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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

7280

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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 547th; Detachment
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Hollriegelsreuth, Ger.; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
C.A.V.U.
- GIVE: (a) Date 19 July 44 Time 0957; and Location Hollriegelsreuth, Ger.  
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 (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances  
as follows Attacked by E/A immediately after bombs away. Three engines were out.  
Told Wing Commander 4 wounded men on board and headed for Switzerland.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97237
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-006717  
(b) 41-58768; (c) SW-002554; (d) 42-59726
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) See attached; (b); (c); (d)  
(e) sheet; (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 9; Passengers; Total 9  
(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>Pilot</u> <u>Mount, Dick Wilson</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-756291</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Stuempfle, Robert Alan</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-704990</u> <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Rouse, Robert Lyle</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-712911</u> <u>RTD</u>
4. Toggler	<u>Rients, Vernon William</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>16075788</u> <u>RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Elias, Donald John</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>19086508</u> <u>RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Bond, Thomas William</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>34345008</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Horetski, Frank Vanetine</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>36555710</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Fiederowicz, Edward Joseph</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32840649</u> <u>RTD</u>
9. Waist Gunner	<u>Kurz, Anthony Louis</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32877550</u> <u>RTD</u>
10.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sight	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Dudock, Edward Peter</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-759196</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>Nicholson, Gilbert Oran</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-821344</u>				
3. <u>Liebert, Jack Louis</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-549338</u>				

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 24 July 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

- a. 600370 High Standard Manufacturing Co.
- b. 600672 High Standard Manufacturing Co.
- c. 650915 Frigidaire
- d. 648936 Frigidaire
- e. 651005 Frigidaire
- f. 651136 Frigidaire
- g. 634022 Frigidaire
- h. 652004 Frigidaire
- i. 949940 Savage Arms Manufacturing Co.
- j. 593948 High Standard Manufacturing Co.
- k. 651250 Frigidaire
- l. 650988 Frigidaire

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STATEMENT BY LT. E. P. DUDOCK, PILOT A/C NO. 013, ON MISSION TO HOLIRIEGELSKREUTH, GERMANY, 19 JULY 1944.

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We were flying in No. 2 position, Low Squadron, Lead Group. Lt. MOUNT, in A/C No. 237, was flying in No. 5 position, Low Squadron, Lead Group.

At. 0957 hours, shortly after bombs away, he was heard calling the Wing Commander over VHF for permission to land in Switzerland, as he had four (4) wounded men aboard, and three (3) engines were out. He had been attacked by enemy aircraft immediately after bombs were away. He was last observed at 12,000 feet, heading for Switzerland.

/s/ E. P. DUDOCK,  
/t/ E. P. DUDOCK,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps,  
Pilot, A/C No. 013.

A TRUE COPY

*J. R. Wyatt*  
J. R. WYATT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7280

Name of crew member: MOUNT, Dick Wilson  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: O-756291  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

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

If not, why not? Landed plane in Switzerland

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

Was he injured? yes "slightly"

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: He is at home now. I received letter from him.

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: July 18, Munich Germany



Name of crew member: HORETSKI, Frank Vanetine  
Rank: S/Sgt  
Serial number: 36555710  
Position: Crew (Bomber) of B-29 Superfortress: Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No.

Where?

If not, why not? Landed plane in Switzerland.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Talked to him before we went over target, over cinter-phone

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: July 19, Over Munich, Germany



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File number 7280

Name of crew member: **MCURT, Dick Wilson**  
Rank: **1st Lt.**  
Serial number: **O-756291**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~WITHIN/NIGHT~~: **Pilot**

Did he bail out? NO

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

If not, why not? SAW IT WAS POSSIBLE TO LAND PLANE

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

Was he injured? WOUNDED IN LEFT ARMWhere was he when last seen? SWITZERLANDAny hearsay information: ESCAPED IN OCT. 1944

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: HAVE NO RECORD - HIS MISSIONS  
WERE THE SAME AS MINE

I have only the best of praise for Dick Mount  
he was typed as a Pilot and Officer.

Anthony Kury



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File number 7280

Name of crew member: HORETSKI, Frank Vanofine  
Rank: S/Sgt  
Serial number: 36555710  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Ball Turret Gunner~~ Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If not, why not? KILLED

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

HORETSKI WAS KILLED INSTANTLY IN THE WAIST OF THE  
PLANE. HE WAS AT THE RIGHT WAIST WINDOW I WAS AT THE  
LEFT WHEN WE WERE ATTACKED. (THE BALL WAS  
USE LESS BECAUSE OF A TORN OUT POWER GABLE <sup>THAT HAD</sup> CAUGHT IN  
A STOP

Total number of missions of above crew member: 10

Dates and destinations if possible: SAME AS MINE - NO RECORD



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name ANTHONY LOUIS KURZ Rank S/SGT Serial No. 32877550
2. Organization A.A.F. Gp Commander ? Rank LT. COL Sqdn CO ? Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month JULY day 19 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, MUNICH, target  
time, ABOUT 11 A.M., altitude, 29 000 FT route scheduled, ?  
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? WE HAD JUST DROPPED BOMBS
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? DUBBEN DORF, 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 NINE MEN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? FOUR FORWARD, FOUR IN RADIO ROOM 1 DEAD  
READY FOR CRASH LANDING IN VAIST
12. What was their condition? NORMAL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES TWO WOUNDED  
IN RADIO ROOM
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ALL IN SWITZERLAND  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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)



New Address

59 Maple Ave

Uniondale, (C. Hempstead)

Long Island



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MOUNT, Dick Wilson  
Rank: 1st Lt.  
Serial number: 0-756291  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight~~ ~~(Flight)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No

**Where?**

If not, why not? Wounded and had control of the airplane. Crash landed.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Do not  
recall.

Was he injured? Yes. In the left upper arm.

Where was he when last seen? Switzerland. September, 1944.

Any hearsay information: Successfully escaped from Switzerland. Wound completely  
healed.

Source: Contact by personal letter.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: Eleven.

Dates and destinations if possible: No information.



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1. Your name Robert A. Stuenkel Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0 704 990
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Thacker Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month July day 19th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, D.P., target, Munich, target  
time, 0930, altitude, 25000 feet route scheduled, no  
information, route flown no information
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Munich. After bombs were dropped.
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 crew members bailed out. All were with the plane when it was crash landed.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Dubendorf, 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 members of crew were in the aircraft.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In crash position.
12. What was their condition? Three wounded, one dead.
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. No information

(Any additional information may be written on the back)