

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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by E. B. ... Lt. Col., AC
by P. M. MURKIN, Capt., AC
Date 10 FEB 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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PERMANENT: 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 54th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: POINT of departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Berlin, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 Cumulus, tops 10-12000 feet
- GIVE: (a) Date 7 May 44 Time 1020; and Location 52°32'N 10°44'E
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 Believed to have been hit by flak. Was last seen to peel off in a sharp glide to left with A/C still under control.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31235 X
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-001474
(b) SW-001564; (c) SW-919; (d) SW-937
- 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	Pilot <u>Goller, Theodore (MMT) Jr.</u>	1st Lt.	0-801946	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Martin, Gregory Leon</u>	2nd Lt.	0-818719	RTD
3. Navigator	<u>Cittandini, Joseph Lloyd George</u>	1st Lt.	0-802104	RTD
4. Bombardier	<u>Grilli, Eugene Philip</u>	E/O	T-1672	RTD
5. Radio Operator	<u>Bier, Irvin Louis</u>	T/Sgt.	33294664	RTD
6. Top Turret	<u>Reed, Clarence Eugene</u>	T/Sgt.	33305349	RTD
7. Ball Turret	<u>Wearne, Walter Eugene</u>	S/Sgt.	17165106	RTD
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Walton, Horace Murphy</u>	T/Sgt.	38413085	RTD
9. Right Flexible Gun	<u>Way, Arthur Harold</u>	S/Sgt.	16087832	RTD
10. Left Flexible Gun	<u>Howell, Roy Foster</u>	S/Sgt.	15337966	RTD

11. 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 (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Seen	Checked	Only One Column
			Radio	Sighted	Crashed	Missing
1. <u>Bennett, Phillip Nathan, Jr.</u>	1st Lt.	0-803757	X			
2. _____						
3. _____						

12. 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

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. 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 10 May 1944

Incl 1

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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STATEMENT BY LT. P.F. BENNETT, JR. PILOT A/C 208 on MISSION BERLIN
GERMANY, 7 MAY, 1944.

AT 1020 HOURS, A/C 235 LT. GOLLER, PILOT, WAS OBSERVED STARTING TO
STRAGGLE WITH NO. 2 ENGINE FEATHERED. ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATER HE
WAS OBSERVED TO FEATHER #4 ENGINE, PEELED OFF IN SHARP GLIDE TO LEFT
WITH A/C STILL UNDER CONTROL. THIS WAS SHORTLY AFTER FLAK WAS WAS
REPORTED BUT THE A/C WAS NOT SEEN TO BE HIT.

B. N. Bennett
B. N. BENNETT,
1st Lt. AC,
Pilot, A/C No. 209.

Incl 2

✓ First Lieutenant Theodore Goller, Jr.	Mrs. Lena M. Goller, (Wife) Route 1, Ruffin, South Carolina.
✓ Second Lieutenant Gregory L. Martin	Mrs. Anna L. Martin, (Mother) 3545 Jordan Road, Oakland, California.
✓ First Lieutenant Joseph L. Cittadini	Mrs. Florence S. Cittadini, (Wife) 9308 202nd Street, New York, New York.
✓ Flight Officer Eugene P. Grilli	Mrs. Loretta D. Grilli, (Wife) 409 Winton Road North, Rochester, New York.
✓ Technical Sergeant Irvin L. Bier	Mrs. Mildred L. Bier, (Wife) 402 ¹ / ₂ Lowell Street, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.
✓ Technical Sergeant Clarence E. Reed	Mrs. Dorothy E. Reed, (Wife) 612 Fourth Avenue, Freedom, Pennsylvania.
✓ Staff Sergeant Walter E. Wearne	Mr. Dewey B. Wearne, (Father) Bloomfield, Nebraska.
✓ Technical Sergeant Horace M. Walten	Mrs. Helen Lee Walton, (Wife) 209 East Milan, Mexico, Texas.
✓ Staff Sergeant Arthur H. Way	Mrs. Carinne M. Way, (Mother) Cornell, Michigan.
✓ Staff Sergeant Roy F. Howell	Mrs. Virginia L. Howell, (Mother) War, West Virginia.

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7. May. 1944. 1130

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Village JAIS

Type: Fortress 231235

544 AB Squadr.

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Airfield

Grafton Underwood

Target Airfield

Command Oldenburg

17. May.

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F/O	GRILLI	Eugene Philip T-1672	capt
2nd.Lt.	MARTIN	Gregory Leon O-818719	capt
1st.Lt.	COLIER	Theodore Jr O-801946	capt.
1st.Lt.	CITTADINI	Joseph Lloyd George O-809104	capt
T/Sgt.	BIER	Irvin Lewis 33294664	capt
S/Sgt.	WAY	Arthur Harold 16087832	capt
T/Sgt.	WALTON	Horace Murphy 38413085	capt
S/Sgt.	WEARNE	Walter Eugene 17165106	capt
T/Sgt.	NEED	Clarence Eugene 33305349	capt
S/Sgt.	HOWELL	Roy Foster 15337966	capt

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 7 May 1944 - Time 11.30 CASUALTY NO. HU 1742
 PLACE OF CRASH: Snodereschwitzung
 TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: F-4U Corsair
 REPORTING OFFICER: Headquarters Army Air Field Oldenburg

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D FOUNDED HEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
COLLER, Theodore Jr,	1st/Ltn.	O-801946	Captured	Dalag Luft
GRILLI, Eugene Philip	P/O	T 1672	Captured	Dalag Luft
MARTIN, Gregory Leon	2nd/Ltn.	O-818719	Captured	Dalag Luft
CITTADINI, Joseph Lloyd George	1st/Ltn.	O-809104	Captured	Dalag Luft
KEND, Clarence Eugene	T/Sgt.	33305349	Captured	Dalag Luft
BIER, Irvin Lewis	T/Sgt.	33294664	Captured	Dalag Luft
WALTON, Herace Murphy	T/Sgt.	38413085	Captured	Dalag Luft
WAY, Arthur Harold 16 October 1921 - Cornell, Mich.	S/Sgt.	16087832	Captured	Dalag Luft
WEARNS, Walter Eugene	S/Sgt.	17165106	Captured	Dalag Luft
Bowling Number HU 1742 DOWELL, Ray Foster	1st. S/Sgt.	Follow up Report from 6 June 1944 15337966	Captured	Dalag Luft

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REMARKS:

Dalag Luft, 17 May 1944 / No.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF THE ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suderschwaburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 h

NAME: GRILLI

FIRST NAME: Eugene P

RANK: P/O

ASN: D - 18 72

RESULT: Captured ✓

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwaburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h

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Major,
Commanding

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Seedorfswalburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 h

NAME: **ALBR**

FIRST NAME: Irvin L

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 33294664

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Seelburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h.

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**Kochler
Major,
Commanding**

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suderschwelburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 h

NAME: MAX

FIRST NAME: Arthur B

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 16087832

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwelburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1130 h.

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**Kochler
Major,
Commanding**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Sanderschweig, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 p

NAME: WALTON

FIRST NAME: Herman W

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 38413085

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schweiburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 p

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Kochler
Major,
Commanding

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suderschwelburg, Community Ja's, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944, at 1130 h

NAME: HEARLE

FIRST NAME: H E

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 17165106

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwelburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h

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Major,
Commanding

*Capt in flight
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suderschwaidurg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 h

NAME: REEP

FIRST NAME: Clarence E

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 33305349

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwaidurg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h

Kochler
Major,
Commanding

*Capt in flight
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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suederschwiburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944 at 1130 h

NAME: HOELL

FIRST NAME: Roy E

RANK: Sgt

ASN: 15337966

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwiburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h

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**Kochler
Major,
Commanding**

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944, at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suederschnaiburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944, at 1130 h

NAME: MARTIN

FIRST NAME: Gregory

RANK: Lt

ASN: O-516719

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Suedsburg, on 7 May 1944, at 1147 h

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Major,
Commanding

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Eldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944, at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Suderschwelburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-bay

ON: 7 May 1944, at 1130 h

NAME: GOLLER

FIRST NAME: T

RANK: Lt

ASN: ~~0-250946~~

RESULT: Captured ✓

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schwelburg, on 7 May 1944, at 1140 h

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REPORT ON CAPTURE OF ENEMY AIR FORCE CREWS

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A

PLACE: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 at 0730 h

REGARDING: Downing of a Boeing Fortress B 17

AT: Sudarschweiburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-Bay

ON: 7 May 1944, at 1130 h

NAME: CITRABILI

FIRST NAME: Joseph L G

RANK: Lt

ASN: O-809104

RESULT: Captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Schweiburg, on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h.

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Major,
Commanding

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Headquarters, Airbase A 16/XI

LOCATION: Oldenburg

DATE: 8 May 1944 0730 h

DATE AND TIME:
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 7 May 1944 1130 h

PLACE OF CRASH:
(NEAREST TOWN) Sanderseelburg, Community Jade, south of Jade-Bay
map - grid GR - 55.

KIND OF CAPTURE:
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING) Antiaircraft (Navy)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Boeing Fortress B 17

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) Triangle, white, "F" blue on rudder
"G" outside "G"

ADMITTANCE NO: 231235

Photographic
EQUIPMENT: burned

F.T. FREQUENCIES: burned

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 85 % destruction, destroyed by fire

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOO -LUPT, ETC.)

Air-District-Command XI

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Commanding

Crew captured

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER:

No. 2292

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE:

7 May 1944

THROUGH:

TIME:

2350 h

ROLL:

FROM:

L P H B

THROUGH:

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*Ant in fleet
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MESSAGE SSO L P O B 45 7.5. 2015

To Air-District-Command XI, Ia, Hamburg - Blankensee

Subject: Downing of a Boeing Fortress on 7 May 1944, 1130 h, at Sanderschwiburg, Community Jade, Jade-Bay. Map-grid OK - 55, by antiaircraft (coastal artillery). Crew was captured on 7 May 1944 at 1140 h at Schwiburg by coastal artillery. Type of aircraft: Boeing Fortress B 17.- Markings: Triangle, white, "3P", blue on radiator, "3" outside "SU".- Admittance No.: 231235.- Downed by coastal-artillery at Schwiburg.- 10 prisoners:

Lt	Joseph	L	G	Cittadini	ASN 0-809104.-
Lt	F			Callor	ASN 0-801946.-
Lt	Gregory	L		Martin	ASN 0-812719.-
Sgt	Ray	E		Howell	ASN 1537946.-
Sgt	Clarence	E		Rood	ASN 33305349.-
Sgt	W E			Hearne	ASN 17145106.-
Sgt	Harvey	W		Walton	ASN 38413095.-
Sgt	Arthur	B		Way	ASN 16087832.-
Sgt	Irvin	L		Bier	ASN 33294644.-
F/O	Eugene	P		Grilli	ASN D - 1072.-

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The prisoners will be shipped to Zwischenahn for transfer to Oberursel in the morning of 8 May 1944.- Photographic equipment and frequencies burned. Destruction 85%, destroyed by fire. Headquarters, Airbase A 16/XI Oldenburg i.O.

6-3224, AF(5)

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Report Concerning Capture of Aircraft

Hdq: Airbase Command A 16/XI
Place: Oldenburg
Time: 8 May 44, at 0730 hours
Time of Downing: 7 May 44, at 1130 hours
Place of crash: Suderschweiburg, community of Jade, south Jadebusen
Kind of Capture: Flak (Marine-Artillery)
Aircraft type: Boeing Fortress, B 17
Identification: "P", blue side fin "C" kokarde SU
Serial No. 231235
Condition of the aircraft: 85% destruction, destroyed by fire

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2. At 1130 hours, Suderschweiburg, CR 55, Boeing crashed, 85% destruction, 10 men captured, identification markings, blue P in white triangle C serial No. 23135 C. Oldenburg salvaged.

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel.**Airbase Command A.****Place:** Oldenburg**Time:** 8 May 44, at 730 hours**Subject:** Boeing Fortress B 17, Suderschweiburg, Community Jade, south of
Jadebasen, 7 May 44, at 1130 hours**Name:**
Grilli, Eugene P., D-10 72
Bier, Irvin L., Sgt., 33294664
Way, Arthur B., Sgt., 16087832
Walton, Horace W., Sgt., 38413085
Wearne W.E. Sgt., 17165106
Reed, Clarence E., 33305349
Howell, Roy E., Sgt., 15337966
Martin, Gregory, Lt., O 818719
Coller T. Lt., O 801946
Cittadini, Joseph L.G., Lt., O 809104**Disposition:** Schweiburg on 7 May 44, at 1140 hours captured

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Identification Tags

Clarence E. Reed, 33305340

Arthur H. Way, 16087832

W.E. Wearne, 17165106

T. Geller Jr., O 801946

Joseph L.G. Cittadini, O 809104

Eugene P. Grilli, T 1672

Horace M. Walton, 39413085

Gregory L. Marin, O 818719

Roy M. Howell, 15337968

Irvin L. Bier, 33294664

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