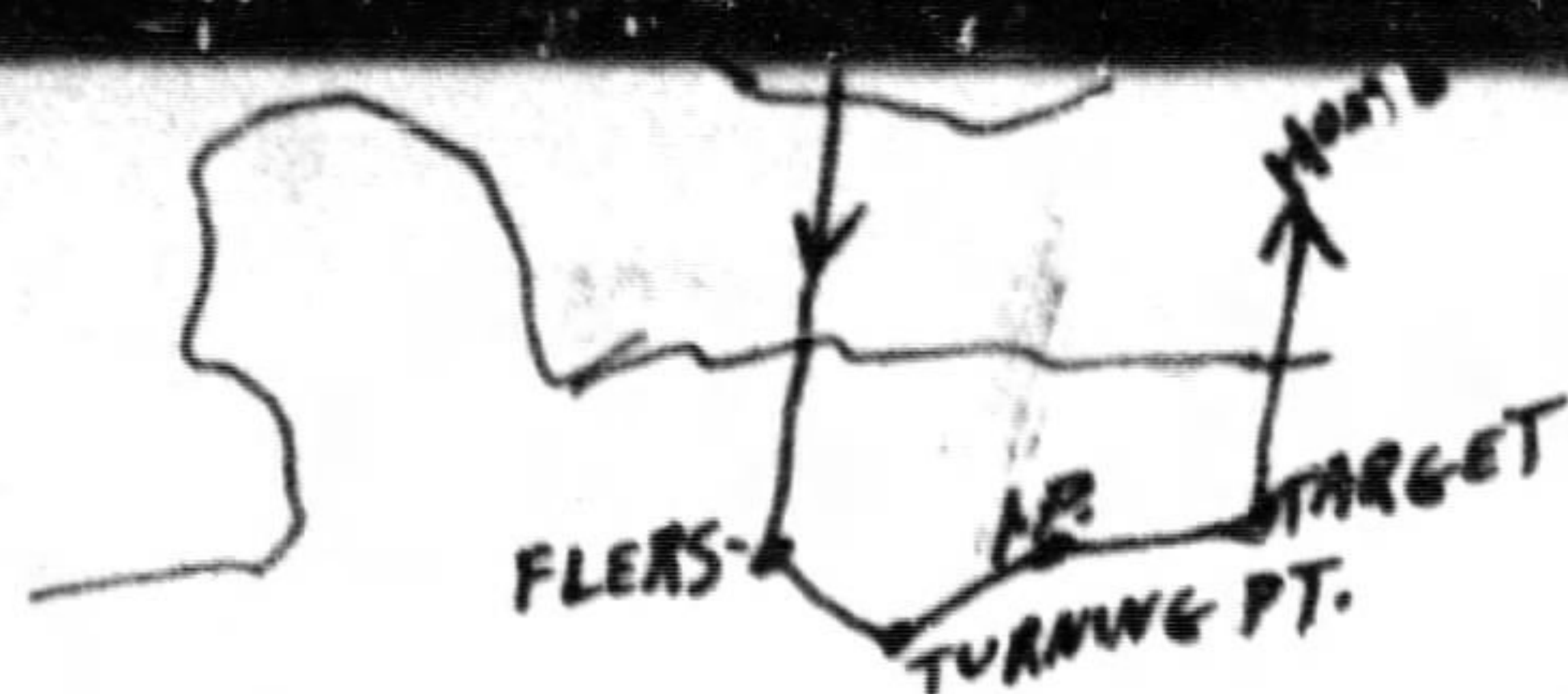


## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HOMER GREGORY Rank 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. Serial No. 0-709353
2. Organization 379<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GRP. Gp Commander PRESTON Rank COL. Sqn CO SIPES Rank LT. COL.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 13<sup>TH</sup> did you go down?
4. What was the mission, NORTH WEST OF PARIS, FR. target, RAILROAD LINES, target time, 1:30 PM. TARGET TIME, altitude, 20,000' route scheduled, (SEE OTHER SIDE), route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR ARGENTAN, FRANCE
6. Did you bail out? BLOWN OUT OF PLANE BY EXPLOSION OF SAME IN MID-AIR
7. Did other members of crew bail out? TAIL GUNNER, RADIO OP, BALL GUNNER, WAIST GUNNER - (PILOT, COMBARDIER, AND MYSELF WERE BLOWN OUT OF PLANE WHEN IT BLEW UP.) CO-PILOT WENT THRU HATCH JUST AS SHIP BLEW UP.
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". SWINGER, WELLER, FOX, McLELLAN ALL BAILED OUR REAR DOOR ABOUT 1:05 P.M., AUG. 13, 1944, BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALAISE, FR. - LT. BENITEZ BAILED OUT NOSE HATCH JUST AS PLANE BLEW UP AT ABOUT 1:05 P.M. AUG. 13, 1944 BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALAISE, FR. - LT. FELGAR, LT. HANSEN AND MYSELF WERE BLOWN CLEAR OF THE PLANE WHEN IT BLEW UP AND PARACHUTED DOWN SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALAISE, 13 AUG, 1944 ABOUT 1:05 P.M. SGT. CHASE - NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? BETWEEN ARGENTAN AND FALAISE, FR.
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 NONE (UNLESS IT WAS SGT. CHASE). PLANE BLEW UP AND WAS IN SEVERAL SECTIONS, PIECES, ETC.
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 CHASE IN PILOTS COMPARTMENT JUST AFTER WE WERE HIT. I PASSED HIM FIRST AID BANDAGES TO BANDAGE PILOTS HAND WHERE HE HAD BEEN HIT. THIS WAS A FEW MINUTES BEFORE WE TURNED OUT OF FORMATION AND BLEW UP.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)





4. ROUTE SCHEDULED - LEFT SOUTHERN ENGLAND ON A MAGNETIC HEADING OF  $180^{\circ}$ . FIRST TURNING POINT WAS ~~FLEURS~~ FLEURS, FRANCE. FROM FLEURS WE WERE TO TAKE A HEADING OF  $155^{\circ}$ , FOR APPROX. 20 MI. THEN WE WERE TO TAKE A NORTHEAST HEADING LEADING TO THE I.P. AND THE BEGINNING OF THE BOMB RUN. HEADING DOWN BOMB RUN WAS TO BE APPROX.  $90^{\circ}$ , THEN TURN NORTH AND HEAD BACK TO ENGLAND. (THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I CAN REMEMBER THE ROUTE) WE WERE HIT OVER FLEURS, BUT WE TURNED ON TO THE NEW HEADING AND FLEW WITH THE FORMATION FOR MAYBE 4 OR 5 MIN. BEFORE PULLING AWAY AND TURNING, OR ATTEMPTING TO TURN BACK TOWARD THE BEACH HEAD AREA. ABOUT THE TIME WE STARTED TO TURN OUT OF FORMATION WE BEGAN TO BAIL OUT. SMOKE FILLED THE NOSE OF THE SHIP IN BIG GUSHES. OUR MAIN OXYGEN TANKS WERE HIT AND WE COULD HEAR THE OXYGEN LEAKING OUT. THE 4 BOYS IN THE TAIL BAILED OUT, AND JUST AS THE CO-PILOT FELL THRU THE FRONT HATCH THE SHIP EXPLODED. THE BOMBARDIER & MYSELF WERE THROWN INTO SPACE. MY CHUTE WAS RIPPED OPEN AND TORN BY THE EXPLOSION BUT HELD ENOUGH AIR TO GET ME DOWN. I WAS UNCONCIOUS PART OF THE WAY DOWN, AND WAS KNOCKED OUT WHEN I HIT THE GROUND. WHILE IN THE AIR I SAW 4 CHUTES GROUPED TOGETHER, AND ONE NEAR ME (THE BOMBARDIER). I LATER FOUND OUT THAT THE PILOT WAS ALSO BLOWN CLEAR OF THE SHIP BY THE EXPLOSION. I NEVER KNEW WHAT HAPPENED TO CHASE, THE ENGINEER. HE DIDN'T COME DOWN TO THE NOSE HATCH TO BAIL OUT. THE CO-PILOT BAILED OUT JUST AS THE SHIP BLEW UP. HE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN CLEAR OF THE PLANE AND GOT HIT BY PIECES OF IT. THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH PIECES OF ALUMINUM, ETC. FLOATING DOWN. I THOUGHT MY CHUTE WOULD BE HIT SEVERAL TIMES. WE WERE AT 20,000' WHEN HIT. WE WENT INTO A STEEP DIVING TURN TO THE LEFT (TOWARDS THE COAST) AND BLEW UP. WHEN I LAST SAW THE AIRSPEED THE NEEDLE WAS PASSING 250 AND GOING UP. WE MUST HAVE LOST SEVERAL THOUSAND FT. IN THE DIVE BEFORE SHE BLEW. THE RIGHT WING (CO-PILOT'S SIDE WAS ON FIRE).



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BERITEZ, Henry, C.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-24806

Position: Crew (Engineer) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~

Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? YESWhere? NEAR CAEN, FRANCE

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: OVERINTERPHONE, TALKING TO THE PILOT.Was he injured? NO.Where was he when last seen? IN SHIP-

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I WASTOLD BY GERMANS AND PILOT, THAT HIS  
CHUTE CAUGHT FIRE AND WAS DISINTEGRATED  
WHEN SHIP BLEW UP-Total number of missions of above crew member: HIS FIRST MISSION.

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

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHASE, Albert W.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 3265983  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR, CAEN, FRANCE -

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

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

TALKING TO PILOT OVER INTERPHONE

Was he injured? NO -

Where was he when last seen? BAILING OUT OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: GERMANS SAID HIS CHUTE WAS  
DISINTEGRATED WHEN SHIP BLEW UP -

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33 MISSIONS

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



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

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

FOX, Robert, R.

S/Sgt.

15097405

Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

NEAR CAEN, FRANCE

If not, why not?

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

SEEN AT ESCAPE DOOR BEFORE BAILING OUT.

Was he injured?

NO --

Where was he when last seen?

AT STALAG 4-B (GERMANY)

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

MUST HAVE DIED IN THE HANDS OF  
GERMANS. I HEARD HE WAS IN BAD HEALTH  
A MONTH BEFORE MY LIBERATION --

Total number of missions of above crew member:

23 --

Dates and destinations if possible:



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WELLER, CARL, J, JR. Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 36594250
2. Organization 379 Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO ~~SGT~~ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUGUST day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ROAD JUNCTION, target, FRANCE, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? LEAD, LOW ELEMENT
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". RADIO, BALL, TAIL AND WAIST GUNNERS BAILED OUT AT WAIST ESCAPE DOOR, APPROX. -12:30. NEAR CAEN FRANCE, 16,000 FT. PILOT WAS BLOWN OUT AT 3 TO 5 THOUSAND FT.
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? WHEN I LEFT STALAG 4B ON MARCH I SAW TAIL, RADIO & BALL GUNNERS. ALL WERE IN FAIRLY GOOD HEALTH.
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: BENITEZ, Henry, C.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: O-24806  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~/(Fighter): Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? WAS TOLD BY GERMANS THAT HE DID, BUT NOT AFFIRMED

Where? IN THE VICINITY OF FALAISE FRANCE

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

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

NO KNOWLEDGE OF CONVERSATION, BUT HAD CONTACT SHORTLY BEFORE  
PLANE HIT.

Was he injured? BELIEVED OKAY, WHEN I LEFT AIRCRAFT

Where was he when last seen? WAS LAST HEARD FROM PRIOR TO BAILING OUT

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

SUPPOSITION THAT GERMANS TOLD ME. HE LEFT SHIP, BUT  
CHUTE BURNED UP OR DIDNT OPEN. NEVER HEARD OR SAW THEM  
AFTER LEAVING SHIP. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE  
TO AIRCRAFT WHEN IT BLEW UP.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIRST ONE TO MY KNOWLEDGE  
ONLY, FOR CHASE MADE THESE MISSIONS. BENITEZ DID NOT. SORRY ABOUT MISTAKE  
Dates and destinations if possible: DON'T HAVE COMPLETE LIST. = FRANCE RAIDS

- ARROMANCHES, FLERS, ORLEANS, TORRES, PONTAUBOULT, LILLE  
ST. ANDRE, PARIS, GERMAN RAIDS, = HAMBURG, LINDENWITZ, MERSEBURG,  
BERLIN, BREMEN, LEIPZIG, HANNOVER, MUNICH 4 TIMES. VOLKEL HOLLAND.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHASE, Albert W.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 32265983  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Top Turret

Did he bail out? WAS TOLD BY GERMANS THAT HE DID BUT NOT AFFIRMED

Where? IN THE VICINITY OF FALAISE FRANCE

If not, why not? -

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO KNOWLEDGE  
OF CONVERSATION, BUT BELIEVED OKAY PRIOR TO BEING HIT.

Was he injured? BELIEVED ALL RIGHT WHEN I LEFT AIRCRAFT

Where was he when last seen? WAS LAST SEEN & HEARD FROM, BEFORE BAILING OUT.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BASED ON  
SUPPOSITION & WHAT GERMANS TOLD ME. HE LEFT SHIP, BUT CHUTE BURNED  
UP OR DIDN'T OPEN. NEVER HEARD FROM HIM OR SAW HIM AFTER  
LEAVING SHIP. BELIEVED TO BE CLOSE TO AIRCRAFT WHEN IT  
BLEW UP. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INJURED OR <sup>CHUTE BURNED UP</sup> WHEN AIRCRAFT BLEW UP.

Total number of missions of above crew member: WAS ON HIS 31<sup>ST</sup> MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT COMPLETE LIST. = FRANCE RAIDS =  
ARROMANCHES, FLERS, NEW ORLEANS, TORRES, BONTAN BOULT, LILLE  
ST. ANDRE, PARIS. = GERMAN RAIDS = HAMBURG, LINDENWITZ, MERSEBERG,  
BERLIN, BREMEN, LEIPZIG, HANNOVER, & MUNICH 4 TIMES & VOLHEL HOLLAND



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FOX, Robert, R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 15097405  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Tail Gunner.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN THE VICINITY OF FALAISE FRANCE

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

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

CONTACT WITH HIM JUST BEFORE HE BAILED OUT

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? SAW HIM ON GROUND AFTER BAILING OUT & WAS  
WITH HIM THE GREATER  
PART OF OUR PRISON LIFE

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAW HIM ON  
DIFFERENT OCCASIONS WHILE PRISONER. TALKED TO HIM AFTER  
BEING LIBERATED, <sup>APRIL 26, 1945</sup> ALSO TALKED TO HIM IN SAN ANTONIO  
TEXAS SOME TIME IN OCTOBER OF 1945

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON HIS 31ST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: ONLY PARTIAL LIST. FRANCE - RAIDS: FLERS  
ARRONANCHES, NEW ORLEANS, TORRES, PONTAUBOULT, LILLE, ST  
ANDRE, PARIS. - GERMAN RAIDS: HAMBURG, LINNEWITZ, MERSEBERG,  
BERLIN, BREMER, LEIPZIG, HANNOVER, MUNICH HTMES, VOLKEL HOLLAND.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MOELLERING, RONALD. A. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 37417709
2. Organization 8<sup>th</sup> A.F. 319 B.G. 536 B. SQDN. Gp Commander                      Rank                      Sqn CO                      Rank                       
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month AUG. day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING AHEAD <sup>OF OUR TROOPS</sup> AT ROUEN, target, ROUEN, FRANCE, target time, NO KNOWLEDGE, altitude, APPROX. 25,000 FT. route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR FALaise, FRANCE
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? SURE OF SIX OTHERS - TWO NOT SURE OF FATE
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. GREGORY, LT. HANSEN STAFF SGT. WELLS, SWINGER & MYSELF, BAILED OUT SHORTLY AFTER ONE ANOTHER, AS SOON AS THE "BAIL OUT" ORDER WAS GIVEN, & ALL LANDED SAFELY. LT. FELGAR BAILED OUT LATER, WAS INJURED, BUT LANDED SAFELY.
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) BELIEVED TO BE NONE, BUT NOT AFFIRMED.
11. Where were they in aircraft? CO-PILOT & ENGINEER IF ANY.
12. What was their condition? VERY GOOD WHEN LAST HEARD FROM IN AIRCRAFT
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? NEVER SAW OR HEARD FROM LT. BENITEZ & T/SGT CHASE AFTER I BAILED OUT. WAS TOLD BY GERMANS, ONE SHUTE BURNED UP & THE OTHER DIDN'T OPEN, NOT AFFIRMED THOUGH. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER LT. BENITEZ, OR T/SGT CHASE WERE IN AIRCRAFT WHEN IT STRUCK THE GROUND.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FOX, Robert, R.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 15097405  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ ~~(Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

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



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHASE, Albert, W.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 31265983  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (~~Fighter~~): Top Turret

Did he bail out? Unknown.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Airplane exploded.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Sgt. Chase  
was bandaging the pilot's wounded hand shortly before the airplane exploded.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? Behind the pilot's seat.

Any hearsay information: According to the pilot's German captors, one parachute failed  
to open and another burned in the air. By the pilot's own knowledge, crew members  
descending in their parachutes were fired upon by ground troops of the enemy using  
light automatic weapons.

Source: Word of captors and first-hand knowledge.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Explosion of air-  
plane may have killed Sgt. Chase or knocked him unconscious so he was unable to  
pull his rip-cord.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 33

Dates and destinations if possible: August 13, 1944. Cross-roads behind German lines  
near Falaise, France.



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BENITEZ, Henry, C.  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-24806  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): Co-Pilot.

Did he bail out? Yes.

Where? Over German lines, near Falaise, France.

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

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Lt. Benitez  
was ordered to bail out by the pilot.

Was he injured? Not visibly.

Where was he when last seen? Leaving the airplane by the forward escape hatch.

Any hearsay information: According to the pilot's German captors, one parachute failed  
to open and another burned in the air. By the pilot's own knowledge, crew members  
descending in their parachutes were fired upon by ground troops of the enemy using  
light automatic weapons.

Source: Word of captors and first-hand knowledge.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: At the time Lt.  
Benitez bailed out, gasoline from the wing tanks was burning fiercely. If he pulled  
his rip-cord too soon, his parachute could have been caught in the blaze.

Total number of missions of above crew member: One.

Dates and destinations if possible: August 13, 1944, Cross-roads behind German lines  
near Falaise, France.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Robert P. Felgar, Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-757170
2. Organization 379 Gp Commander M. Preston Rank Col. Sqn CO Sipes Rank Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, tactical, target, road-junction, target  
time, 1315 GWT, altitude, 20,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Falaise, France
6. Did you bail out? No.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Some bailed out and some were blown out by  
the explosion of the airplane.
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 gave the order to bail out  
and since I was wounded I had all I could to prevent the damaged airplane from  
spinning so the other crew members could get out. About a minute after I gave  
the order to bail out, the airplane exploded. I was unable to observe the other  
crew members under these conditions.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Fromenthal, France.
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? No Knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
cribed above? I was taken by my German captors to a command post and there I saw  
T/Sgt. Ronald A. Moellering, radio operator. He was unwounded but was  
clothed in only his electric suit.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you  
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. At a German hospital at Evreux,  
France I saw Col Mc Goughlin. He had a wound through an artery in his thigh  
and seemed to be in an unfavorable condition. He was receiving no medical  
treatment from the Germans.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



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Mrs. Dorothy D. Felgar, (Wife)  
Jacksonville, Alabama.

1st Lt. Henry G. Benitez

Mrs. Blossom Compton Benitez, (Mother)  
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2nd Lt. Homer Gregory

Mrs. Aurora A. Gregory, (Wife)  
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2nd Lt. J. Wiley Hansen

Mrs. Ellen Hansen, (Wife)  
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Lexington, Kentucky.

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Benitz, Henry C.	024806	DED	13 Aug 44	322086	C
Felgar, Robert P. Jr.	057170	POW	13 Aug 44	281160	U
Fox, Robert R.	15,097,405	POW	13 Aug 44	281160	U
Gregory, Homer	0709353	POW	13 Aug 44	281160	U
Hansen, J. E.?	0761429	? MIA	18 Nov 43?	332010	S
Moellering, Ronald A.	37,417,709	BMC Pow	Not shown	<del>134089</del> C	281160
Swinger, Harry H.	17,077,300	POW	13 Aug 44	281160	U
Weller, Carl J. Jr.	36,594,250	POW	13 Aug 44	281160	U



Note:

I have received word from Sgt. Fox since I returned to the United States. His address is  
132 Goodrich Ave.,  
Lexington, Kentucky



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9 man crew

AAF # 42-31927

Date: 13 August 44  
Place: Falaise  
Type of  
craft: Fortress  
Markings: ..927

Rank: Name:

KU 931 a

1st Lt.	FELGAR, Robert Pattison	:0-757170..
2nd Lt.	GREGORY, Homer	:0-709353 .
2nd Lt.	HANSEN, J. Wiley	:0-761429 .
S/Sgt.	FOX, Robert Reed	:15097405 .
S/Sgt.	SWINGER, Harry Henry	:17077300 .
S/Sgt.	WELLEN, Carl John	:36594250 .
T/Sgt.	MOELLERING, Ronald Albert	:37412709 .
T/Sgt.	CHASE, Albert	

other crew member:

BENITEZ, HENRY C. 024806 - K.I.A



Personal items of Homer Gregory A.S.M.: O-709353 T 43-4 O  
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1.) 1 identification tag:

Homer Gregory  
O-709353 T 43-4 O  
P

2.) 6 Pass- Photo- Pictures

3.) 1 Social Security Act  
Account No. 418-05-5049

4.) 1 slip of paper with the following words:

This is to certify that Homer H.M.I. G r e g o r y was wounded in action  
over Normandy, France on 13 August 1944, time 1245. He received first aid  
treatment by me while a prisoner of war and is entitled to the Purple Heart.

Signature:

William D. Monahan, Capt. M.C.  
O-1687969



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HEADQUARTERS  
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Intelligence Officer

15 August 1944

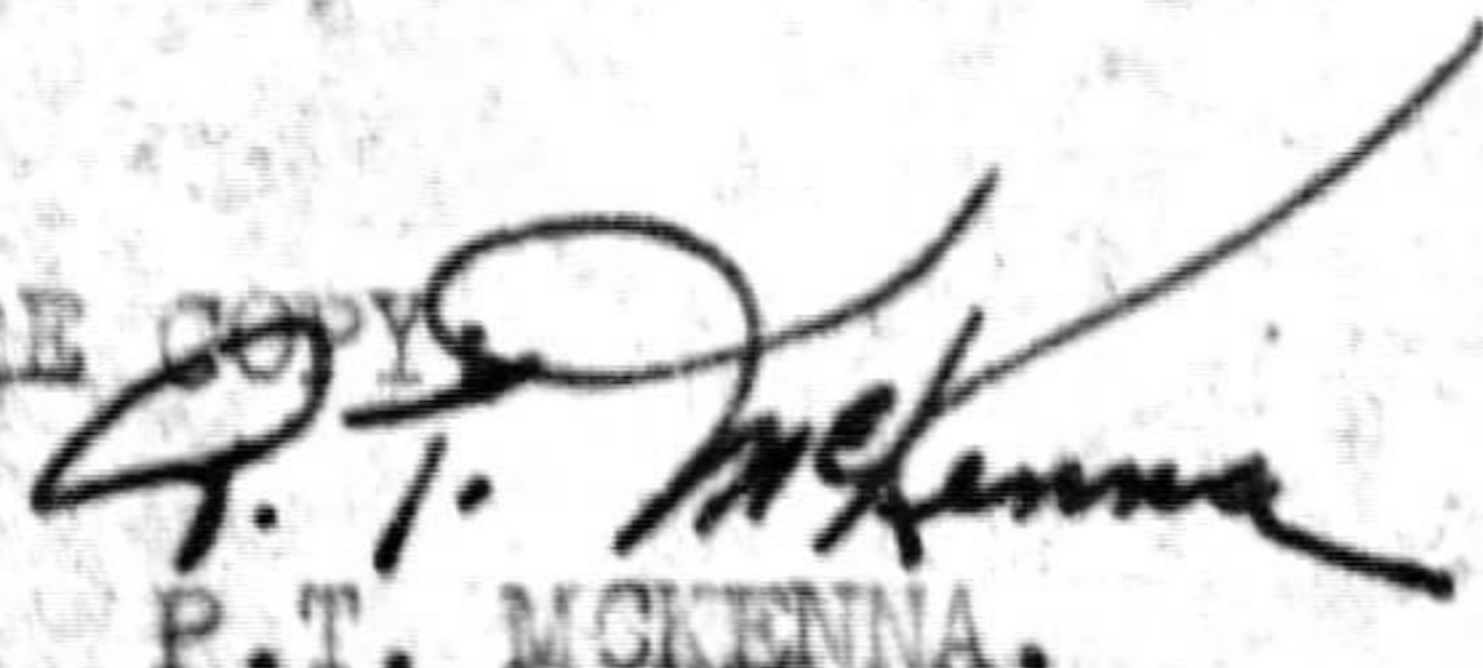
SUBJECT: Supplement to missing air crew report.

TO :

1. Two of our aircraft are missing from the mission of 13 August 1944 to attack crossroad targets in the Rouen area. They are A/C 175 and A/C 927. They were lost to Anti-Aircraft fire in the area south of Falaise. Two chutes were seen from A/C and seven chutes were seen from aircraft #927.

JOHN J. O'CONNELL,  
Capt., Air Corps.  
S-2 Officer.

A TRUE COPY

  
P.T. MCKENNA,  
Capt., Air Corps.



DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

13 Aug. 1944

CASUALTY NO.

KU 921 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Valaise

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Bombardier

REPORTING OFFICE

Limburg

NAME

RANK

SERIAL  
NUMBER

CAPT'D  
WOUNDED  
DEAD

PLACE OF INTERNMENT

FRIGER, Robert Pattison  
1 Jan. 1919 Tex.

1/Lt.

O-757170

captured

Dulag-Luft

GREGORY, Homer  
31 Aug. 1915

Jackson, Tenn.

2/Lt.

O-709353

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NANKEN, J. Wiley  
2 June 1923

USA

2/Lt.

O-761129

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FOX, Robert Reed  
6 Feb. 1920

Ky.

S/Sgt.

15097405

"

Stalag III A

SWINGER, Harry Henry  
30 July 1921

Essex, Missouri

S/Sgt.

17077300

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WELER, Carl John  
18 July 1924

Yukon, Pa.

S/Sgt.

36594250

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WOLLERSON, Ronald Albert  
13 Feb. 1923

Florissant, Mo.

T/Sgt.

37412709

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REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 27 Sep. 1944 No.



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

**Abschuß-Nr. KU 931 A**

**Abschuß/tag und Zeit:** 13.8.44 -

**Abschuß/Bort:** Palaise

**Flugzeugtyp:** Fortress

**Meldende Dienststelle:** Limburg

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:		Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	gef.: verw.: tot:	Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grabiage
FELGAR 1.1.19	Robert Pattison Tex.	1.Lt.	0-757170	gef.	Dulag-Luft
GREGORY 31.8.15	Homer Jackson, Tenn.	2.Lt.	0-709353	gef.	Dulag-Luft
HANSEN 2.6.23	J. Wiley USA	2.Lt.ß	0-761429	gef.	Dulag-Luft
FOX 6.2.20	Robert Reed Ky.	S/Sgt.	15097405	gef.	Stalag-XII A
SWINGER 30.7.21	Harry Henry Essex, Missouri	S/Sgt.	17077300	gef.	Stalag-XII A
WELLER 18.7.24	Carl John Yakon, Pa.	S/Sgt.	36594250	gef.	Stalag XII A
MOELLERING 13.2.23	Ronald Albert Florissant, Mo.	T/Sgt.	37412709	gef.	Stalag-XII A

**Bemerkungen:**

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**DULAG-LUFT, den 27.9.44 Wo.**