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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: AAF STATION 106 Command or Air Force VIII
GROUP 384 th Bomb Gp.; SQUADRON 544th Bomb Sq.; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF STATION 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3 to 5 tenths covering at English Coast.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 Nov. 43 Time 1340; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Just off the English Coast
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio; () Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or ☒ Information not available.
5. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17; AAF Serial No. 42-5051
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) 43-59568
(b) 43-59326 (c) 42-80454 (d) 41-57552
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty ☒
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers _____; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Status
1. Pilot	GILMORE, WILLIAM F.	MAJOR	0-406 671	
2. CP	MORRISON, DONALD S.	2nd Lt.	0-735 532	
3. Navigator	OHLSON, FLOYD H.	2nd Lt.	0-683297	
4. Bombardier	MASON, EARL C.	2nd Lt.	0-738 778	
5. Radio Operator	STREISFELD, NATHAN	T/SGT	324 242 64	
6. Top Turret	HENRY, MAURICE V.	T/SGT	372 073 37	
7. Ball Gunner	ENGWER, DONALD L.	S/SGT	362 352 85	
8. Tail Gunner	SCHAMBER, ALBERT M.	S/SGT	373 000 35	
9. Flex Gunner	BUCHER, JAMES F.	S/SGT	130 677 78	
10. Flex Gunner	BURGER, JOSEPH E.	S/SGT	323 738 35	
11.				

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

FD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						
13. 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) <u>2 Missing, 1 Dead, 7 Rescued.</u>						
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.						
15. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.						
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____						

Date of Report 27 November 1943

S/S J. R. WYATT.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J.R. Wyatt.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

REMARKS:

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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reported missing.

by S. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col.
by P. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date 26 Nov 43 ORGANIZATION AAF STATION 106 ; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th Bomb ; Squadron 544th Bomb ; Detachment

2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
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4. GIVE: (a) Date 26 Nov 43 Time 1340 ; Location Just off English Coast
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.
5. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5051
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-59568
(b) 43-59326 ; (c) 42-80454 (d) 41-57552
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d)
(e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 2
(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			
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.	<u>Top Turret</u>	<u>Henry, Maurice V.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>37205337</u>
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.	<u>Left</u>	<u>Bucher, James Frank</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>13067778</u>

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	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

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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 27 November 1943

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WYATT
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

Incl 1:
Missing Air Crew Report

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HQ, AAF STATION 106, APO 634, 7 March 1944.

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. In compliance with Paragraph 3, basic communication, a Battle Casualty Report of Death is herewith inclosed.

2. T/Sgt. Maurice V. Henry, 37205337, and S/Sgt. James F. Bucher, 13067778, were reported MIA on 26 November 1943. Information listed in Paragraph 2, basic communication is correct.

3. T/Sgt. Henry's and S/Sgt. Bucher's aircraft was forced to ditch while returning from a combat mission. Neither of the above named Enlisted men was able to get into the emergency life raft, and enough time has elapsed to assume that both were washed away and lost.

For the Station Commander:

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

1 Incl:
Incl 1. Battle Casualty Report.

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J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

27 July 1944

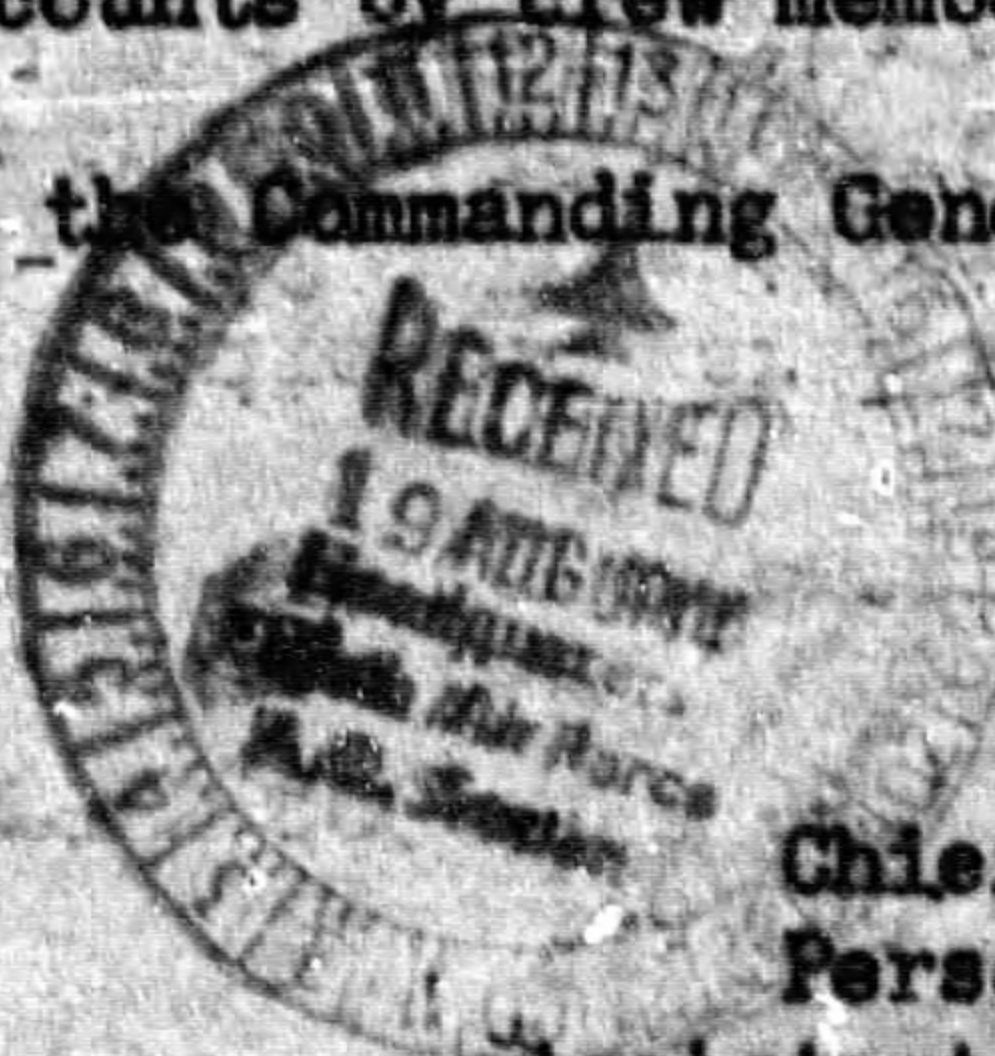
SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

**TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.**

1. Reference is made to the Missing Air Crew Report dated 27 November 1943, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group, aircraft model, B-17F, serial number 43-59568.

2. Request complete list of crew members and positions they occupied in the plane, and also any information compiled from eye-witness accounts by crew members who were rescued.

For the Commanding General:



E. A. Bradunas

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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1st Ind.

26 AUG 1944

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U.S. Army.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.

1. For compliance with basic communication and return through this Headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.

H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Capt., AGD.
Ass't. Adj. General.

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319.1 2nd Ind. P-1-5.
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 29 August, 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 106, APO 557.
(Att: Personnel Section).

For compliance with basic communication and return through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

Roberts P. Johnson Jr

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Jr.
Lieut. Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General

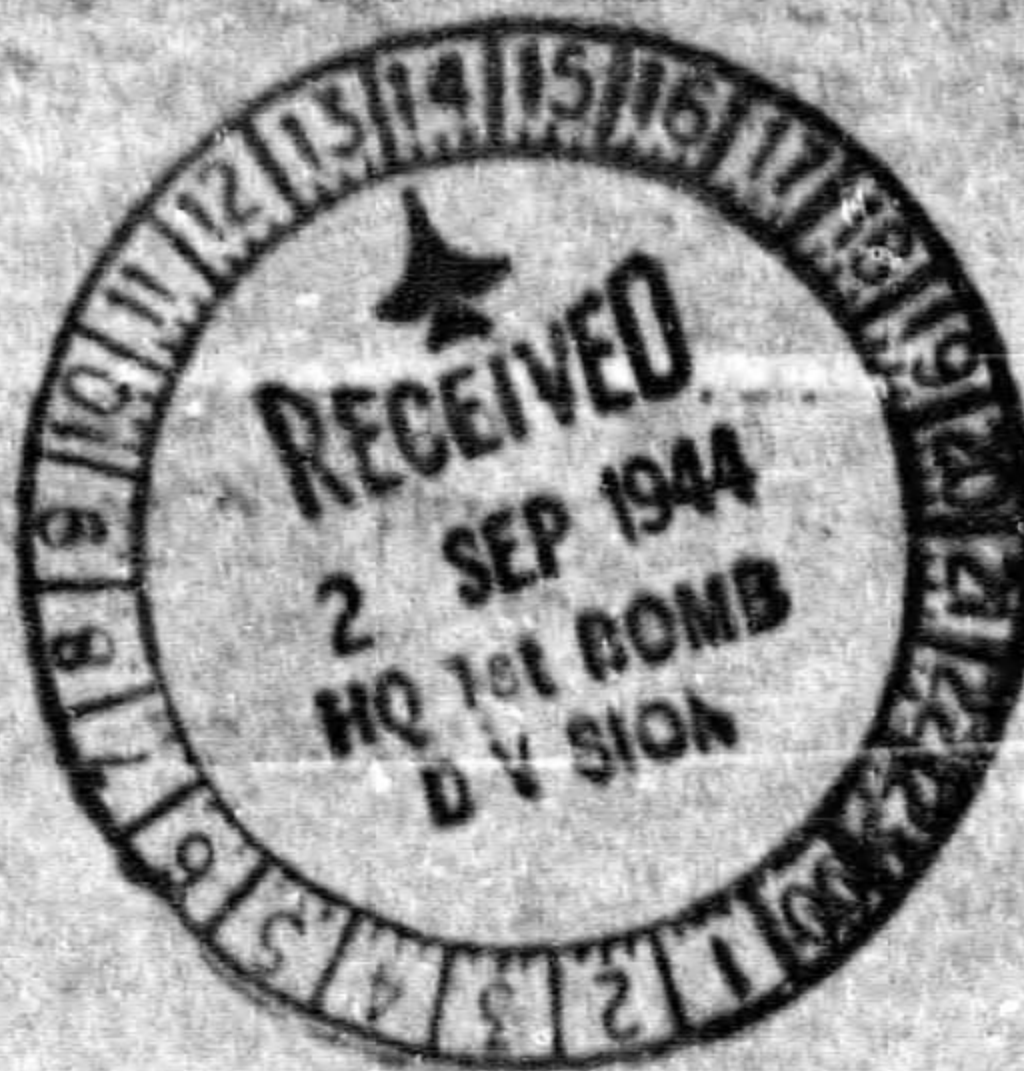
319.1 3rd Ind. (C-4-3)
HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 106, APO 557, 2 Sept, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. Attention is invited to Par 1 basic communication which refers to B-17F, serial # 43-59568. Investigation reveals that the serial # of this ship is in error and should read 42-5051. The erroneous serial # 43-59568 is the serial # of one of the engines of ship # 42-5051. ✓

2. In as much as this headquarters received a similar letter concerning air craft # 42-5051 this letter is returned without action.

For the Station Commander:



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

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(Ltr. Hq AAF Washington, 27 July, 1944, subj. "Missing Air Crew Report").

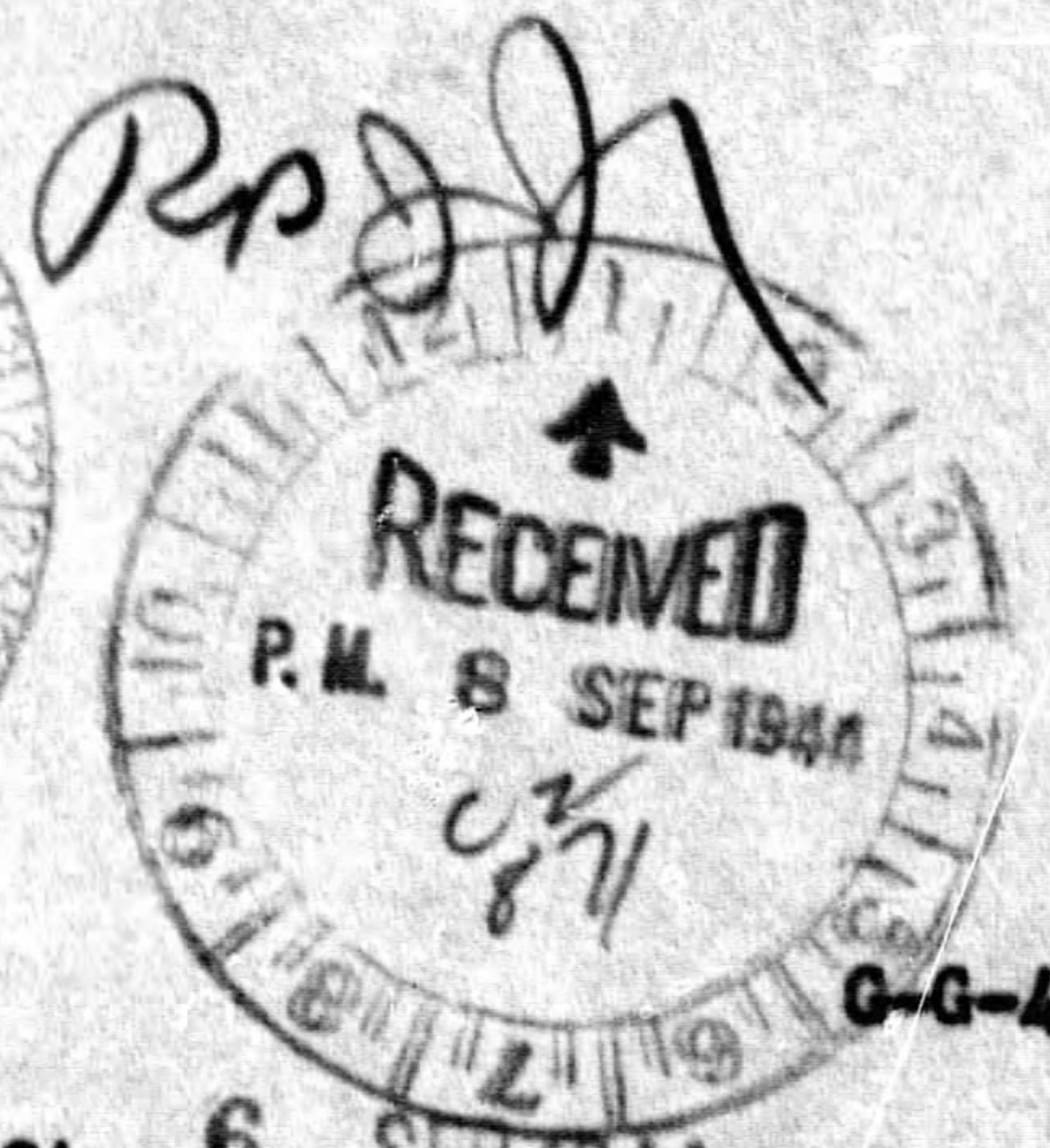
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4th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 5 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. 6 SEP 1944

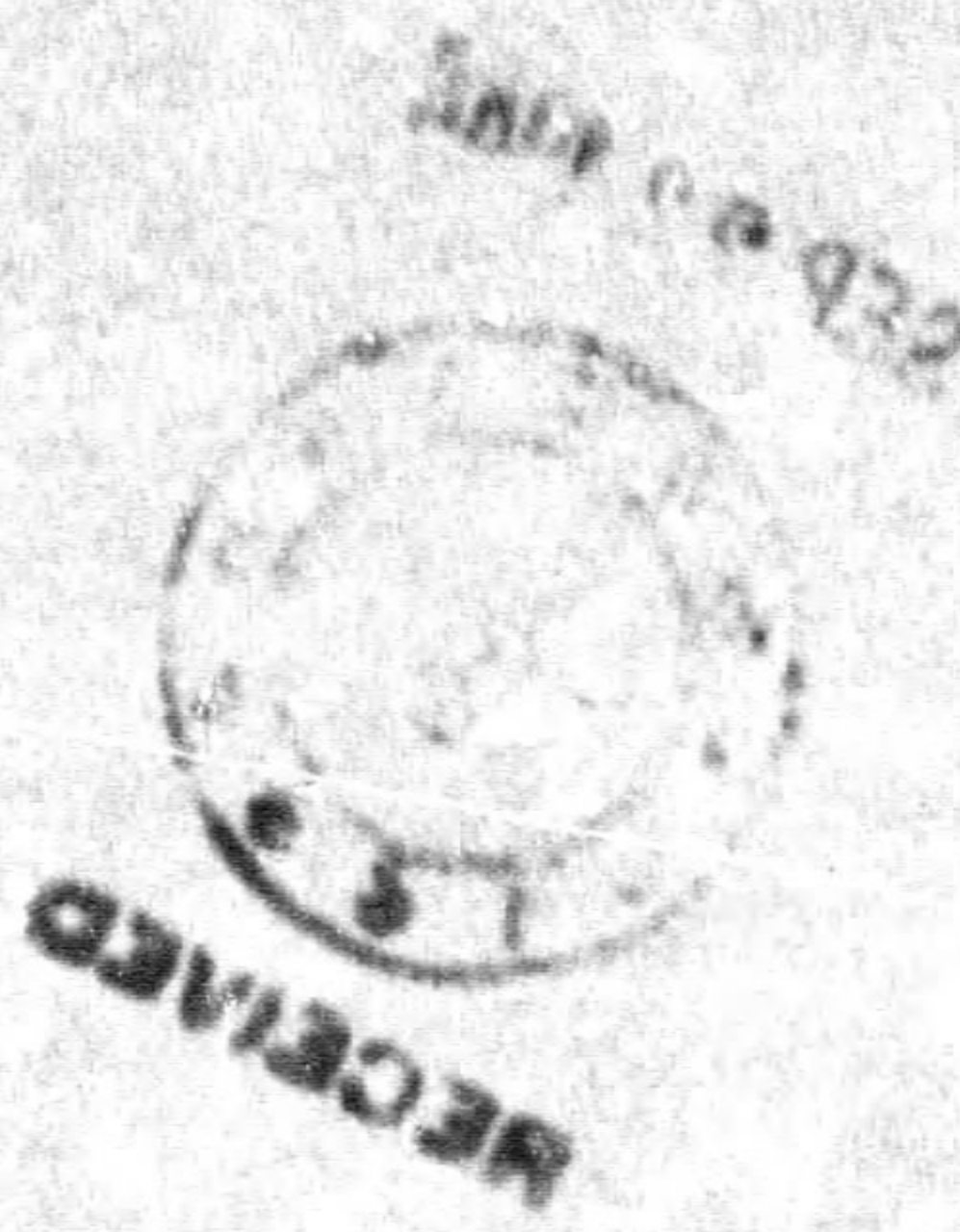
TO: Commanding General, Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.
H. S. WILSON, Jr.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.



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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 871, U.S. ARMY. 16 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of T/Sgt Maurice V. Henry, 37205337, S/Sgt James F. Bucher, 13067778, and S/Sgt Albert M. Schamber, 37300035, as killed in action, 26 November 1943.

2. No information other than that contained in the preceding correspondence is available.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - n/c (dup w/d)

Added 1 incl - Incl 2 - Letter
your headquarters with 5 indorsements
thereto.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

31 July 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

**TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.**

1. Reference is made to the Missing Air Crew Report, 27 November 1943, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group, aircraft B-17F, serial number 42-5051.

2. Request complete list of all crew members including the positions they occupied on this plane, and interrogation of those who were rescued as to circumstances of the disappearance of those of the crew who are still reported missing in action.

For the Commanding General:



E. A. Bradunas

E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U.S. Army.

8 AUG 1944

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this Headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.

H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Capt., AGD
Asst. Adj. General.

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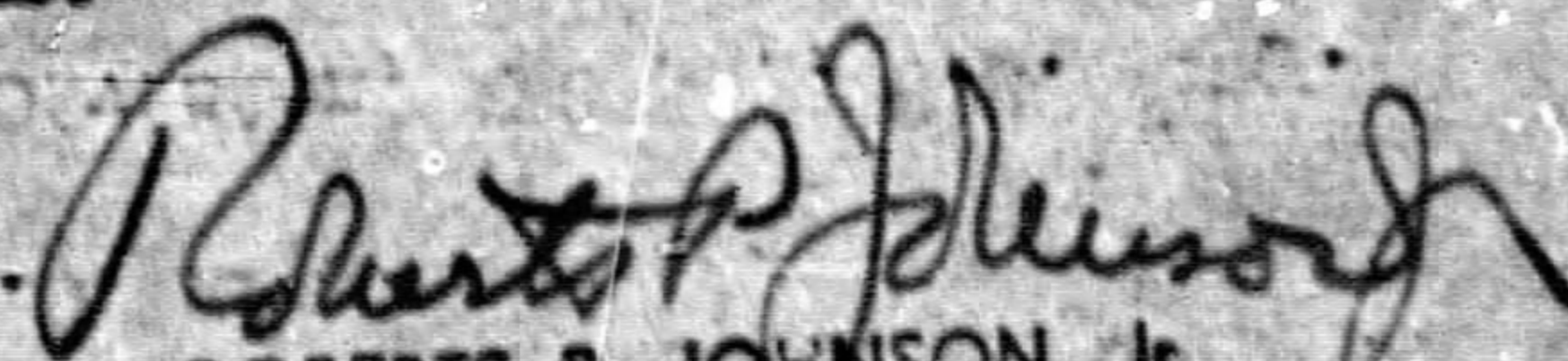
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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 29 August, 1944.

**TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 106, APO 557.
(Att: Personnel Section).**

For compliance with basic communication and return through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:



ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Jr.
Lieut. Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General

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3rd Ind.

(C-4-3)

HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 106, APO 557, 2 September, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. In compliance with basic communication the following information is submitted:

a. List of Crew Members:

Major William F. Gilmore, O-406671	Pilot
2nd Lt. Donald S. Morrison, O-735632	Co-Pilot
2nd Lt. Floyd H. Ohlson, O-683297	Navigator
2nd Lt. Earl U. Mason, O-738778	Bombardier
T/Sgt. Nathan Streisfeld, 32424264	Radio Operator
T/Sgt. Maurice V. Henry, 37205337	Top Turret
S/Sgt. Donald L. Engwer, 36255225	Ball Turret
S/Sgt. Albert M. Schamber, 37300035	Tail Gunner
S/Sgt. James F. Bucher, 13067778	Felix Gunner
S/Sgt. Joseph E. Burger, 32373835	Flex Gunner

2. The seven surviving crew members were interrogated and state that due to the extreme cold of the water and the fact that only one life raft inflated and was buffeted around by high waves, it was impossible for any of the crew members to help each other or observe each others actions.

3. T/Sgt Maurice V. Henry, 37205337 and S/Sgt James F. Bucher, 3067778 were reported MIA 26 November 1943. No additional information relative to these two EM has been received by this headquarters. In as much as no information was forthcoming a supplementary casualty report was submitted from this headquarters changing T/Sgt Henry's and S/Sgt Bucher's casualty status from MIA to KIA 7 March 1944.

4. Attention is invited to Incl # 1, a copy of the 4th indorsement from this headquarters concerning the casualty status of T/Sgt Henry and S/Sgt Bucher.

For the Station Commander:



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

Incl: True Copy, 4th Ind.
AAF Sta 106, dtd 7 Mar 44.

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 5 September, 1944.
(Ltr. Hq AAF Washington, 31 July, 1944, subject, "Missing Air Crew Report").
4th Ind. P-L-5

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Transmitted herewith is information requested in basic communication.

For the Commanding General:



Roberts P. Johnson, Jr.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Jr.
Lieut. Colonel, AGD.
Adjutant General

1 Incl: n/c

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5th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. SEP 1944

TO: Commanding General, Communication Zone, European Theater of Operations, APO 871, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement.

2. Records this headquarters indicate the following personnel as only members of Aircraft No. 42-5051 reported Missing in Action and status has since been determined as Killed in Action 26 November 1943:

T/Sgt. Maurice V. Henry, 37205337
S/Sgt. James F. Bucher, 13067778
S/Sgt. Albert E. Schaefer, 37300035

For the Commanding General:



H. S. Wilson, Jr.

H. S. WILSON, Jr.,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

1 Incl: n/c.

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AFPPA/HBR/eas/77250
Rm 4312, July 29, 1944

MACR-1579

31 July 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

**TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.**

1. Reference is made to the Missing Air Crew Report,
27 November 1943, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group, aircraft
B-17F, serial number 42-5051.

2. Request complete list of all crew members including the
positions they occupied on this plane, and interrogation of those
who were rescued as to circumstances of the disappearance of those
of the crew who are still reported missing in action.

For the Commanding General:

**E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personnel Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.**

OFFICE SYMBOL	1 AFPPA	2	3	4	5	6
SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICER						
INTERNAL OFFICE COORDINATION						

CS. 8th AF

Subj. Missing Air Crew Report

1. Reference is made to Missing Air Crew Report, ~~dated~~ 27 November 1943, 544th Bomb Squadron, 384th Bomb Group, aircraft B-17F, serial number 42-5051.

2. Request complete list of all crew members ^{including} and the positions they occupied on this plane, and interrogation of those who were rescued as to circumstances of the disappearance of those of the crew who are still reported missing in action.

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STATUS

- Bucher, James F. S/sgt. 13067778 — KIA.
- ↓ Burger, Joseph C. S/sgt. 32373835 — EUS
- ↓ Engwer, Donald L. S/sgt. 36255285 — EUS
- Henry, Maurice V. T/sgt. 37205337 — KIA
- ↓ Gilmore, William F. Major. 0-406671 — EUS
- ↓ Mason, Carl C. 2nd Lt. 0-738778 — EUS
- ↓ Morrison, Donald S. 2nd Lt. 0-735632 — EUS
- Olson, Floyd H. 2nd Lt. 0-683297 — EUS.
- Schamber, Albert M. S/sgt. 37300035 — K
- ↓ Strissfeld, Nathan T/sgt. 32424244 — No RECORD

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To
Q'CMR 293

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding Officer
American Graves Registration Service
China Zone
APO 917, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. There is attached hereto, in duplicate, QCMG Form 371 (covering all available information in the Office of The Quartermaster General and is in addition to any previous information forwarded by this office to your headquarters) for the following deceased individual:

NAME

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with the provisions of radio, this headquarters, No. WCL 37125, dated 13 December 1946.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL LARKIN:

1 Incl
Form 371 (In dup.)

J. B. COLSON
Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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