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Date: MAR 15 1946

MISSING AIRCRAFT 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 546th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed; Intended Destination Leipzig, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED: 9-10/10 middle clouds base 11,000 tops
4. GIVE: (a) Date 7 July 44; Time 0820; and Location 52°36'N - 06°05'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
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 Misunderstanding. A/C in violent prop wash at the time.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17C; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97273
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-011941 (b) SW-005124; (c) SW-011764; (d) SW-011659
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) (a) see attached (b) (c) (d) (e) shoot; (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 9; Passengers 0; Total 9 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number. Rows include Pilot (Pranger, Nicholas Vincent), Co-Pilot (Vaden, Kenneth Underwood), Navigator (Cheresnik, Edward John), Bombardier (Wolf, Charles Elmer, Jr.), Radio Operator (Meyer, Ralph Richard), Top Turret (Brooker, Cameron Hutchison), Ball Turret (Browne, Erle Royden), Tail Gunner (Kidwell, Hugh Thomas), Waist Gunner (Sullivan, John Joseph).

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

Table with columns: Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Contacted by (Radio, Last Sighted), Check Only One Column (Saw, Saw Forced Landing). Rows include Carey, Gates Chapman, Combs, William Felix, Endicigo, Marion (NMI).

- 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) 1 chute seen
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 CASUALTY, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Date of Report 11 July 1944

* These men returned safely.

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

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STATEMENT OF LT. M. ENDELICATO, PILOT A/C NO. 501, on MISSION TO LEIPZIG, GERMANY, 7 JULY 1944.

We were flying in No. 3 position, Low Squadron, High Group, 41st Combat Bombardment Wing "A". Lt. PRANGER, in A/C No. 273, was flying in No. 6 position, Low Squadron, High Group, 41st Combat Bombardment Wing "A".

At 0820 hours, 52° 40' N, 06° 40' E, altitude 23,000 feet, the Tail Gunner of Lt. PRANGER's aircraft bailed out, probably due to his misunderstanding of orders transmitted over the interphone.

/s/ M. ENDELICATO,
/t/ M. ENDELICATO,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 501.

Incl 2

A TRUE COPY

J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

AG 360.33

APO 871
31 August, 1944.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Report..

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

Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Reports of the Eighth Air Force.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

✓ Incl:
Missing Air Crew Report, 384th Bomb Gp
B-17G, 42-97273, 7 July 1944

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KU 849 A

Various papers filed under KU 849 A

Shipping ticket credit (Hegedus, Ernest sgt. 35631000)

Officer's identification card (Robert E. ~~Ray~~ Paine O-740667)

Soldier's individual payment record (Kidwell, Hugh T. 35368019) 9-3-43

Soldier's individual pay record (Hugh T. Kidwell 35368019) 15 Febr 1944

Immunization register (Kidwell Hugh T.)

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FORM LEAF #1

stamped: Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar
received 21 July 44
Zentralverwaltung Meldestelle

KU 849 A STATEMENT ON CAPTURE OR RECOVERY OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

REPORT IS MADE THROUGH:

DISTRIBUTOR:

OFFICE OR STATION: Airfield Detail

Field Air District Command Belgium-Northern France, Ie.

LOCATION: Steenwijk
7 July 1944 1500 o'clock

Information Center West, Oberurzel/Taunus
OFFICE OF APPRAISAL-VALUES:
via PW concentration point.

REGARDING: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~) individual
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~) parachute-
~~XXXXXX~~) jump

DATE AND TIME: 7 July 1944 8,30 o'clock

AT: Meppel NEAR:

PERSONAL RECORD OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

FAMILY NAME: SURNAME) K I D W E L L
LAST NAME)

FIRST NAME: CHRISTIAN NAME) HUGH T.
GIVEN NAME)

RANK: Sergeant

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: SERIAL 35368019
SERVICE

NATIONALITY: USA Air Force

STATEMENTS MADE AT TIME OF CAPTURE:
DATE OF CAPTURE: about 9,30 o'clock
EXACT LOCATION OF CAPTURE: Giethorn
CAPTURE EFFECTED BY: Netherlands landguard

STATEMENT MADE AT RECOVERY OF DEAD:
DATE & TIME & PLACE OF RECOVERY:
CONDITION OF BODY:

THE PRISONER WORE (UNIFORM)
uniform

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFICATION TAG:
HOW WERE PERSONAL RECORDS OF DEAD
ASCERTAINED?

DATE AND TIME OF BURIAL:
GRAVE LOCATION:

POSSIBLE IMPUTATION (PLACING) UNDER SERVICE OF THE
G.F.P. OR S.D., FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING ENEMY
PATRONAGE OR FAVOR:

DELIVERED TO HOSPITAL:
DATE:

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRISONER CONCENTRATION POINT: 8 July 1944

REMARKS: PW bailed out of an aircraft flying in a bomber-formation.
(ATTEMPTED ESCAPE, PECULIARITIES IN BEHAVIOR OF PRISONER, ETC.)

INVENTORY OF SECURED, PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT OF PRISONER OR DEAD:

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Air District Command Netherland

LOCATION: Airbase Grafton Underw.

DATE:

DATE AND TIME: 7 July 1944 0830 o'clock
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: Area Zwolle, Netherland
(NEAREST TOWN)

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Fortress 17 G

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) P in triangle, 546 (P) 384(P)

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

Pilot	2nd Lt. L ranger, N.	V.
Co-Pilot	2nd Lt. V aden, K.	U.
Navigator	2nd Lt. Singer	
Bombardier	2nd Lt. W olf, C.	E.
	T/Sgt. M eyer, R.	R.
	S/Sgt. B rooker, C.	A.
Gunner	Sgt. S ullivan, F.	F.
Gunner	Sgt. B rown, E. R.	R.
Gunner	Sgt. H injoes, Charles	
Gunner	Sgt. K idwell, Hugh Thom.	A.

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ASUALTY NO.

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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN:

7 July 1944, (083) hrs

PLACE OF CRASH:

Zwolle/Holland

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE:

Air District Holland

CREW

SURNAME, AND
FIRST NAME:

KIDWELL, Hugh Thomas

DATE OF BIRTH:

19 July 1921, Martinsville/Ind.

RANK:

Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER:

3536019

CAPTURED:

yes

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

Dulag-Luft

TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

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KU 2430

2) Sgt. K i d w e l l, H.T. 35368019, USA Air Force,
Bailed out of enemy plane over Muppel on 7 July 1944, at 0830. Arrested near Giet-
horn on 7 July 44, at 0930, 7 km northwest Keppel. Plane kept flying on, was damaged
as the prisoner states, probably crashed on Reich territory. KU 2430A

KU 2430 ?

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B-17 AAF # 42-97273
9 man crew

	Rank:	Name:	KU 849 a Ø
Date: 7 July 44, at 0830	2nd Lt	PRANGER, N. U.	
Place: Zwolle, Nederlands	2nd Lt	VADEN, K. U.	
Type of craft: Fortress	2nd Lt	SINGER	
Markings: 546 (HB) Sqd	2nd Lt	WOLF, C. E.	
384	T/Sgt	MEYER, R. R.	
Target of raid: Lg. Nederlands	S/Sgt	BROOKER, C. A.	
	Sgt	SULLIVAN, F. F.	
	Sgt	BROWN, E. R.	
	Sgt	HINJOES, Charles	
	Sgt	KIDWELL, Hugh, Thomas	: 35368619 .

Kidwell bailed out, others RTD