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WASHINGTON

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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 A-71 : Command or Air Force 8th Bomb Div  
(Group 397th Bomb Gp : Squadron 859th Bps : Detachment
- SPECIFY: Place of departure A-71 : Course Easton-Clifton Field (4370)  
Target or Intended Destination Japan E/S : Type of Mission Combat Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: CAV
- Give: (a) Day 23 Month Dec Year 1944 : Time 1100 : and Location 19 mi. west  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted or (x) : 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 (x) : Enemy Anti-Aircraft ( ) : Other Circumstances  
as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-25 B1S VA : AAF Serial Number 41-31657
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any Mississippi Mudcat
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2000-43 : AAF Serial  
Number (a) 41-38986 (L) : (b) PP-064106 (P) : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ : (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnished below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) See Incl 1 : (b) \_\_\_\_\_ : (c) \_\_\_\_\_ : (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ : (f) \_\_\_\_\_ : (g) \_\_\_\_\_ : (h) \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ : (j) \_\_\_\_\_ : (k) \_\_\_\_\_ : (l) \_\_\_\_\_  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ : (n) \_\_\_\_\_ : (o) \_\_\_\_\_ : (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x  
or (b) Non Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 7 : Passengers 0 : Total 7  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: if more than 11  
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheets and  
attach original to this form.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1.	Pilot	<u>W</u> Stubb, Vernon O.	2nd Lt	0695309	MIA KIA
2.	Co-Pilot	<u>W</u> Schell, Edwin E.	2nd Lt.	0713082	MIA MTD
3.	bombardier	<u>W</u> Doyle, William W.	2nd Lt.	0263161	MIA MTD
4.	Radio Operator	<u>W</u> Werner, Leonard J.	S/Sgt	30806328	MIA MTD
5.	Engineer-Gunner	<u>W</u> Holst, Marvin E.	S/Sgt	17182738	MIA MTD
6.	Tail Gunner	<u>W</u> Moran, Richard E.	Sgt	35788200	MIA MTD
7.	Tail Gunner	<u>W</u> Siciliano, Otto P.	Cpl	35054235	MIA MTD
8.					
9.					
10.					
11.					

12. 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 per row.

	(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Landing
1.	<u>W</u> St. Martin, L.	2nd Lt.	0687291				x
2.							
3.							

(Over)

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- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, 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 AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 25 December 1944

*Bernard N. Thompson*  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

BERNARD N. THOMPSON,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Commanding.

FEB 20 1945



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- 3 Incls:
- Incl 1: Installed Weapons
- Incl 2: Statement (Lt. Wade)
- Incl 3: Map

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Incl 1:

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS - Browning Machine Gun, Cal. .50, M2, Aircraft.

Ship No. 41-31667

Flexible Rail

Left	585718
Right	291945

Left Blister

Upper	582494
Lower	291204

Waist

Left	291257
Right	584936

Right Blister

Upper	292033
Lower	290737

Deck Turret

Left	290559
Right	290775

Flexible Nose

290552

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559TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M) ARMY AIR FORCES  
387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
APO 140

24 December 1944

STATEMENT

I was flying position No. 6 in the low flight of the second box at 11,500 feet, 185 m.p.h. Just east of Bastogne, our flight was attacked by five ME109's at 0938 hours.

Low flight positions No. 4, flown by Lt. Church, and position No. 5, flown by Lt. Staub, were hit by enemy fire. Lt. Staub was not in close formation at the time and went down immediately.

Lt. Church was hit badly in the tail surfaces and rear of ship. His rudder was totally ruined as the fabric peeled off after being hit. He was last seen by me gliding his ship off to the right and below.

*Warren B. Wade*

WARREN W. WADE, 0887281,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

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559th Bombardment Squadron (M)  
 25 December 1944  
 Target: Bridge near Bayon  
 T.O.T.: 1013  
 Alt: 12,000 Ft.  
 Weather: CAVU



Shaded area is where the flight was attacked by 15-25 ME 109's and ME 109's, and where the a/c are reported as either lost or missing. The flight became separated and, with the exception of the flight leader, who was last seen in a dive with a shell burst in the cockpit, it is impossible to determine the precise condition in which the individual aircraft were last seen. From a distance, however, one unidentified B-26 was seen in a spin, and another was seen to disintegrate. It is not known which aircraft they were, but it is presumed they were part of this flight. The remaining aircraft is reported simply as missing.

□ = Lost or missing a/c

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DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SENT DOWN

23 Dec. 1944, 1100 hrs

CASUALTY NO.

KU 1188 A

PLACE OF ORIGIN

Luxemburg

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Marauder

REPORTING OFFICER

Wengerohr

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
SCOBELL, Elgin Shirley	2/Lt.	0-713952	captured	Dulag-Luft West
WERNER, Leonard H. 15 Sep. 1923	S/Sgt.	39909629	"	"
WIMAN, Richard Furneaux 4 June 1923 Montreal	Sgt.	35788208	"	"
GEIST, Marvin Paul 1924	S/Sgt.	17166769	"	"

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft, 24 Jan. 1945 v.S.

MA CR 11465  
B-26

AAF 4131657  
7 men

Date: 23 Dec 44, at 1100  
Place: Luxemburg  
Type of craft: Marauder  
Markings: ...692  
599 (HCo) Sqd.  
387 Group

Rank: Name: KU 1188A

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2nd Lt.	SCOBELL, Elgin Shirley	•
	ASN: O-713952	
2nd Lt.	STAUB, V. <sup>AMERICAN B'D ED</sup>	dead
2nd Lt.	DYLE, (DOYLE)	
S/Sgt.	WERNER, Leonhard H.	•
	ASN: 39909629	
S/Sgt.	GEIST, Marvin Paul	•
	ASN: 17166769	
Sgt.	WYMAN, Richard Fournoux	•
	ASN: 35788208	

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

Serial number:

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter):~~

STAUB, Vernon O.

2nd Lt.

G-685 309

Pilot

Did he bail out? No.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? Wounded by 20MM

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

"BAIL OUT"Was he injured? YesWhere was he when last seen? In the plane wreckageAny hearsay information: Plane crashed near town of Stolemborg, GermanyI landed by parachute nearby and proceeded to scene of plane crash.Occupants body amidst the wreckage, dismembered. Identified by cap,45 pistol holster with name inscribed.Source: Actual witness to the above statements.

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

Apparently 20MM shell fatally wounded or prevented him from bailing  
outTotal number of missions of above crew member: Approximately eight missionsDates and destinations if possible: Unknown

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

SCORELL, Elgin S.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-713 952

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~AF/FA/FP/FF/FT/FF/FP/FT~~:

Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? in the vicinity near Stolemborg

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

None

Was he injured? Just slightly.

Where was he when last seen? Wetzler, Germany Transit Prison Camp.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Total number of missions of above crew member: First Mission

Dates and destinations if possible: December 23rd, 1944 Target Mayen, Germany

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

DOYLE, William H.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

O-766 161

Position: Crew (Bomber)

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Bomberdier

Did he bail out? YesWhere? In the vicinity of Stolemborg, Germany

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

NoneWas he injured? NoWhere was he when last seen? 387th Bomb Group at take off timeAny hearsay information: Later learned that feet were frozen while trying to evade capture by the Germans.Source: Letter received by my parents from the above, on his return to the states.

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: First MissionDates and destinations if possible: December 23rd, 1944 Target Mayen, Germany

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Richard F. Wyman Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 35788208
2. Organization 387B.Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO Caney Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month December day 23rd did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing bridge target, Mayen, target  
time, apx. 9:30 A.M., altitude, Apx. 10,000 ft. route scheduled, unknown  
route flown unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? near Bastone
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? all but Pilot
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".  
Engineer Werner bailed out the bombay. Radio Man Geist first out waist window. Spare Gunner, name unknown, last out waist window. Wyman, same name as above, second out the waist window.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Stolemborg, Germany
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)  
Staub, Vernon O., 2nd Lt., O-685 309 Pilot
11. Where were they in aircraft? Pilot's compartment
12. What was their condition? "No Knowledge"
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Werner last seen January, 1945 at Wetzlar, Germany in Transit Prison Camp, Condition Fair. Geist<sup>+</sup> last seen January, 1945 at Wetzlar, Germany in Transit Prison Camp, Condition Fair. Elgin S. Scobell, 2nd, Lt., O-713 952 Co-Pilot last seen same as above.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.  
Paul Dugan, S/Sgt. last seen from February to May, 1945 at Stalag 3A Prison Camp. Was with him in Prison Camp

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

Rank:

STAUB, Vernon O.

Serial number:

2nd Lt.

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

O-685 309

Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? HE WAS KILLED BY ENEMY GUNFIRE BEFORE BAILING OUTLast contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: PILOT, STAUBPREPARED TO GAVE ORDER TO BAIL OUT BUT NEVER LIVED TO GIVE DIRECT ORDERWas he injured? TWENTY A.M. SHELL EXPLODED IN HIS FACE.Where was he when last seen? TAIL GUNNER SAW HIM IN AIRPLANE AFTER IT CRASHED BUT HE WAS NEARLY BEYOND RECOGNITION

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

NONE OTHER THAN WHAT I MENTIONED ABOVE BY TAIL GUNNER AND CO-PILOT TOLD ME THIS AFTER WE WERE TAKEN PRISONER.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: NINEDates and destinations if possible: DON'T REMEMBER



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: SCOBELL, Elgin S.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: O-713 952  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~COPILOT/PILOT~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? YES

Where? ABOUT 30 KILOMETER FROM BITBURG, GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: DONT

REMEMBER

Was he injured? SLIGHTLY IN FACE

Where was he when last seen? IN AIRCRAFT COMING HOME AFTER LIBERATION  
IN CAMP LUCKY STRIKE, FRANCE.

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC. 23, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DOYLE, William H.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **O-766 161**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: **Bombardier**

Did he bail out? DON'T KNOW FOR SURE BUT THINK SO.

Where? SAME TIME RESIDE US. BUT WASN'T SEEN WHEN LANDED

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? DON'T KNOW

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: I HEARD HE WAS IN HOSPITAL WITH TWO FROZEN FEET. DON'T KNOW WHERE

Source: SOME FRIEND IN P.W. CAMP

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: ONE

Dates and destinations if possible: DEC 23, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GEIST, MARVIN P Rank S/SGT Serial No. 17166769
2. Organization 387 Gp Commander BROWN Rank COL Sqn CO THOMPSON <sup>(ACTING CO)</sup> Rank CAPT  
 (full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month DECEMBER day 23 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, TACTICAL, target, BRIDGE, target time, APPROX. 11 AM., altitude, 13,000 FT route scheduled, DON'T KNOW, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? FEW MINUTES OVER FRONT LINES IN LOCHABROOK AREA
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". WERNER, WYMAN, BAILED OUT AHEAD OF ME. SICILIANO WAS WOUNDED BADLY AND MADE NO ATTEMPT TO BAIL OUT I SHOVED HIM OUT AHEAD OF ME BUT NEVER HEARD OF HIM SINCE HIS SHOOT OPENED AS I WATCHED IT. WERNER & WYMAN ARE HOME NOW
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? DON'T KNOW FOR SURE.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PILOT, STAFF
11. Where were they in aircraft? PILOT SEAT
12. What was their condition? DEAD HARDLY RECOGNIZABLE
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above?  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 1180 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 23.12.44. 11.00.  
 Abschlußort: Luxemburg  
 Flugzeugtyp: Marauder  
 Meldende Dienststelle: San. Rohr/Eifel

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtstag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage
/ COBELL Wifein Shirley	2/Lt.	0-713952	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
/ BERTNER 15.9.23. Leonard H.	S/Sgt.	39909629	gef.	dito
/ WYMAN 4.6.23. Richard Furneaux Montreal	Sgt.	35788208	gef.	dito
/ CHIST 1924 Marvin Paul	S/Sgt.	17166769	gef.	dito

Bemerkungen: MACP-11405

DULAG-LUFT, den 24.1.45. v.S.