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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Dijon, France : Command or Air Force 1st TAF  
Group 320th Bomb Group Squadron 442nd : Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Dijon, France : Course: 350T  
Target or Intended Destination Heidelberg, Germany, RR. Bridge : Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear
- GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month Mar Year 1945 ; Time 12:47 and Location Heidelberg, Germany (W) R-673907 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 ( ).
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26 C45 ; AAF Serial Number 42-107785 Battle # 27
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any This aircraft does not have a nickname.
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800 43 AAF Serial Number  
(a) 42-52918 ; (b) FP-063046 ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) All 50 Cal. Browning  
(a) 1077391 ; (b) 1020843 ; (c) 1076839 ; (d) 1075563 M2's.  
(e) 1073430 ; (f) 1070754 ; (g) 205316 ; (h) 204181  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (j) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (k) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Battle Casualty  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- 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
Pilot	GOEKE, SYLVESTER S.	1st. Lt.	0-669702	MIA ✓
Co-Pilot	GARRAHER, JAMES T.	Capt.	0-791270	MIA ✓
Bomb	STOUGH, WARREN B.	1st. Lt.	0-761263	MIA ✓
Navigator	ENGLISH, ROY R. JR.	1st. Lt.	0-762722	MIA ✓
Eng. Gunner	DEBOSI, LOUIE (EMT)	S/Sgt.	13049434	MIA ✓

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Crew Position

Name in Full

Rank

Serial Number

Current Status

6. Arm. Gunner PURDY, DONALD D. S/Sgt. 19075650 MIA RTD

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Last Force Found

1. GERMILL, JOHN G. Captain O-568270 Consolidated S-2 Interrogation.
2. PECKHAM, ROBERT E. 1st. Lt. O-730161  X
3. INGHAM, RUSSELL T. 1st. Lt. O-705237  X

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

Three (3) chutes were seen to emerge.

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

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

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 26 March, 1945

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

*W. L. Korbin, Jr.*

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

W. L. KORBIN, JR.  
1st. Lt., Air Corps,  
Ass't. Statistical Officer.

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Group 320th Bomb GP.; Squadron 412nd : Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Dison, France : Course: 35°E.  
Target or Intended Destination Heidelberg, Germany, RR Bridge : Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Clear
4. GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month Mar Year 1945; Time 12:17A; and Location Heidelberg, Germany (N) R-67309 : Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
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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-26 C45 ; AAF Serial Number 42-107795 **Battle #27**
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any This aircraft does not have a nickname
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800 A3 AAF Serial Number  
(a) 42-52918 ; (b) 7P-663016 ; (c) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (d) \_\_\_\_\_
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) All Browning M2's  
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2. CoPilot	<u>CARRANE, JAMES T.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-791278</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Bomb	<u>STOUGH, WARREN S.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-761263</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Navigator	<u>ENGLISH, ROE E. JR.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-762722</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Eng. Gunner	<u>DEMOSA, LOUIS (M)</u>	<u>S/sgt.</u>	<u>1304934</u>	<u>MIA</u>

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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.	<del>Arm. Gunner</del>	<del>FURCH, DONALD L.</del>	<del>S/sgt.</del>	<del>19075670</del>	<del>MIA</del>
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				<u>Last Sighted</u>	<u>Saw Crash</u>	<u>Saw Force Landing</u>

1. ~~CHURCHILL, JOHN G. Captain 0-94270~~ ~~Consolidated~~ ~~Interrogation.~~
2. ~~FRANKLIN, ROBERT E. 1st Lt. 0-730161~~ ~~X~~
3. ~~BENHAM, WASHINGTON T. 1st Lt. 0-709237~~ ~~X~~

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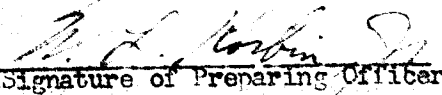
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27 JUNE

MIA 1st Lt Sylvester D. Cooke

Mr. Ben J. Cooke, (Father)  
1120 Washington  
Greenville, Ohio ✓

RTD 4 MAY 45  
AAWB-USA 30 MAY 45

MIA Capt. James T. Carraber

Mrs. Anna U. Carraber, (Mother)  
72 Nesmith Street  
Lawrence, Massachusetts ✓

MIA 1st Lt. Warren S. Stough

Mrs. Inez V. Stough, (Mother)  
714 Grove Avenue  
Las Animas, Colorado ✓

MIA 1st Lt. Roy R. English, Jr.

Mrs. Roy R. English, (Mother)  
1221 E Morehead St  
Charlotte, North Carolina ✓

MIA E/Sgt Louie De Rosa

Mrs. Henrietta J. De Rosa, (Wife)  
7 Lyon Street  
Riogokey, West Virginia ✓

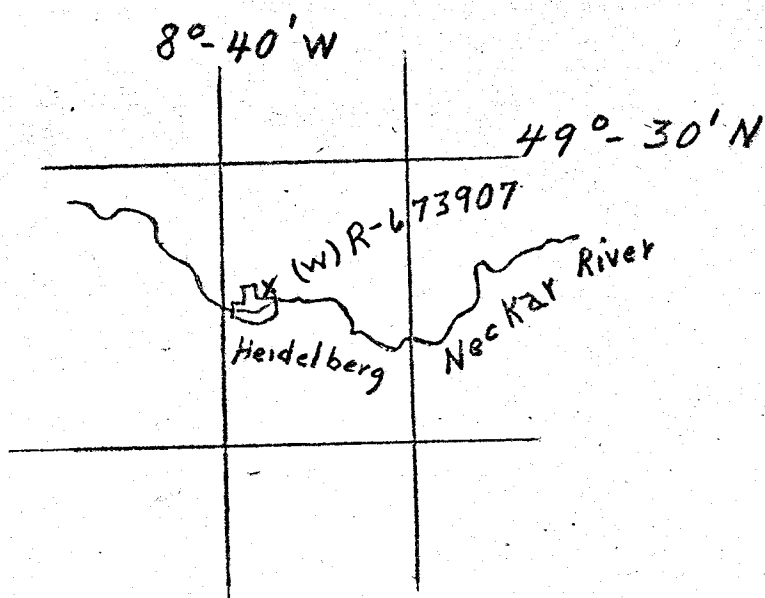
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E/Sgt Donald L. Purdy

Mrs. Lynn Purdy, (Mother)  
Eureka, Montana ✓

*Mr English called  
21 June 45 25 October  
Special Agent D for  
A new steel MIA card  
at Jackson, 270*

*[Signature]*



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442ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO 374 U S Army

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement, Plane Yellow 27; a/c B26C45 42-107785

TO : Operations Officer, 320th Bombardment Group, APO 374, US Army.

1. Position No. 2 - Plane No. 30 - 1st Lt Ingham, Pilot -  
Just as bombs went away, I saw gas streaming from the right wing tank,  
close to the fuselage. Less than five seconds later, the left wheel  
dropped into down position. No. 27 then levelled off and started a  
descending turn to the right. Until this time, No. 27 seemed to be  
under control. As soon as I saw the wheel come down I prepared to  
take over the lead.

*Russell T. Ingham*  
RUSSELL T. INGHAM,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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442ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO 374 U S Army

22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pilot's Statement, Plane Yellow 27; a/c B26045 42-107785

TO : Operations Officer, 320th Bombardment Group, APO 374, US Army

1. Position No. 3 - Plane No. 42 - 1st Lt Peckham, Pilot -  
Bomb run completed and flight in break. No. 27 left wheel dropped down  
out of the nacelle. Ship leveled out and decelerated rapidly, appeared  
to be under control for a few seconds and then peeled off to right and  
down. Airplane also received two bursts close to tail at time of roll  
out. Gunners report that plane went straight down with wings level;  
smoke in cockpit.

*Robert E. Peckham*  
ROBERT E. PECKHAM,  
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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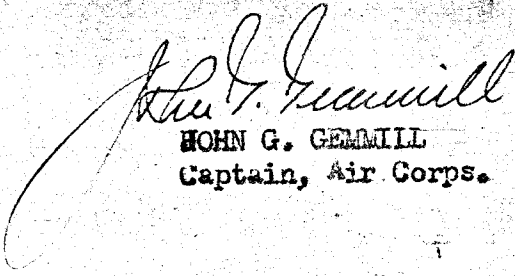
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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer  
APO 374

23 March, 1945.

S T A T E M E N T

A/C. Battle #27, was hit over the target by flak in the left engine. It dropped its bombs on the target, fell out of formation to the right, going into a dive. The nose wheel lowered just before the dive commenced. Three (3) men emerged and opened chutes while A/C was in dive. The A/C crashed and exploded at (W) R-7582. Two (2) chutes landed in Heidelberg, and one (1) landed in wooded area at (W) R-7182.

  
JOHN G. GEMMILL  
Captain, Air Corps.

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

*File in MACR*  
CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name James T. Carraher Rank Major Serial No. 0-791270
2. Organization 320 Gp Commander Woolridge Rank Col. Sqn CO Myself Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month March day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, R/R Bridge, target, Heidelberg, Germany, target time, 1245 hours, altitude, 12000 ft. route scheduled, Don't remember, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? In a left break leaving the target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Only the tail gunner---- S/Sgt Purdy.
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". S/Sgt Purdy bailed out with me and we were later re-united on the ground. He was injured so we were marched 4-5 miles from where the plane had crashed and he was placed in a hospital in a fairly large city. I left him there.
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) Lt. Goeke (Pilot) Lt. Stough (Bombardier)--- Lt. English (Navigator) and S/Sgt De Rosa (Turret Gunner).
11. Where were they in aircraft? Presumably in their respective positions.
12. What was their condition? All dead (Hearsay--reported in ind. crew lists)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
No Knowledge  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)  
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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: James T. Carraher  
Rank: Major  
Serial number: O-791270  
Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? No Knowledge

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was he injured? Slight Cut On Forehead

Where was he when last seen? In Hospital

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Reported To Have Been Released From Prison  
Camp In May 1945

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

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

I can't give any definite information as to where the plane crashed but from calculations I would assume it was about 4 or 5 miles southeast of Heidelberg. We were hitting the target on a north-west axis and had just about completed a 180 degree break when hit. We walked about 4 miles from a small village to the large city where S/Sgt Purdy was hospitalized. Perhaps he can give more information as to the name of the town. I was taken to a large campus on the outskirts of town so I assumed it was a part of Heidelberg University. I believe Sgt Purdy spent a few days in this hospital(it looked to me like a converted school) so perhaps he will offer the information if a questionnaire is sent to him.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Sylvester B. Goeke  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: 0-669702  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):  
 Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Cockpit was in flames. He probably burned before he could get free.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No contact after plane was hit--- it was on fire inside and started down at once.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? As I started to the rear of the plane to avoid the flames he was still in his seat and the entire section was like a furnace.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Shortly after being taken prisoner a German woman told me some of the soldiers had just come from the wreck and had found three (3) burned bodies in the front of the plane and one unburned in the tail. The plane broke apart on the way down and the tail was about 1/2 mile from the rest of the fuselage.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was dead within a short time after the hit. The plane was only in the air for about 15-20 seconds after the shell stuck. An explosion in the cockpit---probably the emergency hydraulic reservoir--- covered Lt. Goeke with fire and I don't believe he ever got out of his seat.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 45

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Warren B Stough  
 Rank: 1st Lt.  
 Serial number: ~~0-761223~~ 0-761263  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Flight (Fighter):  
Bombardier

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? I believe he was killed or seriously wounded by the shell burst. Hit was in the nose of the plane.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Last conversation was when he called bombs away approx. 4-5 seconds before hit.

Was he injured? Presumably

Where was he when last seen? Shell burst took out most of floor under Lt. Stough. From then on he was obscured by smoke.

Any hearsay information: As reported in Lt Goeke's questionnaire a German woman told me three bodies had been found in the front part of the plane. I presume one was Lt. Stough.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was killed or seriously wounded in the initial explosion. Also the flames in the cockpit would have blocked his only means of exit.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 50

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Louie De Rosa

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 13049434

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

Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Probably because of serious wounds.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No contactfor about the last 15 minutes before reaching target.Was he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? Had not been seen since entering turret about 1/2 hour after leaving base.Any hearsay information: Germans reported finding one body in tail. I passed the plane on the ground and saw that the tail section was broken off just aft of the turret which leads me to believe that Sgt De Rosa got out of the turret but failed to clear the plane before it broke apart.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I left the plane through a waist window and noticed a large pool of blood directly under the turret. Evidently Sgt De Rosa was seriously injured during the barrage.Total number of missions of above crew member: ?

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Roy R. English, Jr.

Rank: 1st Lt.

Serial number: O-762722

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

Navigator

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Lt. English was in the nose with Lt. Stough. I think he was also wounded or killed by the shell burst.Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: No contact after the start of the bomb run.Was he injured? PresumablyWhere was he when last seen? In the nose just as we were hit.

Any hearsay information: Lt. English was probably the third body found in the front section of the plane by German soldiers. The Germans did not seem to know how many crew members were supposed to be on our plane so when their count of bodies coincided with the number of missing men I assumed they were giving facts.

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

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: As with Lt. Stough Lt. English's exit would have been blocked even if he were not wounded. However, I don't see how either one could survive the terrific blast which I witnessed in their section.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Approx. 55

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



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: Sylvester B. Goeke

Rank: 1st Lt.

Serial number: 0-669702

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

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? No Knowledge

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

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? 1st PilotAny hearsay information: Bombardier Reported Bombs Away. Navigator  
Said To Gain Altitude. Was hit By Flak + Someone Said We were  
On Fire. I Disconnected my Headset + Prepared To Bail out.

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

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

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

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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- 1. Your name Evans, Ryan J Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-752188
- 2. Organization 352th Gp Commander Col. Hester Rank 1Lt. Sqn CO J.C. Myer Rank 1st Lt. Col.  
(full name) (full name)
- 3. What year 1944 month Sept. day 25th did you go down?
- 4. What was the mission, Fighter escort, target, Frankfurt, target  
time, 1200, altitude, 30,000 route scheduled, Direct  
Direct, route flown Direct
- 5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Frankfurt
- 6. Did you bail out? Yes
- 7. Did other members of crew bail out? No other members.
- 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". None
- 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Mannheim
- 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
- 11. Where were they in aircraft? None
- 12. What was their condition? None
- 13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? None
- 14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Roy R. English, Jr.

Rank: 1st Lt.

Serial number: O-762722

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

Did he bail out? No

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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 Pass Before Target.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

None

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

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

No Knowledge

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Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

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

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\_\_\_\_\_

Casualty Questionnaire

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1. Your name Donald L. Purdy Rank S/sgt Serial No. 19075650

2. Organization 320 B.9<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander Woodridge Rank col Sqn CO James T. Carraker Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1945 month March day 22 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, \_\_\_\_\_, target, Heidelberg Bridge, target  
time, Approx 11:50, altitude, 10,500 route scheduled, No Knowledge  
\_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_

5. Where were you when you left formation? Tail Turret

6. Did you bail out? Yes

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes Major James T. Carraker

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) Lt. Sylvester B. Goetz  
Warren B. Stough, Roy R. English Jr. S/sgt. Louie DePass

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? Maj. Carraker & I were marched together about three miles together after being taken prisoner about 1300. He had slight cut on forehead & suffering from shock otherwise alright

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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Classification changed  
to **RESTRICTED**  
by E. A. BRADNAS, Lt. Col., A.C.  
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., A  
Date **OCT 15 1945**

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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 Louie DeRosa - Top Turret Gunner B-26

HOME TOWN OR STATE Richley, West Virginia

GRADE OR RANK S/Sgt

ORGANIZATION 320th Bomb Gp., 442nd Bomb Sq., 1st AF

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 22 March 1945, Heidelberg, Germany

CAUSE OF DEATH Plane was on fire when I jumped. Only one other crew member got out and I met him soon after landing. German civilians told me that the other four crew members were killed in the crash.

PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH Unknown

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT

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SIGN HERE James T. Carraher  
Name and Serial Number  
Major James T. Carraher, O-791270  
72 Nasmith St., Lawrence, Mass.  
Your home address

3 August 1945

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED Roy R. English, Jr. - Navigator B-26  
HOME TOWN OR STATE Charlotte, N. C.  
GRADE OR RANK 1st Lt.  
ORGANIZATION 320th Bomb Gp., 442nd Bomb Sq., 1st TAF  
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 22 March 1945, Heidelberg, Germany  
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FULL NAME OF DECEASED            Warren B. Stough - Bombardier B-26  
HOME TOWN OR STATE            Las Animas, Colorado  
GRADE OR RANK                    2nd Lt  
ORGANIZATION                    320th Bomb Gp., 442nd Bomb Sq., 1st TAF  
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH        22 March 1945, Heidelberg, Germany  
CAUSE OF DEATH                    Plane was on fire when I jumped. Only one other crew member got out and I met him soon after landing. German civilians told me that the other four crew members were killed in the crash.

PLACE OF BURIAL                    Unknown

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH    No

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH                    Unknown

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FULL NAME OF DECEASED Sylvester Coeke - Pilot B-26  
HOME TOWN OR STATE Greenville, Ohio  
GRADE OR RANK 1st Lt.  
ORGANIZATION 320th Bomb Gp., 442nd Bomb Sq., 1st TAF  
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH 22 March 1945, Heidelberg, Germany  
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PLACE OF BURIAL Unknown

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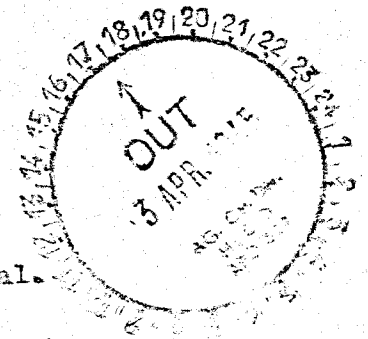
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.  
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)  
CG-3-AAF-H, dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of all the crew  
members of subject aircraft to be missing in action, 22 March 1945.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

*H M Rund*  
H. M. RUND, w  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



Incl:  
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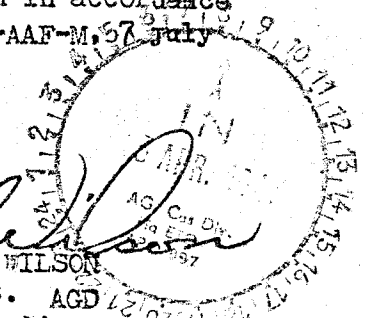
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
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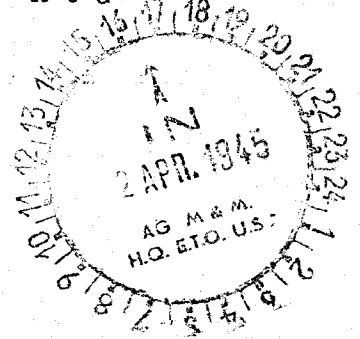
Missing Air Crew Reports are transmitted herewith in accordance with letter, War Department, TAGO, AG 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, 57 July 1944, subject: "Missing Air Crew Reports".

For the Commanding General:

*H. A. Wilson*  
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4145  
H A WILSON  
Capt. AGD  
Asst Adj Gen.



1 Incl: MACR, 320th Bomb Gr. B-26, 42-107785, 22 Mar 45.



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