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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

IX Bomb

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by name Malun, France; Command or Air Force Div (M)
Group 416th Bomb Gp (L); Squadron 668th Bomb Sq (L) Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAF Jta A-55; Course See Inclosure #1
Target or Intended Destination Trier, Germany; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: ---
Visibility unlimited
4. GIVE: (a) Day 7 Month Oct Year 1944; Time 1600; and Location Trier, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by
radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (X); or Information not Avail-
able ().
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one) (Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X); Other Circumstances
as Follows: Airt received flak hit on canopy behind pilot. Seen to crash
west of Trier, Germany. Three parachutes observed.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series A-20C-45; AAF Serial Number 43-21760
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Candace Ann"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23; AAF Serial Number
(a) IE 43-106119 (b) RE 43-106165 (c) --- (d) ---
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number), Browning 50 Cal
(a) 117752 (b) 109381 (c) 1025095 (d) 117752
(e) 1091467 (f) 1091127 (g) 1025061 (h) 1025075
(i) 994675 (j) --- (k) --- (l) ---
(m) --- (n) --- (o) --- (p) ---
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
(b) Non Battle Casualty ---
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 3; Passengers ---; Total 3
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 11
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets
and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	
1. Pilot	<u>Seidl, John B</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0 759 512</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>
2. Mech-Gunner	<u>Cavanagh, Albert F.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>16 07 155</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>
3. Arm-Gunner	<u>Harris, Joseph M.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37 126 176</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>RTD</u>
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5.					
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12. 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

(Last Name First)	Rank	Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Downing, Wayne E.	1st Lt	0 661 726			X	
2. Harris, Frank W.	2d Lt	0 755 937		X		
3. Leonard, Thomas J.	1st Lt	0 747 830		X		

13. 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) _____
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None

Date of Report 9 October 1944

George Schenkein
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
GEORGE SCHENKEIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Lt Downing: Aircraft crashed west of Trier, German. Two (2) chutes seen to open.

Lt Harris: No. 5 of 5th flight, hit on canopy behind pilot. A/C dropped behind and then was lost sight of. No chutes seen.

Lt Leonard: 3 parachutes observed. One hit on edge of town.

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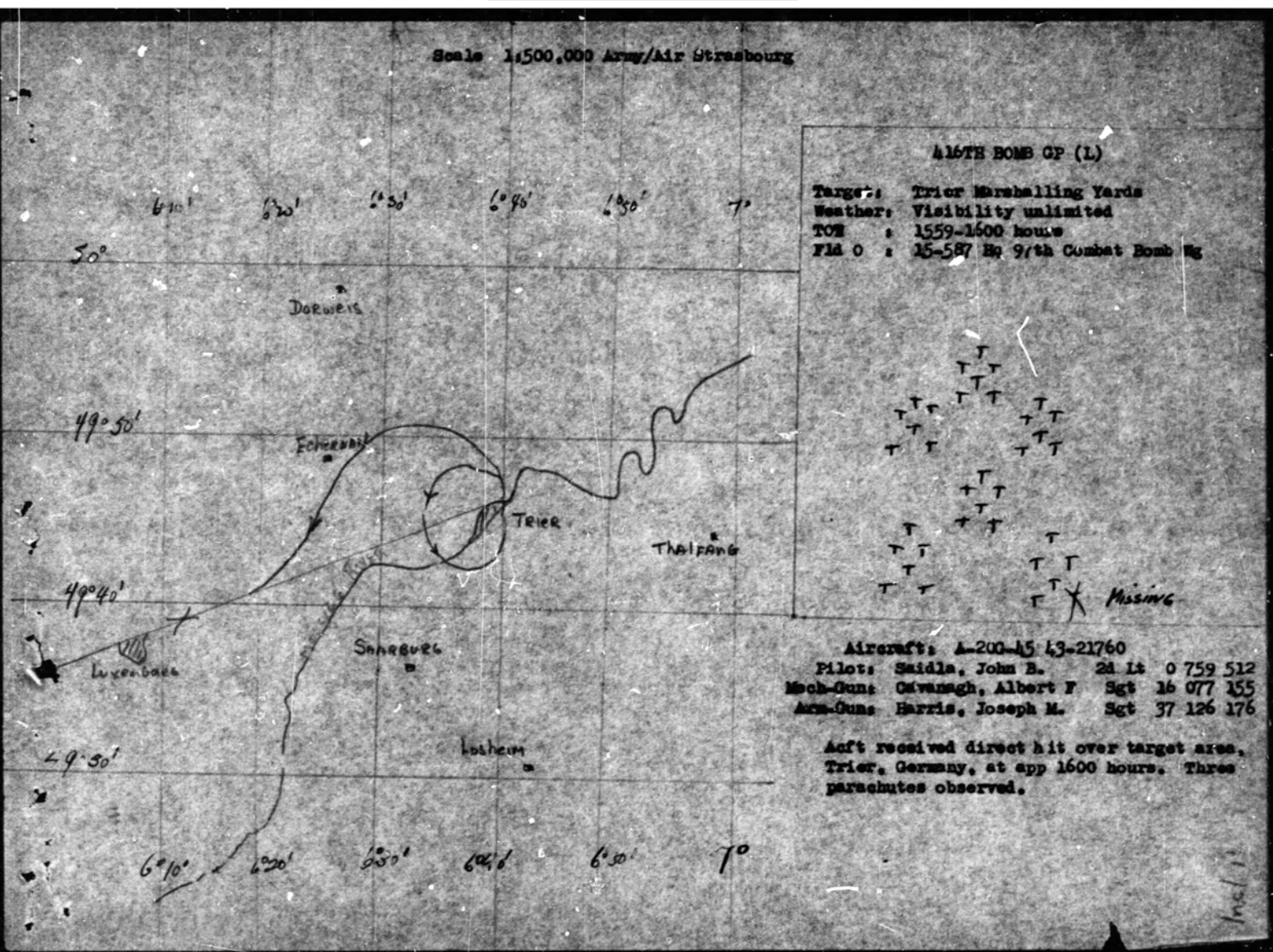
416TH BOMB GP (L)

Target: Trier Marshalling Yards
Weather: Visibility unlimited
TON : 1559-1600 hours
Flt O : 15-587 Hq 9th Combat Bomb Gp

Aircraft: A-200-45 43-21760

Pilot: Saidle, John E. 2d Lt 0 759 512
Mech-Gun: O'Connell, Albert F Sgt 16 077 155
Arm-Gun: Harris, Joseph M. Sgt 37 126 176

Aft received direct hit over target area,
Trier, Germany, at app 1600 hours. Three
parachutes observed.



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remarks : KU 3221

Headquarters of Air Field District
12/VII (Neustadt)

Neustadt on the Weser, 24 Oct 44

Is File: Bergg.

Subject: downed enemy aircraft
To: Distributors.

Distribution:
Evaluation Center West
Oberursel.

On 7 October 1944, 1608 hour at Idesheim, Dorf St. 8 a two engined american ^{aircraft} probably Bostonj has been downed.

Damage is 99 %. Markings on empennage: the number 0945. Nothing is known about the crew. Idesheim is located 15 km north west of Trier, grid square 60 RO 4 (KU 3127)

On 14 October 1944, 1740 hour at 1 km east of Hentern, 15km south southeast of Trier (O SO 5) a Thunderbolt P 47 D has been shot down. Damage is 99 %. Markings: Cockade C. Further markings and license N: could not be ascertained. The pilot was captured and transferred to Oberursel. His name could not be ascertained. (J-2324)

According to information of the 9th Flak Division following air crafts were shot down: on 20 October 1944, 1408 hour, 1 Thunderbolt at Abaucourt (69 AN 5) (J2381)

On 20 October 1944, 1500 hour, 1 Mustang 7 m southwest of HamptkoHampt near Chateau-Salins (69 A07) (J 2382).

On 20 October 1944, 1502 hour, 1 Lightning 500 m southwest of Dunkirke (69 AN 6) (J2383).

Sign. Reiter

Staff and District Engineer

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Air Field Headquarters A 18/VII
1c Salvage, Trier-Euren

Trier, 12 October 44

Reference: D(Air) 2706/07
Subject: American prisoner of war

To: Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

The air field headquarters consigns enclosed a form No. 1 of the American prisoner of war

SGT. Albert F. Cavanagh, 160 771 55 T42-3 A

who was captured today at Ralingen on the Sauer east of Echternach.
The downing of his aircraft took place on 7 October 1944 at 0400.

The aircraft allegedly went down far into the interior on German territory
(2 engine bomber).

Enclosure: 1 sealed envelope

Dulag Air, Wetzlar
Received: 21 Oct 44
Centr. Registry and Report office

By order
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Major and Airfield Commander.

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Air Field Headquarters A 18/VII

PLACE: Trier - Euren

DATE: 12 Oct

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF a 2engined bomber

EM. LANDING: AT: unknown probably far east from where the prisoner
bailed out, on 7 October 1944, at 0400

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) CAVANAGH

FIRST NAME: ALBERT F.

rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 160 771 55 T42-3 A

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Ralingen on the Sauer, east of Echternach on 12 Oct 44

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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FIRST NAME: **ALBERT P.**

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Distribution:
Dulag-Air, Wetzlar

PLACE: Trier-Euren

DATE: 8 October 1944, 0910 ~~XXXX~~

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, probably Marauder through Flak
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: 300 m north of Idesheim, southeast of Bitburg on 7
October 1944, 1620

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) S A I D L A

FIRST NAME: JOHN BOON
rank: 2nd Lt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) O-759 512 T43-4 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Between Welschbillig and Hofweiler, County Trier, on
7 October 1944, 1715

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, probably Harrauder through Flak
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PLACE: Trier-Buren

DATE: 8 October 1944, 0925

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, probably Marauder through Flak
300 m north of Idesheim southeast of Bitburg on 7 Oct
EN. LANDING: AT: 1944, at 1620

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) H A R R I S

FIRST NAME: JOSEPH M.

RANK: Sgt.
SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 371 261 76 T42-44 0

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: At ~~Kordel~~ Kordel, County Trier, on 8 Oct 1944, 1640

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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PLACE: **Trier-Buren**

DATE: **8 October 1944, 0935**

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) **OF, probably Marauder through Flak**
300 m north of Idesheim southeast of Wittburg on 7 Oct
EN. LANDING: **AT: 1944, at 1630**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **HARRIS**

FIRST NAME: **JOSEPH M.**

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **371 261 76 T42-44 0**

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **Captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: **At Hammink Kordel, County Trier, on 8 Oct 1944, 1640**

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

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Airfield Headquarters A 18/VII
Is Salvage, Trier-Euren

Trier-Euren, 3 Oct 1944

Reference: D (Air) 2706/07

Subject: American prisoners of war.

To: Evaluation Center West, Oberursel.

The airfield headquarters A 18/VII consigns enclosed 2 forms about the prisoners of war

2nd Lt. John Boon ~~Six~~ Saidla, O-759 512 T43-4 0

Sgt. Joseph M. Harris, 371 261 76 T42-44 0

Both prisoners come from a Marauder (probably) downed by Flak on 7 October 1944, 1620 at 300 m north of Idesheim, southeast of Bitburg. The aircraft is through crash-fire entirely burnt up.

Enclosure: 2 sealed envelopes.

Sign. (illegible)

Major and Airfield Commander

In Triplicate.

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And Lt. John Dean Alk Aidla, O-759 512 TA3-4 0

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7 October 1944

1620

Havoc-Boston

Idesheim, S.E. of Bitburg

668
416

F1 (A)

Airfield Trier

P.	2nd Lt.	Saidla, John B
	Sgt.	Harris, Joseph M.
	Sgt.	Cavanagh, A. F.

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Haves-Boston

Idesheim, S.E. of Hildburg

668
A16

F2 (A)

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KU 3127 remarks : KU 3221

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A-20
3 men near
AAF# 43-21760

7 October 1944, 1530

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Idosheim/Trier
Types: Boston A 20
668 (W 130) Sqd.
416 Group
Targets: Air Base
Trier-Buren

2nd/Lt. SAKILA

John Boon

O-759512 capt.

Sgt. HARRIS

Joseph Herlin

37126176 capt.

Sgt. CAVANAGH

Albert Francis

16077155 capt.

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 7 October 1944 1630 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. 22-2127

PLACE OF CRASH Ideshelm near Trier

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Boston

REPORTING OFFICER Hq 1st Air Base Trier-Duren

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
HARRIS 1920	Sgt.	37126176	captured	Dulag Luft West
SAIDLA 1924	2nd Lt.	O-759512	captured	Dulag Luft West
CAVANAGH	Sgt.	16077155	captured	Dulag Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 8 November 1944 v. 2.

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Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. NI 3127

Abschußtag und Zeit: 7.10.44. 15.30.

Abschußort: Idesheim b. Trier

Flugzeugtyp: Boston

Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. K. Trier-Luren

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
HARRIS 1920	Joseph Merlin	Sgt.	37126176	gef. Dulag-Luft West
SAIDLA 1924	John Boon	2/Lt.	0-759512	gef. Dulag-Luft West
CAVANACH	Albert Francis	Sgt.	16077155	gef. Dulag-Luft West

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DULAG-LUFT, den 8.11.44. v.S.

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JPP/12/29/44

2nd Lt. John E. Saidla

Mrs. Johanna M. F. Wambach (mother)
926 Oakdale Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Albert F. Cavanagh

Mrs. Mary L. Lavery (sister)
1000 Loyola Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Sgt. Joseph M. Harris

Mrs. Bernice Maruel Harris (mother)
729 1st Avenue,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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