

C O N F I D E N T I A L

9707

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

M I S S I N G A I R C R E W R E P O R T

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 Alto, Corsica : Command or Air Force 12th
Group 320th ; Squadron 444th : Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Alto Corsica : Course: 3003
Target or Intended Destination Carale Monferrato: Type of Mission Bombing
Railroad, bridge, Italy
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
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4. GIVE: (a) Day 8 Month Nov Year 1944; Time 13:20B; and Location J-6332
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by radio () ; Forced down () ; Seen to Crash (x) ; 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 (X) ; Other Circumstances as follows: Flak
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26C45 ; Battle # 98 ; AAF Serial Number 42-107556
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any "Cindy the II"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800 43 AAF Serial Number
(a) FP-06173 ; (b) FP-060247 ; (c) _____ ; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 661495 ; (b) 661376 ; (c) 661270 ; (d) 661513
(e) 663607 ; (f) 661669 ; (g) 661356 ; (h) 661325
(i) 661879 ; (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 5 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 5
(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>HAMMOND, DAVID Q., Jr.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-791206</u>	<u>+ MIA</u> <u>KIA</u>
2. Co Pilot	✓ <u>FOWLER, RICHARD B.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-819783</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>KIA</u>
3. Bombardier	✓ <u>BLAKE, SAMUEL D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-762139</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>KIA</u>
4. Engineer Gunner	✓ <u>ZAUER, KENNETH S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>33164112</u>	<u>+ MIA</u> <u>KIA</u>
5. Arm. Gunner	✓ <u>RICHANAN, HOMER B.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39912947</u>	<u>+ MIA</u> <u>KIA</u>

(Over)

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Crew Position

Name in Full

Rank

Serial Number

Current Status

- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Person Land
1. <u>GERMILL, JOHN G.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>O-568270</u>	<u>S-2 Consolidated Interrogation</u>			
2. _____						
3. _____						

13. 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) _____
No chutes were seen

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

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

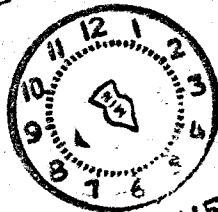
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 9 November, 1944

George A. Jackson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
GEORGE A. JACKSON
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

DEC 1 1944



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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 650

8 November, 1944

S T A T E M E N T

A/C Battle # 98 sustained a direct hit in the left engine on the breakaway, from the target. It slow rolled, then spun toward the ground, recovered for an instant at 500 feet, then resumed spin, crashed, exploded and burned just North of the target, J-6332 at 13:20 hours. No chutes were seen.

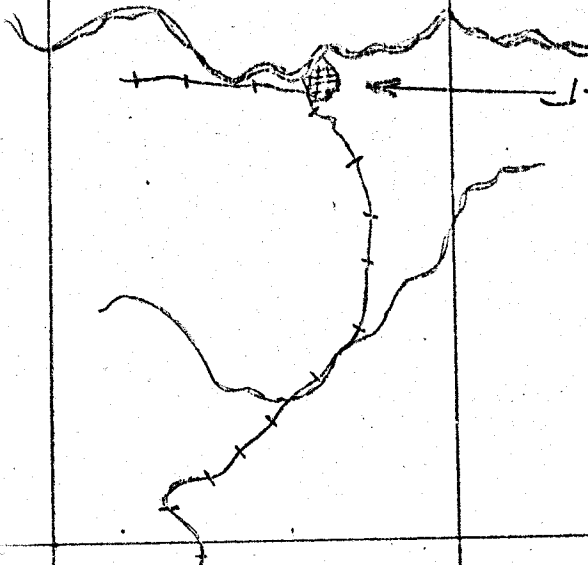
for *Norman S. Karberow, Capt., A.C.,*
JOHN G. GEMILL
Captain, Air Corps.

45°-10'

45°

8°-20'

8°-30'



Capt. David Q. Hammond, Jr.,

Mr. R. Beldon Smith (uncle) ✓
440 Billington Road,
West Englewood, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Richard B. Fowler

Mrs. Sarah Jane Hammond (wife) ✓
37 Upland Way,
Verona, New Jersey.

2nd Lt. Samuel D. Belker

Mr. Clarence B. Fowler (father) ✓
19 Hanson Street,
Portland, Maine.

S/Sgt. Kenneth S. Bauer

Mr. Hyman Belker (father) ✓
2910 Wallace Avenue,
New York, New York.

Sgt. Homer B. Buchanan

Mrs. Ethel Bauer (mother) ✓
627 Riverside Drive,
Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hugh M. Buchanan (father) ✓
Conway, Iowa.

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AG 360.33

2nd Ind

XAG-LEG-bb-5

HQ, TWELFTH AF (REAR), APO 650, US Army, 18 Nov 44.

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army. Att: Battle Casualty Section

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. Battle Casualty Report (B 259) was forwarded your hq on 14 Nov 44.

For the Commanding General:

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

3 Incls: dup

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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMB GROUP (M)
APO 650 U.S. Army

9 November, 1944

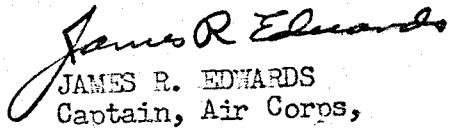
SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

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

1. In compliance with letter WD File AG 704 Subj. "Missing Air Crew Report", dated 7 July, 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, 9 November, 1944.

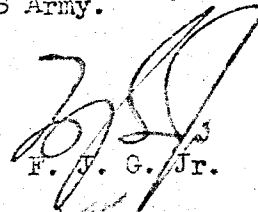
For the Group Commander:


JAMES R. EDWARDS
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

3 Incls: 7 copies each.
Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report.
Incl 2 - Sketch Map.
Incl 3 - Statement: Captain Gemmill.

AG 319.11 1st Ind. C-3
HEADQUARTERS, 42ND BOMB WING (US), APO 650, US ARMY, 9 November 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, APO 650, US Army.
(Main)


F. V. G. Jr.

3 Incls: n/c

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MACR No
91707

Casualty No: ME 2394

Date and Time Aircraft
was shot down

8 Nov 44 - 1322

Place of Crash

near Balzola

Type of Plane

Marauder

Reporting Office

AA-Unit I/12

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
HAMMOND	David C.	Offr	0-791206	dead
BUCHANAN	Homer B.		39912947	"
BAUER	Kenneth S.		33464412	"
MOBLEY	Clarence E.			"

Dulag-Luft, 3 Feb 45 No.

MACR 9707

B-76
RAF 42-107536
57 mem

(102200-2601)

DATE: 8 Nov. 44 at 1322 9707
PLACE: near Salvoia
TYPE: Marauder
MARKINGS: 2422
TARGET: Flak-Batt. E/12 (mech.)

U S A MFR 2394

Off. Left HAMMOND, David H. <i>Kia</i>	0-791206	dead
Off. BUCHANAN, Homer E. <i>Kia</i>	39912947	dead
Off. BAUER, Kenneth S. <i>Kia</i>	37484413	dead
Off. MOBLEY, Clarence E.	3525221	dead

M/S 9707 shows 2 *Richard H. Fisher* (Serial numbers given on index German records - *Richard* was not mentioned in crew - No record of casualty found in *has for Carl for reports...* 19 Sept 1946 and *...* 19 Sept 1946)

0-819783 and 2 *Samuel...* (according to found leather-strip.)

0-76013 *...* - *...*

7 Oct 1946

MACR 9707

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BAUER	Kenneth S.	33464412	"	- KIA
* MOBLEY	Clarence E.	35350211	"	

* See ME 2394 (ME 2200-2601) Vol. 2

This is a five man crew, all KIA
Mobley is not a crew member, nor has
he ever been reported as a casualty

See KSU 2394 in Book KS 72A then
KE 627's base.

KSU 2394

AAF # 42-107556

MAR 9707

Downing of a Marauder on 8 Nov. 44, Time 1322, at grid square SQ 74 35 (Map No. 57 Vercelli). Markings of the aircraft: Serial NO. 2422 N Name Rudder

Part No. R-385020

The Glenn L. Martin Company USA

5 man crew
all KIA

1. Name: BUCHANAN, Homer B.
ASN : 39912947 T 43-44 A
Hugh M. Buchanan
Conway, Iowa P

Dead - KIA

2. Name: HAMMOND, David Q. Jr.
ASN : 0-791206 T 43-43 OP

KIA Dead - Pilot

3. Name: BAUER, Kenneth S.
ASN : 33464412 T 43-43 AP

Dead - KIA

4. Name: MOBLEY, Clarence E.
(Name found on a leather strip)
ASN : 35350211

Dead

5. Name: UNKNOWN
ASN : Unknown

Dead

Other two numbers are:
Richard B. FOWLER, 0819783
Samuel D. BELKER, 0762139

They were interred at the Cemetery Balzola.

no. 4 is not listed on MAR, nor has he ever been a casualty.