

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name NUTHAMPTON, ENG Group 598th Bomb Sv Squadron 602nd Sq Sv; Detachment None Command or Air Force 6th Air Force
2. SPECIES: Place of Departure AAP Station 151 Course Per alert Target or Intended Destination Bomber, Germany Type of Mission Operational Bomber
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clouds 6-10 2nd Top 15,000. Moderate-Persistent overcast.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month 10 Year 1944; Time 19:00 and Location 5157-0740Z Approx of last known whereabouts of missing A/C. (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not Available ().
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17E; AAF Serial No. 42-102306
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1730-27 AAF Serial No. (a) 52-424010; (b) 52-424010; (c) 52-424010; (d) 52-424010
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Numbers):

(a) <u>None</u>	(b) _____	(c) _____	(d) _____
(e) _____	(f) _____	(g) _____	(h) _____
(i) _____	(j) _____	(k) _____	(l) _____
(m) _____	(n) _____	(o) _____	(p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty None or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 8, Passengers 0, Total 8

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	WILEY, ARNOLD H	2nd Lt	0-677479	KIA KIA
2. Co-Pilot	WILEY, ARNOLD H	2nd Lt	0-677479	KIA KIA
3. Navigator	WILSON, ROBERT T	2nd Lt	0-722236	KIA KIA
4. Bombardier	WILSON, PHILIP A	2nd Lt	0-777267	KIA KIA
5. Eng. Turret Gun	WILSON, ROBERT T	Sgt	5652002	KIA KIA
Radio Operator	WILSON, ROBERT T	Sgt	5652002	KIA KIA
Left Waist Gunner	WILSON, ROBERT T	Sgt	5652002	KIA KIA
Right Waist Gunner	WILSON, ROBERT T	Sgt	5652002	KIA KIA
Eng. Observer	WILSON, ROBERT T, JR	Sgt	12083696	KIA KIA R+D

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IDENTITY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN SIGHT OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS INDICATE FACTS FOR SPEC:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash Landing
WINTER, WILLIAM W.	2nd Lt	0-787885		X	
SUMMERS, ROBERT T.	1st Lt	3882944		X	
WINGS, HENRY P.	1st Lt	85777072		X	

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) _____

ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT of search being made.

Date of Report: 1 December 1944

William W. Winter
 WILLIAM W. WINTER, 2ND LT, AIR CORPS
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Statements Attached.

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102345, Pilot, 2nd Lt John H Farmer, O-682854, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Fv, on Combat Mission to Munster, Germany 28 October 1944.

Bombs were away at 1430. We were flying # 2 position in the low element. At about 1431 Lt Payne dropped down about two hundred feet. I started down and then decided to catch the lead element. At about the same time I noticed gasoline streaming out of Lt Farmer's left wing. At 1432 he left his position and dropped back past my right wing. I tried to take over his position and didn't see him after that.

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20. [Illegible]	1000000

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102543, Pilot, 2nd Lt
John H Farmer, O-682834, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 388th Bomb Group Ev, on
Combat Mission to Haver, Germany 28 October 1944.

I was flying with Lt Taylor's crew in number two position of the
high element of the low squadron. After we left the target I saw
Lt Farmer's ship falling back of the formation. I kept watching him
until we got near Holland, where it got so hazy I lost him. So I
don't know if he made it to the North Sea or not. He had fighter
escort with him.

Robert T. Biedrzycki

HERBY T. BIEDRZYCKI, 35213044

S/Egt, 601st Bomb Sq

Ball Turret Gunner, B17G 42-107909

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Eye Witness Description of Missing Aircraft B17G 42-102543, Pilot, 2nd Lt John M Farmer, O-882834, 602nd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group BV, on Operational Mission to Munster, Germany 28 October 1944.

I was flying in Lt Van Opderp's crew as ball turret gunner and I saw a plane with letter B on the tail going down just after we passed the target. The left wing tekye tank was leaking and number four engine was smoking badly. I watched this plane until it went under the clouds and never saw it again. I believe it took about ten or fifteen minutes to go out of sight.

Sgt. Henry P Dinges

HENRY P DINGUS, 35.77072
Sgt, 602nd Bomb Sq
Ball Turret Gunner, B17G 42-
97249

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398TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP BY
Munster, Germany 26 October 1944

Lead Squadron "B" Group Formation Over Target

F-10
 JEPLEMAN
 Scott
 E-7743-Q (PFF)

F-2
 Farnor
 E-2552-E

D-7
 Hancock
 Leiboldt
 E-3031-F (PFF)

F-5
 Payne
 E-2538-C

F-10
 Shafer
 E-2558-Y

F-10
 Connolly
 E-2519-F

F-10
 Zimmerman
 E-2554-E

F-8
 Griffin
 E-7814-H

F-12
 E-7101-J

35
 Eriar
 E-2512-A

35
 Van Cudorp
 E-7744-F

High Squadron "B" Group Formation Over Target

D-7
 Scott
 Sherry
 E-8199-R (PFF)

B-4
 High
 A-7317-P

B-3
 Gonzalez
 E-8154-H

B-2
 Stockman
 A-7789-F

B-3
 Johnson
 A-2363-G

B-4
 Road
 E-8191-L

B-4
 E-7745-F

B-1
 Spangler
 A-2459-Q

35
 E-2592-G

B-4
 Lee
 A-7777-P

35
 E-8126-Z

Low Squadron "B" Group Formation Over Target

B-4
 Gating
 E-8121-Q

B-4
 Prather
 E-8121-Q

F-5
 Marie
 E-8658-A

B-6
 Rolfe
 E-7105-L

B-5
 E-8121-Q

D-10
 Morrison
 E-3570-W

35
 Rogers
 E-8115-K

35
 Blackwell
 E-8115-K

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 E-8115-K

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESSES' ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Group. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 393 CO 602 A/C # 42-102545 B MISSION DATE 28 Oct
0-682834
FIRST PILOT Famer, John McKullin 2nd Lt DESTINATION Station 131
NAME RANK SER #

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates Approx. 5157.7-0740E
- (b) Approximate altitude 25,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading was dropping back
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation not observed.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy-fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

moderate and accurate - No. E/A

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

#4 engine smoking, gas leaking out of #1 tank.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

A/C when last observed was under control.

(Over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? Not observed. If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.).

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

Not observed after it left formation.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

One crew reports hearing radio message to effect there was a wounded man aboard.

8. Date of report 1 November 1944

<u>WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>	
1.	<u>Taylor, Robert Oliver</u>	<u>COL</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>C-759342</u>	<u>080 E</u>
2.					
3.					
4.					

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Charles H. Ford</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-568990</u>	<u>Int'l Ops</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter B, AG, 704 (5 July 44) CB-8-11 P-11, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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 B-17
 AAF 42-102543
 9 men

23 Oct., 44 2454

KU 3226

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Type: Fortress

Markings: 102543

602 (H.B.) Sqd. 396 Group

Target: Airbase Plantlucene

2nd Lt. FARMER	John Ho Mallin	0-682834	capt.
2nd Lt. GORBA	Robert Theodore	0-725226	capt.
Lt. VOLKAY	YELKEY Arnold M.	0-697659	dead
	SELTZER	Philip A.	dead
S/Sgt. KEIFER	Paul Jr.	35921065	capt.
S/Sgt. KILGORE	James G.	34635683	capt.
S/Sgt. GAILLY	Samuel Allen	19083620	capt.
S/Sgt. HARTINS	Robert Hartman	35505906	capt.
S/Sgt. SCHWACHKE	Alpha Henry	39145606	capt.

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2 dead Prisoner Cemetery Lingen/Eng

Make and Type Aircraft
was shot down

28 Oct 54 - 1434

Place of Crash

Helena County, Montana

Type of Plane

Perkins

Reporting Office

Airbase 20, Missoula

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO	CAPTURED REMARKS	PLACE OF INTEREST
SMITH	2nd Lt	4-23115	captured	along with Capt
FISHER	2nd Lt	4-40112	"	"
SCHLACER	1/3rd	381106	"	"
WALKER	1/3rd	1807110	"	"
WATSON	1/3rd	277106	"	"
WILSON	1/3rd	381106	"	"
KILGORE	1/3rd	381106	"	"
FORRY	1st	1807110	"	"

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE MESSAGE WRITER:

1234

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE: -

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

THROUGH:

TIME:

ROLL:

21 Oct 1964

FROM:

12, 20

THROUGH:

1234

1234

REMARKS:

URGENT 1234 21 Oct 12.20

In
Distribution Under What TELETYPE

Subject: Place of Crash 21 Oct 1964.

No 1 14.54 1234, Director of 1234 1234 1234 1234
Messages: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Event after crash. 7 witnesses. 2 dead. Salvage Dept VII salvages.

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Subject: Place of Crash 21 Oct 1964.

No 2 - 14.54 1234, Director of 1234 1234 1234 1234
Messages: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Event after crash. 7 witnesses. 2 dead. Salvage Dept VII salvages.

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Air-District General 12 12

0-3224 AF (5)

SUSSEX, MAJOR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/10/50

RE: [Illegible]

TO: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

4. [Illegible]

5. [Illegible]

Waltrey Arnold M. 0697757 ✓
M. J. [Illegible] ✓
K. J. [Illegible] ✓

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE MESSAGE

-ORBUSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **KLK**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 1 Nov 19 44

THROUGH:

TIME: 1800

COLL:

FROM: **KLK**

THROUGH: **KLK**

REMARKS: **KLK**

VERY URGENT LTPS 244 21000 21.00

To
Evacuation Center West (Dalag 1200) **COMMUNIST**

Subject: Downed of 4 captured **15 Oct 1944** in **VIETNAM** near **QUANG BINH**
County of **QUANG BINH**, Fighter **Boeing B-29**
Type of craft: **B-29** **Superfortress** **Boeing** **Model 29**
Aircraft No: **7** in **triangle** **Boeing** **Model 29**
Partial after crash, kind of **Boeing** **Model 29**
7 captured, **5** dead. According to **document** of **prisoners** **only** **1** **and** **two**
suspect **to** **be** **in** **the** **craft**.

Name of prisoners:

- 1st Lt. **JOHN S. BROWN** **USAF**
- 1st Lt. **WALTER G. GIBSON** **USAF**
- 1st Lt. **WALTER G. GIBSON** **USAF**
- 2nd Lt. **JOHN S. BROWN** **USAF**
- 2nd Lt. **WALTER G. GIBSON** **USAF**
- 2nd Lt. **WALTER G. GIBSON** **USAF**
- 2nd Lt. **WALTER G. GIBSON** **USAF**

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5 prisoners also captured, **COMMUNIST** **has** **a** **document** **of** **the** **plane** **and**
The prisoners were set on march to **QUANG BINH**.

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Death in Family

Name, Title and Place of Death:
Cause of Death:
Name and Street Address of Deceased:
Residence and Death:
Nationality:
Occupation:
Place of Birth:
Place of Living:
Single or married:

12, 1946. 12, 1946 in DEATH, County of
New York
New York
1234 5th St
New York
New York
New York
New York
New York
New York

077357

Notes:

Class: New York
Date: 12 Oct 1946, 12, 1946

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1st Field Division

1954

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of ...
Name of ...
Address of ...
City of ...
State of ...

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Prisoner Name	Rank	Class of Casualty	Date	Time
1. Sgt. FURBER JOHN R.	O- 02104	DECEASED	22 Oct 1944	15.00
2. Sgt. GIBSON JAMES	O- 71806	"	"	"
3. Sgt. KELLY PAUL	02104	"	"	"
4. Sgt. KILGUS JOHN	02104	"	"	"
5. Sgt. KILGUS JOHN	02104	"	"	"
6. Sgt. KILGUS JOHN	02104	"	"	"
7. Sgt. KELLY PAUL	02104	DECEASED	22 Oct 1944	15.00

According to statements of one of the prisoners there were only supposed to be 2 men in that plane.

NAME:
Flying engineer and engineer for special assignment.

GENERAL DATA

Wing: 80% Landing gear: 60% Wings 80% Tail-Unit: 60%
Percent age of wreckage

Type of motor: STURMBAUER E 1030 - 22 (ST)

No. 1. AF 41- 6280	70% wreckage	2. AF 01896	70% wreckage
No. 2	70%	4.	80%

Motor-Propeller ; Number of blades: 3 Type : HAMILTON STANDARD
Serial No 1-3 Serial No Blade 1; No 1771 Blade 2 ; -- Blade 3: - - -

ARMAMENT:
Caliber : 12.7 mm Browning Machine Gun
Type:
found: 4 single - barbed
3 single - barbed

Placard Installation:
Location: Near-Gunner Post.
Wings: Upper side
Engine: Engine cover
Wings: Upper side
near tail-section
Wings: Upper
right and left

1 Twin burned out; presumably installed in bow-position.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OPERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

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DATE:

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

THROUGH:

TIME:

ROLL:

FROM:

THROUGH:

REMARKS:

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Some of the Dead: 1st ARNOLD H. POSEY(?) 3d B. 68743
PHILIP A. HERRER Identification tag not found.
The Dead were buried on the 7th Company in LINDSEY/ Eng.

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ALB. FIELD EQ 16/21
1st Army Flying Field "Support
PARTISAN

ELMER, MAJOR.

1st Field Sq 10/31
Signal - Field Command PLANNING

RECEIVED, 23 Oct 1944

Name and First Name of prisoner:

ALFRED B. SCHROEDER

Date of Birth:

Rank:

Staff Sergeant

Place and Time of Capture:

23 Oct 1944 about 18.00 in GERMANY, District of BREMEN.

Special Information about capture:

Prisoner belongs to B 17 G, shot down 23 Oct 1944
12.54 over GERMANY, District of BREMEN.
Kind of landing unknown.
The prisoner parachuted and was caught by soldiers.
The prisoner has a fracture of the right foot.

SIXTHICK, MAJOR

10-20-44
Signal Field Command PLANNING

PLANNING, 10 Oct 1944

Name and First Name of prisoner:

HAROLD A. GIBNEY

Date of Birth:

Rank:

Staff-Sergeant

Place and time of capture:

20 Oct 1944 18.30 in SEALS RECONSTRUCTION DISTRICT of JAPAN.

Special Information about capture:

The prisoner belongs to 3rd AF, shot down
20 Oct 1944 12.30 over SEALS District of
JAPAN.
The prisoner bailed out and was captured near
SEALS RECONSTRUCTION DISTRICT of JAPAN by soldiers
Company of Detachment 1st
Prisoner to report.

REMARKS, NONE.

1st Field HQ 1st JIC
Flying - Field Command ~~PLANNING~~

PLANNING, 20 Oct 1944

Name and First Name of prisoner:

ROBERT E. HARRIS

Date of Birth:

Rank:

Staff-Sergeant

Time and Place of Capture:

20 Oct 1944, 15.00 hr. near ~~PLANNING~~, District of ~~PLANNING~~.

Special information about capture:

Prisoner belongs to B-17, shot down over ~~PLANNING~~, District of ~~PLANNING~~.
Prisoner bailed out and captured by soldiers.
Prisoner is smart.

HARRIS, ROBERT

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Case-Field No. 1482
Flying-Field No. 1482

DATE: 10 Oct 1944

Name and Birth Date of prisoner:

JOHN S. HARRIS

Place of Birth:

Race:

Caucasian

Place and Time of Capture:

10 Oct 1944 about 15.00 in GERMANY, vicinity of BIELEFELD

Special Information about Capture:

Prisoner belongs to P 17 B, shot down over
BIELEFELD, vicinity of BIELEFELD.
Prisoner killed and was captured by soldiers.
Cause of shooting unknown.
Prisoner is white.

JOHN S. HARRIS

NO. 10000 IN 1944
NO. 10000 IN 1944

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct 1945.

Name and Birth Date of Detainee:

HERBY GIBSON

Place of Birth:

USA

Rank:

1st Lieutenant

Date and Place of Capture:

20 Oct 1944, about 11.00 in BANGOR, Province of BANGOR

Special Information about prisoner:

Prisoner belongs to U.S.A., first-class crew member, member of BANGOR. Prisoner killed and was captured by soldiers of BANGOR.

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct 1945.

REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Name and Title of Person:

WILLIAM A. BROWN

Date of Birth:

1904

Sex:

Male

Place and Date of Capture:

At San Francisco, California, 12-15-1944

Special Instructions (If Any):

Reference is made to 1-27-44, and to the fact that
this man was captured by the FBI at San Francisco,
California, and was captured by the FBI at San Francisco,
California, 12-15-1944.

WILLIAM A. BROWN

NY 1001

NY 1001
Special Agent

12 Oct 1944

Name and Rank of prisoner: JOHN L. BROWN

Rank of prisoner:

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

Date and Place of Capture: 12 Oct 1944 12.54 in GERMANY, 1 District of

Special Information about Capture: Prisoner belongs to 217 S, Capt - down over
Germany, District of GERMANY.
Prisoner killed and was captured by soldiers.
Prisoner is white.

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Type of aircraft: B-17-G
Place of crash: at Ulsan, Distr. Ponthain
Time of crash: 29 Oct. 1944, at 2345

✓ FOLKAY, Arnold E.
G-637489

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dead

✓ BELSER, Philip A.
ASN:

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dead

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: VELLY, Arnold H.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-697459
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? I DON'T KNOW

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

CONTACT HE WAS AIRIGHT

Was he injured? NOT THAT WE KNEW OF

Where was he when last seen? HE WAS IN CO-PILOT'S SEAT.

Any hearsay information: ACCORDING TO ENGINEER AND PILOT HE WAS
ALRIGHT. I WAS IN WAIST AND DID NOT SEE HIM LATER WE
SAW TWO ROUGH BOXES ON A TRUCK AND HAD TO HELP UNLOAD
THEM IN A VILLAGE (OSNABRÜCK; I BELIEVE.)

Source: ENGINEER + PILOT

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: AS FAR AS
I KNOW HE WAS KILLED WITH THE PLANE WHEN IT WENT
DOWN. THE LAST WE SAW WAS IN A VILLAGE AND A GERMAN
OFFICER HAD ON A FLYING JACKET WITH HIS INITIAL AND
SERIAL NUMBER UNDER THE COLLAR, THAT I SAW.

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: BRUX, CZECH., COLOGNE (¹⁴⁷⁶234²⁶ missions)
possibly 5th and MUNSTER, GERMANY ON OCTOBER 28, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10176

Name of crew member: SALTER, Philip A.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-77357
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Navigator (Navigator): Bombardier

Did he bail out? No.

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS HIT BY FLAK IN THE CHEST AND KILLED.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I HEARD ENGINEER SAY HE WAS HIT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE WE LEFT PLANE.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN THE NOSE OF THE PLANE AT HIS POSITION.

Any hearsay information: YES, THE ENGINEER SAID "ALKI", AS WE CALLED HIM, GOT IT AND WENT WITHOUT A SOUND AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM" LATER WE SAW TWO ROUGH BOXES ON A TRUCK AND HAD TO HELP UNLOAD THEM IN A VILLAGE (OSNABRÜCK I THINK.)

Source: ENGINEER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THAT WAS LAST WE SAW OF THEM.

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: BRUX, COLOGNE (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and possibly 5th), MUNSTER, GERMANY ON OCTOBER 28, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Alph H Schumacher Rank Sgt Serial No. 38145606
3952 Grp 6-28-57
2. Organization 83447 Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO PETER RANNEY Rank Major
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, JAY, target, MUNSTER GERMANY, target time, About 1100, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER MUNSTER ON RETURN ROUTE.
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". John Farmer, James Kilgore, Paul Keifer, Robert Martin and myself bailed out at about same time through waist door. Pilot, S.A. Gailey left shortly after by tail hatch. Neither R.C. Co. R. Charles
KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IT FLEW OUT OF SIGHT WASN'T TOO FAR AWAY.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) To my knowledge A.M. Valkay and P.A. Seltzer were still in plane when it struck.
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN THEIR POSITIONS IN CABIN AND NOSE.
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? WHEN CAPTURED. A Farmer had wound on forehead. Kilgore, Paul Keifer, Robert Martin, and myself were put in separate huts. I had foot injury. We were put there same evening. S.A. Gailey and two range boxes were brought next day by truck and we were all loaded and moved.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10176

Name of crew member: SILVER, Phillip A.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-77357
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was killed by flak

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

None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? In the nose of the ship

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

Brux, Chex---Oct, 7, 1944 Cologne, Germany-- Oct, 17, 1944

Cologne, Germany---Oct, 14, 1944 Munster, Germany---Oct, 26, 1944

Cologne, Germany---Oct, 15, 1944 Munster, Germany---Oct 28, 1944

Cologne, Germany---Oct, 17, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10076

Name of crew member: VULFAY, Ronald E.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-477459
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Co-Pilot

Did he bail-out? No.

Where? Unknown

If not, why not? He took over the ship because the pilot was wounded.

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

None

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? In his position.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is supposed that the ship started to go down so fast that he didn't have a chance to bail out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: six

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

Brux Chex---Oct. 7, 1944 Cologne, Germany 17, 1944

Cologne, Germany---Oct. 14, 1944 Munster, Germany--Oct, 26, 1944

Cologne, Germany,---Oct, 15, 1944 Munster, Germany---Oct 28, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Paul J. Keifer Rank Sgt. Serial No. 35921065
2. Organization 398B, GFC Commander Hunter Rank Col. Sqn CO Rooney Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Oct. 28 day _____ did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Munster, Germany, target
time, _____, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? On the bomb run
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Seven bailed out. Two did not
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".
No knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Arnold M. Volkay co-pilot
Philip A. Seltzer
11. Where were they in aircraft? At their positions
12. What was their condition? Seltzer was killed by flak. Volkay was injured as far as I know.
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.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 1276

Name of crew member: VELEAT, Donald E.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 6-47239
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? MAY HAVE. OPINION OF THE CREW IS HE DID NOT.

Where? _____

If not, why not? DO NOT KNOW

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DO NOT RECALL

Was he injured? ENGINEER TOLD ME HE WAS NOT INJURED

Where was he when last seen? IN COPILOTS SEAT

Any hearsay information: AS TAIL GUNNER I DID NOT SEE THE CO-PILOT BEFORE I BAILED OUT. PILOT + ENGINEER TOLD ME THE CO-PILOT WAS FLYING THE PLANE AS THE PILOT WAS WOUNDED. PILOT + ENGINEER ALSO TOLD THE CO-PILOT WE WERE BAILING OUT

Sources: PILOT + ENGINEER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I BELIEVE HE STAYED WITH THE PLANE AND WAS KILLED WHEN IT STRUCK THE GROUND.

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT. 7, 1944 ZWICKAU, OCT. 14, 15, 17 COLOGNE, OCT. 25, 28 MUNSTER

Name of crew member: SEPTER, Philip A.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-77357
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer/Navigator~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? KILLED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HEARD HIM ON THE INTERPHONE JUST BEFORE WE GOT ON BOMB RUN

Was he injured? KILLED BY FLAK

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: NAVIGATOR SAID "THE BOMBARDIER WAS KILLED INSTANTLY BY A PIECE OF FLAK THAT WENT THROUGH HIS FLAK SUIT ABOUT THE HEART."

Source: NAVIGATOR

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT. 9, 1944 ZWIEKAU, OCT. 14, 15, 17, COLOBNE, OCT. 25, 28, MUNSTER

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GAILEY JR. SAMUEL A. Rank Sgt. Serial No. 13083620
602 B. 553.
2. Organization 398 B. 42 Sp Commander HUNTER Rank COL. Sqd CO PETER ROONEY Rank MAJ.
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCTOBER day 28th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MARSHALING YARDS target, MUNSTER target
 time, 1:20 PM, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, UNKNOWN
 route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER MUNSTER
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". PILOT, NAVIGATOR, ENGINEER, RADIO MAN, BALL TURRET, WAIST GUNNER, TAIL GUNNER (MYSELF) BAILED OUT THE WAIST DOOR. TIME UNKNOWN.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PHILIP A. SELTZER (BOMBARDIER) KILLED BY FLAK. ARNOLD M. VOLKAY WAS STILL IN HIS POSITION WHEN PILOT & ENGINEER LEFT FRONT END OF PLANE
11. Where were they in aircraft? AT THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS
12. What was their condition? BOMBARDIER KILLED, COPILOT O.K.
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10176

Name of crew member: VOLKAY, Arnold M.
 Rank: 2nd/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-697459
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator (Bomber)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Not known

Where? _____

If not, why not? Not known

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Volkay was in command of aircraft and was to have abandoned ship after crew was all out.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? In cockpit of plane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: It is surmised that Volkay either could not clear plane or tried to crash land and was killed, as the truck which picked up remainder of crew had the bodies of Seltzer and Volkay on it.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Oct. 7, 1944 Brux, Oct. 14, 1944 Koln,

Oct. 15, 1944 Koln, Oct. 17, 1944 Koln, Oct. 25, Munster, Oct. 28, Munster

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 10176

Name of crew member: . SELTZER, Philip A.
 Rank: 2nd/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-777357
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Engineer~~(~~Engineer~~): Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Seltzer was killed by flak before ship was abandoned

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Last contact made before ship received flak hit which killed bombardier.

Was he injured? see above

Where was he when last seen? In bombardiers compartment.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: His death was definitely established before the ship was abandoned.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six mission

Dates and destinations if possible: Oct. 7, 1944 Brux, Oct. 14, 1944 Koln

Oct. 15, 1944 Koln, Oct. 17, 1944 Koln, Oct. 25, 1944 Munster, Oct. 28, 1944

Munster, last mission

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John H. Farmer Rank 1st Lt. Serial No: 0-682834
2. Organization 398 Gp Commander Hunter Rank Col Sqn CO Rooney Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month October day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Marshalling yards, target
time, about noon, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, ACROSS
north and zider seas, route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but two
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". All crew members except Lts. Volkay and Seltzer bailed out and landed safely all were apprehended by Wehrmacht immediately.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No known
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lts. Volkay and Seltzer
Though it is not definitely known that Volkay was in it all is known
is that his body along with that of Seltzer was in the truck that had
gathered equipment debris from crashed plane.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Seltzer in bombardier's compartment. It is
conjecture to say that Volkay was in plane as I do not know.
12. What was their condition? Seltzer was dead from flak wounds
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? All the living members of the crew have been contacted
since their return to the states.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Mr. [Name]

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 4 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 42-102543, piloted by 2nd Lt. John M. Farmer, O-682834 was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas., dated 4 December 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of 2nd Lt. Robert T. Chorba, O-723286, to be Missing in Action, 28 October 1944.

For the Theater Commander:

10176
Capt. [Signature]

[Signature]

H. M. RUED, w
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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WASHINGTON**

January 2, 1945

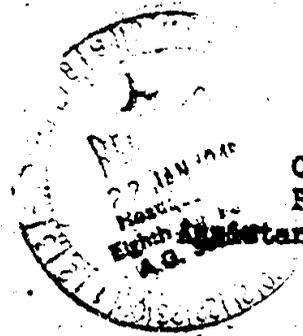
SUBJECT: Second Lieutenant Robert T. Chorba, O723286
602nd Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group
Missing 28 October 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634
% Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported missing (in action) on the date shown.

2. A search of the records of this headquarters indicates that a Missing Air Crew Report, as required by A.G.O. letter, 7 July 44 (AG 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M), has not been received to date in this case. It is requested that this report be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

For the Commanding General:



E. A. Bradunas

**E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, Air Corps,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personnel Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.**

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(Mr. Hq AF, Washington, subj: "2nd Lt Robert T. Chorba, 0723286" dtd 2 Jan 45)

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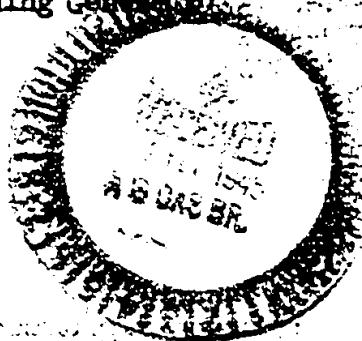
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28 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show 2nd Lt. Robert T. Chorba, 0723286, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 42-102543. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 29.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 6 November 1944.

For the Commanding General



H. S. WILSON, Jr.
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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