

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR CORPS
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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by P. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As briefed
Intended Destination Stuttgart, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Not known
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 Sept. 43 Time Not known; and Location Not known
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or (X) Information not Available.
5. 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 Ship believed to have been forced down because of fuel exhaustion
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series -17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5843
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57185
(b) 41-57693; (c) 42-77833; (d) 41-57864
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a); (b); (c); (d)
(e); (f); (g); (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers; 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
RTD1.	Pilot	Puleipher, Ralph R.	1/Lt.	0-665337
RTD2.	Co-Pilot	Johnson, Merle (NMI)	2/Lt.	0-741911
EVS3.	Navigator	Endey, William (NMI)	1/Lt.	0-735983
EVS4.	Bombardier	Givens, Paul S.	1/Lt.	0-729432
RTD5.	Radio Operator	Perkins, Asbury L.	T/Sgt.	6284668
EVS6.	Asst. Gun. Top Turret	Fursey, Jr., Thomas E.	S/Sgt.	13043315
RTD7.	Asst. Gun. Ball Turret	McLain, Willard D.	S/Sgt.	17088525
EVS8.	Asst. Gun. Tail Gunner	Gase, Albert F.	S/Sgt.	35328989
EVS9.	Asst. Gun. Forward Gunner	Dacus, Judson L.	T/Sgt.	14978782
EVS10.	Asst. Gun. Forward Gunner	Hawkins, Jr., Joe M.	S/Sgt.	15117276

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
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- 3.
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used NO; (b) Persons were seen walking away
from scene of crash NO; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Date of Report 8 September 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

W. J. McNEILL,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Station S-2 Officer.

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1st Ind.

Headquarters of the Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
5 November 1943.

To: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, c/o Postmaster,
New York City, N. Y.

1. Attention is invited to attached Missing Air Crew Report.
2. Based upon the report, letters giving all appropriate details of the circumstances under which the plane was lost are prepared and sent to the next of kin of each crew member who is still missing. In the preparation of these letters, the data contained in paragraphs (4), (5), (12) and (14) are especially important. Since the basic communication contains little or no information in those paragraphs, it is requested that a recheck be made to determine if additional data are now available.

For the Commanding General:



John B. Cooley
JOHN B. COOLEY,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Air Adjutant General.

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2nd Ind.

(S-10 Dec 43)

HQ EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STA 586, APO 633, 30 Nov 1943.

TO: CG, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634.

For compliance with paragraph 2, preceding indorsement, and return to this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General EAKER:

E. A. Mobley
E. A. MOBLEY,
Lt Col, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.



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3rd Wrapper Ind.

(S-10 Dec 43)

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HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army.

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✱ TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634, U. S. Army.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 7 December, 1943.

TO: CO, 384th Bomb Group, APO 634, (Att: Statistical Officer).

R.P.J.
R. P. J.

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5th Wrapper Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, 384TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF, APO 634, U. S. Army,
10 December 1943

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. In compliance with paragraph 2, 1st Wrapper Indorsement, the following information is forwarded.

2. The crew of this Aircraft baled out near the Channel coast over Franco. All members of the crew are known to have cleared the ship which crashed nearby. One man, T/Sgt. Judson L. Dacus, was the only wounded man and had a severe wound in the calf of one leg. He had been given first aid by an experienced man before he was allowed to bail out. All of the crew are presumed to have reached the ground safely and the Pilot, Co-Pilot, and Radio Operator have returned to allied control. The Navigator, Bombardier, Tail Gunner, and the Left Waist Gunner (Hawkins) have been reported as Prisoners of War. The Top Turret gunner (Furrey) is known to be at large in an enemy occupied country. The Ball Turret gunner is unreported as yet. This Aircraft was abandoned due to battle damage on two engines and lack of sufficient gasoline to return to England.

For the Group Commander:

J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

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6th Ind.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 12 December, 1943.

TO: CG, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634. (Att: Statistical Control Section).

R. P. J.
R. P. J.

1 Incl: n/c.

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Headquarters, 384th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, APO 634, 23 December 1943

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634

1. In compliance with Paragraph 1, 8th W/Ind. the following information is given:

Capt. Ralph R. Pulcifer, O-665337	Returned from MIA
1st Lt. Merle (NMI) Johnson, O-741911	Returned from MIA
1st Lt. William (NMI) Eudey, O-735983	Missing in Action
1st Lt. Paul S. Givens, O-729432	POW, Letter 1st Bombardment Division dated 19 December 1943, SUBJECT: Change in Status of Battle Casualties.
M/Sgt Asbury L. Perkins, 6284668	Returned from MIA
S/Sgt Willard D. McLain, 17088525	Missing in Action
S/Sgt Thomas E. Furrey Jr., 13043315	Missing in Action
S/Sgt Albert F. Case, 35328989	Missing in Action
T/Sgt Judson L. Dacus, 14978782	Missing in Action
S/Sgt Joe M. Hawkins Jr., 15117276	Missing in Action

2. The markings on this Missing Air Crew Report, changing the status of these men, were not made by this Headquarters.

For the Group Commander:

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L. A. RAGUS,
WOJG, USA.
Actg. Asst. Adjutant.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 26 December, 1943.

TO: CG, VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634. (Att: Statistical Control Section).

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U. S. Army.

Willard D. McLain 17088525, has been reported as returned from MIA: 18 Dec 43 per Eighth AF TWX #35, 29 Dec 43.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Meedie W. Hobbs
MEEDIE W. HOBBS,
Major, A.G.D.,
Ass't. Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, 14 December 1943.

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TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633.
Attn: Statistical Control Section.

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M.W.H.

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HQ EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STA 586, APO 633, 17 Dec 1943.

TO: CG, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634.

1. Reference paragraph 2, 5th W/Ind, a statement is desired as to source of information changing the status of the following named personnel from Missing in Action:

1st Lt William Eddey,
S/Sgt Albert F. Gase,
S/Sgt Joe M. Hawkins, Jr.,
S/Sgt Thomas E. Furey, Jr.

2. Personnel listed above are carried on records of this headquarters as Missing in Action.

By command of Lieutenant General EAKER:

E. A. Mobley
E. A. MOBLEY,
Lt Col, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army.

19 DEC 1943

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634, U. S. Army.

For compliance with paragraph 1, 8th W/Ind.

By command of Brigadier General HODGES:

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MEEDIE W. HOBBS,
Major, A.G.D.,
Ass't. Adjutant General.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 21 December, 1943.

TO: CO, 384th Bomb Group, APO 634, (Att: Statistical Officer).

R.P.J.
R. P. J.

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HQ EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STA 586, APO 633, 1 Jan 1944.

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TO: CG, AAF, Washington 25, D.C.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: JOHNSON, Norle
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-741911
Position: Crew (Navigator/Observer): Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Beauvis, France

If not, why not?

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

He evaded capture and escaped, returned to states promoted to Capt. and was flying B 29'S
last I Heard.

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

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T/Sgt. USAAF
Bolling Fld., D.C.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: WHEAT, William
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-724068
Position: Crew (Rank and Position): Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Beauvais, France

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said, "When you land hit for the hills", then he checked out.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: After serving 2 yrs. in prison camp he was returned to the states, promoted to Capt. and DISCHARGED. I saw him in the states in the Winter of 1945

Thomas E. Furrey Jr.
Thomas E. Furrey Jr.
T/Sgt. USAAF
Bolling Fld., D.C.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: GIVENS, Paul S.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-729438
Position: Crew ~~of B-24 Liberator~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Beauvais, France

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He checked out
just before jumping

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: _____

It Paul S Givens was taken prison - 6 Sept. 1943 and was liberated 1 May 1945, then
was returned to the USA where he was promoted to the rank of Capt. and discharged. I
last saw him in Dec. 1945 in Inn., Ind. where he was enjoying good health and life as a
civilian.

Source: _____

Thomas S. Furrey Jr.
Thomas S. Furrey Jr.
T/Cpt. USAF
Rolling Fld., D.C.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Thomas E. Furray Jr. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. BA13042315
2. Organization 384 (H) Gp Commander B.J. Peas Rank Col Sqn COM S. Dilling Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month September day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Stuttgart, Germany, target, Electric Works, target
time, .1200, altitude, 27000 route scheduled, North of Paris
skirting Germany, route flown As briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? 1 hr. off of target
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
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 whole crew bailed out 100 km. North of Paris by a town named Beauvis, France
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10 km. East of Beauvis, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
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. _____

(Any additional information may be written on the back)