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22 February 1944

S T A T E M E N T

After leaving target and on heading towards England, I looked down to the ground on our left. There was a scattered cloud layer at about 5,000 feet and a B24 was going from cloud bank to cloud bank and being attacked by two fighters. It seemed as though the B24 couldn't hold altitude, for he kept going down, but in perfect control. He descended low enough that his ship made a shadow on the ground. He continued on course to England still being attacked by fighters. At this point I lost sight of this ship, which was about 40 miles from the Zuider Zee and 5 miles northeast of Rheine.

From other reports the aircraft had apparently been hit by flak and was straggling and was immediately attacked by enemy fighters.

Positive identification of the aircraft has not been made, but from various observations it seems evident that it was A/C No. 42-100178.

Frank B. Jordan *wcc.*
FRANK. B. JORDAN
2nd Lieut., Air Corps

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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification change
to restricted
by P. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by P. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date 15 Oct 48

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 Sta 146; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 448th; Squadron 715th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Seething; Course to target _____
Intended Destination Hesepe, Germany; Type of Mission Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
clear
4. GIVE: (a) Date 21 Feb 1944 Time 1445; and Location 5 mi NE Rheine, Germany
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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B24J; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-100178
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-65A.A.F. Serial Number (a) BP 430738
(b) BP 431469; (c) BP 431298; (d) BP 431502
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) .50 cal
(a) 936306; (b) 945466; (c) 936435; (d) 936483, 942807;
(e) 943908; (f) 944762; (g) 936720; (h) 942911, 942836
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 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
1. Pilot	Cooper, Stanley C.	2nd Lt	0533917
2. Co-Pilot	Helvey, Wesley V.	2nd Lt	0805916
3. Navigator	Shonesky, Michael J.	2nd Lt	0673821
4. Bombardier	Faller, Charles E.	2nd Lt	0684145
5. Engineer	Yatsko, John A.	S/Sgt	3535191
6. Radio Operator	Patterson, Thomas W.	S/Sgt	38338556
7. Assistant Engineer	Digiola, Albert (nmi)	Sgt	32365095
8. Gunner	Nickerson, Joseph F.	Sgt	35572323
9. Gunner	DeMaine, Frank J.	Sgt	12189633
10. Gunner	Dothage, Julius H.	Sgt	37402124

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Jordan, Frank B.	2d Lt	0750608		X		
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 22 February 1944

William C. Cates Jr.
Warrant Officer

Confidential Lt., Air Corps Stat Officer

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Incl 11

2nd Lt. Stanley C. Cooper

RTD

Mrs. Jewell D. Cooper (Mother)
509 MacRadden Street,
Santa Ana, California.

2nd Lt. Wesley V. Melvey

Mrs. Luc E. Melvey (Mother)
922 8th Street,
Fairbury, Nebraska.

2nd Lt. Michael J. Monosky

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Mrs. Ruth L. Monosky (Wife)
1818 Raffield Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2nd Lt. Charles E. Pailer

RTD

Mrs. Anna Pailer (Mother)
24 Williams Avenue,
Jersey City, New Jersey.

S/Sgt. John A. Entsko

RTD

Mrs. Mary E. Entsko (Mother)
1120 Monroe Street,
Gary, Indiana.

S/Sgt. Thomas W. Patterson

RTD

Mrs. Mamie E. Patterson (Wife)
Box 226,
c/o Sun Box,
Plainview, Texas.

Sgt. Albert Micola

RTD

Mrs. Josephine Gennaro (Mother)
651 South Market Road,
Hammonton, New Jersey.

Sgt. Joseph F. Nickerson

Dead
U-2639

Mr. Joseph D. Nickerson (Father)
Clevendale, Indiana.

Sgt. Frank J. Delaine

RTD

Mr. Frank J. Delaine (Father)
22 East Avenue,
Port Chester, New York.

Sgt. Julius E. Dothage

RTD

Mrs. Malinda Dothage (Mother)
Rural Free Delivery Four,
Warrenton, Missouri.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

Post: Air Base Hq.
PLACE: Aachen

DATE: 23 February 1944

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: Julius E. Rothage, ASN: 37402121

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1923

RANK: Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Neersenkappeln, on 21 February 1944, at 1500

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

parachuted from crashing plane;
crew-membership unknown

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

was received on 23 February 44 from Hospital "St. Ingels"
at Osnabrueck.

above serial number
not on file

In Duplicate

signed: illegible,
Capt. and Staff-Officer of
Air Base

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Command Aachen

DATE: 21 Feb. 1944

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER:

Yatsko, John A.
J.A. YATSKO

ASN: 85851914 ✓

YEAR OF BIRTH: 13 April 1911

RANK: St. Sgt.

~~Last address before the war:~~

MARY YATSKO

1 120 No. 1st Str. ✓

Cory, Ind.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE:

21 Feb. 1944, about 1800, parachuted from an American aircraft and was captured in Hales near Cambray.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

Yatsko.

signature illegible

Captain and Staff Officer of the Airbase

A.C.
Mia 21 Feb 44
RMC 30 May 45

FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Command A G L H O Y

DATE: 23 Feb. 1944 Transferred from Reserve Hospital Ft. Angelo in San Antonio

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: MICHAEL J. GUNAGHY, AMY C-57221

YEAR OF BIRTH: 18 Sep. 18

RANK: 2nd Lt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE:

last address before the war:
Pfc. Ruth GUNAGHY
1218 Hatfield St.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

21 Feb. 1944 about 1830 near Westerstuppen, according to
the statements of the military patrol escorting the prisoner.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) parachuted from B-24 bomber.

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

signature illegible

Captain and Staff Officer of the Air Base

FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Command A C H M C F
DATE: 23 Feb. 1944 transferred from Reserve-Hospital St. Angèle in Conakry
NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: JULIUS H. DOTHAAGE ASN: 37603134
YEAR OF BIRTH: 1923 Last address before the war:
RANK: Sgt. MELINDA DOTHAAGE
R. 4
Warrenton Mo.
PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: 21 Feb. 1944 about 1800 near Westerkappeln.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: - parachuted from a downed airplane.
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) The airplane he belongs to is unknown.

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

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Captain and Staff Officer of the Air Base

FORM 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Command A c h e r

DATE: 21 Feb. 1944

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: THOMAS PATTERSON, AMM 3232653

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: St. Sgt.

Last address before the war:

Mrs. S.E. Patterson
1007 Independence St.
Plainville Tex.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: on 21 Feb. 1944 about 1500, near depot Halem, near the air base.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE: - fallen out of an American aircraft attacking the air base.
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

21 Feb 44 MIA
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Captain and Staff Officer of the Air Base.

Form 1A

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

PLACE: Air Base Command A c h n o v

DATE: 21 Feb. 1944

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER: FRANK J. DE RAINES ; ASN: 12189033 2 45

YEAR OF BIRTH:

RANK: Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE: Community Ashmore on 21 Feb. 1944, about 1800.

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-
(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?) parachuted from a downed aircraft (American)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

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Captain and Staff Officer of the Air Base.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2400

Name of crew member: Sgt. Robert A.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 3000
Position: Crew (Bombardier) (Flt. Lt.) Engineer

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Target

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I asked him to get fighter at 6 o'clock because my guns were shot out
Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? On eighty-six day march before we were liberated
Any hearsay information: He's home safe sound from letter he sent me

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: 12/22/42 Oaxaca
12/22/42 Luchana 1/2/44 Cebu 1/2/44 Bataan
2/1/44 St. Paul 2/1/44 St. Paul 2/2/44 Iwo Jima

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2485

Name of crew member: YARBELL, Robert E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 2500770
 Position: Asst'd Engineer

Did he bail out? No

Where? -

If not, why not? Was killed by 20MM from fighter

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Didn't

have any

Was he injured? Was killed

Where was he when last seen? lying dead over rear escape hatch

Any hearsay information: Upon capture German asked me
who the flyer was who the forced bailed in
the ship

Sources: -

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: 1/21/44 Abbeville 1/20/44 Brunswick
2/1/44 St Paul 2/12/44 St Paul 2/21/44 Mont Yueton

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2400

Name of crew member: LOYD, Ira H.
Rank: S. Sgt.
Serial number: 36431449
Position: ~~Observer~~ Gunner

Did he bail out? No he fell out without his parachute
Where? Near Bonn Rhein

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I told
him there was an extra chute up front

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? going up forward thru bomb bay
Any hearsay information: He was picked up by bombadier
who took him to a house by front/side
Tang later saw him and covered him with a
parachute.

Sources: ~~Front/side~~ T/sgt Tang & 1st Lt. Strain
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

He must have fallen out when going
up front for extra chute. He had fallen
out when ship slow rolled.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7.

Dates and destinations if possible: 12/22/43 Osnabruck
12/22/43 Ludwigschansen 1/21/44 Fribourg 1/22/44 Brezovich
2/1/44 St Paul 2/12/44 St Paul 2/21/44 Munster

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Giliotti, Albert Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 32712371
2. Organization 44286 Commander _____ Rank Capt Sqn CO Strong Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Monitor, target, _____, target
time, 12.00 about, altitude, about 2000 ft route scheduled, can't recall
route flown can't recall
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, eight of 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? Don't know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) S/Sgt Robert Vernon
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the waist
12. What was their condition? Killed by 20mm
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? body was running around looking for his shirt 20 2000 ft. Was going down. Last I saw him he was going forward to get extra shots.
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

2420

Name of crew member: HELFY, Wesley V.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: 0-505318

Position: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes as I know

Where? Over Munster Germany

If not, why not?

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

Conversation before take off

Was he injured? Not that I know of

Where was he when last seen?

any heresay information: No

Source:

His explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suggestions: very probable
that chute didn't open. Or hit by flak
while going down.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't remember.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2400

Name of crew member: SEIDENBERG, Michael J.
 Rank: Sgt. 1st.
 Serial number: 0-973321
 Position: Crew Chief Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Munster Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

Before take off

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information? No

Source: _____

His explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: _____

Last I heard he was O.K.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2000

Name of crew member: HICKMAN, Joseph F.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 307200
Position: Crew (Bombardier) Flight (Fighter): Engineer

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He refused to bail out.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Spoke to him while trying to throw him out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? With arms around bomb in Bombay.
Any heresy information? No

Source: _____

Are explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition? _____

When Went down with Plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4th

Dates and destinations if possible; Do not remember

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Albert DiGiulia Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 3236895
2. Organization 448 Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank Cpt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 4, target, airfield, Munster, target
time, 1.45, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, northern
Germany, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Purple Heart corner
6. Did you bail out? No. Fell out
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" Left wing gunner
and tail gunner bailed out. I fell out while trying
to throw ball gunner out.
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) Probably Ball
gunner
11. Where were they in aircraft? In Bombay
12. What was their condition? Frightened
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Seen pilot in a small pit with sprained
ankle and shoulder up. Seen Engineer and radio man
in Frankfurt on the main prison. O.K.
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

2050

Name of crew member: McMURRY, Michael J.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: 0-575001

Position: Navigator *okay*

Did he bail out? yes

Where? SW of Rhine Gey

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? Camp Patrick Henry, Va. on his way home.

any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

Supposition: I think he is at home in Pittsburgh now.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Four

Dates and destinations if possible: All in Feb 44 Two on rocket installations one to Gotha, Ger and the final to Munster Ger.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2400

Name of crew member: HEINRY, Wesley V.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-928916
 Position: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? yes

Where? W of Rhine War. Mileage unknown

If not, why not? _____

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

told to bail out

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? debarking

Any heresay information: exhibition of identification tags to navigator and one gunner.

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or solely on suppositions: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: four

Dates and destinations if possible: All in Feb 44 Two on rocket installations one to Gotha and the final to Munster.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2400

Name of crew member: SHANNON, Joseph P.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number:
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) Flight (Fighter): Engineer

Did he bail out? Not known

Where?

If not, why not?

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

None

Was he injured? not known

Where was he when last seen? Bombay of A/C

Any hearsay information: none

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or solely on suppositions:

Total number of missions of above crew member: four

Dates and destinations if possible: All in Feb 44 Two on rocket
installations, one to Gotha, Germany and the final on
Munster, Germany

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Stanley G. Cooper Rank 2/Lt Serial No. 0-533917
715 Sq Jim Jack
2. Organization 448 Gp Commander Thompson Rank Col Sqn CO Edwards Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 21 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, _____, target
time, _____, altitude, _____ route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? returning for second run on target
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? to the best of my knowledge 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? 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)
no knowledge
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?
no knowledge
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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 AIR CASUALTY INFORMATION

Name HELVEY, WESLEY V. Rank 2nd LT. ASN 37402124
 Crew Position Co-pilot Unit 448th Bom. Gp. 715th Sq.
 Date last seen 21 FEB 44 Place last seen OVER MUNSTER, GER.
 Circumstances of loss of aircraft AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY
ENEMY FIGHTERS.

Known information (eyewitness only)* LT. HELVEY BRIELED
OUT OF AIRCRAFT, NEVER SEEN AFTERWARD,
SAW IDENTIFICATION TAGS AFTER GERMANS
CAPTURED ME.

Hearsay information (with estimate of reliability)*

Reported by:

Julius H. Rathage
 (Name)

37402124

(SN)

S/Sgt.
 (Rank)

448th Bom. Gp. 715th Sq.
 (Unit)

* Use additional sheets if necessary.

REPORT OF LOSS OF AIRCRAFT

Name NICKERSON JOSEPH Rank SGT.
Crew Position BALL TURRET GUNNER Unit 449 Bn. 715 Sqd.
Date last seen 21 FEB 44 Place last seen OVER MUNSTER GER.
Circumstances of loss of aircraft SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY FIGHTERS

Known information (eyewitness only)*
KILLED BEFORE PLANE CRASHED BY ENEMY FIRE

Heresay information (with estimate of reliability)*

Reported by: Julius H. Dathye 37402124
(Name) (SN)
S/Sgt. 448 Bn. 715 Sqd.
(Rank) (Unit)

* Use additional sheets if necessary.

**CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE**

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **JOE NICHOLSON** Ball turret gunner B-24
HOME TOWN OR STATE **(Unknown), Indiana**
GRADE OR RANK **Sgt**
ORGANIZATION **448 Bomb Gp, 715 Bomb Sq, 8th AF**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **21 February 1944, Munster, Germany**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane was on fire when I jumped. Waist gunner said that Nicholson was apparently unhurt, but that he froze and refused to leave the plane. None of us ever saw him again or heard anymore about him.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Unknown**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Unknown**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

**Sgt Albert DiGiovanna, Waist gunner
(Unknown), N.J.**

4 August 1945

SIGN HERE

Frank J. Delaine

Name and Serial Number

**Sgt Frank J. Delaine, 12189633,
22 East Ave., Fort Chester, N.Y.
Your home address**

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