

1107

# GERMAN RECORDS COMPLETED

Date	Referred to	Topic About
5/15/46	SACKS	MURKIN
"	"	LEWIS
"	"	MURKIN
"	"	LIBRE
"	"	KEEPER
"	"	CRATE
"	"	DIFES
"	"	MURPHY

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CONFIDENTIAL



**RESTRICTED**

1707

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed  
to ~~RESTRICTED~~  
by S. A. BRADY, Lt. Col., AC  
by ~~...~~

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

ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 308; Squadron 427; Detachment -----

SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See attached diagram.  
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany; Type of Mission Bombing

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

2-3/10 Alto Cumulus Tops - 16000-18000 ft, visibility 8-10 miles, light haze

GIVE: (a) Date 20 Dec 43 Time 1155; and Location See attached diagram  
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) ( ) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other Circumstances  
as follows Enemy action, kind unknown.

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31233

ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-001512  
(b) SW-001503; (c) SW-001593; (d) SW-001322

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) SEE ATTACHED SHEET; (f) SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	LEVE, FRANKLIN (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-797564 <i>Kia</i>
2. Co-pilot	LIBBEE, DICK L.	2nd Lt.	0-679899 <i>Kia</i>
3. Navigator	MOREHEAD, RICHARD D.	2nd Lt.	0-671397 <i>Kia</i>
4. Bombardier	MURPHY, DENNIS J.	2nd Lt.	0-679202 <i>Kia</i>
5. Eng & TT	SPROSS, JAMES C.	T/Sgt.	33333696 <i>RTD</i>
6. Asst Eng & LW	KEEFER, OLIVER L.	S/Sgt.	33243067 <i>Kia</i>
7. Radio Operator -RG	CRAIG, PERCY D.	T/Sgt.	1533 74 <i>Kia</i>
8. Ass't Rad. -- B.T.	DREES, EDWARD W.	S/Sgt.	1709 10 <i>Kia</i>
9. Gunner--RW	MIDKIFF, FRANK L.	S/Sgt.	33225224 <i>Red</i>
10. Tail Gunner	VAN LANDINGHAM, ARMOND O.	S/Sgt.	38293155 <i>RTD</i>

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT, 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. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. 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) -----

3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION  
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Chart attached

4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES  
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. -----

5. 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 21 December 1943

*Jesse M. Barrett*  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JESSE M. BARRETT,  
Major, S-2. AC,  
Group 308.

**RESTRICTED**



CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107  
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
APO 654 US ARMY

21 December 1943.

MEMO:

TO : Whom It May Concern.

Gun Numbers On Ship No. 42-31233 G  
427TH Squadron

LW	-	673418	-	Kelsey Hayes Wheel
RW	-	684973	-	" " "
R	-	671901	-	" " "
LTT	-	683535	-	" " "
RTT	-	675478	-	" " "
LCT	-	683993	-	" " "
RCT	-	683563	-	" " "
LN	-	403250	-	Frigidare Corp. G-M.
RN	-	405361	-	" " "
LT	-	685029	-	Kelsey Hayes Wheel
RT	-	684439	-	" " "
LBT	-	685288	-	" " "
RBT	-	685333	-	Kelsey Hayes Wheel

*Jesse M. Barrett*  
JESSE M. BARRETT,  
Major, AC,  
Group S-2.

RESTRICTED







2nd Lt. Franklin Love

Mrs. Ruth Love, (wife)  
155 West 33rd Street,  
Bayonne, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Dick L. Dibbs

Mrs. Carol E. Dibbs, (wife)  
618 West Ash Street,  
Piqua, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Richard D. Morehead

Mrs. Ellen N. Morehead, (mother)  
1625 Maple Avenue,  
Welleville, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Dennis J. Murphy

Mrs. Bonnie B. Murphy, (wife)  
c/o Mrs. Helen Barr,  
Hot Springs, South Dakota.

T/Sgt. James C. Spross

Mrs. Margaret Spross, (mother)  
1116 East Columbia Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Oliver L. Keefer

Mrs. Lillie Keefer, (mother)  
611 W. Spruce Street,  
Shanokin, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Percy D. Craig

Mr. John C. Craig, (brother)  
376 Park Avenue,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

S/Sgt. Edward W. Drees

Mrs. Ada A. Atwood, (mother)  
231 North Main,  
Saint Genevieve, Missouri.

S/Sgt. Frank L. Midkiff

Mrs. Katherine E. Midkiff, (wife)  
Route # 1,  
Amelia, Virginia.

S/Sgt. Armond O. Van Landingham

Mr. J. H. Van Landingham, (father)  
Route One,  
Redfield, Arkansas.

*Miss Sullivan  
Gen. Postelle  
Room 121  
Gen. Office Bldg.*



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: LEVE, Franklin  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: O-797564  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: Pilot

PPA-8  
2

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: Pilot told  
me to get rid of Bombs stuck in Bombay

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Adjusting automatic pilot

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: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Norway, France, Bremen Ger.  
Emden Ger, Bremen Ger. Bremen Ger.  
Between (October - 43 to December 20. 43)

NOT RECORDED

a-1



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: LINDS, Dick L.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-679079  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot (Fighter)~~: 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: Told me  
to bail out

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Going down Through bombardiers compartment

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: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: same as Pilots



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: MOREHEAD, Richard D.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-671397  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Navigator

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: NONE

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Getting into plane at takeoff

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: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Pilot



Name of crew member: MURPHY, Dennis J.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-679202  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~as Pilot (Pilot)~~: Bombardier

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: Helping

me with bombs in bombay

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Going back to bombardiers compartment.

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: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as Pilot



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: HEFFER, Oliver L.  
Rank: S/Sgt.  
Serial number: 332/3067  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Light (Bomber)~~: Asst Engineer and Left Waist Gunner

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:         

NONE

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Standing in waist

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: Six

Dates and destinations if possible:         

Same as Pilot



Name of crew member: CRAIG, Percy D.

Rank: T/Sgt.

Serial number: 15335874

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~ Radio Operator and Right Waist Gunner

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:         

Gave me Bombay Door Handle

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? standing in Radio Room

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: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible:         

Same as Pilot



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: DEES, Edward W.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 17090280  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on Flight (Fighter)~~: Asst Radio Operator & Ball Turret Gunner

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: \_\_\_\_\_

NONE

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Getting into ball turret

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: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as pilot







## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James C. Spross Rank 1/ser Serial No. 33333696
2. Organization 427 Gp Commander Rank ✓ Sqn CO Swydey Rank Col.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month Dec. day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Germany - 6, target, Bremen, target time, 1135, altitude, 26000 route scheduled, IN OVER  
Holland out by, route flown IN OVER Holland  
North Sea
5. Where were you when you left formation? over Target. Bremen
6. Did you bail out? No Plane blown up
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No Knowledge -  
Tail gunner bailed out.
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? 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? ✓
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 # 1707

Name of crew member: LEVE, Franklin  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-797564  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~mountain~~ 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: Told me

To get rid of Bombs Stuck in right rack

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Adjusting Automatic Pilot

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Plane blowed up before any of us had  
 chance to bail out

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: (1) November-43. Norway (2) November

43 Bremen (3) November - France (4) November EMDEN (5) Dec-43

Bremen (6) Dec-43 Bremen

A-1



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: LIBBEK, Dick L.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-679899  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Lighter)~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Handed him five extinguishers, gave it back, was told to bail out.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Going down to Bombardier's Escape Hatch.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as pilot's



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: MOREHEAD, Richard D.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-671397  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Navigator~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

None

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? getting in plane AT Take off

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as Pilots



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: MURPHY, Dennis J.  
Rank: 2nd Lt.  
Serial number: 0-679-02  
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

To help him To Help, signaled him back, as we were under attack

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? going back to the nose

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Some as Pilots



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: KEEFER, Oliver L.

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 33243067

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Asst Engineer and Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

on interphone calling out fighter ATTACKS

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? going over Holland, when we had crew <sup>short</sup>

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

same as pilots



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: CRAIG, Percy D.

Rank: T/Sgt.

Serial number: 15335874

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Radio Operator~~: Radio Operator and Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Handed me The bombay Door CRANK Handle

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Standing in radio room

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as Pilots



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: DREES, Edward W.

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 17090300

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~: Asst. Radio Operator & Ball Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? RT, 10000 ft. getting in ball turret

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: Same as Pilots



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 1707

Name of crew member: MIDKIFF, Frank L.  
 Rank: S/Sgt.  
 Serial number: 33229124  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx~~ (Fighter): Right Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

None

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? IN Bombay helping to take pins from bomb

Any hearsay information: No

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

No Knowledge

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

Same as pilots



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name SFROSS, JAMES C. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 33333696
2. Organization 427 Gp Commander  Rank 1st Lt. Sqd CO SNYDER Rank 1st Lt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month DEC. day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 6th, target, Bremen, Germany, target time, 1130, altitude, 26000 route scheduled, IX-over Holland & out by North, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? High Groups, low S, d, 7th position
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes Tail gunner (Armond O. Van Landingham)
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? 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? 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?  
Pilot, OK. Last seen adjusting Automatic pilot. Co Pilot, OK. Last seen getting ready to bail out through Bombardiers escape hatch. Bombardier OK. Last seen when bombs stuck in Right rack. No Knowledge on rest of crew.
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)



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EDWARD O. CROUTHAMEL Rank T/SGT Serial No. 33515767  
SN BANGAP
2. Organization 455th Sq Commander X Rank A Sqn CO A Rank A1  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month DEC day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BREMEN, target, GERMANY, target time, 1 PM, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, A  
X, route flown A
5. Where were you when you left formation? P
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". T/SGT BOEKUS AND LT ROYCE HATCHETT LEFT SHIP FROM FORWARD ESCAPE HATCH. S/SGT HEYWOOD AND I LEFT SHIP FROM WAIST ESCAPE HATCH.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? FARM SECTION NEAR BREMEN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LTS NORDYKE, PHILLIPS SGTs LUDY, THULIN, MOORE
11. Where were they in aircraft? OVER
12. What was their condition? UNWOUNDED AS FAR AS I KNOW
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? (INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONNAIRES)
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



17. LTS PHILLIPS AND NORDYKE WERE IN THE COCKPIT.

SGT MOORE HAD LEFT THE WAIST COMPARTMENT TO  
GO FORWARD INTO THE BOMBAY OR COCKPIT.

I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SGT THULIN'S WHEREABOUTS

SGT LUDY WAS AT HIS GUN IN THE WAIST



Second Lieutenant Edward H. Johnson

Mrs. Marguerite E. Johnson (Mother)  
224 North 17th Street,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Second Lieutenant Robert A. Hunter

Mrs. Margaret L. Hunter (Wife)  
South Country Road,  
Brookhaven, New York.

Second Lieutenant Gerald E. Foster

Mr. William L. Foster (Father)  
167 West 42nd Avenue,  
Rockville Centre, New York.

Second Lieutenant David W. Park

Mrs. Vera J. Park (Wife)  
98 Lincoln Street,  
Meriden, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant Donald E. Montgomery

Mrs. Vera M. Montgomery (Mother)  
Carpenter, Wyoming.

Technical Sergeant Gordon E. McGally

Mrs. Vera D. McGally (Wife)  
R. F. D. Number One,  
Wills Point, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth E. Detweiler

Mrs. Mabel S. Detweiler (Mother)  
100 Widener Place,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant James E. Cole, III

Captain James E. Cole, Jr., U.S.A.,  
(Father)  
700 Raleigh Avenue, Apartment O,  
Norfolk 7, Virginia.

Sergeant George R. Coleman

Mrs. Ina M. Coleman (Mother)  
314 Blaisdell,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sergeant Dwight A. Norman

Mrs. Helen E. Norman (Wife)  
R. F. D. Number One,  
Albion, New York.



**CONFIDENTIAL**

AG 319.1  
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871. 28 February 1944.

PK/re

⑤

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

Missing Air Crew Report referred to in basic communication was forwarded to your Headquarters by 1st Indorsement this Headquarters, file AG 360.33, dated 27 January 1944.

1708

For the Theater Commander:

*M. Grano*  
M. GRANO,  
2nd Lt, AGD,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**RESTRICTED**

AC# 103849

MAG-MISC



**CONFIDENTIAL**

ADDRESS ONLY TO  
COMMENDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON**

AAF 201 - Johnson, Howard C.  
0748992

31 January 1944

**SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Personnel.**

**TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 633,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.**

27 FEB 1944  
A. G. D.  
Class. Mail Gen  
808 E.D. USA

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which Second Lieutenant Howard C. Johnson, 0748992, 305th Bombardment Group, was reported missing in action on 20 December 1943.

2. No Missing Air Crew Report on the above-mentioned officer has been received to date. Request that this report, under the provisions of letter, War Department, AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M, dated 23 May 1943, be forwarded this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

*T. A. Fitzpatrick*  
T. A. FITZPATRICK,  
Colonel, A. G. D.,  
Air Adjutant General.

AAF 201 - Johnson, Howard C.  
0 748 992

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U.S.Army.

25 FEB 1944

TO: Commanding General, ETOUSA, APO 871, U.S.Army.

Records this Headquarters show Officer referred to in basic communication as crew member of B-17G, 42-37930. Missing Air Crew Report for above aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports", dated 7 January 1944.

For the Commanding General:

RECEIVED  
27 FEB 1944  
TAG CAS BR

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*Burnis Archer*  
BURNIS ARCHER,  
Capt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.