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MISSING AIR CRAFT REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location ; Command or Air Force 8 AF
 Group 47th Bomb. Sq. (B) Squadron 749th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Station 180; Course
 Intended Destination Germany; Type of Mission
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4. (a) Date 11 April 1944 and Location Over Hannover, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () 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 one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows A/C returned to base.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97038
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) SW-006828
 (b) SW-006828; (c) SW-016521; (d) SW-006820
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d)
 (e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
9. THE PERSON LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
 (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).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	<u>P</u>		
2.	GP	<u>GP</u>		
3.	N	<u>Speidel, Warren B.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-69537871</u>
4.	B	<u>B</u>		
5.	RO	<u>Woodell, William E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>20423934</u>
6.	ENG	<u>ENG</u>		
7.	BTG	<u>Ingersoll, Frank T.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37215080</u>
8.	TG	<u>TG</u>		
9.	LWG	<u>Reid, Leslie B. Jr.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>31160734</u>
10.	ENG	<u>Jeffreys, Prosser (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33452736</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		

2. IF PERSONS 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 reasons (Specify)
3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING personnel - attached.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 15 April 1944.

Gerald H. Galligan
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 GERALD H. GALLIGAN,

CONFIDENTIAL 1st Lt., A. C., Statistical Officer.

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SUBJECT: Narrator's Report of Missing Air Crew - Mission 11 April 1944

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.F.O. 634.
(THRU: Channels) ATTN: Statistical Control.

1. On 11 April, 1944, I was flying No. 6 position of the high squadron, high group. Our wing encountered intense, accurate flak over Hannover, Germany. Our rudder controls and left aileron control were hit and made inoperative. I gave three short rings on the alarm bell (our signal to prepare to bail out) and turned on the Automatic Pilot Control system. About that time, the ship took a decided turn to the left as a start of a spiral. At this time, over Hannover, Germany, the Navigator, Left Waist Gunner, Right Waist Gunner, Radio Operator and Ball Turret Gunner bailed out. The ship came under control shortly thereafter and we took up a reciprocal heading at approximately 1100. My Bombardier charted our course home by the use of his escape map; our original maps were gone. The C-1 Pilot Control knobs were not effective. Our return flight was at approximately 15,000 feet and we picked up an escort of four P47's about 45 minutes after our turning. We made an emergency landing at Ludham Field, England. On landing, the right tire blew out, causing our ship to swerve to the right, where the ball turret was sprung. The parachutes of my five crewmen were reported by other ships to have opened; however, we were over an intense flak area at the time.



A. W. SEABOCK,
2nd Lt., A. C.,
Pilot.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Incl. #2

1944-1945

Major and detail leader

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OFFICE OF MILITARY AIR FORCE

CLASS:

DATE:

REGISTRATION:

NAME (LAST OR INITIALS):

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER (CODE):

RESULTS (DEAD OR CAPTURED):

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

OF:

BY:

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Stamps (11/20/45)
Major and Commander

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)

GRADE / RANK

UNIT

BRANCH

SERIAL NUMBER (USA)

STATUS (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE

NAME OF HOSPITAL

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT

REMARKS

*MIA 11 April 44
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REGISTRATION NUMBER

STATUS (Killed)
Major and Commander

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District II

signed 20 h 10 p.m.
Major and detail leader

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Signal 2-2-2-2-2-2
Date and Detail Order

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REPORT OF CAPTURE OF AIRCRAFT BY THE AIR FORCE

PORT: *AC*

PLACET: *AC*

DATE: *15 April 1954*

REMARKS: *AC*

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) *John P. ...*

PILOT RANK: *1st Lt*

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) *44-11142-44*

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) *1st Lt*

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: *15 April 1954*

NAME OF HOSPITAL: *1st Lt*

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: *1st Lt*

Observations

Evolution Center West

(Serial) (2114244)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: INGERSOLL, Frank T.
 Rank: S/SGT
 Serial number: 322200
 Position: Crew (Bomber) WINGMAN/UNIDENTIFIED

Did he bail out? YES

Where? HANNOVER, GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SEPARATE TO PILOT - AS EVERYTHING A-H (FOR ANSWER) WILL HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? IN PARACHUTE.

Any necessary information: LEFT WAIST GUNNER REPORTED SEEING
S/SGT INGERSOLL, FRANK T. STRIKE HIGH TENSION (ELECTRIC)
LINE.

Source: S/SGT REED (WAIST GUNNER.)

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PROBABLY MET DEATH AFTER STRIKING HIGH TENSION
LINE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: THE ABOVE MENTIONED

Dates and destinations if possible: HAD APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN (15)
MISSIONS OF WHICH I HAVE NO RECORD. HOWEVER, I WILL
ANNOUVE TO RELATE THEM TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

(OVER)

- 1. BERLIN, GERMANY MARCH 21 1944
- 2. BERLIN, GERMANY MARCH 22 1944
- 3. BERLIN, GERMANY MARCH 23 1944
- 4. BERLIN, GERMANY MARCH 24 1944
- 5. CALAIS, FRANCE MARCH 25 1944
- 6. CALAIS, FRANCE MARCH 26 1944
- 7. CALAIS, FRANCE MARCH 27 1944
- 8. CALAIS, FRANCE MARCH 28 1944
- 9. HUGENBURG, GERMANY MARCH 29 1944
- 10. COLOGNE, GERMANY MARCH 30 1944
- 11. TONAS, FRANCE MARCH 31 1944
- 12. DANZIG (VIGINIA), POLAND APRIL 2 1944
- 13. BRUSSELS, BELGIUM APRIL 10 1944
- 14. SOBRAW, GERMANY APRIL 11 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name WARREN. B. SPEIDEL Rank 1ST LT Serial No. A-67489P
3706 AAF BU.
2. Organization 3706 AAF BU. Op Commander OLIVER L. ROGERS Rank Col. Sqn CO ARTHUR KLIN Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ^{HEAVY} BOMBARDMENT, target, SORAU, GERMANY, target time, 13:00, altitude, 16,000 route scheduled, ENGLAND TO HOLLAND TO GERMANY, route flown SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? FORMATION WAS SLIGHTLY OUT OF FORMATION OVER HANNOVER, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, LEFT WAIST GUNNER, RADIO OPERATOR, BALL TURRET GUNNER
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". THE ABOVE MENTIONED AND MYSELF BAILED OUT OVER HANNOVER, GERMANY AT 11:00 A.M. APRIL 11TH 1944. THE ABOVE MENTIONED BAILED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER FROM WAIST: 1. RIGHT WAIST GUNNER, 2. RADIO OPERATOR, 3. BALL TURRET GUNNER, 4. LEFT WAIST GUNNER
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO ENGLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____

11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SOM BADIER - CONDITION NORMAL - PREPARING TO BAIL OUT.

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)

of crew members:

Position: Crew (Bomber)

Did he bail out? Yes he bailed out after me.

Where? over the eastern suburbs of the city of Hanover, Germany.

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I handed Ingersoll his chute pack and said "Go to Frank".

Was he injured? No, Ingersoll was not injured.

Where was he when last seen? When I landed on the ground Ingersoll was still floating down towards the ground.

Any necessary information: I was questioned by the Germans and was shown Ingersoll's dog tag, then they told me Ingersoll had landed on some high tension wires and was electrocuted immediately.

Source: A German Major who questioned me gave me this information

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I feel certain that Ingersoll made the ground safe and was shot by the German civilians as I would have been shot myself if I had not been rescued from the civilians by a German Soldier when I was.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17

Dates and destinations if possible: I have no record of this.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BeGush, Thomas C
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-697532
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Observer~~ Co-pilot

Did he bail out? This MAN Thomas C. BeGush 0-697532

Where? WAS NOT KILLED AND his

If not, why not? home ADDRESS is

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

Was he injured? //

Where was he when last seen? Thomas C. BeGush 0-697532

Any hearsay information: 8 WALCOTT AVE.

WINDSOR, CONN.

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

(1st Lt.
0-696355)

Eugene F. Fink
Mitchel Field
New York

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leslie B. Reid Jr. Rank 1/3gt. Serial No. 31160734
2. Organization 457th Bomb Gp. Commander Rank 1st Lt Col Sqn CO Watson Rank Maj.
740th Bomb Sqd (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Gdynia, Poland, target
time unknown, altitude, 11000 ft. route scheduled, inland over
Germany, route flown inland over Germany but off course
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Hanover, Germany
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes - William S. Woodell, Proser Jefferies,
Frank T. Ingersoll, Warren Spiedel.
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". The above mentioned
boys in question 7. All landed within a three mile radius of
myself. Spiedel bailed out the Nose escape hatch. Woodell, Jefferies,
Ingersoll and myself bailed out the waist door.
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) No knowledge
11. Where were they in aircraft? One in the tail, one in the nose and three
in the Pilots compartment.
12. What was their condition? no knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? Just before the takeoff in England.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORT

Name of crew member: [REDACTED]

Serial number: [REDACTED]

Position: Crew (Bombardier) [REDACTED]

Did he bail out? YES

Where? HANNOVER, GERMANY

If not, why not? —

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WHEN CROSSING ENEMY COAST -

Was he injured? ACCORDING TO GERMAN HE WAS KILLED

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any noteworthy information: GERMANS TOLD CREW MEMBER THAT INGERSOLL LANDED IN HIGH TENSION LINE AND WAS KILLED -

Source: GERMAN

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

NO MEMBERS OF CREW SAW HIS BODY AFTER HE WAS KILLED

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

CREW QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William B Woodell Rank T/SGT Serial No. 3025224
2. Organization 157th ^{SP-5} Commander LUPER Rank 1st Lt Sqn CO HOUUS Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 1st Lt. Bomb, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, 16000 FT route scheduled, SOUTH OF HANNOVER ~~IN THE AREA OF~~ route flown FLW DIRECTLY OVER HANNOVER
5. Where were you when you left formation? HANNOVER, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? 5 BAILED OUT
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". 1st SP1DELE NAVY SGT P. JEFFERYS, SGT. LESLIE ROSS AND MPSEL E LANDED WITHOUT INJURY AND WERE TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? IT DID NOT GO DOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
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. NO KNOWLEDGE

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