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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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KU 3023 (4)

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.

1. ORIGINATOR: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8 A. F.
(Group 457 Bomb. Gr. (H); Squadron 751st; Detachment _____)
2. DEPART: Place of Departure Station 130; Course _____
Target or Intended Destination Magdeburg, Germany.; Type of Mission _____
Objective Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10/10ths cover
4. TIME: (a) Day 28 Month Sept. Year 1944; Time 1135; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Between 51-57N 10-30E and 52-06N 11-39E
(b) Specify whether aircraft was 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 only one) Enemy Aircraft (X); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; AAF Serial Number 43-37518 ✓
7. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Gini"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number _____
(a) SW-017955; (b) 017932; (c) 018807; (d) 018613
9. IDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1300370; (b) 1300155; (c) 130705; (d) 1300158;
(e) 1299886; (f) 1299984; (g) 119704; (h) 1299999;
(i) 1300131; (j) 1299980; (k) 1299933; (l) 1299856;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(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	<u>Gay, Harold D.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-760821</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. CP	<u>Johnson, Earl L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-829036</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. B	<u>Nordan, Fabian F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-771870</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. N	<u>Blander, Carl G. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-723476</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. TRO	<u>Beck, Charles S.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>34770020</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. RO	<u>Mandersen, Donald W.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>37477845</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. WG	<u>Thomas, McDoe (NLI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>38478912</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. BT	<u>Rounseville, Arthur G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32847765</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9. TG	<u>Cogswell, Fred M. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>31201011</u>	<u>MIA</u>

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
Check Only One Column
- | Name in Full
(Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Contacted | | | Saw | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|-------|----------------|
| | | | by | Last | Radio | Sighted | Crash | Forced Landing |
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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13. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

Information not available

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION. MARK AIRCRAFT'S LAST SEEN OR HEARD POSITION.
15. ATTACH BRIEF WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 5 October 1944.

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Gerald H. Galligan

(Signature of Reporting Officer)

17. REMARKS OR COMMENTS _____

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

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(S-2 Summary of
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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(S-2 Summary of
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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. 751st A/C No. 43-37518

MISSION DATE 28 Sept. 1944 FIRST PILOT Harold D. Gay
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-750821 DESTINATION Magdeburg
(Rank) (Serial No.)

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

- (a) By coordinates Between about 5157-1030 and 5206-1159
- (b) Approximate altitude 25,000 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 A/C):

Twenty-five to fifty Me-109's and FW-190's attacked group just before I.P. Three attacks made from four to nine o'clock low.

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

Aircraft apparently burst into flames between #3 engine and fuselage on right side. Black smoke was pouring from aircraft when last seen a few seconds after it was hit.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft slid off to left when hit, then salvoed its bombs, then immediately went into a dive.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation, was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.): _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

No chutes seen although there apparently was time for men to bail out.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

No other details reported.

8. Date of report 1 October 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Ronald W. Johnson *</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-706187</u>	<u>42-97535</u>
2.	<u>Bernard E. Sidebottom *</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>14170378</u>	<u>42-97535</u>
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

<u>Hugh M. Hamill</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-571912</u>	<u>Asst. Gp. S-2</u>
<u>HUGH M. HAMILL</u>	<u>(Rank)</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>Duty</u>
<u>(Name)</u>			

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-4AF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

* Co-pilot and tail gunner of the only aircraft not knocked out of the high flight of the low squadron. He and his crew were so busily engaged with E/A that none of them observed more of #43-37518 than is indicated above.

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1st Lt. Harold D. Gay -

Mrs. Grace A. Gay, (Mother)
South 532 Bernard Street,
Spokane 9, Washington.

Mrs. Katherine E. Gay, (Wife)
708 North Adams Street,
Spokane, Washington.

2nd Lt. Earl L. Johnson -

Mrs. Cyda O. Johnson, (Mother)
48 Ethel Street,
Valley Stream, New York.

2nd Lt. Carl G. Ulander -

Mrs. Anna S. Ulander, (Mother)
Route Three,
Rockford, Illinois.

2nd Lt. Fabian F. Hordan

Mr. Luther L. Hordan, (Father)
201 Hancock Street,
Smithfield, North Carolina.

1/2 Sgt. Hobbs Thomas -

Mrs. Bobby J. Thomas, (Wife)
Route Number One,
Garton, Texas.

1/2 Sgt. Arthur G. Counseville -

Mrs. Mine E. Counseville, (Mother)
303 Elm Street,
Croton, New York.

1/2 Sgt. Charles S. Beck -

Mrs. Helen G. Beck, (Wife)
527 South Broad Street,
Roanokeville, North Carolina.

1/2 Sgt. Donald V. Anderson

Mrs. Leota Pearl Anderson, (Mother)
Valley, Nebraska.

Sgt. Fred H. Cogswell, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret I. Cogswell, (Mother)
8 Warren Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 23 September 1944 1500 hrs.

CASUALTY NO.

3042

PLACE OF LOSS Dorstadt near WolfenbittelTYPE OF AIRCRAFT FortressDEFENSE SERVICE Hq. Air Base Brunswick-Dreitzen

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D FOUNDER TEAM	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
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HOWARD	Victor L	1st Lt.	(1-764677) captured	Dalag Luft
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SOFWIANEK	Joseph Carl	Sgt.	33613391 captured	Dalag Luft
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Casualty No. KB 3042

First Supplementary Report, dated 2 November 1944

FUIKS	James O.	2nd Lt.	0-705026 captured	Dalag Luft West
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REMARKS:

Dalag Luft, 30 October 1944 No.

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 24/XI

Place: Braunschweig-Broitzem, Group Commander

Time: 28 Sep 1944

Subject: Fortreas, near Dorstadt south of Wolfenbittel, 28 Sep 44, at 1300 hours

Name: Fulks, James O. 2nd Lt, O 705016

Disposition: Transport Camp West Oberursel

Name: Sofianek, Joseph C., Sgt, 33613391

Disposition: Transport Camp West Oberursel

Place of Capture: West of Wolfenbittel

Name: Howard Victor L., 1st Lt, O 764677

Disposition: Transport Camp West Oberursel

Place of Capture: near Wolfenbittel, District of Denkte, at 1230 hours

Identification Tags

James C. Fulks, 16061137

Joseph C. Sofianek, 33613391

Victor L. Howard, O 764677

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 8 Oct 1944
 PLACE OF CRASH: body was recovered near Wolfenbuettel
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: ./.
 REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters Braunschweig-Broitzem

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: ANDERSON, Donald W. *Rank 2nd Lt Sept 44*
 DATE OF BIRTH: ./.
 RANK: ./.
 SERIAL NUMBER: 31471645
 CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: *yes*
 DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: ./.
 TYPE OF INJURY: ./.
 GRAVE LOCATION: ./.

REMARKS: ./.

Dulag Luft, 8 Nov 1944 No.

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CASUALTY NO.
U-3437

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 4 Oct 1944
PLACE OF CRASH: body was recovered near Wolfenbuettel
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: ./.
REPORTING OFFICE: Air Base Headquarters Braunschweig- Broitzem

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: COGSWELL Jr , Fred
DATE OF BIRTH: ./.
RANK: ./.
SERIAL NUMBER: 31201011 *Kia 28 Sept 44*
CAPTURED: WOUNDED: DEAD: yes
DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: ./.
TYPE OF INJURY: ./.
GRAVE LOCATION: ./.

REMARKS: ./.

Dulag Luft, 8 Nov 1944 No. 9768

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



ATTENTION: AFPPA-4

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: Personal Affairs Casualty Assistance

TO: Commanding Officer

1. It is desired that a representative of your command communicate with the emergency addressee of the deceased named on the attached casualty report.
2. Advice and assistance should be offered on questions arising in connection with allowable Government benefits and the settlement of other related military personal affairs. If a letter is written to the emergency addressee, it should be personal, sympathetic, and carefully phrased.
3. A brief report of action taken will be submitted through channels when all possible assistance has been rendered.

By command of General ARNOLD:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clyde V. Finter'.

CLYDE V. FINTER
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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Casualty Report (in dup)

MACR # 9768

Date 28 Sept. 1944

Crew

Name	Rank	Serial No.	
1. Anderson, Donald W.	T/Sgt.	37477645	KIA-
2. Beck, Charles S.	T/Sgt.	34770020	DED
3. Cogswell, Fred M., Jr.	Sgt.	31201011	KIA-
4. Gay, Harold D.	1 st Lt.	0-760821	DED
5. Johnson, Earl L.	2 nd Lt.	0-829036	DED
6. Nordan, Fabian F.	2 nd Lt.	0-771870	DED
7. Rounselle, Arthur L.	S/Sgt.	32847765	KIA
8. Thomas, M ^c Dec (M.M.D.)	S/Sgt.	38478912	KIA-
9. Wlander, Carl G., Jr.	2 nd Lt.	0-723476	DED

no Statement