

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 766th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course 295°
Target Nimes, France Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: [a] Date 12 July 1944 Time 1105 Last known position 43-43-0523 East
[b] Specify whether: [] Last sighted, [] Forced down, [] Seen to crash,
[] Last contacted by radio, [] No information

5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
[] Enemy aircraft, [] Enemy anti-aircraft, [] Other

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 G AAF Serial Number 42-78291

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: none

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-65 AAF serial Number [a] BP-432339
[b] BP-446227 [c] CP-307478 [d] BP-431883

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50

[a] N/A	[e] N/A	[i] N/A
[b] N/A	[f] N/A	[j] N/A
[c] N/A	[g] N/A	
[d] N/A	[h] N/A	

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [] Battle Casualty, [] Non Battle Casualty

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10

[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Dunn, Frederick L., 2nd Lt. 0-813679		Fred H. Dunn (Father) Box 93, South Shaftsbury, Vermont
[2] Co-pilot	Jensen, Robert E., 2nd Lt. 0-761955		Earl E. Jensen (Father) 5966 Airdrome St., Los Angeles, California
[3] Nav	Hoeltgen, Francis B., 1st Lt. 0-455635		Elaine Hoeltgen (Wife) 4719 Cook St., Duluth, Minnesota
[4] Bomb	Rutter, Sheldon M., 2nd Lt. 0-752644		Samuel Rutter (Father) 1745 President St., Brooklyn, New York
[5] NTG	Garrison, Clarence E., S/Sgt. 18036590		Tempie I. Garrison (Mother) Channing, Texas
[6] LWG	Esterline, William B., S/Sgt. 35542984		Mildred Esterline (Wife) 336 Cumberland Pl., Toledo, Ohio
[7] RWG	Martinez, Joe A., S/Sgt. 38120491		Maria R. Martinez (Mother) 403 E. Second St., El Paso, Texas
[8] TTG	Schafer, Frank J., S/Sgt. 33562207		Hattie L. Schafer (Wife) 206 S. Conkling St., Baltimore, Maryland
[9] BTG	Espinola, Lionel E, S/Sgt. 11131604		Mary C. Espinola (Mother) 45 Northend St., Peabody, Massachusetts
[10] TTG	Adams, Cecil E., S/Sgt.		Bernice L. Adams (Mother)

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409 Madison St., Vallejo, California

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[12]

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Lodder, Thomas E.	S/Sgt.	36725205		X		
[2] Warren, Horace A.	S/Sgt.	34539192		X		
[3]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: **Yes**

Parachutes were used, Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash,

Other reasons [specify]

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE:.

Date: 15 July 1944

/s/ Robert A. Preciado
Capt., AC

766TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

I saw ship number fifty-one with its engines on fire. Right after the fires started the ship made a 360° turn. I saw four chutes from that ship open. The ship blew up on hitting the river.

/s/ S/Sgt. Thomas E. Lodder
ASN 36725205

STATEMENT

From my position as tail gunner I saw ship number fifty-one attacked by fighters. Immediately after the attack number one engine began to smoke. Then the ship peeled off from the formation. I looked away for a moment and when I looked back I saw what appeared to be ship fifty-one circling and six to eight chutes blossomed out during that period. Then I was forced to direct my attention to enemy fighters.

S/Sgt. Horace A. Warren
ASN 34539192

DATE: 7/12/44 12.00	Rank	U.S.A.	ASN	ME-1598
PLACE: La Rogue	1st Lt.	Name		
D'Antheron		Hoeltgen, Francis B.	0-455635	
TYPE: Liberator	2nd Lt.	Dunn		missing
461 Group				
TARGET: Airbase Hq.				
E (v) 239/XII				

Whereabouts unknown

CASUALTY NO.
ME-1598

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **12 July 44 – 12.00**

PLACE OF CRASH: **La Rogue D'Antheron**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Airbase Hqts. E (V) 239/XII**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Hoeltgen**
FIRST NAME: **Francis B.**

DATE OF BIRTH: **Duluth, Minn.**

RANK: **1st Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-455635**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: **Dulag-Luft** TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: **Dulag-Luft, 25 July 44 Wo.**

To: Computing Station West Oberureal

Liberator was shot down on 12 July 1944 at 11.30 o'clock near La Rogue d'Antheron, 40 kilometers, northeast of Salon. One man of the crew who was captured on 12 July 1944 at 12.00 o'clock, three kilometers north of Le Rogue d'Antheron was taken through Service Unit Field Post No. 27349. The prisoner marched on 15 July 1944 to Oberureal.

1. 1st Lt. Hoeltgen, Francis 0-455635

Three dead – names and place of burial will be reported at the place where dead was found.
Rest of crew fled.

Plane was 100% damaged by pursuit plane.

Dulag Luft
Wetsler
Rec'd 18 July 1944

CASUALTY NO.
ME-1598

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **12 July 44 – 2.00 o'clock**

PLACE OF CRASH: **La Rogue D'Antheron, 40 kilometers northeast of
Salon**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Airbase Command E (V) 239/XII**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Hoeltgen**
FIRST NAME: **Francis B.**

DATE OF BIRTH: **Duluth, Minn.**

RANK: **1st Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-455635**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: **Dulag-Luft** TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: **Captured at La Rogue d'Antheron on 12 July 1944 – 11.30 o'clock.**

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **Sept 26, 1944**

NARRATOR:	Garrison, Clarence	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	18036590	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	Channing, Texas	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
NAVIGATOR	Frank Holtigen	MIA
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
BALL GUNNER	Lionel Espinola	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: **That his chute opened.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French said that he was captured.**

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: _____

NARRATOR:	Lionel Espinola	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	11131604	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	45 Northeast St., Peabody, Mass.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
ENGINEER	Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION:.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French informed us that Francis Hoeltgen was taken prisoner.**

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DATE: 9/27/44

NARRATOR:	William B. Esterline	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	35542984	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	336 Cumberland Pl., Toledo, Ohio	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	POW
ENGINEER	Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joseph Martinez	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
GUNNER	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Observed ten chutes from my crew.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French informed us one man POW.**

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DATE: _____

NARRATOR:	Robert E. Jensen	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-761955	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	5966 Airdrome St., Los Angeles, Calif.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
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NAVIGATOR	Frank B. Hoeltgen	MIA
All other crew members safe and returned to USA.		

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Left airplane safely – parachute opened.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French people informed that only crew member not saved from capture had sprained or broken either ankle or leg and was therefore taken prisoner.**

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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **Sept 27, 1944**

NARRATOR:	Joe A. Martinez	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	38120491	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	403 E. 2nd St., El Paso, Tex.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
ARMORER	Lionel Espinola	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: **I saw all men in plane bail out.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **Navigator a POW according to description of French Partisans.**

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **Sept 27, 1944**

NARRATOR:	Dunn, Frederick L.	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-813679	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	Box 93, South Shaftsbury, VT	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
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All members of the crew have returned to duty except the navigator, and are on orders number 236-26.

PILOT	1st Lt. Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Bob Jensen	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
BOMBARDIER	1st Lt. Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	S/Sgt. Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Joe Martinez	R.D.
ARMORER	S/Sgt. Lionel Espinola	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	S/Sgt. William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: navigator was the next to last man to jump, followed by myself. He cleared the ship successfully, and I saw his parachute open above me.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: From the French people we heard about a 1st Lt. captured by the enemy, and the description fitted Lt. Hoeltgen, also eliminating the 1st Lt. that returned or were known killed leaves Lt. Hoeltgen as the only 1st Lt. left.

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DATE: **Sept 27, 1944**

NARRATOR:	Frank J. Schafer	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	33562207	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	206 S. Conklin St., Baltimore, Md.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	Frank Schafer	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
ARMORER	Lionel Espinola	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Navigator bailed out and chute opened.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **Navigator F. B. Hoeltgen – prisoner of war.**

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **Sept 28, 1944**

NARRATOR:	Cecil E. Adams	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	39410906	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	409 Madison St., Vallejo, Calif.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	Frank Shatter	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
ARMORER	Lionel Espinola	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION: **I counted all ten parachutes.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French reported Lt. Hoeltgen taken prisoner by Germans.**

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **Sept 27, 1944**

NARRATOR:	1st Lt. Sheldon M. Rutter	SQUADRON:	766
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-752644	GROUP:	461
HOME ADDRESS:	1745 President St., Brooklyn, N.Y.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	July 12, 1944

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	Frederick J. Dunn	R.D.
CO-PILOT	Bob Jenksin	R.D.
NAVIGATOR	Frank Hoeltgen	MIA
BOMBARDIER	Shelton Rutter	R.D.
ENGINEER	Frank Shatter	R.D.
RADIO OPERATOR	Joe Martinez	R.D.
ARMORER	Lionel Espinola	R.D.
NOSE GUNNER	Clarence Garrison	R.D.
ASST RADIO	William Esterline	R.D.
TAIL GUNNER	Cecil Adams	R.D.

KNOWN INFORMATION:.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: According to description of navigator, it appears that he was taken prisoner by the S.S. near the vicinity of Cadenet. This statement was given me personally by several French citizens at various times.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Rutter, Sheldon M.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-752644**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Southern France.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **The order to bail out was given by the pilot.**

Was he injured? **I don't believe so.**

Where was he when last seen? **We were together during our stay in France with the underground.**

Any hearsay information: :

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He was returned to allied hands before I was. Later I was returned to allied hands and we were together on the same boat coming back to United States.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Unknown (He did not join our crew until a few missions before M.I.A.)**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Jensen, Robert E.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-761955**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Southern France.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **The order to bail out was given by the pilot.**

Was he injured? **I don't believe so.**

Where was he when last seen? **I last saw him during our flight to France, but did not see him after we bailed out.**

Any hearsay information: **I was told that he along with our engineer Frank Schafe were flown out of France in a C-47 which landed in a free French landing field at night.**

Source: **Commander of free French camp in which we stayed.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He was returned to allied hands before I was. Later I was returned to allied hands and we were together on the boat coming back to United States.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Unknown (He did not join our crew until a few missions before M.I.A.)**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William B. Esterline Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 35442984
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Unknown Rank Col Sqn CO Unknown Rank Maj.
3. What year 1944 month July day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 19th, target, Nimes, France, target time, 1110, altitude, 23,000 ft route scheduled, briefed, route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 50 miles north of Toulon, France.
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". Each crew member bailed out according to B-24 bail out procedure.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 50 miles S.W. of Aix, 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) 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? .
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. While with the free French I contacted about five other air corp personnel. I do not know their outfits or names. I do know that two were from a B-25 and that they were the only two able to bail out of their plane.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Jensen, Robert E.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-761955**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-pilot**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Cadanet, France.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Was over interphone just before we got hit, by enemy aircraft.**

Was he injured? **No**

Where was he when last seen? **Camp Shanks, New York after arriving in States.**

Any hearsay information: .

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **18.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **7 June 1944 – Antheor Viaduct, France; 9 June 1944 – Munich, Germany; 11 June 1944 – Giurgiu, Rumania; 14 June 1944 – Komarom, Hungary; 22 June 1944 – Trieste, Italy; 25 June 1944 – Avignon, France; 26 June 1944 – Korneuburg, Austria; 30 June 1944 – Blechhammer, Germany; 2 July 1944 – Budapest, Hungary; 5 July 1944 – Beziers, France; 6 July 1944 – Aviano, Italy; 11 July 1944 – Toulon, France; 12 July 1944 – Nimes, France.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Rutter, Sheldon M.**

Rank: **2nd Lt.**

Serial number: **0-752644**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Cadanet, France.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Over interphone after we had been hit.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **Camp Shanks, New York.**

Any hearsay information: .

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **Approximately 30.**

Dates and destinations if possible: .

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Clarence E. Garrison** Rank **S/Sgt.** Serial No. **18036590.**
2. Organization **461st** Gp Commander Rank **Col** Sqn CO Rank **Major.**
3. What year **1944** month **July** day **12** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **bombing**, target, **Marshalling yard at Nimes, France**, target time, **1145**, altitude, **20,000 ft** route scheduled, **direct**, route flown **direct.**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **15 min. from target time.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **All members.**
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 crew members bailed out practically at the same time. They landed in the vicinity of Villa, France. This is about 65 miles due north of Axis, France.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **In river bed nearby.**
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? **Last seen all the crew members in New York at Camp Shanks after we came back to the States except the navigator, Frank Hoeltgen, who was taken prisoner at time of bailing out. However, I received from Mr. Hoeltgen and he is back in the States with his discharge and his address is 4214 West 149th St. Midlothian, Illinois.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **None.**

2nd Lt. Josiah R. Hooper

Mr. Glenwood P. Hooper (Father)

**Barrens Road
Milford, New Jersey**

2nd Lt. Charles A. Mac Donald, III

**Mr. James A. Judie (Grandfather)
1515 East Jefferson Blvd.
South Bend, Indiana**

2nd Lt. Frederick C. Bennehoff

**Mrs. Doris M. Bennehoff (Wife)
920 Virginia Street
Graham, Texas**

1st Lt. W. B. Beach

**Mr. W. B. Beach (Father)
Continental Oil Company
Ponca City, Oklahoma**

Sgt. Everett G. Taylor

**Mrs. Mable Taylor (Mother)
Kingsley, Michigan**

Sgt. James R. Wolff

**Mr. George Wolff (Father)
6032 West Stevenson Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Sgt. Robert C. Schmitt

**Mrs. Hattie Schmitt (Mother)
94 Skillman Terrace
Fairlawn, New Jersey**

Sgt. M. D. Emmons, Jr.

**Mrs. Cora E. Emmons (Mother)
2117 Holmes Street
Dallas, Texas**

Sgt. James De Lanzo

**Mrs. Giovinna De Lanzo (Mother)
247 Alder Drive
Bon Avon, Pennsylvania**

Cpl. James R. Gee

**Mrs. Lucile J. Gee (Mother)
1285 Venice Court
Pontiac, Michigan**