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by E. A. BRADSHAW, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date 17-9-43

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station No. 106 : Command or Air Force VIII
Group 34th : Squadron 5th : Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 : Course As briefed
Intended Destination Tanet, France : Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Slight haze; visibility 10 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date Sept 17 Time 1:50 : and Location 47°45' N, 01°10' W
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces 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) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Fire was coming out of leading edge of wing. Ship made left turn out of formation and dropped back. Four delayed white jumps. Ship seen to blow up in distance.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17A A.A.F. Serial Number 42-4549
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series : A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57633
(b) 41-57639 : (c) 43-60036 : (d) 42-79698
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
RTD.	Pilot	Butler, Johnny A.	1/Lt.	0-66384
EUS.	Co-Pilot	Hollenbecher, Herman Jr.	1/Lt.	0-672010
FUS.	Navigator	Knawling, Edward J.	1/Lt.	0-736868
FUS.	AG	Martin, Burnie	S/Sgt.	3829235 283/0285
FUS.	Radio Operator	Davis, Preston A.	T/Sgt.	18136189
RTD.	Engine Top Turbine	Turlington, Howard J.	T/Sgt.	14073757
KIA	Asst. Eng. Fuel Tank	May, Herbert E.	S/Sgt.	39009410
KIA	Asst. Fuel Gunner	Shore, Walter H.	Sgt.	33205619
FUS.	Asst. Tail Gunner	Barnes, Clarence B.	Sgt.	627721
KIA	Asst. R. O. Bomb Gunner	Rogers, Marion C.	S/Sgt.	34276729

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	Check Only One Column			
			Connected by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Sundlan, Bruce G.	2/Lt.	0-796910			X	
2. Algar, Philip M.	1/Lt.	0-728536			X	
3. Sprague, Alfred T.	2/Lt.	0-670653			X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used 4 ; (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

NOTE: 1. Additional reports indicate ten (10) whites left plane. | Date of Report 17 September 1943

2. This ship is believed to have been destroyed by FW 190s employing rocket fire.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
W. J. MONSIELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Station S-2 Officer.

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✓ 1st Lt John W. Taylor

Mrs. E. E. Hamilton, (Mother)
Box 234,
Alamo, Texas.

✓ 1st Lt James L. Thompson

Mrs. Anna Mae Thompson, (Mother)
214 West 10th Street,
Lawrence, Kansas.

✓ 1st Lt James Williamson, Jr.

Mrs. Marie E. Williamson, (Mother)
137 West 11th Street,
Olathe, Mo.

✓ 1st Sgt Edward E. Worthington

Mr. Lee J. Worthington, (Father)
109 West Pope Street,
Reno, North Carolina.

✓ 1st Sgt Preston A. Davis

Mrs. E. A. Davis, (Mother)
601 South Elgin Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

✓ 1st Sgt Lucile Martin

Mr. Lucile Martin, (Father)
Route 11, Box 171,
Vernado, Louisiana.

✓ 1st Sgt Robert E. May

Mrs. Helen E. May, (Wife)
Box 147, 140 Cassin Street,
Indio, California.

✓ 1st Sgt Marie C. Rogers

Mr. H. A. Rogers, (Father)
Route 11,
Nipley, Mississippi.

✓ 1st Sgt Walter H. Reed

Mrs. Dora C. Reed, (Mother)
3702 Wilson Road,
Brentwood, Maryland.

✓ 1st Sgt Clarence E. Barnes

Mr. Edward B. Barnes, (Father)
Box Number 122,
Olathe, Kansas.

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AG 360.33 2nd Ind. WWH/ro
No SOS, STOUSSA, APO 871 12 October 1943.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department 23 May 1943,
File AG 360.33 (5-21-43) OS-3-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:

William V. Whitman
WILLIAM V. WHITMAN,
Lt. Col. AGO,
Asst. Adj. General.

1 Incl:

Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-5849) (Dup w/d)

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P/W and X Detachment
Military Intelligence Service

REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

HOWARD J. TURLINGTON, 2/SGT, 14073797

30 June 1944

(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

(Date)

347 Bomb Squadron, 344 Bomb Group

WME /MIA

(Unit)

MEMBERS OF CREW

PRESENT
OFFICIAL STATUS

PILOT	0-463354	1st Lt	Johnny A. BUTLER	INTERRED
CO-PILOT	0-677380	2nd Lt	Norman WILLIAMSON	P/W
NAVIGATOR	0-796068	1st Lt	Edward J. KNOWLING	P/W
BOMBARDIER	38300313	S/Sgt	Bessie MARTIN	P/W
RADIO OPERATOR	14136189	T/Sgt	Fredrick A. DAVIS	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	14073797	T/Sgt	Howard J. TURLINGTON	DE
MID TURRET GUNNER	19089440	S/Sgt	Herbert E. HAY	MIA
WING GUNNER	34278739	S/Sgt	Marion D. ROGERS	MIA
WING GUNNER	33205619	Sgt	Walter H. SMOOD	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	6277281	Sgt	Clarence B. BARNES	P/W

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

14 September 1943; approx 1400 hours; near AENHYS

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out. Was it on fire, etc?
No 2 Engine shot up and left wing and inboard fuel tank on fire.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 18,000 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed? Do not know

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?
Sgt DAVIS bailed out; do not know about the others.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? Do not know.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?
No

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so, give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

No

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition?

No

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and by what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion? Saw 3 chutes besides my own.

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 106
Office of the Operations Officer

18 September 1943

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report

TO : Commanding General, 8th Air Force, APO 633.

1. Transmitted herewith is one (1) Missing Air Crew Report.

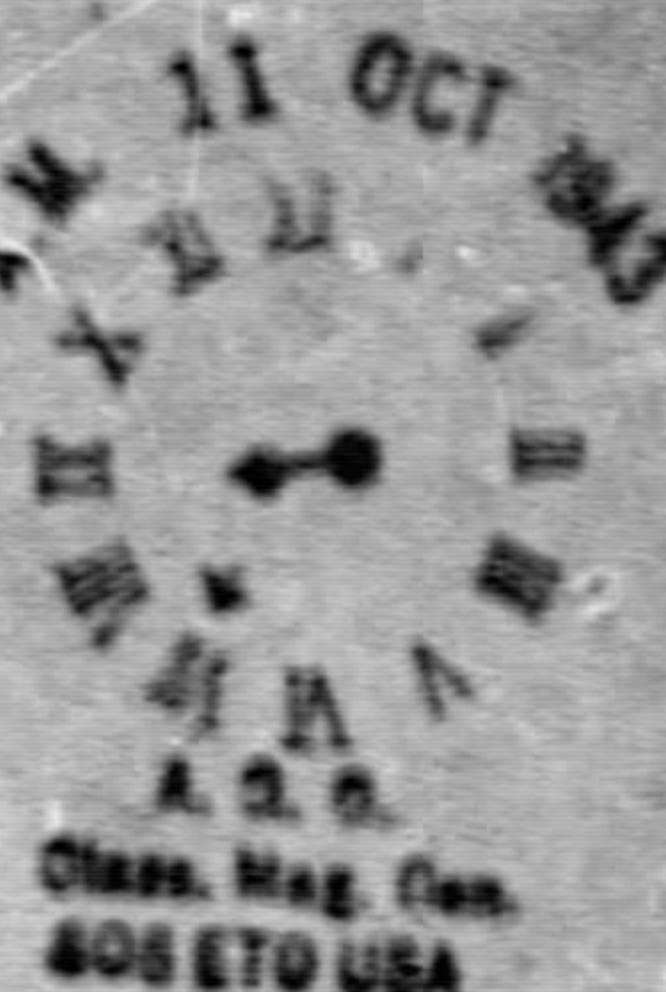


Alfred C. Nuttall
ALFRED C. NUTTALL
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer

1st Incl.

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Headquarters Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U.S. Army. 9 October, 1943.

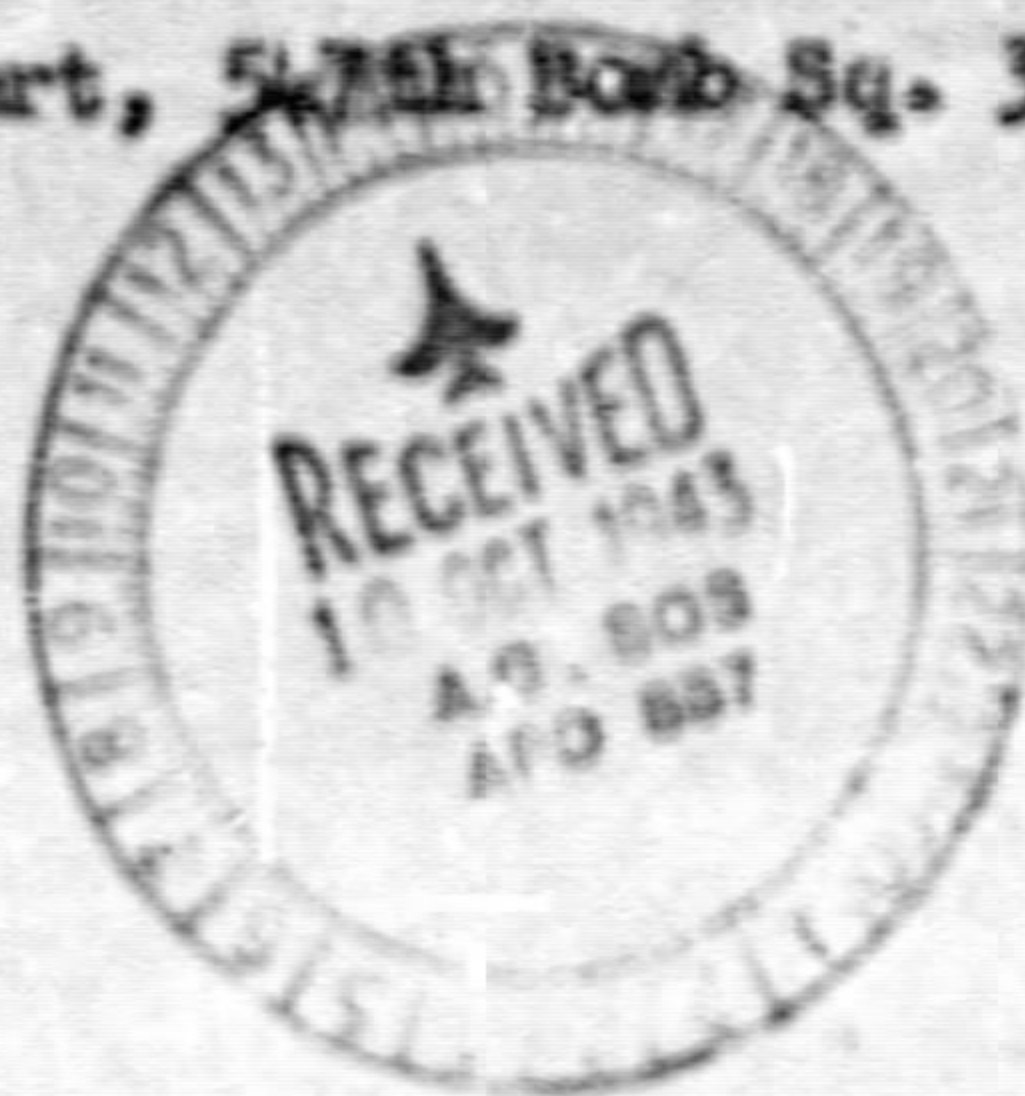


TO: Commanding General, SOS, NTOUSA, APO 871, U.S. Army.

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Incl. AG 360.33 (5-23-43) dated 3 June 1943.

For the Commanding General:

1 Incl: Missing Air Crew Report, 575th Bomb Sq. 384th Group (In dup)



E. A. Mobley
E. A. MOBLEY
Lt. Colonel, ASD,
ASST ADJ GEN.

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: ROBERT, Walter C.
Rank: 1st Lt.
Serial number: 114777
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator: 2nd Lt. B.O., Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Not sure

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

a bout 5 minutes before we attacked

Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? Waist compartment - his position

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 16

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes France 16 Sept 1943

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILLIAM, Walter E.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 10000000
Position: Crew (Bombardier) Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? do not know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

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

do not remember

Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? Waist compartment - his position

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: do not know

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes France 16 Sept 1943

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 702

Name of crew member: RAF, Herbert E.
Rank: Capt.
Serial number: 3009440
Position: Crew (Bomber) Assistant Engineer

Did he bail out? do not know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: 5 minutes

before I left plane. He stated over interphone that he couldn't see (over)

Was he injured? do not know

Where was he when last seen? in Ball Turret - his position

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: do not know

Dates and destinations if possible: Nantes France 16 Sept 1942

anything because engine oil was near his Torralgas

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name HOWARD J. TURBINGTON Rank T/3rd Serial No. 14073757
2. Organization 3rd Sq Commander ^{Col. SUB J. Penning} Rank Col. Sq. CO Rank 1st Lt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month SEPT day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, NANTES, target, SHIP, target time, , altitude, 1900 FT, route scheduled, , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR RENNES, FRANCE
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". PRESTON DAVIS -
BAILED OUT LEFT SIDE OF BOMBAY ABOUT 10 SECONDS
BEFORE I DID.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DID NOT SEE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) DO NOT KNOW
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? JIMMY BUTLER AND WILLENWEBER THE
PILOTS. THEY WERE O.K.
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

File # 722

Name of crew member: Woods, Walter C.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 1157749
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) Acft. B-24, Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? He bailed out.

Where?

If not, why not? He bailed out after the attack and did not know why.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Reported
was taken off.

Was he injured? Unknown.

Where was he then last seen? I saw him in the turret before the attack.

Any hearsay information:

Source:

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

fire, the Navigator asked the Tail Gunner to check the turret for him. He
said the turret was stuck to the rear of the plane from this he was
probably working on the turret. My first knowledge of this was gotten from
news on the ground and the Navigator told me. It is also possible that
he was struck with a bullet or was more heavily attacked.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 14

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SMITH, Walter E.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 1387989
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? I didn't see him jump the aircraft and I don't know why

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Report
was taken off

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? I saw him in the mail before the attack

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: While on mission
five, the Navigator asked the Ball turret man to check the band by
hand. He said the turret was stuck to the rear of band from this he was
possibly sweeping on the turret and fell from edge of this was of the same
more on the ground and the Navigator told me. It is also possible that he
was struck with a bullet as we were attacked heavily.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

OFFICIAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: 1st Lt. Robert E.
 Rank: 1st Lt.
 Serial number: 970 440
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) Asst. Engineer

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? _____

If not, why not? I don't know if he did or not and I don't know why.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before
me took off.

Was he injured? Unknown

Where was he when last seen? Before take off

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: When asked by
the Navigator to check the bomb bay door, May said his turret
was stuck to the rear. My first knowledge of this was when
we hit the ground and the Navigator fell over. I wish we could
have developed something about getting out of the
turret.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Franklin A. Davis Rank M/SGT Serial No. 18136189
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Budd Parady Rank Col Sqn CO 547 Rank Capt
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Sept day 16 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Nantes, France target, Sub Base, target
time, ✓, altitude, 22000 ft route scheduled, ✓
route flown ✓
5. Where were you when you left formation? Near Rennes, France
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". Seven men bailed out at approx same place (near Rennes) seven chutes, including their own, were seen by everyone while coming down.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Rennes, France
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Presumably -
Marian C. Rogers, Walter X. Sward, and Herbert E. May.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Ball Turret and Waist
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw Rogers and Sward about 15 or 20 minutes before we were attacked. They were in the waist and alright at that time. ✓
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)