

384TH BOMB GROUP
546TH BOMB SQUADRON

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DATE 1943-08-16
8TH AF MISSION 83
384TH BG MISSION..... 16
CRASH LOCATION Rambouillet, France
B-17F AIRCRAFT SERIAL #.....42-5797

Position	Rank and Name	Condition
Pilot	1 st Lt. David Magowan, Jr	POW
Co-Pilot	2 nd Lt Leonard W Bughman	POW
Navigator	2 nd Lt John NMI Dougherty, Jr	EVD
Bombardier	2 nd Lt John NMI Heald	EVD
Radio Operator	T/Sgt Ladislav G Koves	POW
Engineer/Top Turret Gunner	T/Sgt Sidney C Grinstein	POW
Ball Turret Gunner	S/Sgt Matthew E Coody	POW
Tail Gunner	Sgt James B Murray	KIA
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Edward B Ohe	POW
Left Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Robert M Sheets	EVD

EVD – Evaded Capture; POW – Prisoner Of War; KIA – Killed In Action

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Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUEKCH, Capt., AC
Date 15 Aug 1943

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAP Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 38th; Squadron 56th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAP Station 106; Course As briefed
Intended Destination Le Bourget, Paris; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Calm
- GIVE: (a) Date 16 Aug 1943; and Location E. Paris (Target over)
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- 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 Ship was last seen losing altitude but under control
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17P; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5797
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-55938
(b) 43-61730; (c) 42-127235; (d) 41-55952
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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
1. Pilot	<u>Pilot</u> <u>Magowan, David Jr.</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>0-795063 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Co-Pilot</u> <u>Bughman, Leonard W.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-712954 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Navigator</u> <u>Dougherty, John (NMI) Jr.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-673506 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Bombardier</u> <u>Hald, John (NMI)</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-735866 RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Radio Operator</u> <u>Kovacs, Ladislaw G.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>35308001 RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Top Turret</u> <u>Gifflin, Sidney G.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>39210604 RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Ball Turret</u> <u>Goody, Matthew E.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>6399273 RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Tail Gunner</u> <u>Murray James B.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>32136897 RTD</u>
9. Flexible Gunner	<u>Flexible Gunner</u> <u>Obe, Edward B.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>35167454 RTD</u>
10. Flexible Gunner	<u>Flexible Gunner</u> <u>Sheets, Robert W.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>6903658 RTD</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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forc'd Landing
1. <u>Armstrong, Lloyd E.</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>0665266</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>Frink, Horace E.</u>	<u>1/1st</u>	<u>0-736503</u>		<u>X</u>		
3. <u>Swainson, Oliver J.</u>	<u>2/1st</u>	<u>0-738047</u>		<u>X</u>		

12. IF PERSONNEL 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 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 17 August 1943

[Signature]
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: M U R R A Y , James B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32 436 297
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Flight (Right Seat)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Evidentially- for checked ship myself before leaving &

Where? Over Forest Rambouillet about 40 miles south of Paris, France

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Murray had
reported enemy fighters attacking rear of formation

Was he injured? Not at time of conversation, he did not mention it then

but believe he was wounded in last attack by FW-190** both waist
 Where was he when last seen? Ask Sgts. Ohe and Sheets of crew, gunners

Any hearsay information: Was told by French that chute did not open. Therein
lies my assumption that he was wounded or his chute torn u. by enemy
fire, damaging his chute beyond use, but unknown to him before bail-out

Source: French who helped me to escape surrounding Germans

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: three missions

Dates and destinations if possible: 1st. Kassel, Germany. 2nd. Poix and
France
Amiens. 3rd. Le Bourget Airport north of Paris

Regret with all my heart that I have no further information and
 that all information that I have given is wholly assumed

David Magowan Jr

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name John Dougherty Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. Q-673506
2. Organization 384(H)Gp Commander Pessly Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 16 did you go down? _____
France
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Le Bourget, Paris, target
time, app. 0915, altitude, 19000' route scheduled, as
briefed, route flown as briefed _____
west
5. Where were you when you left formation? 25 miles/southwest of Paris
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". Crew list not attached. Nine members of crew successfully bailed out. Six were taken prisoner and three contacted French Underground and were eventually taken to England.
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) As far as I know, none.
11. Where were they in aircraft? XXXX
12. What was their condition? XXXX
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? XXXX
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Members of other crews I met in France all successfully evaded. I have no specific identifying information regarding these men.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Ku 30

Aug. 16, 1943

Fortress - 3rd Confirmation
a I.P. no. 103 422/43
Aug. 30, 1943

Rua 5 436

Magowan, David Jr. 1st Lt.
born May 12, 1920
Ident. tag = O-995-063
Taken prisoner

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Aug. 16th, 1943
Goody, Matthew L.

FORTRESS.

S/Sgt. ASH 16399273
captured.

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Telegrams
1916
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1944

August 16, 1943

Forbes

Grinstein, Sidney Ch.

Reported, Police Bulletin No 103'

922/43

Thgt, born Apr. 13, 1908. Tag: 39
240 604, prisoner.

First Lieutenant David Magowan, Jr.

Mr. David Magowan (father)
13 Cirale Road
Scarsdale, N.Y.

and

Mrs. Dotty Hellingworth Magowan
Jr. (wife)
Southgate Apts, Alger Court
Bronxville, N.Y.

Second Lieutenant Leonard W. Bagman

Mrs. Catherine T. Bagman (wife)
Rural Delivery Route #3
Edgonier, Pennsylvania

Second Lieutenant John Dougherty, Jr.

Mrs. Anna C. Dougherty (mother)
632 Gates Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York

Second Lieutenant John Heald

Mr. Henry M. Heald (brother)
16 Emerson Place
Needham, Massachusetts

Technical Sergeant Ladislaw G. Lovas

Mr. Andrew J. Lovas (brother)
13306 Thornhurst
Cleveland, Ohio

Technical Sergeant Sidney C. Grinstead

Mrs. Ruby C. Grinstead (wife)
3524 Opusola Street
Denver, Colorado

Technical Sergeant Matthew E. Coody

Mrs. Emma Louise Coody (wife)
Route #5
Louisville, Mississippi

Sergeant James S. Murray

Mrs. Anne Murray (mother)
87-20 111th Street
Richmond Hill, New York

Staff Sergeant Edward E. Oke

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Fox (sister)
118 Winkler Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Sheets

Mrs. Daisy M. Sheets (mother)
523 Liberty Street
Schenectady, New York

~~SECRET~~

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

SOURCE: ROBERT M SHEETS, S/Sgt, 6903658

B&K #394 DATE: 2 February 1944

UNIT: 546 Bomb Sq, 384 Bomb Group

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	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW.</u>	<u>P/MAB RECORDS</u>
PILOT	0-795063 David (NMI) MAGOWAN, JR	MIA
CO PILOT	0-742954 Leonard W HUGHMAN	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-673506 John (NMI) DOUGHERTY	RD
BOMBARDIER	0-735866 John (NMI) HEALD	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	35308001 Ladislav G MOVES	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	39240604 Sidney C GRINSTEIN	MIA
BALL TURRET GUNNER	6399273 Matthew E GOCEY	P/W
WAIST GUNNER	35467454 Edward B ONE	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	6903658 Robert M SHEETS	RD
TAIL GUNNER	32436297 James B MURRAY	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION:

None

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

None

~~SECRET~~

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert M. Sheets Rank EA S/Sgt Serial No. 6903658
2. Organization 384th BOMB Cpt Commander R Peaslee Rank Col. Sqn CO Harris Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Aug. day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Air Depot, target, Le Bourget, target
time, Approx. 10:30, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? West of Paris
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". No Knowledge
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? 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? Caddy, Kaves, Ghe and Grinstein were lined up in the waist ready to abandon ship. I later met Lts. Heald and Dougherty.
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)

On question 2, I gave the group and
officers at the time I was shot down.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MURRAY, James B.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32 436 297
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight~~ ~~Pilot~~: Tail Gunner

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Did he bail out? yes

Where? FRANCE

If not, why not? _____

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

before Bailing out

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: French told me there was
one man's who's chute didn't open
the same day or about three hrs. after
bailing out

Source: French

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug 12, 43 Hebronnion Her.
Aug 15, 43 Short mission over north France
Aug. 16, 43 Le Bourgaya France

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Caddy Matthew E Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 6399273
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Col. Peasley Rank Col. Sqn CO 541 ⁴⁹⁷¹⁵⁰⁴ Rank Cpt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, LeBorgois, target, Air depot sub., target
 time, unknown, altitude, 10000 route scheduled, unknown
 route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? UNKNOWN
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". Two Waist Bunnets Radio Operator myself bailed out the waist seat
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MURRAY, James B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32 436 297
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Just beyond Le Bourget Airfield, Paris.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He reported ME-109 coming in at 5:00 o'clock

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Seen bailing out by waist gunner. Sgt. Ohe

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When I landed on the ground I was hidden by a Frenchman who told me several days later that one of my crew mates had fallen in a nearby field with his chute unopened. I have the Frenchman's address.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug. 12 Gelsenkirchen, ^{Germany} Aug. 16 Amiens, France
Aug. 17 Le Bourget, Paris

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leonard W. Bughman Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-743954
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Bud Peske Rank Col. Sqn CO Harris Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Aug. day 16th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 3rd, target, Le Bourget, Paris, target
time, about 10:00 A.M., altitude, 19,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just dropped bombs on 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". (Not attached.)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown - heard it blow up.
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? Was captured with my waist gunner Sgt. Oke and last saw him when I left the interrogation camp Delag Luft for Stalag Luft 2
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. After liberation met a Sgt. who said my ball turret gunner, Sgt. Matthew Cuddy was last seen leaving the camp near Vienna running towards the Russian lines just before liberation.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name David Magowan Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-795063
2. Organization 384th HB Group Op Commander Col. Budd Peasley Rank Col. Sqn CO Capt. Harris Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Airport, target, , target
time, 09:30, altitude, 25000' route scheduled, In north
of Paris, out south, route flown approx the same as scheduled
of Paris
5. Where were you when you left formation? Southeast of Paris
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". No definite knowledge, entirely based on assumption- description on attached sheet
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
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. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: M U R R A Y , James B.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 32436 297
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~cockpit (navigator)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? No definite Knowledge. We had dropped our bombs and were on our way home.
If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Approx. 0830

After receiving orders to get ready to bail out, he acknowledged comm.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Previous to bailing out, in the tail, Saw his chute after I bailed out.

Any hearsay information: Have heard that the French in the vicinity where we landed claim that a member of our crew was found dead because of the failure of his chute to open.

Source: S/Sgt. Edward One waist gunner of the crew.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: (3) Three

Dates and destinations if possible: Aug. 12, 1943 Gelsenkirchen

Aug. 15, 1943 Airfields in France Aug. 16, 1943 La Bourget

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Koves, Ladislaw G. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 35308001
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Col. Budd J. Peaslee Rank Sqn CO Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month August day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Le Bourget, target
time, , altitude, 22,000 Ft. route scheduled,
 , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? S.W. of Paris
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All
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". Sgt. Murray went first thru his escape hatch in the tail, Sgt. Sheets, Sgt. One, Sgt. Coody and Sgt. Koves bailed out in that order thru the waist door. The wingman Sgt. Grinstien bailed out thru the hatch in the nose. The officers also went out thru that hatch but do not know in what order. The officers were the last to leave the ship.
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) 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? Sgts. Grinstien, One were last seen in P.O.W. camp Stalag 17B in Austria, in April of 1945. Sgt. Coody prior to separation at Miami Beach, Florida. Lt. David Magowan was last seen at Camp Lucky Strike in France and on the ship coming back to the United States in June of 1945.
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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HEALD JOHN (M.M.N) Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-715166
2. Organization 384th Grop. Gp Commander B. J. Pearly Rank Cpt. Sqn CO HARRIS Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month AUGUST day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Repair Depot - Bombing, target, Le Bourget Airport, target time, Approx. 9:30 AM., altitude, Approx. 25000' route scheduled, DIRECT, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? DIRECTLY OVER THE TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE - 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". NO CREW LIST ATTACHED. DOWNSHED (HAD) SHEDS (WAS) GUNNER) ESCAPED ENEMY AND RETURNED TO ENGLAND. GARDNER (ENG) BAILED OUT NEAR HATHN BEFORE I DID. NO KNOWLEDGE ON OTHERS.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR TOWN OF RAMBOUILLET, 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) TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE - 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? -MAN GOWAN (Pilot) BURNMAN (Co-Pilot) - RADAR OPERATOR. OTHER WASIT GUNNER AND TAIL GUNNER LAST SEEN BY ME ON GROUND. BEFORE MISSION. BASED ON INTERPHONE CONVERSATION ON MISSION - WOULD SAY THAT NONE WERE WOUNDED PRIOR TO BAILING OUT
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. ONLY INFORMATION I HAVE ON OTHER PERSONNEL IS ABOUT THREE MEN WHO SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED CAPTURE AND RETURNED TO ENGLAND WHEN I DID.

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WHEN I RETURNED TO ENGLAND, I WAS TOLD THAT THE PILOT, CO. PILOT, ENGINEER, BALL TURRET OPERATOR AND THE OTHER WAIST GUNNER WERE PRISONERS OF WAR.

I HEARD FROM T/Sgt. WALTER HOUSE, RADIO OPERATOR ON THE PLANE PILOTTED BY JAMES E. ARMSTRONG THAT 2/Sgt. REDWING, BALL TURRET OPERATOR, HAD BEEN KILLED WHEN THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN IN SEPT. 1943.

Sgt HOUSE'S STORY AS TOLD TO ME WAS AS FOLLOWS:-

"THE BAIL OUT ORDER HAD BEEN GIVEN AND Sgt REDWING CAME OUT OF THE TURRET. HE GLANCED OUT THE WAIST WINDOW AND GRABBED THE MACHINE GUN AND STARTED FIRING AT A GERMAN PLANE." APPARENTLY HE FELL TO THE GUN BECAUSE Sgt. HOUSE ATTEMPTED TO THROW HIM OUT.

Sgt HOUSE CONTINUED TO ATTEMPT TO GET REDWING OUT, WITH NO SUCCESS, UNTIL HOUSE, HIMSELF, WAS FORCED TO LEAVE THE PLANE.

THIS CREW WAS ALSO ATTACHED TO THE 374th BOMB GROUP - 546th SQUADRON.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MURRAY, James B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32436 297
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxxxxx(xxxxxx)~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? BASED ON LATER CONVERSATION WITH Sgt. Robert Sheets Yes.

Where? NEAR RAMBOUILLET

If not, why not? -

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

INTERPHONE.

Was he injured? NO MENTION OF WOUNDS PRIOR TO "BAIL OUT" ORDER

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIT- PREPARING TO BAIL OUT. (HEARSAY)

Any hearsay information: HEARD REMOBS FROM FRENCH WHO SAID THAT ONE PARACHUTIST HAD DIED AND THAT HIS GRAVE WAS BEING KEPT BY THE FRENCH. #

Source: HEARD THIS STORY IN RAMBOUILLET AREA - THIS OR OTHER NAME UNABLE TO CONFIRM AT TIME.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: THREE - I BELIEVE

Dates and destinations if possible: AUG. 14 - BONN (AREA) GERMANY -

AUG. 15, 1943 POIV & AMIENS, FRANCE. AUG. 16, 1943 - LE Bourget AIRPORT, PARIS, FRANCE.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: HURRAY, James B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32 436 297
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Observer~~ ~~Observer~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge except hearsay.

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Tail section of the plane.

Any hearsay information: French people tried to tell me about an aviator who died after parachuting that some day (Aug. 16), but they said something about him speaking French before he died. I understood very little.

Source: I think that they were repeating hearsay.

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

He could have died and been buried by the French people within a radius of 10 miles from Rambouillet

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 8-12-43 Gelsenkirchen, Germ.

8-15-43 Poix & Amiens, France

8-16-43 Le Bourget, France

Murray could have been fatally wounded because a fighter put several bursts into the belly of the plane just before we abandoned ship.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MURRAY, James B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 32 436 257
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on B-24 (8th AF): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? To my knowledge, yes.

Where? If he did, approximately over Forret de Rambouillet, SW of Paris.

If not, why not? xxxx

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Not certain but believe that he made usual battle report in target area.

Was he injured? No knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Entering aircraft.

Any hearsay information: According to the French with whom I spoke ten parachutes were counted and one man was dead when he landed and another had a broken leg. As far as I know, the report of the injured man was incorrect. Another report indicated that local woodcutters were sheltering at least one man.

Source: English speaking French/practically immediately after I landed. contacted

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: If it is true that one man was dead when he landed, it is my belief that he was buried by the French. In later talks with the French I was told that every attempt was made when an airman was found dead to bury the body before the Germans came upon it.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 13 Aug '43 Gelsenkirchen, Germany. 15 Aug '43 Glisay Airfield, Amiens, France, and Poix, France. 16 Aug '43 Le Bourget, Airfield, Paris, France.