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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces 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 Calamkirehen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3/10th Good
4. GIVE: (a) Date 12-0-43 Time unknown; and Location unknown
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; () Other Circumstances as follows Apparently no eye-witnesses; details unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30104
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 12-60424
(b) 12-58136; (c) 12-60169; (d) 12-10622
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
NIA 1.	Pilot	✓ Keck, George E.	1/Lt.	0-730520
NIA 2.	Co-Pilot	✓ Gaither, Raymond A.	2/Lt.	0-672790
EUS 3.	Navigator	✓ Juart, William W.	2/Lt.	0-798543
EUS 4.	Bombardier	✓ Bryant, Arthur E.	2/Lt.	0-735187
NIA 5.	Radio Operator	✓ Hollingsworth, Frank E.	1/Sgt.	32407347
EUS 6.	Top Turret	✓ Deville, Milton J.	1/Sgt.	18133971
NIA 7.	Ball Turret	✓ Wolven, William D.	3/Sgt.	12125628
EUS 8.	Tail Gunner	✓ Igou, William F.	3/Sgt.	34333114
NIA 9.	Flexible Gunner 1	✓ Hughes, Walden A.	3/Sgt.	13085874
NIA 10.	Flexible Gunner 2	✓ Paduch, Theodore	3/Sgt.	16124429 3-2487613

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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw For end Landing

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

12. IF PERSONNEL 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)

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 15 August 1943.

[Signature]
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Arthur R. Bryant Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-735157
2nd 384th Bomb Op
2. Organization Op Commander Peaslie Rank Col. Sqn CO Dillingham Rank Lt Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 12 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Gleskircken, target, synthetic gas refinery, target time, 0930, altitude, 33,000 route scheduled, thru France to Bonn. n. to target route flown same as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Ruhr Valley
6. Did you bail out? Blown out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Some of them
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". T/Sgt Milton Deville bailed out before I did. His hands were frozen before bailing out. After he bailed out I met him at Bonn, Germany and as far as I know he was suffering burns and a bad back. Met him in La Havre, France in May 1945 on his way back to the states.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? See 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? no knowledge
12. What was their condition? No knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Described in attached sheets
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)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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KU 27 12 Aug 1943 Fortress

1312 Esty, Harvey, Charles, 2nd Lt.

Born 25 Dec. 1920

Ident. Tag 0-672 340.

Taken prisoner ✓

Carvington, Richard Thompson, Capt.

Ident. Tag 0-728 581.

Taken prisoner ✓

Smithwick, Michael Hayes, Capt.

Ident. Tag 0-729 511

Taken prisoner ✓

Schmidlapp, Philip Elbert, T/Sgt.

Ident. Tag 35 110 121

Taken prisoner ✓

Taber, Robin E., 1st Lt. Ident. Tag 0-663 429

Taken prisoner ✓

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HUGHES, Walden A.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 13 065 674
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx~~: Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't know

Where? xxx

If not, why not? xxx

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Unknown

Any hearsay information: Heard he was dead but don't know who told me.

Source: Unknown

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 June 43 - Antwerp; 24 June 43 - Heroya, Norway;
25 June 43 - Hamburg; 4 July 43 - Villacoublay; 14 July 43 - LeMons; 25 July 43 - Hamburg;
26 July 43 - Hamburg; 27 July 43 - Hanover; 29 July 43 - Kiel; 12 Aug 43 - Glean Kirkcen

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SWART, William W.

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: 0-796 543

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~gunfighter~~ ~~gunner~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? North of Bonn, Germany - Ruhr Valley

If not, why not? xxx

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He tapped me on the shoulder and signalled me to leave, that the bail-out bell had rung.

Was he injured? slightly

Where was he when last seen? LeHavre, France May 1945

Any hearsay information: Was in Stalag Luft #3, South Compound, then Moosberg 7A

Source: Was with him in prison camp

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GAITHER, Raymond A.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: O-672 790
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? XXXX

If not, why not? XXXX

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Saw him in the vicinity of escape hatch (bombers) — had parachute on and was apparently about to bail out

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: Germans showed burnt dogtags to Lt. William W. Juart claiming he was dead

Source: Lt. Juart

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: That he didn't get out of the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

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Name of crew member: KECK, George B.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 0-750 520
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? xxxx

If not, why not? Injured

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Cockpit

Any hearsay information: Germans showed Navigator, Lt. William W. Juart, burnt dogtags
of Lt. Keck claiming he was dead. Germans claim he was buried in Bonn, Germany.

Source: From Lt. William W. Juart

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As far as I know
Lt. Keck was dead when I left the plane

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PADUCH, Theodore
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 16 124 429
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator (Navigator)~~ Flexible Gunner

Did he bail out? Don't know

Where? XXX

If not, why not? XXX

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

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Unknown

Any hearsay information: Heard he was dead but don't know who told me.

Source: Unknown

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WOLVEN, William D.

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 12 129 628

Position: Crew (Scorer) ~~as Flight (Flight)~~: Ballurret

Did he bail out? Don't know

Where? XXX

If not, why not? XXXX

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Unknown

Any hearsay information: None

Source: XXX

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: 12 Aug 43 - Glean Kirkcen

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KU 8 Aug. 12, 1943 Fortress Confirmation of L.P. No.

1302

103 696/43 Aug. 25, 1943

1320 Wolver, William

S/Sgt. Ident. Tag 32 129 628.

Dead grave No. 31

? ✓ Seaman John R.
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Sgt. Ident. Tag. 32 304 569

Dead grave No. 35

✓ Hughes, Walden A.

S/Sgt. Ident. Tag. 13 063 674.

Dead grave No. 32. (H. has already been reported by the above L.P. No., with an incorrect identification number.)

✓ Paduch, Theodore

S/Sgt. Ident. Tag. 32 489 613

Dead grave No. 36.

Buried Aug. 16, 1943. in Geistingen Cemetery near Nennef. Field 27. The grave number of 1st Lt. Keck, already reported dead, is 33; that of 2nd Lt. Gauthier is No. 34.

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1302 Denville, Milton Joseph: T/Sgt.

Born 8 Feb. 1907.

Ident. Tag 18 133 971

Taken prisoner.

Juart, William, 2nd Lt, Born 27 Aug 1921

Ident. Tag. O-796 248

Taken prisoner.

Bryant, Arthur Russell, 2nd Lt.

Born 14 Jan. 1920

Ident. Tag. O-735 167.

Taken prisoner.

Sgaw, William F. S/Sgt. Ident. Tag 34,333,144

Taken prisoner, wounded

Location: in a field hospital.

KU 8 cont.)

✓ Reck, George

1st Lt. Dead.

Ident. Tag O-730 520

✓ Gaither, Raimond

2nd Lt. Dead.

Ident. Tag O-672 790

✓ Hughes, W. A.

S/Sgt. Dead.

Ident. Tag 32 304 569.

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TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

B 17 F

PLACE OF CRASH:

Near House Oelgarten near Hennef.

DATE OF CRASH:

12 - Aug. 1943.

GALTHER, R.A.
O - 672 190 T 42 - 3

Lt.

dead - KIA

KICK, George B.
O - 730 520

dead - KIA

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10 man crew

4 - EUS

6 - KIA

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1) Downing of a B 17 F	Volven, William	Interred on 16 August 1943
on 12 August 1943 at	12129630 Sgt.	at Guintingen cemetery
Emm Colgerton near		near Emmef/Sieg. Field F
Emmef/Sieg		Grave No. 31
2) "	Hughes, Walden A.	Grave No. 32
	13068673 Sgt.	(Double grave)
3) "	Fadush, Theodore	Grave No. 33
	33489613 Sgt.	(Double grave)
4) "	Kock, George R.	Interred on 13 August 1943
	O-730830 1st Lt.	at the same place
		Grave No. 35
5) "	Gaither, Raymond A.	Grave No. 34
	O-672790 2nd Lt.	
6) "	Hessman, John R.	Grave No. 35
	37304889 Sgt.	

See

KJ 8

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10 man crew

4-EUS

6-KIA

KU 10
MACR 355

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HQ SOE, HTOUSA, APO 871, 27 August 1943.

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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943,
file AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OB-6-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:

R. W. Brushe
R. W. BRUSHE,
2nd Lt, AGO,
Asst Adj Gen.

12 Incls:

- Incl 1-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-30104) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 2-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-3231) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 3-Ltr Hq AAF Sta 106 dtd 12 Aug 43, statement of
1st Lt Jesse D. Hausenfluck. (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 4-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-5806) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 5-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-30046) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 6-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-29686) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 7-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-30147) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 8-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-3222) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 9-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-3230) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 10-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-30139) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 11-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-5797) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 12-Missing Air Crew Report (AF 42-29956) (Dup copy w/d)

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, VIII Air Force, APO 633.

1. Enclosed herewith are eleven (11) Missing Air Crew Reports (in duplicate).

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - 11 Reports (in dup)

Alfred C. Nuttall
ALFRED C. NUTTALL,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

1st Ind.

CF ^{3/9/} HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U.S. ARMY. AUG 24 1943

TO: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, U.S. Army.

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Ind. File #AG 360.33 (5-23-43)
dated 3 June 1943.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - 11 Reports (in dup) N/C

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E. A. MOBLEY,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Dir. Gen.
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BUI 179 USA

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