

Crash of American Mustang pilot George W. Hall
13th April 1944, Lebach

Combat report
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“After combat near the Worms area I picked up Lt. Hall of the 356th Fighter Squadron. His aircraft was badly shot up. The elevator controls did not function, his oil pressure dropped and the engine ‘froze up’ and started smoking. He said ‘Good-bye to the boys at the base’ and then successfully bailed out. His plane then caught fire. His chute opened and I circled the area and saw him hit the ground. Farmers ploughing fields stopped what they were doing and rushed over to him. I could see the chute swinging a good deal before he hit, so he must have been knocked unconscious for a short time. The next time I glanced down I could see the chute folded up and a man with a brown uniform on (thought to be Lt. Hall) talking to the farmers. This was at a spot near Lebach, north of Saarbrücken, about 15.00 hrs. Am sure that Lt. Hall is O. K. and not injured.”