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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AG
Date: **MAR 1 1958**

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

NOTE: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 354th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Schneifurt, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Haze and Low Clouds
- GIVE: (a) Date 15 Oct 43 Time 1630; and Location Near Soissons
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () 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: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series -17-B A.A.F. Serial Number A2-91059
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) A3-64422
(b) A3-64642; (c) A3-64650; (d) A3-64647
- 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 _____; 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
Pilot	Ogilvie, Donald Potter	1st Lt	0-663330
Co-Pilot	Kilmer, Robert Bruce, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-671962
Navigator	Childs, Everett Lynn	2nd Lt	0-500168
Bombardier	Wilson, William Hollis	1st Lt	0-2043773
Radio Operator	Murray, James Raymond	T/Sgt	32393817
Top Turret	Hood, Emmett Alexander	T/Sgt	38104051
Tail Gunner	Hatkiewicz, Louis Lawrence	S/Sgt	10601012
Ball Turret	McKeon, James William	T/Sgt	31203048
Right Flexible Gun	Martin, William Enoch	S/Sgt	39680339
Left Flexible Gun	Sylvia, Francis Robert	S/Sgt	31289498

- 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 | Contacted | | Check Only One Column | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| | | | by Radio | Last Sighted | Saw | Saw Forced | |
| | | | | | Crash | Landing | |
| 1. _____ | | | | | | | |
| 2. _____ | | | | | | | |
| 3. _____ | | | | | | | |
- 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
 - ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
 - ATTACH EYEWITNESS 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 OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 15 October 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
C. H. Crooke, Jr.
C. H. CROOKE, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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First Lt. Donald P. Ogilvie

Mrs. Charlotte G. Ogilvie (Wife)
242 South June Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Second Lt. Robert B. Kilmer, Jr.

Mr. Robert B. Kilmer (Father)
502 Montevista,
Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. H. D. Kilmer (Aunt)
2307 N. Wakefield Street,
Arlington, Virginia.

Second Lt. Everett L. Childs

Mrs. Katherine J. Childs (Mother)
Rural Free Delivery Number Two,
Manchester, Iowa.

First Lt. William H. Wilson

Mrs. May E. Wilson (Mother)
316 East Murrill Street,
Goose Creek, Texas.

Technical Sgt. James R. Murray

Miss Mary C. Murray (Sister)
12 Grove Street,
Goose Creek, Texas.

Technical Sgt. Emmett A. Hood

Mrs. Anna D. Hood (Mother)
Ordway, Colorado.

Staff Sgt. Louis L. Ratkiewicz

Mr. Harold W. Boland (Father)
307 Cooper Street,
Jackson, Michigan.

Technical Sgt. James W. McKeon

Mrs. Mary W. Ellis (Sister)
70 Torrey,
Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Staff Sgt. William E. Martin

Mrs. May Martin (Mother)
2082 Evergreen Avenue,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Staff Sgt. Francis R. Sylvia

Mr. Francis Sylvia (Father)
Two Princeton Street,
Newport, Rhode Island.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON, William Hollis
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: G-2013778
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~at Flight (Fighter):~~ Bombardier

Did he bail out? FRENCH PEASANTS REPORTED THAT ONE MAN WAS FOUND IN PLANE WRECKAGE - UNIDENTIFIED - I BELIEVE IT WAS LT WILSON
 Where? NEAR BAR-LE-DUC, MEUSE, FRANCE

If not, why not? I DON'T KNOW. CONDITION OF SNIP AND NATURE OF ATTACK, STILL IN PROGRESS AT TIME OF BAIL-OUT, PREVENTED NORMAL COMMUNICATION OR SEARCH WITHIN SNA.
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST INTER-COMM.

CONTACT DEALT WITH ATTACK. NO CONTACT AT TIME OF BAIL-OUT.

Was he injured? I BELIEVE HE WAS - PILOT OR CO-PILOT CAN BETTER GIVE THIS INFORMATION.

Where was he when last seen? I DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN AFTER TAKE-OFF IN UK.

Any hearsay information: FRENCH REPORTED FINDING DOG-TAGS IN WRECKAGE

WITH NAME WILSON. FURTHER CHECK ON THIS INFORMATION WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS GIVEN AS TO EXACT POSITION OF PLANE OR RELATED INFORMATION.

Source: FRENCH UNDERGROUND AT VERDUN - HOME OF COMTESS FATHIER DES RACHELLES.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED AT TIME OF ATTACK - SUPPOSITION.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APP. 21 MISSIONS

Dates and destinations if possible: COMPLETE DATA TO BE FOUND IN OFFICIAL FIGHT RECORDS MT. 384 B.C. 547 B.S.

REPORT BY: FRANCIS R. SYLVIA
 451 BROADWAY NEWPORT - R.I.
 FORMER. RIGHT-WAIST GUNNER
 CREW 73
 384th B.C. 647th B.S.
 APO 557.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CHILDS, Everett Lynn
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-800168
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? _____

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

_____ LT. CHILDS WAS A REPLACEMENT NAVIGATOR

Was he injured? _____ ON HIS FIRST MISSION. I DID NOT SEE HIM AGAIN

Where was he when last seen? _____ AFTER TAKE-OFF IN UK. WHEN I RETURNED TO

Any hearsay information: _____ LONDON FROM SWITZERLAND ON OCT. 4, 1944, MAJ.

JOHN F. WHITE JR. HQTS. 6801 MIS & DETACH. APO. 887 (REOS)

REPORTED THAT LT. CHILDS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO ALLIED CONTROL

BY THE FRENCH UNDERGROUND QUITE SOME TIME PRIOR TO OUR RETURN.

Source: _____

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

THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN FELL WITH HIS CHUTE UNOPENED NEAR BAR-LE-DUC

AT APPROXIMATE TIME OF BHM-OUT. NO IDENTIFICATION

LOCATION CAN BE CHECKED THROUGH COMTESSE BUCHER DES BOURGLES

VERDUN - MEUSE - FRANCE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: SCHWIEBERT - GR.

Francis R. Sylvia