

8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No. KU 2839	8575	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date 15:15 hours	27 August 1944	0-814620	1st Lt.	Yarnall Jr., Winfield	L. Pilot	KIA
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-822162	2nd Lt.	Bertich, Louis A.	Co-Pilot	KIA
Serial No.	43 - 37629	0-862946	2nd Lt.	Sanford Jr., Isaac N.	Navigator	KIA
Group/Squadron	303 BG/360 BS	0-765601	2nd Lt.	Britter, Harry B.	Bombardier	KIA
Code Letters/Markings		12021937	T/Sgt.	Fidares, Anthony (NMI)	Top Turret Gunner	KIA
Mission/No.		6561058	T/Sgt.	Baker, Albert W. Jr.	Radio Operator	KIA
Target	Berlin		S/Sgt.	Taxon, Rubin (NMI)	Ball Turret Gunner	KIA
AF Station 107	Molesworth, Hunts.		S/Sgt.	(NMI) De Salvo, Dominick	Waist Gunner	KIA
Location of Crash: Hjerting northwest of Esbjerg in German military area.		32812613	S/Sgt.	Birenbach, Melvin(NMI)	Tail Gunner	KIA
Statement:		Statement of 1st Lt. Ben L. Connolly, 0-758280: On the mission to Berlin on 27 August 1944 I was pilot of A/C 42-97861 which was flying in no.2 position, low squadron,				
Mission to Berlin cancelled due to bad weather. Esbjerg airfield selected as target of opportunity for some sixty B-17s.		low group 41st "A" Combat Wing. The missing A/C 43-37629 was flying in no. 1 position in the same squadron. Near Esbjerg the missing A/C received a direct hit from A/A gun fire in the fuselage just back of the wings. The A/C immediately broke in				
		half and fell away in two pieces. I did not see any parachutes nor did any of my crew.				

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