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

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Charles R BLACKWELL, 1st Lt, O-747374

25 August 1944

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)
750 Bomb Squadron, 457 Bomb Group
(Unit)

(Date)
E&E #1143

MEMBERS OF CREW				PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS
PILOT	O-747374	1st Lt	Charles R BLACKWELL	RD
CO-PILOT	O-755624	2d Lt	Theodore R BASKETTE	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-694561	2d Lt	Irving H MEYERS	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-755071	2d Lt	Verne M BOON	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	12055450	T/Sgt	Edward NABOZNY	RD
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17045077	T/Sgt	Thomas W HOWARD	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12180963	S/Sgt	Thomas G LEAHY	MIA
W/ST GUNNER	16096957	S/Sgt	Francis W McCALL	MIA
W/ST GUNNER		NONE		
TAIL GUNNER	32672266	S/Sgt	Sylvester C KURASZKIEWICZ	MIA

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
14 June 1944; 1000 hours; near DONS LE FOUIL, about 30 miles East of ROUEN.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
Lost oil from #1, #3, and #4 engines; #2 gas tank demolished; no fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 2500 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
No

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
All bailed out; all chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? No

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.
No

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 that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?
No knowledge of crew. I was told that H H BROWN, a Thunderbolt pilot, died from injuries. (Possibly 2d Lt Heckle H BROWN, O-816747, 373 Ftr Group, MIA 6 July 1944)

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Auth: C.G., N.Y.P.E.

Initials: Pen

Date: _____

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 10-9-44

NARRATOR	: <u>Theodore R Baskette</u>	SQUADRON	: <u>750 Sq.</u>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <u>0-755624</u>	GROUP	: <u>457</u>
HOME ADDRESS	: <u>Rt 1 Box 209 Tracy, Calif.</u>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <u>B-17-G</u>
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: <u>June 14, 1944</u>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
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Co-pilot	Blackwell, C.R.	
Nav.	Baskette, T.R.	
Bomb.	Meyers, I.H.	
Eng.	Boon, V.M.	
Ass. Eng.	Howard, T.H.	
RADIO	McCall, F.W.	
TAG	NABAZONY, Ed.	
Tail Gun	Leahy, —	
	KURASKWITZ, S.	

KNOWN INFORMATION: Blackwell, Baskette, NABAZONY, + McCall all evaded and are now free. Meyers, Boon, Howard, Leahy, + Kuraskwitz are all confirmed prisoners of war.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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Theodore R BASKETTE, 2d Lt, O-755624
(Name) (Rank) ASN
750 Bomb Squadron, 457 Bomb Group
(Unit)

2 September 1944
(Date)
EOM 1355
(IS9(WEA)2/306/945)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	O-747374	1st Lt	Charles R BLACKWELL	RTD
CO-PILOT	O-755624	2d Lt	Theodore R BASKETTE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	O-694581	2d Lt	Irving H MEYERS	MIA ✓
BOMBARDIER	O-755071	2d Lt	Verne M BOON	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	12055450	T/Sgt	Edward NABOZNY	RTD
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17045077	T/Sgt	Thomas W HOWARD	P/W
BAIL TURRET GUNNER	12180963	S/Sgt	Thomas G LEAHY	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	16096957	S/Sgt	Francis W McCALL	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	None			
TAIL GUNNER	32672266	S/Sgt	Sylvester C KURAZKIEWICZ	P/W

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Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

14 June 1944 - 0830 hours - 1½ km W Fleury-la-Forêt, Eure

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Three engines gone

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

2500 feet

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

Yes - the navigator had flak through one arm.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

All and all chutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes - navigator and engineer - alive

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.

Navigator P/W - by description. Pilot P/W - by description. All alive
Tail gunner P/W - by description

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Yes - burned from nose to and including bomb bay

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 that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

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

5 members taken PW

4 members evaded

Reason - channels of the FFI

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Francis W McCall S/Sgt 16096957
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

6 September 1944
(Date)

750 Bomb Sq. 457 Bomb Group (H)
(Unit)

E&E 1521

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-747374	1st Lt	Charles R BLACKWELL	RTD
CO-PILOT	0-755624	2nd Lt	Theodore R BASKETTE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	0-694581	2nd Lt	Irving H MEYERS	P/W
BOMBARDIER	0-755071	2nd Lt	Verne M BOON	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	12055450	T/Sgt	Edward (NMI) NABOZNY	RTD
TOP TURRET GUNNER	17045077	T/Sgt	Thomas W HOWARD	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	12180963	S/Sgt	Thomas G LEALY	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	16096957	S/Sgt	Francis W McCALL	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	NONE			
TAIL GUNNER	32882266	S/Sgt	Sylvester C KURASZKIEWICZ	P/W

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

14 June 1944; 0900 hours; 30 kilometers S^E of Rouen

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
No. 4 prop ran away - No. 3 gas tank leaking badly; Nos. 1 & 2 damaged and throwing oil.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

3,000 feet

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

Believe navigator slightly wounded.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

I know co-pilot, radio operator, ball turret gunner, and waist gunner bailed out.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

One member, the co-pilot, was seen walking towards plane.

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.

Five crew members, names unknown, were reported to have been taken prisoners.

Frenchman source of information.

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 that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

No answer

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

Quite a few captured. Ammunition depot nearby and Germans reached the scene shortly.

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HEADQUARTERS 457TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
AAF STATION 130

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A P O 557
19 June 1944.


SUBJECT: Narrator's Report of Missing Air Crew - Lt. Charles R. Blackwell
and Crew (Ship #42-102464) - Mission 14 June 1944 - Melun (airfield)
France.

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

1. Left target area after having been knocked out of formation
due to oxygen trouble. Saw another plane (42-102464) knocked out of our
formation at about 2 or 3 o'clock from us, about 1/2 to 3/4 mile away.
Looked back at instruments then glanced out again and saw that the plane
had blown up. Two, and possibly three chutes came out, one of them was
burning.

LEO R. GREEN,
2nd Lt., A. C.,
Co-Pilot - 750th Bomb. Sqdn.

A TRUE COPY:


GERALD H. GALLIGAN,
1st Lt., A. C.,
Group Statistical Officer.

IDENTIFICATION TAG:

MACR-5805

1. T.W.HOWARD

17045077 T43 A P

C.E.Howard
Holden, Mo

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

LSOU 1310

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

Dulag Luft, Weßlar

TIME:

Received: June 24, 1944

TO:

Log and Message Center

DATE:

June 22, 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

0430

ROLL:

FROM:

LSEB

THROUGH:

Mo.

REMARKS:

S - LFAA 825 June 21, 1944 at 1930 -
 To Dulag Luft Oberursel -
 On June 20, 1944 at 0930 downing of a Boeing 500 m North of Bleckmar near
 Bergen - Celle. 2 men captured; they will be transferred to Oberursel on June 21.-
 The remaining members of the crew are dead. Aircraft 100 % destroyed by con-
 flagration caused by crash-
 Air Field Command Fassberg

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air Base Command A 21/XI
Air Field Command Fassberg

Dulag Luft, Wetzlar
Received: June 24, 1944
Log and Message Center

LOCATION:

Fassberg

DATE:

June 20, 1944

DATE AND TIME:

On June 20, 1944,
at 0930

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN)

500 m North of Bleckmar (near Bergen, District of Celle)

KIND OF CAPTURE:

cannot be determined

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing Fortress II

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

1 Transmitter Receiver Unit 5043

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

1 Radio Receiver EC - 455 - B

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

x see below (cont'd below)

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

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Dulag Luft 1
Air Corps District Command 1
GL/A - Rue 1
Air Base Zoning Command

(DULOG - LUFT, ETC.)

Equipment:
(cont'd)

xl Radio Receiver BC - 348 Q
1 Sea Emergency Transmitter SCR 578 A
1 Radio Transmitter BC - 457 B
1 Radio Receiver BC - 454 - B
1 Transmitter Tuning Unit 6 B
1 " " " 7 B
1 " " " 8 B
1 Dynameter

Condition of aircraft: xx 100% destruction

By Order: illegible

Capt Air 24 AF (4)

KU 2203

Nationality: USA

Name: Unknown

Rank: Pilot

Unit: Aircraft type Fortress

Dead

Delay and Changes: Died 14 Jun 44, Eslettes near Rouen

Reported by: Dulag-Luft Wetzlar, Unterlg b Sec POW V
V 4 a Ref IV 1

Dead List No. 48 ✓

Serial No. 108 ✓