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Date MAR 15 1944

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123 APO558; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 458th; Squadron 72d; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 123; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Destination Osnabruck; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED;  
h-6/10 Strato-Cumulus at 8000' A/C was at 21000' Visibility- Above clouds and
- GIVE: (a) Date 29/3/44; Time 1095; and Location Monster-Germany  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
(X) Forces Down; (X) 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as follows \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24-B; A.A.F. SERIAL NO 42-29329
- ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1890-13; A.A.F. SERIAL NO (a) HP429510  
(b) HP429574; (c) HP429604; (d) HP429465
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No)  
(a) Nose Rt-939739 (b) Upper Rt-965399; (c) Waist Rt-631755 (d) Ball- Rt-465240  
(e) Lt-940719 (f) Lt-634305; (g) Lt-631769 (h) Lt-400586

1) Tail Rt-973705  
2) Lt-973242

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot; furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 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
KIA 1. Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>HEWLER, HAROLD WILLIAM</u>	<u>7/0</u>	<u>T-105414</u>
DED 2. Co-Pilot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>HEST, KENNETH ARTHUR</u>	<u>7/0</u>	<u>T-151245</u>
KIA 3. Navigator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>CATLAN, CHARLES WILLIAM</u>	<u>7/0</u>	<u>T-122715</u>
KIA 4. Bombardier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>LEWERT, ROBERT SCOLE</u>	<u>7/0</u>	<u>T-105514</u>
KIA 5. Radio Operator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>JONES, RUSSELL BENNETT</u>	<u>8/Sgt</u>	<u>1715034</u>
DED 6. Top Turret	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>CLARK, RICHARD BENJAMIN</u>	<u>8/Sgt</u>	<u>1901910</u>
KIA 7. Ball Turret	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>ANDRE, JIMMIE ERNE</u>	<u>8/Sgt</u>	<u>3750514</u>
KIA 8. Right Waist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>DE FOX, WILLIAM CHESTER</u>	<u>7/Sgt</u>	<u>3750294</u>
KIA 9. Left Waist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>LYON, HOWARD WILLIAM</u>	<u>8/Sgt</u>	<u>1702350</u>
KIA 10. Tail Gunner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>DAVIS, DONALD ROBERT</u>	<u>8/Sgt</u>	<u>1607529</u>

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Rank Number	By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>GRANT, EMMET A.</u>	<u>1st Lt. 0-733077</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>MC GILLOUGH, JOSEPH C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt. 0-681167</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<u>BOHAR, JOSEPH W.</u>	<u>2d Lt. 0-798475</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN: None
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 24 March 1944

John A. Hewler  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
JOHN A. HEWLER

Major Air Corps  
Technical Director

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*Handwritten notes and scribbles at bottom left.*

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14. A/C was hit by flak burst under open bomb bay. Small fire started and spread rapidly throughout entire ship. A/C flew on course for 45 seconds, then fell away. Tail twisted off first. A/C broke up completely on way down. Reports on 'chutes vary from "none seen" to "two seen to open."

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE MESSAGE WRITER: LPOU (25)

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 21 April 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1200 hours

ROLL:

FROM: LPOU

THROUGH: Kandler

REMARKS:

At 1200 hours, 19 April 1944, 1200 hours, -  
 Lt. Richard W. Oberusel, -  
 Subject: Report by Airbase Command 2/VI, Side-Field Leddenhalde,  
 dated 19 April 1944. Exact location of crash: Five kilometers  
 south, 12 km. SE of Varendorf. Type of plane: Liberator, engine type  
 Pratt & Whitney (double star). Serial number, unknown. Aircraft  
 engine Ser. No. unknown, radio equipment type & unknown. Type of  
 control by radio, unknown. Included in the (air) base and search  
 area image. Identifications & names, scattered over 12000 (yellow).  
 Number of search 12, of which 5 are identified. Exact location:  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
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 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200  
 Oberusel, Richard W., 1200-1200, 1200-1200

The 10 dead were interred in 17 graves in graves 21 to 30  
 Airbase Command 2/VI, Side-Field Leddenhalde, Germany.

TYPE : Airbase Command 2/VI  
 Side-Field Lötzenheide  
 TRACE : Koenigs-Lötzenheide

DATE : 24. March 1944

Subject : Downing of a Liberator  
 on 23. March 1944 at 1100 hours  
 at Alverskirchen, approx. 10 km. SW of Warendorf  
 in Westfalen.

Number of crew : 10, of which 8 are identified.

Name	First Name	ASMI	Rank	Disposition
<i>✓</i> H. H. H. H. H.	Harold W.	1-188414 T43-43	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> Clyde	Howard W.	17524565	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> Lambert	Robert S.	2-1035 T43-43	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> O. Williams	Charles W.	2-122775 T43-43	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> Davis	Donald E.	16075299 T43-43	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> [unclear]	Jimmie	87500145	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> [unclear]	William	32382904	unknown	dead
<i>✓</i> H. H. L. [unclear]	H. H.	unknown	unknown	dead

PLACE AND DATE OF INTERMENT : Alverskirchen Cemetery, grave #1 to #10,  
 on 23. March 1944 at 1230 hours.

Delivered to Distributors: 24. March 1944

Airforce District Command VI, Ic	1 copy
Datag-Luft Oberstabs	1 "
Airbase Command 2/VI	1 "
Files	1 "
Criminal Police	1 "

Airbase-Field Commander

(signed)

ROSE (?)

Kaj.

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST: Airbase Command 3/VI  
Side-field Loddensheid  
LOCATION Muenster-Loddensheid

DATE: 24. March 1944

DATE AND TIME: 23. March 1944 at 1100 hours  
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH:  
(NEAREST TOWN) Alverskirchen, approx. 10 km. SW of Warendorf/Westfalia

KIND OF CAPTURE: by anti-aircraft.  
(FLAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,  
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Liberator

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: unknown  
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA)

ADMITTANCE NO: 129328 (yellow)

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES: unknown  
CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT: 97% damage

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR: on 24. March 1944  
(DULGG - LUFT, ETC.)

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GL/C-Eng	1 "
Files	1 "
Airbase Command 3/VI, Handerf	1 "

Airfield Commander

BOSE (1)  
Maj.,

On 23 March 1944 at 110°

RANK

NAME

ENLISTED

6

PLACES ALVERSBERG, 10 Km  
SW of WARENDORF

*See SP Doc 1538*

TYPE OF PLANE: LIBERATOR

Identification: 129329

TARGET: AIR BASE DISTRICT VI

P/O. *KIA*

KESTLER, HAROLD W.

ASN- 7-106614

dead 10

P/O. *KIA*

LAMBERT, ROBERT S.

ASN- 2-1088

dead 3.

P/O. *KIA*

GALLAGHER, CHARLES W.

ASN- 7-128775

dead 4.

? - - -

PAUL, A.Y.

ASN- ?

dead 6.

SGT. *KIA*

LYNDE, EDWARD W.

ASN- 17034305

dead 2.

SGT. *KIA*

DAVIS, DONALD E.

ASN- 10075199

dead 5.

SGT. *KIA*

HELINE, JIMMY K.

ASN- 57808143

dead 6.

SGT. *KIA*

FUT, WILLIAM

ASN- 32383004

dead 7.

*crew accounted for  
10 KIA  
See A.Y. 838/44*

10 dead ( 2 unknown Grave # 9 & 10 ) - *See SP Doc 1538*  
buried on 23 March 1944 CEMETERY ALVERSBERG.

*2552  
ACOR N 1004*

Journal Casualty Report No. 4

See  
KV 1332

Report date between 2/13/44 and 3/23/44

SD Case 1538

Delivered to distributor: Information Bureau for War Casualties and POWs, Berlin W 30  
MACR 3556 752nd Bomb. Sq. d.

The following 10 numbers of AMF, killed in action, belong to the Liberator crashed at Alvershirten about 10 km SW of Warendorf on March 23, 1944. They were buried at the cemetery of Alvershirten on March 24, 1944, Mass # 1903

ASHBY T. PAUL, 11110627, victim crew member of 752 Bomb. Sq. d.

- |   |                     |             |
|---|---------------------|-------------|
| 1.) H. Harold Hebler,                   | AMF 7-28414 T 43-43 | Grave No. 1 |
| 2.) Harold Lynde,                       | AMF 1702408         | Grave No. 2 |
| 3.) Robert Lambert,                     | AMF 7-1335 T 43-43  | Grave No. 3 |
| 4.) Charles W. Callahan,<br>W. CALLAHAN | AMF 12075 T 43-43   | Grave No. 4 |
| 5.) Donald E. Davis,<br>E. DAVIS        | AMF 12075 T 43-43   | Grave No. 5 |
| 6.) Jim K. Adkins,<br>K. ADKINS         | AMF 570243          | Grave No. 6 |
| 7.) William A. Fry,<br>A. FRY           | AMF 12075           | Grave No. 7 |

10 men  
crew  
All  
KIA

3 UNKNOWN ARE:

8.) Lt. T. Paul

- KENNETH A. BRETT, T-61248
- RICHARD B. CLARK, 1901974
- RUSSELL M. JONES, 1756534

9.) and 10.) [unclear]



NAME AND TYPE AIRCRAFT  
 WAS DESTROYED

15 March 1944 at 11.00

CASUALTY NO.: 10 1943

NAME OF CREW:

Abbotsford near Vancouver

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

Blender

REPORTING OFFICER:

Abbotsford VI

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF INTERMENT	
WHEELER	Infantry Lt.	W/O.	W-100110	Deck	Survived on 15 March 1944 on the Guntery of Abbotsford, near Vancouver, Grave No. 1
LANEY	Robert H.	W/O.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 2
GREEN	Charles W.	W/O.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 4
PAUL	A. T.			"	Gr. Grave No. 5
JONES	Edward E.	Sgt.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 3
SMITH	Donald E.	Sgt.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 6
BROWN	Jimmy E.	Sgt.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 8
WILSON	William	Sgt.	W-100110	"	Gr. Grave No. 7
QUINN	Head				Gr. Grave No. 9 & 10

Remarks

Being left 15 June 1944

KU 1388

Date and place of drawing : Librarian, near Alverkrirchen, Westphalia,  
2/28/1944 ?

H.W. Lynde

A.T. Paul

Ch. W. Galician

H.W. Kessler

R.C. Lambert

R.R. Davis

M. De Puy

J.H. Cheimins (Admin)

Good

Good

121631 - 121673

are copies of

121691 - 121695

REPORT : Aircraft Ground S/T  
RE: STATE Identification  
Number: 1538

DATE : 25. March 1944

Subject : Tuning of a Mikovator  
on 25. March 1944 at 1423 hours  
at Alverston, approx. 10 km. SW of Waverley  
in Victoria.

Number of crew : 10, of which 5 are identified.

Name	Flight Number	ASA	Rank	Remarks
Hewley,	David W.,	215024	2nd Lt	Identified
Lytle,	Howard V.,	215025	2nd Lt	Identified
Lawrence,	Robert S.,	215026	2nd Lt	Identified
Salonen,	Georges V.,	215027	2nd Lt	Identified
Davis,	Ernie E.,	215028	2nd Lt	Identified
Robinson, <i>Arkins</i>	John R.,	215029	2nd Lt	Identified
Ray,	William,	215030	2nd Lt	Identified
Paul,	A.F.,	215031	2nd Lt	Identified

PLANE AND RATE OF INTERCEPT : Alverston, Victoria, approx. 10 to 15 km,  
on 25. March 1944 at 1423 hours.

Delivered to Distributor: 25. March 1944

- Aircraft Manual Ground S/T, Re : 1 copy
- State Identification : 1 "
- Aircraft Ground S/T : 1 "
- File : 1 "
- Original File : 1 "

Alverton-Field Commander

(Signed)

2508 (Y)  
P.S.

*See AV 855/14  
2508 1538*

*max 355  
215024-29  
10 KIA*

Stammort:

St. J. St.

Vor- oder Nachname:

Seite der Eltern:

200

2. Katakomben (St. J. St.)  
 (St. J. St., St. J. St., St. J. St.,  
 St. J. St., St. J. St., St. J. St.,  
 St. J. St., St. J. St., St. J. St.)

Beruf:

Religion:

Dienstgrad: Flg.

Wohnort:

Truppenteil:

Schwab.

Wohnort:

Stabschef:

Matt, P.

Wohnort:

Ort und Tag der Verlegung:

unser oder Internierung:

Wohnort:

Bezeichnungen:

Verlegungs- oder Tod:

Wohnort:

was und von:

wo zugegangen:

Hf. 23.3.44, Alversham Chaux, St. J. St.,  
 Warendorf.  
Wallage: 24.3.44, 19<sup>00</sup> Feldh. Alversham Chaux,  
 St. J. St.

SD 1538

Nationality: USA

Name: 2 Unknown (Together with  
Hetzler H.W., Lynde H., Lambert R., Callmann Ch., Davis D. and  
others)

Rank: Pilot

Unit: Aircraft type Liberator

Delay and Changes: Died 23 Mar 44, Alverskirchen, approx. 10 km southwest of  
Warendorf

Place of Grave: 24 Mar 44, at 1900 hours, Cemetery Alverskirchen, Grave No. 9 and 10

Reported by: District Airbase Command 2/VI, Loss No. 6 from 23 Feb to 25 Mar 44  
V 4 a Ref IV 1

A. V. 838/44

Dead List No. 29 ✓

Serial No. 83-84 ✓

S/Sgt. Ernie E. Adams

Mrs. Lois M. McWhorter, (mother)  
623 East Main Street,  
Hinsdale, Kansas.

P/O Robert S. Lambert

Mr. Robert A. Lambert (father)  
Osbay, Washington.

S/Sgt. Kenneth B. Lynde

Mr. Ernest Lynde (father)  
Recluse, Wyoming.

S/Sgt. Russell B. Jones

Mrs. Ruth E. Jones (mother)  
3712 West 2nd Street,  
Duluth, Minnesota.

P/O Harold W. Hotaler

Mrs. Olga I. Hotaler, (mother)  
505 West 6th Street,  
Junction City, Kansas.

S/Sgt. Donald E. Davis

Mrs. Eva Davis (mother)  
605 East High Street,  
Anna, Illinois.

P/Sgt William O. DeFay

Mrs. Eva De Fay (mother)  
441 Utica Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

P/O Charles W. Callahan

Mrs. John P. Callahan (mother)  
1037 71st Street,  
Brooklyn, New York.

S/Sgt. Richard B. Clark

Mrs. Nellie A. Clark (mother)  
East Street,  
Bigfork, Montana.

P/O Kenneth A. Brett

Mr. Menley E. Brett, (father)  
Tombeth, New Hampshire.

physician's office

Interstate 111 63

Med. Co. 83-84



H. I. J.

Seite des Briefs

*Paul*

Beruf:

Religion:

Dienstgrad: *Fly.*

*A. T.*

Truppenteil:

*Leiborator*

Komp. nro.

*Wart. Nr.*

Ort und Tag der Entlassung  
nähste ober. Dienstort:

Dienstort  
Dienstgrad über Zahl

Wohntort und Post-  
amt

*H. 23.3.49*

*Demütigst  
Hilfs  
Hilfs*

## FORMATION PLAN FOR MISSION # 18

23 March 1944

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## 1st Section East Side

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4. 407-22	11. 404-Hanger 2
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7. 423-18	14. 718-30

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