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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 AAF Station 106 ; Command or Air Force VIII Group 38Uth ; Squadron 5Uth ; Detachment
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: CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 May 44 Time 1702 ; and Location Sottevast, France of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; (x) 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; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows A/C received direct burst of flak between the tail and the waist doors; went into a steep uncontrollable dive
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31495
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-002930 (b) SW-003968 ; (c) 43-61698 ; (d) SW-003826
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 1 ; Total 11
    (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).

Ken 1791 - 5 unknown 5 buried

see attached list for passengers SWB

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
DED 1.	Pilot	Foster, James E.	1st Lt.	0-801932
RTD 2.	Co-Pilot	Johnson, Clifford Lee	2nd Lt.	0-810386
DED 3.	Navigator	Iriszkiewicz, Joseph Kenneth	2nd Lt.	0-688136
KIA 4.	Nose Gunner	Carpening, Robert Clark	T/Sgt.	14123642
KIA 5.	Radio Operator	Corbett, Thomas Walter	T/Sgt.	12211633
DED 6.	Top Turret	Boone, James Douglas, Jr.	T/Sgt.	35267507
DED 7.	Ball Turret	Overcash, Jimmy Lee, Jr.	S/Sgt.	14187511
DED 8.	Tail Gunner	Matican, Sigmund Sidney	S/Sgt.	12125825
KIA 9.	Right Waist Gun	Cochran, Thomas Tidwell	S/Sgt.	34307294
KIA 10.	Left Waist Gun	Stevens, John Jay	S/Sgt.	10600927

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

Passenger on next page

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column: Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. West, George Perry	1st Lt.	0-802893			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)
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 EFFECTS OF PERSONS, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

Date of Report 12 May 1944

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Reporting Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

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PASSENGER ON A/C 42-31495 on 8 May 1944

x	SW	Sanders, Russell Aubrey	Major	O-911094	Observer

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[redacted] WEST, PILOT, A/C 435 ON MISSION STOTTEVAST,

A/C 495, LT. FOSTER, WAS LOST APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MINUTE BEFORE BOMBS AWAY AS A RESULT OF A DIRECT BURST BETWEEN THE TAIL AND THE WAIST DOORS AND WENT INTO A STEEP UNCONTROLABLE DIVE. THE PLANE WAS SEEN TO BE STILL BURNING WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND.

George B West

G. B. WEST,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot, A/C No. 435.

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8.May.1944. 1910
Ie Feyar 17 km. S. of Cherbourg
Type: Fortress
Target: Airfield Command 12

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126	SANDERS	R. A		
127	COCHRAN	Thomas T.	34307294	dead
128	CORPENING	Robert	14123642	dead
129	CORBETT	Thomas W.	12211633	dead
130	STEVENS	John J.	10600927	dead

5 unknown dead Grave No 131 - 135 on12.May.1944. burried at English Cemetery Cherbourg

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11.) anti-aircraft 1915 La Fayse, 17 km south Fortress of Cherbourg

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11 men in the plane
5 Kia
6 ODS

10 MIA dead
1) A.L. Sanders dead Cherbourg Cemetery Grave 126
2) Thomas Cochrun dead Grave 127
SN 42 307 294 ★ 8 May 44 MIA
3) Robert Carpenter dead Grave 128
SN 14 123 642 8 May 44 MIA - KIA
4) Thomas Corbett dead Grave 129
SN 12 211 633 8 May 44 MIA - KIA
5) John Stevens dead Grave 130
SN 10 600 927 8 May 44 MIA - KIA
6 to 10 not to be identified. 131, 132, 133, 134, 135.

5 dead
5 unidentified

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⊕ Cochran, Thomas T. 34,307,294 MIA - KIA 8 May 44

⊕ Sanders, Russell A. 0911,094 8 May 44 MIA KIA

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Downing of Boeing B-17 Fortress II , near la Feyer , 17 km south CHerbourg , May 8, 1944 ; 19.15 .

10 Crew-members are interred on English Cemetery in Cherbourg on May 12, 1944.

1) Name : STEVENS, John J. dead
ASN : 10400927 T 45 0 Grave No. 130
Resid: 98 Bath RD.
Cheltenham , Eng.

2) Name : GOBERT, Thomas W. dead
ASN : 12211633 T 45 0 Grave No. 129

3) Name : CORPENING, Robert C. dead
ASN : 14123642 T 42-43 0 Grave No 128
Kin : Mrs. A.B. Corpening
30 Orchard St.
Asheville NC

4) Name : COCHRAN, Thomas T. dead
ASN : 34307294 T 42 Grave No. 127

5) Name : SANDERS , R. A. dead
Grave No. 126

6) Name : U N K N O W N dead
Grave No. 135

7) Name : U N K N O W N dead
Grave No. 134

8) Name : U N K N O W N dead
Grave No. 133

9) Name : U N K N O W N dead
Grave No 132

10) Name : U N K N O W N dead
Grave No 131

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1.) on 8 May 1944 , 1910 hours one Boeing Fortress B 17 roman two was shot down near Le Foyer, [redacted] km south, [redacted] km south of Cherbourg ,.- 100 per cent damage. anti-aircraft direct hit.- Following members of crew were buried on English cemetery on 12 May 1944 .-
Sanders, R.A. , grave # 126 .-
Cochran, Thomas, Herrmann Thomas [redacted] 34 307 294 T 43 , grave # 127.-
Carpening, Robert, [redacted] 14 123 642 T43, grave # 128.- Corbett, Thomas, [redacted] 12 211 633 T 43 grave # 129 - Stevens , John, [redacted] 10 600 927 T43 , grave # 130.- 5 members of crew unknown, grave numbers 131 to 135.-
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Corbett, Thomas E. 12211639
Cochran, Thomas T. 34307294
Stevens John, J. 19609827
Sanders, R.A. unknown leatherstrip
Gerpening, Robert G., 14123442 identification tag

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Identification tags : Thomas T. Cochran
14307294

Thomas E Corbett
32211633

Robert E Corpening
14129642

John J. Stevens
10609927

none

none

none

Leather strip : S.A. Sanders KIA

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Major Russell A. Sanders	Mrs. Rose Y. Sanders, (wife) Burnam Hall, Richmond, Kentucky.
1st Lt. James E. Foster	Mr. James F. Foster, (father) 1069 Ray Avenue, Schenectady, New York.
2nd Lt. Clifford L. Johnson	Mrs. Nell G. Johnson, (wife) Box [illegible], Rutherford, Tennessee.
2nd Lt. Joseph K. Uniszkiewicz	Mrs. Jabone Uniszkiewicz, (wife) 744 Oakland Street, Brooklyn, New York.
T/Sgt. Reiert C. Corpening	Mrs. Amy B. Corpening, (mother) 30 Orchard, Asheville, North Carolina.
T/Sgt. Thomas W. Corbett	Mrs. Dorelia Corbett, (wife) 21 Lafayette Street, Rumson, New Jersey.
T/Sgt. James D. Reese Jr.	Mr. Thomas Reese, (cousin) Fayetteville, West Virginia.
S/Sgt. Jimmy L. Overcash Jr.	Mr. Jimmy L. Overcash, (father) 34 West, Davidson, North Carolina.
S/Sgt. Sigmund S. Matisan	Mrs. Anna Matisan, (mother) 615 Howard Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
S/Sgt. Thomas T. Cochran	Mrs. Billie L. Cochran, (wife) 1029 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte 2, North Carolina.
S/Sgt. John J. Stevens	Mrs. John J. Stevens, (wife) Eastern Hospital, Homerton E - 9, London, England.

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Identification tags - 1 Thomas T. Cochran
34307294

Thomas F Corbett
12211633

Robert S Carpening
14123642

John J. Stevens
10600927

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leather strip - 1 R.A. Sanders

W. J. 4

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List :

Herbert, Thomas H. 12231633
[redacted], Thomas T. 34307294
Stevens John, J. 16500927
Sanders, L.A. [redacted] leatherstrip
Serpening, Robert G.,16123642 identification tag

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Supplementary Report,
Report on downed Aircraft and Prisoners of War
Hq Air Force Command Western France, dated 8 May 1944, concluded 2400 hours. / 13 May 1944

Number	cause	time	location of crash	type	fate of Crew captured	dead	fugitive (missing)
9.)	unknown	0015	3 km west of Suesmes 8 km east of Salbris 5 km south of Orleans	Lancaster 99% damage		7 dead (not to be identified)	
10.)	unknown	0015	3 km west of Suesmes 8 km east of Salbris	Lancaster		7 dead (not to be identified)	
11.)	anti-aircraft	1915	Le Fayen, 17 km south of Cherbourg	Fortress		10 men dead 1) R.A. Sanders 2) Thomas Cheshran SN 43 307 294 3) Robert Carpenling SN 14 123 642 4) Thomas Corbett SN 12 211 433 5) John Stevens SN 10 600 927 6 to 10 not to be identified.	
12.)	anti-aircraft	1928	near Brouville 12 km south of Cherbourg	Fortress		1 prisoner: Paul G. Vlahos, SN. 35 383 724 7 dead: 1) Mario Santoriello SN 12 157 074 2) John Hudson, SN 36 212 703 3) Benjamin [illegible] SN 0-793 732 4) Claude Rami, SN 31 17[illegible] 5) Sgt. [illegible] SN — 720 6 and 7 not to be identified	

Total 11 men
1 observer

Commission for downed Aircraft, attached to Ref.3 Ic (Staff of Col. Witt) Paris

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number	cause	time	location of crash	type	fate of crew (as far as know, indicate names) captured	dead	fugitive	missing
13	anti-aircraft	1930	near Cahteau La Grimmonisre, 10.5 km south-west of Valognes	Fortress	2 prisoners: 1) 1st Lt. John Curtin SN 0-800 687 2) 1st Lt. Lester Hall SN 0-447 250	5 dead: 1) Jack Nagel, SN — 2) [illegible], SN 37 233 420 3) Wilhelm Clemente 55 [illegible]72 350 4) Rudolf Jakobs 60 [illegible]27 5) Karl Allisen SN 0-793 297		1 man missing
14	anti-aircraft	1930	West of St.Sauveur le Vicomte, 30 km south of Cherbourg i.See	Fortress	5 prisoners: 1) 1st Lt. Joseph F Ziemk, SN 1962 2) Lt. Louis J. Heying SN 0-751 132 3) T/Sgt. William Heim, SN 13 093 828 4) Sgt. Howard E. Gelner SN 368 083 5) T/Sgt. David Kennel, SN 31 135017	5 men dead		6 men dead (drowned)
15	anti-aircraft	1945	20 km south-west of Port-Bail (Cape Cateret) over sea (30 km south-west of Cherbourg)	Fortress	4 prisoners			
16	anti-aircraft	2350	Brest-Poulmic CM 5-15 south-west	Lancaster		5 men dead 1) R.C. Millard, SN 1 168 720 (RAF) 2) W.T. Lu[illegible], SN 420 575 3) A.P. Whitford, SN 0/[illegible] 4 and 5 not to be identified.		2 men missing

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To information center west Oberursel
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Corpening, Robert, SN 14 123 642 -43, grave # 128.- Corbett, Thomas, SN 12 211 633 T 43 grave # 129 - Stevens , John, SN. 10 600 927 T43 , grave # 130.- 5 members of crew unknown, grave numbers 131 to 135.-
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2.) Following listed [illegible] were recovered from the Boeing Fortress roman two, shot down on 8 May 1944, 1926 hours, near Breuville, 12 km south of Cherbourg:
Santariello, Mario, SM. [illegible] 12 157 974 T 42, Grave# 136.
Hudson John, SM 38 212 703 T 42 , grave number 137.-
Cyamiles , Benjamin, SM 0-793 732 T 42 , grave number 138.- Zanni, Claude, SM. 31 170 [illegible] , grave number 141.-
Grady,-, Sgt. SM, unknown, grave number 142.-
3.) Following listed corpses were recovered from the Boeing Fortress B - roman two, shot down on 8 May 1944 , 1930 hours, near Chateau Grenouziere, 10.5 km south west of Valnes.-
Nagel, Jack, grave number 143.-
Kaufmann, V.H., SM 37 233 420 T 43, grave number 144.-
Clements, William, SM. 35 350 Tech. Sgt., Grave number 145.-
Jakobs, Randolph, SM. T 60 327 T 43 grave number 146.-
Allison Earl, SM, 0- 798 297 T 43 , grave number 147.-
1 member of crew unknown, grave number 148.0
4.) Following corpses drifted ashore from the Boeing B 17 Fortress roman two, shot down on 8 May 1944, 1930 hours , ditched near Portball, 25 km south-west of Valognes: 1 member of crew, unknown, grave number 149.-
Morse, Joseph, SM. 39282 738 T 43 , grave number 150.-
All planes damaged 100 per cent.-
Rq Air Base (L 15 / roman twelve **