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INFO. 1: This Report will be copied in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 24 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. AIRCRAFT: Location, b. At or MUTHAIPSTEAD, ENG Group 398th Bomb Ev
Sc. nearon 601st Bomb Ev; Establishment None
Command or Air Force 8th Air Force
2. SPECIFY: Time of Departure AAF Station 131 Course _____
Target or Intended Destination Pilsburg, Germany
Type of Mission Operational Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR NEW LAST
SIGHTING: 5/10 tops 12000--3/10 middle clouds 12000
4. GIVE: (a) Day 26 Month Mar Year 1944, Time 1532 Approx Location
5231N-0606E of last known position. (b) 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 LOSSES, ORIGINALLY LISTED AS LOST, AS A RESULT
of: (Check only one) (a) Enemy Aircraft (); (b) Enemy Anti-Aircraft (x)
Other Circumstances as follows:
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model nd Marauder B17G; A.F. Serial No. 42-102565
7. IDENTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT, I. AM. "The Ugly Duckling"
8. ENGINE: Type, Model rd Marauder R-1820-97
A.F. Serial No. (a) SW-014263; (b) SW-024269, (c) SW-008348
(d) 42-60829.
9. INSTRUMENT FAILURES (Furnish below name, Type and Serial Number);
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____;
See attached list. (e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____;
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____;
10. THE CASUALTY LIST: (a) Casualty M.I.A. (b) Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BOARDED: Crews, Passengers 0;
Total 9
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: if
more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar
particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)
Name in Full _____ Current
Crew Position (Last Name First) _____ Number _____ Status _____
KIA. Pilot ROLFE, BENJAMIN G 2nd Lt 0-768682 MIA WOM
KIA. Co-Pilot TOYLE, PAUL S 2nd Lt 0-775631 MIA
KIA. Navigator ANDERSON, VERNON D 2nd Lt 0-926286 MIA
KIA. Top Gunner RITTER, RICHARD W S/Sgt 36769929 MIA
KIA. Engineer PRICE, JOSEPH M JR S/Sgt 34037612 MIA
KIA. Radio Operator IACONIS, FRANK S/Sgt 32987202 MIA
KIA. Waist Gunner SCHMIDT, ARTHUR P S/Sgt 37683661 MIA
KIA. Ball Turret Gunner COULSON, JAMES B Sgt C 37484766 MIA
KIA. Tail Gunner POZDER, THOMAS S S/Sgt 39619814 MIA

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1. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND ALL OTHER PERSONNEL
MISSING IN ACTION IN THE AREA OF WOLFRATZ, AUSTRIA, ON 10 DECEMBER
1944. (See below)

Information on personnel
detained

Name of Person Serial Last Day Detained
(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial) Name, Address, Nationality

1. LANDRUM, FRANCIS S 2nd Lt. 0-772414 X
2. SKURIK, HENRY A 2nd Lt. 0-824954 X
3. HUNT, MACK J. 1st Lt. 0-767613 X

10. INFORMATION OF A LIEDER, 45, LIV. IN WOLFRATZ, AUSTRIA, GOING
ON AND FOLLOWS THE FOLLOWING: (a) REPORTS OF 100% LOSS
(b) PILOTS OR CREW WALKING ALONE FROM REAR OF CRASH
OR (c) ANY OTHER INFORMATION (specific). The aircraft seemed to be
under control last seen.

11. AIRCRAFT NUMBER UNKNOWN, COLOR UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
TYPE OF PLANE UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN ENGINE, UNKNOWN COUNTRY
12. AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN, DESCRIPTION OF CREW UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
COUNTRY UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN ENGINE UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
13. CIVIL NAME, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN ID. OF CIVIL IN CHARGE OF
SHIPMENT, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN ORIGIN OF SHIPMENT UNKNOWN

No knowledge of any search being made.

Date of Report 4 December 1944

Walter L. Campbell
WALTER L. CAMPBELL, CAPT, AC, STATISTICAL O.
(SINCE 1943, CHIEF OF PROPORTIONING OFFICER)

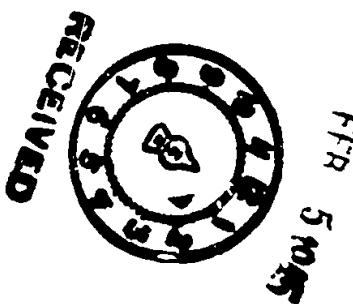
17. STATEMENTS OF AIR FORCE WITNESSES:

(Statements of witnesses attached)

Other Aircraft of the 398th Bombardment Group Missing in Action this date
and their commanders were:

B17G 42-97740 Capt. Gene L. Douglas, 0-798637

B17G 43-37346 1st Lt. Kermit R. Pope, 0-677562



INSTALLED WEAPONS

<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>
1. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528954
2. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528795
3. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C MachGun	1529053
4. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528664
5. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528698
6. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528709
7. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528953
8. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	1528705
9. Chapin	.50 Cal A/C MachGun	1529002
10. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	713800
11. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	713801
12. Frigidaire	.50 Cal A/C Mach Gun	9719901

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398th Bombardment Group Hq
Misburg, Germany 26 November 1944

Lead Squadron "C" Group Formation Over Target

F-10			
DOUGLAS			
Zimmer			
C-9	E-7740-Q PFF	D-7	
Pope	Menzel		
M-7846-T	Armer		
C-1	N-8363-W PFF	C-7	
Weum	Johnsen, JM		
F-5	M-8564-X F-5	C-1	F-10
Teleckie	Grinther	JohNSTON	Riley
E-7188-G	E-2506-L	M-2507-F	E-8836-T

C-6	Cummings		
C-9	M-7249-P	C-6	
Sponholz	Bunnien		
M-6157-W	M-2418-M		

Low Squadron "C" Group Formation Over Target

B-7			
Moore			
Rehme			
R-6	A-8697-M B-8		
B-6	Steele	Gonzales	B-3
Stockman	A-7317-P	A-8086-C	Spangler
B-1	A-8664-F B-1		P-8 A-8669-G B-3
Powell	Tari		Lee A-7977-R Smith
A-8631-T	A-6573-N		A-8895-V

B-2	Johnson, WL		
F-9	A-7982-K C-8		
Petska	Johnsen TM		
E-2610-Y	M-2519-A		

High Squadron "C" Group Formation Over Target

D-2			
Scoffield			
Cucco			
D-6	R-7889-B	D-1	
Marias	N-2565-M	Brown	D-5
B-2	N-8658-A	N-8121-Q	Regers
Zinter	D-1		N-8064-R B-3
N-7203-Z	Landrum		Curtis
	N-7080-S		E-8708-T Delancey

D-3	Rolfe		
Hunt	N-2596-N	F-8	
E-8794-J		Magness	
		E-7810-S	

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Statement concerning missing Aircraft B17G 42-102565, Pilot, 2nd Lt
Benj min G Rolfe, 0-768622, 601st Bomb Squadron, 398th Bomb Group Ev
on Operational Mission to Kistburg, Germany 26 November 1944.

Lt Rolfe

On 26 November 1944 I was flying number two position low element, high squadron. Through or immediately after the last flak encountered Lt Rolfe drifted back over the top and behind me. I did not see him again. A short time later a ship which was formerly in the position number three position lead element, high squadron, called the high squadron leader. I do not remember the call signs of either ship, nor the exact message. I did get the understanding that his number two engine had been hit and was windmilling unable to feather. That's all I saw or heard.

Francis S Landrum

FRANCIS S LANDRUM, 0-772414
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Pilot, B17G 42-107080

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Frank

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft B17G 43-102566, Pilot 2nd Lt Benjamin G Rolfe, O-766682, 601st Bomb Squadron, 393rd Bomb Group, HV on Operational Mission to Nisturg, Germany 26 November 1944.

Our formation was hit by flak around Zwolle, Holland. I saw one burst of flak directly beneath Rolfe's left wing. Immediately after the burst he peeled off up and to the left of the formation. There was no visible fire or smoke. The next I heard, he was calling on VHF stating that he had a runaway prop and he could not feather it and he would try to make Belgium or France. When our crew last sighted him he was at about the same altitude but dropping behind and to the left.

2,000 ft

Henry A. Shulck

HENRY A SHULCK, O-824934
2nd Lt, Air Corps
Co-Pilot, B17G 43-36658

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Jack

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Statement concerning Missing Aircraft 317G 42-102565, Pilot, 2nd Lt Benjamin G. Rolfe, O-766682, 601st Bomb Squadron, 393rd Bomb Group IV on Operational Mission to Wisburg, Germany, 26 November 1944.

Just after the last flak was received coming out at the Zeicer Zee, Lt Rolfe called on VHF Radio. He reported an engine had been shot out by flak. He called the lead ship to see if the latter knew of a landing field in Belgium that he could use.

Mack J. Hunt
MACK J. HUNT, O-767813,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot, 317G 43-38794.

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Dick

~~C. C. I. D. E. S. T. A. L.~~

S-2 SUMMARY OF YU - ITALY ACCOUNTS

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

Serial 398 CC 601 A/C 42-102565-X INT. IDN. DATA 26 Nov. 1944

NAME OF PILOT Bolfe, Benjamin G. O-768682 DESTINATION Station 151
GRADE FAIR RANK MAJ #

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

- (a) By coordinates Zwolle, Holland - (5230 N - 0605 E)
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet.
- (c) Last noted heading unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation unknown

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

Seen to be hit by Flak over Zwolle for the second time

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

Aircraft seen to fall out of formation with #1 engine hit. Bolfe reported to have given message over VHF that #1 engine was out and that he was landing in Belgium.

4. If aircraft not out of control describe appearance:

(Over)

~~C. C. I. D. E. S. T. A. L.~~

COMBINED

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation as to last 1st
of escort? nil. If so, give distinguishing markings of fighter
seen if noted (crew number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers,
engines, etc.). nil.

6. Number of parachuted seen and description of jumps (approx-
imate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

nil.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Ship flying #3 position High Squadron, left formation at Zwolle, Holland.
A/C under control - no fire, no smoke. This occurred at 1353 en route to
base. Another ship reports Lt. Rolfe's ship seen to fall back over
Holland.

8. Date of report 28 Nov., 1944.

NAME	RANK	SERIAL	CLASS
1. Marjas, Saml G., 601st	1st. Lt.	0-819844	658 - A
2. Zircar, Marshall H., 601st..	2nd Lt.,	0-924066	303 - 2
3. Lexington, Mack J., 601st..	2nd. Lt.,	0-77241	080 - 5
4. Curtis, Glenn E., 601st.,	1st. Lt.,	0-78781	794 - 3
	1st., Lt.,	0-78776	708 - 7

INTERROGATOR'S SIGNATURE (sign original and one copy):

Mattie Dreyer, Meyer, Matthew	Capt.,	0-561680	Asst. Group S-2
N.M.E.	RANK	PER	DUTY

NOTE: Supplemental information developed subsequent to this account
will be forwarded in accordance prescribed in par 8, letter 4, AG, 704
(5 July 1944) GS-1-1777 R-1, subject "Interrogation of Capt. Report",
(July 1944).

28 NOVEMBER 1944

CASUALTY BRANCH
OPERATING SECTION

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

ARMY SERIAL NUMBER

GRADE

Ferguson, James E.

ORGANIZATION

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OFFICIAL REPORTS

IMPORTANT - Unofficial reports or information will not be shown below. This information will be indicated - "Code X".

CLASSIFICATION AND MESSAGE NUMBER	DATE EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE NOTIFIED	THEATER	DATE OF CASUALTY	TYPE OF CASUALTY	BATTLE	NONBATTLE
<i>C-1 2-7</i>						
<i>1-1-1-1</i>						

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEES

REMARKS

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<input type="checkbox"/> NO CASUALTY REPORTED	IS THERE A CASUALTY BRANCH FILE?	FORM NUMBER 43?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
CLERK FURNISHING REPORT	DATE OF REPORT	ROOM NUMBER	NOTIFICATION SUB-SECTION

VISI-CARD AND RECORD REPORT

- ~~26124 - KENT~~
- 11203 - M. Slvng.
11207 - 3745.00 685
10755 - A.R. 73)
- 11146 - D. and d
- 11193 - 30-
- 11200 - L. and d
- 11209 - C. and d
- 10838 - A.R. 73)
- 11144 - A. 117)
- 11202 - R. 107)
- 11205 - 4545.00 - 3000 - 17
- 10837 - A.R. 73)
- 11147 -

AG 704 DEAD (Mar 46)

DPR/JHA/

— March 1946
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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Casualty Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Official Reports of Death

1. The following Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action 26 November 1944 over Germany, while in flying pay status, by ETO Casualty Card Shipment 272:

1st Lt	Benjamin G. Rolfe	0768682 (En' ASN 19116700)
T/Sgt	Joseph M. Price, Jr.	34037612
S Sgt	Frank Iaconis	32987202
S Sgt	Thomas S. Pozder	39619814
S Sgt	Richard W. Rimmer	36769929
S Sgt	Arthur F. Schmidt	37683661
Sgt	James B. Coulson	37484766

2. The circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the above listed personnel were reviewed under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, and Findings of Death were issued showing the presumed date of death as 27 November 1945 by SR&D Case 4780.

3. Missing Air Crew Report 11147, submitted 4 December 1944, by the 601st Bombardment Squadron, 398th Bombardment Group, reports the loss of a B-17G type aircraft, serial number 42-102565, on 26 November 1944. The aircraft was last sighted at 1932 hours. The crew was lead 3 crew near Zwolle, Holland, when it had an engine shot out by flak. The lead ship was informed & asked if there was a landing field in Belgium that could be used. In addition to the personnel listed in paragraph 1, there were two other crew members; 2d Lt Vernon D. Anderson, 0926286, and 2d Lt Paul E. Doyle, 0755831.

4. German List of American Dead No. 63, Items 177 through 183, reports that 7 unknown deceased were recovered from a Boeing Fortress which was shot down 26 November 1944 at a location 1 kilometer south of Gut Meerhof, near Ameln, county Julich, Germany. The report stated that the bodies located at a place near a stack

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

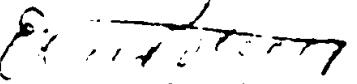
SUBJECT: Reports of Burial Nos.

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Chief, Registration and Planning Branch,
Room 1100, Temporary Building C.

Fingerprints on attached Reports of Burial (QD Forms 1-GRS) have been identified as indicated on the reverse side of each report. The correct name, rank, organization, serial number, emergency addressee, status, and religious preference for each soldier is indicated on the Visi-Card and Record Report attached to the report of burial.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:


DANIEL P. POTEET
Colonel, 'GD,
Officer in Charge,
Status Review and
Determination Section.

of artillery shells "Leichenreste an Ort und Stelle beigesetzt, da Artilleri
Beschaff".

5. Captured German Record KU-3487 from the Interrogation Center, Dulag Luft
Min Armin.
also reports the crash of this plane. It states that the crash occurred at 1400 hours.

6. All Missing Air Crew Reports for ~~xxxxxx~~ Fortresses lost on 26 November
1944 were examined. The Fortress ~~whose losses~~ reported on MACR 11147 was the only
aircraft missing in the area having seven or more members of its crew not accounted
for or reported as having been killed in action.

7. Second Lieutenant Vernon D. Anderson, 0926286, was reported killed in
action 26 November 1944 by Casualty Branch Message 207031. This message, Radio Paris
E-72579, stated that his body was picked up by fisherman off Elburg, Holland and buried
in Grave 905, Elburg Cemetery, according to a British burial report which had been
received. Second Lieutenant Paul E. Doyle, 0755831, was reported killed in action
26 November 1944 by Casualty Branch Message 206016. This message, a Memorandum from
Status Review and Determination Section, Case 4163, quoted a letter received from H.
Grosse Hanberg, Leerdam, Orange Nassauaan 66, Holland, which stated that the writer
had found Lieutenant Doyle's body when drifted ashore on Uri, an island in the Zuider
Zee.

Case 4163 8. The crew of aircraft 42-102565 must be the seven deceased whose bodies
Fortress
were found by the Germans when their ~~xxxx~~ crashed near Ameln. The circumstances of
loss of all other Fortresses on that day ~~includes~~ ^{the arrival of the} ~~eliminate~~ the possibility of ~~their having~~
crashed at the location reported on the German List of American Dead or captured
German record KU-3487. It is known that this plane was in trouble and was heading
for an airfield in Belgium. The co-pilot and the navigator, Lieutenants Anderson and
Doyle, must have bailed out near where the plane was first hit and the rest of the
crew continued with the ship ~~xxxxxx~~ as they headed toward allied territory.

9. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to authority contained in
Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information obtained from captured German

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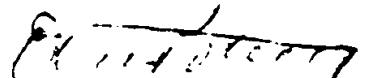
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records, be accepted as official reports of death and that casualty reports be initiated stating that the Air Corps personnel listed in paragraph 1 were killed in action 26 November 1944 near Ameln, Germany, while in flying pay status. The casualty reports and official reports of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 27 November 1944. This "Report of Death", based on information received since that date, is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.

DO NOT SEND TELEGRAM. Process in accordance with paragraph 2b of Bulletin 35, 1945.

8. Zwolle, Holland, where the plane was last sighted, is located at coordinates $52^{\circ}30'$ north, $6^{\circ}6'$ east. Elburg, where Lieutenant Anderson's body was found is about 12 miles southwest of Zwolle, on the shore of the Zuider Zee. ~~Indicates location of Urk~~ where the body of Lieutenant Doyle was washed ashore, ~~Indicates location of Urk~~ The island of Urk is about 20 miles northwest of Zwolle in the Zuider Zee. Ameln, Germany, where the Germans reported the plane crashed ~~Indicates location of Urk~~ at 1400 hours, 28 minutes after the plane was last sighted, is about 100 miles almost due south of Zwolle.

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C.M.W./17/45

2d Lt Paul E. Doyle	Mr. Joseph W. Doyle (Father) Shellsburg, Wisconsin
2d Lt Vernon D. Anderson	Mrs. Shelia H. Anderson (Wife) 7311 18th Street, Northeast Seattle, Washington
2d Lt Benjamin G. Rolfe	Mrs. Fern C. Rolfe (Wife) Lark, Utah
T/Sgt Joseph M. Price, Jr.	Mrs. Mettie M. Price (Mother) Route One Forest City, North Carolina
S/Sgt Richard W. Rimmer	Mrs. Birdie Pixler Rimmer (Mother) 1753 Montreal Street Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
S/Sgt Frank Iaconis	Mrs. Rose S. Iaconis (Mother) 57-28 133rd Street Richmond Hill, New York
Sgt James B. Coulson	Mr. Floyd N. Coulson (Father) 2201 Terrace Place Sioux City, Iowa
S/Sgt Thomas S. Pozder	Mr. Steve Pozder (Father) 908 3rd Avenue, Southwest Great Falls, Montana
S/Sgt Arthur P. Schmidt	Mrs. Flora E. Schmidt (Mother) Route One Osage, Iowa