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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by J. M. MUECH, Capt., AC
Date **SEP 2 1944**

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Decimomanu, Sardinia; Command or Air Force 12th AF
Group 320th (M); Squadron 443rd; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Decimomanu, Sardinia; Course: 12°
Target or Intended Destination Messano, Italy; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
0/10 Startus in area.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 5 Month Sept Year 1944; Time 10:25 and Location 45°15' N.
08°52' E. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was 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) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26B50; AAF Serial Number 42-95937 Battle No. 68.
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any "Baby Shoes"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43 AAF Serial Number _____
(a) 50-060121; (b) 50-060447; (c) _____; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); 50 Cal.
(a) 1076837; (b) 916793; (c) 913511; (d) 933732
(e) 933636; (f) 871827; (g) 917072; (h) 1077582
(i) 1077900; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Battle Casualty
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7; Passengers 0; Total 7
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Hoover, Luther K.</u>	Capt.	<u>0-791233</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Healy, Robert H.</u>	2nd Lt.	<u>0-816553</u>	<u>MIA RFD</u>
3. Bombardier	<u>Bilow, Albert O.</u>	2nd Lt.	<u>0-749809</u>	<u>MIA RFD</u>
4. Eng. Gunner	<u>Canderson, Donald E.</u>	Sgt.	<u>31259218</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Radio Gunner	<u>Byrne, Leonard J.</u>	Sgt.	<u>18129115</u>	<u>MIA RFD</u>

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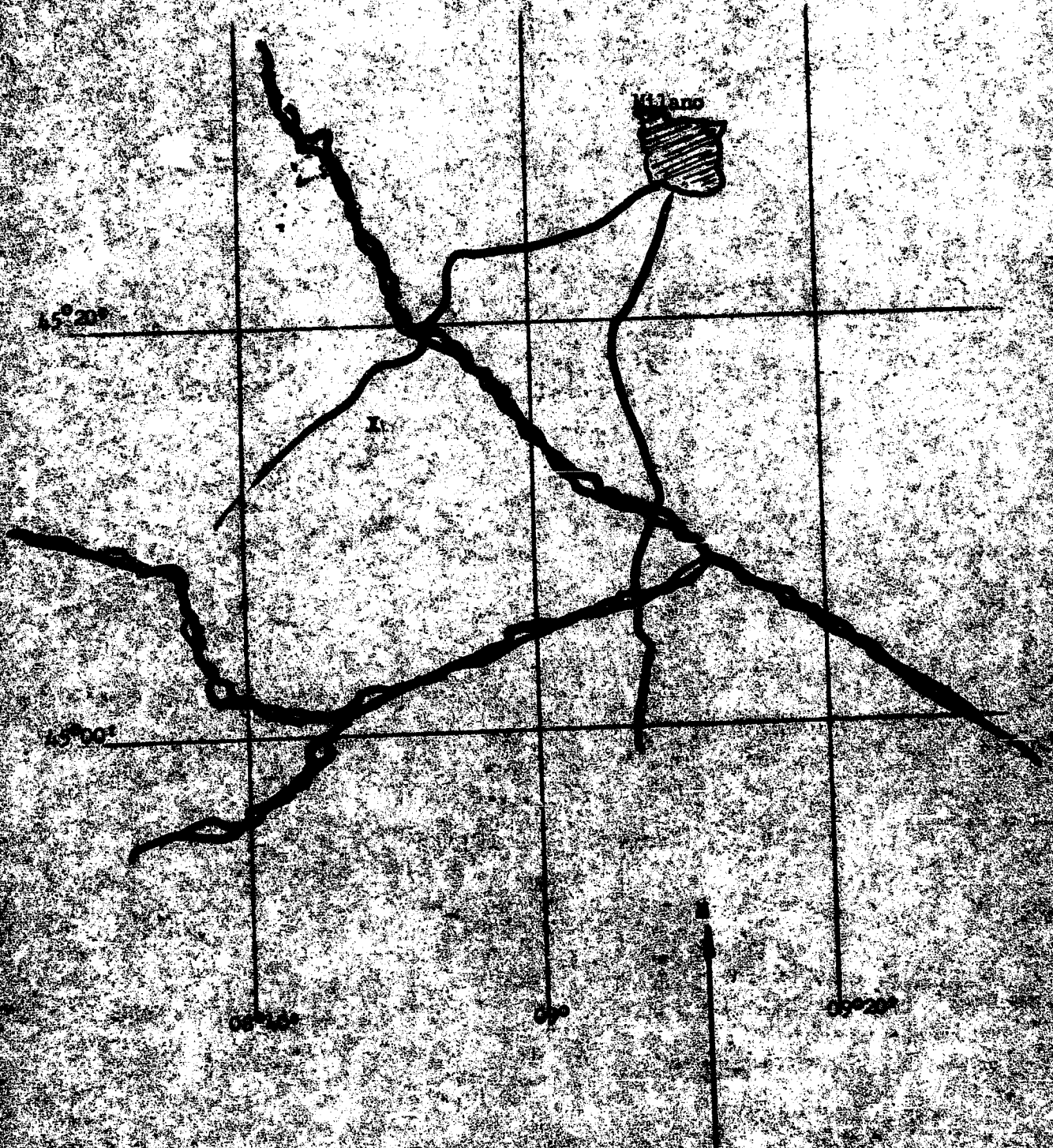
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443rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
320th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M) AAF
APO 650 US ARMY

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September 5, 1944

S T A T E M E N T

We were flying through flak for about a minute and I was looking out of the waist windows on the left side and I saw A.C. No. 68 feathering their left prop. The aircraft was about fifty (50) to seventy-five (75) feet below us but were holding that altitude and keeping up with us. The engine did not seem to be torn up but I could see one hole on the top of the nacelles. I called the pilot and informed him of what had happened and he told me to keep my eyes open for chutes. The Photographer, Sgt Hayes of the 442nd Bombardment Squadron, who was on our ship got hit slightly just then. He was at the waist position towards the tail so I called the pilot again and told the engineer to bring an aid-kit up from the front where he was checking the gas lines for holes. We were now out of flak. At that moment I looked at A.C. No. 68 again and saw four (4) chutes open, evidently from the waist windows. They were now about five hundred (500) yards from us going about in the same direction only a little more to the left and were losing altitude but not too fast. I would judge that they were losing about two-hundred (200) feet a minute and were in a thirty (30) degree or so glide. The ship was under control as far as I could tell. About a minute after the last chute opened the plane disappeared into clouds which were, I would judge, a thousand feet below us. All chutes opened immediately after leaving the ship and all came out very fast. There was no fire or smoke coming from the ship. I did not notice whether the bombs were salvoed. I watched for that particularly but did take my eye from the plane for about a half a minute. They could have salvoed them.

Chet L. Marstellar
CHET L. MARSTELLAR,
T/Sgt., 20503376

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Eye-Witness Statement

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1 B-26 was lost due to flak, over Forrebetti, Italy. Aircraft Battle No. 68 sustained a direct hit, which damaged one engine. The Aircraft was last seen at 10:25 hours, 7 to 8 miles East of Mortara (45° 15' North/ 08° 52' East) at 5,000' on one engine and in a steep glide. Four (4) chutes were seen to come out before the ship went into a cloud.

One crew which returned later, after landing at a B-25 field, reported that B-25 crews saw a B-26 of our formation hit the ground and explode near Mortara. This report was confirmed by a teletype from A-3, 57th Wing, which stated: The A/C was last seen at J-6035 with one chute landing at J-7843.

Norman L. Farberow

NORMAN L. FARBEROW,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Group Intelligence Officer.

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AG 360.33

2nd Ind.


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XAG-LEG-bb-26

BQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 10 Sept 44.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Battle Casualty Report (B234) was forwarded your hq 10 Sept 44.

For the Commanding General:


ALLEN F. ROSE,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M) #188
APO 650 U.S. ARMY

6 September 1944.

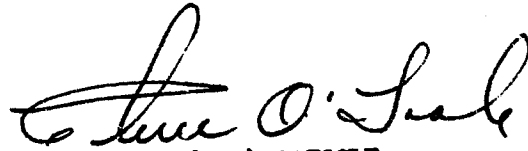
SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing (US), APO 650, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with letter WD File AG 360.33 Subj. "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 23 May 1944 the following information is hereby submitted to your Headquarters.

2. Battle casualty report has been forwarded to your Headquarters and the original and 1st copy were submitted direct to 12th Air Force, 5 September 1944.

For the Group Commander:



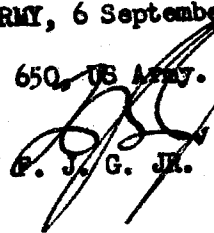
GLEVE (NMI) O'TOOLE
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

- 4 Incls: 7 copies each.
Incl 1- Missing Air Crew Report
Incl 2- Sketch Map
Incl 3- Statement: T/Sgt Marstellar
Incl 4- Statement: ~~Lt. Gemmill~~
CPT. FARRERDOW

219.11 1st Ind. C-7
HEADQUARTERS 42ND BOMB WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 6 September 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US ARMY.

4 Incls: n/c



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MACR 8090
B-26
AAF 42-95937
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DATE 9/5/44 - 10.45 hrs.
PLACE: Near Barbara.
TYPE: Marauder.
MARKING: 295937

443 (B.) Sqd.
320 Group - 12 Wing.
BASE: Dossinmanna
Target: Airbase HQs E (v) 203/VII.

Rank	Name	F.O.B.	NO. NE 2062
7 Capt.	Meyer	(9/5/44 Cemetery Seaage)	Ø (dead)
2nd/Lt.	Neely, Albert		Ø-616553 missing
2nd/Lt.	Dulan, Albert, Otto		Ø-749804 .
T/Sgt.	Rolfe, George, Richard		12048461 .
Sgt.	Mc Gowan		missing

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

8 September 1944 - 11045

CASUALTY NO. 171 2042

PLACE OF CRASH

Belgium

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Mustang

DEPARTING OFFICE

Air Base No. 8 (Y) 804/VII

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
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BELOW 7 Dec. 49	Albert Otto New York	2nd Lt	O-749309	captured	Belag-Luft
BELOW 15 Oct. 53	George Richard Rochester, N.Y.	T/SGT	12045461	captured	Belag-Luft

REMARKS:

Belag-Luft 20 September 1944 No.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 10 Sep 1944 about 1045 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: 1.5 km SE of Sossago, Prov. of Novara in Upper Italy
Army Grid Map: Sheet 44/W N 8 d

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B-24 Superfortress I P26

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase H. S(v)203/VII
Don'te
10 Sep 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FLYING
FIRST NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: stolen

CAPTURED:

WOUNDED:

DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP:

TYPE OF IMPRISONMENT:

Reported to Air Zone HQ XXVIII, 1e
St. Sta. West, Oberursel/Taunus

GRAVE LOCATION:

eastern of Sossago/Prov. of Novara in Upper Italy. Army Grid Map Sheet 44/W N 8 d
Grave No. 7

REMARKS: Destroyed (or) when enemy craft attempted forced landing, presumably
after being hit by Flak. Individual parts lie scattered in radius of 200 meters.
The crew member was found completely looted by Italian population.
(Identified) as LAYR from statements of crew member prisoners.
Aircraft Serial No: 42-95 937, Order No: # 53; CG 31 733.
Assigned No: 295 937 (26)

KSU-2062

Airbase HQ E(v)203/VII (Louste)

17 Sep 44

Ref: Army High Command Abst. 2 f 63 3 PW's Gen. (V).
Regarding: Suppl. Report of Enemy Airforce Personnel Casualties of 8 Sep 44.

To
Gen. Staff HQ of Airforce in Italy.
-Section: 1c-

On 8 Sep 1944, the burial of the American, Capt MOYER in the Cemetery of Sozzago, Province of Novara, Upper Italy, Army Grid Map Sheet 44/III 5c, was reported by above mentioned Station without Grave Number, since the Township had not as yet finished numbering of graves. As in correspondence by Township of 15 Sep 44, Grave (Number) of the American, Capt MOYER was provided with the number 7.

Info: to:
Evaluation Station West, Oberursel/Taunus

Acting for
(signed-illegible)
Capt & Spec. Off.

Station of APC: L - 30 669
Air Zone Post Off: Munich 2

Field, 17 Sep 44

Ref: High Command Abst. 2-f 63 e PW's Gen.(V)
Regarding: Suppl. Report on dead enemy Air Force Personnel.

TSU-1112

To
Evaluation Station West.
Oberursel / Taunus.

In the enclosure, cemetery plan of township of Sozzago, Prov. of Novara in Upper Italy, is transmitted.
From the cemetery plan, it appears that Capt MOYER, who was buried there on 5 Sep 1944, was given Grave Number 7.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 5 Sep 44 1045 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Novara Square of Army Grid Map 44 W M 8 d

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B-6 Marauder (Maryland ?)

REPORTING OFFICE: Airbase HQ E(v) 203/VII,
Linate/Pozzolo in Upper Italy
7 Sep 44

CREW

SURNAME, AND FIRST NAME: GILGIE
Richard Rolfe

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 Oct 1922

RANK: S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER: 12045461

CAPTURED: 5 Sep 44 about 1100 HOURS:

DEAD:

Hours at Tortara by German soldiers.

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMPS

TYPE OF INJURY:

Sent to Malland.

Dulac - Air, Oberursel LA GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS: Downline No. 717 (Transp. No. 415)

Last residence before war: Rochester, NY, Lake Av. No. 575

There were 5 crew members found incl. 1 dead & 4 prisoners.

Aircraft Serial No: 42-95 937, Order No: W 535 AC 31 733.

Assigned No: 295 937 (28)

Information on Capture of Enemy Aircraft

Station: Airbase HQ E(v) 803/401 (Linate)
Place: Linate/Possale in Upper Italy
Time: 5 Sep 1944

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Title of Landing : 5 Sep 1944.....1045 Hours
Place of Crash : Army Grid Map A4 5018 d
Manner of Capture : Crash, probably hit by flak
Type of Craft : B 26 Marauder II
Aircraft Markings : U S Army Air Forces, Type B 26
Serial No. 42 - 95 937
Order No. N 385 AC 31739
Assigned No. : 295 937 (20)
Photo. Equip. : not at hand
Radio Equip. : Signal Corps - U S Army, Rack F. E. - 21A - A
Serial No. 17772, made by Bendix Radio,
Division of Bendix Aviation Corp.
Baltimore, Md, USA
Radio Freq. : not ascertainable, since the frequencies were disarranged
by the crew.
Condition of Craft: NOCK wreck, lies scattered over a radius of 200 meters.
For carrying away of the pieces of wreckage, about 2
trucks with trailers are needed.

Distr:
Milag - dir, Oberursel.....lx

Acting for
(signed-illegible)
Capt and Spec. Off.

REPORT ON MISSION ACCIDENT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME: 5 Sep 1944 10:00 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Novara

Army Grd Reg Lt 5 N 2

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 26 Marauder I (Marauder I)

REPORTING OFFICER: (Name)

(Rank) (Branch)

SURNAME, AND BULON
FIRST NAME: Albert O

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 Dec 1919

RANK: 2/Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: O-74909 T 42 43 0

CAPTURED: 5 Sep 44 about 11:00 Hours

Hours by Ital. police.

ORIGINATOR: ONIC 1000

By Ital. police to Mailand

Dalag - Air, Oberwald

CONTACT: Downing No. 717 (Name, Rank)

Crew: 5 have been found up to date of report of this mission.

Aircraft Serial No: 42-43-0

Assigned No 717

ME 2062

Information on Capture of
Member of Army Air Force

Station: Airbase HQ M(v) 208/VEI
Place: Lonate/Possola in Upper Italy.
Date: 5 Sep 1944.

Name: NEALY
First Name: Robert M
Year of Birth: 29 Apr 1918
Rank: 2/Lt
Last Residence: New York, NY
ASN: 1 - 316553 T 43 44 B

Further Particulars regarding Place and Time of Forced Landing (Crash):

Crash ensued in the (area of) square of Army Grid Map AA M M 8 d on 5 Sep 44 at 1045 Hours.

Place and exact Time of Capture: on 5 Sep 44 about 1100 Hours, by Italian Police (w.m.) delivered (him) with wound to Sovera Hospital.

Crew Members: Up to present, 5 crew members have been found, of whom 1 is dead and 4 brought in as prisoners. The 4 prisoners bailed out by parachute, one found dead crashed with the plane.

Type of Craft: B 26 Marauder I, 4th Army Air Force, Type B 26, Serial No. 42 - 95 937, Order No. 4 535-AC 11 719, Asset No. 295 937(20).

Signatures
Army-Air, Oberwiesenthal.....

Added for
(signature - illegible)
Capt & Major, etc.

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFTDATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: 5 Jan 44 1045 Hours

PLACE OF CRASH: Novara Army Grid Map 44 H V 8 d

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B-26 Raider I

REPORTING OFFICE: 1st Forwarding Station
Air Base No XXVIII
1 Jan 44Airbase No 2(w) 203/VII
Lonate/Possola in Upper Italy
5 Jan 44

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SURNAME AND FIRST NAME: NOLLY
Robert H

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 Dec 1918

RANK: 1st Lt

SERIAL NUMBER: 421653 T 43 44 B

CAPTURED: 500 Hours about 1100 by GERMANS

DEAD:

Ital. police wanted in wounded to Novara Hosp.

DISTRIBUTION: UNION CARPS

TYPE OF INJURY:

Mil. Hosp. Verona

(Report to AVAL. Sta. Bergamo)

FH H. sp. remains near Munich

PLACE OF CRASH: Novara

REMARKS: Serial No. 717

Up to present, 5 crew members have been found, incl. 1 dead & 4 prisoners (3 had) bailed out, one found dead crushed with the plane.
Last residence before war: New York, NY

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

2062

Abschluß-Nr.

Abschlußtag und Zeit: 5.9.44 - 10.45

Abschlußort: b. Mortara

Flugzeugtyp: Bomber

Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. N. Nr. 2 (V) 203/VII

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

BULOV 7.12.19	Albert Otto New York	2.Lt. 9-741809	gef.	Dulag-Luft
HOLFE 13.10.2	George Richard Rochester, N.Y.	1/Sgt. 12045461	gef.	Dulag-Luft

Bemerkungen: *Mac 8090*

DULAG-LUFT, den 29.9.44 No.

Information concealed or changed

City of Philadelphia
Philadelphia
AUG 21 1945

CASUALTY INVESTIGATION 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 Moyer Pilot B-26
HOME TOWN OR STATE Pennsylvania
GRADE OR RANK Capt
ORGANIZATION 433 Bomb Sq 320 Bomb Gp 12th AF
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH Sept 5/44 Norvarro, Italy

CAUSE OF DEATH Plane hit by flak. The plane was in level flight when I bailed out. Moyer had plenty of time to bail out. However, I assume that he crash landed the plane. The German interrogation officer told our Bombardier that there was one man dead and they assumed it to be Moyer. Moyer has not been seen or heard of since the incident.

PLACE OF BURIAL Not known
WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH? No
NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH None

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS NEARBY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT
2nd Lt. Henry Bulow, Bombardier
New York City, NY

17 Aug 45

SIGN HERE Robert H. Nealy
Name and Serial Number
ROBT H. NEALY 0816553
184 Beachwood Ave., Staten Island, NY
Your home address

NOTE: THIS FORM IS FOR USE BY CASUALTY BRANCH, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON 25, 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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✓
RIP ✓
Capt. Luther K. Meyer

✓
POW ✓
2nd Lt. Robert H. Healy

✓
POW ✓
2nd Lt. Albert C. Balow

✓
INT ✓
Sgt. Donald E. Lundgren

✓
MIT ✓
Sgt. Leonard J. Wayne

✓
J.F.V. ✓
Sgt. George R. Rolfe

✓
INT ✓
Sgt. John J. McQueen

Mr. Fred E. Meyer, (Father)
Rural Delivery Number Two,
Williamsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. E. Louise Healy, (Mother)
124 Beachwood Avenue,
Staten Island, New York.

Mrs. Reuben P. Balow, (Wife)
114-18 209th Street,
St. Albans, New York.

Mrs. Anna L. Lundgren, (Mother)
15 Hill Street,
North Grafton, Massachusetts.

Mr. James Smith, (Wife)
2736 Balaski Road,
Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. William J. Rolfe, (Grandmother)
575 Lake Avenue,
Rochester, New York.

Mr. John McQueen, (Father)
143 West 140th Street,
New York, New York.

File # 8870
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **LUNDGREN, Donald E.**
Rank: **Sgt.**
Serial number: **31 299 248**
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter): **Engineer Gunner**

Did he bail out? Bombardier reported all enlisted men bailed out

Where? Near Novarro, Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Do not know--believe not

Where was he when last seen? In the air in parachute

Any hearsay information: Some Germans at time of capture claimed to have captured two officers and three enlisted men

Source: _____

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McGowan, John J.

Rank:

S/Lt.

Serial number:

SR 798 761

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~:

Photo Gunner

Did he bail out? Bombardier reported all enlisted men bailed out

Where? Near Novarro, Italy

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? Do not know--believe not

Where was he when last seen? In the air in parachute

Any hearsay information: Germans at time of capture claimed to have captured two officers and three enlisted men.

Source: _____

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

None

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

file # 8070
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

HOUE, Luther K.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

0-791 233

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? Do not know

Where? _____

If not, why not? Do not know. Plane was flying on one engine in control but losing altitude rapidly due to inability to jettison bombs.
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Bombardier was

on the way out. Pilot instructed me to leave. I assumed that he intended following. Pilot denied need for further help and so I left.
Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? Left seat pilot's compartment

Any hearsay information: One man in crew dead assumed to be pilot.

Source: German captors

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Captors had undamaged bombing tables and B26 Load Adjuster slide rule in their possession. No signs of fire on these items. Pilot may have decided to crash land and may have been killed in the attempt.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Not sure either four or five

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

File # 2070
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ROSE, Luther E.

Rank:

Capt.

Serial number:

0-721 233

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

File#

Did he bail out? As far as I know, no.

Where? -

If not, why not? Reason unknown.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: I asked him

to let me know if he wanted me to salvo the bombs, and he said he would let me know. About half minute later he said to salvo the bombs.

Was he injured? As far as I know, no.

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

Any hearsay information: I know for sure that the Germans had captured our plane because they had the engine numbers and some of my bombing tables with them when I was taken to Germany. The Germans told me that my pilot was found in the plane, dead.

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: -

Dates and destinations if possible: -

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Nealy, Robert H. Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-816553
2. Organization 320 BGP Commander Fletcher Rank Col. Sqn CO Hayward Rank Capt.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Do not recall, target, _____, target time, _____, altitude, _____, route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Second element--ship three Right seat pilot's compartment
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? To my knowledge Bombardier and three enlisted men 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". Bombardier left by way of the left bomb bay immediately prior to the time I did the same. He later reported seeing three other chutes in the air. Assume enlisted men left by way of waist windows. No knowledge of pilot.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Do not know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Do not know--Pilot may have been.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot was in left seat of pilot's compartment when last seen by me.
12. What was their condition? He had not been wounded to my knowledge
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Saw Bombardier on ground during first ~~and~~ second and third days of captivity. He was not wounded and was in good health and spirits.
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)

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File # 8090
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McGHEE, John J.

Rank:

S/Sgt.

Serial number:

32 798 761

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of 717777/717777~~:

Photo Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 2 or 3 minutes before I did.

If not, why not? -

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

none

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? ?

Any hearsay information: Supposed to have evaded capture and tried to reach Switzerland, and died of hunger and exposure on the way.

Source: Rumored among members of my sqdn. whom I met later after the war was over, in Paris, France.
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: -

Dates and destinations if possible: -

File # 8990
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

LESCHE, Donald R.

Rank:

1st Lt.

Serial number:

31 299 248

Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Engineer Gunner



Did he bail out? Yes

Where? About 2 or 3 minutes before I did.

If not, why not? -

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

none

Was he injured? ?

Where was he when last seen? ?

Any hearsay information: Supposed to have evaded capture and tried to reach Switzerland, and died of hunger and exposure on the way.

Source: rumored among members of my sqdn. whom I met later after the war was over, in Paris, France.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: -

Dates and destinations if possible: -

File # 8098
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

McGowan, John J.

Rank:

S/1st.

Serial number:

32 798 761

Position: Crew (Bomber)

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Photo number

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? In vicinity of Mortara, Italy

If not, why not?

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

Second to bail out of plane.

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? Dead, in the Alps in northern Italy

Any hearsay information: None

Buried at Munsingen Military Cemetery just outside of Berne, Switzerland.

Source: Leonard J. Heyne

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BULOW, ALBERT OTTO Rank 1st LT. Serial No. O-74909
2. Organization A.C. Gp Commander COL. FLETCHER Sqn CO HAYWARD Rank CAPT.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT. day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, PAVIA, ITALY, target RAILROAD BRIDGE, target
time, 09:40, altitude, 9,000 ft. route scheduled, 320 B. G.
Sardinia north to north of LaSpezia then
northwest to vicinity of Tortona.
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All except pilot MOYER, Luther K.
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". The four enlisted men bailed out the rear escape hatch and the co-pilot and I bailed out the left bombay. The enlisted men bailed out two or three minutes before the co-pilot and I bailed out. I bailed out in the vicinity of Tortona, Italy.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Approx. 20 miles Northeast of Tortona Italy
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) As far as I know just the pilot, Capt. Moyer.
11. Where were they in aircraft? He was in the pilot's seat.
12. What was their condition? As far as I know he was alright and not injured.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I saw Lt. Nealy, the co-pilot on the ground after we were captured by the Germans. He was badly injured with a gash on one of his legs. I also saw Sgt. George R. Rolfe some months later in Stalag Luft 1, Barth, Germany. He was in good health.
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)

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Leonard J. Hoyne Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 16129415
2. Organization 320BG Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Sept day 5 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, _____, target, Bridge near Pavia, Italy
time, 9:25, altitude, 7500 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Left wing second element
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".
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? Sgt LUNDGREN, DONALD E. and S/Sgt McGOWAN, JOHN J. died in the Italian Alps in northern Italy on January 20, 1925. I was with them when they died from exposure, which was brought on because of lack of food.
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)

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MOYER, Luther K.
Rank: Capt.
Serial number: 0-791 233
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

If not, why not? _____

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

Gave order to bail out.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In the plane

Any hearsay information: Italian citizens said he broke his leg from a parachute jump and was picked up by the Germans.

Source: Italian citizens around Mortara, Italy.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: App. 8

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge