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Subject: Missing Air Crew Report.

To:

Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of aircraft Number 42-107581, piloted by Col Jack E. Caldwell, 0-20743.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. RUND,

Lt. Col, AGD, Asst. Adjutant General.

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Missing Air Crew Report. 387th Bomb Group, B-26. #42-107581, 12 Apr 44

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### EYEWITNESS REPORT

I was along as cameraman in Lt Felker's ship. We had just LEFT BEN finished our bomb run, and I was at the right waist gun window when I first saw the lead ship going down in a dive. The left wing had come off and the plane was spinning down. I kept the falling plane in my camera.

The tail came off three seconds after I spotted the falling ship. Only one chute was seen to open by the camera. The plane was seen to crash about a half mile outside of the harbor. The chute was last seen going inland directly over the target.

BENJAMIN E. MANN, lst Lt, Air Corps.

### EYEWITNESS REPORT

Flying as waist gunner in Lt Weise's ship of the high box,
I first saw the Colonel's ship as it turned over on its back,
the left wing off by the motor. The plane seemed to be three
thousand feet below.

I noticed one chute about three thousand feet above the water. Just before the ship hit the water I noticed abother chute. The ship struck the water not far outside the harbor.

W. H. Lindsey

William H. Lindsey, T/Sgt, 31154999.

### EYEWITNESS REPORT

Flying as tail gunner in Captain Will's ship in the high box, I first noticed the Colonel's ship spiraling down with only one wing. When I was able to look again, I saw a chute though I first thought that it was a balloon. It must have been about six or seven thousand feet above the water.

I last saw the ship hit the water about two hundred (200) yards outside the harbor.

Louis F. Shanley. Pvt., 32409428.

CONTENTIAL



### INDIVIDUAL CASUA : QUESTIONALIRE

Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: Fosition: Crew (Bomber)	CALIMELL, Colonel 0-20743	Jack E.	, .
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Information on this crow Member is the same 6-3861-AF As that on Col. Caldwoll.

### INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Did he ball out?
Where?
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
Was he injured?
Where was he when last seen?
Any heresty infor ation:
Source:
Any explanation of his face based in part or wholly on suppos-
Total number of missions of above crew member:

Information on this crew member same 6-3861-AF as that on Col. Calduell.

### INDIVIDUAL CASCALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: Fosition: Crew (Bomber) //df/th/1/th///f/4///	1st Lt. 0-738043	Donald L.
Did he bail out?		
Where?		
If not, why not?		
Last contact or conversation just prior to or plane:		
Was he injured?		
Where was he when last seen?		
Any homessy infor ation:		
Source:		
Any explanation of his fate based in part or withon:		
	-	
Total number of missions of above crew member:		
Dates and destinations if possible:		
	The second secon	The state of the s

Information on this crew member same as 6-3861-AF that on Col Caldwell.

### INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber)// PA/THATINA	FRISZ, Valentine G. Jr. S/Sgt. 35495253 FFF/FF/ Radio Gunner
Did he bail out? Her	
Whore? Over Dunkrihane France	
If not, why not?	
Last contact or conversation just price plane: At the price	or to or at time of loss of
ras he injured? No information	
Mere was he when last seen? In the m	rater about a halfmile and
Any homosey infor ation: Zhe Summer	a informed me the this
man was head when they was	hed him Cause of
death unknown to me.	
Source: Gamen quarding me.	
Any explanation of his fate based in pition: the may kent bun Hown for	-// // /- /
time I was . We were both in the s	ear. It i very likely that
that he was badly injured and	horme of the Conding
in the water. The bir man were que	nit a long time atting
out to him.	0 0
Total number of missions of above crew	merber: bout hum.
Dates and destinations if possible: 2	his information can be
obtained from the words of the.	/ / - /

### CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Your name John R. McGhee, Jr Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-13199
Organization of Commander J. E. Coldwell Rank Col. Sqn CO Keller Rank Cab:  (full name)  What year 1944 month Apr. day 12 did you go down?
What year 1944 month upr. day 12 did you go down?
What was the mission, Rombing , target, Junkupque , target time, Afterneon , altitude, 12 Thousand route scheduled, North Forest , route flown 35 5 cheduled.
Where were you when you left formation? Ofthe Target
Did you bail out?
Did other members of crew bail out? Don't know.
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 we facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
- It is due in
What members of your crew were in the sircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) for far as I know all members of the sum remains above the factor of the sum and the struck that the struck the ground?
Where were they in aircraft? In their appointed forthers.
What was their condition? No horowledge.
When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
Me hnowledge
Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
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)

Sender: Airfield Command E (v) 202/71

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To : Brmy Information Officer for War Casualties, Berlin W. 30.

Casualty Proort No.70, Period: 11 April to 10 June 1944

1, Closted sanore at Nordwijk at Sea, coast km 83 Fortification Point 35 h

Prederic J. BUSCH Identity Tag: No. 0798742 A.J.Busch 75 meid ave Brooklyn, N.Y.

buried on 12 June 1944 on Local Cemetery Mordwijk at Sea Row 6, No. 8

Because of being to much decayed and garments too much decomposed the body could not be identified further.

/S/ Holste Lt.Col. and Commander of Airfield. FORH LEAD \$1 "

### STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

OFFICE OR STATION: HQ AIR BASE AREA B/III

DISTRIBUTOR: EQ AIRDISTR. BELGIA-MORTHFREECE TRANS.P.W.C. A.F. OBERURSEL

HQ AIR BASE AREA

LOCATION: LILE TIME: 24 APRIL 44

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

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DATE AND TIME: 12. APRIL AL

REGARDING:

MEAR: DUNKERQUE over sea

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY MANE: LAST HAME )

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FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME

RANK:

2 nd Lt.

SERIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE

731 392

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS HADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE: DATE OF CAPTURE: 12. APRIL 66 44 EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: DOOR BUNKERQUE CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD! DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECCVERYS CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM) UNIFORM

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIALS GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATROHAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

HOSPITAL ST. GMER

DATE:

12 APRIL M

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, BTC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

l automatic pencil

1 money waist belt

for escape, opened

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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but complete

2 coins

No Identification- warks are attached to this case.

There are however 2 paper sections from an American Newspaper, showing FRISZ and his brother.

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STATEMENT OR CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS HADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR: Air-District Command

OFFICE OR STATION: Air-Field Area 8/III

Belgium- Northern France

LOCATION:

LILLE

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES: OBERURSSL/Taunus

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REGARDING:

SMERRICARDA COMPLETE

DATE AND TIME: 12 Apr 1944

15.35

HEAR:

DUENKIRCHEN into Sea

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME

FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME

MC GHEE ir.

CHRISTIAN NAME) FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME

J. R.

RANK: 1st Lieutenant

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE

731892

NATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 12 Apr 1944

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Near DUENKINGHEN CONDITION OF BODY:

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAR: HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD

ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATROBAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: 13 Apr. 1944 Army Hospital CALMETTE (LILLE) DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO

PEISONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

21 May 1944

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

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INVESTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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### STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

OFFICE OR STATION; Air-Field Area 8/III

DISTRIBUTOR: Air-District Command Belgium-Northern France Dulag Luft OBERURSEL

Command of Air- Field Realm

LOCATION:

LILLE

OFFICE DR APPRAISAL-VALUES!

DOWNED

REGARDING:

Maraucar

12 Apr 1944 DATE AND TIME:

15.35

DUENKIRCHEN into Sea

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FANILY NAME: LAST NAME )

FRIESZ

CHRISTIAN NAME) FIRST MANE: GIVEN MANE

Sergeant

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE

35 495 253

MATIONALITY:

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE:

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE:

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY:

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD: DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY: 12 Apr 1944

CONDITION OF BODY: Beach of DUENKIRCHEN

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG: See BOOVE HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD ASCERTAINED? By enclosed paperelippings

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL: 14 Apr 1944 GRAVE LOCATION: Community Grave Yard DUNKEROUE (DUENKIRCHEN)

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL: DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO PELSONER CONCENTRATION POINT:

REMARKS:

(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE. PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUARMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

2 Paperclippings

1 Letter

Foto 1 Dollar (Note)

Maps

1 Signal book

1 Dictionary