

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
363RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

Classification ~~changed~~

to **RESTRICTED**
by E. M. BROWN Lt. Col., AC

by F. M. MUEHNER Capt., AC
Date MAR 20 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force 8th A.F.
Group 363rd (H); Squadron 358th; Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See attached chart.
Intended Destination Oberpfaffenhofen, Ger.; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear - Visibility unlimited.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24-4-44; Time 1400; and Location Near Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany
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.
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 Notes: Loss believed due to A/A gunfire but it may have been due to E/A or both.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-107200
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97A; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-014562
(b) SW-014256; (c) SW-013975; (d) SW-014286
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) _____; (f) See attached sheet.; (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 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	STEWART, PAUL C.	2nd Lt.	0-806003
2. Co-Pilot	HEAPE, RUDOLPH H.	2nd Lt.	0-812989
3. Navigator	MOLLER, ROBERT C.	2nd Lt.	0-814374
4. Bombardier	MANZE, DARIO J.	F/O	T-1625
5. Top Turret Gunner	COE, THOMAS E. JR.	S/Sgt.	15119799
6. Radio Gunner	JONES, DRACKART L.	Sgt.	33464240
7. Ball Turret Gunner	JASINSKI, JOSEPH T.	Sgt.	33438382
8. Right Waist Gunner	CAST, JAMES, L.	Sgt.	35794261
9. Left Waist Gunner	CADLOLO, RAYMOND H.	Sgt.	39528455
10. Tail Gunner	SABLE, ROY A.	Sgt.	33144685

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw		
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing	

1. MAXEY, FRANK (NMI) 2nd Lt.
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. See attached chart.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. See attached statement.
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 26 April 1944

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

Sheet 18

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **JASINSKI Joseph T.**
 Rank: **Sgt.**
 Serial number: **33498882**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): **Sal.1 Turret Gunner**

File #274

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? No not know reason

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Told me to "Hurry and jump."

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen? Behind me putting on spare "skull"

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Only reason I can think of, was he was pinned in by centrifugal force when plane went into a tight spiral dive.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Seven

Dates and destinations if possible: Mariansburg April 9, 1944, Kassel, Germany; Crest, France; Cronenberg, Germany, Ham, Germany; Schweinfurt, Germany, Munich, Germany April 27, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: **JONES Drackart L.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **38464240**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Radio Operator**

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? head

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

Was he injured? Killed

Where was he when last seen? Radio Room

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

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

20 m.m.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **COE Thomas E. Jr.** File **4274**
 Rank: **S/Sgt.**
 Serial number: **13119799**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? do not know

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

Was he injured? don't know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: same as rest of crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: **MANE Marie J.**
Rank: **P/O**
Serial number:
Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Ev. not know

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

Was he injured? don't know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as rest of crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MOLIER Robert C.**File **4274**Rank: **2nd Lt.****0-814374**

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: **Navigator**Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Don't knowLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: noneWas he injured? Don't know

Where was he last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: noneTotal number of missions of above crew member: 7Dates and destinations if possible: Same as rest of crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4276

Name of crew member: **HEAPE** **Rudolph H.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-812 989**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Co Pilot**

Did he bail out? 710

Where? _____

If not, why not? Don't know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said
"It's going to jump the plane"

Was he injured? Don't know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: "Escape picture" was seen by tail
gunner after crash

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as rest of crew

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: STEWART Paul G.
Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-806003
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Observer (Navigator)~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? no

Where? _____

If not, why not? Don't know

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He said
"Planes coming in on nose"

Was he injured? Do not know

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: none

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as rest of crew

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Cadolo, Raymond H Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 39393455
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 27 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Offet flafenhafen, target time, 11:30, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? 2 minutes before bomb run
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, Tail gunner, Right Waist
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? 15 miles Northwest of target
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Josinski J.L., Jones R.H., Col. J.E. Magee, D.J. Moller, R.C. Heape, R.H. Stewart, P.C.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In their positions
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Tail gunner & R. Waist were with me in same prison camp and in good condition
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge

Turn over

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

The reason I do not know any information about the crew members up front part of plane was because it was impossible to have access through the bomb-bay, which was burning, to see what happened to the rest of our crew. We could not make contact with any members up front, although the interphone was working among the tail gunner, ball turret gunner and waists.

I know we were hit hard up front by enemy fighters, which set the bomb bay on fire.

Pieces of the nose of our ship was flying off. The only conclusion that the three of us could figure was, that all members up front were killed, including the radio operator which we knew about.

All the information I gave you, (which seems so little) is of the best of my knowledge.

Yours truly,
Ray. Cacilolo

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: JASINSKY Joseph T.

File 4274

Rank: Sgt.

Serial number: 33430472

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of Flight (Fighter):~~ Bel.1 Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Spilled during EVASIVE ACTION. WAS PUTTING ON SPARE. I ASKED IF HE COULD MAKE IT. He said yes.

Was he injured? Not when last seen.

Where was he when last seen? Ship made sharp LEFT BANK. He was thrown against

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge (side of ship)

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON 7th (seventh) mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: 9th OF April - 1944 MARINSBERG, Poland,

No other dates sure, but went to, Berlin, Kassel, HAMM, Brest,

SWINEFORT, OBERPOFFENHOFFEN. 24 April - 1944 (shot down on this one)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: **JONES Frederick L.**
 Rank:
 Serial number: **Sgt. 35464240**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Radio Gunner**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

I heard his voice was on oxygen test. He was answering check to Bombardier

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Radio Room

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: on 7th mission

Dates and destinations if possible: MARINSBERG, Poland, April, 9, 1944 - No other
dates sure but went to, Berlin, Kassel, Mamm Brest, SWINEFORT,
April, 24, 1944 OBERPOFFENHOFEN. (on this one when shot down)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CDE Thomas E. Jr. File 4274
 Rank: S/sgt.
 Serial number: 13119799
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Bombier, on oxygen test. That's the last time I heard his voice

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? on ground Before Boarding ship

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: on 7th mission

Dates and destinations if possible: MARINSBERG, Poland, April - 9, 1944
Not sure of dates went to Berlin Kassel, Hamm, Brest
Swinefort, April 24, '44 to Oberpoffenhofen, shot down.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: **MANZE Dario J.**
 Rank: **P/O**
 Serial number: **1-1495**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER~~: **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He asked for oxygen test. All crew members answered

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? ON ground Before Boarding ship

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON 7th mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: MARINSBERG, Poland, April-9-'44 -
Dates UNKNOWN ON BERLIN, Kassel, Hamm, Brest, Swinefort
April 24, '44 ON MISSION TO OBERPOFFENHOFEN WHEN SHOT DOWN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: NOLLER Robert C.File 4274Rank: 2nd Lt.O-614374

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: NavigatorDid he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No KnowledgeLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: He answeredBombardiers Oxygen check.Was he injured? No KnowledgeWhere was he when last seen? ON ground before boarding shipAny hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NoTotal number of missions of above crew member: ON 7th mission.Dates and destinations if possible: April-9-1944 MARINSBERG, PolandDates unknown ON Berlin, Kassel, Hamm, Brest SWINEFORTApril 24, 1944 ON mission to Oberpoffenhofen when shot down.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File 4274

Name of crew member: **SHAPE Rudolph H.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-812 900**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Pilot (Fighter): **~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co Pilot**

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Answered Bombardiers Oxygen check

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? ON ground, Before Boarding ship.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: ON 7th mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: April 9-1944 MARINSBERG, Poland

Dates unknown ON BERLIN, Kassel, Hamm, Brest

Swinefort April 24 1944 ON mission to Oberpoffenhofen when shot down.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STEWART Paul G.**
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**
 Serial number: **0-206903**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Crew (Fighter)~~: **Pilot**

File 4274

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? No KnowledgeLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HeAnswered Bombardiers Oxygen testWas he injured? No KnowledgeWhere was he when last seen? ON ground before boarding shipAny hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: NoTotal number of missions of above crew member: ON 7th mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: April 9-1944 Marnsberg, Poland
Dates unknown on Berlin, Kassel, Hamm, Brest, Swine Fort
ON mission to Oberpoffenhofen, April, 24, 1944 when shot down

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name CAS +, JAMES W. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 35794261
2. Organization 303rd Gp Commander Gen. Travis Rank Brig Gen CO Not known Rank —
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Oberpoffenhofen, target, Air Field, target time, No Knowledge, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled, No Knowledge, route flown No Knowledge
5. Where were you when you left formation? 15 minutes Before Target, ON IP.
6. Did you bail out? yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? yes, Tailgunner, Sable, LEFT waist gunner, Cadlala
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". Sable bailed out from Tail hatch. Cadlala AND I FROM waist Door.
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) To the best of my Knowledge, Stewart, Heope, Moller, Manjie, Coe, Jones, Jasinski, were still in the ship when it struck the ground.
11. Where were they in aircraft? So far as I know they were, at their stations except Jasinski, who came up to the waist from the Ball.
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge except Jasinski who said he could make it. AND was O.K. when I bailed out.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? AFTER being captured by Germans, I found out Sable and Cadlala were prisoners also. we were all three held at Stalag 17-B.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. No Knowledge.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(over)

I made two attempts to reach the crew on the intercom phone. Tail and Ball gunners answered. Waist gunner was beside me so we talked to each other. Sable went out tail hatch. Ball gunner had spilled chute and was putting on spore. Cadolo went out waist door. I asked Jasinski if he could make it. He said yes. I had been thrown to floor + he against wall when the plane barked. I crawled to door. That's when I asked if he was o.k. and he said yes. I went out door. Pulled ripcord, was hit by chute on the jaw. I passed out. Found out, after return to states, that my neck was broken. Jasinski didn't jump.

This to the best of my knowledge is all I can tell, as it is all I know of the happenings.

MIA	Sgt. Paul G. Stewart	Mrs. Johnda Stewart, (mother) 1117-35th Avenue, Meridian, Mississippi.
MIA	Sgt. Ralph H. Hoops	Mrs. Ella L. Hoops, (mother) 211 Archer Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.
MIA	Sgt. Robert C. Waller	Miss Jean E. Waller, (sister) 131 Ballinere Street, Floral Park, New York.
MIA	P/O Marie J. Hasso	Mr. Anthony Hasso, (father) 9 Washington Street, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.
MIA	S/Sgt. Thomas E. Cox, Jr.	Mrs. Annie V. Cox, (mother) 109 West Main, Halbville, Virginia.
MIA	Sgt. Duane L. Jones	Mr. John E. Jones, (grandfather) 924 East Sixth Street, Gallup, Oklahoma.
MIA	Sgt. Joseph T. Jasinski	Mrs. Anna Jasinski, (mother) 564 Conrad Avenue, North Charlevoix, Pennsylvania.
POW	Sgt. James L. Galt	Mrs. Ruth F. Galt, (wife) Box 125, Morse, Ohio.
POW	Sgt. Raymond H. Gadiolo	Mrs. Lila Gadiolo, (mother) Post Office Box 188, Escalon, California.
POW	Sgt. Roy A. Sable	Mrs. Hilda T. Sable, (mother) 1300 Fenrod Avenue, Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
305RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 557 - US ARMY

26 April 1944.

Statement of 2nd Lt. Frank (NMI) Maxey, O-803837

On the mission to Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, on 24 April 1944, I was the pilot of A/C 42-31739 which was flying in #5 position in the high squadron of the high group of the 41st "B" Combat Wing. A/C 42-107200, the missing A/C was flying in #3 position in the same squadron. The relative position of the two A/C is shown by the diagram below. In the target area, A/C 42-107200 was hit by anti-aircraft gunfire and was damaged. Apparently the pilot could not hold it in formation because shortly after getting into difficulty, it left the formation and turned off in the general direction of Switzerland. When last seen, it was still headed in that direction. No parachutes were seen to come out.

42-31583

42-107200

42-97787

42-31669

42-38051

42-31739

42-38204

Frank Maxey
FRANK (NMI) MAXEY
2nd Lt., A.C.

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INSTALLED WEAPONS, Make, Type and Serial Number of A/C #42-107200.

716609 --- B.L.C.
716502 --- B.L.C.
1295440 --- B.L.C.
1295435 --- B.L.C.
119237 --- S.A.
1296012 --- B.A.
13618 --- B.L.C.
1191978 --- S.A.
1191909 --- S.A.
159287 --- H.S.
51009 --- C.P.F.
1192166 --- S.A.
1192356 --- S.A.

PRIMARY TARGET--OBERPFAFFENHOFEN A/D, GERMANY

303RD. BOMB. GROUP (H) HIGH SQDN. OF
HIGH COMB. GROUP OF 41ST. "B". C. W.

24. APRIL, 1944

PROPOSED ROUTE

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