

6928

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

6924

Classification changes to **RESTRICTED** by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., AC by F. M. MURKIN, Capt., AD **Nov 1 5 1944**

AIR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 805 17th STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123 Command or Air Force 8th, 458th, 754th
2. SERVICE: Point of Departure AAF 123 Source 105 Destination MONTE, GERMANY
Type of Mission COMBAT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR OTHER LAST KNOWN POSITION
9/10 Cumulus with tops at 12000 ft. Visibility unrestricted at flight level to 15-20 miles

4. DATE: (a) Date 12 Jul 44 (b) Time 1520 and Location Mont, France
(b) Specify whether: () Not sighted; (X) Not contacted by radio; () Forced down; () Seen to crash; () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT TAG IDENT. OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IDENT. AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Army Aircraft; () Army Anti-Aircraft; (X) Other circumstances as follows: Excessive gas consumption.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Serial B 24 H U.S. SERIAL NO. 42-95096
7. ENGINE: Type, Model & Serial 1830-51 MAX CRANK NO. (a) 42-95096
(b) AP-308076 (c) BP-446966 (d) CP-308044
8. INSTALLED EQUIPMENT (Specify below make, type & serial no.)
(a) NOSE RT-1526508 (b) MIDWING RT-1386612 (c) WING RT-1194769 (d) TAIL RT-1165382
(e) LT-1194914 (f) LT-1186783 (g) LT-1195579 (h) LT-1195337
(i) TAIL RT-1194849 (j) TAIL LT-998618
9. THE AIRCRAFT HAD: (a) Bomb Load (b) Bomb Capacity Yes
(c) Non-Bomb Capacity

10. MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT (GROUND AIRCRAFT): Crew 10 Passengers 0 Total 10

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial No.	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. Pilot	HOPKINS, HERBERT C. JR	1st Lt	0-693679	X	RTD	
2. Co-pilot	HAMILTON, CHARLES H.	F/O	T-123554		RTD	
3. Navigator	WELLS, ARTHUR W. JR	F/O	T-125204		RTD	
4. Bombardier	LAKE, KENNETH E.	2d Lt	0-702052		RTD	
5. Radio Operator	YARBEAS, LEO J.	S/SGT	32802768		RTD	
6. Tail Turret	CONNELLY, CLARENCE C.	T/SGT	19143715		RTD	
7. Ball Turret	GRONIKER, WILLIAM J.	SGT	33491303		RTD	
8. Right Waist	HELE, HENRY L.	S/SGT	34601332		RTD	
9. Left Waist	GARCIA, EDWARD J.	S/SGT	1918644		RTD	
10. Tail Gunner	LAURO, MICHAEL-ANGELO J.	S/SGT	32120927		RTD	

11. IS THERE ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THE CREW OR AIRCRAFT AND WHOSE IDENTIFICATION CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM THIS REPORT? (Check only one column)
By Last Name First

Name in Full	Rank	Serial No.	Visible	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. HOPKINS, HERBERT C. JR	1st Lt	0-693679				
2. BOOTH, CHARLES H. JR	Capt	0-662734	X			
3. MARTIN, LESTER C.	1st Lt	0-813927	X			

12. (a) Parachutes used: (b) Personnel were seen walking away from scene of crash: or (c) any other reason (Specify):
13. AIRCRAFT TYPE: MONOPLANE, BIPLANE, OR OTHER (Specify last first)
14. AIRCRAFT TYPE: (Specify)
15. EXTENT OF SEARCH IF ANY: None.

Date of Report 13 Jul 44

E. Claggett T. Claggett
(Signature of Preparing Office)
EILWOOD T. CLAGGETT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Air Inspector.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Jan 13'

CONFIDENTIAL

VC believed to be #096 called for heading to Switzerland, stating #3 engine was feathered and gas supply was running low.

CONFIDENTIAL

1p/11/20/44

1st Lt. Herbert C. Hopkins Jr.

Dr. Herbert C. Hopkins, (Father)
5912 Cedar Parkway,
Chevy Chase, Maryland.

P/O Charles H. Hamilton

Mr. Charles H. Hamilton,
608 Oliver Avenue,
Fairmont, West Virginia.

P/O Arthur W. Willis Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Willis, (Mother)
15 Hayward Avenue,
Brockton, Massachusetts.

2nd Lt. Kent K. Kane

Mrs. Pearl H. Kane, (Mother)
1947 Garrison Street,
Carthage, Missouri.

S/Sgt. Leo J. Yashkas

Mrs. Anna Yashkas, (Mother)
127 Hemlock Street,
Sugar Notch, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt. Clarence C. Connally

Mrs. Helen L. Connally, (Mother)
Rural Free Delivery # 1,
Rockville, Maryland.

Sgt. William J. Gredick

Mrs. Rosetta Gredick,
West Walnut Street
Calmar, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt. Dewey L. Balk

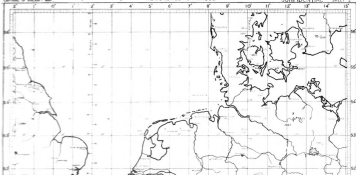
Mrs. Sarah L. Balk, (Mother)
501 Washington Street,
Monroe, North Carolina.

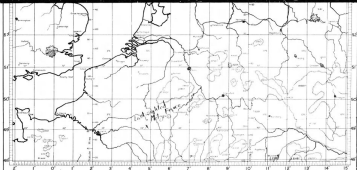
S/Sgt. Edward J. Garcia

Mrs. Phyllis Garcia, (Mother)
648 Foxick Street,
Richwood, California.

S/Sgt. Michael-Angelo J. Lauro

Mr. Louis Lauro, (Father)
67th Drive, 102nd Street,
Forrest Hill, Long Island, New York.





HEIGHTS IN FEET

