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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date 1 APR 1946 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 547th; 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 44 Time 1328; and Location Near Munich, Germany  
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 A/C was struck was struck by flak and peeled off with #2 engine afire.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97372
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-009984  
(b) SW-009769; (c) SW-009810; (d) SW-009964
- INSTALLED DEVICES (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	Haley, Ralph Bernard	2nd Lt.	0-751732
2. Co-Pilot	Bice, William L.	2nd Lt.	0-807935
3. Navigator	Patefield, Richard Arthur	F/O	T-123951
4. Bombardier	Masterson, Donald Joy	2nd Lt.	0-751664
5. Radio Operator	Lott, Tommy Page	Sgt.	17029188
6. Top Turret	Atkinson, Robert Vernon	S/Sgt.	34705188
7. Ball Turret	McLimans, Joseph Emmett	Sgt.	37468238
8. Tail Gunner	Congdon, Robert Earl	Sgt.	17143044
9. Right Waist Gun	Kelley, Luther Irwin	Sgt.	37344959
10. Left Waist Gun	Jackson, Leslie Hall	Sgt.	13105180

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Humbles, Alfred Thomas	2nd Lt.	0-753791		x		
2. _____						
3. _____						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) 6 chutes seen to emerge
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 28 April 1944

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J. R. Wyatt  
(Signature of Reporting Officer)

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



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STATEMENT BY LT. A. T. HUMBLE, PILOT A/C NO. 072, ON MISSION TO  
OBERPFAFFHOFEN, GERMANY, 24 APRIL 1944.

We were flying No. 7 Low Squadron, Lead Group. At 1328 hours,  
near MUNICH, Germany, an aircraft, believed to be A/C No. 7372, Lt.  
HALEY, No. 2, Low Squadron, High Group, was struck by flak and peeled  
off with No. 2 engine afire. Six (6) chutes were seen to emerge.

*A. T. Humble*  
A. T. HUMBLE,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Pilot A/C No. 072.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:  
Rank:  
Serial number:  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~

PATEFIELD, Richard Arthur  
F/O  
T-123951  
Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? -

If not, why not? NOT ENOUGH ALTITUDE. WOUND IN GROIN UNDER PARACHUTE STRAP.

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

CAME IN FROM 12 O'CLOCK HIGH. PATEFIELD SAID OVER INTERPHONE "HERE THEY COME AND THEY ARE NOT OURS."

Was he injured? YES.

Where was he when last seen? SEMI-CONSCIOUS LYING BESIDE WRECKAGE OF OUR PLANE.

Any hearsay information:

"YOUR BUDDY IS COMING ALONG FINE. WE GAVE HIM A BLOOD TRANSFUSION."

Source: GERMAN GUARD.

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

DIED OF LOSE OF BLOOD. HE WAS HIT IN THE MAIN ARTERY OF HIS LEFT LEG AT THE PRESSURE POINT. (WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HE LAY IN THAT FIELD BEFORE ANY ATTEMPT TO HELP HIM WAS MADE BY THE GERMANS.

Total number of missions of above crew member: FIRST MISSION

Dates and destinations if possible: APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 1944 - OBERPFAFFENHOFEN



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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name LESLIE H. JACKSON Rank S/SGT Serial No. 13105180
2. Organization 384<sup>BOMB</sup> Gp Commander DO. SMITH Rank COL. Sqn CO - Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24<sup>TH</sup> did you go down?
4. What was the mission, ONE PFaffenlofen, target, AIRBROME, target time, ?, altitude, ? route scheduled, ?  
AIRBROME, route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? ?
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". NO ONE BAILED OUT.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? SOUTHWEST OF MUNICH ABOUT 30 MILES  
THATS JUST A ROUGH GUESS.
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 ON BOARD.
11. Where were they in aircraft? WITH EXCEPTION OF PATFIELD AND MCLIMANS  
THE BALL GUNNER WHO WERE IN THE NOSE OF THE SHIP, ALL WERE IN CRASH LANDING
12. What was their condition? PATEFIELD ONLY ONE CRITICALLY WOUNDED.  
OR DITCHING POSITIONS.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL WERE OK - BUT SHAKEN UP
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)



AFPPA-11

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: PATEFIELD, Richard Arthur  
 Rank: F/O  
 Serial number: T-123951  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) on ~~mission~~ Navigator

Did he bail out? No

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

If not, why not? Plane crash landed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: About ten minutes before target (Oberpfoffenhofen, G.)

Was he injured? Yes, he received three of four fifty caliber bullets in the groin.

Where was he when last seen? He was lying on the ground near Fussen, Germany awaiting the arrival of a German doctor.

Any hearsay information: None

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: The German soldiers who captured us said he was being treated by one of their doctors.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1st mission

Dates and destinations if possible: April 24, 1944 Oberpfoffenhofen, G.



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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Ralph B. Haley Rank 2 Lt. Serial No. O-751732
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Frink Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, Oberpfaffenhofen, G., target time, About 3 P. M., altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? About ten minutes before target near Munich.
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".  
Plane crash landed. All crew members except Navigator uninjured.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Fussen, Germany About three miles from the village.
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 crew members.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Bombardier & Navigator on catwalk. Others in radio room.
12. What was their condition? O.K.
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)



AV 931/44

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN

24 April 1944 - 14.30

CASUALTY NO. KU 1616

PLACE OF CRASH

Fresen - Allgeon

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TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Headquarters Army Air Field Kaufbeuren

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D		PLACE OF INTERNMENT
			WOUNDED	DEAD	
NICE, William Leslie	2nd/Ltn.	0-807935	Captured		Dulag Luft
MASTERSON, Donald Joy	2nd/Ltn.	0-751664	Captured		Dulag Luft
HALKY, Ralph Bernard	2nd/Ltn.	0-751732	Captured		Dulag Luft
ATKINSON, Robert Vernon 14 May 1924 - Decatur, Ala.	T/Sgt.	34705182	Captured		Dulag Luft
LOTT, Tommy Page 11 June 1918	T/Sgt.	17029188	Captured		Dulag Luft
CONDON, Robert Earl	S/Sgt.	17143044	Captured		Dulag Luft
MC LIMANS, Joseph E. 19 June 1920	S/Sgt.	37468238	Captured		Dulag Luft
JACKSON, Leslie Hall	S/Sgt.	13105180	Captured		Dulag Luft
KELLEY, Luther Irvin	S/Sgt.	37344959	Captured		Dulag Luft
PATEFIELD, Richard	2nd/Ltn.	0-123951	Wounded	*	Hospital

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 11 June 1944 - We.



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24 April 1944. 1430

1 km. NE. of Pussen/Allgäu

Type: Fortress

547 HB Squad.

384 Group

Target: Airfield

Command Kampbeuren

3 May

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2nd.Lt. PATEFIELD Richard  
Hosp. Pussen

0-123951 DIW

*Eno* 2nd.Lt. MASTERSOW Donald Joy 0-751664 capt.

*Eno* 2nd.Lt. HALEY Ralph Bernard 0-751732 capt.

*Eno* 2nd.Lt. RICE William Leslie 0-807935 capt.

*Eno* T/Sgt. LOTT Tony Page 17029138 capt.

*Eno* T/Sgt. ATKINSON Robert Vernon 34705188 capt.

*Eno* S/Sgt. MC.LIMANS Joseph E. 37468238 capt.

*Eno* S/Sgt. JACKSON Leslie Hall 13105180 capt.

*Eno* S/Sgt. KELLEY Luther Irwin 37344959 capt.

*Eno* S/Sgt. CONGDON Robert Earl 17143044 capt.

*Crew accounted for  
51 DOW  
9 crew  
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Garrison Hospital II Fussen  
Pfronten - Nied / Bavaria  
Detachment St. Vincens

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Release

Request Report for Any Information Pursue

Report date between 14th and 20th May 1944

Consecutive No. 2424

*T123951*

Nationality : USA

Rank : 2nd Lt.

Name and first name : Patefield, Richard

*DOW AC*

Place and time of birth : Essington, Wisc. on 4th August 1924

Injury : Wounded during air fight. Shots thru both shanks, right vicinity of groin together with effusion of blood, concussion of brain.

Time of death : 16th May 1944

Next of kin : William Patefield, 516 N 52 St., Milwaukee, Wisc.

Place and time of interment : At the local cemetery of Pfronten - Berg / Alze on 16th May 1944

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*24 apr 44 MIA  
16 May 44 DOW*



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General K. J. Gross  
President

St. Valentin, Upper Bavaria June 6, 1944

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Berlin

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To:  
International Red Cross

Geneva / Switzerland

Subject: Report on a dead American citizen

By Garrison Hospital II Plassen Pfaffen - Ried the following report was given:

An American prisoner of the Air Force was transferred on 24th April 1944 to the Garrison Hospital II Plassen, Detachment St. Vincens Pfaffen - Ried

Name and first name:	<u>Patefield, Richard</u> DOW
Rank:	2nd Lt.
Time of birth:	4th August 1924
ID:	<sup>7</sup> <del>12395</del> T 43 - 43 0 P
Next of kin:	William Patefield, shipbuilder, 516 N 12 St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Kind of injury:	Concussion of brain. Shots thru both shanks and thru the right groin. Effusion of blood in the vicinity of the right groin.
Additional report:	Died on 16th May 1944 about 1530 in consequence of heavy loss of blood out of the Vena femoralis and followed by embolism.

See KU-1616

With the expression of highest esteem,

Chief of the Foreign Service Office

1 copy forwarded to West



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HEADQUARTERS OF ARMY AIRBASE  
A (9) 14/VII

Haufboom, 26 April 1944

**Subject:** List of private property taken from the  
Prisoner of War Lieut. William, Rice

**Identification Card:**

Missing

**Type of Aircraft:**

Boeing Fortress B - 17 - G, 45 B O

Emergency landing; 1 Km north of Fussen  
on 26 April 1944 at 14,30 O'clock

Items:

- 1 Rubber Bag
- 1 Map
- 1 Pocket Knife
- 1 Lighter
- 1 Sewing Kit
- 1 Saw
- 2 Packs with Tablets
- 1 Slip from Memo-Book

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ARMY AIRBASE HEADQUARTERS  
A (O) 14/VII

Date: 26 April 1944

PLACE: Amfboeren

List of articles taken from P.O.N. Sgt. Jackson Leslie H.

- 1. Serial No. 15105180 T 43-43
- 1. Identification tag: Leslie H. Jackson  
15105180 T 43-EM 43
- 1. Closed bag
- 1. Rubber bag
- 1. Pocket Knife
- 2. Packets with tablets

Sighting: Emergency landing of a Fortress B 17 G 45 B0Date: 24 April 1944 14,50 O'clockLocation: 1Km North of Poensen



## Report Concerning Captured Aircraft

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 14/VII

Place: Kaufbeuren

Time: 26 Apr 1944

Time of Crash: On 24 Apr 44, at 1430 hours according to witnesses statement

Place of Crash: 1 km north of Fussen/Allgau (FB 8)  
and fighter

Kind of Capture: By flak, according to POW statement. Navigator was  
forced to land

Aircraft type: Boeing Fortress B 17 G 45 B0

Serial No. 297 372

Condition of the aircraft: On its head landed, therefore the turret bent.  
Propeller bent. 15% destruction.

Crew: 10 men, 1 of them wounded, 9 captured and were sent to  
Oberursel.

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1. At 1430 hours, Fussen/Allg. FB 8, Boeing 17 G, emergency landing,  
15% destruction, 10 men captured. Serial No. 297372

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## Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 14/VII

Place: Kaufbeuren

Time: 26 Apr 44

Subject: Emergency landing of a Boeing Fortress B 17 G 45-BO  
(4 engine bomber), 1 km north of Fussen/Allg. (FB 8)  
on 24 Apr 44, at 1430 hours

Name: Haley, Ralph B., O 751 732  
Masterson, Donald J., O 751664  
Gongdon (Gonedon) Robert Earl, 17143044  
Kelley, Ludwig, 37344959  
Jackson, Leslie H., 13105180  
McLimans, Josef E., 37468238  
Atkinson, Robert, 34705188  
Lott, Tominy P., 17029188  
William Leslie, no serial No.

Disposition: Captured

Place and Time of Capture: At the aircraft at 1435 hours

Name: Patefield, Richard, 123951

Disposition: Wounded

Place and Time of Capture: At the aircraft, at 1435 hours

Name of Hospital: Res. Hosp. II Fussen, Teillaz. St. Vinzenz, Pfronten-Ried.

KU 1618



Subject: Downing of a B 17 F on 29 Apr 44, at 1515 hours in Beekbergen,  
2 km east of the channel

At the above mentioned place of crash were found inventory of effects  
as follows:

1. leather strip (from a leather jacket, which was found) with the  
name Truskowski, A. J.
- 1 carton hangers with the name Sgt Lee Crew
- 1 luggage hanger with the name Sgt Reeves J. W.

KU 1616



## Identification Tags

Donald J. Masterson, O 751664 (2) and certificate of inventory of effects

Robert E. Congdon, 17143044 and certificate of inventory of effects

Ralph B. Haley, O 751732

Robert V. Atkinson, 34705188 and certificate of inventory of effects

Luther I. Kelley, 37344959

Tommy P. Lott, 17029188

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