

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106 ; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th ; Squadron 545th ; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Schweinfurt, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LOSS OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
3/10 Cumulus - Visibility 10 Miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 April 44 time 1354 - 1357 ; and Location 4555 N, 0926 E  
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 (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows Aircraft lost during enemy fighter attack at 21,000 feet. No observations made. See attached story of fighter attack.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31048
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_ ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-63287  
(b) 43-64203 ; (c) 41-56956 ; (d) SN-006392
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 0 ; 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.)

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	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
1.	Pilot	Miller, Max Jean	2nd Lt.	0-684026	DED OAD
2.	Co-Pilot	Dent, James E., Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-813868	DED OAD
3.	Navigator	Beinar, Theophilus Edward	2nd Lt.	0-683893	DED OAD
4.	Bombardier	Getty, Darrell Clark	F/O	T-1699	KIA
5.	Radio Operator	Watson, Henry Overholt	T/Sgt.	13143474	DED KIA
6.	Top Turret	Rodden, Elvie Lawrence	T/Sgt.	18160313	DED KIA
7.	Ball Turret	Schelberg, Saul Jack	S/Sgt.	12087048	DED KIA
8.	Tail Gunner	Krizner, Albert Patrick	S/Sgt.	33429747	DED KIA
9.	Right Waist Gun	LeConey, Howard Rudolph	S/Sgt.	12132799	DED KIA
10.	Left Waist Gun	Fulkerson, Edwin Pierce	S/Sgt.	35697164	DED KIA

11. IDENTIFY BELOW 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	Contacted			
			by	Last	Saw	Saw Forced
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	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) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF WEATHER, REPORTED WEATHER, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO LOSS OF AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE THERE.

Classification changed to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC  
by M. MUENCH, Capt., AC  
Date OCT 15 1945

Date of Report 16 April 1944

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*J. R. Wyatt*  
J. R. WYATT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

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FIGHTER ATTACK

At 1354 hours, E/A again appeared in the vicinity of our Wing and P-47's were reported to have dived down upon them. Immediately after our escort had left for the interception of the enemy fighters, a wave of fifteen (15) FW 190's grey in color and with a fairly large red square painted on the side of the fuselage made a head-on attack from a great distance away, coming in slightly below and flying directly through and between our Lead and Low Squadrons. These A/C broke to the right and progressed again ahead of the formation in trail. As they were continuing across the front of our formation, three (3) additional FW 190's using the latter as a screen, suddenly broke beneath them and dove again into our Low Squadron. During this attack, the Group Leader and six (6) additional aircraft of our Low Squadron were shot down.

Destructive action began in the leading element of the Low Squadron, and in clearing the formation and the explosion of our A/C that immediately followed, the Squadron was somewhat scattered and were successfully destroyed by FW 190's, continuing to come through in staggered trail.

Fifteen (15) additional long-nosed FW 190's and ME 109's attacked from slightly below between 11 and 12 O'Clock, passing through the area occupied by our Low Squadron. Between the times of 1354 and 1359 hours, it appears that no fighter escort was covering this Group and that at about 1359½ hours, a Group of A-51's showed up carrying dual belly gasoline tanks which were immediately dropped upon attacking the enemy. No further interceptions were made from this point on.

The above enemy action is estimated to have lasted only from 1354 to 1357 hours.

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2nd Lt. James E. Dent, Jr.

Mrs. Annie J. Dent, (Wife)  
23 East Deckerick,  
Jackson, Tennessee.

2nd Lt. Theophilus E. Beinar

Mrs. Frances Beinar, (Mother)  
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T/O Darrel C. Getty

Mrs. Sarah J. Getty, (Mother)  
1249 East 35th Street,  
Erie, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Henry O. Watson

Mr. John D. Watson, (Father)  
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McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Elvie L. Rodden

Mrs. Sarah E. Rodden, (Mother)  
1540 North Rockford,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt. Saul J. Schelberg

Mrs. Tess E. Schelberg, (Wife)  
c/o Krants,  
1465 Townsend Avenue,  
Bronx, New York.

S/Sgt. Albert P. Krisner

Mrs. Mary Krisner, (Mother)  
49 Lebanon Avenue,  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Howard R. LeConey

Mrs. Charlotte L. LeConey, (Mother)  
48 Polk Street,  
Riverside, New Jersey.

S/Sgt. Edwin P. Fulkerson

Mrs. Nora Fulkerson, (Mother)  
Box 162,  
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Second Lieutenant Max J. Miller Interrogation  
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S/Sgt. Edwin P. Fulkerson, 35697164

Flight Officer Darrel Clark Getty, T1699

Letter dated 30 August 1945

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 3866

Name of crew member: LECONEY, Howard Rudolph  
 Rank: S/3gt  
 Serial number: 12132799  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ LEFT Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? NOT SURE, DONT IT.

Where? IF SO WINDENFELS GERMANY

If not, why not? PLANE WENT DOWN TOO QUICK

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAW HIM LYING IN FLWR

Was he injured? 1 THIGH SU.

Where was he when last seen? IN FLWR OF PLANE.

Any hearsay information: NO.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THERE WERE MANY 20 MILLIMETER SHOTS  
COMING THROUGH PLANE & I'M PRETTY SURE  
HE WAS HIT HE WAS PALE & DIDN'T RESPOND  
WHEN I THREW A PARACHUTE ON HIS  
CHEST.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7 OR 8

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) MUNICH - MARCH 44 (2)  
BRUSSELS MAR. 44 (3) BERLIN MARCH 44 (4) SORAU POLAND  
IN APRIL 44 (5) MARIENBURG, EAST PRUSSIA APRIL 11, 44.  
(6) SCWEIN FORT GERMANY APRIL 13-44, (7) FROTTEN  
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KRIZNER, Albert Patrick File 3866  
 Rank: S/Sgt  
 Serial number: 33429747  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? P/BARRIED SHUT + PLANE IN SPINN

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I REMEMBER HE SAID: "ITS A BEVELY DAY"

Was he injured? DONT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? IN TAIL

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: PLEASE TAKE THIS ANSWER FOR ALL OF CREW:

OUR PLANE WAS HIT BY 20 MILLIMETER'S COMMING  
DOWN CENTER OF FUSELAGE + WINGS + TAIL + WENT  
DOWN SO QUICK THAT IF NOT HIT THE BOYS COULDN'T  
GET OUT UNLESS THEY HAD CLIMBED ON AS I DID

Total number of missions of above crew member: PRACTICALLY -

Dates and destinations if possible: - SAME AS LESCOMBY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 3866

Name of crew member: SCHEKBERG, Saul Jack  
Rank: S/Sgt  
Serial number: 12087048  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ball Turret

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN BALL TURRET

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: SAME AS

Dates and destinations if possible: OTHERS

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RODDIN, Elvie Lawrence File 3866  
 Rank: T/Sgt  
 Serial number: 18160313  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Top Turret

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? DONT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? TOP TURRET.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: SAME AS OTHER.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: SAME AS

Dates and destinations if possible: OTHER.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WATSON, Henry Overholt File 3866  
Rank: T/Sgt  
Serial number: 13143474  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? DON'T KNOW

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: SAW HIM LYING IN FLOOR OF RADIO ROOM.

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? II

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: LYING FACE UP IN RADIO ROOM WHEN I LEFT PLANE.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: SAME AS

Dates and destinations if possible: STARS ONLY TWO MORE ONE TO BERLIN & OTHER IN NAJ GBER PAFEN HADEN OR SOME TOWN SIMILIAN TO THAT NAME.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GETTY, Darrell Clark  
Rank: F/O  
Serial number: T-1699  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~COPILOT (Fighter)~~ Bombardier

File 3866

Did he bail out? YES (ALL HEARSAY)

Where? NEAR HINCH FELS GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: I WAS TOLD BY BOYS IN MY CAMP THAT HE HAD A BAD WOUND IN THE LEG & WAS IN HOSPITAL

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE IS AT HOME NOW

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 3 WITH

Dates and destinations if possible: 1. MARINEBURG  
2. SOAN, POLAND + 3. SCHWEN FURT

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BEINAR, Theophilus Edward File 3866  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-683893  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? NOT KNOWN

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? NOSE OF PLANE

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 3 WITH

Dates and destinations if possible: US. SAME AS GETTYS.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: DENT, James E. Jr. File 3866  
 Rank: 2nd Lt  
 Serial number: 0-813868  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? DONT KNOW

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WAS TALKING ABOUT SOME FIGHTS TO OUR RIGHT

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? CO-PILOT SEAT

Any hearsay information: NONE

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT 9

Dates and destinations if possible: INCLUDING 14 SAME AS OTHER BOYS

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWIN P. FULKERSON Rank S/SGT Serial No. 35697164
2. Organization 384<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander SMITH Rank COL, Sqn CO KASTELMAN Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, SCWIENFURT, target time, ABOUT 1120, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER LINDEN FELS, GERMANY.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? GETTY DID BUT IS ONLY ONE THAT I KNOW OF THAT DID.
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". \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? JUST OUTSIDE LINDEN FELS.
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? REGULAR POSITIONS
12. What was their condition? NO SURE KNOWLEDGE
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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(OVER)

A FRIEND OF MY CO-PILOT (DENT) HAS BEEN  
TO LINCOLN FELLS AND TRIED TO GET SOME  
INFORMATION, BUT THE GERMANS ARE LYING  
TO HIM BY SAYING ONLY ONE PLANE  
FELL IN THAT TOWN. I KNOW THERE  
WAS TWO BECAUSE I SAW OUR PLANE  
IN A FIELD JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN  
& THE PLACE THEY TOLD THE FELLOW  
ABOUT WAS WHERE ANOTHER PLANE  
OF OUR SQUADRON CRASHED. IF I  
COULD HAVE PICTURES OF THE AREAS  
SURROUNDING THE TOWN FROM ABOUT  $\frac{1}{4}$  TO  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  MILE FROM OUTSIDE THE TOWN I  
COULD MARK THE PLACE & SEND PICTURE  
BACK TO THE INVESTIGATING PARTY &  
ALSO IF I HAD PICTURES OF EACH  
PERSON IN THE TOWN I COULD IDENTIFY  
THEM & PERHAPS YOU COULD SHOW  
THEM THEM TO TELL THE TRUTH.  
I WOULD APPRECIATE THIS VERY  
MUCH IF YOU WILL CONTACT  
ME WITH THE INVESTIGATING  
PARTY SO I CAN WRITE TO THEM.

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KU 883 a

Date: 13 April 44  
Place: Mannheim  
Type of craft: Fortress

P/O. GETTY, Darrell Clark  
2nd Lt. MILLER,  
2nd Lt. BEINAR,

: 1-1699

See MAER 3869  
for KU 1539 and  
KU 7064

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN: **13 April 1944**

PLACE OF CRASH: **Mannheim**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Fortress**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Heppenheim**

## CREW

SURNAME, AND  
FIRST NAME: **GETTY, Darroll Clark**

DATE OF BIRTH: **11 March 1918, Erie/Pa.**

RANK: **T/O**

SERIAL NUMBER: **T-1699**

CAPTURED: **YDS**                      WOUNDED:                      DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: **Dulag-Luft**                      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

**Dulag-Luft, 25 Aug. 1944 No.**



KU 702 A

General Hospital (POW)  
File mark: 2

(16) Wuppertal, 14 April 1944

Reference: Your file mark 7a Io/Defense from 24 March 1944

Subject: Hospital treatment of wounded American Prisoners of War  
hurt by shot down of aircraft.

To: Air District Command XII  
Group Io, M.A.A.I.S.H.

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130m + 4  
Pow  
RMC  
SUS

Following listed members of the American Air Force, shot  
down near Weichenbach a.d.R., have been transferred to this  
hospital on 13 April 1944:

- 1.) Lt. Geoffrey G. Barret, No. 7-1009 T 43 O.  
Condition: Fracture of left lower thigh caused by shot.  
(amputation). Time of transfer to Interrogation Center  
Not: uncertain.

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Identification Tag

Darrell C. Getty

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