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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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**IMPORTANT:** 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 545th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Visibility 10 miles
- GIVE: (a) Date 24 April 1945; and Location Unknown  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not available.
- 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 Unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37885
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-65917  
(b) 43-65953; (c) 43-60583; (d) 42-78138
- 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	✓ Broyhill, Virgil Ray	2nd Lt.	0-748343
2. Co-Pilot	✓ Burns, Albert Harry	2nd Lt.	0-755632
3. Navigator	✓ Earle, Guy Harmon, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-687821 RTD
4. Nose Gunner	✓ Grauer, James Edward	S/Sgt.	36528123 RTD
5. Radio Operator	✓ Pizzi, Frank Benjamin	S/Sgt.	3260401 RTD
6. Top Turret	✓ Duncan, Sam P., Jr.	S/Sgt.	38144026 RTD
7. Ball Turret	✓ Piemonte, Guiseppe Mario	S/Sgt.	11117868 RTD
8. <del>T/Sgt.</del> Tail Gunner	x Robertson, James Roman	T/Sgt.	35276163 RTD
9. Right Waist Gunner	✓ Wilkins, John Robert	S/Sgt.	11044589 RTD
10. Left Waist Gunner	x Massengale, Arnold Lee	S/Sgt.	39458303 RTD

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
- | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank  | Serial Number | Check Only One Column |              |           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                                   |       |               | Contacted by Radio    | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
| 1. _____                          | _____ | _____         | _____                 | _____        | _____     | _____              |
| 2. _____                          | _____ | _____         | _____                 | _____        | _____     | _____              |
| 3. _____                          | _____ | _____         | _____                 | _____        | _____     | _____              |

- 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 28 April 1944

J. R. Wyatt  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
J. R. WYATT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant. Page 1 of 7

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114 Park Avenue, Apt. 7,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.  
18 June 1946.

**SUBJECT:** Casualty Information of Crew Members (AFPPA-8).  
**TO:** Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D. C.  
**ATTN:** AFPPA-8.

In reply to your letter, subject as above (no data), requesting information on Air Crew Members 2nd Lt. Albert Harry Burns, O-755632 and 2nd Lt. Virgil Ray Broyhill, O-748343, I wish to report that these men are no longer missing but were repatriated from Switzerland in March of 1945.

Virgil R. Broyhill is now out of the Army and his address is: 964 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, 10, California. The latest address that I have for Albert H. Burns is as follows: 1st Lt. Albert H. Burns, 1544 So. Milwaukee, Denver, 10, Colorado. This was the address of Lt. Burns in January of 1946.

If you care for any further information concerning these two men, I shall be glad to help in any way possible.

*Guy H. Earle Jr.*

GUY H. EARLE, JR., O-687821,  
(former) 1st Lt., A.C.

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Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces,  
Washington, 25, D. C.

ATTN: AFPPA-8.

AFPPA-12

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name DUNCAN, SAMP JR Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 38144026
2. Organization 384<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander MALE, SMI Rank COL Sqn CO \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Captain  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, AIR FIELD, target, Ober phoffenhofen, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 25,000 feet route scheduled, Thru France  
in over Stuttgart, route flown as briefed.  
to target
5. Where were you when you left formation? about two or three minutes past 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". T/SGT. J.R. Robertson,  
S/SGT. A.L. MASSENALE, S/SGT. F.B. PIZZI, S/SGT. G.M. Piemonte,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. G.H. Earle, S/SGT. Graner, and S/SGT. J.R. Wilkins. They  
all stayed with the plane until we landed in Switzerland.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Dubendorf Airfield, Zurich,  
Switzerland.
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 of the crew  
remained at their duties until time for landing,  
at this time all but myself and the pilot & co-pilot went to the  
radio room prepared for a crash landing and remained there till we
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the Radio Room at time of landing. landed.
12. What was their condition? Perfect except ~~S/SGT.~~ S/SGT. J.R. Robertson  
who was hit by flak.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? At Camp MAHOMONEY, ADEL BODEN  
I SAW ALL the crew in perfect health - a bit hungry -  
in August 1944. I saw F.B. Pizzi, G.M. Piemonte, Graner,  
J.R. Wilkins last in Wengen, Switzerland. Piemonte,  
Wilkins and Robertson escaped in September and  
November. The others remained behind when I escaped.  
I SAW LT. GUY HEARLE AT MIAMI BEACH after my return.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Major. Straeder is  
home in San Antonio. He was visited by my wife,  
mother & father.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: BURNS Albert Harry  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-755632  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: Co - Pilot

Did he bail out? NO.

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

If not, why not? He stuck to his duties until we landed.

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

When the plane stopped on a dirt field in Switz.

Was he injured? NO.

Where was he when last seen? MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

Any hearsay information: I have a Christmas card dated  
Dec. 14, 1945. The return address is 1544 S. Milway Kee St  
Denver 10, Colorado.

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

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

He has returned to the United States and  
has been discharged. I do not know the nature of  
his return.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Between 5 and 7.

Dates and destinations if possible: I have no record of our  
missions, and do not remember the destinations  
to which he accompanied the crew. Exception-  
APRIL 24, 1944 to Oberpfottenhofen, GERMANY,  
Then to Switzerland.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File/MS/ 4287

Name of crew member: BROTHILL, Virgil Ray.  
 Rank: 2nd.Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-748343  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

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

If not, why not? He stuck to his duties until we landed.

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

When the plane stopped on a dirt field in Switz.

Was he injured? No.

Where was he when last seen? MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

Any hearsay information: I have recently had correspon-  
dence from him announcing the birth of his second  
son. A fairly recent letter dated Feb. 20, 1946,  
gives his address as 964 Moorpark, San Jose, Calif.

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

Any explanat' n of his fate based in ~~part or wholly~~ on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

He has returned to the United States,  
has been discharged, and is working in California.  
He was released from internment in Feb. 1945.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11

Dates and destinations if possible: MARCH 22, 1944 - BERLIN - - other  
targets - HAMM - BRUNSWICK, HANNOVER, FRIEDRICHSHAVEN,  
(MARIENBURG, Poland), (TOURS and Cherbourg, France),  
(BRUSSELS, BELGIUM), 2<sup>nd</sup> Trip to Berlin, the dates of  
these are mostly forgotten as well as some of the missions.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WINGS Albert Harry  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-755632  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: Co - Pilot

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Did he bail out? No

Where? No

If not, why not? Because he stayed with ship trying to reach neutral territory

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

No knowledge

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? SWITZERLAND (INTERANCE)

Any hearsay information: Alive and in fair shape but looked feeble and undernourished.

Source: MINE

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 6 or 7

Dates and destinations if possible: BERLIN - MARCH 22, 1944

MARIENBERG Germany APRIL 9, 1944, BRUSSELS Belgium APRIL 10, 1944

SERAU, GERMANY, APRIL 11, 1944, Cherbourg FRANCE APRIL 20, 1944

Hamm, Germany APRIL 22, 1944, Oberpfaffenhofen Germany APRIL 24, 1944

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: SMITH, Virgil Ray.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-712919  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? Trying to reach neutral territory before crash landing.

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

No KNOWLEDGE

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? SWITZERLAND (Interned)

Any hearsay information: He is safe and in the STATES.

Information (Received letter from him.)

Source: His letter.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 11 missions

Dates and destinations if possible: BERLIN MARCH 22, 1944, Germany  
Hamm MARCH 23, 1944  
Wiesbaden MARCH 24, 1944, TOURS, FRANCE MARCH 27, 1944, BRUNSWICK Germany  
MARCH 29, 1944, MARIENSBURG Germany  
APRIL 9, 1944, BRUSSELS Germany  
APRIL 10, 1944, SERAU, Germany  
APRIL 11, 1944, Cherbourg France  
APRIL 20, 1944, HAMM, Germany  
APRIL 22, 1944, Oberpfaffenhofen Germany  
APRIL 24, 1944.