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to
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Date MAR 15 1945

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 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 Berlin, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
C.A.V.U.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month Feb Year 1945 ; Time 1132 ; and Location 5300N, 1240E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (☒); Last contacted by
radio (☐); Forced down (☐); Seen to Crash (☐); or Information not Avail-
able (☐)
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one) Enemy Aircraft (☐); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (☒); Other Circumstances
as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; AAF Serial Number 42-97960 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____ ; AAF Serial
Number (a) SW-015878 ; (b) SW-005912 ; (c) SW-014506 ; (d) SW-012188
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1180092 Sav. ; (b) 1180051 Sav. ; (c) 1182858 Sav. ; (d) 1183857 Sav. ;
(e) 1183016 Sav. ; (f) 1183167 Sav. ; (g) 1182649 Sav. ; (h) 1183449 Sav. ;
(i) 1300096 Buff ; (j) 1300330 Buff. ; (k) 1160137 Sav. ; (l) 1181206 Sav. ;
(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
1. Pilot	Molder, Charles Richard	1st Lt.	0-823439	MIA
2. Co-Pilot	Treadway, Robert Wayne	2nd Lt.	0-714225	MIA
3. Navigator	Knowlton, Ernest Richard	F/O	T-129771	MIA
4. Togglier	Hayden, Ralph M.	Sgt.	35275578	MIA
5. Radio Oper.	Haynes, Harold V.	S/Sgt.	16153951	MIA
6. Top Turret	Hockailo, Daniel E.	S/Sgt.	11052179	MIA
7. Ball Turret	Constantine, Damian M.	Sgt.	39137264	MIA
8. Tail Gunner	Riszuti, Leonard J.	Sgt.	19199801	MIA
9. Waist Gunner	Jacobs, Harris F.	Sgt.	35883410	MIA
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11.				

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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 # 42-97960 MISSION DATE 3 Feb, 1945

FIRST PILOT Melder, Charles R. 1st Lt. 0-823439 DESTINATION Berlin, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

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

(a) By coordinates 5300N - 1240E

(b) Approximate altitude 24000 feet

(c) Last noted heading unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
Last contacted at 1132 hours at above position. A/C was below
and several miles behind group. A/C was in bomber stream.

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

Moderate to intense accurate flak encountered by formation over the target. No other flak engaged formation.

No enemy aircraft encountered.

A/C 42-97960 was reported to have been hit by 3 flak bursts which boxed the aircraft just after bombs away.

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

#2 and #4 engines were out. A/C was on fire and losing altitude with two (2) men wounded aboard. Pilot called Deputy Group Leader and stated that crew was going to bale out.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft under control.

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.):

Although Pilot stated that crew was going to bale out, no one reported observing any parachutes emerge.


7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None.

8. Date of report 5 February, 1945.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	O. Gordon	S/Sgt.	37535223	007
2.	M. Nelson	S/Sgt.	37440135	007
3.	D. Bland	Sgt.	18091262	013
4.	J. Maurer	Sgt.	33799444	013

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-569761</u>	<u>S-2 Officer</u>
<u>P. O. Picard</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

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

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First supplementary REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES**dated 17 March 1945**

PLACE:

DATE:

NAME AND FIRST NAME OF PRISONER:

ASN:

CONSTANTINE, Damien H.

39137264

YEAR OF BIRTH:

24 April 1923, Sunny Side, Mich.

RANK:

Sgt.

PLACE AND DATE OF CAPTURE:

captured, Dulag Luft West

PARTICULARS CONCERNING CAPTURE:-

(CRASHED? EMERGENCY LANDING? SHOT DOWN?)

TYPE OF CRAFT

REMARKS:

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MIA 3 Feb 45
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AIR BASE COMMAND A 9/XI

NEUBRANDENBURG, 25 February 1945

Office of Commander

The American Sergeant D A M I A N, CONSERVATIVE N. is transferred today to Research Board West, OBERHUSEL, an earlier transfer could not be accomplished because the Prisoner of War has not been physically fit for transfer.

signed: HONSEY

S/Sgt & Acting AIR BASE COMMANDER

Report on capture of enemy Crew members.

AIR BASE COMMAND A 9/XI
NEURANDENBURG

Distributor: D U L A G I U F T.

Time: 5 February 1945 at 1215

Subject: Parachuting of an American Flyer.

Place: ZINOW, about 7 km N of NEUSTRELITZ on 3 February 1945 at 1600

Name: D A M I A N

F.-Name: CONSTANTINE N.

ASN- 39137384

Disposition: Transfer to Oberursel

Place & Time of capture: ZINOW, on 3 February 1945 at 1600

AIR BASE COMMAND 9/XI, NEURANDENBURG
OFFICE OF COMMANDER

NEURANDENBURG, 5 February 1945

Inventory of confiscated items, belonging to an American Crew member
Sgt. D A M I A N, CONSTANTINE, captured near ZINOW (NEUSTRELITZ)
on 3 February 1945 at 1600.

Both reports have 2 Copies.

To Computing Station West Oberursel

Subject: Downing of a Fortress Boeing near Fuerstenwerder, District of
Prenzlau, on 3 Feb 45 km 1230.

Crew escaped, no parachutes

Boeing Fortress B 17

On the side fin 297960 in yellow letters

Presumably downed by fighter.

KU 3648

11. At 1230 hours near Fuerstenwerder, (21 km northwest of Prenzlau)
in CH 4, Fortress crashed, 1 man captured, the rest escaped,
on the side fin, 297960 in black letters. Claim 1. flak div.

KU 3648

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command Rechlin
Place: Rechlin/Muritz
Time: 2100 hours
Subject: Fortress, bailed out in the vicinity of Wesenberg (Meckl.)
3 Feb 45, approx. at 1230 hours
Name: Jacobs, Harries F., 35883410, hospitalized in Luftwaffen hosp. Greifswald
Hobart W. Treadway, M., O 714225
Knowlton, Ernest R., O 129771
Hookailo, Daniel B., 11052479, wounded
Disposition: Captured
Place and Time of Capture: In the vicinity of Wesenberg (Meckl.) approx. at
1230 hours

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdc: Airbase Command A (o) 4/III Prenzlau

Name: Hayden Ralph M. Sgt. 35275578

Disposition: Captured

Place and Time of Capture: On 9 Feb 45 at the exit of Gustow, 6 km west of
Prenzlau

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command Wittstock

Place: Wittstock/Dosse

Time: 7 Feb 1945

Subject: Downing, unknown, place unknown, time, unknown.

Name: Haynes, Harold V., 16153951 T 43-44 A

Disposition: Captured

Place and Time of Capture: Teetz (Ostprignitz) 16 km south of Wittstock
on 6 Feb 1945

KU 3648

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A 9/XI

Place: Neubrandenburg

Time: 3 Feb 45, at 1130 hours

Subject: Downing of an American aircraft near Feustrelitz, on 3 Feb 45,
at 1130 hours

Name: Rizzuti, Leonard, Sgt. 19199801

Disposition: Sent to Oberursel

Place and Time of capture: Neustrelitz/Meckl. 3 Feb 45, at 1130 hours

To Computing Station West Oberursel

On 5 Feb 45 was brought here the American Sgt Von Tantine N. Damian, 39137264, he was discovered on 3 Feb 45, at 1600 hours near Zinow, approx. 7 km east of Neustrelitz. D. bailed out from a Fortress and he suffered a leg injury. He stated that he knew the Sgt Nizanti, who was brought here 3 Feb 45 and that he belonged to the same crew.

KU 3648

Dulag Luft, Computing Station West Oberursel/Taunus

Subject: Crash of an enemy Fortress on 3 Feb 45 between 12 and 13 hours
near Burow approx. 10 north of Treptow/Pommern (on the Trollensee)

Crew from 1-4 captured on 3 Feb 45 approx. 1230 hours in the further
vicinity of Wessenberg (Mecklenburg) after bailing out.

1. Lt Traedway, Horbart W. O 714225
2. Lt Knowlton, Ernest R., 6/129771
3. T Sgt Kookailo, Daniel B., 110524
4. Off Jacobs, Harries F., 358834410

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103 captured and will be sent to Oberursel. 4 wounded and will be sent to

Lw. Hospital Wismar.

Aircraft type, Fortress

The salvage followed by airbase Tutow.

KU 3638

Identification Tags

Hobart W. Treadway, O 714225

Charles R. Molder, O 323439 and Pilot Physical Card

Haynes, Harold V., 16153951

Knowlton, Ernest T 129771 and miscellaneous, name and address on plate

Hayden, Ralph M., 35275578

Rizzuti, Leonard J. 19199801 and miscellaneous

Constantine, Damian N., 39137264

Hookailo, Daniel B., 11052479

Harris E. Jacobs, Individual Issue Record

1st Lt. Charles R. Molder

Mrs. Bessie M. Molder (Mother) ✓
328 E. Pennsylvania Street
Shelbyville, Indiana

2d Lt. Hobart W. Treadway

Mrs. Norma C. Treadway (Wife) ✓
Flippin, Arkansas

F/O Ernest R. Knowlton

Mr. Ernest E. Knowlton (Father) ✓
Anderson Avenue
Woodmont, Connecticut

S/Sgt. Daniel B. Hookailo

Mrs. Rose Hookailo (Mother) ✓
10 Kilburn Road
West Newton, Massachusetts

S/Sgt. Harold V. Haynes

Mrs. Ethel F. Haynes (Mother) ✓
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