

389th Bomb Group Missing Aircrew Report
Fate of Crew Summary

Call Sign	Name/Serial No.		Squadron
F Plus	B-24H 42-94973		566 th
Pilot	1 st Lt John C. Forsyth	O-680199	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Copilot	2 nd Lt George Burroughs	O-683961	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Navigator	2 nd Lt Francis Giardiello	O-712096	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Bombardier	1 st Lt Jack W. Hayden	O-734454	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Flight Engineer	T/Sgt Harold N. Rhodes	13136596	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Radio Operator	S/Sgt Robert W. Meads	20415422	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Ball Gunner	S/Sgt Michael Carrigan	33094606	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control March 31, 1945.
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Richard Sawyer	12207080	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control August 10, 1944.
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Charles R. Kellis	35417738	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Tail Gunner	S/Sgt Joseph A. Tomas	16108655	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.
Nose Gunner	S/Sgt Joseph P. Mulqueeney	13126488	Interned in Sweden; Returned to military control.

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by P. M. WOODSON, Capt., AO

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Date: MAR 15 1946

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 114, APO 558; Command or Air Force VIII AF; Group 389TH BOMB GP 8H; Squadron 566TH; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 114, APO 558; Course 340 MAG HEAD; Intended Destination POLITZ, GER; Type of Mission OPERATIONAL
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
CAVU
- GIVE: (a) Date 29 MAY 44 Time 1243; and Location 5450N-1400E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Force Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
- 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 _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-94973
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 306356
(b) 306709; (c) 305841; (d) 306699
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) BROWNING 50 CAL
(a) 1187158; (b) 1186662; (c) 1186499; (d) 1187347 1186418
(e) 1187106; (f) 1185417; (g) 1186349; (h) 1184218 1187342
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XY
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(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	<u>FORSYTH, JOHN C</u>	<u>1ST LT</u>	<u>0-680199 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>BURROUGHS, GEORGE (NMI)</u>	<u>1ST LT</u>	<u>0-683961 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>GIARDIELLO, FRANCIS B</u>	<u>2ND LT</u>	<u>712096 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>HAYDEN, JACK W</u>	<u>1ST LT</u>	<u>0-734454 RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>MEADS, ROBERT W</u>	<u>T/SGT</u>	<u>20415422 RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>RHODES, HAROLD N</u>	<u>T/SGT</u>	<u>13136596 RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>CARRIGAN, MICHAEL (NMI)</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>33094606 RTD</u>
8. Right Waist	<u>KELLIS, CHARLES B</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>35417738 RTD</u>
9. Left Waist	<u>SAWYER, RICHARD (NMI)</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>12207080</u>
10. Tail Gunner	<u>MULQUEENEY, JOSEPH P</u>	<u>S/SGT</u>	<u>13126488 RTD</u>

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>S-2 SUMMARY</u>						
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used NONE (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (specify) NONE
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. MAP ATTACHED
- ATTACH EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. STATEMENT ATTACHED
- 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 30 MAY 1944
Donald D. Palmblad
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
DONALD D. PALMBLAD
CAPT, AIR CORPS

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WAR DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

A/C 42-94973

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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Group _____; Squadron _____; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course _____
Intended Destination _____; Type of Mission _____
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date _____; Time _____; and Location _____
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6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number _____
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) _____
(b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____; Passengers _____; Total _____
(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. PXXXXX NOSE GUNNER	TOMAS, JOSEPH A		16108655 S/SGT <i>RTD</i>
2. Co-Pilot			
3. Navigator			
4. Bombardier			
5. Radio Operator			
6. Top Turret			
7. Ball Turret			
8. Right Waist			
9. Left Waist			
10. Tail Gunner			

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Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. _____						
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
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14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS 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 _____

Date of Report 30 MAY 1944

Donald D. Palmblad
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

DONALD D. PALMBLAD
CAPT, AIR CORPS

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HEADQUARTERS 389TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF 114 APO 558

30 May 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Interrogation Summary on Missing Air Crew.

TO : For Missing Air Crew Report on A/C 42-94973.

A/C 42-94973 was attacked by enemy fighters on the route out from the target at POLITZ, Germany. He was seen to lose altitude, and the crew was observed throwing out all available equipment to lighten the aircraft. At approximately 1243, at 5450N-1400E, the aircraft was last observed heading for Sweden and the plane was under control. The general opinion at the interrogation was that the aircraft would be successful in reaching the neutral country of Sweden. (This summary was extracted from the interrogations of the crews who flew this mission.)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: **SANTER Richard**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **12207000**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? SWEDEN

If not, why not? PLANE WAS STILL UNDER CONTROL

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

CRASHED LANDED AND WERE INTERNED

Was he injured? YES By German Fighters

Where was he when last seen? AT THE SCENE OF THE CRASH, MALMO, SWEDEN

Any heresay information: WAS BEING TREATED IN MALMO HOSPITAL

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 29 or 30

Dates and destinations if possible; MAY 29, 1944 POLETZ, GERMANY no other
destinations available

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: SAWYER, Richard File 5216
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER (ENGINEER)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? MADE CRASH LANDING

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: We were both on same plane, there was no conversation at separation.

Was he injured? Yes in right forearm - result of attack by German fighter plane

Where was he when last seen? in Sweden being put in ambulance right after crash landing - I saw him one year later at Mitchell Field, NY

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on surrenditions: He is now home in Buffalo New York

Total number of missions of above crew members: 28

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

Feb. 20, 1944 Matha

Feb. 25, 1944 FURTH

Mar. 9, 1944 BRANDENBURG

Mar. 13, 1944 NOBAIL

Mar. 15, 1944 BRUNSWICK

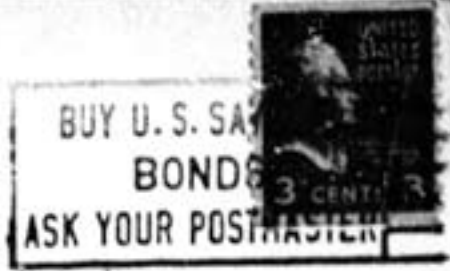
Mar. 16, 1944 Friedrichshafen

Mar. 20, 1944 ABANDONED P.T. WAS FRANKFURT

MAR 26, 1944 NOBILI
MAR 27, 1944 PAV PONT LONG
April 8, 1944 BRUNSWICK
April 9, 1944 TUTOW
April 11, 1944 OSCHERLEBEN
April 12, 1944 RATHENOW
April 14, 1944 PRADERBORN
April 20, 1944 NOBALL
April 24, 1944 GRABLINGEN
April 29, 1944 NOBALL
MAY 1, 1944 BRUSSELS
MAY 7, 1944 OSNABRUCK
MAY 8, 1944 BRUNSWICK
MAY 9, 1944 FLORENNES
MAY 20, 1944 REIMS
MAY 23, 1944 ORLEANS
MAY 24, 1944 ORLY
MAY 25, 1944 TROYES
MAY 27, 1944 SAMBRUCKEN
MAY 28, 1944 MERSEBURG
MAY 29, 1944 POLITZ



From
Joseph P. Mulqueaney
29 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia (44) PA.



COMMANDING General
Army Air Forces
ATTENTION: AFPPA-8
WASHINGTON (25)
D.C.



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Dates + destinations.

Smyer, Richard. 9sgt. 12207080

lost and made up one mission which I can't recall.

24/ Feb. / 44	Gotha	Germany
25/ Feb. / 44	Furth	Germany
9/ Mar. / 44	Brandenburg	Germany
13/ Mar. / 44	Siracourt	France
15/ Mar. / 44	Brunswick	Germany
16/ Mar. / 44	Friedrichshafen	Germany
20/ Mar. / 44	Frankfurt	Germany
26/ Mar. / 44	Siracourt	France
27/ Mar. / 44	Paul Pont	France
8/ Apr. / 44	Brunswick	Germany
9/ Apr. / 44	Tutow	Germany
11/ Apr. / 44	Oschersleben	Germany
18/ Apr. / 44	Ospern	Germany
19/ Apr. / 44	Paderborn	Germany
20/ Apr. / 44	Siracourt	France
24/ Apr. / 44	Gablingen	Germany
28/ Apr. / 44	Siracourt	France
29/ Apr. / 44	Berlin	Germany
1/ May / 44	Brussels	Belgium
7/ May / 44	Osenbrück	Germany
8/ May / 44	Brunswick	Germany
9/ May / 44	Florennes	Belgium
20/ May / 44	Reims	France

over

23/ May / 44	Orleans/Brixy	France
24/ May / 44	Orly	France
25/ May / 44	Britigny	France
27/ May / 44	Sarbrücken	Germany
28/ May / 44	Merseberg	Germany
29/ May / 44	Politz	Germany

M.I.A. on The 29/ May / 44

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: SAWYER Richard
 Rank: S/Lt.
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight Engineer~~; Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? We thought we could land with safety

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane? No

Conversation with Sawyer prior to the loss.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Maine Military Hospital, Sweden

Any hearsay information: Doctor's Information on his condition

Sources: From ^{the} Doctor from The Military Legation.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: (29)

Dates and destinations if possible: Continued

Mr. Harold Rhodes
Arthurdale, West Virginia



Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Attention: AFPPA-8
Washington 25, D. C.

AFPPA-8
(8)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: SAWYER Richard
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? FORCED LANDING - SOLDIER WOUNDED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: MALMÖ,
 SWEDEN MILITARY AIRPORT.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? ON THE WAY TO SWEDISH HOSPITAL VIA MILITARY VEHICLE.

Any heresay information: SOLDIER'S WRIST BONE, RIGHT HAND, SEVERELY
 INJURED BY FRAGMENTS OF 20MM SHELL BURST AT CLOSE RANGE. —
 REMAINED IN HOSPITAL IN MALMÖ SOME 3 MRS. UNDER
 TREATMENT OF ATTENDING MILITARY PHYSICIAN.

Source: DIRECT LEADS.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: SUBJECT
 SOLDIER RELEASED FROM MILITARY CUSTODY OF SWEDISH
 MILITARY AND FLOWN TO ENGLAND FOR FURTHER
 TREATMENT. LAST SEEN, LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, ^{JULY} ~~APRIL~~
 1945 IN FAIR HEALTH, THO' SEMI-USE OF INJURED WRIST.

Total number of missions of above crew member: ^{APR 21} 30 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: MAY 29, 1944, POZAN, Poland,
 SYNTHETIC OIL PLANTS.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: SANTER Richard
 Rank: S/SGT
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Crew Members Bailed out

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was
Taken ^{CREW MEMBER} with two other wounded, by Swedes. over

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? MALMO, Sweden

Any hearsay information: The Last I Heard
He had left Sweden to be brought
back to the zone of interior. He had been
wounded in his wrist and was to be brought
home for further treatment.

Source: Other Crew Members

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: UNKNOWN

Dates and destinations if possible: The Last Mission he was
on was to Stettin, Germany - May 29, 1944

1st Lt. Jack W. Hayden
 Box 113
 Athens, Ind.

File No.

Serial No.

Date of Birth

Sex

Place of Birth

Name (Last, First, Middle)

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

I supposed they were TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: SAWYER Richard
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Engine) or Flight (Flightman): Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? WE MADE CRASH LANDING

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

I HAD NONE

Was he injured? I BELIEVE HE WAS

Where was he when last seen? AT MALMO SWEDEN WHEN LANDED

Any hearsay information: OTHERS IN THE CREW, WHO KNEW HIM, SAID HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND WAS A MONTH OR SO LATER RETURNED TO ENGLAND FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Source: OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

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

MY HEARSAY INFORMATION IS ALL I KNOW OR HEARD OF.

THIS MISSION HAD BEEN MY ONLY ONE; WITH THIS CREW. I HAD UP TO TAKE OFF TIME NEVER MET THEM

Total number of missions of above crew member: IN THE 20'S

Dates and destinations if possible: MAY 29, 1944 POLITZ GER.



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO: 2nd.Lt. Francis ^R~~B~~. Giardiello

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in 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 who 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-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



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

Incls

Georgetown University,
Washington 7, D. C.,
April 23, 1946.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the fate or details of SAWYER, Richard, S/Sgt 12207080, my knowledge is limited.

The mission, I and the entire crew of Lieut. Forsyth's encountered misfortune; was my first flight with Lieut. Forsyth and crew. Up to take off time I had never seen Lieut. Forsyth or his crew members. My regular crew was resting; but, being short navigators, I filled in on Lieut. Forsyth's crew.

I cannot vouch for the name SAWYER, Richard, as being that of our Left Waist Gunner. But my answers to the questionnaire are based on the assumption that he was our L.W.G. Our L.W.G. had been wounded on that mission.

Whatever additional aid I can be let me know. I feel certain that Lt. Forsyth or Lt. Hayden would be a very valuable source of information, as they were thoroughly acquainted with this entire crew. Lieut. Forsyth had flown 29 missions with them.

Very truly yours,

Francis R. Guerdillo
1st Lt. R.C. 0-712096

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew member: SAYRE Richard
 Rank: S/Sgt
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Not necessary, Crash-landed in Sweden

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

No contact made, at the time, previously routine station checks.

Was he injured? Yes, 20 MM shells struck his right arm

Where was he when last seen? At his post, given first aid by Rt. waist Gunner

Any hearsay information: Placed in Hospital at Malmo, Sweden. Was sent to U. S.

as soon as he was able to be moved. Last heard from at Mitchel Field N.Y.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 26 (Twenty-six)

Dates and destinations if possible; Dates and destinations not available to me
at my present location.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
GEORGE MINGLE, SUPERINTENDENT

COLUMBUS 5

Lorain, Ohio
April, 23, 1946

SUBJECT: Casualty information of Crew Members Ref: AFPPA-8
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces,

1. On the morning of May 29, 1944 I took off on my 30th and last mission to complete my tour. The mission was to Politz, Germany; take-off time was approximately 4:30 AM. We proceeded over the North Sea crossed the continent between Denmark and the upper German peninsula. Upon crossing the Continent and going to the Target I lost the Supercharger in the No. 3 engine, but by pulling excess power managed to keep in formation. After bombing the Target I had to keep on the power because the Group ahead of us was being attacked by fighters. As we took course for England we were over the Baltic Sea, I reduced power in order to make it back. I trailed by about two ship lengths when we were hit by about eighteen German fighters (ME 210) We were hit dead at 6 O'clock the tail Gunner shot down three and two probables.

The No. 2 Engine was hit and caught fire, feathered and went out. No. 3 was hit but managed to keep it going. The left stabilizer was hit by a rocket and was almost completely demolished, the flaps went down to thirty degrees and all emergency procedures failed to move them. As I was low on gas I decided to try and make Sweden, the Radio was inoperative. Crash-landed at Malmo, where we were taken into Custody by the Swedish Authorities, until such time as we could be turned over to the Americans. We were sent from there to Loka Brun Internment Camp, we were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

2. The Crew Members who were wounded are-- Sawyer, Richard S/Sgt 12207080
Rhodes, Harold N. T/1st Lt

Sawyer was hit by 20 MM shell in the right arm.
Rhodes was hit in the neck by 20 MM fragments, he was the Eng. and was operating the top turret when it was struck.

3. This report has been made out several times, once immediately after landing in Sweden. I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this, as it has been two years and I am depending largely upon memory. Suggest you use one of the earlier reports.

John C. Forsyth

1st Lt. Air Corps. ORC

0-380199

INDIVIDUAL CUMULATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

File 5216

Name of crew members: SAUER Richard
 Rank: S/SGT.
 Serial number: 12207080
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter); ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~; Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? _____

If not, why not? THERE-WASNT-ANY-REASON-TO-BAIL-OUT.

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

PLANE-TURNED-OVER-TO-SWEDEN.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN-SWEDEN

Any hearsay information: NONE.

Sources: _____

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

HE-WAS-HIT-IN-THE-WRIST-BY-A-20mm
 FIRED-FROM-A-GERMAN-FIGHTER-WHEN-WE
 LANDED-IN-MALMO-HE-WAS-TAKEN-TO-
 A-HOSPITAL-AND-~~HE~~I-NEVER-SAW-^{AGAIN}

Total number of missions of above crew member: 28-OR-29

Dates and destinations if possible: NOT-POSSIBLE.



HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO:

S/Sgt. Michael Carrigan

1722 19th N.W

Wash 25 D.C

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in 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 who 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-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the repl: to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-8, Washington 25, D. C.

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