

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

351

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed

RESTRICTED
by E. ... Lt. Col., AO
by F. ... Capt., AO

Date MAR 15 1944

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 AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Visibility 10 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 24 April 44 Time 1329; and Location 4831N, 1110E
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 (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Last seen being attacked by E/A
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97221
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-007753
(b) SW-007124; (c) 42-80598; (d) 43-66245
- 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 x
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>Pilot Brouillard, Richard Vincent</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-754271 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Co-Pilot Parker, Charles Warren, Jr.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-61602 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Navigator McLaughlin, Walter Scott</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-704126 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Bombardier Burton, Paul Fredrick</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-756861 RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Radio Operator Currin, Bernard Woodrow</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>34585723 RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Top Turret McCain, Earl Floyd</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>38338924 RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Ball Turret Bryson, Robert C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>19124524 RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Tail Gunner Jones, Robert Evan</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13087809 RTD</u>
9. Right Waist Gun	<u>Right Waist Gun Belknap, Robert Gene</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37609806</u>
10. Left Waist Gun	<u>Left Waist Gun Pierce, John Vernon</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13167578 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 Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Ulrey, Edgar Ellsworth</u>	<u>Capt</u>	<u>0-737501</u>		<u>x</u>		
2.						
3.						

- 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) 4 chutes seen to emerge
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH ANY FITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE THERE

Date of Report 28 April 1944

Incl 7

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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STATEMENT BY CAPT. E. E. ULREY, PILOT, A/C NO. 014, LEAD SHIP, 41st COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING "B" ON MISSION TO OSERPPAFFHOFEN, GERMANY, 24 APRIL 1944.

At 1529 hours, 48° 31' N, 11° 10' E, A/C No. 7221, Lt. BROUILLARD, Pilot, was observed being heavily engaged by enemy fighters. Four (4) chutes were seen to emerge. No further observations were possible on this aircraft.

Edg. E. Ulrey
E. E. ULREY,
Capt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 014.

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✓ Technical Sergeant Earl F. McCain

Mrs. Floyd McCain, (Mother)
Route Number One,
Littlefield, Texas.

✓ Second Lieutenant Richard V. Brouillard

Mrs. Helen M. Brouillard, (Wife)
30 Auburn Street,
Brockton, Massachusetts.

✓ Flight Officer Charles W. Parker, Jr.

Mrs. Lillian M. Parker, (Wife)
15 Columbia Road,
Danvers, Massachusetts.

✓ Second Lieutenant Walter S. McLauchlin

Mrs. Marguerite H. McLauchlin, (Wife)
965 White Street Southwest,
Atlanta, Georgia.

✓ Second Lieutenant Paul F. Burton

Mrs. Sophie M. Costello, (Mother)
314 Main Street,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

✓ Technical Sergeant Bernard W. Currin

Mrs. Mary A. Currin, (Wife)
620 Fulton Avenue,
West End, Birmingham, Alabama.

✓ Staff Sergeant Robert C. Bryson

Mrs. Mary J. Bryson, (Wife)
Saco, Montana.

✓ Staff Sergeant Robert E. Jones

Mrs. Margaret Jones, (Mother)
968 Greenfield Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Robert G. Belknap

Mr. Warren A. Belknap, (Father)
5439 Cahanne Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

✓ Staff Sergeant John V. Pierce

Mrs. Sadie E. Pierce, (Mother)
607 Brindley Way,
North Braddock, Pennsylvania.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member: **BELKAP, Robert Gene**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **37609806**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~1st Lt~~ **R. Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? yes

Where? Oberpfaffenhaven NEAR MUNICH GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No CONTACT

AS INTERPHONE WAS OUT NETWORKING.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Bailed out right before I did.

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: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 4/13/44 Schweinfurt
4/19/44 Castle 4/24/44 Oberpfaffenhaven

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File # 4351

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **McCain, Earl Floyd**
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **38338924**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~PF/F1G1P1/F1G1P1~~: **Top Turret**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? OBER FIEFHENHAVEN NEAR MUNICH GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO CONTACT
AS INTERPHONE WAS NOT WORKING

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? HE BAILED OUT FROM NOSE OF PLANE ^{COULDN'T HIM FROM WAIST}

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: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 4/13/44 SCHWEINFURT
4/19/44 CASTLE 4/24/44 OBER FIEFHENHAVEN

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN V. PIERCE Rank 1st Sgt Serial No. 13147578
2. Organization AAF Gp Commander D SMITH Rank COL Sqn CO DON'T KNOW Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, OBERFIS FELD target, AIR BACC ^{FW.190}, target
time, ABOUT 2:30 AM, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, DONT NO
route flown DONT NO.
5. Where were you when you left formation? SOMEWHERE NEAR 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". 1st LT. BROILARD, 1st LT. M. M. BURTON, 1st LT. P. BURTON, 1st LT. C. PARKER, 1st LT. B. GUERIN, 1st LT. R. BRYSON, 1st LT. R. JONES
WE ALL BAILED OUT SAME PLACE. SOMEWHERE NEAR OUR TARGET.
BAILED OUT AT 2:00 P.M.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? CITHER STRUCK GROUND OR BLEW UP ^{NEAR FARM HOUSE}
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)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member: McCain, Earl Floyd
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3835834
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~91171971/11917711~~: Top Turret

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southeast of Munich, Germany.

If not, why not? _____

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

He called over intercom that the plane was on fire.

Was he injured? Not that I know of.

Where was he when last seen? I did not see him until 4 days later at Frankfurt, Germany after our capture.

Any hearsay information: He was the last to leave the ship.

Source: Sgt. McCain

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

He is safe and at home.

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

Dates and destinations if possible: April 13, 1944, Schweinfurt, Germany.

April 18, 1944, Kassel, Germany. April 24, 1944, Oberpaufenhaufen, (?)

Germany.

(?) spelling

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member:

BELKNAP, Robert Gene

Rank:

S/Egt.

Serial number:

5700906

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter):~~

R. Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Southeast of Munich, Germany

If not, why not? _____

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

I did not hear any conversation from him. His intercom was out.

Was he injured? Not that I know of. He looked OK when I went out.

Where was he when last seen? At his gun in the waist.

Any hearsay information: He saw me go out and it was the first he knew of the
ballout order. The ball turret operator pushed him out so they told me
later.

Source: Sgt. Belknap and Sgt. Bryson told me.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He is safe and
at home.

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

Dates and destinations if possible: April 13 1944, Schweinfurt, Germany.

April 18, 1944, Kassel, Germany. April 24, 1944, Oberpaufenhaufen, (2)
Germany.

(?) Spelling

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Currin, Bernard W. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 34585723
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Smith Rank Col Sqn CO Frink Rank Mjr
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Air Field, target time, Apprx 1350, altitude, 23000 route scheduled, ?
?, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? On bomb run near 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". All members bailed out as fast as possible. The plane was on fire and shot up very much After I bailed out I counted seven chutes includeing my own. I was not able to know where the other three were until we were brought to Frankfurt, Then I did not know about Pilot and Navigator. They Are Saf
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I do not know
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? XXXXX
12. What was their condition? XXXXX
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw all members at Frankfurt three or four days later all except the pilot and navigator. I did not know anything about them until we were liberated May 3, 1945. They were ok and on the way home.
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

BELKAP, Robert Gene

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

3700000

Position: Crew (Bomber)

XXXXXXXXXXXX

2. Valet Gunner

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES S.W. OF MUNICH, GERMANY

If not, why not?

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

I SPOKE TO HIM JUST AT TIME OF BAILING-OUT

Was he injured?

NO

Where was he when last seen?

I SAW HIM LAST ON JUNE 3, 1945 ON THE

Any hearsay information:

SHIP ON WHICH WE RETURNED AT PIER 15,

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

(I ALSO SAW HIM AT DULAG LUFT, FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, ON APRIL 27, 1945, 3 DAYS AFTER BEING SHOT DOWN.)

Source:

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

HE WAS

CAPTURED ON APRIL 24, 1944 AND WAS INTERNED IN A P.O.W.

CAMP NEAR VIENNA, AUSTRIA, FROM WHERE HE WENT ON A

FORCED MARCH, BEING LIBERATED ON OR ABOUT APRIL 30, 1945

Total number of missions of above crew member:

3

Dates and destinations if possible:

13 APRIL 1944 - SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY

(ABOUT) 20 APRIL, 1944 - CHERBOURG, FRANCE

24 APRIL, 1944 - MUNICH, GERMANY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member:

McGILL, Earl Floyd

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

3633024

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Top turret

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES S.W. OF MUNICH GERMANY.

If not, why not? _____

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

I SPOKE TO HIM AT TIME OF BAIL-OUT

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I SAW HIM LAST ON JUNE 3, 1945

Any hearsay information: ON THE SHIP ON WHICH WE RETURNED

TO THE STATES AT PIER 15, STATEN

ISLAND, N.Y.

Source: _____

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

CAPTURED APRIL 24, 1944 AND WAS INTERNED IN A P.O.W.

CAMP NEAR VIENNA, AUSTRIA, FROM WHERE HE WENT ON

A FORCED MARCH, BEING LIBERATED ON OR ABOUT APRIL 30, 1945

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: 13 APRIL 1944 - SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY

(ABOUT) 20 APRIL 1944 - CHERBOURG, FRANCE

24 APRIL 1944 - MUNICH, GERMANY

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CHARLES W. PARKER JR. Rank F/O Serial No. T-61602
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO ALVIN FRINK Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MUNICH, target, OBERPHOFFENHOFFEN, target time, APPROX 12:15, altitude, 21,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown AS BRIEFED
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. OVER MOOSBERG, GERMANY
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES, WHOLE CREW BAILED OUT.
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". PILOT 2ND LT RICHARD V. BROUILLARD INJURED BY CHUTE HARNESS - BOMBARDIER 2ND LT PAUL F. BURTON, WOUNDED BY 20MM SHELL PRIOR TO BAILING OUT. NAVIGATOR 2ND LT WALTER S. MCLAUGHLIN, BROKEN BACK ON IMPACT WITH GROUND FROM JUMP. 5 OF US BAILED OUT THROUGH NOSE ESCAPE HATCH (PILOT, CO-PILOT, BOMBARDIER, NAVIGATOR, ENGINEER) APPROX. 60 MILES S.W. OF MUNICH (OVER)
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES S.W. OF MUNICH
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? I LAST SAW WHOLE CREW EXCEPT NAVIGATOR AND TAIL GUNNER, ON BOARD SHIP WHICH BROUGHT US HOME AT PIER 15, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. I LAST SAW NAVIGATOR AND TAIL GUNNER AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE. THIS WAS IN MAY + JUNE, 1945. ALL WERE IN GOOD CONDITION
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)

RADIO OPERATOR - ~~T~~BERNARD W. CLEIN, UNINJURED
BALL TURRET GUNNER - S/SGT. ROBERT C. BRVSON, UNINJURED
LEFT WAIST GUNNER - S/SGT. JOHN V. PIERCE, UNINJURED
TAIL GUNNER - S/SGT. ROBERT E. JONES, WOUNDED BY 20 MM SHELLS WHILE
IN SHIP - BROKEN ANKLE UPON CONTACT WITH GROUND BAILING
OUT.

THESE CREW MEMBERS PLUS R. WAIST GUNNER, ROBERT G BELKNAP, ALL ABANDONED
SHIP THROUGH THE WAIST DOOR ESCAPE HATCH.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name McLauchlin, Walter S. Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. O-704226
2. Organization 384th. B.G. Commander Dale O. Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Herman. E. Frink Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24th. did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing target, Oberpaffenhoffen, Germany, target
time, 1400, altitude, 22000 ft. route scheduled, Through France
To Ger. & Target, route flown As Briefed & Scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? North East Munich
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes All 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". See attached list
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? It blew up in air
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? None
12. What was their condition? None
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. Unknown

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member:

McGAIN, Earl Floyd

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

38338924

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~AAAFB2/17181161?~~

Top Turret

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? South Munich Germany Near Tyrol Mountains

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Talking to him
just prior to jumping.

Was he injured? Slightly. Sprained ankle, and severe burns.

Where was he when last seen? In Miami, Fla. at AAAFB # 2 on 14 August 1945

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: I was with T/Sgt. McGain in Miami

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 or 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RELMAP, Robert Gene
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 57809808
 Position: Crew (Bomber) 24/171041/171041477/ R. Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? South Munich Germany. Near Tyrol Mountains.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: During Fighter Attack.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? He is now in the U. S. in ST. Louis, Mo.

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: Christmas card received from him in 1945

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 or 5

Dates and destinations if possible: unknown

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member: BYLKAP, Robert Gene
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 37609806
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or (Fighter)~~ Walet Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? IN VICINITY of heggies, GERMANY.

If not, why not? —

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

Followed him out the waist door.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? IN PRISON CAMP.

~~Any hearsay information:~~ We were in PRISON CAMP Together AND even came home on same ship +

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 3

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4351

Name of crew member:

McGAIN, Earl Floyd

Rank:

P/Sgt.

Serial number:

3838934

Position: Crew (Bomber)

911771611171941971: Top turret

Did he bail out?

Yes

Where?

IN vicinity of Legstiese, Germany

If not, why not?

—

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

Bailed out just ahead of me

Was he injured?

NO

Where was he when last seen?

Waist down

~~Any hearsay information:~~

IN PRISON CAMP together
and seen him in LA HAGUE, FRANCE after
being liberated

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

3

Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Bryson, Robert C Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 19124524
2. Organization 384 Bomb Gp Gp 547 Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Over path to target, target, Air Field, target time, Approx. 1330, altitude, 21,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON I.P.
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". Everybody bailed out. Pilot + Navigator were badly hurt but were picked up + treated by the Germans. Saw entire crew in Le Havre, France. After being liberated.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the vicinity of Leggiese, GERMANY
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)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 24 April 1944 - 14.07 CASUALTY NO. KU 1613
 PLACE OF CRASH Schierdorf, a. Neuhäusel *MACR 4351*
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Fortress
 REPORTING OFFICE Headquarters Army Air Field Neuhäusel

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
<i>43</i> PARKER, Charles W. Jr, 4 February 1921 - Peabody, Mass.	<i>97</i> P/O	T 61402	Captured	Dulag Luft
BURTON, Paul Frederick USA	2nd/Ltn.	O-756861	Captured	Dulag Luft
Downing number KU 1613	1st. Follow up Report from 16 May 1944			
CURRIN, Bernard Woodrow	T/Sgt.	34585723	Captured	Dulag Luft
Mc GAIN, Earl Floyd	T/Sgt.	38338924	Captured	Dulag Luft
BRYSON, Robert C.	S/Sgt.	19124524	Captured	Dulag Luft
JONES, Robert Evan	S/Sgt.	13087809	Captured	Dulag Luft
PIERCE, John Vernon	S/Sgt.	13167578	Captured	Dulag Luft
HELMKAP, Robert Gene 14 March 1923	S/Sgt.	37609806	Captured	Dulag Luft
Downing Number KU 1613	2nd/Follow up Report from 1 June 1944			
BROVILLARD, Richard Vincent 22 November 1919 - Breckton, Mass.	2nd/Ltn.	O-754271	Captured	Dulag Luft
Dulag Luft: 1 June 1944 / We.				
Downing Number KU 1613	3th. Follow up Report from 28 August 1944			
Mc LAUGHLIN, Walter S.	2nd/Ltn.	O-704126	Wounded-Reserve-Hospital	Bad Teels

REMARKS:
 Dulag Luft: 3 May 1944 / We.

24. April. 1944. 1407

3 km. SW. of Schiedorf

/Kochelsee

SPB Type: Fortress

547 HB Squadr.

384 Group

Airfield Grafton

Unterwald

Target: Airfield

Command Neubiberg

3. May

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2nd.Lt. BROUILLARD	Richard V. C-754271	capt.
2nd.Lt. MC.LAUGHLIN	Walter S. C-704126	
2nd.Lt. BURTON	Paul Frederick C-756841	capt.
F/O PARKER Jr.	Charles W. T-61602	capt.
T/Sgt. MC.CAIN	Earl Floyd 38338924	capt.
T/Sgt. CURRIN	Bernard Woodrow 34555723	c apt.
S/Sgt. BRYSON	Robert C. 19124524	capt.
S/Sgt. FINCH	John Vernon 15167578	capt.
S/Sgt. BELKNAP	Robert Gene 37609806	capt.
S/Sgt. JONES	Robert Evan 13027809	capt.

Neubiberg, 25 Apr 1944

Airbase Command Neubiberg
FlugleitungSubject: Downing of an enemy aircraft, 3 km southwest of Schlehdorf
on Kochelsee, on 24 Apr 44, at 1407 hoursTo: Airbase Command
Neubiberg

According to statement of Postens police, in Schlehdorf, an aircraft was pursued by a German fighter on 24 Apr 44, at 1400 hours. 10 parachutes were seen to emerge from an altitude of approximately 2000 m. Right after, the aircraft went down in a spin. It crashed on fire, 3 km southwest of Schlehdorf on Kochelsee. The aircraft was completely destroyed when crashed on fire.

2 wounded crewmembers are at 2 Gen. Komp., II Geb.-Jager Ers. Batl. 98 in Urfeld on Walchnsee.

The rest of the crew unknown by the Command. 2 Gen. Komp. and Gend. Posten Bad Tolz, Lengries, Jachenau and Schlehdorf were informed, POW, perhaps new prisoners were sent to Airbase Command Neubiberg. POW are Americans and they are in Gen. Komp.

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2. At 1407 hours, Schlehdorf/Kochelsee, FC 5, Boeing, completely destroyed, 4 men captured, rest escaped, downing presumably by fighter, identification Kokarde G. serial number missing

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Identification Tags

Joh V. Pierce, 13167578 and miscellaneous

Robert E. Jones, 13087809

Paul F. Burton, O 756861

McCain, Earl F. 38338924 (2)

R. G. Balknap, 37609806

Robert C. Bryson, 19124524

Bernard W. Currin, 34085723

Robert G. Balknap, 37609806

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Wallgau, 25 Apr 1944

To: Air Force Command VII
In Munich

Subject: Capture of American, who bailed out

On 25 Apr 44, at 0230 hours, was W. Currin, 34585723 captured in Krun on the Street Reich, District of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Currin does not understand German, therefore can't make any statement concerning the other crewmembers. He was sent to the nearest headquarters Mittenwald.

Mittenwald, 26 Apr 44

Subject: Transfere of an American POW flyer

To: Airbase Neubiberg

The American POW Bernard W. Currin was sent to Mittenwald on 25 Apr 44.

He stayed in a cell from 25 Apr 44 to 26 Apr 44, at 1400 hours.

He is to be transferred to airbase Neubiberg.

He belongs to a 4 engine bomber, which was shot down over Kochelsee on 24 Apr 44 in an air battle. The American bailed out and was captured on the Street Krun-Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

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Bad Tolz, 27 Apr 1944
Field Postal No. 871 Nbst 8
Postal No. 13b

Reserve-Hospital Bad Tolz

Az: 50a

Br. Tgb No. 7211/44

Subject: Admittance of POW in Reserve Hospital

Reference: San Sect. Munich Az POW 650/43 g. Ia, 28 Jun 43
San Sect. Munich Az 50 a RL No. 882/43 g Ia, 11 Aug 43
AFM 42, number 344

To: Dulag Luft Oberursel near Frankfurt on Main

To the above mentioned reference the Reserve hospital of Bad Tolz reports:

Name: W.S. Mc. Lauchnin, 2nd Lt, O 704126

Kind of injury: Fracture of the spine without symptoms of paralyze

Examination prospect: Good

Name of Hospital: Reserve-Hospital Bad Tolz, Post Bad

Date of Capture: 24 Apr 1944

Date of admittance to hospital: 25 Apr 1944

Name: Brouillard, Richard Lt., O 754271

Kind of injury: Testicle split, condition after stitches

Examination prospect: Good

Name of Hospital: Reserve-Hospital Bad Tolz, Post, Bad

Date of Capture: 24 Apr 1944

Date of Hospitalization: 25 Apr 1944

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 1/VII

Place: Aibling

Time: 26 Apr 44

Subject: Fortress, place of crash unknown, aircraft continued its flight in the mountains, on 24 Apr 44, between 1400 and 1500 hours. Bailed out.

Name: Belknap, Robert Geni, 37609806

Place and Time of Capture: Lengriess 24 Apr 44, at 1800 hours

According to statement of POW: 2nd Lt R.V. Bromillard, Commander
T Sgt E.W. Currin (gunner) bailed out
before him. Disposition unknown

Name: Jones, Robert E., 13087809

Place and Time of Capture: 27 Apr 44, Jachenau near Lengries

POW also belongs to the other aircraft of which yesterday the American flyers were transferred.

Sgt Earl F. Mc. Cain

S Sgt Bryson Robert

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 1/VII
Place: Aibling
Time: 27 Apr 44
Subject: Presumably Fortress, bailed out between 1400 and 1500 hours
on 24 Apr 44
Name: Bryson, Robert C., S Sgt, 19124524
Earl, F. Mc Cain, T Sgt., 38338924
Place and Time of Capture: 26 Apr 44, at night near Lengriess

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Report Concerning Captured Aircraft

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 3/VII
Place: Neubiberg
Time: 25 Apr 1944
Subject: 24 Apr 1944, at 1407 hours
Place of Crash: 3 km southwest of Schlehdorf on Kochelsee
Kind of Capture: Crashed on fore, by German fighter
Aircraft type: 4 engine American Fortress
Condition of Aircraft: Completely destroyed when crashed on fire.

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 3/VII

Place: Naubiberg

Time: 28 Apr 44, at 1800 hours

Subject: 4 engine American Fortress, 3 km southwest of Schlehdorf
on Kochelsee, 24 Apr 1944, at 1407 hours

Name: v Pierce, John, 13157578

Disposition: Captured

Place and Time of Capture: In Winnwald, field Grossweil, District of
Weillheim on 28 Apr 44, at 0600 hours

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdqt: Airbase Command A (e) 4/VII

Place: Munich-Riem

Time: 24 Apr 1944, approx. 1400 hours

Subject: 4 engine American Fortress II on 24 Apr 1944

Schlehdorf (Kochelsee) on 24 Apr 1944, at approx. 1400 hours

Name: Burton, Paul F., 2nd Lt O 756861

Parker, Charles F/O, T 61602

Disposition: Transferred to Oberursel

Place and Time of Capture: Schlehdorf (Kochelsee) 24 Apr 1944

approx. 1400 hours by 2 Gen. Komp. II Geb. Jag

Ers. Btl 98 Urfeld on Walchensee

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