

Classification ~~SECRET~~
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADURAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. MURCH, Capt., AO
Date **APR 15 1964**

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

8466

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 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Gelsenkirchen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
2/10 Cumulus tops 5-6,000 feet. Visibility 10-15 miles.
4. TIME: (a) Date 26 Aug 44 Time Unknown; and Location Near Gelsenkirchen, Ger.
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 () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (x) Other circumstances as follows A/C bombed target but was unobserved after that time.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97204 ✓
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-011519
(b) SW-001627; (c) SW-012431; (d) SW-006194
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See attached; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) sheet; (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).

| | Crew Position | Name in Full (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. | Pilot | <u>Rainey, Harry Wesley, Jr.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-817523</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 2. | Co-Pilot | <u>Rowe, J. Z.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-714188</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 3. | Navigator | <u>Francis, Charles Dean, III</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-717645</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 4. | Bombardier | <u>Kendall, Walter Selium, Jr.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-732857</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 5. | Radio Operator | <u>Sturdivant, Donald Barrett</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>19097547</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 6. | Top Turret | <u>Evans, Jack Clifton</u> | <u>T/Sgt.</u> | <u>18192565</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 7. | Ball Turret | <u>Mosier, Richard Nelson</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>34826568</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 8. | Tail Gunner | <u>Gordon, Norman J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>3681/163</u> | <u>KIA</u> |
| 9. | Right Waist Gun | <u>Knowlton, Alfred Bachelor</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>31384535</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 10. | Left Waist Gun | <u>Thornhill, John G.</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>37621179</u> | <u>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 | Contacted by | Last Sighted | Check Only One Column Saw Saw Forced 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 EYE-WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, 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 29 August 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

- a. 607904 High Standard
- b. 722336 Brown Lipe Chapin
- c. 648998 Frigidaire
- d. 649033 Frigidaire
- e. 648954 Frigidaire
- f. 650067 Frigidaire
- g. 649065 Frigidaire
- h. 650204 Frigidaire
- i. 607911 High Standard
- j. 136003 Kelsay Hayes Wheel
- k. 651110 Frigidaire
- l. 649261 Frigidaire

All guns were Cal. 50 Aerial Machine Guns.

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- 2nd Lt. Harry W. Rainey Jr.

1p/11/20/44
Mrs. Edna M. Rainey, (Mother)
Eighteen Smith Avenue,
Westfield, Massachusetts.

- 2nd Lt. J. Z. Rowe

Mr. George V. Rowe, (Father)
Rural Free Delivery Number One,
Moody, Texas.

- 2nd Lt. Charles D. Francis III

Mr. Charles D. Francis Jr., (Father)
1504 West Glenwood Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 2nd Lt. Walter S. Kendall Jr.

Mrs. Naomi G. Kendall Jr., (Wife)
3210 Palmyra,
Tampa, Florida.

- S/Sgt. Donald B. Sturdivant

Mrs. Beverly G. Sturdivant, (Wife)
257 East 6th Street,
Downey, California.

- T/Sgt. Jack C. Evans

Mrs. Nell I. Evans, (Mother)
627 East Maine Street,
Enid, Oklahoma.

- S/Sgt. Richard N. Mosier

Mrs. Jackie Mosier, (Wife)
Route Number One,
Ranhurst, Georgia.

- S/Sgt. Alfred B. Knowlton

Mrs. Margaret Knowlton, (Wife)
164 Hamilton Street,
Providence, Rhode Island.

- S/Sgt. John G. Thornhill

Mrs. Vivian R. Thornhill, (Mother)
Gray Summit, Missouri.

- S/Sgt. Norman H. Gordon

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gordon, (Parents)
2914 North Main Street,
Racine, Wisconsin.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Gordon, Norman H.**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **36819163**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: **Call Gunner**

File **8466**Did he bail out? YesWhere? Over Holland--Approx. 30 miles from the Zuider Zee (Estimate)

If not, why not? _____

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

Prepared to bail and O. K. in every respectWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? On the ground.Any hearsay information: Was shot by SS troopers in whose camp he landed.His body carried by other members of the crew at the direction of
the Germans and put on a vehicle of some kind. This was last seen
of his body.Source: Lt. Harry W. Rainey -Pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Germans said he
was resisting capture, ran when ordered to stop, that he was carrying
firearms (This I know is untrue), and that he happened to step in the
line of fire from a tank which was in the field (this is untrue also
since I was captured by the tank crewmen) True reason unknown to me.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7Dates and destinations if possible: Not certain

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name J. Z. Rowe Rank 1st Lt Serial No. O-714188
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Buck Rank Lt. Col CO Robt Thatcher Lt col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ninth, target, Geilenkirchen, target
time, Unknown, altitude, 29000 route scheduled, Unknown
, route flown Unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Immediately after bombs away
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 from the waist except pilot, co-pilot, engineer, navigator and Bombardier who bailed through the nose hatch. All crew landed in approx. area in SS training camp. All members were accounted for in the air before they hit the ground so all got out of plane.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Quite near training camp in Holland
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? All members except tail gunner were captured by SS and later sent to prisoner of war camps
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

Name of crew member: **Gordon, Norman H.**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **36819163**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: **Tail Gunner**

File 8466

Did he bail out? YesWhere? S.S. Training Camp, Oldebroeke, Geldeland, Netherlands

If not, why not? _____

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

Oxygen check before bailing outWas he injured? noWhere was he when last seen? When he was on the ground by the rest of the crewAny hearsay information: A fellow by the name of Henk of the Dornspijk, UndergroundOrganization, was there when he landed and saw the Germans take him away and bury hisbody. The I, dont know the fellows name is because of the safety of himself and I onlymet once, and he gave me that information, that was his first name.

Source: _____

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

He was fired on and killed by S S Troops while descending to the earthTotal number of missions of above crew member: Eight (8)Dates and destinations if possible: They were made from August 1st, 1944 to August 25thFour Bombing missions over France, And Four over Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Alfred B. Knowlton Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 31384535
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Col. Thacker Rank Lt. Col. CO Same Rank Same
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 26th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Gelsenkerchen, target, Oil installations, target
time, About 12 noon, altitude, 27,000 ft. route scheduled, Dont know
route flown Dont know
5. Where were you when you left formation? I think tail end group no. 3 position
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes everyone
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 Harry Rainey-Co-Pilot J.Z. Rowe-Navigator, Dean Francis-Bombardier-Walter Kendall & Engineer went out the Forward escape hatch. Radioman D. Sturdevant-Ball turret Gunner R. Moser-Right waist Gunner John Thornhill & Myself went out the Waist Escape Hatch. Tailgunner N.H. Gordon went out tail escape hatch? Pilot was the last to leave ship
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the woods outside of Oldebrooke training Grounds, Geldeland, Netherlands
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? Norman H. Gordon was in good condition when we bailed out, but the German S.S. Troops killed him from the ground, either on the ground or while he was descending in the chute. He landed in the S.S. Troop Training ground, in Oldebrooke Geldeland, Holland. I did not see him after I left the ship this is hear say from my crew & the dutch underGround, because I evaded the Troops in the Woods and was never captured & I never saw any of the crew until I was liberated. I think the Underground Organization in Dornspijk, Geldeland, knows where he is buried.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. _____
There is some American boys buried in a little cemetery in a little city called Ede. There was an American Sgt. killed in a house in Epe by the Germans October 1944 and laid in the street for a couple of days. The Dutch Underground in this City could give you more information on this

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Gordon, Norman H.** File **8466**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **36819163**
Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~Flight~~ (Fighter): **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Zwolle, Holland

If not, why not? _____

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

I checked with each crew member to see if they were alright and
could bail out ok.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? When he hit the ground.

Any hearsay information: He landed ok, but was shot at all the way down.

He landed , and then was shot and killed on the ground. He was not
given a chance to give him self up.

Source: From - S/Sgt. John G. Thornhill, Gray Summit, Missouri (Waste G.)

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

I think he was not given a chance, and was outright murdered.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eight (8)

Dates and destinations if possible: 8-1-44 Chartres, France

8-3-44 Flers, France

8-4-44 Peen-munde, Germany

8-11-44 Brest, France

8-12-44 Etampes/Demones, France

8-16-44 Delitzsch, Germany

8-18-44 Naastrecht, Germany

8-26-44 Gilsenkirchen, Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Walter S. Kendall Jr. Rank 1st. Lt. Serial No. 0-732857
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Col. Smith Rank Col. SqN CO Thacker Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month August day 26th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Gelsenkirchen, target time, 12:01, altitude, 29,000 feet route scheduled, -
-, route flown -
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over 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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Zwolle, Holland
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? Lt. Dean Francis Jr. (Navigator) and myself landed by each other when we parachuted from our plane. He was alright, and we ask each other if every thing was ok.
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)

While Crew members were coming down in there parachutes they were being shot at from the ground, and was continued being shot at after hitting the ground. I got up after hitting the ground and ran to hide in some trees and shrubs. Landing near S. S. Camp made escape almost impossible. I was picked up in about an hour, along with my Navigator. We were taken to the S. S. Headquarters, and the usual face slapping and question asking took place. We soon are transferred to other camps.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **Gordon, Norman H.** File **8466**
Rank: **S/Sgt**
Serial number: **36819165**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: **Tail Gunner**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Venlo, Netherlands

If not, why not? _____

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

Answered stand by call.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Lying on ground

Any hearsay information: Germans said he tried to escape, so they shot him. Also claimed he pulled gun which he did not carry. (This was upon reaching the ground.)

Source: SS troops stationed near Venlo.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Believed he might have become panicky after landing and ran when told to surrender or shot while floating to earth.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: Not available

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Rainey, Harry W. Jr. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-817523
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Smith Rank Col Sqn CO Thacker Rank Lt. Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Gelsenkirchen, target
time, 1200, altitude, 29,000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over 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". Upon reaching Holland border, near Venlo, order was given to bail out. Navigator, Bar. bardier, Co-pilot, Pilot & Crew chief went but nose catch. Rest out waist.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Venlo
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? All but one waist gunner was captured and taken to nearby SS camp. Waist gunner Knowlton picked up by Holland underground. All were in good condition except tail gunner Gordon who was killed.
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: Gordon, Norman H.
 Rank: 3/Sgt
 Serial number: 3619163
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Tail Gunner

File # 8466Did he bail out? yesWhere? Some where Near Amsterdam Holland 1 mile from an S.S. campIf not, why not? —Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just
routine inter Phone conversationWas he injured? Not do to Action before bailing out.Where was he when last seen? In an enemy truckAny hearsay information: NoneSource: NoneAny explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: we wererunning side by side when we saw the Germanscoming. we both laid down and when theGermans fired I got up and he still lay therewith a shot in the left arm and one in theTotal number of missions of above crew member: 7Dates and destinations if possible: I don't know these but theyare the same as mine except for my seventhMission on which he didn't take part,

back of the neck. He offered no resistance so
 Couldn't have been shot for disobeying the German
 orders. Whether they just hit him by accident or on
 Purpose I do not know. I helped put him in a German
 truck and that was the last I saw of him.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John G. Thornhill Rank S/sgt Serial No. 37621179
2. Organization 384th B G Commander Col. Smith Rank Col Sqd CO Thacker Rank lt Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 26 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Gelsenkirchen target
time, 4 Pm, altitude, 29000 ft route scheduled, unknown
route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? At the 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 at same place All landing safely. Have seen All members except Gordon since liberation.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Same place we bailed out.
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? All O.K.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Have seen all except Gordon since liberation.
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)

Headquarters Army Air Forces.

This does not pertain to information called for but I would like to find out this information.

I had completed eight (8) missions prior to being shot down but due to that and the absence of my service record at time of discharge I was never awarded the air medal. They referred me to this office if I wanted it. I believe that I am as much entitled to it as any one and would appreciate your looking into the matter or giving any information on how I can obtain it.

Sincerely

John G. Thornhill
Former

S/sgt John G. Thornhill
A.S.N. 37 621179

A. A. F. a-1

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 26 August 1944 1300 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. KU 2837

PLACE OF CRASH : over Holland

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE : Prisoner of War Concentration Center Brussels

| NAME | RANK | SERIAL NUMBER | CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD | PLACE OF INTERNMENT |
|---|---------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANCIS ✓ Charles Dean | 2nd Lt. | O-717645 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| KENDALL ✓ Walter Selium | 2nd Lt. | O-732857 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| RAINEY Jr. ✓ Harry Wesley | 2nd Lt. | O-817523 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| ROWE ✓ J.Z. | 2nd Lt. | O-714188 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| STUKDIVANT ✓ Donald Barrett | S/Sgt. | 19097547 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| THORNHILL ✓ John Grouer | S/Sgt. | 37621179 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| MOSIER ✓ Richard Nelson | S/Sgt. | 34826568 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| EVANS ✓ Jack Clifton — USA | T/Sgt. | 18192565 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| Casualty No. KU 2837 First Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944 | | | | |
| ROBERTSON A.T. | 2nd Lt. | T 127900 | dead | Cemetery Heerde, grave 664 |
| GORDON ✓ Norman H. | Sgt. | 36819163 | dead | same as above, grave 663 |

DULAG LUFT, 7 September 1944 No.

Dog-tags

| | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------|---------|-----|
| 1) | Alfred D Knowlton | 31384335 | T 43-44 | B P |
| 2) | Norman H Gordon | 36819163 | T 44 | O H |
| 3) | W S Kendall Jr | 0-732857 | T 43-44 | A P |
| 4) | Harry W Rainey Jr | 0-817523 | T 43-44 | A P |
| 5) | Richard W Mosier | 34826568 | T 43 44 | O P |

Papers attached belong to

Evans, Jack C Ser.NO. 18192565 T 42 43 A P

- 1) 1 AAF form No. 206
- 2) 1 identification card
- 3) 1 paper mfor social security number
- 4) 1 operator's license renewal
- 5) 1 D S S form 2
- 6) 1 AAF form No 26-B
- 7) 1 photo
- 8) 1 identification tag
Evans, Jack C 18192565 T 42 43 A P
- 9) 1 form 79-Medical Department, USA

KU

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Identification tags

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|----|------------------|----------|-------------|
| 1) | J E Rowe | O-714188 | T 43 44 O P |
| 2) | John G Thornhill | 37621179 | T 43 43 O P |
| 3) | Sturdivant, D B | 19097547 | T 43 44 A P |

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES ^{No 121}
~~from 16 August 1944 till 26 August 1944~~

POST: Airbase Headquarters E(v) 201/XI
Post L 45077, IGPA, A'dam ue. Bentheim

PLACE:

DATE:

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: Bosing (factory number can not be stated)
EM. LANDING: AT: Wesep (troop training area)
on 26 August 1944 at about 1247

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) Norman H. Gordon, E

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) 36819163

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) Handed over to community Heerde for the purpose
of burial

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: He was buried by Airbase Headquarters Deelen
in the local cemetery of Heerde on 29 August 1944.
Number of grave: 663, I.sector, I.line.

Signed:
Captain and burial Offc.
11 September 1944.

Distribution:

by way of service to Airfleet 3
immediately to military office for information about casualties and
Prisoners of War, Berlin, Hohenstaufenstr. 47/8
immediately to Ministry of Airforces and Headquarters of Airforces I.F.(A)3
immediately to Headquarters of Airdistrict 2/III dep. Ic
Design.

The other copies have been dispatched.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES NO. 122
 (English-man)
 time: 27 August 1944 till 31 August 1944.

POST:

Airbase Headquarters E(v) 201/XI
 Post L 45097 LOPA. A'dam ne. Benthoin

PLACE:

DATE:

Type of plane and factory number unknown.

REGARDING:

CRASH: (DOWNED) OF,

found in the troop training area of Oldebroek
 on 31 August 1944.

EM. LANDING:

AT:

A.T. Robertson

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

GB 127900 Officer AT Robertson CE RAF

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Turned over to community of Heerde for the purpose
 of burial.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

He was buried by Airbase Headquarters Deelen in the
 local cemetery of Heerde on 1 September 1944.
 Number of grave: 664, I.sector, I. line

Signed:
 Captain and burial Offc.
 11 September 1944

Distribution:

By way of service to Airfleet 3
 immediately to military office of information about casualties and
 Prisoners of War, Berlin, Hohenstaufenstr. 47/8
 immediately to Ministry of Airforces and Headquarter of Airforces LP(A) 3
 immediately to Headquarters of Airdistrict 2/III department Ic
 design.

the other 2 copies have been dispatched.

KU 2837

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Gordon Norman H. dead
Knowlton Alfred B. dead

36819163
31384535

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E H

KU 2837

Type of Aircraft: Boeing

Place of crash: Wesop (Army Training Area)

Date of crash: 26 August 1944 at 12.47

Name:

1. KNOWLTON Alfred B.
A S No. 31384535

S/Sgt. Dead EUS
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✓ 2. GORDON Norman H.
A S No. 36819163

Dead

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|----------------------------|------------|-----|------------|--------|---|
| Evans, Jack Clifton | 18,192,565 | POW | 30 Sep 44 | 265127 | U |
| Francis, Charles Dean III | 0717645 | POW | 20 Sep 44 | 265127 | U |
| Gordon, Norman H. | 36819163 | KIA | 24 Nov 44 | 332156 | U |
| Kendall, Walter Selium Jr. | 0732857 | POW | 26 Aug 44 | 265127 | U |
| Mosier, Richard Nelson | 34826568 | POW | 20 Sept 44 | 265127 | U |
| Rainey, Harry Wesley Jr. | 0817523 | POW | 20 Sept 44 | 265127 | U |
| Sturdivant, Doanld Barrett | 19097547 | POW | 20 Sept 44 | 265127 | U |
| Thornhill, John G. | 37,621,179 | POW | 20 Sept 44 | 265127 | U |

3) KUH 173(KU 2537) One B-17 downed by Flak at Wesep, troop training area Oldenbroeck at 1247 hours. Fuselage G C star S, stabiliser not yet found. 8 prisoners, 2 dead. Plane 95 per cent damage.

26 Aug 44

Sender:
Airfield Command EIV 201/XI
Office L 45097
LOPA. A'dam via Bentheim

Ku 2837

MACR 8466

Casualty Report No. 121, Period: 16 -- 26 Aug. 1944

To: Army Information Officer for War Casualties and PW's, Berlin.

Wezep (Drill Field) 26 Aug. 1944 at about 1247 hrs.

B o e i n g Ser.No. not ascertainable crash

Norman H
M.H. GORDON Identity-tag: Norman H. Gordon 36219163

not wounded turned in: Community Heerde to be put in coffin

Interment on 29 Aug. 1944 on local cemetery in Heerde.

Carried through by Air Field Command, Deelen

Grave No. 663 I. Section I. Row

/S/ (name illegible)
Captain and Grave Officer. 11 Sep. 44

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN : 26 August 1944 1300 hrs.

CASUALTY NO. KU 2837

PLACE OF CRASH : over Holland

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT : Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE : Prisoner of War Concentration Center Brussels

| NAME | RANK | SERIAL NUMBER | CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD | PLACE OF INTERNMENT | |
|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| FRANCIS | Charles Dean | 2nd Lt. | O-717645 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| KENDALL | Walter Selium | 2nd Lt. | O-732857 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| RAYNEY Jr. | Harry Wesley | 2nd Lt. | O-817523 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| ROWE | J.E. | 2nd Lt. | O-714188 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| STURDIVANT | Donald Barrett | S/Sgt. | 19097547 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| THORNHILL | John Grouer | S/Sgt. | 37621179 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| WOSIER | Richard Nelson | S/Sgt. | 34826568 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| EVANS | Jack Clifton | T/Sgt. | 18192565 | captured | Dulag Luft |
| — | USA | | | | |

Casualty No. KU 2837

First Supplementary Report, dated 13 November 1944

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|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERTSON | A.T. | 2nd Lt. | T 127900 | dead | Cemetery Heerde, grave 664 |
| GORDON | Norman H. | Sgt. | 36819163 | dead | same as above, grave 663 |

DULAG LUFT, 7 September 1944 No.

MACR 8466
B-17

AAF 42-97204
10 men

DATE: 26 August 1944

AF: 1247

RANK

NAME

KUH 170

K U 283

PLACE: Wesep / Holland

TYPE OF CRAFT: Fortress

MARKINGS: 297304

547th (HB) Sqd. 384th Group

AIRBASE: 106

N 664 British → ROBERTSON, A.T. (see page 11)

ASN: T-127900

2nd Lt. FRANCIS, Charles Dean

ASN: O-717645

2nd Lt. KENDALL, Walter Salim

ASN: O-732857

2nd Lt. RAINY, J., Harry Wesley

ASN: O-817523

2nd Lt. ROWE, J.Z.

ASN: O-714188

S/Sgt. STURDIVANT, Donald Barrett

ASN: 19097547

S/Sgt. THORNHILL, John Grover

ASN: 37621179

S/Sgt. MOSIER, Richard Nelson

ASN: 34825558

T/Sgt. EVANS, Jack Clifton

ASN: 18192565

Sgt. KNOWLTON, Alfred E. (dead)

ASN: 31384535

N 663 Sgt. GORDON, Norman A. (dead)

ASN: 35219163

2 dead buried in community-cemetery
Heerde.

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 2837

Abschußtag und Zeit: 26.8.44 . 13.00

Abschußort: H. Holl.

Flugzeugtyp: Fortress

Meldende Dienststelle: Kgf. Sammelstelle Brüssel

Besatzung:

| Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort: | | Dienst- grad | Erk.- Marke: | gef.: verw.: tot: | Verbleib: welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grabiage |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|
| FRANCIS | Charles Dean | 2.Lt. | 0-717645 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| KENDALL | Walter Selium | 2.Lt. | 0-732857 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| RAINEY jr. | Harry Wesley | 2. nd Lt. | 0-817523 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| ROVE | J.Z. | 2. nd Lt. | 0-714188 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| STURDIVANT | Donald Barrett | S/Sgt. | 19087547 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| THORNHILL | John Greuer | S/Sgt. | 37621179 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| MCJER | Richard Nelson | S/Sgt. | 34826568 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |
| EVANS | Jack Clifton USA | T/Sgt. | 18192565 | gef. | Dulag-Luft |

Bemerkungen:

MHC 8466

DULAG-LUFT, den 7.9.44 **Wo.**

Fragebogen

über Angehörige der US amerikanischen Luftwaffe

1. Name:

Vorname:

Dienstgrad:

Geboren am:

Geboren in:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:

2. Tag, Zeit und Ort der Gefangennahme (Todes-Hergang) kurz gefaßt:

3. Weitere Besatzungsmitglieder:

4. Meldende Dienststelle bzw. Meldung von:

5. Tag der Einlieferung in DULAG-LUFT:

6. a) Verwundet:

Art der Verwundung:

seit: im Lazarett (Krankenhaus):

Befinden:

Voraussichtliche Krankheitsdauer:

b) Unverwundet-Verbleib:

c) Tot:

Todesursache:

Beigesetzt am:

Grablage:

7. Bemerkungen:

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