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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 Schweinfurt, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Hazy and Low Clouds.
4. GIVE: (a) Date Oct 43 Time 1600; 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.
5. 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 _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-F A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3216
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-61976
(b) 42-79341; (c) 42-80538; (d) 43-56563
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (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 _____; 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
KIA 1.	Pilot	Kopf, William Everett	2nd Lt	0-800900
KIA 2.	Co-Pilot	Scott, Alfred William, Jr	2nd Lt	0-744770
KIA 3.	Navigator	Mace, Tracha Melody	2nd Lt	0-653280
RTD 4.	Bombardier	Connor, Eugene Warren	2nd Lt	0-741306
RTD 5.	Radio Operator	Yervar, Herbert Eugene	Sgt	35962644
RTD 6.	Top Turret	Mauritho, Hugh (NMI)	Sgt	6271871
KIA 7.	Ball Turret	Smith, Clyde (NMI)	S/3rd	19026443
KIA 8.	Tail Gunner	Buddemeyer, Elton William	Sgt	37394101
KIA 9.	Right Flexible Gun	Berroni, Anthony Pasquale	S/3rd	31149607
KIA 10.	Left Flexible Gun	Bernard, Leroy (NMI)	S/3rd	38223128

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				Check Only One Column	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced 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 EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED 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 15 October 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

C. H. CROOK, JR.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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~~MacR~~ # 848

for SP&D

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MASSEY, Toscha Melody
Rank: 2/Lt.
Serial number: 0-683 280
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? EMERGENCY EXIT JAMMED SHUT

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: WHEN HE WAS STANDING NEAR EXIT TRYING TO GET OUT.

Was he injured? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Where was he when last seen? NEAR NOSE EXIT.

Any hearsay information: FRENCH MEN SAID HE WAS KILLED. THEY READ A LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO WERE DEAD THEY HAD THEIR DOG TAGS.

Source: FRENCH PEOPLE WHO GOT TO PLANE BEFORE GERMAN'S

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: WHEN THE SHIP BLEW UP, HE DIDN'T GET OUT, AND WENT DOWN WITH THE REST OF THE SHIP. THE WHOLE FRONT END BLEW OFF AS FAR AS NOW I CAN SEE IT.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 5 (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME.

3/30. YER YAR AND LT. CONNER FLEW ALL MISSIONS WITH THAT CREW AND COULD NAME THE DESTINATIONS AND DATES.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SMITH, Clyde (NMI)
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 1902 6443
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight~~ (Fighter) Ball Turret

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? COULD NOT GET OUT OF SHIP.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE.

I HAD NO INTERCOM AS FROM START OF FLIGHT.

Was he injured? UNKNOWN TO ME

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WRECK, (TOLD TO ME BY S/SGT VERYER)

Any hearsay information: THAT HE WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP

AND WAS KILLED. THE FRENCHMEN HAD HIS DOG TAGS

AND GAVE US HIS NAME. ALSO SHOWED US WHERE HE IS

BURIED IN THE CEMETERY.

Source: FRENCH PEOPLE WHO GOT TO PLANE BEFORE GERMANS

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

WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP AND WAS KILLED WITH

THE REST OF THE CREW.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 5 (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BUDDEMEYER, Elton William
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 3739 4101
Position: Crew (Bomber) on Flight (Observer): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? UNKNOWN

Any hearsay information: NONE. HE WAS NOT FOUND. THE

FRENCH PEOPLE GAVE US SIX NAMES OF THE DEAD. BUT

NO ONE KNOWS OF BUDDEMEYER. THEY TOLD US OF A FELLOW

WHO CAME DOWN IN A PARACHUTE, THAT WAS FULL OF BULLET
THEIR DESCRIPTION DIDN'T FIT HIM

HOLES. THEY HAD HIM IN A HOUSE BUT HE ONLY LIVED TWO DAYS.

Source: FRENCH MARINE AND OTHER PEOPLE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NO

EXPLANATION. WHETHER A PRISONER, DEAD, OR ALIVE

WE, OR NO ONE COULD FIND OUT. THERE WERE ONLY

SIX MEMBERS OF THE CREW WHEN FRENCHMEN

GET TO PLANE.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PERRONI, Anthony Pasquale
Rank: S/3gt.
Serial number: 3114 9607
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Right Flexible Gun~~: Right Flexible Gun.

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? S/3gt. VERRYAR SAID THEY WERE ALL TRYING TO OPEN DOOR.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN WAIST, (TOLD ME BY VERRYAR)

Any hearsay information: HE WAS KILLED ALONG WITH THE
REST OF THE CREW. HE WAS TOLD ABOUT BY THE
FRENCH AS BEING DEAD. THEY READ US HIS NAME
FROM DOG TAGS.

Source: FRENCH MEN

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: HE WAS
KILLED WHEN PLANE CRASHED AND BURNED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 5 (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BERNARD, Leroy (MIA)
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 3822 1138
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Navigator (Navigator)~~: Left Flexible Gun

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? COULD NOT OPEN WAIST DOOR, OR ANY OTHER EXIT.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NONE

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN THE WAIST (TOLD ME BY VERYOR)

Any hearsay information: HIS NAME WAS TOLD ME BY FRENCHMEN.
WHO HAD A LIST OF THE MEMBERS NAMES WHO WERE
DEAD IN THE PLANE. THE FRENCHMEN SAID ALL
THE MEN IN THE WAIST, HAD THE TOPS OF THEIR HEADS OFF.

Source: FROM FRENCH MEN. WHO WERE THERE

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: THAT HE
WENT DOWN WITH THE SHIP AND WAS KILLED.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 5 NOT SURE

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCOTT, Alfred William
 Rank: 2/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-744 770
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? NO EXIT WAS OPEN. ALL EXITS JAMMED. COMBAT DAY INCLUSIVE

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

PULLED MY LEG AND MOTIONED HIS CHUTE HARNESS. I AT HIS CHUTE NEXT TO HIM

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AT THE CONTROLS OF SHIP

Any hearsay information: THAT HE DIED WITH THE OTHER

CREW MEMBERS. WHEN SHIP CRASHED AN BURNED

HIS NAME WAS ALSO READ TO US BY THE FRENCH MEN.

Source: FROM FRENCH MEN

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

WITH OTHER CREW MEMBERS WHO WENT DOWN

WITH THE SHIP

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX 8- (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KCPF, William Everett**
Rank: **2/Lt.**
Serial number: **0-800 900**
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? DEAD AT PILOTS CONTROLS

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

PULLED MY LEG. HE WAS SHOT IN HEAD AND CHEST.

Was he injured? HE WAS DEAD

Where was he when last seen? AT PILOTS CONTROLS DEAD

Any hearsay information: HE WENT DOWN WITH SHIP.

NO OTHER THAN WHAT I SAW WHEN HE WAS AT THE

CONTROLS DEAD.

Source: FRENCH MEN

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

WAS SHOT WHILE AT THE CONTROLS. I LOOKED AT HIM

AND HE WAS SHOT IN HEAD AND CHEST. AS KNOWN

BY ME HE WAS DEAD.

Total number of missions of above crew member: APPROX. 8- (NOT SURE)

Dates and destinations if possible: UNKNOWN TO ME.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: MASSEY, Toscha Melody
Rank: 2/Lt.
Serial number: 0-683 280
Position: Crew (Pomber) ~~overighter~~ ~~fighter~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? we were in a flat spin when the ship blew up.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: His machine gun jammed he notified me

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? AT HIS STATION

Any hearsay information: Members of the French underground told me that they buried him along with five others that they found in the remains of our ship.

Source: The organization that helped me.

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

The French showed me the cemetery where they had buried the men. They would not let me get close enough to make sure of identification.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT. 7-'43 FIREMAN GERMANY
OCT 8-'43 ANKLAU GERMANY OCT. 9-'43 MUNSTER
GERMANY OCT. 14-'43 Schweinfurt GERMANY

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SMITH, Clyde (MI)
 Rank: S/S t.
 Serial number: 1902 6443
 Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~B-24 Liberator~~ Ball Turret

Did he bail out? Not To my Knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Ship in a flat spin & blew up.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: one of the ball gunners was jammed and he told the crew about it.

Was he injured? DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? IN the WAIST by the escape hatch

Any hearsay information: Same as the res. - The French underground told me they buried him along with five others from the remains of our ship

Source: French organization that helped me

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

The French showed me where they said he was buried, but would not let me get close enough for identification - cemetery is in Rhambluzin-en-Meuse, FRANCE (south of Verdun)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT 7 - 1943 BREMAN GERMANY

OCT. 8, 1943 ANKLAM GERMANY OCT. 9 - 1943

MUNSTER GERMANY OCT. 14 1943 Schweinfurt Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BUDDEMEYER, Elton William
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 3732 4301
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Ship in flat spin, and blew up.

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

guns were jammed. He told the crew about it

Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? At the waist escape hatch

Any other information: The French told me they buried him along with five other crew members who they took from the remains of our ship

Source: French organization that helped me.

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

showed me where he was buried but would

not let me get close enough for identification

cemetery in Rhambluzin on Meuse FRANCE

(South of Verdun)

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT 7-43 BREMAN GERMANY

OCT 8-43 ANKIAM GERMANY OCT. 9-43 MUNSTER

GERMANY OCT. 14 '43 SCHWEINFURT GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PERRONI, Anthony Pasquale
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 3114 9607
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on right wing~~: Right Flexible Gun.

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Ship in 31st spin and then it blew up

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

calling ATTACK of enemy fighters.

Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? in the NAIST.

Any hearsay information: The French told me they buried him
along with five others that they took from the
remains of our ship

Source: The French organization that helped me

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The French
showed me where he was buried but would not
let me get close enough for identification of
dog tags. Cemetery in Rambouillet in France

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT. 7 '43 BREMEN GERMANY
OCT. 8 '43 ANKLAH GERMANY OCT. 9 '43 MUNSTER
GERMANY. OCT 14 '43 SCHWEINFURT GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BERNARD, Leroy (M)
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 3822 3138
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: Left Flexible Gun

Did he bail out? Yes, (According to the French)

Where? Near Rambouillet en Meuse France.

If not, why not? _____

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

Reporting a gun jam just before we went down

Was he injured? Yes (Hearsay)

Where was he when last seen? Village of Rambouillet (Hearsay)

Radio op. saw him in want.

Any hearsay information: The French organization that helped us

said he was in his parachute and a Me 109

shot him. They also said he died in the village

and was buried with the other men.

Cemetery - Rambouillet-en-Meuse France.

Source: The French organization that helped me.

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

told me all of the above. They said they had

the catholic priest of the village give him the

Catholic rites. They showed me where he was buried

but could not get close enough for 'dog tag' identification

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4 (four)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT. 7 '43 BROMAN GERMANY

OCT 8 '43 ANKLAU GERMANY OCT 9 '43 MUNSTER

GERMANY OCT. 14 '43 Schweinfurt GERMANY

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCOTT, Alfred William
 Rank: 2/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-744 770
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Ship in flat land & blew up prior to that Pilot and Co-Pilot were trying to hold her.
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Asking Pilot if he was O.K. and ~~he was~~ saying he didn't think he could hold the ship much longer.
 Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? Co-Pilot seat.

Any hearsay information: The French said they buried him out along with five others that they took from the remains of our ship. Cemetery in Rhaybluzin en Meuse FRANCE

Source: The French organization that helped me

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The French showed me the cemetery where they said they buried him. They would not let me get close enough for positive identification

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

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT 8 '43 ANKLAM GERMANY
OCT 9 '43 MUNSTER GERMANY, OCT 14 '43 Schweinfurt Germany

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KOPF, William Everett
 Rank: 2/Lt.
 Serial number: 0-800 900
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? Not to my knowledge

Where? ✓

If not, why not? Trying to hold the ship for the rest of the crew to get out. FIAT SPIN AND then blew up. No 3 + 4 engines were on fire
 Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: on fire

He was pushing the alarm button and telling us to get out.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Pilot's seat

Any hearsay information: The French told me that they buried him along with five others that they found in the remains of our ship. Rth Cemetery in Rhambluzin en Meuse FRANCE.

Source: The French ORGANIZATION that helped me.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The French showed me where he WAS ~~buried~~ buried but would not let me get close enough for 'dog tag' identification

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5 (five)

Dates and destinations if possible: OCT 2 '43 Stuttgart Germany
OCT. 7 '43 BERNAN Germany OCT. 8 '43 Auklarn Germany
OCT 9 '43 MUNSTER Germany OCT. 14 '43 Schweinfurt Germany

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|----|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 1) | Downing of a
Boeing B 17 F on
14 October 1943
at Ramblisin.
License No. of
craft; 33216 | Smith, Clyde
19026443 T 42-43 | Interred at Ramblisin
cemetery. See sketch. |
| 2) | " | Bernard, Lee
20323150 T 43 | " |
| 3) | " | Massey, Tescha
O-683290 T 43 | " |
| 4) | " | Unknown | " |
| 5) | " | Unknown | " |
| 6) | " | Unknown | " |

MACR 841
10 man crew
3 - EVS
7 - KIA

Airbase Headquarters A 233/XI
Local Quarters, 8 November 1943

Signature
Major and Commander

THREE UNKNOWNNS ABOVE ARE:

WM. E. KOPF, 0800900
ANTHONY P. PERRONI, 31149607
ALFRED W. SCOTT, JR., 0744970

Other crew member KIA is:

ELTON W. BUPPEMEYER, 37394101

1) Downing of a Boeing
Fortress B IV F on
14 October 1943.
1945, at Dileen, 8 km
south-southwest of
Mazanyk.

H o g g e , Walter H.
O-581905 T 45
Officer

Interred on 18 October 1943
at St. Front Cemetery, with
military honors.
Grave No. 537

Local Quarters, 15 October 1943

Signature
Captain and Staff Officer

Airbase Headquarters (H) XI/XI
Army Postal Unit L 33217 Brussels

Armed Forces Information Center
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TO: Armed Forces Information Center
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of War

B E R L I N W 30
Hohenstaufen Strasse 47/48

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Ku 359 : 14 Oct 1943

153 0 ✓✓ Massey, Toscha M. · Offr.

Ident. Tag: 0 683 280

Dead

✓✓ Smith, Clyde

Ident. Tag: 19 026 443

Dead

✓✓ Bernard, Lee Roy

Ident. Tag: 38 223 138

Dead

✓ Two Unknown

Dead