

384TH BOMB GROUP
544TH BOMB SQUADRON

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DATE1943-08-17
8TH AF MISSION 84
384TH BG MISSION..... 17
CRASH LOCATIONnot stated
B-17F AIRCRAFT SERIAL #42-3230

Position	Rank and Name	Condition
Pilot	2 nd Lt Drewry F Wofford, Jr	POW
Co-Pilot	2 nd Lt Robert L Pelton	POW
Navigator	2 nd Lt Malcolm J MacDonald	POW
Bombardier	2 nd Lt George Kyriakopoulos	POW
Radio Operator	T/Sgt Harvey R Wiegand	POW
Engineer/Top Turret Gunner	T/Sgt John Dvorshak	POW
Ball Turret Gunner	S/Sgt Morris H Merrifield	POW
Tail Gunner	S/Sgt Henry F Reher	POW
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Joseph A Barrett	POW
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Paul N Carter	POW

POW – Prisoner Of War

by E. C. PRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO
by F. M. WUENCH, Capt., AO
Date MAR 1 1964

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 AAP Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 384; Squadron 544; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAP Station No 106; Course As briefed
Intended Destination Schweinfurt Germany; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Apparently no eye witnesses. Details unknown.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 17-Aug-43; Time unknown; and Location _____
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced 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 (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as
follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3230
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57955
(b) 41-57988; (c) 43-55963; (d) 41-56942
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 0; Passengers 0; Total 0
(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
PM C-1.	Pilot	Wafford, Drewry	2 Lt	0-524065
EUS 2.	Co-pilot	Palten, Robert L.	2 Lt	0-743077
EUS 3.	Navigator	MacDonald, Malcolm J.	2 Lt	0742803
EUS 4.	Bombardier	Kyriakopoulos, George	2 Lt	0-669411
RM 5.	Radio Operator	Wiegand, Harvey R.	1 Sgt	35257205
EUS 6.	Top Turret	Dworschak, John	1 Sgt	33349262
EUS 7.	Ball Turret	Merrifield, Morris H.	8 Sgt	3332380
EUS 8.	Tail Gunner	Esler, Henry F.	8 Sgt	36329304
EUS 9.	Flexible Gunner	Barratt, Joseph A.	8 Sgt	11095406
EUS 10.	Flexible Gunner	Carter, Paul W.	8 Sgt	17040666

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

Name	Last Seen	Last Seen Date	Last Seen Location	Basis for Knowledge		
				Direct	Indirect	Other
1. <u>Walter G. Carter, Paul N.</u>						

CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE RESPONSE				Check Only One Column		
Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Parachute Landing
1.						
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) _____
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 18 August 1943.

H. J. McNeill 1st Lt. AC
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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Pelton, Robert L., 2nd Lt.

Ident Tag 0-743 077

Taken prisoner ✓

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(4-) RUS 1670

Wofford, Dewey Fryer Jr., 2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag. 0-524 965

Taken prisoner ✓

Barrett, Josef A., S/Sgt.

Ident Tag 11 095 405

Taken prisoner ✓

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Dvorshak, John

T/Sgt., born 27 May 1921

Ident Tag 33 349 262

Taken prisoner ✓

MacDonald, Malcolm D., 2nd Lt.

Ident. Tag 0-741 803

Taken prisoner ✓

Kyriakopoulos, George, 2nd Lt.

Born 8 Mar. 1920

Ident. Tag 0-669 411

Taken prisoner ✓

Carter, Paul Nick, S/Sgt.

born 30 Dec 1919

Ident. Tag 17 046 066

Taken prisoner ✓

Wiegand, Harvey R., T/Sgt.

born 20 June

1920, Ident. Tag 35 257 205

Taken prisoner ✓

Merrifield, Morris

Hamilton, S/Sgt.

Ident. Tag 15 332 380

Taken prisoner ✓

Reber, Henry-Frernick, S/Sgt.

Ident. Tag 36 329 304

Taken prisoner ✓