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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON David L.
Rank: T/Sgt.
Serial number: 33066121
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~

File No: 2864

Engineer - T.T.O.

Did he bail out? YES

Where? HAVESEN BELGIUM

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NO - NOT UPON HITTING GROUND

Where was he when last seen? NOT SEEN BY CREW MEMBERS

Any heresa information: INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM UNDERGROUND LEADER, MAJOR ARMAND FORZEE BUSSONVILLE IS DE NAMUR - BELGIQUE WHO WAS WITH HIM WHEN HE DIED OR SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

Sources: _____

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

POSSIBLY SHOT BY GERMANS FOR EVADING.
DIED ON MARCH 14 1944

Total number of missions of above crew member: 17 (7)

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name NOORMAN M CLARK Rank S/SGT Serial No. 11018499
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander STEVEN Rank COL Sqn 60 MITCHELL Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FRANKFORT, target, CENTER OF CITY, target time, 12:30 (Approx) altitude, 20000 (Approx) route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? NEAR FRANKFORT
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".
BURNS JAMES C. - PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN
DAVID WILSON - BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DURING
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? HAVERSEN BELGIUM
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
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? _____
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

Name of crew member: BURNS James C.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-682787
Position: Crew (Bomber) [REDACTED] Co-Pilot

File No : 2864

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Rochefort, Belgium

If not, why not? _____

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

Pushed me through escape hatch

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Kneeling by nose escape hatch of B-17

Any hearsay information: Lt. Elder, Pilot advises that Lt. Burns was

already gone when he left through same escape hatch shortly after I

bailed out. A letter received from a Monsieur Magerat Armand,

Forgee-Buissonville, Province de Namur, Belgium, states that

Lt. Burns body was found by the Germans with the parachute unopened.

Sources: _____

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

crew bailed out at altitudes varying from 6,000 to 1,500 feet and

two that I know of delayed pulling the rip cord until almost too

late. Perhaps Lt. Burns delayed just a little bit longer. We had

all heard a lot about making delayed jumps and it was impossible to

see the ground because of a violent snow storm. This is pure conjecture.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Don't know

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't know

Edward B. Connors

(Formerly: Edward B. Connors 0-698266
1st. Lt. A.C. AUS)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew members: WILSON David L. File No : 2864
Ranks T/Sgt.
Serial numbers: 33066121
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~; Engineer - T.T.G.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Near Rochefort, Belgium

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____
None

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Entering waist of B-17

Any hearsay information: Lt. Elder, pilot advises that Sgt. Wilson was not in sight when he left the controls to bail out. A letter from a Monsieur ~~XXXXXX~~ Magerat Armand, Forzee-Buissonville, Province de Namur, Belgium, advises that he and other members of the Belgian Resistance found Sgt. Wilson's body on March 15, 1944 and buried him Sources and that American soldiers later removed the body to an Army cemetery at Forzee near Namur. He states that the parachute any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: was open but that the body had struck a tree and was killed.

Total number of missions of above crew members: Don't know

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't know

Edward B. Connors

(Formerly: Edward B. Connors 6-3861-AJ
1st. Lt. A.C. AUS 0-698266)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward B. Connors Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. O-698266
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Stephens Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchell Rank Mag.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month March day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Frankfurt-am-Mains, target time, 1210 hrs, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown as scheduled
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 miles NW of the target
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". Saw seven members of crew on ground after they had bailed out. Was also advised that Sgt. Garcia had landed safely but been immediately captured. No news at that time of other two crew members, Lt. Burns and Sgt. Wilson.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Forzee, Province de Namur, Belgium.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
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? _____
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Heard that a pilot flying as an instructor on a B-24 piloted by a Lt. Royce Smith, co-pilot, Lt. Robert Hirsch, shot down 1st week in January, 1944 over northern France, was later killed in a snow slide in Pyrenees mountains near Spanish border late in January 44. The body was not recovered at the time. I understood it was near Tarbes a small town near the border. This was told me by a fellow prisoner at Fresnes Prison, Paris, who said he was a member of the crew, but whose name I have forgotten.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

Edward B. Connors

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WILSON David L. File No : 2864
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 33066121
 Position: Crew (Bomber) (REDACTED): Engineer - T.T.C.

Did he bail out? PRESUMABLY--SINCE I WAS FIRST TO BAIL OUT, CAN'T SAY.

Where? If he did bail out, probably landed in Haversin area of Belgium

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO
CONVERSATION--SAW him on flight deck before I bailed out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Flight deck behind pilot and co-pilot.

Any hearsay information: YES--BELGIAN RESISTANCE SAID HE SUFFERED SAME
FATE AS CO-PILOT JAMES C. BURNS--BAILED OUT SUCCESSFULLY, EVADED FOR
A DAY OR TWO, WAS CAUGHT BY GERMANS AND SHOT.

Source: MAGARAT ARMAND, FORZEE, BELGIUM.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: BELIEVE HE
WAS WITH BURNS, CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN
COMPANY WITH BELGIAN UNDERGROUND MEMBERS; WAS SHOT BY GERMANS. WHOLLY
MY OWN OPINION BASED ON HEARSAY.

Total number of missions of above crew members: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: BREMEN, KIEL, WILHELMSHAVEN, OESCHERLIEBEN,
PAS DE CALAIS, FRANKFURT, --

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BURNS James C. File No : 2864
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-682787
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? SINCE I WAS first to bail out I cannot say.

Where? If he did bail out, presumably in the Haversin, Belgium area.

If not, why not? ---

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before bail-out signal, which was visual from pilot, looked up to flight deck right after we pulled out of spin, saw pilot motion "get out."

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? In co-pilot's seat.

Any hearsay information: Yes, Belgium resistance, which sheltered me, said he was shot by GERMANS SEVERAL DAYS after the bail-out (March 6th) But I NEVER heard any conclusive proof of Lt. Burns' fate after I last saw him in the plane.

Source: MAGARAT Armand, FORZEE, Belgium.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions: I BELIEVE that Lt. Burns bailed out successfully, ~~was~~ evaded for a few days and then was caught by the GERMANS. I BELIEVE at the time he was caught, Lt. Burns was with some members of a resistance group and in civilian clothes. I believe that the GERMANS shot him. This is just a supposition and my own personal opinion.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Don't know--he NEVER flew with us prior to that last mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Don't know.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Daniel Francis Gilmore Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 32626104
2. Organization 303 B.G. 358 B.S. Gp Commander Stevens Rank Col. Sqn CO Mitchell Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month March day 2nd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 13th, target, Frankfurt, target time, Approx. noon, altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, don't recall, route flown don't recall
5. Where were you when you left formation? about 10 miles from Frankfurt (west)
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES--all 10 as far as I know. Know definitely that 8 bailed out safely.
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". Sgt. Mario Garcia, bailed out safely, captured immediately; Sgt. Frank Miranda, Sgt. Verdun Swank, Sgt. Norman Clark, Lt. Damon C. Elder, Lt. Albert Stravinsky, Lt. Edward Connors all bailed out safely, were captured within the following three months.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR HAVERSIN, Belgium.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE--AS far as I know all bailed out of the plane. The two crewmembers not mentioned above presumably bailed out too but I have no proof.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Last seen, Lt. Burns was in co-pilot's seat, and T/Sgt. David Wilson was standing on flight deck.
12. What was their condition? Neither was wounded. Both calm.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Last saw co-pilot Lt. Burns in co-pilot's seat; last saw engineer T/Sgt. David Wilson on flight deck directly behind him.
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

Name of crew members: BURNS James C. File No: 2864
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-92787
 Position: Crew (Bomber) [REDACTED] Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST
SAW LT. BURNS BEFORE TAKE OFF FOR MISSION

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? "

any hearsay information: FOUR MONTH FROM DAY WE WERE
SHOT DOWN. I MET FOUR OF MY CREW MEMBERS
WHO HAD BEEN EVADING IN P.W. CAMP. WAS TOLD
BY THEM THAT LT. BURNS HAD BAILED OUT. BUT
HIS CHUTE HAD FAILED TO OPEN. - NO OTHER

Sources: INFORMATION

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: NO KNOWLEDGE

Dates and destinations if possible: "

LT. BURNS FLEW WITH OUR CREW FOR FIRST TIME ON
FATAL MISSION. MET HIM FOR FIRST TIME THEN.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **WILSON David L.** File No : **2864**
 Rank: **T/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33066121**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Engineer - T.T.G.**

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? "

If not, why not? "

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: LAST SAW SGT. WILSON AFTER WE WERE HIT AND WERE MAKING OUR WAY BACK.

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AT HIS POSITION AS ENGINEER.

Any hearsay information: JUST THAT SGT. WILSON HAD BEEN KILLED - NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THEY GOT INFORMATION THRU UNDERGROUND SOURCE.

Source: FROM OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 13

Dates and destinations if possible: MAR. 2, 1944 WAS DATE OF OUR FATAL MISSION - FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, GERMANY WAS TARGET. DON'T RECALL DATES OR TARGETS OF OTHER MISSIONS.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GARCIA, MARIO D. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 33333 208
2. Organization 303RD Gp Commander NO KNOWLEDGE Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month MARCH day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, FRANKFURT-MANN, GERMANY, target
time, DON'T RECALL, altitude _____ route scheduled, _____
route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? MY POSITION - R. WAIST GUN.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? RADIO OP., TAIL GUN., L. WAIST GUN.
THEN I FOLLOWED.
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". _____

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) _____
NO KNOWLEDGE
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? _____
NO KNOWLEDGE
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)

WE WERE HIT BY ENEMY FIGHTERS ABOUT TWO MINUTES FROM I.P. NOS. TWO AND THREE ENGINES, OXYGEN SYSTEM AND INTERCOM SHOT UP. WE SALVOED BOMBS. WENT DOWN TO ABOUT 14,000 FT. TURN BACK. STARTED FOR HOME BY OURSELVES. WE SEEMED TO BE DOING ALRIGHT. ALL CREW MEMBERS SAFE. ONLY ONE HURT WAS RADIO OPERATOR. NOT SERIOUS, WAS HIT ON FINGER. IT MUST HAVE BEEN OVER LUXEMBURG WHEN WE FLEW THRU. A SNOW CLOUD. THE SHIP WENT OUT OF CONTROL AND INTO A STEEP DIVE. IT STRAIGHTEN OUT FOR A COUPLE OF SECONDS. IN THAT INSTANT THE RADIO OPERATOR RAN BACK TO ESCAPE HATCH YELLING TO BAIL OUT. HE WENT FIRST. FOLLOWED BY TAIL GUNNER, LEFT WAIST GUNNER, THEN MYSELF. THAT IS THE LAST I SAW OF MY CREW MEMBERS FOR FOUR MONTHS. I LANDED IN WOODS IN VICINITY OF DINAT, BELGIUM. WAS CAPTURED RIGHT AWAY BY THE GERMANS. THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE.

T/Sgt. MARIO D. GARCIA

P.S. ONLY INFORMATION I GOT ABOUT FATE OF OTHER CREW MEMBERS IS ON INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BURNS James C.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial numbers: 0-682787
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

File No : 2864

Did he bail out? Yes - but chute never opened

Where? 21 Kilometers North-East of DINANT Belgium

If not, why not? _____

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

Talked to Lt. Burns just before getting hit by enemy fighters - interphone went dead.
was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? Seen on ground dead near wreckage of our plane by French people

any hearsay information: French people said he was on ground dead with his chute still on but it had never been opened

Sources: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew members: Don't Know

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Verden D. Swank Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 15330388
2. Organization 303 Bomb Gp Gp Commander (full name) Rank (full name) Sqn CO (full name) Rank (full name)
35873 Sqn.
3. What year 1944 month March day 2 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FRANKFORT, target, ON MAINE, target time, 12:00, altitude, 27,000 FT. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just starting on bomb run
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes All Ten
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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Didn't see plane after I bailed out.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
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? _____
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)

Prisoner of War Section

CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **James Burns**

HOME TOWN OR STATE **Grand Rapids, Michigan**

GRADE OR RANK **2nd Lt.**

ORGANIZATION **503 Bomb Group**

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **March 2, 1944 - Belgian-Luxemburg Frontier**

CAUSE OF DEATH **Parachute Failure**

PLACE OF BURIAL **?**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **Underground of Belgium and Luftwaffe**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

SIGN HERE **/s/ A. W. Stravinsky**
Name and Serial Number
0-570288
6724 Railway Ave., Baltimore,
Your home address **Md.**

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY CASUALTY BRANCH, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE FORM ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU. PLEASE FILL ONE OUT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES WHOM YOU KNOW OR BELIEVE TO BE DEAD.

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CASUALTY-REPORT
No 29

including time from 30 Jan 1944 to 9 Mar 1944)

NO	PLACE & DATE OF CASUALTY	RANK	NAME & IDENT. TAG	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
1	2 km west of SURIN- CHAMPS, 23 km west- south-west of DINANT	Lt.	James R. BURNS O-682787 T 43	Crash	Cemetery of Air-Base FLORENNES Grave No 23
2	2,5 km north of MASSOENE	7	William R...BURDITT O-728570 T 43	Crash	same. Grave No 79

Pencil-Remark 2 Dead, written 10 May 1944.

checked 15 May 1944

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2. March 1944 about 11.45 h.
W. Sazingchamps 21 km east of
Dinant
Type: P.
Remarks: 358 H. Co.
303 Group

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Lt. BURNS James R O-562787 dead
Cemetery Air Base Florennes 9. March 44

Lt. LOGAN, J.
Hospital Lustien

LT. OGDEN, Elliott B.

2. Lt. BLEER Damon Connor O-803966 capt.

Sgt. GARCIA Marie J. 33333208
Hospital

S/Sgt. SWANK Verden Devoel 5330388

Sgt. CLARK Norman Merrill 11028499 capt.

S/Sgt. MIRENDA Frank John 12156084 capt.

1. Lt. STRAVINSKY, Albert Walter
O-670288 capt.

2. Lt. CONNORS Edward Bruce O-596266 capt.

T/Sgt. GILMORE Daniel Francis
32626104 capt.

17. Jan. 1923 *PMU*

25 Jan 1917 *PMU* 2 Watch

12. KU 1061 3 Clark 2 m 1744 Norman

11. KU 1061 6 Elder 2 m 1744 Damon

19. KU 1061 11 Miranda 2 m 1744 Frank 21 Nov. 1920 *PMU* 1 Watch 2

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AF- Reserve Batl. III NEUMUNSTER

~~10 MAR 44?~~

CASUALTY-REPORT
No 29

including time from 30 Jan 1944 to 9 Mar 1944)

NO	PLACE & DATE OF CASUALTY	RANK	NAME & IDENT. TAG	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
1	2 km west of SERIN-CHAMPS, 23 km west-south-west of DINANT	Lt.	<u>James R. BURNS</u> O-682767 T 43	Crash	Cemetery of Air-Base FLORENNES Grave No 28

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Local Quarters, 24 Mar 44

Field Postal Command A 92/XI
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Certificate of Arrival

Today three POW arrived as follows

Damon C. Elder

Norman M. Clark (KU 1061 ?)

Frank J. Miranda

Dog Tags

David E. Ferris, (KU 1060)

Norman M. Clark, 11018499

Verden D. Swank, 15330388

Albert W. Stravinsky, O 670288

James R. Burns, O 683787

Albert W. Stanvinsky

Frank J. Miranda, 12156084

Damon G. Elder, O 808956

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KU 1061

Not on 490 file

2nd Lt. Damon C. Elder

Mrs. Margaret C. Elder (Mother)
8 Prospect Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2nd Lt. James R. Burns

Mr. W. Maurice Burns (Father)
2134 Madison Avenue Southeast
Grand Rapids, Michigan

2nd Lt. Edward B. Connors

Mrs. John J. Connors (Mother)
4873 Goethe Avenue
Saint Louis, Missouri

2nd Lt. Albert W. Stravinsky

Mrs. Shirley K. Stravinsky (Wife)
6724 Railway Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

T/Sgt. David L. Wilson

Mrs. Neva P. Wilson (Mother)
Rural Delivery 3 Box 101A
Cumberland, Maryland

Sgt. Herman M. Clark

Mr. Leslie M. Clark (Father)
Main Street
West Upton, Massachusetts

T/Sgt. Daniel F. Gilmore

Mr. Patrick Gilmore (Father)
88-73 62nd Drive
Rego Park, Long Island, New York

S/Sgt. Mario D. Garcia

Mrs. Margaret P. Wareham Jr. (Sister)
803 North 20th. Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

S/Sgt. Frank J. Miranda

Mr. Frank Miranda (Father)
807 85th. Street
North Bergen, New Jersey

S/Sgt. Verden D. Swank

Mr. Ervin W. Swank (Father)
Rural Route One Box 120
Evans, Indiana

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303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (K)
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by Lt. Col., AG
M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
MAR 15 1946

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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII
Group 303rd ; Squadron 358th ; Detachment -----
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Frankfurt, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10-10/10
cloud cover, Tops 12,000-15,000 Ft. Non-Persistent Contrails, Visibility unlimited above clouds.
- GIVE: (a) Date 2 Mar 44 Time 1157 ; and Location (50°15'N-08°00'E) Near Kattenbach.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- 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 Short fighter attack -- No. 1 engine smoking and A/C left formation.

- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97509
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820 97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-002827
(b) SW-003401 ; (c) SW-003431 ; (d) SW-003483
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ ; (b) _____ ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
(e) _____ ; (f) SEE ATTACHED SHEET ; (h) _____

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty ---

- 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).

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
POW 1. Pilot	ELDER, DAMON C.	2nd Lt.	0-803256
MIA 2. Co-Pilot	BURNS, JAMES R.	2nd Lt.	0-682727
MIA 3. Navigator	CONNORS, EDWARD B.	2nd Lt.	0-698266
POW 4. Bombardier	STRAVINSKY, ALBERT W.	2nd Lt.	0-670288
MIA 5. Engineer - T.T.G.	WILSON, DAVID L.	T/Sgt.	33066121
MIA 6. Ass't Eng.-L.W.G.	CLARK, NORMAN M.	Sgt.	11018499
MIA 7. Radio Operator	GILMORE, DANIEL F.	T/Sgt.	32626104
POW 8. Ass't Rad. Op. R.W.G.	GARCIA, MARIC D.	S/Sgt.	33333208
MIA 9. Ball Turret Gunner	MIRENDA, FRANK J.	S/Sgt.	12156084
MIA 10. Tail Gunner	SWANK, VERDEN D.	S/Sgt.	15330388

- 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			
			Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- 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) -----
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. See Chart Attached.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. -----
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE -----

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Date of Report 3 March 1944

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.

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INSTALLED WEAPONS, Make, Type, and Serial Numbers of A/C 42-97509

948095----B.A.C.
947832----B.A.C.
898788----B.A.C.
893996----B.A.C.
947764----S.A. C
947805----S.A.C.
947800----S.A.C.
947700----S.A.C.
948993----S.A.C.
948053----S.A.C.
947959----S.A.C.
948739----S.A.C.
947629----S.A.C.

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PRIMARY TARGET --- FRANKFURT
3 MARCH, 1944



303RD BOMB GROUP (H), 41ST C.W. "A" LOW GROUP HIGH SQDN.

--- PROPOSED ROUTE
— ROUTE FLOWN

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FLAK

HEAVY 
LIGHT 

COMBATS

FW 190  RED
ME 109  ORANGE
JU 88  BLUE
ME 110  GREEN
DO 217  BLACK

X - A/C #509 LEFT FORMATION AFTER
FIGHTER ATTACK. - #1 ENGINE SMOKING.

SCALE 1:2,000,000

