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Date MAR 15 1946

WAR DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON

to

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Date

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 airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Wethersfield, Essex, Eng. Command IX Bomber Group 416th Bomb Gp (L); Squadron 668th Bomb; Detachment xxxx
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex; Course See Incl I
Intended Destination Amiens, France; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8-10 miles visibility with haze 5000 to 6000 feet over target
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 1944; Time Approx 2038; and Location Amiens France
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane
(b) Specify whether (x) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Airplane; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows plane hit by flak while on bomb run. Last seen flying north from Amiens, Fr., with right engine on fire. Plane losing altitude.
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series 20 G-35; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-10203
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 2600-23; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-105187
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (b) 43-105347
(a) 609145 Fixed; (b) 606743 Fixed; (c) 612526 Fixed; (d) 996382 Flex
(e) 609208 Fixed; (f) 608811 Fixed; (g) 609769 Fixed; (h) 996201 Flex
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
8 (i) 995157 All Guns, Machine, or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
Browning, Cal. .50
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD: Crew 3; Passengers 0; Total 3
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, 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 (1022)	SIRACUSA, LUCIAN J.	1st Lt AC (AUS)	0797730
2. Armorer-Gunner (612)	Hume, James N.	S Sgt	11013679
3. AM-Gunner (748)	Brown, Floyd E.	S Sgt	15338062
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.	IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:		

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WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. EBENSTEIN, GUSTAVE	1st Lt	0797803		X		
2. Perkins, Holly Jr	S Sgt	17014368		X		
3. Newell, S.P.	Sgt	14014441		X		
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used <u>X</u> ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash <u> </u> ; or (c) any other reason (specify) <u> </u>						
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.						
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.						
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE <u>None</u>						

Date of report 29 May 1944

George Schenkein

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GEORGE SCHENKEIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Incl #1 Diagram
Incl #2 Eye Witness Descriptions
Incl #3 Photograph



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1st. Lt. Lucian J. Siracusa

Mrs. Philomena Siracusa, (Mother)
325 13th Street,
Palisades Park, New Jersey.

S/Sgt. James E. Hume

Mrs. Edith E. Hume, (Mother)
South Side Road,
York Village, Maine.

S/Sgt. Floyd E. Brown

Mrs. Evelyn G. Brown, (Wife)
9 Linden Avenue,
Moundsville, West Virginia.

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Missing Air Crew Report--Airplane A 20 G-35 AAF Serial No 43-10203.
416th Bomb Gp (L)

Consolidated Eye Witness Statements of:

1ST LT	CUSTAVE EBBENSTEIN	0797803
S Sgt	Holley Perkins Jr	17014368
Sgt	S.F. Newell	14014441

Plane hit by flak in right engine. Last seen, engine on fire. Plane losing altitude, flying north from Amiens, France. Two chutes seen to leave airplane followed later by third chute. Light flak fire was fired at parachutes from 8000 feet to ground. Chutes last seen to disappear in smoke from bombs on target.

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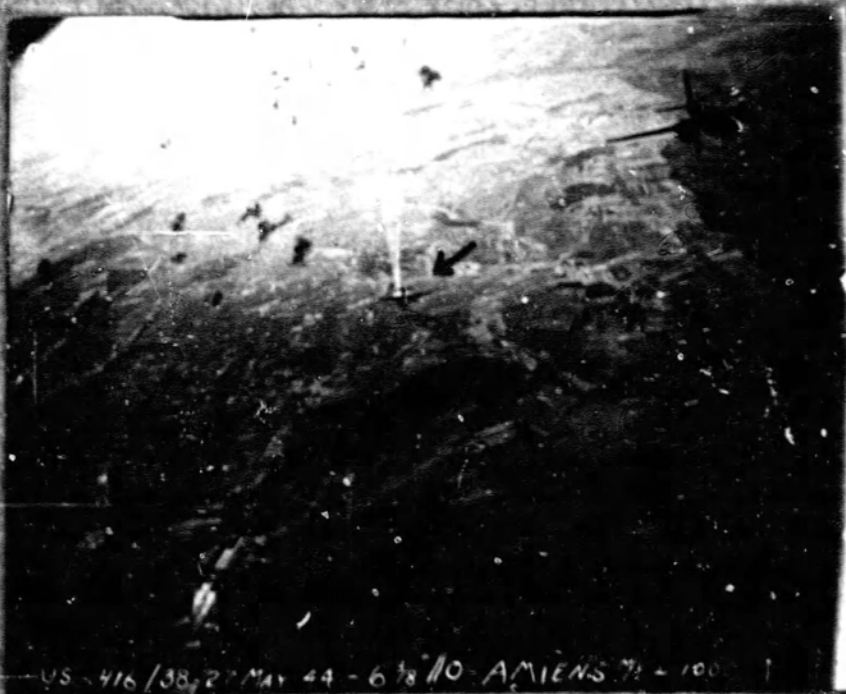
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AIRPLANE: A20G-35 43-10203. Pilot 1ST LT LUCIAN J. SIRACUSA, 0791730,
668th Bomb Sq (L), 416th Bomb Gp (L)



US 416/38, 27 May 44 - 6 1/2 110 AMIENS 71 - 100

Plane of Lt SIRACUSA is in left background with right engine burning.

Plane of 1ST LT ALLEN W GULLION JR, 020453, with right engine burning,
is in right foreground of picture.

(1ST LT GULLION was piloting A20G-35 43-10206, also
reported missing)

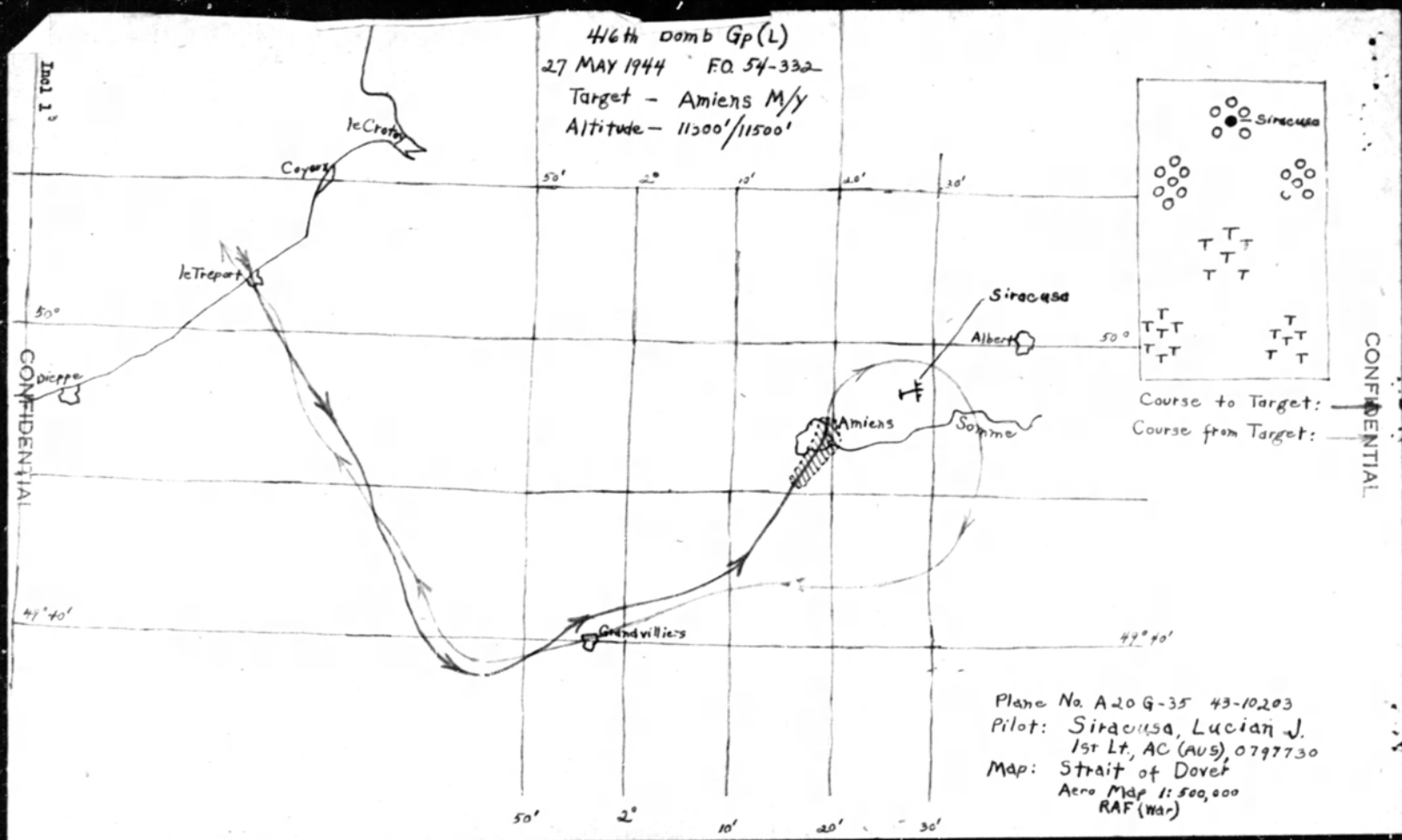
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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SIRACUSA LUCIAN J Rank CAPT. Serial No. 0-797730
2. Organization 416 Gp Commander MACE Rank COL Sqn CO R.F. PRICE Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MAY day 27 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MEDIUM ALT. BOMB target, MARSHALL ISLANDS, AMIENS, FRANCE
time, 1800, altitude, 12 000 FT. route scheduled, ENG, CHANDEL
FRANCE & BOKK, route flown SAME.
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER AMIENS 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".
TOTAL CREW BESIDES MYSELF CONSISTED OF TWO GUNNERS
BOTH OF WHOM BAILED OUT ON BOMB RUN AND ARE
DEFINITELY SAFE IN THE U.S. AS OF JUNE '45
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10 MILES WEST OF AMIENS
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? NONE
12. What was their condition? NONE
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. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

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ATTENTION: AFPPA-8, WASH 25 DC

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IDENTIFICATION TAG OF:

✓1. Siracusa, Lucia J, O-797750 T 43 43 O O

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FORM LEAF 81

STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Headquarters 224/XI

LOCATION: Amiens-Clisy

OFFICE OR APPRAISAL-VALUES:

REGARDING: DOWNED)
EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: 27 May 1944

AT:

NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) S I R A C U S A

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Lucian

RANK: Pst/1st

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 0-797730

NATIONALITY: USA Air Corps

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 27 May 1944

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Bertangles

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Gendarmerie Unit 457

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

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
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:

DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER 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 EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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OFFICE OR STATION: Air Base Headquarters

LOCATION: Amiens- Glisy

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EMERGENCY LANDINGS)
CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: 27 May 1944

AT:

NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME)
LAST NAME) BROWN

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME)
GIVEN NAME) Floyd E.

RANK: St/Sgt

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL
SERVICE 15333062

NATIONALITY: USA Air Corps

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 27 May 1944

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Amiens

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Gendarmerie 580

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Uniform

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

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

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CRASH)

DATE AND TIME: 27 Mai 1944

AT:

NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

SURNAME)
FAMILY NAME: LAST NAME) HUMB

CHRISTIAN NAME
FIRST NAME: GIVEN NAME) James

RANK: St/Sgt

SERIAL
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERVICE 11013679

NATIONALITY: USA Air Corps

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:

DATE OF CAPTURE: 27 Mai 1944

EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Bertangles

CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Field Gendarmerie 467

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:

DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:

CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)

Uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:

HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
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DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:

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