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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

11990

Classification ~~RESTRICTED~~
to _____
by E. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. BROWN, Capt., AO
Date JAN 15 1946

IMPORTANT: This Report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Grafton-Underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Cologne, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
2:4/10 overcast
4. GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month JAN Year 1945; Time 1320; and Location 5248N - 0737E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); last contacted by
radio (x); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or 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: Moderate anti-aircraft fire in the target area. No other anti-aircraft fire reported.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 44-6105 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Sleepy Lagoon"
8. ENGINES: Type, No. and Series _____; AAF Serial Number (a) 43-57110; (b) 41-57959; (c) SW-001672; (d) SW-004291
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1191232 Sav.; (b) 1296407 Buff.; (c) 1192202 Sav.; (d) 1191923 Sav.;
(e) 1191303 Sav.; (f) 1191934 Sav.; (g) 922403 Sav.; (h) 158193 High Standard
(i) 1192626 Sav.; (j) 1190934 Sav.; (k) 1191834 Sav.; (l) 158214 High Standard
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Full Name (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Current Status
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1. Pilot	Jackson, Oakley Homer, Jr.	1st Lt	0-802860	MTA
2. Co Pilot	Calkins, John Bartlett	2nd Lt	0-768370	MTA
3. Navigator	Lucas, Leonard Edmond	1st Lt	0-396553	MTA
4. Toggallier	Haight, Keith Rodney	S/Sgt.	37681904	MTA
5. Radio Operator	Senchuk, Paul Sam	T/Sgt.	13046993	MTA
6. Top Turret	Ziner, Allen Edward	T/Sgt.	32871749	MTA
7. Ball Turret	Cappiello, Gaetano Thomas	S/Sgt.	32976994	MTA
8. Tail Gunner	Phelps, James Norman	Sgt.	34674419	MTA
9. Waist Gunner	Kelly, Vincent Joseph Leo	Sgt.	33809389	MTA
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			by Radio				
1. <u>No eye witnesses</u>							
2. _____							
3. _____							

13. 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) _____

No chutes seen to emerge

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEAR FROM.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 5 February 1945

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Office)
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.



C O N F I D E N T I A L

3-28-45

1st Lt. Oakley R. Jackson, Jr.

Mrs. Cleora E. Jackson (Wife)
1234 Cortlandt Street
Houston, Texas

1st Lt. Leonard E. Lucas

Mrs. Betty J. Lucas (Wife)
410 South Buskeye Street
Iola, Kansas

2d Lt. John B. Calkins

Mr. Harry S. Calkins (Father)
Nine Mile Falls, Washington

T/Sgt. Paul S. Senchuk

Mrs. Anne Senchuk (Mother)
603 North Hyde Park Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

T/Sgt. Allen E. Ziner

Mrs. Mollie Ziner (Mother)
1223 White Plains Road
New York, New York

S/Sgt. Keith R. Haight

Mrs. Lela M. Haight (Mother)
Box 355
Winfield, Iowa

S/Sgt. Gastano T. Cappiello

Miss Anna Cappiello (Sister)
121 Pine Street
Brooklyn, New York

Sgt. James N. Phelps

Mrs. Willie B. Phelps (Mother)
Rt. Number One
Windsor, North Carolina

Sgt. Vincent J. L. Kelly

Mr. Leo J. Kelly (Father)
3232 F Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Local Quarters, 5 Feb 1945

Lw. POW Post
Holland

Subject: Downing No. H 135: 28 Jan 1945 at 1400 hours emergency landing
of a B 17 near Ossenzijl, 14 km west of
Steenwijk. Identification: SO Star P,
Fin: P in triangle, on the bottom 46 105

To: Computing Station West, Oberursel/Ts.

Following POW were transported to Computing station on 5 Feb 1945, from the
above mentioned downing.

H 135: 1. T Sgt Ziner, A.E., 32871749 E.
2. S Sgt Cappiello, G.T., 32976994

Attached herewith is inventory of effects and captured papers.

KU 3633

MACR
11990
B 17
9 men
AAF 44-6105

To Computing Station West, Oberursel

Subject: Loss of enemy Air Forces over Holland:

H 135: 28 Jan 45, at 1400 hours a B 17 made an emergency landing near Ossenzijl, 14 km west of Steenwijk. Identification, Siegfried Otto Stern Paula, triangle, in it Paula, No. 46 105, 2 men captured, the rest escaped.

Identification Tag

Zimer, Allen E., 32871749 and ticket of Zebra Club

KU 3633

MACR
11990
T3 17
9 men
AAF 44-6105

MIA 28 Jan 45
EUS

28 Jan. 1945 1400

Osborniji

Type: Fortress

Markings: 46105

547 HBo Sqd.

384 Group

Target: Collecting Point
or Prisoners of War of
Air Forces in Holland

1st Lt. JACKSON

2nd Lt. GALKINS

1st Lt. LUCAS

S/Sgt. HAIGHT

T/Sgt. ZINER

S/Sgt. CAPPIELLO

T/Sgt. SENCHUK

Sgt. KELLEY

Sgt. PHILIPS

Calder
O.H. Jr.

L.E.

Allen E.

G.W. MIA 28 Jan 45

KU 3633

0-802,860

32871749

32976994 EUS

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 384th SQ 547th A/C # 44-6105 MISSION DATE 28/1/45
FIRST PILOT Jackson, Oakley H. 1st Lt. O-802860 DESTINATION Cologne, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates 52 48N - 07 37E
(b) Approximate altitude Unknown
(c) Last noted heading 111 Magnetic
(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
Lt. Jackson sent SOS from above position at 1320 hours

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

**Moderate, accurate anti-aircraft fire in the target area.
No other flak reported.**

No enemy aircraft encountered.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Unknown

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

**Believed to have been under control up until the time SOS was received.
Aircraft was not observed to leave formation.**

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort?
No If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.).

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6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

No parachutes seen to emerge.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

SOS received by 1st Air Division at 1320 hours showed Aircraft 44-6105 to be at 5248N-0737E. Lt. Jackson did not acknowledge a QDM sent out immediately after that.

8. Date of report 3 February, 1945.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	No eye witnesses.			
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>John F. Meeth</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-874876</u>	<u>S-2 Officer</u>
NAME	RANK	ASN	DUTY

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11990

Name of crew member: CALKINS, John Bartlett
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-768370
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXX~~ ~~Flight~~ ~~(Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? CRASH LANDED

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

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: HE IS NOW DISCHARGED

WAS RETURNED TO ALLIED CONTROL ON APRIL 16-45
REACHED STATES ON MAY 15th - 45

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 21

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION COLOGNE - JAN 28-45

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name VINCENT J. L. KELLY Rank Sgt. Serial No. 32809389
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander _____ Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 21st, target, COLOGNE, target time, about NOON, altitude, 27,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? RIGHT AFTER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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". 7 OF US WERE IN THE DUTCH UNDERGROUND - 2 WERE CAPTURED - ALL ARE HOME NOW.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NORTH 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) ALL OF US.
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT + CO-PILOT AT CONTROL - REST IN Radio ROOM
12. What was their condition? BALL GUNNER WAS WOUNDED - OVER TARGET
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)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11990

Name of crew member:

GALKINS, John Bartlett

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-768370

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

No

Where?

If not, why not?

CRASH LANDING

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

INTERPHONE ORDER TO PREPARE FOR CRASH LANDING

Was he injured?

No

Where was he when last seen?

Camp Lucky STRIKE - FRANCE

~~Any hearsay information:~~

If Galkins, myself, & 3 other members
of the crew were hiding out with the
Swiss/Dutch underground.

~~Source:~~

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

Returned to U.S.A. May 13, 1945
in sound health to the best of my ~~best~~
judgement

Total number of missions of above crew member:

21

Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LEONARD E. LUCAS Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0396553
2. Organization 384 B.Gp. Gp Commander H. Col. Rank Major Sqn CO Rank
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Jan day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Cologne, target, RR Marsh. Yd., target time, , altitude, , route scheduled, , route flown As scheduled.
5. Where were you when you left formation? near Quakenbrock, Germany
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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 one bailed out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? 10 mi. North Zwartsluis, 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)
All of them
11. Where were they in aircraft? All in Radio Compartment except Pilots at station
12. What was their condition? OK except Ball Turret Gunner had a wounded arm.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? B.T. & T.T. captured by Germans. Rest of crew with Dutch underground. All members of crew returned to USA.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11990

Name of crew member: CALKINS, John Bartlett
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-768370
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NOWhere? —If not, why not? PLANE (B-17-G) CRASHLANDED WITH CREWLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LASTCONVERSATION WITH CO-PILOT WAS AT HOME BASE (KETTERING, ENGLAND)Was he injured? NOWhere was he when last seen? LAST SEEN IN NIMEJEN, HOLLAND AFTER OUR LIBERATIONAny hearsay information: CO-PILOT WAS IN BRITISH HANDS - ON
HIS WAY TO UNITED STATESSource: —Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NOTotal number of missions of above crew member: AB EITHER 20 OR 21 MISSIONSDates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION WAS ON JANUARY 28,
1945

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name PAUL S. SENCHUK Rank T/SGT Serial No. 13046993
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Rank COL, Sqn CO PERRUGINI Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, COLOGNE GERMANY target, COLOGNE BRIDGE, target time, ABOUT 11:10AM, altitude, 27000 FEET route scheduled, DONT KNOW, route flown UNKNOWN
5. Where were you when you left formation? FLYING LOW OVER GERMANY TOWARDS HOLLAND
6. Did you bail out? NO
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO
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? OLDENMARKT, HOLLAND (NORTHERN PART)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AT TIME OF CRASH LANDING
11. Where were they in aircraft? ALL WERE IN RADIO ROOM AT TIME OF DITCHING
12. What was their condition? BALL TURRET GUNNER WAS ONLY ONE HURT (WOUNDED)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW PILOT, COPILOT, TOWELER, RIGHT WAIST GUNNER IN NIJMEGEN, HOLLAND ON APRIL 18, 1945. SAW TAIL GUNNER IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA ON JULY 23, 1945 - THEY WERE ALL IN GOOD CONDITION.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11990

Name of crew member:

GALKINS, John Bartlett

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-768370

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

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22Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? we crashed landedLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: weseparated after the landingWas he injured? noWhere was he when last seen? on the ship coming home~~Any hearsay information:~~ we met at "Lucky Strike"located on the coast of France, it
was a point of embark for the States.
Lt. Galkins and myself came back
on the same ship

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 21

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name PHELPS, JAMES N. Rank 1st Serial No. 34674419
2. Organization 324 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO Huygton Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Jan. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Cologne, target
time, 1.18, altitude, 27000 route scheduled, by way
of France, out by Holland route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Cologne
6. Did you bail out? no
7. Did other members of crew bail out? no
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? Denmark, 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) all

11. Where were they in aircraft? All were in the radio room
12. What was their condition? Good except pilot and co. pilot they were in respectful places
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.

No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11990

Name of crew member:

GALINS, John Bartlett

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-768370

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

No

Where?

✓

If not, why not?

Crash landed

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

Stayedwith him & evaded

Was he injured?

No

Where was he when last seen?

ON boat coming to the States

Any hearsay information:

No.

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

21

Dates and destinations if possible:

Missions flown betweenNov. 11 - Jan 28.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Keith R. Haight Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 37681904
2. Organization 8th Gp Commander Milton Rank Col. Sqn CO Higgins Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Jan day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 2nd, target, Cologne, target
time, 1:30, altitude, 28,500 route scheduled, To Cologne
and out Holland, route flown Same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Munster
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No
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? 10 miles East of Vallenhoven
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Entire Crew
11. Where were they in aircraft? Radio Room
12. What was their condition? Good
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Linear & Cappiello - Cappiello had
Broken right arm
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)