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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This Report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION:** Location, by Name AAF 123; Command or Air Force VII
Group AS8th (M); Squadron 752C (M); Detachment _____
- SPECIFY:** Place of Departure AAF 123 Course ---
Target or Intended Destination CHONGCHONG, Szechuan of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:**
Overcast vis 10-15 miles. Dew 20-30 miles.
- CITY:** (a) Day 20 Month 10 Year 44; Time 0630; and Location 5012-0815
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 ()
- 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: _____
- AIRCRAFT:** Type, Model and Series B 24 H; AAF Serial Number 42-309812
- VARIANTS OF AIRCRAFT, if any** _____
- ENGINES:** Type, Model and Series 1870-55 & 1870-43; AAF Serial Number 42-2998; (b) 42-4682; (c) 42-8853; (d) 42-31059
- INSTALLED WEAPONS** (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) WT TAIL-72662; (b) WT TAIL-72672; (c) WT WING-954676; (d) LT WING-730536
(e) WT UP-72811; (f) WT UP-72812; (g) WT NOSE-91179; (h) WT NOSE-730536
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS:** (a) Battle Casualty MS
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.)

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	ARMSTRONG, CHARLES A.	1 Lt	0-76107	MS
2. Co-Pilot	ANDERSON, JOHN E.	3 Lt	0-51060	MS
3. Navigator	MC NEELY, DONALD J.	1 Lt	0-71266	MS
4. Radio Operator	RISKEY, EARL S.	7 Sgt	5912139	MS
5. Upper Gunner	FENDERBUSH, MARION E.	7 Sgt	42-381969	MS
6. Nose Gunner	WYKE, JAMES E.	8 Sgt	1705186	MS
7. Waist	MOLIK, STEPHEN T.	3 Sgt	1707807	MS
8. Waist	WELAK, ALPHONSE A.	8 Sgt	1705181	MS
9. Tail	WALKER, EDWARD V.	8 Sgt	1212705	MS

- IDENTIFY BELOW THE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR NAME:**
Check only one in each

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted	Last Seen	Force
1. ANDERSON, STEPHEN T.	1 Lt	0-51060	X	X	Army
2. WELAK, ALPHONSE A.	1 Lt	0-69256	X	X	Army
3. WALKER, EDWARD V.	2 Lt	0-77119	X	X	Army

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Incl A-1

1st Lt. Charles A. Gleson

Mrs. Chrystine F. Gleson (Wife)
Box 58
Ida, Louisiana

2nd Lt. John E. Thompson

Mrs. Blanche E. Thompson (Wife)
1301 Dakota Avenue
Gladstone, Michigan

1st Lt. Donald J. Mc Neely

Mr. William G. Mc Neely (Father)
1306 Pickers Creek Road
Bedford, Ohio

T/Sgt. Earl S. Hickey

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hickey (Mother)
456 School Street
Ukiah, California

T/Sgt. Marlon E. Funderburk

Mrs. Bertha Etta Funderburk (Mother)
Route One Cheroke, South Carolina

S/Sgt. James E. Burke

Mrs. Nichol E. Burke (Mother)
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

S/Sgt. Stephen T. Wolack

Mr. Stephen Wolack (Father)
Box 148
Leitersville, Pennsylvania

S/Sgt. Alphonse A. Wolak

Mrs. Frances Wolak (Mother)
Rural Route Number Four
Foley, Minnesota

S/Sgt. Edward W. Bock

Mrs. Anna E. Bock
2223 Edge Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York

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 B24
 9 men
 MAF 42-109812

		Rank:	Name:	in 1001	A
Date:	24 Dec 44, at MCO	1st Lt.	GILMAN, C.	6	dead
Place:	04. With	1st Lt.	ANNAP,		dead
	Baseops	1st Lt.	McKILLIP, Don J.		dead
Type of craft:	Liberator	T/Sgt.	VANSHORNER, H.E.		dead
Markings:	--	Sgt.	FICHT, Errol S.		dead
	752(Hb)Sqd.	S/Sgt.	WYKE, James E.		dead
	458 Group	S/Sgt.	SCHMIDT, Edward		dead
		S/Sgt.	MOLLON, Steven		dead
		S/Sgt.	WILAN, Alphonse Alvarius		dead
			ASN: 1705194		

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Fu-2-Jailing Station
 FLANKERSHIN

FLANKERSHIN, 29 Dec 1944

Reference: FLANKERSHIN 204

Subject: Mr W. Va 276/44 Hostage M from 18 Oct 1944

To
 Evaluation Center East
 CINCINNATI

On 28 Dec 1944, the American Sgt. of the Air Force:
 # O I A # I ALPHONSA A.
 17081501

was delivered by the A.M.I. SHIMINE.
 The escort had nothing with it, that could give any information.
 The Prisoner was questioned and made the following statement:

Date of Downings: 26 Dec 1944 18.00
 Place of Downings: Unknown; shortly behind the Front-L as however.
 Time of Capture: Immediately after crash.
 Place of Capture: Unknown.
 Type of Craft: Liberator - bomber.
 Markings: Number unknown.
 Kind of Capture: Plain.
 Disposition of Crew: Unknown.

The prisoner was brought to Fu-Comp HANSTWENT for further contact to CINCINNATI.

REMIANT

Captain and Post-Commander.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

24 Dec. 1944, 1600 hrs CASUALTY NO.

M 1204 A

TYPE BOMB

St. Vith

NAME OF CREW

Liberator

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Duisdorf

SERIAL NO.

NO.	RACE	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D TICKED HEAD	PLACE OF IMPROBELY
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WOLAK, Alphonse Aloysius
13 June 1923

S/Sgt. 17051961

captured Dulag-Luft West

REMARKS:

Dulag-luft, 31 Jan. 1945 v.S.

FW - Receiving Post
 Flamersheim
 Telephone: Flamersheim 306

Flamersheim, 31 December 1944

Subject: Letter-Book No: 276/44 List H dated 18 October 1944

To
 Evaluation Center West
Obervasel

On 31 December 1944 the American flier

Sgt. Raoul Edward, W. Ser. No: 12120765 AC

was handed over by A.N.L. Herrine

MIA 24 Dec 44
 EUS

The guarding detachment had not brought any records or papers which could give information.

The Prisoner was interrogated here and gives the following information:

Crash:	on 21 December 1944 at about 1500 hours
Place of crash:	unknown
Capture:	immediately
Place of capture:	unknown
Type of plane:	A engine Liberator
Identifications:	unknown
Admittance No:	unknown
Cause of crash:	Flak

The Prisoner of War tells that he is gunner. Number of crew: 10 men
 The Prisoner of War is sent to Camp Hardthoehn for further transfer to Obervasel.

signed:
 Capt. and Post-Commander.

MIA No 11121

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: GIESSEN, Charles A.
 Rank: 1/Lt.
 Serial number: O-764 647
 Position: Crew (Bomber) #/TTTTTT/TTTTTTT: 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: Called for
check to see if all on board were all right.

Was he injured? No Knowledge

Where was he when last seen? No Knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: MC NEELY, Donald J.
 Rank: 1/Lt.
 Serial number: O-712 868
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ????????/????????: Navigator

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

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? No Knowledge

Any hearsay information: No Knowledge

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: RICHIE, Earl S.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 39 125 139
 Position: Crew (Bombardier) of (F117A1) (F117A1117): Radio Operator

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FONDESMUK, Marion E.
 Rank: T/SGT.
 Serial number: 34 649 689
 Position: Crew (Bomber) W/WHIPPY/WHIPPAC: Upper Gunner

Did he bail out? No knowledge

Where? No knowledge

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? No knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BUSKE, James H.**
 Rank: **S/Egt.**
 Serial number: **13 035 330**
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Boss Gunner**

Did he bail out? I Don't believe so

Where? _____

If not, why not? He was either dead or unconscious, in a small piece of the tail

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? Yes. But do not know where.

Where was he when last seen? In the plane.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I believe he is
 dead as he was in the piece of plane when I bailed out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: No knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SOLECK, Stephen T.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 13 172 193
 Position: Crew (Bomber) #####: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No Knowledge

Where? No Knowledge

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? No Knowledge

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: No Knowledge

Dates and destinations if possible: No Knowledge

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WOLAK, Alphonse A.
 Rank: S/Sgt.
 Serial number: 17 051 961
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Over Germany

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: None

Was he injured? I believe that he was.

Where was he when last seen? In Stalag -Luft at Nurnberg, Germany

Any hearsay information: He is now at home, in Foley Minn.

Source: Received a letter from him.

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: No knowledge

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward William Rucok Rank S/Sgt Serial No. 12120765

2. Organization 418 Cq Commander Isbell Rank Col. Sqn CO Herbert Rank Major
(full name) (full name)

3. What year 1944 month December day 24 did you go down?

4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Forgotten, target
time, _____, altitude, 23,000 Ft route scheduled, _____
_____, route flown _____

5. Where were you when you left formation? Received Direct Flak Hit while in
Formation

6. Did you bail out? Ship Blew To Pieces. Bailed out of piece of Tail sect.

7. Did other members of crew bail out? Lt. Thompson Co-Pilot and Alphonse
Wolak S/Sgt Waist Gunner 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". 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) Only other person
I know about is James H. Burke. He was lying either dead or
unconscious in the small piece of the tail section I bailed out of.

11. Where were they in aircraft? I believe that Burke was flying waist gunner

12. What was their condition? _____

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already de-
scribed above? The last I saw Alphonse Wolak was in strag-raft in
Burnsburg, Germany. The last I saw Lt. Thompson was at Camp
Lucky Strike Le Harve, France, just prior to leaving for the U.S.

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)