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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 AMP 123; Command or Air Force 2 AD - VIII
Group 450th; Squadron 752d; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure AMP 123 Course _____
Target or Intended Destination RENFELD, GERMANY Type of Mission COMBAT
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VICINITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
- CIVE: (66) Day 9 Month Apr Year 45; Time 1937; and Location RENFELD A/P
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by radio () ; Forced down (X) ; Seen to Crash () ; or Information not Available ()
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOSE, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOSE, AS A RESULT OF :
(Check only one) Enemy Aircraft () ; Enemy Anti-Aircraft (X) ; cOther: _____
Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H ; AMP Serial Number 42-52457L
- NICKNAMES OF AIRCRAFT, if any Winal Approach
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B 1830 65 & 43 ; AMP Serial Number
(a) MP 926264 ; (b) 42-60441 ; (c) MP 905864 ; (d) MP 914591
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) W 951877 ; (b) W 951490 ; (c) W 952206 ; (d) W 951741 ;
(e) W 951239 ; (f) W 951942 ; (g) W 951449 ; (h) W 951251 ;
(i) _____ ; (j) _____ ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____ ;
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE ABOARD AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
OR (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(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	AGARONOWITZ, YOUNG	2d Lt	0-709620	MIA
2. Co-Pilot	SEALANDEZ, JOSEPH E. A.	1st Lt	0-720964	MIA
3. Navigator	HOLADAK, JOHN S.	1st Lt	0-703258	MIA
4. Radio Opr	ZELLER, BERNARD E.	T/Sgt	3390530	MIA
5. Engr (WFO)	BAVILLARD, JOHN R.	T/Sgt	31328041	MIA
6. Nose Gnr	RUEP, ALLAN C.	Sgt	33935486	MIA
7. Waist Gnr	FREEMAN, WAUTER E.	S/Sgt	34892474	MIA
8. Waist Gnr	CROW, ELMER F.	S/Sgt	32759561	MIA
9. Tail Gnr	ZIMPLEMAN, JACK H.	S/Sgt	97668932	MIA
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LATE KNOWINGLY OF CRASH, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Forced Crash Landing
			by Radio	last Sighted	
1. JACKSON, ROBERT D.	1 Lt	0-723981			X
2. MCCOY, WILLIAM R.	2 Lt	0-778526			X
3. STONE, WILLIAM E.	2 Lt	0-830997			X

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANTICIPATE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; or (b) seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) _____ (Specify) _____
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, 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 _____ None.

Date of Report 10 April 1945

Walter H. L. Avell
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 WALTER H. L. AVELL,
 Major, Air Corps.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

A/C suffered a direct-flak hit on bomb run almost simultaneously with bomb release. #2 Engine went on fire and A/C went into power dive in attempt to smother fire. One chute came out while in power glide, A/C circled to left then pilot seemed to lose control. Three more chutes came out. A/C went into a dive, one more chute came out before A/C broke up at 10,000'.



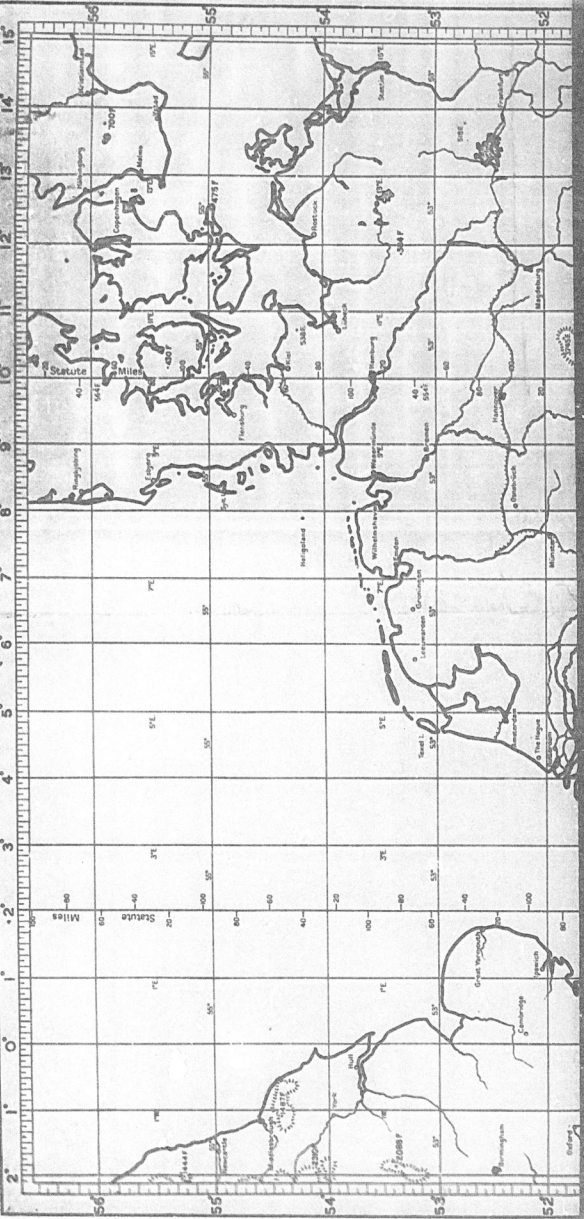
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2nd Lt. John S. Kolodak	Mrs. Mildred M. Kolodak, (wife) ✓ 93 Hyatt Avenue Yonkers, New York
1st Lt. Joseph E. Szulanski	Mrs. Sophie Szulanski, (mother) ✓ 2422 Belmont Street Eastland, Michigan
2nd Lt. Leonard Abramowitz	Mrs. Jessamine W. Abramowitz, (wife) ✓ 2024 W Chestnut Dallas, Texas
T/Sgt. John D. Savillaro	Miss Malcolm L. Savillaro, (sister) ✓ 1044 Broad Street Durham, Connecticut
T/Sgt. Bernard E. Seiler	Mr. Charles S. Seiler, (brother) ✓ 529 Overbrook Boulevard Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
S/Sgt. Walter H. Freeman	Mrs. Jennie B. Freeman, (mother) ✓ 114 East A Avenue Kearley, South Carolina
S/Sgt. Elmer F. Crow	Mrs. Nellie Crow, (mother) ✓ 657 Liverpool Road Liverpool, New York
S/Sgt. Jack E. Simpson	Mrs. Edna M. Simpson, (wife) ✓ Anna, Tenn
Sgt. Allan C. Rupp	Mrs. Nellie L. Rupp, (wife) ✓ 102 Anson Place Charon, Pennsylvania

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CAPTAINS OF AIRCRAFT MAP

SHEET 2



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RUFF, Allan C.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33935486
 Position: Crew (Bomber) Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? Lechfeld, Germany

If not, why not? No knowledge

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: My only contact with him was prior to take-off for the mission.

Was he injured? No knowledge

Where was he when last seen? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: I saw the Navigator, Lt. Holidak, on the ground. He told me he had just let the Nose Gunner, Allan C. Rupp, out of the turret and was about to bail out when the plane blew up.

Source: Lt. Holidak, Navigator

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he was knocked unconscious by the explosion and went down with the nose section of the plane.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 34 (thirty-four)

Date and destination if possible: No knowledge

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name BERNARD F. ZEILER Rank T/SGT Serial No. 33305530
2. Organization 458 Gp Commander Isbel Rank Colonel Sqn CO Williams Rank Lt. Colonel
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month APRIL day 9 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Air Field, target, LEACHFIELD, Air Field target
time, APPROX. 6 PM, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, Southern
FRANCE-TIPOT ALPS, route flown SAME
PAST LAKE CONSTANCE
5. Where were you when you left formation? No. 3 position - ONE MINUTE PAST TARGET
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? Blew up in the air
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? YES
12. What was their condition? Not Know
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SEEN ALL MEMBER'S OF THE CREW EXCEPT
THE NOSE GUNNER AND ^{ONE} WAIST GUNNER - DON'T KNOW THEIR
NAME'S AS I WAS FLYING SPARE ON THAT CREW - EVEN
ONE WAS IN FAIR. ONE OTHER PERSON WAS WOUNDED BESIDES
MYSELF.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I SEEN EDWARD RACCIC
WHILE IN GERMANY - HE WAS IN GOOD HEALTH. - HE WAS
ON AN OLD CREW OF MINE - CREW 14

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RUPP, Allan G.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33935486
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) ~~Navigator (Navigator)~~ Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? Do not Know

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Nose Gunner said Bombs Away - Approx. 1/2 min before

Was he injured? No Knowledge.

Where was he when last seen? Nose Turret.

Any necessary information: NAVIGATOR SAID HE HELPED HIM OUT OF HIS TURRET AND THAT HE HAD HIS CHUTE ON — I DOUBT THAT STATEMENT — KNOWING THE NAVIGATOR

Source: FROM THE NAVIGATOR HIMSELF

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY OPINION HE WAS LEFT IN THE TURRET AND WENT WITH THE SHIP WHEN IT BLEW UP

Total number of missions of above crew member: and HIS FIFTH

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge - FOR HE WAS NOT ON MY REGULAR CREW - IT WAS MY 35th

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Elmer F. Grow Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 32759561
2. Organization 458 Gp Commander ? Rank 752 Sqn CO - Herbert Rank Maj.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 45 month 4 day 9 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, A/F - Eastern, target
time, about 17:15, altitude, 2,300, route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? _____
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".

9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? "near target"
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 to my knowledge unless nose gunner failed to get out because he was wounded or otherwise.
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?
Shortly after I hit the ground, was captured. Late that evening, they had rounded up - Pilot, Co-pilot - Navigator - wounded, Radio Op - wounded, Tail Gunner, - Right waist gunner, and nose gunner couldn't be accounted for.
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

Name of crew member: _____
 Rank: RUPP, Allan C.
 Serial number: Sgt.
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~www.warrenton.com (Warrenton)~~ 33935486
 Nose Gunner

Did he bail out? Unknown

Where? _____

If not, why not? "see copy Attached"

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

Was he injured? Unknown -

Where was he when last seen? _____

Any necessary information: _____

Sources: _____

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

See copy Attached

Total number of missions of above crew member: about six

Dates and destinations if possible: Unknown

This is a full account of what happened to the
best of my knowledge. - A few seconds after bombs
away at the target, flak hit our no. 2 engine. We
caught fire and were given orders to bail out. The
tail gunner and I went out the camera hatch. The
Right waist was last to leave but we never saw
him again. - On hitting the ground, Weir match troops
captured me and took me to a nearby flak battery.
There I seen, Pilot who had slight burns, and tail
gunner who appeared o.k. - That night we were
moved to a town and locked up for the night. There
I seen 1/2 Pilot, navigator - wounded. radio op. - wounded.
The nose gunner & Right waist gunner were not
there and their whereabouts unknown observing
from what the other members said. - The only one
that may know something of any value about the
nose gunner might be the Navigator, Holidak.
Although he was seriously wounded, he may
have been just about able to get out himself.
At no other time from then, at prison camp
or any time after we were liberated have
I seen or heard of either of the two missing
gunners.

Almer F. Grow

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

- Discharged
1. Your name Jack H. Zimbleman Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 37668312
 2. Organization 45th Gp Commander _____ Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
 3. What year 1945 month April day 9 did you go do.
 4. What was the mission, Air Field, target, Litchfield, target
time, Appx. 7:30 A., altitude, Appx. 23000 route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____
 5. Where were you when you left formation? Target
 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 crew list attached. See other side
 9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Several miles from Litchfield
 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 to my 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? See other side
 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)

2nd Lt. Leonard Abramowitz (Pilot) Bailed out, condition fair.
1st Lt. Joseph E. Szalanski (Co-Pilot) Bailed out, condition fair.
1st Lt. John S. Wolodak (Navigator) Bailed out, flak wounds in
back and foot. Condition not serious.
T/Sgt. John R. Berillaro (Engineer Gunner) Bailed out, slight
burn over right eye. Condition fair.
T/Sgt. Bernard E. Zeiler (Radio Operator) Bailed out, flak wounds
in neck and right hand. Hospitalized at Mooseberg, Stalag 7-A
Hospital. Condition unknown.
S/Sgt. Walter H. Freeman (Right Waist Gunner) Bailed out, flak
wounds, stomach and thigh. Condition serious. Last seen this
member at Miami Beach Hospital. Condition then fair.
S/Sgt. Elmer F. Crow (Left Waist Gunner) Bailed out, sprained
left ankle when bailing out. Last seen condition good.
S/Sgt. Jack H. Zimpleman (Tail Gunner) Bailed out, condition fair.
Sgt. Allen C. Rupp (Nose Gunner) No information.

*All questions answered to the best of
my knowledge. Jack H Zimpleman*

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: _____

Rank: _____

EUPP, Allen C.

Serial number: _____

Sgt.

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~on flight (Fighter)~~ _____

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Hose 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: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he last seen? _____

Any necessary information: No knowledge in regard to Sgt. Allen C.

Supp. _____

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions on above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____