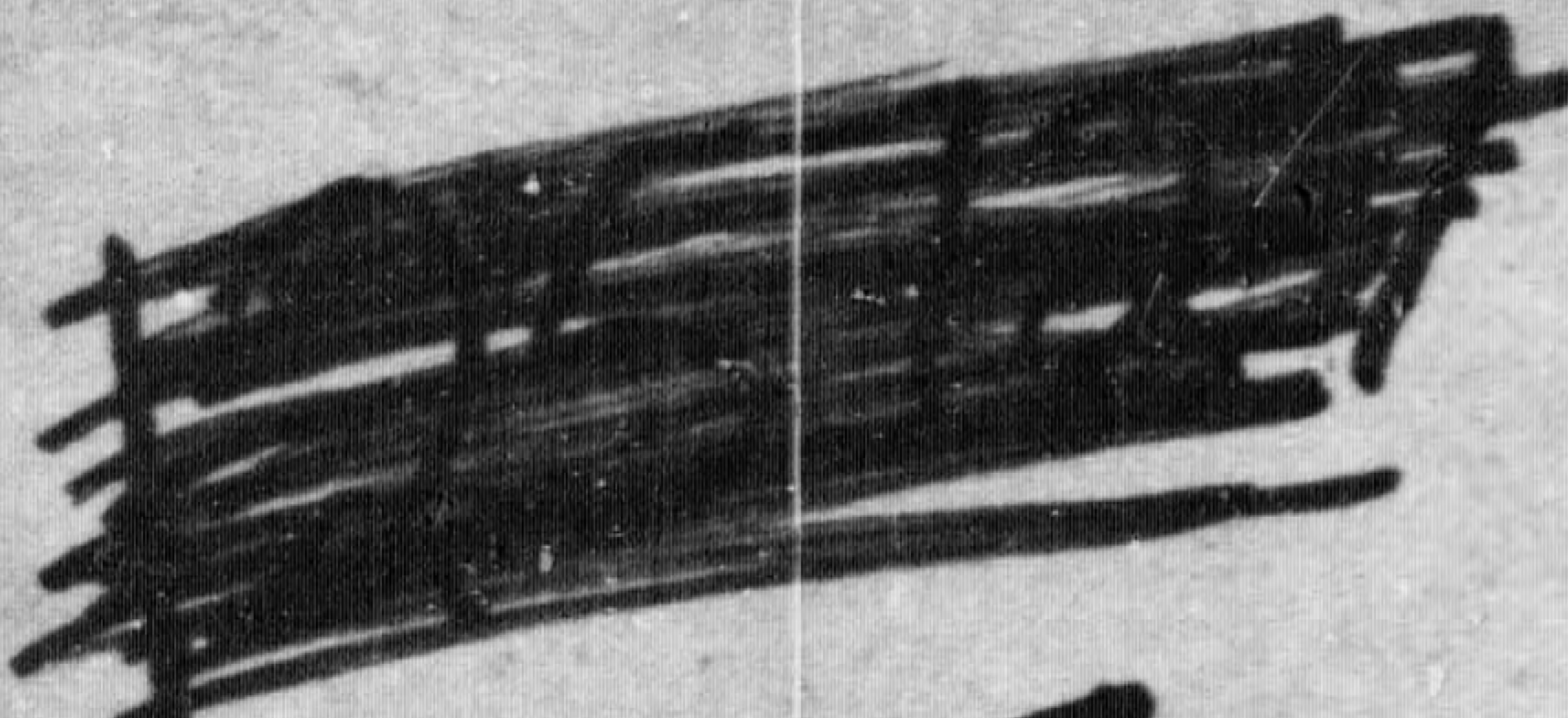


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Date	Writer	Wrote About
5-27-46	M. EULTON	McCORMICK FIELDS CLEVELL CASHMAN WHALTON STENKING
8-14-46	DAVISON	NEILL ROACH PARKER GRIBBIN
	RETURNED	

Date	Writer	Wrote About
5-27-46	M. EULTON	FRANKLIN ZIEMINSKI WALKER CARITERS KNOTS MYER MSHAMIN WALSH LEE PEKLINSKY
	RETURNED	

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

D-372

1. Your name DAVID H. PARKER Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-661658
2. Organization 303rd Op Commander _____ Rank Lt. COL Sqn CO Hagenbuch Rank MAJ.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month May day 1st did you go down?
4. What was the mission, St. Nazaire, target, Submarine Pins, target time, 11:30, altitude, 2400 FT. route scheduled, Approach Target From East by Flying To, route flown Same as scheduled The North AND CUTTING BACK.
5. Where were you when you left formation? North of St. Nazaire, about ten miles From Nantes
6. Did you bail out? Blown out
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Three
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". ON back
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? North of ST. NAZAIRE, About Ten Mile From NANTES
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) See 14
11. Where were they in aircraft? No Knowledge
12. What was their condition? No Knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LT. J.L. NEILL WAS A P.W. IN SAME CAMP
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. LT. H.E. ROACH HAS RECEIVED MAIL FROM A MAN THAT HAS PICTURES OF THE PLANE AND OF TWO CREWMEN. THIS MAN SAYS THERE WERE FOUR IN THE PLANE AND TWO ON THE OUTSIDE. LT. STERLING AND T/S FIELDS WERE ON THE OUTSIDE. ALL WERE DEAD.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

(8) ^{D-17} LT. Robert Sterline - (Pilot). I saw his feet as he came down to navigator's hatch to get out. The plane blew up shortly thereafter

(2) LT. J.L. Neill (Co-pilot) - P.W. (bailed out)

(3) LT. H.E. Roach (Nav) - Escaped

(4) LT. D.H. Parker (Bomb) - P.W. (Blown out)

(5) T/s E. Griffin (ENG) - bailed out P.W.

(6) S/s Arthur McCormick (Ball Turret) NO KNOWLEDGE (Believed Dead)

(7) S/s Clevelin (Tail Gunner) NO KNOWLEDGE (Believed Dead)

(8) T/s Fields (Radio Oper.) " " " "

(9) S/s Whalon (side Gunner) " " " "

(10) S/s ? " " " "

AV 90/43

5046 1 May 43
Soeing

Pecklinski, Sgt.

Captured, wounded, Dispos.:
In a fieldhospital.
P. was reported with P.H.NC.
102215/43 from 14 May 43 to be
dead.

AV 102/43

5046 1 May 43
Boeing

Pecklinski, Anthony Joseph, S/Sgt.
ASN: 15078240
born: 10 Aug. 1922

captured, was reported with
Pers.No.102217/43 from 20 May
May 43 to be wounded in a field
hospital.

MACP
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1-5727

5046 1 May 43
Boeing

Lee, David Stamps Jr.
ASN: 14071227
born: 1 Nov. 1921

captured

Walsh, Vincent Xavier, 1st Lt.
ASN: 726862
born: 4 June 1917

captured

*April 9/6
Culler*

Carithers, J.H.	S/Sgt.	dead
Franklin, J.V.	2nd Lt.	dead
Knetts, E.L.	T/Sgt.	dead
Mc Mahon, J.	S/Sgt.	dead
Moyer, L.H.	S/Sgt.	dead
Pecklinski,	S/Sgt.	dead
Walker, J.H.	2nd Lt.	dead
Zieminski, E.A.	2nd Lt.	dead

according to information given by T/Sgt. Lee, D.S.

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Shalov, William R.

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 25 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of aircraft number 42-5780, listed in paragraph 1-j of 3rd indorsement as killed in action 1 May 1943 with the exceptions shown below:

2nd Lt.	John L. Neill,	0-735436	POW 1 May 1943
✓ 2nd Lt.	Harry E. Roach,	0-790294	RTD 22 Sep 1943
2nd Lt.	David H. Parker,	0-661658	POW 1 May 1943
T/Sgt.	Powell E. Griffin,	34162922	POW 1 May 1943

✓ 2. Records of this headquarters concurs with the present status of all crew members of aircraft number 41-24610, as listed in 5th indorsement.

3. No additional information is available at this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

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H. M. RUND, *w*
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634. 21 APR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, US Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Division).

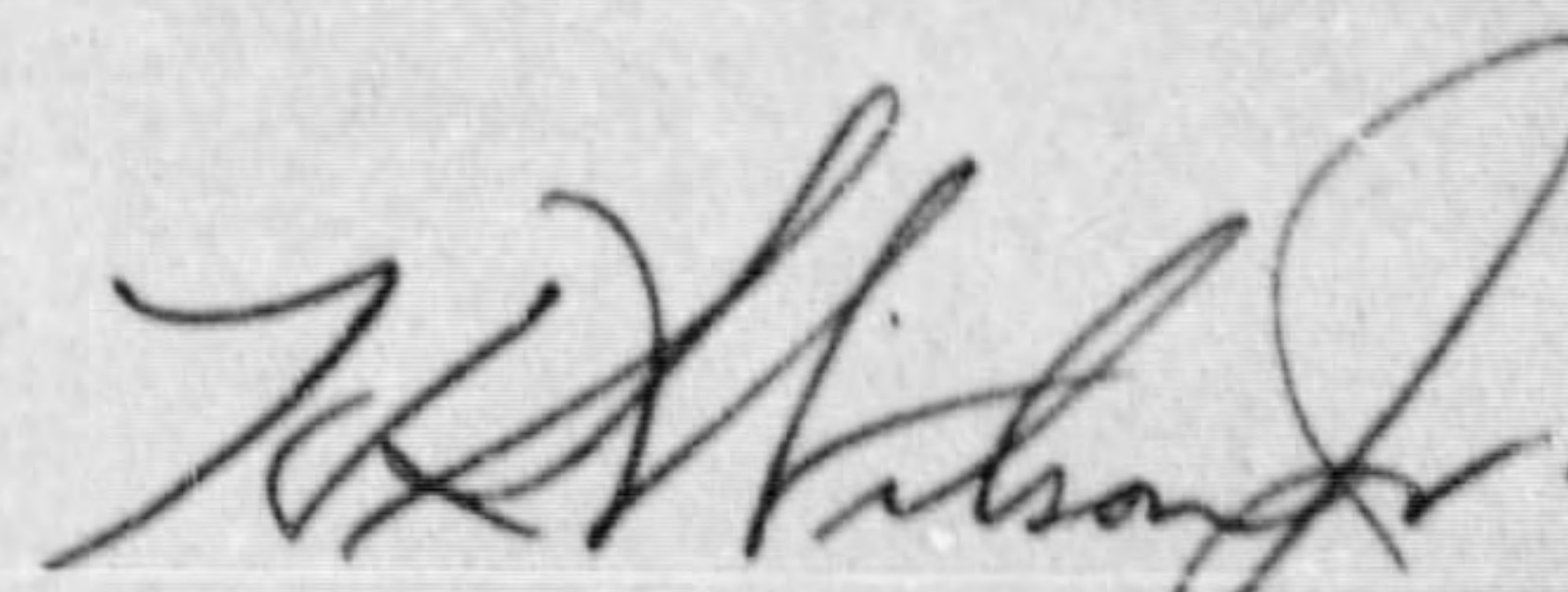
1. Information requested in basic communication is contained in 3rd Indorsement.

2. Records this headquarters concur with casualty information set forth in 3rd Indorsement with the exception of crew members of aircraft 41-24610, indicated on records this headquarters as follows:

✓ 1st Lt. Vincent X. Walsh, O-726862 - POW *RTD*
✓ 2nd Lt. John V. Franklin, O-736175 - PDD *KIA*
✓ 2nd Lt. Edward A. Zieminski, O-790319 - PDD *KIA*
✓ 2nd Lt. John H. Walker, O-661862 - PDD *KIA*
✓ T/Sgt. David S. Lee, Jr., 14071227 - POW *No Info RTD*
✓ S/Sgt. James H. Carithers, 37069700 - PDD *KIA*
✓ T/Sgt. Emory L. Knotts, 14071057 - PDD *KIA*
✓ S/Sgt. Leroy H. Moyer, 16092543 - PDD *KIA*
✓ S/Sgt. Joseph McMahon, 36350693 - KIA *KIA*
✓ S/Sgt. Anthony J. Peklinsky, Jr., 15078240 - POW *RTD*

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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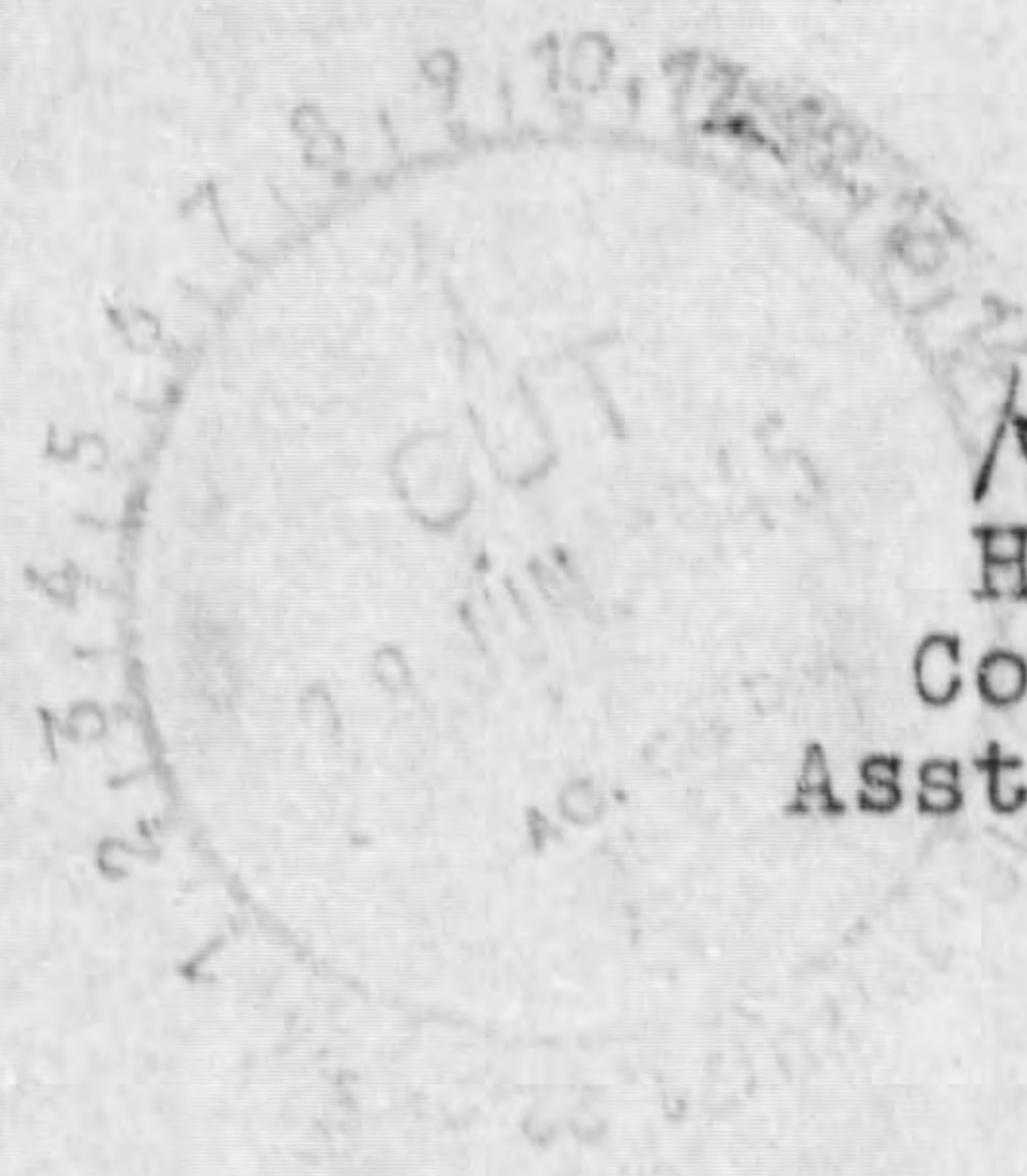
U.S. ARMY, 27 June 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

This correspondence is forwarded as supplementary information to 6th indorsement this headquarters, AG 319.1 Cas, 25 April 1945 to letter your headquarters, subject: "Staff Sgt. William R.W. Whalon, 11033193, 427th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group. First reported Missing in Action, 1 May 1943. Later reported Killed in Action, 1 May 1943" dated 3 April 1945.

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FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



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H. M. RUND *wj*
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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*Pictures included
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the 2nd Lt. master
Memorial Branch,
for identifying crew
& ground location
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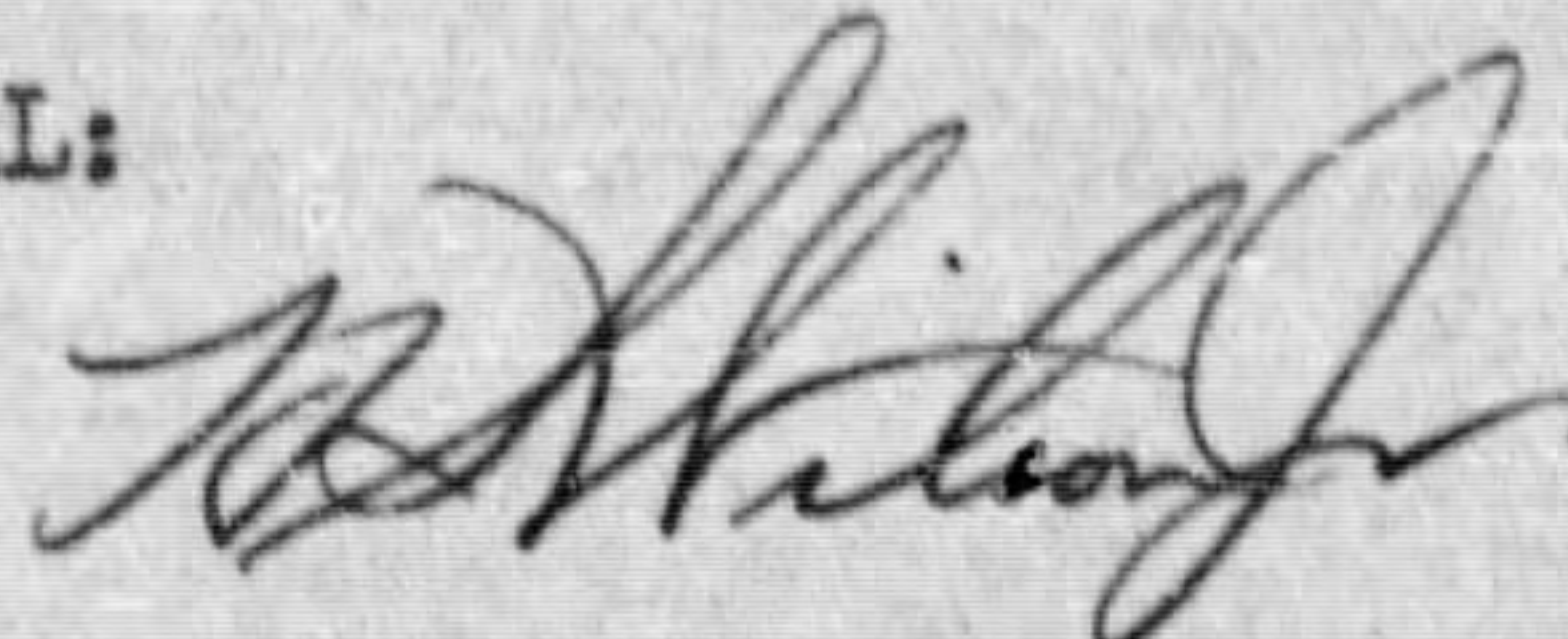
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army. JUN 24 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887,
US Army. (Attn: AG Casualty Division)

Attention invited to preceding Indorsements and Inclosures hereto.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major. A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

5 Incls: n/c.



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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

JUN 9 1945

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557, US Army.

1. Request crew list be submitted for aircraft 42-5780 and status of crew members as indicated by records your headquarters.

2. Records this headquarters indicate 1st Lt. Jay R. Sterling, O-661986, as KIA 1 May 1943.

3. Request names of personnel shown in photos #1 and #4 if identity is possible.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEPNER:



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, USAF



BASIC: Ltr, Hq. 104th Cavalry Reconnaissance Sq (Mecz), APO 408, U.S. Army, 16 May 45, subj: Captured Photographs.

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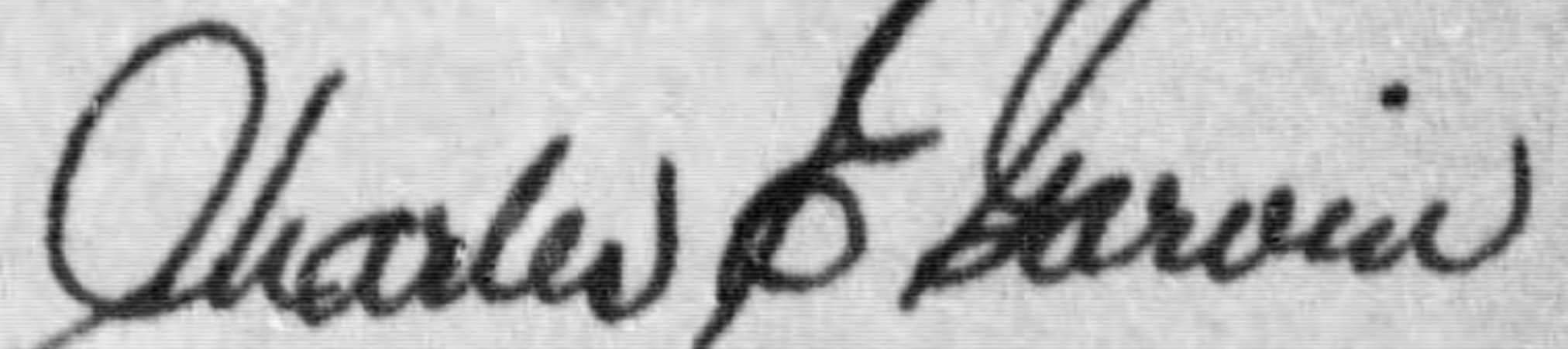
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 18 June 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

1. This headquarters has no record of crew list of A/C 42-5780 nor can personnel shown in photos #1 and #4 be identified.

2. The 303rd Bomb Group has been relieved from assignment to this command and is currently assigned to the North African Division, Air Transport Command, per letter, Hq European T of Opns USA, file AG 370.5 OpGC (5), subject "Movement Orders, Shipment R-1962," dated 24 May 1945, and 1st Indorsment, Headquarters U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, file 370.5, dated 27 May 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



CHARLES E. GARVIN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HQ 104TH CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (MECZ)
APO 408 US Army



SUBJECT: Captured Photographs

TO: Commanding General
15th US Army
APO 408 US Army

ATTENTION: G-2

1. The inclosed photographs and note were received from effects of surrendered German soldiers at the time this unit participated in the surrender of German troops South of the Loire river in the St Nazaire pocket, France.

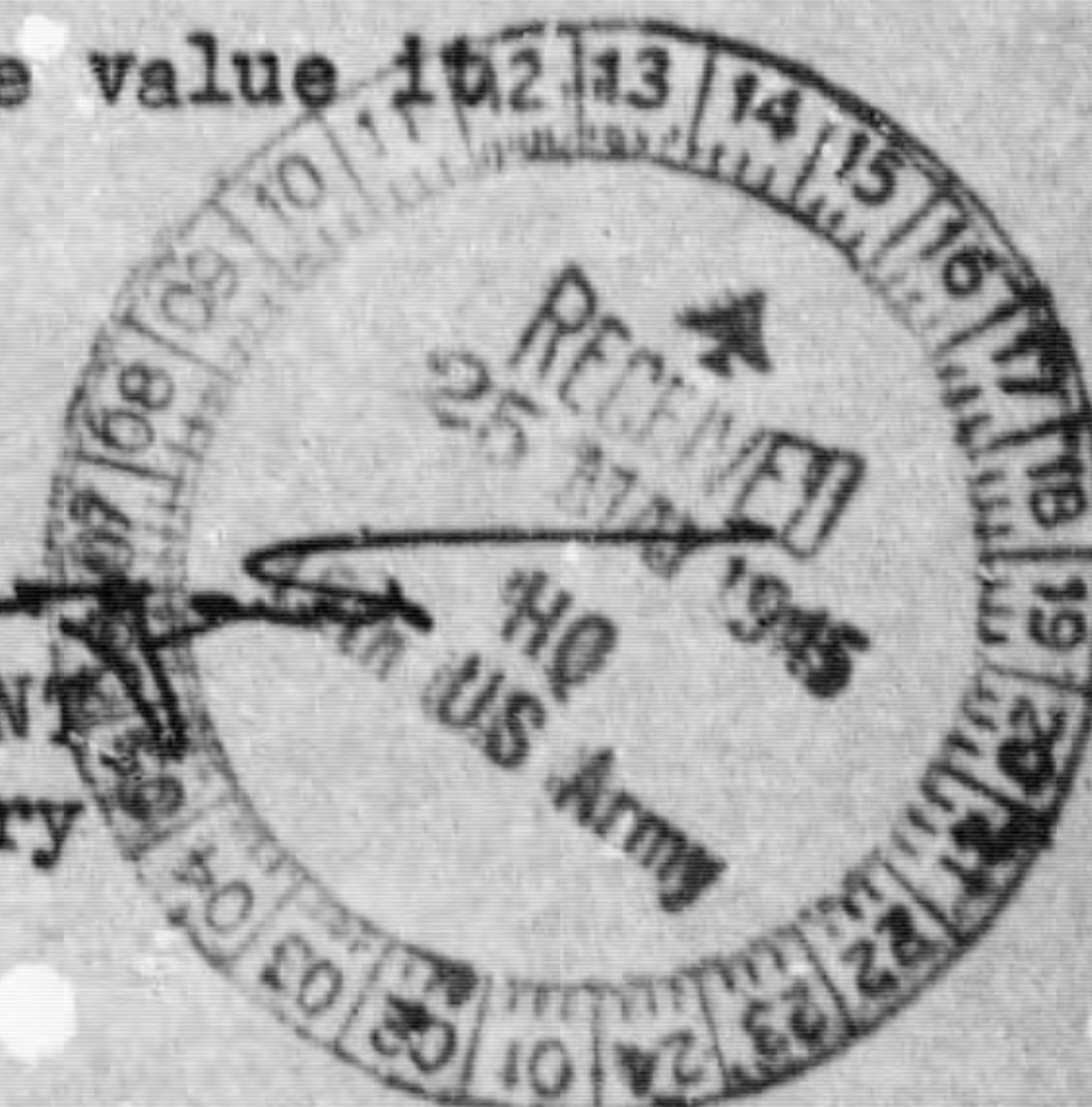
2. From the notation on the reverse side of photographic inclosure #4, this is a B-17 airplane which crashed in the pocket in March 1943 with a crew member by name of Lt S. R. Sterling. The airplane number is readable in photographic inclosure #3.

3. This information is being forwarded for what possible value it may be in deciding the fate of the airplane and its crew.

For the Commanding Officer



Robert M. Sargent
ROBERT M SARGENT
1st Lt Cavalry
Adjutant



Incls:
1 - 4 Photographs
5 Note

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(16 May 45)

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH U. S. ARMY, APO 408, US ARMY 30 MAY 1945

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 634 U.S. Army,
(Attn: G-2).

Forwarded for what possible value it may have in deciding the fate of airplane and crew.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

5 Incls: n/c



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NORMAN A. FLANIGAN
Lt Col, AGD
Asst Adj Gen



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BASIC: Ltr, AAF, Wash, DC, 3 Apr 45, subj: S/Sgt Wm. R. Whalon, 11033193,
427 BS, 303 BG, First Reported MIA 1 May 43, Later reported KIA 1 May 43.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 19 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

1. Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement.

2. Records this headquarters indicate present official status of Walker, Carithers, Knotes and Moyer to be Determined Dead per ETO MRU Report, 28 December 1944.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



John S. Griffin
JOHN S. GRIFFIN
Captain, A.C.D.,
Ass't Adjutant General

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3rd Ind, Hq, Sta 107, APO 557. 14 April 1945 (Continued).

Form #1 and requesting investigation to determine identity of unknown X-201 (St. James). Said unknown has been tentatively identified as Sgt. William R. Whalon 11033193. Said letter has been indorsed and is being returned with this one for reference. The following is the pertinent information as shown by the letter and the GRS Form #1:

- a. Unknown X-201 (St. James) was disinterred from Pont Du Cens Cemetery, Nantes, France. He was originally buried 1 May 1943.
- b. Records and cross originally identified body as that of Lt. Roach which is obviously an error.
- c. The following five members of the crew were buried in adjoining graves: Sgt. Cashman, Sgt. Cleavelin, Sgt. Fields, Sgt. McCormick, and Lt. Sterling.
- d. The GRS Form #1 states three members of the crew were PW's and one evaded, thus leaving only Sgt. Whalon unaccounted for.
- e. GRS Form #1 states they were all members of A/C 42-30207. The records of this headquarters show that the A/C number was 42-5780.

3. A/C 41-24610 was also lost over St. Nazaire by the 303rd Bcmb Group on 1 May 1943. The records of this headquarters show the following status of the crew on that A/C:

<u>Status</u>	NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	CURRENT STATUS	SOURCE
EWS	WALSH, VINCENT X.	1st Lt.	O-726862	FW	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
KIA	FRANKLIN, JOHN V.	2nd Lt.	O-736175	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
No Rec.	ZIEMINSKI, EDWARD A.	2nd Lt.	O-790319	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
KIA	WALKER, JOHN H.	2nd Lt.	O-661862	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
EWS	LEE, DAVID S. JR.	T/Sgt.	14071227	FW	WDPR Release <i>DCS</i> 20 July 43.
KIA	CARITHERS, JAMES H.	S/Sgt.	37069700	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
KIA	KNOTTS, EMERY L.	T/Sgt.	14071057	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
KIA	MOYER, LEROY H.	S/Sgt.	16092543	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
KIA	McMANNON, JOSEPH (NMI)	Sgt.	36350693	✓ KIA PDD	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
EWS	PERLINSKY, ANTHONY J. JR.	S/Sgt.	15078240	FW	A.G.O. 26 Feb. 44. <i>PW</i>

For the Commanding Officer:



Richard P. Vinal
 RICHARD P. VINAL, Lt
 Major, AC,
 Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, STATION 107, APO 557. 14 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557.

1. In compliance with basic communication the following information is submitted.

- a. Organization - Molesworth, England. 8th Air Force, 303rd Bomb Group (H), 427th Bomb Squadron.
- b. Place of Departure - Molesworth. Destination - St. Nazaire, France.
- c. Weather conditions - 8-10/10ths low cloud. Records uncertain beyond that but indications are that visibility aloft was good.
- d. Date - 1 May 1943.
Time - 1130 hours (App.).
- e. Information as to cause of loss is incomplete. A/A gunfire was intense and accurate. Group was subject to severe attacks from 40-80 E/A. There is also reason to believe A/C was hit by an aerial bomb dropped by an E/A.
- f. Missing A/C was last sighted.
- g. B-17F - No. 42-5780.
- h. Engine numbers - unknown.
- i. Gun numbers - unknown.
- j. The following were members of the crew with present status as indicated by the records of this headquarters:

Sterling

	NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	CURRENT STATUS	SOURCE
<i>NIA</i>	STERLING, JAY R.	1st Lt.	0-661966	KIA ✓	A.G.O. 21 Dec. 43. <i>KIA</i>
<i>EUS</i>	NEILL, JOHN L.	2nd Lt.	0-735436	P/W	A.G.O. 26 Feb. 44. <i>KIA</i>
<i>R7D</i>	ROACH, HARRY E. JR.	2nd Lt.	0-790294	Evader	<i>R7D May 2nd 44</i>
<i>EUS</i>	PARKER, DAVID H.	2nd Lt.	0-661658	P/W	P.W.I.B.
<i>NIA</i>	GRIFFIN, POWELL E.	P/Sgt.	34162922	P/W	1st B.D. 25 Sept. 43. <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	MCCORMICK, ARTHUR R.	S/Sgt.	31099995	KIA ✓	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	FIELDS, HARLEY W.	T/Sgt.	16014360	KIA ✓	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	CLEAVELIN, JESSIE G.	S/Sgt.	6293945	KIA ✓	A.G.O. 21 Dec. 43. <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i>	CASHMAN, DANIEL J.	S/Sgt.	11051919	KIA ✓	P.W.I.B. <i>KIA</i>
<i>R7D KIA</i>	WHALON, WILLIAM R.	Sgt.	11033193	KIA ✓	P.W.I.B.

(In connection with the foregoing attention is invited to par. 2 hereof).

- k. Missing A/C is reported to have exploded in the air over water just after bombing target. Four parachutes were seen.
- l. Attention is invited to the fact Lt. Roach, navigator of the missing A/C, evaded capture and returned. This headquarters does not have a copy of his E.&E. report.

2. Simultaneous with the receipt of the basic communication, this headquarters received, through channels, a letter from Headquarters Base Air Depot Area, Air Service Command, APO 635, dated 4 April 1945 enclosing GRS

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army.

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Division, APO 557, US Army.
(Attn: Casualty Section)

For compliance with basic communication and return thru this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOOLITTLE:



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H.S. Wilson, Jr.".

H.S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

BASIC: Ltr, AAF, Wash, DC, April 45, subj: S/Sgt Wm. R. Whalon, 11033193,
427 BS, 303 BG, First Ind. Div, KIA 1 May 43, Later reported KIA
1 May 43.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR DIVISION, APO 557, 10 April 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this head-
quarters.

By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Garvin".

CHARLES E. GARVIN,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
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ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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3 April 1945

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SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant William R. Whalon, 11033193
427th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group
First reported Missing in Action 1 May 1943
Later reported Killed in Action 1 May 1943

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Request information similar to Missing Air Crew Report be forwarded to this headquarters on which to base reply to letter Miss Dorothy Whalon concerning her brother above subject enlisted man, first reported missing in action 1 May 1943, subsequently reported killed in action.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. A. Bradunas
E. A. BRADUNAS
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel



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S/Sgt. William R. Whalon

Miss Dorothy Whalon (Sister)
c/o International Silver Company
New England Small Arms Division
48 State Street
Meriden, Connecticut

2nd Lt. John L. Neill

Mrs. Naomie Neill (Wife)
4958 Melrose Avenue
Hollywood, California

2nd Lt. Harry E. Roach

Mrs. Mary E. Roach (Mother)
2341 North Geary Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2nd Lt. David H. Parker

Mrs. Ernestine J. Parker (Wife)
101 East Hill Street
Reno, N. Carolina

T/Sgt. Powell E. Griffin

Mrs. Jessie F. Griffin (Mother)
Route # 3
Troy, Alabama

1st Lt. Jay R. Sterling

Mrs. Robert C. Sterling (Mother)
1814 West 18th
Sioux City, Iowa

S/Sgt Arthur R. McCormick

Mrs. Isabel I. Sutherland (Mother)
Partridge Lake, Maine

S/Sgt. Jessie C. Cleavelin

Mrs. June I. Cleavelin (Wife)
c/o Mrs. E. E. Cleavelin
Route 5
Walters, Oklahoma

T/Sgt. Harley W. Fields

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Fields (mother)
410 Graham Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan

S/Sgt. Daniel J. Cashman

Mr. Daniel Cashman (Father)
46 Creighton Street
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