

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED** 2530
by E. BRADUNAS, Col., AC
By THOMAS, Lt. AC
Date **MAR 15 1944**

Date **11 Feb 44**
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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 44 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>Schmalzried, 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 | Check Only One Column | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | | | | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
| <u>Markov, Henry Victor</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-799421</u> | <u>Radio</u> | <u>x</u> | | |
| <u>Misiewicz, Joseph Raymond</u> | <u>S/Sgt.</u> | <u>32478728</u> | <u>Radio</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 1944

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

Incl 1

Incl 11'

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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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

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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 member: Net known

Dates and destinations if possible; Net 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, _____
APX. 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 Schmalzreid (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 ^{than} 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.

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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

Any 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