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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

Classif. [REDACTED]  
by A. H. [REDACTED], Lt. Col., AG  
by F. M. [REDACTED], Capt., 20  
Date 1944-7-14

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

ORGANIZATION: Location AGO 520, U. S. Army Command or AF 15th A.F.  
Group 46th Bombardment Group (H) Squadron 776th Bombardment Sq (H)

SPECIFIC: Point of Departure AAF, Pantanella, Italy Course N.N.W.  
Target Toulon, France Type of Mission Boating

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Weather Clear with slight haze Visibility 15 to 20 Miles

GIVE: (a) Date 5 July 1944 Time 1245B Location 42°08' N - 05°55' E.  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether: ( ) Last Sighted ( ) Last Contacted by Radio  
(X) Forced Down ( ) Seen to Crash; or  
( ) Information not available.

AIRCRAFT AS 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: Plane exploded at 20,000 feet

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 42-52484

ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial No (a) CP 302549  
(b) CP 302581 (c) CP 302458 (d) CP 312339

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Name, Type, and Serial Number)

(a) <u>Browning MG-M2 Cal .50</u>	<u>952219</u>	(b) <u>Browning MG-M2 Cal .50</u>	<u>951869</u>
(c) " " "	<u>951307</u>	(d) " " "	<u>951569</u>
(e) " " "	<u>951139</u>	(f) " " "	<u>951317</u>
(g) " " "	<u>951331</u>	(h) " " "	<u>951965</u>
(i) " " "	<u>951266</u>		

PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty ( ) Non-Battle Cas.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10  
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION (Last Name First)	NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	NAME OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
Pilot	Grunewald, Edward A.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Jane Grunewald, Wife 2112 Carlton St, Fort Worth, Texas <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>
Co-Pilot	Newborg, William T.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Mary T. Newborg, Wife, 604 Broad Street, Phenix City, Alabama.
Navigator	Porter, John D.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Dennis E. Porter, Mother 20 Kingsbury St., Framingham, Mass. <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>
Bombardier	Gooding, Edmund G.	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Pattie J. Gooding, wife, 5279 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, California. <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>
Radio-Or-Gunner	Allen, Kenneth F.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Ruth F. Allen, Mother, Route #3, Kearney, Nebraska. <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>
Top Turret-Gunner	Creswell, Guy L.	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Miriam Creswell, Wife, 6709 Division Ave., Birmingham, Alabama.
Waist-Gunner	Higgins, Jr. Joseph S.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Anna A. Higgins, Mother, Box 218, Potosi, Missouri. <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>
Waist-Gunner	Lubiejewski, Walter J.	S/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	Mrs. Antonina Lubiejewski, Mother, 1307 Jackson St., Erie, Pa. <span style="float: right;">RTD</span>

[REDACTED]

Tail-Gunner Rosenfeld, Abraham (N.I) Pvt. [REDACTED] Mrs. Gus ie Rosenfeld, Mother  
 2041 Whiteman St., Pittsburg, Pa.  
 Ball Turret-Gun Holcombe, Foy L. T/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mrs. Francis Holcombe, Father,  
 Route #2, Hamilton, Alabama

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
 CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one)  PERSONS  WITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO.	STATUS
Virgil F. Walker	2d Lt.	[REDACTED]	X
James E. Parker	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]	X

- 1. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
 Parachutes were used  Persons were seen leaving aircraft  Other:  
 Any other reason (Specify): One of the eight (8) parachutes was seen burning.
- 2. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- 3. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 4. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, GRADE, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) No search was made as plane exploded over enemy territory.

Date of this report: 7 July 1944

Signature of Officer Harold E. Blehm  
 HAROLD E. BLEHM,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Commanding.

- 3 Incls:  
 Incl 1 - Sketch of approx location of aircraft exploding.  
 Incl 2 - Eye Witness Report of 2d Lt. Virgil L. Walker.  
 Incl 3 - Eye Witness Report of T/Sgt. James E. Parker.



[REDACTED]

Second Lieutenant John D. Porter

Mrs. Helena B. Porter, (Mother)  
20 Kingsbury Street,  
Framingham, Massachusetts.

Second Lieutenant William T. Newborg

Mrs. Mary R. Newborg, (Wife)  
1604 Broad Street,  
Phoenix City, Alabama.

Second Lieutenant Edward A. Grunewald

Mrs. Jane R. Grunewald (Wife)  
2000 Stanley Boulevard,  
Port Arthur, Texas.

Second Lieutenant Edmund C. Wooding

Mrs. Patti J. Wooding, (Wife)  
5279 Magnolia Avenue,  
Riverside, California.

Technical Sergeant Ory S. Creswell

Mrs. Miriam I. Creswell (Wife)  
6708 Division Avenue,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth F. Allen

Mrs. Ruth F. Allen (Mother)  
Route 3,  
Kearney, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Walter J. Lubiejewski

Mrs. Bertha Wasiulewski (Sister)  
346 East 14th Street,  
Erie, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Foy L. Holcombe

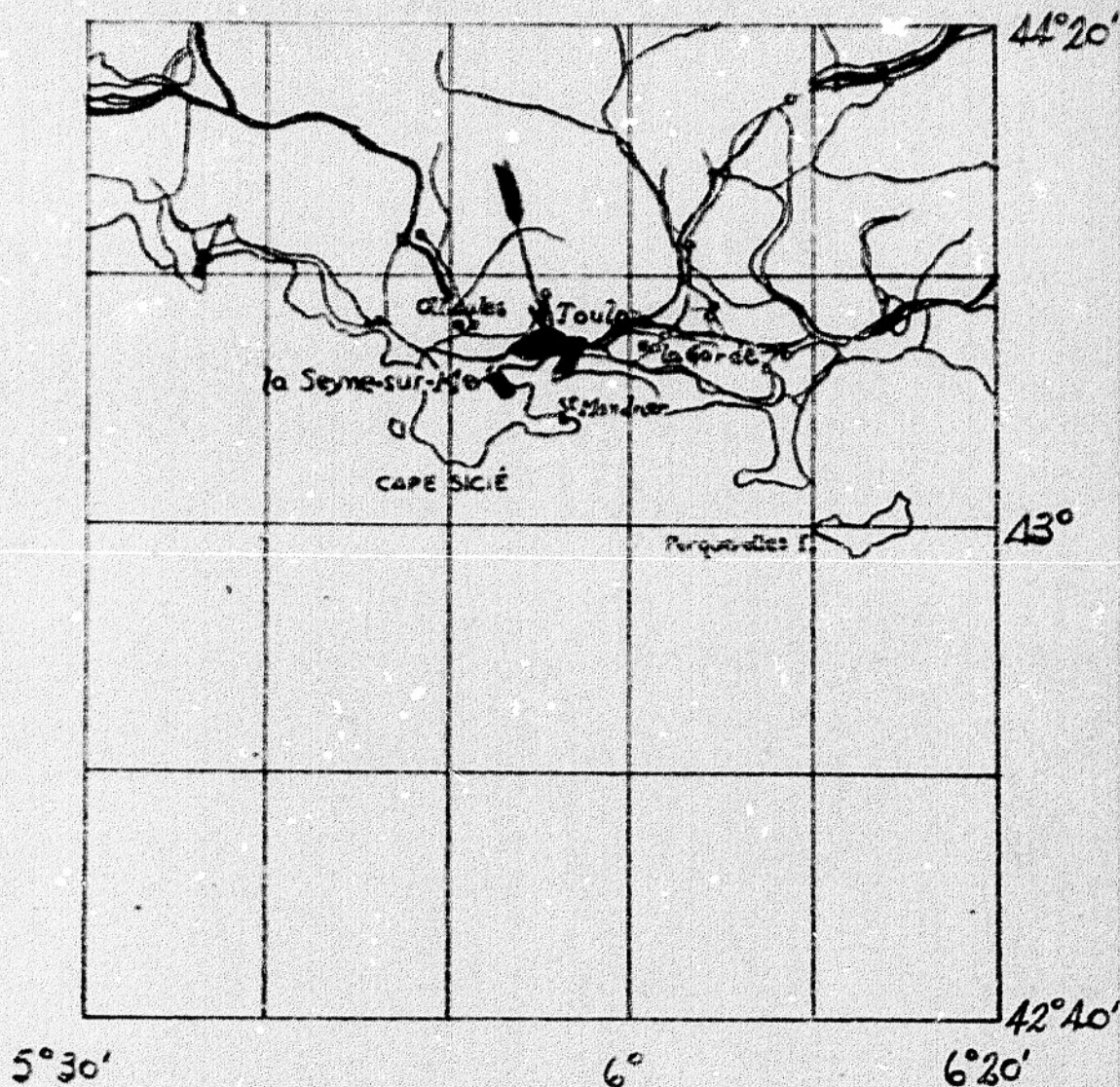
Mr. Francis Holcombe (Father)  
Route Number 3,  
Hamilton, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant Joseph S. Higgins, Jr.

Mrs. Anna M. Higgins, (Mother)  
General Delivery,  
Potosi, Missouri.

Private Abraham Rosenfeld

Mrs. Gussie Rosenfeld, (Mother)  
Parkway Apartments,  
2041 Whiteman Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



ARROW SHOWS POINT LT GRUNEWALD'S CREW  
 WAS LAST SIGHTED BEARING - 43° 08' N. 5° 55' E.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWARD A. GRUNEWALD Rank 2<sup>ND</sup> LT Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 464 Gp Commander BONNER Rank COL Sqn CO H. BLEHM Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, TOULON, FRANCE, target, HARDOK, target time, 1250, altitude, 2200 route scheduled, AT FROM COAST, route flown AS BRIEFED
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST LEAVING TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES, FROM REMAINS OF EXPLODED AIRCRAFT.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, BUT I WAS IN NO POSITION TO SEE OR COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.
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? EXPLODED MID-AIR
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) DON'T KNOW
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? THE CO PILOT WAS IN HIS SEAT PARTLY DAZED FROM THE FIRE & EXPLOSION  
BECAUSE OF INTENSE FIRE I WAS UNABLE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I MET LT WILLIAM TROTTER. (WHO WAS SHOT DOWN FROM 464<sup>TH</sup> BOMB GROUP OF MAY 1944) HE WAS BEING TREATED FOR BURNS AT LARGE HOSPITAL IN LION, FRANCE WHERE I MET HIM ON ABOUT THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 1944. HE WAS IN SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITION BUT WE WERE MOVED TO ANOTHER HOSPITAL ABOUT 40 MILES NORTH AT DIJON, FRANCE WHERE WE WERE SEPARATED I WAS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO BE

(over)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

MOVED FURTHER.

LT WILLIAM TROTTER + LT MERRILL T. SPRING  
WERE APPARANTLY LOST AT DIJON, FRANCE ON OR  
SHORTLY AFTER AUG. 1<sup>ST</sup> 1944, WHEN I LEFT THEM AS I  
HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF THEM SINCE.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN D. PORTER Rank 1st Lt Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 164 Co Commander SCHUBER Rank Col, Sqn CO 113 Blum Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Toulon France, target, SUBPEN., target  
time, 1300, altitude, 14,800 FT route scheduled, NORTH WEST  
TO FC: 113 Blum Toulon, route flown 113 Blum Toulon
5. Where were you when you left formation? #6 - LEAD BOX
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".  
ALL MEN WHO BAILED OUT LANDED IN TARGET AREA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SGT WHO LOST TRACK WHO LANDED IN THE WOODS AND ESCAPED
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT. NEWBORN  
PLT. CRISWELL, S/SGT ITCCUMBI
11. Where were they in aircraft? CO-PILOT SEAT, TOP TURRET, BALL TURRET
12. What was their condition? KILLED (SEE INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRES)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL MEMBERS WHO REACHED THE GROUND WERE LAST SEEN BY ME AT FRANKFORT IN MAIN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITCCUMBI WHO REMAINED WITH ME AND LE CRUI WITH THE PILOT WHOM I DID NOT SEE UNTIL AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER.  
LT. ALLEN WAS BADLY BURNED AND PVT. ROSENBERG APPEARED TO BE OUT ON HIS LEAD
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.  
AS ABOVE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WOODING, EDMUND C. Rank 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 764<sup>TH</sup> B.B.G.P. Commander UK Rank COL. Sqn CO HAROLD E. BLEHM Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Toulon, France, target, SUB PENS, target time, APP. 1200, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, UK  
route flown BRIEFED ROUTE
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABEL Box, No. 23
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". NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UK
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) UK
11. Where were they in aircraft? UK
12. What was their condition? UK
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? AFTER T-O ON MISSION
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ANYONE - ALL HEARSAY FROM ACQUAINTANCES IN STALAG LUFT I

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(OVER)

At Atlantic City, AAFRS#1 I recommended Lt E.A. Grunewald, the first pilot, and T/Sgt Kenneth Allen for decoration for their part in this action. Lt. Grunewald held the ship with the flames from the radio room blowing directly into his face because the front windshild was broken. He maintained control of the ship to enable Sgt. Allen to extricate the Co-pilot. Both were seriously burned because of this. Sgt. Allen still cannot remember what happened or even place me on the crew. Lt. Grunewald was treated at Coral Gables upon return to this country. I feel there must have been an oversight on someones part or these men would have received an award for their above mentioned deeds.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

6379

1. Your name Kenneth F. R. [unclear] Rank 1st Lt Serial No. [redacted]
2. Organization 46<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Taylor F. [unclear], target, Lulmaru dock, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_, route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? over target
6. Did you bail out? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did other members of crew 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". \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

I was knocked out at time of  
accident and didn't regain consciousness  
until two or three weeks later so have  
no knowledge of what happened.

Capt. Rosenfeld was in about the  
same condition as I, so we were in  
the same hospital in Germany. I was  
shipped out to camp at <sup>St. #</sup> Riefed. in northeastern  
Germany. Two or three weeks later he was shipped  
there also. He had a few open wounds on him and  
was kept in the camp hospital off and on I believe  
but after that I lost track of him. I believe he  
left there with the hospital group when the  
camp was moved out. If so he was shipped to  
North Germany. Other than that I know  
nothing about the rest of the crew that are missing.

Kenneth J. Allen

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Walter J. Luciejewski Rank S/sgt Serial No. [REDACTED]
2. Organization 454th Gp Commander Rank  Sqn CO Blain Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 9 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Toulon, France, target, submarine pens & Arsenal  
time, 18:17, altitude, 24000 ft route scheduled,  
, route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target area
6. Did you bail out? Don't remember whether blown or bailed out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? One to my knowledge
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".  
It, Edmund C. Wooding bailed out just before the ship blew up in mid-air. No knowledge on other crew members.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It didn't 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)
11. Where were they in aircraft?
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? No knowledge
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

File 6379

Name of crew member: CRESWELL, GRY E.  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: [REDACTED]  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) [REDACTED]: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? TOULON, FRANCE

If not, why not? KILLED BY BURST THAT KNOCKED PLANE DOWN

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

ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE BEING SHOT DOWN, JUST A CHECK-UP AS TO HOW HIS HEAD WAS FEELING AS HE HAD BEEN BOTHERED BY A HEADACHE.

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? PROPER POSITION IN TOP TURRET.

Any hearsay information: ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS BLANK ABOUT LT. NEUBERG

MUST BE CONSIDERED AS HEARSAY IF IT WAS COLLECTED FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS

OR DATE, THE REASON FOR THE BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS RECORDING OFFICE

AND THE NAME OF THE SOURCE.

Source: [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

Total number of missions of above crew member: [REDACTED]

Dates and destinations if possible: [REDACTED]

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 6379

Name of crew member: NEWBORG, William T.  
Rank: 2nd Lt  
Serial number: [REDACTED]  
Position: Crew (Bomber) [REDACTED] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? TOULON, FRANCE

If not, why not? KILLED BY BURST THAT KNOCKED PLANE DOWN

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

NONE SINCE PLANE LEFT THE GROUND

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? PROPER POSITION IN CO-PILOT'S SEAT

Any hearsay information: ALL INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS BLANK ABOUT LT. NEWBORG

MUST BE CONSIDERED AS HEARSAY FOR IT WAS COLLECTED FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS AT

A LATER DATE. THE REASON FOR THIS BEING THAT I WAS BURNED AND RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS

WHEN THE PLANE WAS STRUCK.

Source: AS ABOVE

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

AS ABOVE

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: IT WAS LT. NEWBORG'S FIRST MISSION WITH OUR

CREW. CONSEQUENTLY NOT VERY MUCH WAS KNOWN ABOUT HIS COMBAT MISSIONS OR TARGETS.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 6379

Name of crew member: ROSENFELD, Abraham  
Rank: Pvt.  
Serial number: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Tail Gunner

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: Don't remember

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In the tail turret

Any hearsay information: None

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: three

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 6379

Name of crew member: HOLCOMBE, Foy L.  
 Rank: S/sgt  
 Serial number: 14182006  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? TOULON, FRANCE

If not, why not? KILLED BY BURST THAT KNOCKED PLANE DOWN

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

NONE SINCE PLANE LEFT THE GROUND

Was he injured? KILLED

Where was he when last seen? PROPER POSITION IN THE BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: ALL INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS BLANK MUST BE CONSIDERED

AS HEARSAY FOR IT WAS COLLECTED FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS AT A LATER DATE, THE  
REASON FOR THIS BEING THAT I WAS BURNED AND RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS WHEN THE  
PLANE WAS STRUCK.

Source: AS ABOVE

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

AS ABOVE

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX EIGHTEEN

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN