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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

REPORT: 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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A.F.
Group 457 Bomb. Gp.(H); Squadron 748th; Detachment _____
- PROPERTY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Target or Intended Destination Nijmegen, Holland; Type of Mission Objective bomb-
ing.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF ORIGIN OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Fair - 3-4/10ths haze.
- DATE: (a) Day 17 Month Sept. Year 1944; Time 0927; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 21-20N 05-40E
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information Not Available (X).
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy anti-aircraft (X); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-97951 *MS*
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
- ENGINE: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number _____
(a) SW-0114922; (b) SW-0114944; (c) SW-0114975; (d) SW-011493
- INCIDENTAL AIRCRAFT (Furnish below date, type and serial number):
(a) 1181864; (b) 1182101; (c) 729659; (d) 729559;
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____;
(i) (Other numbers) not available; (k) _____; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
(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	Grantham, Douglas L. Jr.	1st Lt.	0758446	MIA RTD
2. CP	Hozier, George C.	Major	024662	MIA RTD
3. N	Henry, Patrick W.	Capt.	0789470	MIA RTD
4. N	Quinn, Howard V.	2nd Lt.	0717497	MIA RTD
5. B	Douglas, Robert O.	2nd Lt.	01896077	MIA RTD
6. RN	Castello, Robert E.	1st Lt.	0731463	MIA RTD
7. TG	Gennari, Arthur (NMI)	F/O	T62610	MIA RTD
8. FTG	McBee, Willie N.	T/Sgt.	34385115	MIA RTD
9. RO	Milner, Buford R.	S/Sgt.	38341189	RETURNED RTD
10. LWG	Kujala, August E.	S/Sgt.	37547068	MIA RTD
11. RWG	Tucker, Sephus C.	S/Sgt.	37655454	MIA RTD

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.
Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Saw	Forced Down
			Radio	Sign	Crash Landing
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
- 14. ATTACH RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, or SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
- 15. ATTACH ANY WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 16. GIVE NAME, ADDRESS AND SERVICE NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 25 September 1944.

Gerald H. Calligan
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

17. REFERENCE TO ANY WITNESS STATEMENTS:

GERALD H. CALLIGAN,
Capt., A. C.,
Statistical Officer.

On 17 September 1944, we were on bomb run when we received three direct hits by flak. I saw five in right wing and informed the Pilot of them. PFF Navigator and I used extinguishers on flames to no visible advantage. Flames came on into the bomb-bay and Bombardier dropped bombs. The Navigator gave course to steer back to friendly territory; then flames came on into radio room, forcing the PFF Navigator and I back to waist. The PFF Navigator, two waist gunners and tail gunner bailed out. I took chute in extra bag of equipment as I could not get mine from radio room, and jumped a few seconds after the others. While I was coming down I saw three chutes. I landed in an open field at approximately 1000 hours, unhurt, except for minor burns on head and neck.

BURFORD R. MILNER, S/Sgt.
Radio Operator.

A TRUE COPY

Gerald H. Calligan
GERALD H. CALLIGAN,
Capt., A. C.,
Statistical Officer.

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by M. R. BRADY, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AC
Date 15.10.46

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Buford R. MILNER T/Sgt 38341189
(Name) (Rank) ASN
457 Bomb Gp., 748 Sqdn.
(Unit)

17 Sept 44
20 Sept 1944
(Date)

E&E 2234
I.S.9WEA/6/335/1654

		<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>		<u>PRESENT</u>
				<u>OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-758446	1st Lt	Douglas L. GRANTHAM	MIA ✓
CO-PILOT	0-23662	Maj	George C. HAZIER	MIA ✓
NAVIGATOR	0-789470	Capt	Patrick W. HENRY	MIA ✓
NAVIGATOR	0-717497	2d Lt	Howard V. QUINN	MIA ✓
RADIO OPERATOR	38341189	T/Sgt	Buford R. MILNER	RTD ✓
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34385115	T/Sgt	William N. SUGGS	MIA ✓
BOMB BALL GUNNER	0-1996077	2d Lt	Robert O. DOUGLAS	MIA ✓
WAIST GUNNER	37547068	S/Sgt	August E. KUGALA	MIA ✓
WAIST GUNNER	37655454	S/Sgt	Sephus C. TUCNER	MIA ✓
TAIL GUNNER	T-62610	F/O	Arthur GENNARI	MIA ✓
M. NAV.	0-731463	1st Lt	Robert E. COSTELLO	MIA ✓

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
17 Sept 1944 - Southern HOLLAND

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
BURNING FIERCELY FROM BOMB-BAY BACK

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?
Bailed out at 18,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
Unknown

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
Tail gunner, P.F.F. Navigator, Waist and Ball Gunners, myself. Saw
3 chutes after I bailed out.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?
Unknown

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the
ground?
No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the
crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and
whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.
None

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?
No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means
was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface
It would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.
Unknown

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason
for his opinion?

I believe everyone got out of plane because I left plane when it was
still on a straight course, and before bailing out, saw everyone from
radio room back leave - and there wasn't any fire in bomb-bay.

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(S-2 Summary of Eye-Witness Accounts)

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

GROUP 457th Sqn. 748th A/C No. 42-27951

MISSION DATE 17 September 1944 FIRST PILOT Douglas L. Grantham, Jr.
(Name)

1st Lt. O-758446 DESTINATION Nijmegen
(Rank) (Serial No.)

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:
 - (a) By coordinates 5120 N. - 0540 E.
 - (b) Approximate altitude 17,000 Feet
 - (c) Last noted heading 270° to 330°
 - (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation One mile.

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C):
Moderate, accurate, tracking flak in area of Weert, Holland.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):
Fire in #3 engine and possibly another also. Fire had apparently decreased when A/C was last sighted.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:
Not apparently out of control.

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Date: 17 Sept 44, at 1015
 Place: Arefeld
 Type of
 craft: Fortres
 Markings: ----..591
 748(HBO)Sqd.
 457 Group

Air Base: 130

Rank:	Name:	KU 986 a
Maj.	HOZIER, George Chambers	: O-24662 . 6
Capt.	HENRY, Patrick Wallace	: O-789470
2nd Lt.	QUINN, Howard Vernon	: O-717497
2nd Lt.	DOUGLAS, Robert Owen	: T-2089
F/O.	GEMMARI, Arthur	: T 62610
1st Lt.	GRANTHAM, Jr. Douglas Lawrence,	: O-758446
1st Lt.	COSTELLO, Robert Edward	: O-731463
T/Sgt.	SUGGS, Willie N.	: 34385115
T/Sgt.	MILNER,	
S/Sgt.	KUJALA, August Hille,	
S/Sgt.	TUCKER, Sephus Corvin	: 37655454

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DATE: 23 September 1944 AT: 2300

PLACE: Kapellen near Duisburg

TYPE OF CRAFT: Lancaster I

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11 men - all OK

TARGET: Airbase Area Command
Düsseldorf

RANK	NAME	K H 3030
Lt.	← DOUGLAS, Robert O	ASH: 0-1996077
Lt.	← A-MIN, Edward V	ASH: 0-717497
Lt.	← COSTELLO, Robert	ASH: 0-731483
Lt.	← HOSIER, Max C	023662 ASH: 34662
Lt.	DEHN, Grover	ASH: 0-392564
Lt.	O'CONNOR, Marvin	ASH: 0-740894
Sgt.	← SUTTS, Willis W	ASH: 3438115

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: H.Q. Airbase A(0) 12/VI

LOCATION: Krefeld

DATE: 27 Sept. 44 ~~23 Sept. 44~~DATE AND TIME: subrueckshof in Kappelen near Foris on 23 Sept. 44 - 2300 -
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWNPLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)KIND OF CAPTURE: Flak
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: LancasterMARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT: will be sent by special messenger

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 99% loss burned up after crashDELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 30 Sept.44

THROUGH:

TIME: 1215

ROLL:

FROM: L S E B

THROUGH: F R D

REMARKS: SSD LMAN 100 29 Sept.44 - 1215 -

TO Interrogation-center West Oberursel

23 Sept.44 - 2300 -Lancaster.Km 50-ispellen LO 4,30 km W of Duisburg by anti-aircraft.Conflagration when chased.100% loss.

No markings and Ser.Nr. 7 prisoners:

- 1.) Supps Willie 3438511
- 2.) Douglas Robert O-1996077
- 3.) Awin Howard G-717497
- 4.) Costello Robert O-732463
- 5.) Hoyer O. 24662
- 6.) Denn Grover O-692664
- 7.) O'Connor Mauria O-740894

MADE OUT IN DUPLICATE

H.Q.Airbase Duesseldorf Ic

Bosch Lpt. 4-3224 AF(S)

MA 10 208-97957
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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

17 Sep. 1944, 1245 hrs

CASUALTY NO.

KU 986 A

PLACE OF CRASH

Krefeld

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Krefeld

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
NOZIER, George Chambers	Maj.	0-24662	captured	Dulag-Luft-West
HENRY, Patrick Wallace	Capt.	0-789470	"	"
GENWARI, Arthur	F/O	3-26610	"	"
DOUGLAS, Robert Owen	2/Lt.	T-2089	"	"
COSTELLO, Robert Edward	1/Lt.	0-731463	"	"
QUINN, Howard Vernon	2/Lt.	0-727497	"	"
TUCKER, Sephus Corwin	S/Bgt.	37655454	"	"
SUGGS, Willie H.	T/Bgt.	3 75115	"	"
KUJALA, August Emil 17 Sep. 1922 Angora, Minn.	S/Bgt.	37547068	"	"
GRANTHAM, Jr., Douglas Lawrence	1/Lt.	0-756446	"	"

REMARKS:

Dulag-luft, 25 Oct. 1944 No.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS

1.)	D. L. Grantham Jr.	0-758446	T41	43	A P
2.)	Robert E. Costello	0-731 463	T43	4	A C
3.)	Arthur Gennari	T 62610	T43	440	O P
4.)	Robert O Douglas	T 2089	T 43	440	O P
5.)	Willie N Suggs	34385115	T 42	43	O) P
6.)	Howard V Quinn	0-717497	T43	44	A P

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AREA GERMANY * HOLLAND
17. SEPT. 44 1045

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AREA W KREFELD
ANTI * AIRCRAFT(V)

FLIGHT TO TARGET (V)

748 (V)

457 (V)

AIRFIELD: GLATTON 130

- 1.) 1st. Lt. Grantham
- 2.) Major Hosier - George - Chambers
- 3.) Capt. Henry - Patrick - Wallace
- 4.) 2nd. Lt. Quinn * Howard - Vern.
- 5.) 2nd. Lt. Douglas - Robert - Owen
- 6.) 1st. Lt. Costello - Robert - Edward
- 7.) T/ Sgt. Suggs - Willie - N
- 8.) R T/Sgt. Milner
- 9.) G S/Sgt. Kujala
- 10.) G Y/O Gennari - Arthur
- 11.) G S/Sgt. Tucker - Sefhus - Corvin

TRANSIT CAMP AIRFORCE WETLAR
29. SEPT. 1944
CENTRAL REGISTER

23 Sep. 1944 at 2230

1.5 km East of Rumeln

South of Neers. South West Duisburg

F (A)

F H Krefeld

P/O GREENAPLE, JAMES ARTHUR

Lt. HATRICK

Sgt. TUCKER, Sptis

Sgt. MEADLEY

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Stamp

Air Corps Transit Camp Wetzlar
7 Oct. 1944

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: **LSOU 59**

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME: **6 Oct. 1944**TO: **Air Corps Transit Camp Vetzlar**DATE: **3 Oct. 1944**

THROUGH:

TIME: **1025**

NO. L:

FROM: **LSEB**THROUGH: **Kochler**

REMARKS:

SSD LWAN 29 Sep. at 1815

To
Evaluation West OberurselOne Marauder shot down on 23 Sep. 44 at 2230 near Rumeln Lo, 4,7 km S.W. of
Duisburg.Shot down by antiaircraft, result: crash and fire
destruction 100%.

Identification marks: unknown

4 crewmembers captured

1.) TUCKER , SPETIS ,	37655454
2.) GENNARI , ARTHUR	62610 ?
3.) NEALDY	2721637
4.) HATRIK	0-789470

Command of Air Base Area Ic Duesseldorf

signed BOSCH, Captain

6-3224 AF(S)

Major George C. Nealer

Mrs. Mattie S. Nealer, (Mother)
1008 Waverly Street
Memphis, Tennessee.

Capt. Patrick W. Henry

Mrs. Bevelia L. Henry, (Wife)
611 North Monroe Street,
Albany, Georgia.

1st Lt. Robert E. Costello

Mr. Edward F. Costello, (Father)
431 7th Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

1st Lt. Douglas L. Grantham Jr.

Mrs. Laura Lee Grantham, (Wife)
536 North Filippin,
Stockton, California.

2nd Lt. Robert O. Douglas

Mrs. Ullis Mae Douglas, (Mother)
199 East Jasper Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

2nd Lt. Howard V. Quinn

Mrs. Gellie E. Quinn, (Mother)
610 51st Street,
Tallahassee, Florida.

P/O Arthur Gorman

Mr. Frank Gorman, (Father)
Rural Free Delivery, Number Two, Box 214
Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

S/ Sgt. Douglas C. Tucker

Mrs. Nellie Tucker, (Mother)
Veterans Administration,
Wichita, Kansas.

S/ Sgt. August E. Hajala

Mrs. Tilda Hajala, (Mother)
1000 North 20th,
Angora, Minnesota.

S/ Sgt. Willie W. Sarge

Mrs. Vivian V. Sarge, (Wife)
24 Russell Street,
Darlington, South Carolina.

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 986 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 17.9.44 - 10.45
 Abschlußort: Krefeld
 Flugzeugtyp: Fortress
 Meldende Dienststelle: Krefeld

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
HOZIER George Chambers	Maj.	0-24662	gef.	Dulag-Luft-West
HENRY Patrick Wallace	Opt.	0-789470	gef.	Dulag-Luft-West
GENNARI Arthur	F/O	T-62610	gef.	Dulag-Luft-West
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GRANTHAM jr. Douglas Lawrence	1.Lt.	0-758446	gef.	Dulag-Luft-West

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