

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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Classification changed  
to **RESTRICTED** 2530  
by E. BRADUNAS, Col., AC  
By THOMAS, Lt. AC  
Date **MAR 15 1945**

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MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th; Squadron 546th; Detachment
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Frankfurt, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Broken Clouds 6-7/10 Cover
- GIVE: (a) Date 11 Feb 45 Time 1240; and Location 20 Mi W. of Frankfurt  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G A.A.F. Serial Number 42-40005
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW 155  
(b) SW 488; (c) SW 471; (d) SW 498
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; 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	
1. Pilot	<u>Moore, Clifford Orville</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-797580</u>	<u>P/W RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Wise, Joseph William</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-683624</u>	<u>RTD RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Schmalried, George Frederick</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-809735</u>	<u>RTD RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>Kennay, Paul E. (IO)</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-676227</u>	<u>P/W RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Puckett, Noah Lee</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>14158014</u>	<u>P/W RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Traynor, James Patrick</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>18117332</u>	<u>P/W RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Brown, Jack M.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>18127856</u>	<u>P/W RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Humble, Joe Thomas</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>18194624</u>	<u>RTD RTD</u>
9. Right Flexible Gun	<u>Lee, Donald Robert</u>	<u>Cpl.</u>	<u>11090631</u>	<u>KIA</u>
10. Left Flexible Gun	<u>Wells, Richard L.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>37296069</u>	<u>RTD RTD</u>

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 by	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Radio	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Markov, Henry Victor</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-799421</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
2. <u>Misiewicz, Joseph Raymond</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32478728</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		

- 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
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 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 12 February 1945

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

Incl 1

Incl 11

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Army Air Force - Attention

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LEE Donald Robert**

2530

Rank: **Cpl.**

Serial number: **11090631**

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Right flexible gun**

Did he bail out? no

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? We crash landed - also he died before.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 2

asked if he was alright and he said yes.

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? In what compartment.

Any heresey information: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

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

lack of oxygen, or he was hit by  
stray bullet from anti-aircraft gun.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12th (unconfirmed)

Dates and destinations if possible: February 11, 1944

Mission - Frankfurt, on the main

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: LEE Donald Robert 2530
Rank: Cpl.
Serial number: 11090631
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Right flexible Gun~~ Right flexible Gun

Did he bail out? No

Where? -----

If not, why not? Lee was unconscious or dead.

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

No direct contact was made by me with Lee.

Was he injured? -----

Where was he when last seen? In radio compartment.

any heresy information; Word was received over the interphone that Lee was unconscious from lack of oxygen. The bombardier upon investigation, tried to revive him with emergency oxygen, but did not succeed. An hour or so later when we were forced to crash land our plane he was reported to still be out and that he had the appearance of being blue. As plane was burning badly it was decided that it was foolish to attempt to remove Lee from the plane as crew members who were near him stated he was already dead.

Source: Navigator and ball turret--Lt. Schmalzried and sgt. Brown.

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

Presumably Lee was in plane and that plane was consumed by fire.

Total number of missions of above crew members: Not known

Dates and destinations if possible; Not known

By: Joseph W. Wise
Frankfort, Ky.
R.R. #1

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

2530

1. Your name Joseph W. Wise Rank 1st Lt (Inactive) Serial No. O-683624
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Stallings Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Strategic Bomb, target, Frankfurt, Germany  
time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, \_\_\_\_\_ route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
APPR. 1300, route flown Zider 200
5. Where were you when you left formation? 5 minutes 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". Ship WAS  
Crash Landed
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? South of Mons, Belgium
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 members were in ship.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot, Copilot - position other set for crash.
12. What was their condition? one man dead - 3 injured -
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Lt. George Schmalzried (navigator) were in ESCAPEE's  
Together until last month we met later in London. Have  
kept up correspondence with him.
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)

(over)

Lt. George Schmalzried & myself were -  
Flying with a New crew that Day & so I remember  
none of the crews Names, other <sup>than</sup> the Pilot & Gunner.

The Pilots Name was Lt. Moore. The gunners  
Name was Sgt. Lee. I do not know their First  
Names. Lt. Moore, I believe, was captured & later  
freed. Sgt. Lee was dead when we landed from  
lack of oxygen. I signed a certificate to that  
effect in England at my base. I was flying  
co-pilot & to the best of my knowledge Lee  
was dead. However my only reason for believing such  
was from what members of the crew told me  
over interphone before our landing. A copy of the  
certificate may be had upon request.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE Donald Robert 2530  
Rank: Cpl.  
Serial number: 11090631  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Right flexible Gun

Did he bail out? No

Where? crash landed

If not, why not? above

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

Just before going on I.P.

Was he injured? killed in action

bomber

Where was he when last seen? dead in burning/after crash landing

Any heresy information: none

Source: none

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

Cpl. Lee collapsed from his gun position, (while enroute to Eng. returning from bombing mission in Germany). He was apparently suffering from anoxia, and he never regained consciousness, despite prolonged efforts to revive him.

Total number of missions of above crew member: thirteen

Dates and destinations if possible; not available

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

AAF

1. Your name Brown, Jack M. Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 18127856  
384th 546th Bomb.
2. Organization Bomb. Gp Commander Dale Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Harris Rank Maj.  
 (Full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb. day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Frankfort, target, \_\_\_\_\_, target  
 time, 12:04 PM, altitude, 27M (rtn. @16M) route scheduled, see back  
of page, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Approx. 1 hr. from target on rtn. trip  
Southern route out.
6. Did you bail out? No- crash landed
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No -all crashed in ship
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". see (7.) above
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx 60 km SW of Lille, France.
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? All in position except myself, nav., Bombadier,  
and L. Waist Gunner, who were in radio comp't! t
12. What was their condition? for crash landing, as ordered, just prior to striking ground.  
Cpl. Lee (dead) & Sgt. Puckett (wounded) lying on
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-  
 cribed above? floor in waist window see.-I, too was wounded. ~~was not mortally~~  
After crashing, 4 of the survivors evaded capture - the  
remainder being taken prisoner by the Germans.
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) a-1.



Route flown-as requested - (4) ----

Orders - Northern route : Belgium - North Sea - Denmark - Germany,  
Hanover Section down to Frankfort --going out Southern route.

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE Donald Robert 2530  
 Rank: Cpl.  
 Serial number: 11090631  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Right flexible Gun

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? NO ONE DID - WE CRASH LANDED

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

OXYGEN REPORT APPROX. TARGET TIME

Was he injured? UNCONSCIOUS FROM LACK OF OXYGEN

Where was he when last seen? IN AIRCRAFT

Any hearsay information: THE GERMAN INTERAGATORS

TOLD ONE OF MY CREW MEMBERS

THAT HIS BODY HAD NOT BEEN BURNED

Source: JACK M. BROWN - BALL TURRET GUNNER

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

ONSCIOUS - I ATTEMPTED TO MAKE HIM

CONSCIOUS BY ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION - PUT

HIM ON PORTABLE OXYGEN BOTTLE. HE CON-

TINUED TO GET DARKER AND STIFF. I COULD FIND

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible; ELEVEN WITH PILOT

OF MY CREW - ONE WITH OTHER

CREW.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name NOAH L. PUCKETT Rank T/SGT Serial No. 19158014
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO HARRIS Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month FEB day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, FRANKFURT, target  
time, APPROX. 11:45 AM, altitude, 25,500 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? APPROX. 15 MINUTES 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". \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR CAMBRA FRANCE
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 MEMBERS
11. Where were they in aircraft? RADIO ROOM - PILOTS COMP.
12. What was their condition? BELIEVE ALL WOUNDED SLIGHTLY
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)

The co-pilot and myself  
remained in France with the  
underground for a period of 7 mos.

During July or Aug of 1945 I saw  
the pilot of the crew, who informed  
me that all crew members were  
in the U.S. at the time of our  
meeting.

Geo F Schunaberger  
1st Lt A.C.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: LEE Donald Robert 2530  
Rank: Cpl.  
Serial number: 11090631  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Right flexible gun

Did he bail out? No

Where? Capell, France

If not, why not? Crashed landed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: About 40 Min. Before we Crashed landed

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? He Was Laying In Waist Of Plane (Dead)

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

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: To My Knowledge He Was Hit Over Target By flak, Also Our Oxygen System forced us out of formation. His mask was fraze to his face and I think He Died Of lack of Oxygen

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: Do Not Have Dates - Frankfurt (2)  
Brunswick (2) Emden (1) Bremer (2) Ludwigshaven (1)  
Pas De Calais (2) Airfield France (1)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TRAYNOR, James P. Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 18A7332
2. Organization 384<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander Smith Col. Rank Col Sqd CO HARRIS Rank Maj  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Feb day 11 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, GERMANY, target, FRANKFURT, target time, 13:30, altitude, 27,500 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Frankfurt
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".  
All crew members were in aircraft when we crashed banded
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Capell, France
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 in Radio Room Except Pilot & Co-pilot
12. What was their condition? Fair
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Pilot - Sgt. C. O. Moore, & Bomb. Sgt. P. E. Kennedy both in P.O.W. Camp March 1945 All in Good shape. Saw Radio Operator Dec. 1944 who had been shot up pretty bad and was not getting along too well.
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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HEADQUARTERS  
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
P/W and X Detachment  
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

George F SCHMALZCIED, 2d Lt, 0-809735

6 September 1944

(Name) (Rank) ASN

(Date)

384 Bomb Group

(Unit)

E&E 1571  
(IS 9(WBA)6/413/1527)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-797580	2d Lt	Clifford MOORE	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-683624	2d Lt	Joseph W WISE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	0-809735	2d Lt	George F SCHMALZCIED	RTD
BOMBARDIER	0-676227	2d Lt	Paul E KENNEY	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	14158014	S/Sgt	Noah PUCKETT	MIA
TOP TURRET GUNNER	18117532	S/Sgt	James TRAYNOR	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER	18194624	Sgt	Joe T HUMBLE	RTD
WAIST GUNNER	11090631	Cpl	Donald LEE	KIA
WAIST GUNNER	18127856	Sgt	Jack BROWN	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	37296069	Sgt	Richard L WELLS	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

11 Feb 1944 - 1335 hours - 15 miles SW of Mons, Belgium

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

We crashed landed, plane was burning in bomb bays and also number two engine, oxygen bottles might also have been burning.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Crash landed

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Ball turret man, radio operator, bombardier and navigator were slightly injured -

Left Waist gunner was dead from Anoxia.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Not given

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

All except left waist gunner was alive and we all scattered immediately.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Not given

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Not given

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

All escaped except dead member. Maybe radio man and bombardier waited for Germans for medical attention, but if so I think civilians arrived first.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Richard L WELLS, Sgt, 37296069

6 September 1944

(Name) (Rank) ASN  
384 Bomb Group  
(Unit)

(Date)  
EAE 1399  
(IS9(WEA)6/505/1798)

<u>NUMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-797580	2d Lt	Clifford MOORE	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-683524	2d Lt	Joseph W WISE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	0-809735	2d Lt	George F SCHMALZCIED	RTD
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TAIL GUNNER	37296069	Sgt	Richard L WELLS	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

11 Februar, 1944 - about noon - near Solesmes, France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Two engines on fire - wings curled up - bomb bay on fire - shot to hell - exploded after landing.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?  
crash landed.

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?  
Yes - the right waist gunner

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?  
None

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?  
No - approximately one minute after hitting the ground

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?  
Yes - all were alive but one

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.  
We know all but one were alive, but two were badly wounded.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?  
No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

We heard from the FFI that our pilot, navigator and engineer had been in the same town one week before us.



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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

Joe T HUMBLE, Sgt, 18194624

6 September 1944

(Name) (Rank) ASN

(Date)

384 Bomb Group

(Unit)

#E 1398  
(IS9(WEA)6/506/1799)

<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>				<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
PILOT	0-797580	2d Lt	Clifford MOOPE	P/W
CO-PILOT	0-685624	2d Lt	Joseph W WISE	RTD
NAVIGATOR	0-809735	2d Lt	George F SCHMALZGIED	RTD
BOMBARDIER	0-676227	2d Lt	Paul E KENNEY	P/W
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WAIST GUNNER	18127856	Sgt	Jack BROWN	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	37296069	Sgt	Richard L WELLS	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

11 Feb 1944 - 1300 hours - near Solesmes, France

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?  
Crash landed - plane exploded immediately after we left it

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Crash landed

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Not given

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Not given

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

All were alive except one and two were badly wounded.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

One dead and two prisoners the others alive - I saw them leave the plane.

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Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

0-683624 2d Lt Joseph W WISE	6 September 1944
(Name)	(Date)
384 Bomb Group	R&E 1279
(Unit)	

	<u>PRESENT OFFICIAL STATUS</u>
<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>	
PILOT 0-797580 2d Lt Clifford MOORE	P/W
CO-PILOT 0-683624 2d Lt Joseph W WISE	RTD
NAVIGATOR 0-809735 2d Lt George F SCHMALZGIED	RTD
BOMBARDIER 0-676227 2d Lt Paul E KENNEY	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR 14158014 S/Sgt Noah PUCKETT	MIA ✓
TOP TURRET GUNNER 18117332 S/Sgt James TRAYNOR	P/W
BALL TURRET GUNNER 18194624 Sgt Joe T HUMELE	RTD
WAIST GUNNER 11090631 Sgt Donald LEE	KIA ✓
WAIST GUNNER 18127856 Sgt Jack BROWN	P/W
TAIL GUNNER 37296069 Sgt Richard L WELLS	RTD

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

11 February 1944 - approximately 1430 hours - near the Border of France and Belgium, south of Mons, Belgium

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?

Number one and four engines out - number two engine on fire - fire in bomb bays and behind pilot's seat.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out?

Crash landed

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Three were injured, one dead from lack of oxygen

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

None

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

No

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Yes

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Only one, the navigator accompanied me, until approximately three weeks ago

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

Plane was burning when we left

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Navigator evading - a waist gunner, Sgt Lee was dead and the others evading or captured. We crash landed and the above was noted by me before I left.

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CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Auth: C.G., N.Y.P.E.  
Initials: *Qm*  
Date: OCT 10 1944

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: 9 Oct '44

NARRATOR	: <i>Joseph W. Wise</i>	SQUADRON	: <i>546</i>
ARMY SERIAL NO.	: <i>19-683634</i>	GROUP	: <i>384</i>
HOME ADDRESS	: <i>Frankfort, Ky Route 1</i>	TYPE AIRCRAFT	: <i>B-17</i>
EX-REPORT NO.	:	DATE OF MISSION	: <i>Feb 11, 44</i>

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
Pilot	LT. Clifford Moore	<i>OK</i>
Co-Pilot	LT. Joseph W. Wise	<i>OK</i>
Navigator	1st Lt. George W. Schmalzgrad	<i>OK</i>
Bombardier	1st Lt. Kahmer	<i>OK</i>
Ball Turret G.	Sgt. Broudy	<i>P/W</i>
Engineer	Sgt. Tuckett	<i>?</i>
Gunner	Sgt. Lee	<i>?</i>
?	?	<i>?</i>

KNOWN INFORMATION:  
*myself, 1st Lt. Schmalzgrad & 2 other listed men  
out, 3 men P.W.s. one man, Sgt. Lee, dead, &  
no word from two.*

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

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Feb. 11, 1944

Fortress

Traynor, James H., S/Lt. born Sept. 8, 1914  
Ident. Tag: 18 177 332  
Taken prisoner

Brown, Jack Maurice, Sgt. born Oct. 10, 1920  
Ident. Tag: 18 127 856  
Taken prisoner

✓ Lee, Donald R., Sgt.  
Ident. Tag: 11 090 631

Dead

Buried in the  
Communité Cemetery Valenciennes, France

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CASUALTY REPORT ON ALLIED AVIATORS NO. 1/44

Time covered by report: 18 February 1944  
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Regarding: Boeing Fortress II; 17-F;  
 Markings, Star with Ser. P 240005  
 On the Flight to Target, Sepurris, 9 Km south east  
 of Valenciennes.

Date and Time: 11 February 1944

Surname:	<u>Lee</u>	KIA
First Name:	<u>Donald R.</u>	
A S No.:	<u>1109051</u>	
Rank:	<u>Sgt.</u>	
Date of burial:	-----	
Location of Grave:	Cemetery of the Village St. Roch near Valenciennes Single Grave, No. 14	

Remarks: Squadron AAC

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