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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 584th 544th Attachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of DEPARTURE AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Sottevast, France; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility - 10 miles in haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 April 1944; and Location Sottevast, France
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 DOWN, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy aircraft; (x) Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows: Enemy anti-aircraft fire hit the left wing; A/C immediately caught fire, peeled off from formation and went into spin.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97136
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-007082
(b) SW-007016; (c) SW-007037; (d) SW-007118
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 _____; 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	Small, Herbert William	2nd Lt.	0-746447
2.	Co-Pilot	Morris, Roy John	2nd Lt.	0-810196
3.	Navigator	McGue, James Edward	2nd Lt.	0-703103
4.	Bombardier	Sewack, John Mitchell	2nd Lt.	0-754816
5.	Radio Operator	Parker, Marion L.	S/Sgt.	39408737
6.	Top Turret	Pirrello, Richard Dominic	Sgt.	32817505
7.	Ball Turret	Reynolds, John Brooks	Sgt.	12099200
8.	Tail Gunner	Potkay, Edward Joseph	Sgt.	31326142
9.	Right Waist Gunner	Ulrich, Russell Harrison	Sgt.	33487201
10.	Left Waist Gunner	George, David Edmond	S/Sgt.	39272639

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	Contacted by	Radio	Seen	Saw Forced Landing
1. Allison, Earl Thomas	1st Lt.	0-798297		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 EYE WITNESS 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 29 April 1944

Incl 1

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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J. R. WYATT,

1st Lt., Air Corps,

Ass't. Adjutant.

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STATEMENT BY LT. E. T. ALLISON, PILOT A/C 364, ON MISSION SOTTEVAST, FRANCE, 27 APRIL 1944.

At 1051 hours, A/C 136 Lt. SMALL, Pilot, was observed being hit by a direct burst of flak over the target. The burst hit the left wing and the plane immediately caught fire, peeled off from formation and went in a spin. No chutes observed.

E. T. Allison

E. T. ALLISON,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 364.

Incl 2

2nd Lt. John H. Sennet

Mr. Joseph H. Sennet, (Father)
127 Hill Street,
Jenup, Pennsylvania.

2nd Lt. James E. McGee

Mrs. Mary G. McGee, (Mother)
101 State Street,
Alamosa, Colorado.

2nd Lt. Ray J. Morris

Mr. Claude H. Morris, (Father)
2030 Alameda,
Detroit, Michigan.

2nd Lt. Herbert W. Small

Mrs. Cecelia F. Small, (Mother)
Salisbury Road,
Sheffield, Massachusetts.

2/Sgt. David E. George

Mrs. Rosa M. George, (Mother)
3874 43rd Street,
San Diego, California.

Sgt. John B. Reynolds

Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, (Mother)
Cranberry, New York.

Sgt. Russell H. Ulrich

Mrs. Jeannette H. Ulrich, (Mother)
1456 North Front Street,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Marion L. Parker

Mrs. Julia R. Parker, (Mother)
Clearlake,
Highlands, California.

Sgt. Edward J. Potkay

Mr. Roman Potkay, (Father)
38 Eastern Avenue,
New London, Connecticut.

Sgt. Richard D. Pirrallo

Mr. Thomas Pirrallo, (Father)
73 Lincoln Avenue,
New York, New York.

Downing Report and Capture Report No. 27
Air Forces Command Westfrance, 27 Apr 44, downing at 2400 hours

KU 1657

No. 10

Shot down by: Flak

Time: 1052 hours

Place of Crash: 2 km west of Valognes near Le Pont Durand

Aircraft type: Fortress

Disposition of the Crew: 10 men Dead

1. Eduard J. Potkay, 31326142
2. James E. McGue, O 703103
3. Sgt H. Ulrich Russell, 33487201
4. David N. George, 39272639
5. Mrion L. Parker, 39408737
6. Richard D. Pirrello, 32617505
7. Reynolds, 12099200
8. Roy J. Morris, O 810196
9. John M. Sewack, O 754816
10. Not identified

Identification Tags

Roy J. Morris, O 810196

Marion L. Parker, 39408737

James E. McGue, O 703103

John M. Sewack, O 754816

Russell H. Ulrich, 33487201 also Soldier's Individual Record and letters

David E. George, 39272639

Edward J. Potkay, 31326142

Richard D. Pirrello, 32817505

KU 1657

MACR 4350

B-17 42-97136

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Report Concerning Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command Theville, Hdq. L 36 413 Lg Pa Paris
Place: Theville near Cherbourg, 27 Apr 1944, at 1040 hours
Downing: By 1st a Boeing B 17 Fortress II

Name:	Pirrello, Richard D., 32817505	Grave No.	108
	Mcgue, James E., O 703103	"	103
	Reynolds, 13099200	"	109
	Parker, Marion L., 39408737	"	107
	Ulrich, Russell H. Sgt, 33487201	"	104
	George, David E., 39272639	"	105
	Pothay, Edward J., 31326142	"	102
	Szwack, John M., O 754816	"	111
	Morris, Roy J., O 810196	"	110

Disposition: Buried on 29 Apr 44 in the English Cemetery in Cherbourg

Others: Were thrown out from the aircraft near Rocheville (9 km
west of Valognes)

KU 1657

Staff Officer
Army Community Organization No. 18

File Name. No. 394

A.V. 005/44

May 13, 1944
FP No. 21535 R

Mixed Crews:

Transcript

To:
Army Information Bureau

Ref. No. 10

Subject: Enemy members killed in action

SD Case 1030 - MACR 4350

26 bodies of members of American Air Forces killed in action were buried at the cemetery of Cherbourg District Manche. The report received by the competent local command is forwarded enclosed.

Records see Ref. IV

No signature
Captain

On REVERSE The 26 names of the bodies pencil written:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.) Harry W. Williams | 14.) unknown |
| 2.) Stanley E. Johnson - 4258 | 15.) James C. Brown - 4234 |
| 3.) Edward J. Potkay - 4350 | 16.) Robert H. Kelly - 4234 |
| 4.) James E. McGuire - 4350 | 17.) Delbert E. Barnhart - 4234 |
| 5.) Russell H. Ulrich - 4350 | 18.) John H. Spiker - 4234 |
| 6.) David B. George - 4350 | 19.) J. W. McGuire - 4238 |
| 7.) unknown | 20.) John W. Babotka - 4238 |
| 8.) Marion L. Parker - 4350 | 21.) Allen R. Dill - 4238 |
| 9.) Richard S. Pirrello - 4350 | 22.) John R. Buffo - 4238 |
| 10.) John M. B. Reynolds - 4350 | 23.) Joseph A. Eck - 4238 |
| 11.) Roy J. Morris - 4350 | 24.) Donald E. Kuntz - 4238 |
| 12.) John H. Sewack - 4350 | 25.) Rodney M. McCaughin - 4238 |
| 13.) Wm. G. Lakin - 4234 | 26.) unknown |

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

27 April 1944 - 10.52

CASUALTY NO. 1457

PLACE OF CRASH

Valognes

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

P-51 Mustang

REPORTING OFFICE

Lafayette Command - West - France

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED HEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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Mc GUR, James E.

Officer

O-703103

Dead - Buried on 29 April 44, at the
Cemetery Cherbourg. Grave No. 10

MORRIS, Roy J.

Officer

O-810196

Dead - the same, Grave No. 110

SEWAGE, John M.

Officer

O-754816

Dead - the same, Grave No. 111

POTKAY, Edward J.

Sgt.

31326142

Dead - the same, Grave No. 102

RUSSELL, Ulrich J.

Sgt.

33487201

Dead - the same, Grave No. 104

GEORGE, David E.

Sgt.

39272639

Dead - the same, Grave No. 105

PARKER, Marion L.

Sgt.

39408737

Dead - the same, Grave No. 107

PIRELLIO, Richard D.

Sgt.

32817505

Dead - the same, Grave No. 108

REYNOLDS, ..

Sgt.

12099200

Dead - the same, Grave No. 109

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 14 June 1944 / Na.

MACR 4350

27 April 1944. 1052

9 km. W. of Valognes

near La Pointe Duval

Type: Fortress

Target: Airdistrict

Command West-France

KU 1657

K/A 103

McGUE

James E.

O-703103

dead

K/A 110

MORRIS

Roy J.

O-816196

dead

K/A 111

SWACK

John M.

O-734814

dead

106

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UNKNOWN Dead

dead

K/A 102

Sgt. POTKAY

Edward J

31326142

dead

K/A 104

Sgt.

RUSSELL

Ulrich H.

33487201

dead

K/A 105

Sgt.

GEORGE

David E.

39272439

dead

K/A 107

Sgt.

PARKER

Marion L.

39408737

dead

K/A 108

Sgt

PIRELLA

Richard D.

32817505

dead

K/A 109

Sgt.

REYNOLDS

John B. 120992 00

RETTTTT

dead

See SD Case 1030 - * Other crew member. Herbert W. Small, 0746447 (K/A) maybe Unknown
 10 dead Buried on 29 April 1944. at Cemetery Cherbourg

Crew accounted for
 510 K/A
 See AV 885/44