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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AG  
by F. M. MUECH, Capt., AG  
Date **1-1946**

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 38th; Squadron 545th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed  
Target or Intended Destination Bohlen, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10:10 Undercast, tops 3-10,000 over channel
4. GIVE: (a) Day 17 with NAK gear 45; Time 1700; and Location English Channel  
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-17-G; AAF Serial Number 42-107148
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT; if any Dark Angel
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; AAF Serial  
Number (a) SW-002331; (b) SW-007129; (c) SW-007882; (d) SW-021840
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) 1283679 Inf Arms (b) 1197061 Inf Arms (c) 1190855 Inf Arms (d) 1190016 Inf Arms;  
(e) 1101607 " " (f) 1192621 " " (g) 1191372 " " (h) 1190016 " ";  
(i) 1198726 " " (j) 1190965 " " (k) 716640 Gen Motors (l) 719842 Gen Motors;  
(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
EVS	1. Pilot	Schaner, William Carl	1st Lt	0-662095	MTA
EVS	2. Co Pilot	McKay, Van Robert	F/O	T-6736	MTA
EVS	3. Navigator	Gallon, Willis Hodges	2nd Lt	0-2074386	MTA
EVS	4. Nose Gunner	Frankel, Daniel (NMT)	Sgt	12178081	MTA
KIA	5. Radio Operator	Cooksey, Vernon Edward	Sgt	37702543	MTA
EVS	6. Top Turret	Tumlin, Lamar (NMT)	Sgt	14153430	MTA
EVS	7. Ball Turret	Shaffer, Claude G.	Sgt	37708251	MTA
EVS	8. Tail Gunner	Stewart, Kenneth Jack	Sgt	17147492	MTA
EVS	9. Waist Gunner	Condon, Francis Raymond	Sgt	12137626	MTA
	10.				
	11.				

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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME

Check Only One Column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
				by Radio	Last Sighted		
1.	(None)						
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 25 March 1945

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

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Incl 1



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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 545th A/C # 42-107148 MISSION DATE VI/3/45

EUS FIRST PILOT WILLIAM C. SCHAUER 1st Lt. 0-662095 DESTINATION BOHLEN, GER.  
NAME RANK SER#

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

- SEE #7 ON REVERSE SIDE
- (a) By coordinates \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Approximate altitude \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Last noted heading \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation \_\_\_\_\_

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

NO E/A OPPOSITION

Meager inaccurate flak encountered at JENA by formation.  
No flak at target.

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

No damage observed - See #7 on reverse side.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

See #7 on reverse side.

(Over)

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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.). \_\_\_\_\_

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

NONE

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

A/C 7148 left the formation over the channel on return journey and was believed at the time to be headed for a landing on the continent. However, nothing further had been heard of the A/C since it left the formation.

8. Date of report 24 March, 1945.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	NONE			
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<i>John C. Henes</i>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0572001</u>	<u>S-2</u>
<u>JOHN C. HENES</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>NAME</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) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Wm K e K a J, Van Robert  
Rank: F/O.  
Serial number: 2-6736  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? CLOSE TO OCHATZ GERMANY

If not, why not? ✓

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 10 MIN.

BEFORE BAIL OUT BUT SAW HIM LAND.

Was he injured? DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? P.O.W. CAMP STRIFE VLA. MOOSBERG GERMANY

Any hearsay information: ✓

Source: ✓

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4.

Dates and destinations if possible: MARCH 10 TO 17 "45"

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 13114

Name of crew member:

Cooksey, Vernon Edward

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

37702543

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~Radio Operator~~

Radio Operator

Did he bail out?

YES

Where?

CLOSE TO OCHATZ GERMANY.

If not, why not?

✓

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

HE TOLD

3 OF US THAT THE PILOT HAD CALLED BAIL OUT.

Was he injured?

NOT THEN

Where was he when last seen?

AT BAIL OUT.

Any hearsay information:

IT IS MY PERSONAL FEELING THAT

HE WAS KILLED BY THE GERMANS HAS HIS CHUTE

OPENED AS I SAW IT OPENED IN SOME WIRES

BUT HE WAS NOT IN IT THEN + PEOPLE

WERE PULLING IT DOWN.

Source:

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

SEE ABOVE

Total number of missions of above crew member:

6 OR 7

Dates and destinations if possible:

FROM MARCH 9 TO 17 '45"

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name KENNETH J. STEWART Rank S/SGT Serial No. 17147492
2. Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ROLLING GER., target, OIL REFINERYS., target time, 26,000 FT., altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 45 MINUTES FROM 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". NRU, PILOT, CO-PILOT, ENG. 1-TOE. LEFT BY THE NOSE ESCAPE HATCH. R.O. LEFT BY BOMB BAYS. BBU + MAINT + MYSELF LEFT BY THE WHIST EXIT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA AROUND OSCHATZ GERMANY ABOUT 1HR. WALK FROM THE CITY
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? ISAW HIM BUT THE RADIO OPERATOR ABOUT 1HR. AFTER WE BAILED OUT. BUT I SAW GERMAN CIVILIANS PULL HIS CHUTE FROM THE TELEPHONE WIRES SO I KNOW HE WAS NOT IN SHIP, AS THE GERMANS TOLD US.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 13114

Name of crew member: Cooksey, Vernon Edward  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 3770/543  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? His chute was seen opened and near the wreckage by myself and other members of the crew. I would say yes he did.  
 Where? About 1/2 mile from a small village, name unknown, which was about 10 miles from Oschatz, Germany.  
 If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I had no last conversation with him at that time, but the crew in the rear of ship did.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? In the airplane

Any hearsay information: The interrogator at Weimar, Germany said that he failed to get out of the airplane. I know this to be false because I saw his opened unburned chute hanging from telephone wires near tail of ship. I viewed this from a distance of about 3/4 of a mile as the rest of the crew and I were being taken by horse drawn cart to Oschatz. This was about an hour and a half after we bailed out. We were captured immediately.  
 Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I personally believe that he was killed by civilians. As no other member of the crew landed anywhere near the wreckage, then the opened undamaged chute is evidence that he did get out of the ship safely. The ship exploded twice when it hit if he had been anywhere near by his chute would certainly have been consumed by fire.

Total number of missions of above crew member: either 4 or 5

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 22 13114

Name of crew member: McKay, Van Robert  
Rank: F/O.  
Serial number: T-6736  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Van R. McKay should not be in your casualty files.

Where? He was liberated at the same time I was and is

If not, why not? at this time discharged from the army. 5

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

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member:

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1023

Name of crew member: **WALTER E. J. VAN ROBERT**  
 Rank: **7/O.**  
 Serial number: **54736**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? YES

Where? IN VILLAGE NEAR OSCHATZ, GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE (ON WAY HOME)

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 4

Dates and destinations if possible: <sup>①</sup> BETZDORF, <sup>②</sup> MENDEN, <sup>③</sup> BREMEN.  
<sup>④</sup> BOLLIN OIL REFINERY NEAR LEIPSEIG MARCH 17, 1945

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 13114

Name of crew member:

Cooksey, Vernon Edward

Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

3770513

Position: Crew (Bomber)

~~Radio Operator~~

Radio Operator

Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where?

HE WAS LAST MAN IN SHIP SO NONE OF US KNOW WHAT

If not, why not? HAPPENED TO HIM.

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

HE WAS O.K. WHEN THE BAIL OUT SIGNAL WAS GIVEN

Was he injured?

Where was he when last seen? IN RADIO ROOM

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER HE BAILED OUT OR NOT BECAUSE NONE OF US EVER SAW HIM AGAIN. ~~HE WAS~~ WAS UNABLE TO SEE VERY WELL BECAUSE WE BAILED OUT IN THE CLOUDS.

HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT, THE PLANE WAS FLYING LEVEL AT THE TIME.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: <sup>①</sup> (UNKNOWN), <sup>②</sup> BETZDORF, <sup>③</sup> MINDEN, <sup>④</sup> BREMMEN, <sup>⑤</sup> BOLLIN OIL REFINERY NEAR LEIPSEIG. MARCH 17, 1945

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TUMLIN, LAMAR Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 14153430
2. Organization GROUP 384<sup>TH</sup> SQDN 545<sup>TH</sup> Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 17 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, ROLLIN OIL REFINERY, target time, ABOUT 1200, altitude, 26,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? ON THE BOMB RUN
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES EXCEPT FOR ONE AND I DONT KNOW ABOUT HIM.
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". LT. SCHAUER, F/O MCKAY SGT. TUMLIN, SGT. FRANKEL, P. LT. GALLOP WENT OUT THE FRONT ESCAPE HATCH. SGT. CONDON, SGT. SHAFER, SGT. STEWART WENT OUT THE WAIST DOOR. [SGT. COOKSEY WAS THE LAST MAN IN THE SHIP, AND IS UNKNOWN WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.]
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR THE SAME VILLIAGE WE LANDED IN. (VILLIAGE NEAR OSCHATZ)
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER SGT. COOKSEY WAS IN IT OR NOT, NONE OF US GOT THE CHANCE TO CHECK.
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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 12 13114

Name of crew member: M c K a y, Van Robert  
Rank: F/O.  
Serial number: T-6736  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Flight Engineer~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF LEIPZIG.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I SAW F/O

MCKAY JUST BEFORE I BAILED OUT.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AT CAMP LUCKY STRIKE WAITING FOR SHIP FOR HOME

Any hearsay information: F/O VAN R. MCKAY IS ALIVE AND RESIDING

AT 1139 WOOSTER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE LAST MISSION WAS

BOHLAN, GERMANY MARCH 17, 1945

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 13114

Name of crew member: Cooksey, Vernon Edward  
 Rank: Sgt.  
 Serial number: 37702543  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? NO KNOWLEDGE

If not, why not? NO KNOWLEDGE

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST HEARD SGT. COOKSEY SENDING OUT OUR POSITION PRIOR TO BAILOUT ORDER.

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? RADIO COMPARTMENT

Any hearsay information: [BELIEVED TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH PLANE AND WAS KILLED IN CRASH.]

Source: [GERMAN MAJOR, INTERROGATION OFFICER] *stated when*

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: [THE GERMAN INTERROGATION OFFICER SAID THAT SGT. COOKSEY WAS KILLED WHEN THE PLANE CRASHED. HE SUBMITTED HIS DOGTAGS AS PROOF.]

Total number of missions of above crew member: 5

Dates and destinations if possible: LAST MISSION WAS BOHLAN, GERMANY MARCH 17, 1945

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FRANKEL, DANIEL Rank S/SGT Serial No. 12178081
2. Organization 384<sup>BM</sup> GP. Gp Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO NICKLES Rank CAPTAIN  
595<sup>BM</sup> SQD. (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 17 did you go down?  
 (5<sup>TH</sup> Mission)
4. What was the mission, ROUTINE COMBAT target, BOHLAN, GERMANY target  
 time, APPROX. 1245, altitude, 26,000 FT. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? A FEW MINUTES BEFORE REACHING 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 (Pilot) give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. WILLIAM SCHWIER,  
NOSE HATCH - 2<sup>ND</sup> LT. WILLIAM GARDNER - NOSE HATCH - SGT. LAMAR TURNER - NOSE HATCH  
SGT. FRANCIS CONDON (WING GUNNER) NO KNOWLEDGE - SGT. CLAUDE G. SHAFFER (LOWER  
BALL) NO KNOWLEDGE - SGT. KENNETH STEWART (TAIL GUNNER) NO KNOWLEDGE -  
SGT. VERNON E. COCKSEY (RADIO OPERATOR) NO KNOWLEDGE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF LEIPZIG.  
BELEIVED TO BE IN VICINITY OF OSCHATZ, GERMANY.
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 THAT I KNOW OF.
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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)

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FORMER CREW MEMBER CASUALTY INFORMATION

Name rank and ASN of Casualty Sgt VERNON E Cooksey

Name rank and ASN of POW CANDON, FRANCIS R

Crew position of Casualty R O M, GUNNER

Unit 545 Bomb Sqd 384 Bomb Grp

Date last seen 17 MARCH 45

Place last seen NEAR OSCHATZ GERMANY

Circumstances surrounding loss of aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
FLACK ENGINE TROUBLE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

KNOWN INFORMATION:  
(Eyewitness)

None

HERESAY INFORMATION WITH ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:

Pilot and Toppler - Both understand GERMAN. And said they overheard our CAPTORS SAY that they had shot one MAN when he tried to ESCAPE.

(Signed) Francis Randon / 12137626  
Name Rank ASN

File 37



HEADQUARTERS

HAAF

Hobbs, N. M.

13114

SUBJECT: Interrogation of Former Prisoners of War

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.  
Attn: Personal Affairs Branch, Room 4315 Munitions Building.

1. In compliance with your TWX AFPPS 3909, 28 Sept 45, the following information is submitted:

- a. Name of casualty Sgt. Vernon E. Cooksey
- b. Rank Sgt. c. Crew position Radio Operator
- d. Date last seen Mar. 17, 45 Place last seen Oschatz, Germany
- f. Circumstances of loss of aircraft crew bailed out

g. Known information (eye witness only)

Man last seen as he bailed out of plane. Did not show up when crew picked up. No Positive knowledge of death.

h. Hearsay information (all other information about above named casualty, with estimate of reliability)

(Note: Reverse side may be used if more space is needed in giving any information requested above.)

*William C Schauer*

Lt. WILLIAM C. SCHAUER  
Rank and name of reporter

O-662095  
ASN

384th Bomb. Group  
Unit 545th Bomb. Squadron

cc: CG, AFTRC  
cc: Sub Command Hq.

Encl #1, TC Ltr 39-18, 23 Oct 45

1st Lt. William C. Schauer

Mrs. Dorothy D. Schauer, (wife)  
612 North Lea Street,  
Roswell, New Mexico.

2nd Lt. Willie H. Gallop III ✓

Mrs. Mary E. Gallop, (mother)  
4131 S Norton Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California

P/O Van R. McKay

Mr. Claude R. McKay, (father)  
1139 Webster Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Sgt. David Frankel ✓

Mrs. Leatrice Frankel, (mother)  
239 E Kingsbridge Road,  
New York, New York.

Sgt. Vernon E. Cooksey

Mrs. Lydia J. Cooksey, (mother)  
Grainfield, Kansas.

Sgt. Lear Twalin ✓

Mr. John H. Twalin, (father)  
Route #1,  
Dorran, Georgia.

Sgt. Claude O. Shaffer ✓

Mrs. Ethel M. Shaffer, (mother)  
Route 7, Box 637,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sgt. Kenneth J. Stewart ✓

Mrs. Charlotte I. Stewart, (mother)  
1733 N Lafayette,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sgt. Francis Raymond Condon ✓

Mr. Charles H. Condon, (father)  
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Hudson Falls, New York.