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WAR DEPARTMENT
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 384th; Squadron 545th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 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: _____
3/10 Cumulus-Visibility 10 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 April 1944 Time 1354-1357; and Location 45°55'N, 09°26'E
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 (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows Aircraft lost during enemy fighter attack at 21,000 feet. No observations made. See attached story of fighter attack.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97233 X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-011710
(b) SW-011784; (c) SW-013277; (d) SW-013431
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 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 form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	Briley, Scott Andrew	1st Lt.	0-751249 RTD
2.	Co-Pilot	LeTourneau, Marcel Laurent	1st Lt.	0-1040135 RTD
3.	Navigator	Warren, Dexter Holt	2nd Lt.	0-812019 KIA
4.	Nose Gunner	Consoli, Vincent (NMI)	S/Sgt.	18188670 RTD
5.	Radio Operator	Hitchcock, Carl Edwin	T/Sgt.	19186235 EUS
6.	Top Turret	Ward, Jack P.	T/Sgt.	39259757 RTD (39256597)?
7.	Ball Turret	Stauffer, Karl Fred	S/Sgt.	16018793 RTD
8.	Tail Gunner	Voorhees, Ralph Warner	S/Sgt.	17155146 RTD
9.	Right Waist Gun	McLain, James W.	S/Sgt.	32489275 EUS
10.	Left Waist Gun	Allen, John R.	S/Sgt.	38089757 RTD

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	by Radio	Contacted Last Sighted	Check Only One Column Saw Crash	Saw Forced 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) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 16 April 1944

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J. R. Wyatt
Signature of Reporting Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~FIGHTER ATTACK

At 1354 hours, E/A again appeared in the vicinity of our Wing and P-47's were reported to have dived down upon them. Immediately after our escort had left for the interception of the enemy fighters, a wave of fifteen (15) FW 190's grey in color and with a fairly large red square painted on the side of the fuselage made a head-on attack from a great distance away, coming in slightly below and flying directly through and between our Lead and Low Squadrons. These A/C broke to the right and progressed again ahead of the formation in trail. As they were continuing across the front of our formation, three (3) additional FW 190's using the latter as a screen, suddenly broke beneath them and dove again into our Low Squadron. During this attack, the Group Leader and six (6) additional aircraft of our Low Squadron were shot down.

Destructive action began in the leading element of the Low Squadron, and in clearing the formation and the explosion of our A/C that immediately followed, the Squadron was somewhat scattered and were successfully destroyed by FW 190's, continuing to come through in staggered trail.

Fifteen (15) additional long-nosed FW 190's and ME 109's attacked from slightly below between 11 and 12 O'Clock, passing through the area occupied by our Low Squadron. Between the times of 1354 and 1359 hours, it appears that no fighter escort was covering this Group and that at about 1359 1/2 hours, a Group of P-51's showed up carrying dual belly gasoline tanks which were immediately dropped upon attacking the enemy. No further interceptions were made from this point on.

The above enemy action is estimated to have lasted only from 1354 to 1357 hours.

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Route One, Box 462,
Vista, California.

✓ 1st Lt. Marcel L. LeTourneau

Mrs. Albertine LeTourneau, (Mother)
344 East Tujunga Avenue,
Burbank, California.

✓ 2nd Lt. Dexter R. Warren

Mrs. Mary L. Warren, (Wife)
Rural Free Delivery Number One,
Boulah, Michigan.

✓ 2/Sgt. Jack F. Ward

Mrs. Doris E. Ward, (Wife)
Route One, Box 259,
Santa Ana, California.

✓ 5/Sgt. Carl E. Hitchcock

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✓ 5/Sgt. Vincent Consoli

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1828 East Sixth Street,
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✓ 5/Sgt. James W. McLain

Mr. Wallace H. McLain, (Father)
504 State Highway,
Spring Lake, New Jersey.

✓ 5/Sgt. John R. Allen

Mr. Gus Allen, (Father)
Route Number One,
Ponder, Texas.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WARREN, Dexter Holt 3874
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-812019
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~; Navigator

Did he bail out? YES

Where? APP. 15 MIN. FROM SCHENFURT GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

ME THAT WE WERE ABOUT 20 MIN. FROM TARGET A
FEW MINUTES BEFORE WE WERE HIT.

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? FLOATING DOWN IN PARACHUTE

Any hearsay information: PRISONER OF WAR IN A

GERMAN HOSPITAL.

Source: MY CAPT. MARCEL L. TOURNER 344 E TULUNGA AVE
BURBANK CALIF

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible; _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HITCHCOCK, Carl Edwin
Rank: T/SGT.
Serial number: 19186235
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

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Did he bail out? YES

Where? 15 MIN FROM SHELNFURT

If not, why not? _____

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

TALKED TO HIM ON THE GROUND AFTER BAIL OUT

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? GOING TO HOSPITAL IN A RED CROSS AMBULANCE

Any hearsay information: HE SHOULD BE AT HOME NOW.

I TALKED TO SOME OF MY ENLISTED MEN IN
FRANCE AFTER LIBERATION AND THEY SAID ALL
OF THE ENLISTED MEN WERE SAFE, AND WERE
READY TO COME HOME.

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC LAIN, James W. 3874
Rank: S/SGT.
Serial number: 32489275
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~; Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? YES

Where? 15 MIN FROM SHELINFURT GERMANY

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NOT KNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: SGT. VINCENT CONSOLI 718 GREGG ST

HOUSTON TEXAS TOLD ME ALL CREW MEMBERS

WERE SAFE. ALL EVASUED MEN THAT IS

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SCOTT A. BRILEY Rank 1ST LT Serial No. 0-751249
2. Organization 384th B.G. Gp Commanded DALE O. SMITH Rank COLONEL Sqn CO ROBERT LANGLOIS Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month 4 day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMB H., target, SCHNEIFURT, target time, APP. Noon, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, SOUTH THEN STRAIGHT IN., route flown AS BRIEFED
5. Where were you when you left formation? APP. 20 MIN FROM TARGET.
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? PLACE UNKNOWN APP. 15 MIN FROM SCHNEIFURT.
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? SGT VORHEES WAS SEEN ON GROUND. HIS SHOULDER WAS INJURED. LAST SEEN BEING TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH SGT. HITCHCOCK.
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

Name of crew member: **WARREN, Dexter Holt** **3874**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial Number: **O-812019**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? no

Where? About half way between Frankfurt and Schweinfurt, Ger.

If not, why not? He was shot in the face, or neck, Pilot threw him out

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

Interphone check about five min. prior to action

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: Pilot said he threw him out of the ship just prior to bailing out him self

Sources: Pilot Scott ~~Briley~~ Briley

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

No knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13 Can't recall first one

Dates and destinations if possible; 29 Mar. 44 Brunswick, Ger.

8 Mar. 44 Berlin, Ger.

9 " " " " " "

9 April 44 Marienburg, E. Prussia

14 " " Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger.

10 " " Brussels, Belgium

22 " " Berlin

13 " " Schweinfurt, Ger.

23 " " Freenhorst

24 " " Frankfurt

27 " " Tours, France

28 " " Dijon/Longvic, France

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INDIVIDUAL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HITCHCOCK, Carl Edwin
Rank: T/SGT.
Serial number: 19186235
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (flighter)~~: Radio Operator

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Did he bail out? Blown out, then open chute

Where? About half way between Frankfurt and Schweinfurt, Ger.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He and I were fighting fire together just prior to explosion

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? Floating down, out and a little above me
Camp Lucky Strike, France

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

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

He was in a hospital a few days then we met at
Stalag 17-B

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible; No knowledge other than these
last ones. 29 Mar. 44 Brunswick Ger. 9 April 44 Matienburg,
E. Prussia 10 April 44 Brussels, Belgium
13 April 44 Schweinfurt, Ger.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MC LAIN, James W.** **3874**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **32489275**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on B-24 (Bomber)~~: **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? He was blown out
 Where? About half way between Frankfurt and Schweinfurt
 Ger.

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He was getting ready to jump just prior to explosion

Was he injured? yes

Where was he when last seen? Southampton England

Any hearsay information: _____

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was cut about the face and head, and bruised up - He and I were on the loose together five days prior to capture

Total number of missions of above crew member: 12

Dates and destinations if possible: In order as made

8 Mar. 44	Berlin, Ger.	9 April 44	Matienburg, E. Prussia
16 " "	Operetta Hentofen, "	10 " "	Brussels, Belgium
22 " "	Berlin, Ger.	13 " "	Schweinfurt, Ger.
23 " "	Freenhorst, Ger.		
24 " "	Frankfurt, Ger.		
27 " "	Touts, France		
28 " "	Dijon, France		
29 " "	Brunswick, Ger.		

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name John R. Allen Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 380897.7
2. Organization 384th Gp Commander Smith Rank Col. Sqn CO Langlois Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Schweinfurt, target time, About 14:10, altitude, 22000 ft. route scheduled, No Knowledge, route flown As briefed
5. Where were you when you left formation? About fifteen min. from target
6. Did you bail out? I was blown out then opened chute
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". These five from the Radio Room back came out when ship blew up, Hitchcock, Stauffer, Voorhees, McLain, and my self, The other I do not know first hand
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No Knowledge
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? Briley, Letourneau were at Camp Lucky Strike, France May, 45 Condition OK. — Ward left status 17-13 5 Jan. 45 on report for the states with a wounded foot. Consoli — Santa Anna H.A.B. Calif. 19 Oct. 45 Condition good
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)

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KU 1534

1 KIA 7.) Vielbrunn near Koenig district Erbach 27 km south of Aschaffenburg -ST 1 2
14.20, Boeing, 100%, 1 man dead, 4 prisoners, 297233 A P K D -insignia- K 7-1-44

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2 Identification marks, 1 newspaper clipping, 3 address cards are attached
to Case KU 1534

1.) JAMES W. MCLAIN 32489275 T 43 A P ✓

2.) KARL F. STAUFFER 16018795 T 41-43 O P ✓
MARY STAUFFER
215 W MONROE ST.
GIRARD, ILL.

KH 1534

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airfield - Headquarters**PLACE: **Mannheim - Sandhofen**DATE: **21. June 1944**REGARDING: **CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, Boeing B 17 G, Fabrication Nr. 297233,
Markings: 3 -insignia- DK****EN. LANDING:**AT: **Keenig /Gdw.
13. April 1944 14.20
WARREN**

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

FIRST NAME:

DEXTER H.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA)

O-812019

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

dead

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT: **Haingrund near Keenig 18. April 1944**

REMARKS:

List of personal property is enclosed

SIGNATURE

Captain, officer for special disposal

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Erback/Odw. 14. April 1944

Subject; Air defense reports, 3 wounded members of American airforces have been delivered to garrison hospital in Dieburg.

To
Office of appraisal of values west
Oberursel.

On Thursday, 13. April 1944 at 14.00 in the county of Vielbrunn-Hainhaus an American four-engined bomber has been shot down.
The crew came down by parachutes.
Three men of the crew have been wounded. They have been delivered to garrison hospital in Dieburg.

SIGNATURE.

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REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFTPOST: **Airfields - Headquarters**LOCATION: **Mannheim - Sandhofen**DATE: **23. April 1944**

DATE AND TIME:

AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

13. April 1944 14.20

PLACE OF CRASH:

(NEAREST TOWN)

near Keenig/Odw. in the woods. (Sellplatte)

KIND OF CAPTURE:

(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)**Fighter**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Boeing 17 C, Fabrication Nr. 297233

MARKINGS OF CRAFT:

(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

J -insignia- DK

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

destroyed 90%

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:

(DULOG -LUFT, ETC.)

SIGNATURE

Captain, Officer for special disposal/equipment

FORM 1

FM 1534

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airfield - Headquarters

PLACE: Mannheim - Sandhofen

DATE: 19. April 1944

REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF: (presumable) Boeing

EM. LANDING: AT: place unknown (pilot jumped off near Michelsta dt)
13. April 1944 time: unknown

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME)

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FIRST NAME:

JOHN R.

SERIAL NUMBER: ~~38089757~~

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RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED)

Captured, transferred to Duag Luft Oberursel

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

between Hirschhorn and Unter-Hainbronn, 18. April 1944

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

~~list of confiscated items is enclosed~~

REMARKS:

List of confiscated items is enclosed

SIGNATURE

Captain, Officer for special disposal, - equipment