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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

by E. A. BRADONIS, Lt. Col., AG
by F. M. MURPHY, Capt., AG
Date MAR 1 1948

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 384th ; Squadron 544th ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Stuttgart, Germany ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Not known
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6 Sept. 43 Time Not known ; and Location not known
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) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances as follows Ship believed to have been forced down due to fuel exhaustion
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17E A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3041
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-35455
(b) 43-54015 ; (c) 42-79673 ; (d) 41-35520
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).

Status

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>Encl.</i> 1.	Pilot	<u>Kelahan, James J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-795800 - RTD</u>
2.	Co-Pilot	<u>Braschler, Rudolph P.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-680526 - RTD</u>
3.	Navigator	<u>Shackelford, Leola E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-670147 - RTD</u>
<i>Encl.</i> 4.	Bombardier	<u>Diendorf, Arthur R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-741488 - RTD</u>
5.	Radio Operator	<u>Carr, Marcus E.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>38197811 - RTD</u>
6.	Top Gunner	<u>Stahlhut, Robert F.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>35366043 - RTD</u>
7.	Ball Turret	<u>Tripp, John H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>3735733 - RTD</u>
8.	Wing Gunner	<u>Jessup, Schley E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>34357273 - RTD</u>
9.	Flexible Gunner	<u>Savage, James E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>38375915 - RTD</u>
<i>Encl.</i> 10.	Flexible Gunner	<u>Kemp, George J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>RTD 11065778 - RTD</u>

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	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)
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

Date of Report 28 September 1943
N. J. McNeer
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Encl # 2'

1st Lt. James J. Sullivan, Jr.

Mr. James J. Sullivan, Jr., (father)
508 Park Avenue,
Milford, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Ralph F. Froehlich

Mr. James J. Sullivan, Jr. (son)
50 Park Street,
Milford, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. James E. Randolph

Mr. Charles F. Randolph, (father)
Box 152,
Hemp, North Dakota.

2nd Lt. Arthur E. Shindler

Mrs. Joseph Alvin Randolph, (mother)
North Street Station,
Washington, D.C.

1st Sgt. Robert F. Stahler

Mrs. Arthur Shindler, (mother)
Box 152,
Hemp, North Dakota.

1st Sgt. James E. Galt

Mr. Robert E. Shindler, (father)
1115 Jefferson Street,
Washington, D.C.

1st Sgt. John E. Tripp

Mrs. Clara E. Stahler, (mother)
511 East Superior Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

1st Sgt. Bailey E. Jenson

Mrs. Martha C. Peterson, (mother)
1208 Decatur Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

1st Sgt. James E. Savage

Mrs. Jay E. Tripp, (mother)
211 Market Street,
Wheatfield, Missouri.

1st Sgt. George J. Karp

Mrs. Ada G. Jenson, (mother)
Griffin Street,
Buckham, Georgia.

Mrs. Mattie E. Savage, (mother)
562 West 41st Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Henry G. Karp, (father)
25 Holden Avenue,
Milford, Connecticut.

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AG 360.33 2nd Ind.
Hq 808, FZOUFA, APO 871, 21 October 1943.

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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) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:

Wilfred V. Wighman
WILFRED V. WIGHMAN,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

- 5 Incls:
- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-24507) (Dup W/D)
 - Incl 2 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-5041) (Dup W/D)
 - Incl 3 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-5043) (Dup W/D)
 - Incl 4 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-3455) (Dup W/D)
 - Incl 5 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP 42-5720) (Dup W/D)

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HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION NO. 106
Office of the Operations Officer

8 September 1943

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.
TO : Commanding General, STOUHA, APO 871.

1. Transmitted herewith are 5 Missing Air Crew Reports, (in triplicate).

For the Commanding Officer:



Clayton M. Olson
CLAYTON M. OLSON.
1st Lt., Air Corp,
Ass't Operations Officer.

AG 360.33
Hq SCS, STOUHA, APO 871, 14 September 1943
To: Commanding General, 8th Air Force, APO 633.

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1. Heedless to prior instructions by this headquarters and instructions outlined in War Department Letter, AG 360.33 (5-23-43) dated 3 June 1943, Missing Air Crew Reports are being forwarded direct to this headquarters and in triplicate.
2. Headquarters, AAF Station No. 106 will be notified of the fact that this form is forwarded in duplicate and that all communications to higher headquarters be submitted through channels.
3. Unit will be instructed to list all inclosures as directed in Section V, AR 340-15, dated 21 August 1942.
4. Unit will be instructed to comply with Par. 10, Change 8, AR 340-15, dated 27 May 1943, as to method of expressing dates.
5. A check of Missing Air Crew Report reveals that Lt Arthur R. Dymondorf (Incl 2) was initially reported as Arthur R. Dinnlerf, Lt Paul S. Givens' (Incl 3) serial number was initially reported as 0729432, Lt Richard J. Peirce's (Incl 4) ASN was initially reported as 0800760, S Sgt Edward L. Ruch (Incl 4) was initially reported as Edward F. Ruch, Lt James C. Jensen (Incl 5) was initially reported as James C. Jansen. Request the above discrepancies be verified and corrected.

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6. This communication and Missing Air Crew Reports will be returned to this headquarters with the least practicable delay, with notation as to what corrective measures have been taken to correct Unit concerned.

By order of the Theater Commander:

R. W. Brucke

R. W. BRUCKE,
2nd Lt, AGO,
Asst Adj Gen.

5 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP No. 42-24507) (Trip)
- Incl 2 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP No. 42-3041) (Trip)
- Incl 3 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP No. 42-5843) (Trip)
- Incl 4 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP No. 42-3455) (Trip)
- Incl 5 - Missing Air Crew Report (AP No. 42025720) (Trip)



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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U.S. ARMY, 15 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634, U.S. Army.

1. For compliance with preceding indorsement and return to this Headquarters with the least practicable delay.

2. It is desired that all Units of your Command be instructed as to the necessity for correct rendition of Missing Air Crew Reports.

3. Records of the 93rd Machine Records Unit indicate that the following errors also exist in the attached reports:-

AS SHOWN ON MISSING AIR CREW REPORTS

SHIP NO: 42-3041

- 2nd Lt. Schakelford
- 2nd Lt. Dymndorf
- T/Sgt Robert E. Stahlhut
- S/Sgt John H. Tripp

- S/Sgt Jessup - Tail Gunner
- S/Sgt Kemp - Flexible Gunner

SHIP NO: 42-5843

- 1st Lt. Givens - O-729423
- S/Sgt Furrey
- S/Sgt Hawkins

93RD M.R.U. RECORDS.

- 2nd Lt. Shackelford
- 2nd Lt. Dymndorf
- T/Sgt Robert E. Stahlhut
- S/Sgt John H. Tripp

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT.

- Right Waist Gunner
- Tail Gunner

93RD M.R.U. RECORDS.

- 1st Lt. Givens - O-729432
- S/Sgt Furrey Jr.
- S/Sgt Hawkins Jr.

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CONTINUATION of 2nd Ind HQ 8AF, 15 Sept'43 to CG VIII B.C.

AS SHOWN ON MISSING AIR CREW REPORTS

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

SHIP NO: 42-3455

2nd Lt. Russel R. Faulkner
2nd Lt. Richard J. Peirce, O-300760
S/Sgt Edward L. Rush

1st Lt. Russel R. Faulkner
2nd Lt. Richard J. Peirce, O-300760
S/Sgt Edward L. Rush

SHIP NO: 42-3722

2nd Lt. Jensen

S/Sgt Louis F. Weatherford

S/Sgt Bachman

SHIP NO: 42-3720

2nd Lt. Jensen Jr. (Carbon copy
of B.C.R. looks to be Jensen
which is correct).

S/Sgt Louis F. Weatherford (M.R.U.
Records indicate LOUIE)

S/Sgt Bachman.

By command of Major General RAHER:

E. A. Mohley
E. A. MOHLEY,
Major, AGO,
Asst Adj Gen.

5 Incls:
n/c.

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HEADQUARTERS, VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army,

19 SEP 1943

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634, U. S. Army.

3A
BOENIS ARCHER,
1st Lieut. AGO,
Asst. Adjutant General.

5 Incls: n/c.

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4th Ind.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 21 September, 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 106, APO 634.

5 Incls: n/c.

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 106, APO 634, U. S. ARMY, 2 October 1943.

TO: Commanding General, HQ, ETOUSA, APO 871, U. S. Army. (Thru Channels).

1. 1st Indorsement complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:

C. H. Crowe, Jr.
C. H. CROWE, JR.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

5 Encls:

5 Missing Air Crew Reports (in dup).

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6th Ind

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 6 October, 1943.

TO: Commanding General, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634.

1. Transmitted herewith are 5 Missing Air Crew Reports (in dup).

2. Unit concerned has been contacted by this headquarters and the various errors pointed out. Unit has fixed responsibility on Battle Casualty Section for correct submission of Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Commanding General:

Robert P. Johnson Jr.
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON JR.
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General.

5 Incls: n/c.

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7th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

P-4-1
8 - OCT 1943

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U. S. ARMY.

5 Incls: n/c.



8th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U. S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, 308, HQ USA, APO 871, U.S. Army. 18 October 1943.

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Ind. AG File No. 360.35 (3-23-45)
dated 5 June 1943.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

5 Incls: n/c

James B. Gordon
JAMES B. GORDON,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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Oberstaatsanwalt
beim Landgericht
Saargemünd

Saargemünd, den 2. Mai 1944
Fernruf: 49

1944

AZ. Js: 890/44

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An

Kriegsgefangenen - Durchgangslager

in Oberursel

Am 6. 9. 1943 gegen 11³⁰ stürzte zwischen Dorweiler und Elwingen ein viermotoriges amerikanisches Bombenflugzeug ab. Nachfolgend aufgeführte 7 Mann der Besatzung wurden dem Durchgangslager Oberursel zugeführt:

XVII B1. Johann H. Tripp	Erk.Nr. 37375733	T.42
XVII B2. Robert F. Stahlhut	Erk.Nr. 35366643	T.43
S3. Lesta Shakelfort	Erk.Nr. unbekannt	
XVII B4. Shley Jesup	Erk.Nr. 34357273	T.42/43
XVII B5. James E. Savage	Erk.Nr. 36375975	T.42/43
S6. Rudolf P. Frösche	Erk.Nr. 0-680626	T.43
S7. A.R. Dinndorf	Erk.Nr. 0-741488	T.42/43

In einer hier anhängigen Strafsache ist es notwendig diese Kriegsgefangenen zu vernehmen. Es wird um Mitteilung gebeten in welchem Lager die Genannten sich z.Zt. befinden.



I.A.

Staatsanwalt

Verteststelle West	
9. MAI 1944	Beauftragter
Az. 11	LO
Vor Ablage zur Kenntnis:	

Metz, den 28.3.1944.

B e r i c h t .

Beim Luftgaukommando in Metz befinden sich über den Absturz des im Vorgang genannten Flugzeuges entsprechende Unterlagen. Danach handelt es sich um ein 4 motoriges amerikanisches Bombenflugzeug, das am 6.9.1943 gegen 11.30 Uhr 3 km nordwestlich der Grube Falkenberg zwischen den Ortschaften Dorweiler und Elwingen stürzte. Die Maschine, vermutlich von deutschen Jägern angeschossen, wurde durch Aufschlag und Brand restlos zerstört. Von der 10 Mann starken Besatzung entkamen 3, während 7 in den folgenden Tagen ergriffen und dem Durchgangslager Oberursel zugeführt werden konnten. Die Personalien der in Kriegsgefangenschaft geratenen Personen sind:

1. Johann H. Tripp	Erk.Nr. 37375733	T.42
2. Robert F. Stahlhut	Erk.Nr. 35366643	T.43
3. Lesta Shakelfort	Erk.Nr. unbekannt	
4. Shley Jesup	Erk.Nr. 34357273	T.42/43
5. James E. Savage	Erk.Nr. 36375975	T.42/43
6. Rudolf P. Frösche	Erk.Nr. 0-680626	T.43
7. A.R. Dinnendorf	Erk.Nr. 0-741488	T.42/43

Welchem Lager sie von Oberursel aus zugeteilt wurden, ist beim LG.-Kommando in Metz nicht bekannt. Über die Absperrrmaßnahmen befinden sich bei genannter Dienststelle keine Vermerke. Nach Mitteilung des Kommandeurs, Major Dr. Hammerl, wurden die Akten nach Feststellung des Flugzeugtyps, Bergung und Sicherstellung der restlichen Teile der Maschine, geschlossen. Angehörige des LG.-Kommandos selbst waren an der Abspernung nicht beteiligt. Nähere Hinweise über die im Vorgang genannte Bewachungsmannschaft konnten daher nicht gegeben werden. Es liegt also die Möglichkeit nahe, daß die Angehörigen der Wehrmacht nicht an die Absturzstelle beordert, sondern von sich aus zunächst die Sicherung übernahmen. Weitere Ermittlungen werden in Verbindung mit der Gen-darmerie in Falkenberg durchgeführt, da die Wehrmachtspersonen vermutlich aus der dortigen Gegend stammten.

Klaus jun.
Krim.-Sekt.

Vfg.

1. L. IV E 1 -

2. w.vorl.b.Sachbearb.3 z.w.Veranlassung.

Auswertestelle West

Oberursel, den 10.5.44.

U. zurück

Mai 1944

mit der Mitteilung, dass

1. Johann B. Tripp
2. Robert F. Stahlhut
4. Shley Jesup
5. James E. Savage

sich im Stalag XVII B, Gneixendorf bei Krems/Donau und

3. Lesta Shakelford
6. Rudolf F. Froeschle
7. A. R. Dündorf

sich im Kriegsgefangenenlager Nr. 3 der Luftwaffe, Sagan/Sch befinden.


Hauptmann u.A.O.

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H. VW 1.6.44 per dem Auftrag bei Triga
Metz, auf Auftragsform (M. 9) / 1. 29.
Bzd. 26.5.44



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1. Einleitung wegen Klärung i/m. 1. Anlage.
2. Einlage der im Lager
3. Hauptauftrag über Anlage.
4. VW mit Hinweis d. d. d. d.
Bzd. 1.6.44~~