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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

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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 546th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As briefed  
Intended Destination Stuttgart, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Overcast
- GIVE: (a) Date 6 Sept. 43 Time 0945; and Location 49°29'N, 04°00' 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; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows Ship seen pulling out of formation in control with No. 1 engine feathered. Equipment being discarded to lighten ship.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3455
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-5760X  
(b) 43-57670; (c) 43-57650; (d) 43-57687
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_; 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).

*Status*

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>RTD</i> 1.	Pilot	Faulkner, Russel R.	1/Lt.	0-736497
<i>ENS</i> 2.	Co-Pilot	Holland, Warren B.	2/Lt.	0-860355 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>n</i> 3.	Navigator	Peirce, Richard J.	2/Lt.	0-860760 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>n</i> 4.	Bombardier	Hawes, Harry A.	2/Lt.	0-735267 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>n</i> 5.	Radio Operator	Kirby, Charles L., Jr.	T/Sgt.	31160438 -
<i>RTD</i> 6.	Top Turret	Hemblin, Oscar E. A.	T/Sgt.	17034003 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>ENS</i> 7.	Ball Turret	Saperstein, Harry (NMI)	S/Sgt.	32420822 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>RAMC</i> 8.	Tail Gunner	Ross, William H.	S/Sgt.	35510766 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>ENS</i> 9.	<i>RTD</i> <del>Flexible Gunner</del>	Morley, James P.	S/Sgt.	33325170 - <i>RTD</i>
<i>n</i> 10.	<i>RTD</i> <del>Flexible Gunner</del>	Ruch, Edward F.	S/Sgt.	33305236 - <i>RTD</i>

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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Sundlun, Bruce G.	2/Lt.	0-796920		X		
2. Zitnik, Charles A.	2/Lt.	0-677402		X		
3. Jyllka, Reino O.	2/Lt.	0-735874		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used NO; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash NO; 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 6 September 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

W. J. McNEILL,

1st Lt., Air Corps,

Asst. Station S-2 Off

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 775

Name of crew member: KIRBY, Charles L. Jr.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 31160438  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Just north of Paris, France.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Last seen in plane just before he bailed out.

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

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Charles L. Kirby, Jr.,  
has returned to the United States and has been discharged. I have personally seen him  
and talked with him since his return to the United States. Present address: 103 Near  
Park St., Lynn, Mass.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known at present



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #775

Name of crew member: **FAULKNER, Russel R.**  
Rank: **1st Lt.**  
Serial number: **O-736497**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Pilot**

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Just north of Paris, France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I, Harry A. Hawes, spoke to Faulkner just before we both bailed out. I asked him if he was able to bail out and if he needed any assistance. He replied he was able to bail out and needed no assistance.

Was he injured? Yes

Where was he when last seen? Last saw him in Paris, France, before his departure to England.

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

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Russel R. Faulkner has returned to the United States and has been discharged. I have received several letters from him since he returned to the United States. Present address: 1405 Seventh St., Moundsville, West Virginia.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approximately 15

Dates and destinations if possible: Not known  
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\_\_\_\_\_



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Harry A. Hawes Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0735267  
384th Bomb Gp Rudd J. Peaslee
2. Organization Gp Commander Rank Col Sqn CO Harris Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Sept day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Stuttgart, Germany target,                     , target  
time, approx 10:00 a.m., altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, unknown  
                    , route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just leaving Germany, going into France.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All other members of crew bailed out
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". All members of the crew are now back in the United States and were last contacted at their home address.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In the vicinity of Amiens, France.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? --
12. What was their condition? --
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? See 8 above
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #775

Name of crew member: FAULKNER, Russel R.  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-736497  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR CLERMONT (OISE) FRANCE

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? SEE NOTE BELOW

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: 1ST LT. RUSSEL R. FAULKNER WAS AN EVADEE ON OR ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS MYSELF, (NOV-1943) I SAW HIM IN LONDON, ENGL. WHERE HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF CAPT., LATER IN SEPT. 1944 I MET HIM IN, SIOUX CITY, IOWA, WHERE WE WERE 3861, AF BOTH STATIONS, ABOUT NOV, 1944 CAPT. R.R. FAULKNER WAS TRANSFERRED TO A.T.C. LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA AND I HAVE NOT SEEN OR HEARD OF HIM SINCE THAT TIME.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 775

Name of crew member: KIRBY, Charles L. Jr.  
Rank: T/Sgt.  
Serial number: 31160438  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? NEAR CLERMONT (OSIE) FRANCE

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

CONFERSED WITH T/Sgt C.L. Kirby Jr WHILE OVER TARGET.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? IN THE AIR AFTER HIS CHUTE OPENED

Any hearsay information: ON OR ABOUT 15 DEC 1944 I TALKED TO MY  
(S/Sgt. William H. Ross) REAR GUNNER, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM GERMAN PRISON AND  
SENT BACK TO U.S.A., HE TALKED TO T/Sgt. Kirby just  
prior to leaving prison, AT THAT TIME HE WAS IN  
GOOD HEALTH.

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

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

T/Sgt C.L. Kirby Jr WAS TAKEN PRISONER ON SEPT 6, 1943  
AND WAS LAST REPORTED IN GERMAN PRISON # (2-3) VIENNA  
THIS WAS REPORTED BY S/Sgt. William H. Ross (REAR GUNNER)

Total number of missions of above crew member: SEVEN (?)

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

PPA-7  
(2)

1. Your name OSCAR K. HAMBLIN Rank P/Sgt Serial No. 17034002
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander <sup>DAVID J. PEARLEE</sup> Rank Col Sqn CO                      Rank                       
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month SEPT day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, STUTTGART GERMANY, target  
time,                     , altitude, 20,000' route scheduled, VIA FRANCE  
                    , route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? Approximately in vicinity of Reims, Fr
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
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 KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR CIERMONT (OSIE) FRANCE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft?
12. What was their condition?
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.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File #775

Name of crew member: **FALKNER, Russell R.**  
Rank: **1st Lt.**  
Serial number: **0-736471**  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~ **Pilot**

Did he bail out? yes

Where? France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Remember discussing gas situation

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? cockpit

Any hearsay information: Exped escape and returned to U.S.

Source: Correspondence with him since return to U.S.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: App-18

Dates and destinations if possible: Stuttgart-Schweinfurt

Watten-Le Breguet Field Paris-Paix Amiens - P



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 775

Name of crew member: KRUE, Charles L. Jr.  
Rank: 2/Lt.  
Serial number: 31160438  
Position: Crew (Bomber) (Fighter) Radio Operator

Did he bail out? yes

Where? France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? Radio room

Any hearsay information: Was quite seriously injured - carried  
to bomb bay by Saperstein + Morley and dropped out  
Captured - in hospital for several months at Beauvais France  
and then went to POW camp

Source: Saw after liberation - Camp Lucky Strike France

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 6-7

Dates and destinations if possible: Stuttgart - Schweinfurt - W. Hen  
le Breguet Field Paris - Poir-Amiens -



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Warren B. Hoiland Rank 2nd Lt Serial No. 0-800035
2. Organization AAF Gp Commander Peasley Rank Coi Sqn CO Harris Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Sept day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Stuttgart, target, magneto factory, target time, App 1130, altitude, 20-25,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? Returning over France
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All bailed out
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 Knowledge except that I heard later that everyone bailed out
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) none
11. Where were they in aircraft? All in positions
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Everyone OK when last seen in ship (over)
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. (over)

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



13.

I have no knowledge of exactly what happened after we were hit as I was hit in the head by a 20mm shell.

I do have information from other members of the crew which follows.

All members of the crew bailed out and although some were injured all reached the ground safely. Faulkner (Pilot) Hawes (Bombardier) Hamblin (Engineer) crashed and returned to England + U.S.

#### 14. Actual Knowledge

Faulkner returned to U.S. and since I returned have had correspondence with him.

Pierce - Navigator was in some POW camp - Received a letter from him after we both returned from Germany.

Hawes - Bomb. is Recruiting Officer - Lewiston Pq. Have seen him since return to U.S.

Hamblin - Have no information but understand he returned to U.S. with Hawes.

Saperstein A. Eng. correspondence since return to U.S.

Kirby - R. Operator Saw in France <sup>camp Lucky Strike</sup> after liberation.

Morley A. R. Operator - correspondence since return to U.S.

Ruch - A. Gunner - Saw in Camp Lucky Strike after liberation.

Ross Tail Gunner - understand he was repatriated from Germany - Have heard from his Mother he is home.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 775

Name of crew member:

PAULKNER, Russell R.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

O-736497

Position: Crew (Bomber) of ~~B-24D Liberator~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? YesWhere? Beauvais, France

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Orders to Bail out!Was he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? Bailing out of BombayAny hearsay information: Heard he escaped, making it back to England.Source: By PWs who became prisoners months later, from our group.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 15

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 775

Name of crew member:

KING, Charles L. Jr.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

11160438

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~ Radio OperatorDid he bail out? Yes - He was thrown out by crew members because of wounds.Where? Beauvais, France.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I put his chute on him, and helped to get him out of BombayWas he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? Was with him as POWs - last seen when he was back in States.

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

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SAPERSTEIN, HARRY Rank T/SGT Serial No. 32420822
2. Organization 8th A.E. Gp Commander Col. Busley Rank Col. Sqn CO HARRIS Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Sept day 6th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Stuttgart, target  
time, 1100 A.M., altitude, 20,000 ft. approx. route scheduled, thru France,  
into Germany, route flown on course.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Beauvais, Fr. (approximately)
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
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". Edward Roch - Beauvais, Fr. - bailed out thru main exit - was wounded in knee. Wm. Ross - Beauvais, Fr. - Bailed out, tail exit was wounded in chest. James Morley - Beauvais, Fr. Bailed out Bombay - uninjured. Lt. R. Holland - Beauvais, Fr. - Bailed out Bombay. Head Injury. Oscar Hamilton - Beauvais Fr. -
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Beauvais, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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)



Question 8 (cont) Bailed out Bombay - Head Injury. Lt. H. Hawes - Beauvais, Fr.  
Bailed out at Navigators escape hatch. - Uninjured. William Pierce - Beauvais Fr.  
" " " " " - also uninjured.