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**FOR INFORMATION
 HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR FORCE
 WASHINGTON**

ARMY AIR CREW REPORT

NOTE: 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 Base AAF 123; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 458th; Squadron 752d; Detachment _____
- REPORT:** Place of Departure St Disler; Course _____
 Target or Intended Destination AAF 123; Type of Mission _____
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND TIME/HEIGHT AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:** _____
- EVENT:** (a) Day 21 March 1950; Year 50; Time _____; and Location St Disler
 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 (x)
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:** (check only one) Empty Aircraft (); Empty Air-Craft (); Other Circumstances as Follows: Unknown
- AIRCRAFT:** Type, Model and Series A 24 K; AF Serial Number 42-52948
- ENGINE:** Type, Model and Series _____
- ENGINES:** Type, Model and Series Unknown; AF Serial Number (a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
- INSTALLED WEAPONS:** (Specify below type, type and Serial Number); Unknown
 (a) _____; (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
 (e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
 (i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____
- THE WEAPONS WERE USED:** (a) Battle Casualty XX
 or (b) Non Battle Casualty Unknown
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT:** Crew 7; Passengers 0; Total 7
 (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.)

	Base in Full	Serial Number	Current Status
DEP Pilot	<u>Woods, George J.</u>	<u>24 K 42-52948</u>	<u>MIA</u>
DEP Co-pilot	<u>Tucker, John B.</u>	<u>24 K 42-75791A</u>	<u>?</u>
DEP Navigator	<u>Cornes, Harold</u>	<u>24 K 42-503653</u>	<u>?</u>
DEP Bombardier	<u>Cornes, James A.</u>	<u>24 K 42-71493</u>	<u>?</u>
DEP Radio Op	<u>Corlito, Arthur J.</u>	<u>24 K 42-325748</u>	<u>?</u>
DEP Engineer	<u>Asst, Merlin T.</u>	<u>1/24 K 42-3527863</u>	<u>?</u>
DEP Gunner	<u>Hudson, Willie</u>	<u>24 K 42-697473</u>	<u>?</u>
9.			
10.			
11.			

- WEAPONS BELOW WERE WEAPONS USED AND BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN WEAPONS OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE CHECKS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SUCH:**

Check Only One Column
 Confirmed Yes

	Base in Full	Serial Number	by	Last Seen	Forward
1.	<u>None</u>				
2.					
3.					

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13. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SERVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (a) Parachutes were used ___ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ___ or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. None.
15. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION HIS SERVICE None.

Date of Report 17 October 1944*Ellwood T. Claggett*

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

ELLWOOD T. CLAGGETT,

Captain, Air Corps.

17. REPAIRS OR REWORKING SCHEDULED:

Plane took off from AAF Station 123 for St Dizier, 23 Sep 44 ROK. No further definite information available. However it is assumed to have taken off on 24 Sep 44 for Home Station, AAF 123, and the only known information is that it did not return to AAF 123.

Since A/C was temporarily assigned this Station for TD and home station is unknown the number of Engines and Armament is not available.



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**CASE UNDER
INVESTIGATION**

WACR # 957A

FORM 371-BEING FORWARDED

DATE 8 OCTOBER 1947

LT. SULLIVAN

NAME

GRADE

SERIAL NO.

2. It is requested that information on the above deceased be furnished this office in accordance with provisions of Letter, The Adjutant General's Office, file AGAO-8 233.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, subject Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas, dated 9 April 1947.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Incl
Form 371 (3 cpy)

POOLE ROGERS
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

AIR MAIL

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2d Lt. John R. Tucker

Mrs. John R. Tucker (Wife)
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Mrs. Frances Coburn (Mother)
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2d Lt. James A. Soesbe

Mr. Phillip C. Soesbe (Father)
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T/Sgt. Anthony J. Carlito

Mr. Joseph Carlito (Father)
28 Margaret Street
Boston, Massachusetts

T/Sgt. Merlin T. Ash

Mrs. Myrtle E. Ash (Mother)
119 1/2 North Laundry Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Sgt. Billie Eades

Mrs. Ora P. Saladeo (Sister)
425 F Street
Bedford, Indiana

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FRANK HUDSON Rank _____ Serial No. 6972023
2. Organization _____ Op Commander _____ Rank _____ SqN CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPTEMBER day 18 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, FRANKS FRANKS, target
time, NO KNOWLEDGE, altitude, 2000 FT route scheduled, NO
NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown NO KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? WE WERE NOT LEAVING FORMATION
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO
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? IT 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) IT BLEW UP IN THE AIR

11. Where were they in aircraft? IN THE NOSE AND FLIGHT DECK
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LAST MAN WAS GOING FROM THE WING TO THE FLIGHT DECK AFTER WE WERE FIRED ON

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)

THE INTERPHONE WAS SHOT OUT IN OUR SHIP SO I COULD NOT
GET IN CONTACT WITH ANY OF THE CREW AFTER IT CROUGHT
ON FIRE AND AS FAR AS I KNOW THEY WERE ALL TRAPPED
IN THE PLANE WHEN IT BLEW UP OVER HOLLAN

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

ASB, Merlin I.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

39 278 839

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~W/WWWW/WWWWWW~~

Engineer

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? AS FAR AS I KNOW HE WAS TRAPPED IN THE PLANELast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NEWSLEaving FROM THE WAIST TO THE FLIGHT DECKWas he injured? NOT AT THAT TIMEWhere was he when last seen? ON THE CATWALK IN THE BOMB BAYAny hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: CORLIFO, Anthony J.
 Rank: T/Sgt.
 Serial number: 31 203 718
 Position: Crew (Bomber) A/111gW/111gW111: Radio Operator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? AS FAR AS I KNOW HE WAS TOPPED IN THE PLANE

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

Was he injured? NO KNOW WIERD

Where was he when last seen? BEFORE WE LEFT THE GROUND IN FORMER

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COBURN, Harold
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-2056553
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot/Observer~~: Navigator

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? REFER AS I KNOW HE WAS TRAPPED IN THE PLANE

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? REFER WE LEFT FRANCE

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NAT ANY

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: KOEHN, George J.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-699 679
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot / Pilot~~: Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? AS FAR AS I KNOW HE WAS TRAPPED IN THE PLANE

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 FRANCE

Any hearsay information: NO

Source: _____

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8

Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE

Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. NR 2109

Abschußtag und Zeit: 14.10.44 - 10.00

Abschußort: Fl. Fl. Harburg/Drau

Flugzeugtyp: Liberator

Meldende Dienststelle: Verstabt. 11/XVII

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwendung Grablage

✓ PHILLIPS	Joseph ✓	2/Sgt.	13151131	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ MC NEW	Homer George	3/Sgt.	38600794	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
29.9.25	Marion, Ark.				
✓ 6	UNBEKANNTE TOBE				

Bemerkungen: 120-1 9593

DULAG-LUFT, den 19.11.44 Wb.