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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

29 January 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant George H. Bruer, 14058137
749th Bomb Squadron, 457th Bomb Group
Killed in Action 23 December 1944

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

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request from Senator Claude Pepper for information concerning the death of Staff Sergeant George H. Bruer, 14058137, killed in action 23 December 1944.
2. It is requested that all available details be forwarded to this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:



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

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. F 5 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557, U. S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:



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BURNIS ARCHER
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 6 February 1945.

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Commanding Officer, AAF Station 130, APO 557.



For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN T OF OPNS, APO 887, US ARMY. 23 Feb 45

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TO: CG, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, DC.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd and 5th Indorsements.
2. Records this division indicate Staff Sergeant George H Bruer, 14058137, DIE 23 Dec 44 as reported on Theater Casualty Shipment # 034 forwarded 5 Feb 45.

For the Theater Commander:

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 H.M. RUND
 Colonel /GD
 Assistant Adjutant General

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Basic: Ltr, AAF Wash, D.C., 29 Jan 45. S/Sgt. George H. Bruer, KIA
23 Dec 44

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 130, APO 557, 10 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557

1. Aircraft B17G 43-38812, on which S/Sgt. George H. Bruer, 14058137, was serving as top turret gunner, crashed near Moreton-In-Marsh, Gloucester County, England, 23 December 1944, while returning from diverted airfield after combat mission of 19 December 1944. Subject enlisted man reported as non-battle casualty 4 January 1945.

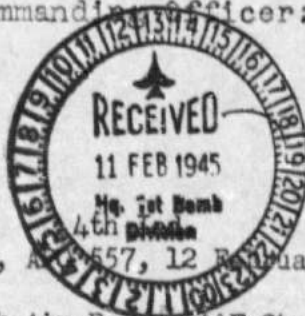
2. Narrative as to crash of subject airplane on War Department United States Army Air Force Report of Accident Form No. 14 states as follows:

"While making an instrument let-down, the aircraft flew into the ground causing complete destruction to the aircraft and fatal injuries to all but one of the crew.

"The cause of this accident is attributed to the fact that the pilot was lost and let down in an area 500 feet more above sea level than the field of intended landing.

"Responsibility - Seventy-five (75) percent of the responsibility for this accident is attributed to pilot error, in that Lt. HENDRICKSON apparently let down not knowing his position and made no provision for an emergency pull up. The other twenty-five (25) percent is attributed to the weather."

For the Commanding Officer:



John F. Shinnars
JOHN F. SHINNARS
Captain, Air Corps
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 12 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:



Charles E. Garvin
CHARLES E. GARVIN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army. 13 FEB 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, US Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Section)

1. Information requested in basic communication is contained in 3rd indorsement.

2. Crew Members of A/C 43-38812, are as follows:

2d Lt. Hendrickson, Clifford, O-812261, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

2d Lt. Graves, Walter B., O-825619, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

F/O. Kilmer, Joseph L., T-129699, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

F/O. Williams, David E. Jr., T-129575, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

S Sgt. Bruer, George H., 14058137, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

Sgt. Riedel, Robert H., 35061926, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

Sgt. Hawley, George B., 37625229, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

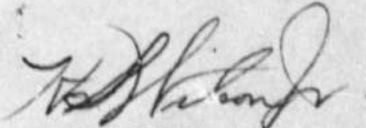
Sgt. Fitzgerald, Edmund T., 31366494, DIE - 23 Dec 44.

Sgt. Heinrich, Clifford A., 36901428, Seriously Injured (Non-Battle)
23 Dec 44.

3. Reference is made to your radio E-86719, 15 January 1945, and D-65378, 16 January 1945, clarifying the correct status of personnel as indicated in paragraph 2, above. Further reference is made to Message-Form, your headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, requesting clarification of EBC C-218.

For the Commanding General:




H.S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Second Lieutenant Clifford Hendrickson	Mrs. Isabella Hendrickson (Mother) Rural Route #1 Jasper, Indiana
Second Lieutenant Walter B. Graves	Mrs. Pearl Graves (Mother) Route #2 Seymour, Tennessee
Flight Officer Joseph L. Kilmer	Mrs. Shirley C. Kilmer (Wife) Rural Free Delivery #1 Mexico, New York
Flight Officer David E. Williams, Jr.	Mr. David E. Williams (Father) 333 West End Road South Orange, New Jersey
Sergeant Robert H. Fiedel	Mr. Harry E. Fiedel (Father) 7126 Camden Avenue Cleveland, Ohio
Sergeant George B. Hawley	Mrs. Eilda M. Hawley (Mother) 3712 Banola Avenue Pine Lawn, Missouri
Staff Sergeant George H. Bruer	Mrs. Ann M. Bruer (Wife) 4 Iberia Street Saint Augustine, Florida
Sergeant Edmund T. Fitzgerald, Jr.	Mrs. Ellen L. Fitzgerald (Mother) 30 Second Street Taunton, Massachusetts
Sergeant Clifford A. Heinrich	Mrs. Hazel D. Heinrich (Mother) 5206 Grace Street Chicago, Illinois