WASHINGTON MISSING AIR CREW REPORT Olassification changed by E. A. BRADUAS, Lt. CelarACArmy Air Forces organization within 48 This report will be complied in triplicate by by 7. M. Marce, Cept., Agurs of the time an aircraft is officially beter MAR 1 5 1946 reported missing. CRCANIZATION: Location Station 17A : Command or Air forcesth AF Group 4A5th B.Gn.; Squadron 703rd ; Tetachment SPECIFY: Point of DepartureTibenham, Eng : Course 270 fr Calais Intended Destination Ludwigshaven Type of Mission Rombing WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CHASH OR LAST REPORTED 2. 10/10 Undercast - Visibility Clear GIVE: (a) Date30Dec43: Time 1545; and location Beachy Head of last known whereabouts of missions aircraft. (b) Specify whether () Last sighted: () Last contacted by radio ;(x) Foreds Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available AIRCRAFT WAS LOST OR AS BEDIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF (check only one) (x) Enemy aircraft () Enemy enti-Aircraft () Other Circumstances as follows ALRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H; A.A.F. Serial Number 41-29 ENCINES: Type, Model and Serie R1830-43 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-86779 (b) 42-87126 (c) 42-87491 (d) 42-87359 (NSTALLE) WARDING (Furnished Selow Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) : (b) : (c) ; (d) ; (e) ; (f) ; (f) ; (f) ; (f) ; (f) ; (f) ; (h) ; or (b) Non-Dattle Casualty NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRTRAFT: Crew 10; Pa asongers 0 Total 10 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars If more than 10 persons were aboard siveraft, list similar particulars on separate theer and autach original to this form). 10. Status Ramo in full Sericl Loss Name First Crew Position Last Name First Mank Number Pilot Kane, William P. P/O 5 T-1011 B/I Co-Pilot Acclemmens, Charles H / 2nd Lt 7 0-744688 Nevigator Reus, Joseph H. V 2nd Lt 7 0-687962 Bombardier Jones, Robert F. 2nd Lt 4 0-67954 Engr Ton Turret Llevé Gilbert D. Sgt 34430946 MI Radio Operator D. Woods, Farl, 0 Pvt 10 33396601 Ball Turret Gunner Forsythe, Robert Sgt 3 16128311 KI Waist Gunner Stilwall, James B. Mr Sgt 14187563 Maist Gunner Biving James A. Mr Sgt 14187563 Maist Gunner Biving James A. Mr Sgt 1 14187563 Maist Gunner (turret) Sleeper Roy W. P/S S/Sgt 1 14158250 Tail Gunner (turret) Sleeper Roy W. P/S S/Sgt 8 19059434 LEDGE OF AIRCHAFT, ANI CHECK PPROPRIATE GOLUMN TO INDICATE EASIS FOR SAME: (Check only one solvan) ussa. 162. 0-744688 E1454. Ki45. Rife. KIAS. RTD 9. FRSIO. 11. IOR SAMF: (Check only one column) Contacted Name in all Serial Dy Last Saw Forced (Last/Nam - 126t) Fank Number Radio Sighted Grash Landing Kane, William P. F/O T-1011 1. 2. It Personall And Splitted 40 have SUCALVED, ANSWER TES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (c) Paracoutes were used :(b)Persons were seen walking a way from scene of crash ;or (5)Any other reason. (Specify) Plene ditched - six(6) men picked up by a fishing boat. ATTACH ATTACH ATTACH AND PROTOGRAPH, MAT, CHART, OR STATCH, SHOTING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WEVER LIRCRAFT WAS EAST SEED ATTACH REFLICATED DESCRIPTION OF GRASH, BORGH LAMPING, OR CTAIR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM INDIAG TO ASTINI ATRONAM. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE PATENT OF STARCH. THE ANY. AND SIVE NAME RANK AND SPRIAD NOSEFUR OF CERTICIPE IN SHARES DERE NONE 13. 15.

Date of report 2 June 1944 * No Record of the Guns Aboard ship. pudsen fore Ca SECRE COMPONENTAL

1 June 1944

Ship No. 123 was forced to ditch three (3) miles South of Beachy Head. Six (6) of the wrew were picked up by a fishing boat. Others believed to have gone down with the ship.

William P. KANE, F/O, Air Corps, T-1011.

Since this happened Sgt Forsythe's body was washed ashore and he has been identified. His status has changed from MIA to KIA.

ANDREW GHOVE, Ceptein Air Corps, P/W Officer. A Steward Lieutement Sharles No Stewards

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POW Second Lightenest Joseph B. Rene

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Pow Second Lieutenant Robert F. Jones

Mrs. Marjorie F. Jones, (Mother) 37 Silver Street, Middlebown, Connecticut. Ranks

Name of crew member;

Serial numbers

INDIVIDUAL CALLARY CUESTIONNAISE

SLEEPER, ROY W.

S/Sgt.

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File # 5210

Positions Crew (Bomber) xoncebbooks combooks Tail Gunner (Turret)			
Did he bell out? No			
Mere? None			
If not, why not? Pilot order I crew to prepare to crash land in English Channel.			
Last contact er conversation just prior to or at time of ss of plane; We were i			
same ditching stations in ship's waist. He was braced between my knees and I was braced against retracted ball turret. We spoke until ship crashed. Was he injured? He had fractured left arm, numerous cuts and bruises.			
Where was he when last seen? He was seen by me before he left Fifth General Hospit			
Any heresey informations. That he was transferred to a hospital in the US by a			
hospital ship from Southhhmpton, England.			
Sources Hospita staff.			
any explenation of his fate based in part or wholly on sugestion; I am fairly			
certain that he is alive because I visited his hospital ward several times before			
he was transferred cut.			
Total number of missions of above craw members 1			
Dates and destinations if possible; 30 December 1942 Ludwigshaven, Germany.			

Joseph H. Recces
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INDIVIDUAL CAJULATY CUESTIONNALKE

File # 5210

Name of crew mamber: STILWELL, James B. Jr.

Rouk:
Serial number: 14187563

Position: Crew (Bomber) grafitions distributed: Waish Gunner

Did he bail out? No
Where? None
If not, why not? Pilot ordered crew to prepare to crash land in English Channel. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of the or and me were in
same ditching stations in ship's waist. He spoke to me just before the ship crashe
Was he injured? He was killed in crash or drowned.
Where was he when last seen? Last seen braced against step in bomber floor before ship crashed. Any heresay information: No information. His body was not found by me when I swam
back to ship and looked into waist of ship. I have heard nothing of him since.
Source: Myself and crew members.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition; I believe him dead because he was not picked up by the British Air Sea Rescue voat and we were
five miles from the coast in a winter ses.
Total number of missions of above crew members 1
Dates and destinations if possible: 30 December 1943 Ludwigshaven, Germany.

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INDIVIDUAL CABULATY CUESTIONNALIE File # 210

FORSYTHE, Robert E. Name of crew member: Ranks Sgt. Serial number: 16128311 Did he bail out? No None Where? If not, why not? Pilot ordered crew to prepare to crash land in English Channel. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of of ranes We were in same ditching stations in ship's waist. He spoke to me just before the ship crashed. Was he injured? He was killed in crash or drowned. There was he when last seen? Last seen braced against step in bomber floor before ship crashed. any horesey information: No information. His body was not found by me when I swam back to ship and looked into maist of ship. I was told almost one month later that his body had been washed up on the English Channel coast and identified by dog tags. This is heresay evidence. Sources Myself and crew members. any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on su noution: I belive him dead because he was not picked up by the British Air Sea Rescue boat and we were five miles from the coast in a winter sea and because of the story about his body being found as told me when I reported back from the hospital. Total number of missions of above crew members 1 Dates and destinations if possible; 30 December 1943 Ludwigshaven, Germany.

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INDIVIDUAL CAJULATY CUESTIONNATION

File # 5210

Name of crew members

CLEMMENS, William P.

Rouks

2nd.Lt.

Serial number:

0-744688

Did he bell out? No
Where? None
If not, why not? Pilot ordered crew to prepare to crash land in English Channel. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of plane; Co-Pilot called over interphone to waist of ship checking crew's positions for crash landing.
Was he injured? He was killed in the crash.
Where was he when last seen? He was seen by Filot journed between seat and windshield and heresay information: Pilot, Bombardier and Engineer say he was dead in seat before ship sank.
Sources From other crew members. Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe him dead because he was not picked up by dinghy before ship sank.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 1 Dates and destinations if possible; 30 December 1943 Ludwigshaven, Germany.

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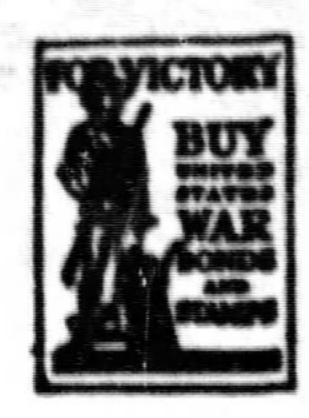
LLOYD, Gilbert D.

Remarks Sgt.
Serial number: 34430946 Position: Crew (Bomber) explicable dighted Engineer, Top Turret Gunner
Did he bail out? No
Where? None
If not, why not? Pilot ordered crew to prepare to crash land in Channel.
Last contact er conversation just prior to or at time
conversation while giving orders to jettison all extra loose equipment.
Wes he injured? He was bruised and dazed.
Where wer he when last seen? He was in the same dinghy with me when picked up by English Air Sea Rescue.
Any horsesy information: We went to same English civilan hospital. He was released
and sent back to duty before I was transferred to American station hospital.
I saw in the Squadron mess after being released from hospital.
Sourcet Myself and other crew members.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on su post tion; No explanation.
He was apparently well the last time I saw him.
Total number of missions of above crew member: 1, as far as I know.
Dates and destinations if possible; 30 December 1943 Ludwigshaven, Germany.
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IN PIPLY REPORTO: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: REUS, Joseph H, 2nd Lt.

- 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 the 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-

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

BY CCMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

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

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

•	Your name Reus, Jeseph H. Rank 1st t Serial No. 0-687962
	703rd Sq Organization 445(B) Gp Commander Terrill Rank Col. Sqn CO J.M. Stewartank Maj. (full name)
	What year 1944 month February day 24 did you go down?
•	What was the mission, Gotha, Germany , target, M.E. Aircraft plant , target time. 1300 , altitude, 18,000 route scheduled.across France
nd	time, 1300 , altitude, 18,000 route scheduled.across France Luzembourg , route flown same
	Where were yc. when you left formation? Leading element in section.
•	Did you bail out? Yes.
•	Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, tail gunner Lonnie Reeves fell without a parachute while attempting to bail out on Bombardier's chute. His was destroyed by gunfire.
	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 safely except for tail gunner. Information above. Officers in crew were in same P.O.W. camp.
	Heard from other Enlisted Men who had been in P.O.W. camp with them, the other crew members, that they were all right in camp at Memel. Where did your eircraft strike the ground? Near Lauterbach, Germany.
	What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
	Where were they in mircraft? None
	What was their condition? None
5.	When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Not applicable.
•	Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge of any other crew's, except those who showed up in prison camp and who were liberated by Russian
	ground forces on 1 May 1945.
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

