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DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS U.S. AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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12/21/43

IMPORTANT: This report is to be prepared by each Army Air Force unit which is officially reported missing.

Classification of this report to be made by Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. MUENCH
1946

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384th; Squadron 516th; Detachment
- SPECIFIC: Type of Operation AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF LAST SIGHTING: 5-7/10 cirrostratus near enemy coast. Base 26,000 ft., top 30,000 ft.
- GIVE: (a) Date 20 Dec 43 Time 1217; and Location Over English Channel
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. near Enemy Coast.
(b) Specify whether (X) last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() Force down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LAST, SEEN IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES: (Check one)
() As possible lack of fuel. Had four engines running when last seen.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Serial B-17; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29935
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Serial ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-57131
(b) 43-59982; (c) 43-34716; (d) 43-56778
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number)
(a) ; (b) ; (c) ; (d) ;
(e) ; (f) ; (g) ; (h) ;
- THE PERSONS ABOARD WERE BELIEVED TO BE: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) ; 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 report.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
EUS1.	Pilot	Carnes, James Frederick	2nd Lt.	0-801592
EUS2.	Co-Pilot	Parsons, William Harold	2nd Lt.	0-683767
EUS3.	Navigator	Pue, Robert John	2nd Lt.	0-809188
EUS4.	Bombardier	Kahn, Jacob S. (i.o.)	2nd Lt.	0-683139
KIA5.	Radio Operator	Netherbee, Robert Orell	S/Sgt.	11072282
EUS6.	Top Turret - Eng. ^{AW}	Meyer, Mark August	S/Sgt.	37429322
EUS7.	Ball Turret	Frank, Frank Emmett	Sgt.	36565122
EUS8.	Tail Gunner	Adrian, Jerry	Sgt.	38306191
EUS9.	Right Flexible Gun	McLain, Marvin Dewey	Sgt.	11163192
EUS10.	Left Flexible Gun	Tragellas, William George	Sgt.	11115856

11. INDICATE BY CHECKING THE FOLLOWING WHETHER YOU ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE IF DESIRABLE TO INDICATE REASONS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Saw	Saw Forced Landing
			Radio	Sighted	Crash

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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 EVIDENCE, ALSO REFERENCE TO CASE, OF OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF PERSONNEL IN SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE ;

Date of Report 21 December 1943

L. A. Rayne
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

incl 1:

Missing Air Crew Report

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L. A. Rayne,
U.S. Air Force,
Asst. Personnel Officer.

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

MEMORIAL DIVISION

26 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Reclassification of Missing Air Crew Reports

1. Per authority contained in Par 1, Sec I, War Department Circular No. 346, dated 26 November 1946, War Department Circular No. 268, dated 5 September 1946, and Sec III, War Department Circular No. 104, dated 24 April 1947, Missing Air Crew Reports are downgraded to RESTRICTED.

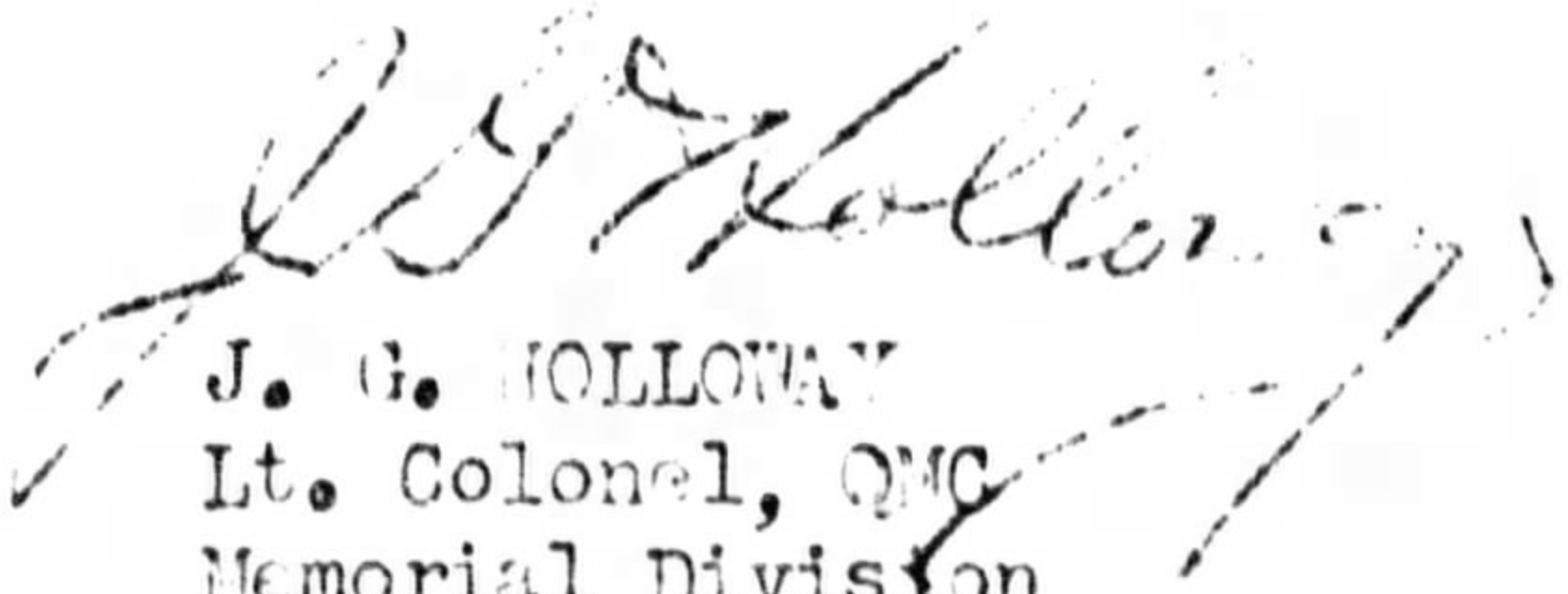
2. At first opportunity this case is processed or reviewed, officer or civilian employee will physically delete present classification and indicate RESTRICTED on all correspondence and documents pertaining thereto.

3. Reclassification will be accomplished by citing the authority and signing each paper as follows:

"Classification changed to RESTRICTED per authority WD Cir 104, 1946.

Name

Date"


J. G. HOLLOWAY
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Robert John Pue Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-809488
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Dale Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Harris Rank Major
Bomb Gp. (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month December day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bremen Bomb., target, Bremen, target
time, 1 pm. noon, altitude, 28,000 ft. route scheduled, straight
in out North, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? 1w of target approx. 15 miles
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". 10 members of the crew bailed out. one member was killed in action for whom questionnaire is attached, all other members of crew stayed with the ship and ditched without any further casualty.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North Sea off Holland coast.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Pilot, James F. Carnes, Co-Pilot, Wm. H. Parsons, Bombardier, J. S. Kahn, Navigator, R. J. Poe, Engineer, W. W. War, A. G., F. Doss, A. O., A. O. Wetherbee (killed before ditching), A. G., W. Tragellas, A. G. W. McClain, A. G., J. Crow
11. Where were they in aircraft? All members except Pilot and Co-Pilot in radio room
Pilot and Co-Pilot in Pilots compartment
12. What was their condition? All in good condition
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw entire crew in France after liberation.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

JETHERBER, Robert Odell

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Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

11072782

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~:

Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? Killed in air--none of crew bailed out.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reportedbombs away over targetWas he injured? Killed in action.Where was he when last seen? Last saw his body on island of JuistAny hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: no informationbased on supposition.Total number of missions of above crew member: 2 (two)Dates and destinations if possible: Bremen December 16, 1943 (u certain)Bremen December 20, 1943

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WETHERBEE, Robert Odell
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 11072222
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): Radio Operator

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Did he bail out? NOWhere? — OFF COAST OF HOLLAND — NEAR FRISIAN ISLANDSIf not, why not? DITCHED WITH REST OF CREW.

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

Was he injured? HE WAS KILLED IN ACTIONWhere was he when last seen? ON THE ISLAND OF JUIST — ONE OF THE FRISIAN ISLESAny hearsay information: SGT. WETHERBEE WAS BURIED ON THE ISLAND OF JUIST.Source: GERMAN GUARD ON SAME ISLAND

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: TWODates and destinations if possible: DEC. 11, 1943 — EMDEN, GERMANYDEC. 20, 1943 — BREMEN, GERMANY

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CARNES, JAMES F. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-801592
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander SMITH Rank Col. Sqn CO E ? Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month DEC. day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BREMEN, GER., target, BREMEN, GER., target time, 1210 HRS., altitude, APPROX. 23,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? JUST LEFT TARGET
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". ENTIRE CREW DITCHED IN NORTH SEA OFF FRESIAN ISLANDS
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO - WATER
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 IN AIRCRAFT.
WATER?
11. Where were they in aircraft? ALL EXCEPT PILOT AND CO-PILOT WERE IN RADIO ROOM
12. What was their condition? RADIO OPERATOR DEAD, THE REST PHYSICALLY OKAY.
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)