

384TH BOMB GROUP
544TH BOMB SQUADRON

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DATE 1943-06-25
8TH AF MISSION 67
384TH BG MISSION 2
CRASH LOCATION near Oldenburg, Ger.
B-17F AIRCRAFT SERIAL # 42-30143

| Position | Rank and Name | Condition |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Pilot | 2 nd Lt George W Riches | KIA |
| Co-Pilot | 2 nd Lt Rrichard J McCray | KIA |
| Navigator | 2 nd Lt Donald J Irwin | POW |
| Bombardier | 2 nd Lt Joseph Derer | POW |
| Radio Operator | T/Sgt Freeman S Penney | POW |
| Engineer/Top Turret Gunner | T/Sgt Bernard H Anderson | POW |
| Ball Turret Gunner | S/Sgt Guy E Smith | POW |
| Tail Gunner | S/Sgt Stanley S Martin | KIA |
| Right Waist Gunner | S/Sgt William T Waller | KIA |
| Left Waist Gunner | S/Sgt Ralph E LaVoie | POW |

POW - Prisoner Of War; KIA - Killed In Action

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

INSTRUCTIONS: 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: _____ Command or Air Force _____
 GROUP 384th Bomb GP ; SQUADRON 54th Bomb Sq
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course _____
 Intended Destination Hamburg, Germany; Type of Mission _____
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR LAST REPORTED: _____
4. DATE: (a) Date 25 June 43; Time _____; And location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft _____
 (b) Specify whether () last sighted; () last contacted by radio; () forced down; () seen to crash; or () information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT AS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () enemy aircraft; () enemy anti-aircraft; () other circumstances as follows: The target for this day was a choice one. The industrial area.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. _____
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____ (b) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and Serial Number)
 (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
 (e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW ARE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 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 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

| Crew Position | Name in Full (Last Name First) | Grade | Serial Number | Status |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|
| 1. Pilot | Riches, G.W. | Lt | 2110 | |
| 2. Co-Pilot | McGray, R.J. | Lt | | |
| 3. Navigator | Irwin, D.J. | Lt | | |
| 4. Bombardier | Deper, Joseph | Lt | | |
| 5. Radio Oper. | Penny, F.S. | T/Sgt | | |
| 6. Engineer | Anderson, B.H. | T/Sgt | | |
| 7. Ball Turret Gunner | Smith, G.E. | S/Sgt | | |
| 8. Right Waist Gunner | Maller, M.T. | S/Sgt | | |
| 9. Left Waist Gunner | Lavoie, R.E. | S/Sgt | | |
| 10. Tail Gunner | Martin, S.S. | S/Sgt | | |

11. SIGNATURE OF COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT OR OTHER AUTHORITY REPORTING LOSS OF AIRCRAFT: _____
 A. SIGNATURE AND CHECK _____ B. SIGNATURE AND CHECK _____

WD, HQ AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

| Name in Full (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Contacted by Radio | Last Started | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
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Date of Report _____

(Signature of Reporting Officer)

REMARKS: • and submarine ships at Hamburg, Germany.

Skip 143 (Yankee Powerhouse)

A V 177/43

27 Nov 16 878

Place of crash: near Oldenburg
Date: 25 June 1943
Type of A/C: Boeing

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| <i>Ensl</i> IRWIN, Donald ✓ | 2/Lt. | born 13 Nov 1917 | 0-736862 | Captured |
| <i>Ensl</i> ANDERSON, Bernard H. ✓ | T/Sgt | born 1 Oct 1920 | 31092217 | Captured |
| <i>Ensl</i> DERER, Joseph ✓ | 2/Lt. | born 7 Dec 1920 | 0-731364 | Captured |
| <i>Rmc</i> LaVOIE, Ralph E. ✓ | S/Sgt. | born 20 Apr 1921 | 11098344 | Captured |
| <i>Ensl</i> ^{PENNEY} PENNY, Freeman 3. ✓ | T/Sgt. | born 28 June 1923 | 16125337 | Captured |
| <i>Ensl</i> SMITH, Guy Edwin ✓ | S/Sgt. | born 1 Mar 1921 | 35483124 | Captured |
| *****MARTIN, Stanley S. ✓ | S/Sgt. | | 39832711 | DEAD |
| *****McCRAV, Richard <i>capt.</i> ✓ | 2/Lt. | | 0-742514 | DEAD |
| <i>Neu.</i> RICHES, George W. ✓ | 2/Lt. | | 0-733727 | DEAD |
| T-3-73 <u>WALLER, William T.</u> ✓ | <u>S/Sgt</u> | | <u>14074156</u> | DEAD |

The dead were buried on 30 June in the New Cemetery at Oldenburg.

(*****Believed to be unknowns X-1253 and X-1259.)