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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger.; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility 10 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 April 44 time 1405; and Location Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger.
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.
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 #2 engine smoking, generally shot up, was last seen heading for
Switzerland
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97477
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-001680
(b) 43-66341; (c) SW-001959; (d) SW-002082
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	Pilot	Edwards, Floyd Clinton	Capt. 0-665291 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	Langlois, Robert Ezra	Capt. 0-662805 RTD	
3. Navigator	Crist, Vern Warren	1st 2nd Lt. 0-809543 RTD	
4. Bombardier	Alles, William George	1st Lt. 0-727855 RTD	
5. Radio Operator	Hopper, Hugh David	T/Sgt. 19099503 RTD	
6. Top Turret	Smith, Roger Carlton	T/Sgt. 18157387 RTD	
7. Ball Turret	Ordaz, Armando N.	Sgt. 38112884 RTD	
8. Tail Gunner	Fleming, Paul Hane	S/Sgt. 35517705 RTD	
9. Right Waist Gun	Folmar, Warren Alexander	S/Sgt. 34333497 RTD	
10. Left Waist Gun	Zink, Chester Harvey	S/Sgt. 36558095 RTD	

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by	Last	Saw	Saw Forced
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. Laboda, Joseph Stanley	1st Lt	0-802207	x			
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 BRIEF WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFECT OF SEASON, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND
SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE.

Date of Report 28 April 1944

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J. R. Wyatt

Signature of Reporting Officer)

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

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STATEMENT BY LT. J. S. LABODA, DEPUTY GROUP LEADER, HIGH GROUP, PILOT
A/C NO. 518 ON MISSION TO OBERPFAFFHOFFEN, GERMANY, 24 APRIL 1944.

We were flying No. 2 position Lead Squadron, High Group. A/C No. 7477 was the Lead Ship of the Group, with Capt. EDWARDS, Pilot and Capt. LANGLOIS, GROUP LEADER AND Co-Pilot. A/C No. 7477 appeared to be in trouble on the bomb run, although able to complete it. Immediately after bombs away Capt. LANGLOIS CALLED ME on VHF and instructed me to take over the Group Lead. A/C 7477 then set course in the general direction of Switzerland.

J. S. Laboda
J. S. LABODA,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 518,
Deputy Group Leader.

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Military Police War District
Vainngen a.E.

Place: Oelbronn

Time: 24 Apr 44, at 2000 hours

Name: Armando N. Ordez

Place and Time of Capture: Ruit on 24 Apr 1944

Name: Hugh D Hopper

Place and Time of Capture: On 24 Apr 44 in Oelbronn, at 1500 hours

Name: S Sgt Paul H. Flemming

Place and Time of Capture: Oelbronn, 24 Apr 1944, at 1300 hours

Name: Folmar Sgt Warren A. Folmar

Place and Time of Capture: On 24 Apr 1944, at 1500 hours

Name: S Sgt Chester H. Zink

Place and Time of Capture: Oelbronn on 24 Apr 1944, at 1500 hours

They bailed out from a shot down flying Fortress type 2.

KU 1606

Identification Tags

Edwards Floyd C., O 665291

Robt E. Langlois, 36216103

Vern W. Crist, O 809543

Chester E. Zink, 36558095

Paul H. Fleming, 35517705

Warren A. Folmar, 34333497

Hugh D. Hopper, 19099505

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Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command

Place: Mannheim-Sandhofen

Time: 25 Apr 1944

Subject: Downing of a Boeing Fortress near Maulbronn, District of
Bruchsal (according to the crewmembers) on 24 Apr 44, at
1600 hours

Name: Alles, William, 0727855
Crist Vern W., O 809543
Edward, Floyd C., O 665291
Langlots, Robert E., O 662805
Smith, Roger C., 18157387

Disposition: Captured and sent to Dulag Luft Oberursel

Place and Time of Capture: Near Bruchsal by military police on 24 Apr 44
between 1500 and 1600 hours

Remarks: List of inventory of effects attached.

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24.April.1944. 1600

Maulbronn near
Bruchsal
Type: Fortress
545 ~~SS~~ Squadr.
384 Group
Airfield
Grafton Underwood

3.May

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Cpt	EDWARDS	Floyd Clinton O-665291	capt.
Cpt.	LANGLOIS	Robert Ezra O-662805	capt.
1st.Lt.	XXXXX ALLES	William George O-727855	capt/
2nd.Lt.	CRIST	Vern. Warren O-809543	capt.
T/Sgt.	SMITH	Roger C. 18157387	capt.
T/Sgt.	HOPPER	Hugh David 19099503	capt
S/Sgt.	ORDAZ	Armando Noriega 38112884	capt.
S/Sgt.	ZINK	Chester Harvey 36558095	capt.
S/Sgt.	POLMAR	Warren Alexander 343334 ⁹ 7	capt.
S/Sgt.	FLEMING	Paul Hane 35597705	capt.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

24 April 1944 - 16.00

CASUALTY NO.

KU 1606

PLACE OF CRASH

Bruchsal - Baden

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

FORTRESS

REPORTING OFFICE

Transport Mannheim Clinton

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
EDWARDS, Floyd Clinton	Capt.	O-663291	Captured	Dulag Luft
LANGLOIS, Robert Ezra	Capt.	O-662805	Captured	Dulag Luft
ALLES, William George	1st/Ltn.	O-727855	Captured	Dulag Luft
CRIST, Vern Warren	2nd/Ltn.	O-809543	Captured	Dulag Luft
SMITH, Regan C.	T/Sgt.	18157387	Captured	Dulag Luft
HOPPER, Hugh David 29 January 1924	T/Sgt.	19099503	Captured	Dulag Luft
ONDAZ, Armando Noriega 13 June 1921 - San Antonio, Tex.	S/Sgt.	38112884	Captured	Dulag Luft
ZINK, Chester Harvey	S/Sgt.	36558095	Captured	Dulag Luft
FOLMAR, Warren Alexander 26 May 1921 - USA	S/Sgt.	34333497	Captured	Dulag Luft
FLEMING, Paul Hane USA	S/Sgt.	35597705	Captured	Dulag Luft

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft, 4 May 1944 / Wo.

CASUALTY BRANCH, A.G.O.
FILE CHARGE-OUT AND TRANSFER FORM

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LAST NAME <i>Staffs</i>	FIRST NAME <i>John</i>	MIDDLE INITIAL <i>C</i>	SERIAL NUMBER <i>0673751</i>	GRADE <i>2nd Lt</i>
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