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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

**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 Dison, France : Command or Air Force 1st TAF  
Group 320th Bomb Gr; Squadron 444th : Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Dison, France : Course 1263 (WR-2387, Alsea,  
Target or Intended Destination Luxemburg : Type of Mission Bombing to IP
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
8/10ths Altostratus, Base varying between 12,500 feet and 13,500 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Day 20 Month Mar Year 1945; Time 19:45 and Location N. 135070  
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: \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26 G5 ; AAF Serial Number 43-34267 <sup>Battle #77</sup>
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any "Sparky"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800 A3 AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) EP-063541 ; (b) EP-063188 ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); All Browning MP's  
(a) 1198292 ; (b) 800865 ; (c) 1027329 ; (d) 1198294 <sup>50 Cal</sup>  
(e) 1199582 ; (f) 1198479 ; (g) 1026851 ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (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 6 ; Passengers 0 ; Total \_\_\_\_\_  
(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	JOHNSTON, CARL R.	1st Lt.	0-691512	Missing
2. Copilot	YOUNG, HAROLD E.	2nd Lt.	0-2067434	Missing
3. Bomb	SMITH, EDWARD J.	P/O	1-132592	Missing
4. Tail Gunner	SMITH, JOHN T.	PO1	1-132593	Missing
5. Radio Operator	LEWIS, JOHN R.	Sgt.	1-132597	Missing

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	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
6.	<u>Aft. Gunner</u>	<u>CLOKE, ARTHUR R. JR.</u>	<u>SGT.</u>	<u>13082439</u>	<u>Duty</u>
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 SAME:

	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted by</u> <u>Radio</u>	<u>Check Only One Column</u>		
					<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Forces Landing</u>
1.	<u>GEMMILL, JOHN G.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>G-568270</u>	<u>Consolidated S-2 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)

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

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Eyewitnesses interrogated and report made by Captain John G. Gemmill. Statement attached hereto.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. No search made.

Date of Report 23 March, 1945

Jerome W. Dan  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

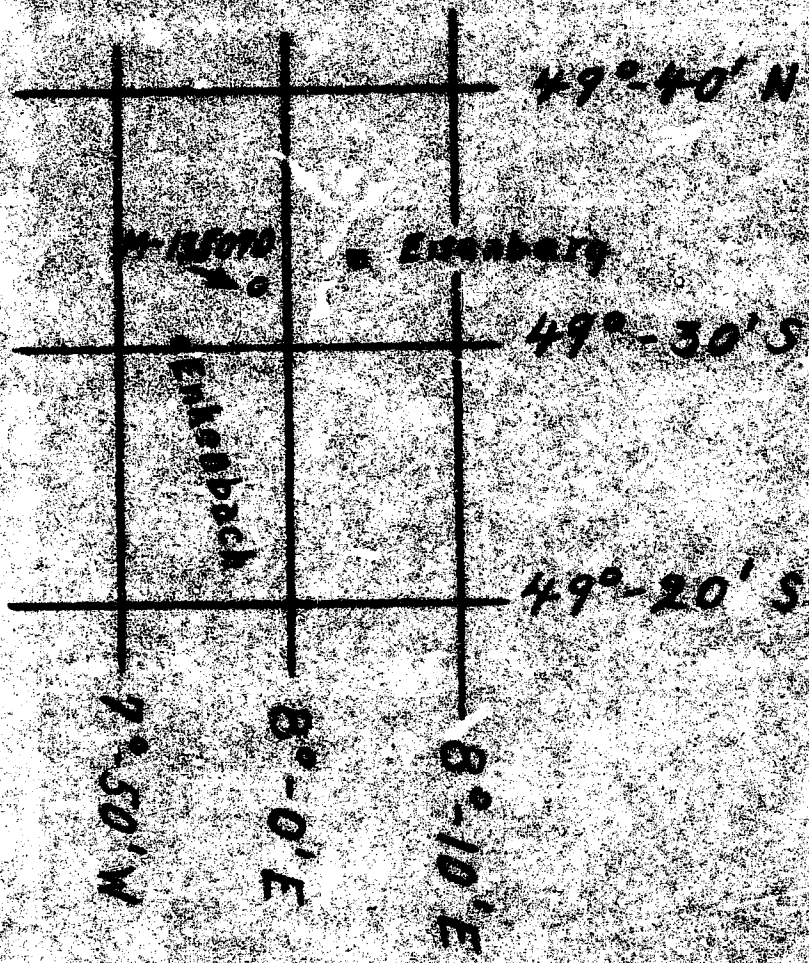
17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

JEROME W. DAN  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Statistical Officer.



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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (W)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
APO 374

23 March, 1945.

STATEMENT

Two (2) Enlisted Crew members have returned to this Headquarters for interrogation. They report A/C Battle No 77, hit three (3) times by flak over Lambert (W) B-2496. The first hit knocked out the right engine at which time the right engine was feathered, bombs were salvaged and the order to "prepare to jump" was given. The third hit in the bombay, severed controls and A/C went into a dive. At 3,000 feet one of the three (3) crew members in the front of the A/C (Name unknown) bailed out, followed by two (2) Enlisted men in the rear of the A/C. One of the men landed at (W) M-1807 and the other at (W) M-1308, in wooded areas. The A/C crashed and exploded at (W) M-1009. It was not subsequently examined by the Enlisted men. The Enlisted men were picked up by 3rd Army Tanks. One of the Enlisted men visited the location of the third chute at (W) M-2207. A Civilian attempting to recover the parachute stated he had directed the crew member to whom the parachute belonged to the West, toward the Allied lines. Crew members interrogated are Sgt. ARTHUR R. CLOEY, ASN. 13082439, and Sgt. JOHN N. LESTER, ASN. 16249217.

  
JOHN G. GEMMILL  
Captain, Air Corps.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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 24th Bomb : Command or Air Force 1st AF  
Group 30th Bomb Gr.; Squadron 14th : Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Wilmington, Delaware : Course Wilmington, Delaware to  
Target or Intended Destination London : Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
4/20th Altocumulus, base varying between 12,500 feet and 13,500 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Day 20 Month Apr Year 1945; Time 20:45 and Location W-13070  
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-24D : AAF Serial Number 43-2427
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any "Tiger"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series P-4000 A3 : AAF Serial Number  
(a) 12-21341 ; (b) 12-21342 ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number); All Browning MG's 50 cal  
(a) 12-21341 ; (b) 12-21342 ; (c) 12-21343 ; (d) 12-21344  
(e) 12-21345 ; (f) 12-21346 ; (g) 12-21347 ; (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (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 6 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 6  
(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	JENNISON, CARL E.	1st Lt.	0-44222	MI
2.	JOHN, HENRY V.	2nd Lt.	0-44223	MI
3.	BLANK, HENRY J.	P/O	0-44224	MI
4.	BLANK, JOHN F.	CPL	0-44225	MI
5. Eng. Officer	LESTER, JOHN E.	SOT.	1B249217	MI

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	<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
6.	<u>Aim Gunner</u>	<u>GLOVE, ARTHUR R. JR.</u>	<u>SGT.</u>	<u>13082439</u>	<u>Duty</u>
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST BEEN SEEN ON AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SEARCH.

	<u>Name in Full</u> (Last Name First)	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Contacted</u>		<u>Check Only One Column</u>		
				<u>by Radio</u>	<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Survived</u>	<u>Seen or Heard</u>	<u>Other</u>
1.	<u>GEMMILL, JOHN G.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>C-56270</u>					<u>Consolidated S-2 Interrogation.</u>
2.								
3.								

13. IF PERSONS 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   )

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

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Eyewitnesses interrogated and report made by Captain John G. Gemmill. Statement Attached hereto.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY. INCLUDE DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. No search made.

Date of Report 23 March, 1945

John G. Gemmill  
Signature of Preparing Officer

17. REMARKS OR REFINEMENT STATEMENTS:

**BERNARD H. DAN**  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE (HRCV)  
APO 374

G-HW-15

28 March 1945.

AG 360.33 Cas.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

T C : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.  
(Thru: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations.  
APO 887, US Army. Attention: AG Casualty Division)

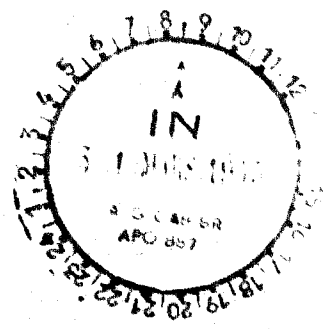
Missing Air Crew Report is forwarded herewith in accordance with  
letter, War Department, TAGO, AG 704 (5 July 44) CE-S-AAF-M, 7 July, 1944.  
subject: "Missing Air Crew Reports".

For the Commanding General:

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H A WILSON  
Capt AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

1 Incl,

MAGR, 320 Bomb Group, B-26 G5, 43-24267, 20 Mar 45.



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AG 360.33 Cas 1st Ind. JWB/JFR  
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 987, U S ARMY, 31 March 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

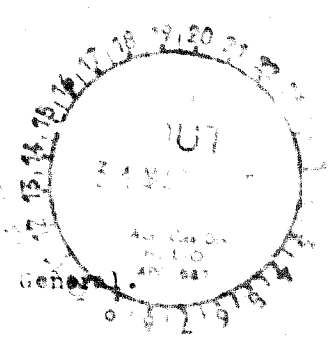
1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)  
CB-S-AAF-M, dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew  
members of subject aircraft to be missing in action, 20 March 1945, with the  
exceptions shown below:

Sgt. John N. Lester, 19249217 Not reported casualty  
Sgt. Arthur R. Cloey, Jr., 13082439 Not reported casualty

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

*N. M. Rund*  
B. M. RUND,  
Colonel, ASD,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



✓ 1 Incl:  
✓ n/c (dup w/d)

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name JOHNSTON CARL R. Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-691512
2. Organization 441st 320 B.S. Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO HERBERT CANAN Rank MAJ.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 20 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, 9th Army SUPPORT, target, SMALL TOWN, target time, 11:00, altitude, 12,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? SEE REVERSE.
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - BOMBARDIER - WAIST GUNNER - TOP TURRET GUNNER - THE CO-PILOT AND TAIL GUNNER DID NOT BAIL 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". THE TURRET AND WAIST GUNNERS BAILED OUT THE WAIST WINDOW - THE BOMBARDIER AND MYSELF BAILED OUT THE NOSE WHEEL DOOR.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO DEFINATE 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) THE CO-PILOT AND THE TAIL GUNNER.
11. Where were they in aircraft? THE COPILOT IN PILOT'S COMPARTMENT AND GUNNER IN REAR OF SHIP
12. What was their condition? UNKNOWN
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I DIDN'T SEE ANY MEMBERS AT ALL
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NONE KNOWN.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

eb/4/30/45

1st Lt. Carl R. Johnston

Mrs. Betty I. Johnston (wife) ✓  
709 7th Street  
Pawnee, Oklahoma

2nd Lt. Harold W. Young

Mr. Louie G. Young (father) ✓  
7230 Franklin  
Forest Park, Illinois

F/O Edward J. Malyszek

Mr. Leo Malyszek (father) ✓  
2257 East Hancock  
Detroit, Michigan

Opl. John T. Ray

Mrs. Rowan G. Ray (mother)  
303 Hinds Street  
Gallatin, Tennessee

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name EDWARD J. MALYSZEK Rank F/O Serial No. T-132597

2. Organization 3200006 Op. Commander IP. DOYLE Rank BRIG. Sq. CO. H. CANAN Rank MAJOR  
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1945 month MARCH day 20 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, BRYSOCH, target, BRYSOCH BRIDGE, target time, 1100 AM, altitude, 11,000 route scheduled, LUNEVILLE ST. DE. EDNAE, route flown SAME

5. Where were you when you left formation? AT IESENBURG

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? NEAR IESENBURG

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? THE PILOT, J. JOHNSON AND COPILOT W. YOUNG WERE STILL IN THE PLANE WHEN I Bailed out.

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)

I DO NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE  
TARGET, THE ROUTE SCHEDULED, OR THE ROUTE  
FLOWN. HOWEVER THE TARGET WAS SOUTHWEST OF  
MANNHEIM, GERMANY.

I HAVE FORGOTTEN THE GROUP COMMANDER'S NAME.