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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

1. ORGANIZATION: Location 9AF Command IX Bomber Command
Group 391st Bomb Squadron 573rd Bombardment Squadron
2. Point of departure Sta 166 UK Course See Attached Map
Intended destination Cherisy, France
Type of mission Bombing
3. Weather conditions and visibility at time of crash or when last reported
CAVU
4. (a) Date 15 Aug 44 Time 1935 Location Target
(b) A/C was seen to crash
5. Airplane was lost or is believed to have been lost as result of:
Enemy Ant-Aircraft Fire
6. Airplane: Type, Model Series B26B50 Serial No. 42-95834
7. Engines: Type, Model Series R2800-43/LE-FP060101 RE-FP060025
8. Installed Weapons Browning 50 Cal-933918, 875086, 823607, 933744, 917047
917015, 873218 Flex-875230, 174129, 73681, 15488, 61936 Fixed Guns.
9. The persons listed below were reported as: Battle Casualty
10. Number of persons aboard airplane: Crew 6 Passengers 0 Total 6

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>
<u>R/T Pilot</u>	<u>Ralph H Boyd</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-691225</u>
<u>M/A Co-Pilot</u>	<u>Quinten W Stiteler</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-122230</u>
<u>DED Bomb (MOS 612)</u>	<u>Richard H Tyler</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>33098152</u>
<u>DED Eng Gunner</u>	<u>Kenneth S Crockett</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>39856341</u>
<u>DED Radio Gun</u>	<u>Joseph F Weaver</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>18079799</u>
<u>DED Arm Gunner</u>	<u>Glen L Young</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37563389</u>

11. Those persons who are believed to have last knowledge of airplane

<u>Larry F Gallo</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>33429374</u>	<u>Last sighted</u>
<u>Henry G Waggoner</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>14161966</u>	<u>Seen to crash</u>
<u>Arlo L Carr</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36460827</u>	<u>Seen to crash</u>

12. Two (2) chutes were seen
13. Attached
14. Attached
15. None

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Date of Report 15 August 1944



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G. V. Parmentel Jr.
G. V. PARMENTEL Jr.,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

391st BOMB GROUP-13 AUG-TO-222 SCHLE, 1500, 000

TARGET: CHERBY-R/R BRIDGE

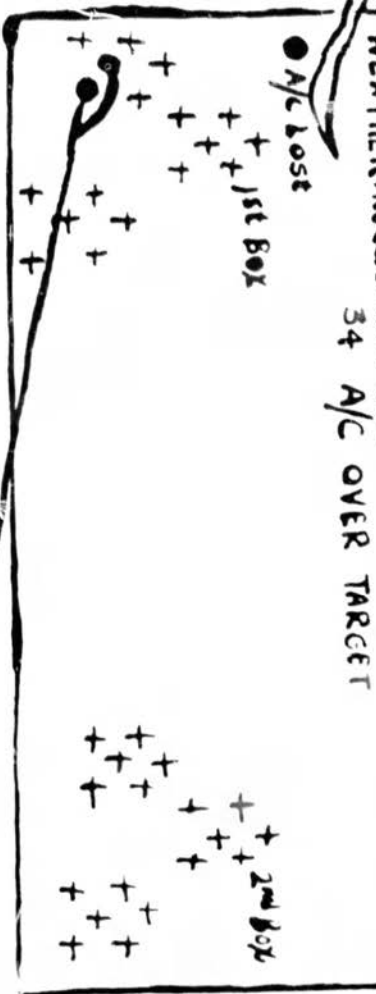
TIME: 1935

HEIGHT: 12,500 - 11,500

WEATHER: NO CLOUD VIS 10-15 MI

34 A/C OVER TARGET

INTENSE FLAK



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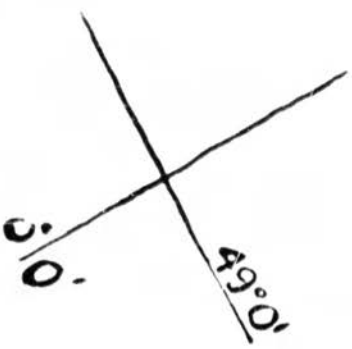
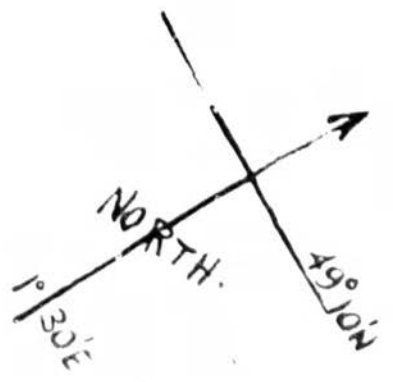
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UNITED STATES ARMY

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APO #71

5 September 1944

AG 360.33

Subject: Missing Air Crew Reports.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Reports of the Month Air Force.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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11 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report, 391st Bomb Gp
B-26B, 42-95834, 13 August 1944.
- Incl 2 - Missing Air Crew Report, 391st Bomb Gp
B-26B, 42-95800, 13 August 1944.
- Incl 3 - Missing Air Crew Report, 368th Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-25752, 13 August 1944.
- Incl 4 - Missing Air Crew Report, 366th Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-76185, 12 August 1944.
- Incl 5 - Missing Air Crew Report, 358th Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-76445, 10 August 1944.
- Incl 6 - Missing Air Crew Report, 371st Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-76478, 7 August 1944.
- Incl 7 - Missing Air Crew Report, 386th Bomb Gp
B-26B, 42-96284, 16 August 1944.
- Incl 8 - Missing Air Crew Report, 474th Fighter Gp
P-38J, 44-23651, 14 August 1944.
- Incl 9 - Missing Air Crew Report, 366th Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-76279, 13 August 1944.
- ~~Incl 10 - Missing Air Crew Report, 48th Fighter Gp
P-47D, 42-25509, 9 August 1944.~~
- Incl 11 - Missing Air Crew Report, 474th Fighter Gp
P-38J, 43-28378, 13 August 1944.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MEMORIAL DIVISION

26 January 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Reclassification of Missing Air Crew Reports

1. Per authority contained in Par 1, Sec I, War Department Circular No. 346, dated 21 November 1945, War Department Circular No. 268, dated 5 September 1945, and Sec III, War Department Circular No. 184, dated 21 April 1947, Missing Air Crew Reports are downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED.

2. At first opportunity this case is processed on a standard, officer or civilian, copy. All personnel dealt to present classification and indicate UNCLASSIFIED on all correspondence and documents pertaining thereto.

3. Reclassification will be accomplished by either the appropriate and similar each paper as follows:

"Classification changed to UNCLASSIFIED per authority of Air 104,1446.

Date

J. G. Holloway
J. G. HOLLOWAY
Lt. Colonel, USA
Memorial Division

CASE UNDER
INVESTIGATION

FORM 371 BEING PREPARED

DATE _____

LT. SULLIVAN

AIR MAIL

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To
OQMG 293

SUBJECT: Additional Information That May Lead to the Recovery
and Identification of Remains Not Yet Accounted For

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. There is attached hereto, five copies OQMG Form 371
(covering all available information in the Office of the Quartermaster

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CERTIFICATE OF FACTS IN CONNECTION
WITH MISSING AIR CREW REPORT 15 AUGUST 1944

I was flying as waist gunner, 2nd box, lead flight, and just as my Bombardier said "Bombs Away", I saw a tail from the ship in No. 4 position (LT COLSCH) floating away and the other part of the same Aircraft going down in a flat spin. I saw one chute partly open, leave the tail of Lt Colsch's ship, and seemed to be caught on the stabilizer. It seemed that the chute fell with the ship as I did not see it open. Lt Boyd in No. 5 position fell away and went down in a flat spin. I saw 2 chutes open from Lt Boyd's ship and I followed both Aircraft to the ground where I saw them hit, explode and catch on fire.

Sgt Henry G Waggoner
Sgt/Sgt Henry G Waggoner
Engineer Gunner 14161966

I was flying as waist gunner, 2nd Box, lead flight, No. 5 position. It was exactly on the bomb run with bomb bay doors open at release point, that the 2nd flight passed under us. I saw Flak hit the ship in No. 4 position (Lt Colsch) and his wing tip dig in the fuselage of the ship in No. 5 position (Lt Boyd). At this moment the tail section of Lt Boyd's ship broke off and pieces of both Aircraft flew in all directions. The Flight was completely broken up, and both ships flipped over on their backs and went hurling to the ground. I watched them both go down but momentarily lost sight of them. I next heard my Tail Gunner say "There goes one chute" and a few seconds later say "There's two separate fires on the ground where they hit"

Larry F. Gallo
T/Sgt Larry F. Gallo
Radio Gunner 33429374

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I was flying as Tail-gunner in the same plane as S/Sgt Thurman and I saw the flak at the same time he did. There was a lot of it all at once and I saw one ship suddenly flip over on its back and go down in a slow spin. At the same time another ship tipped up on its wing and went into a spin, while farther back I noticed a third ship already in a spin going down. The first two hit the ground and exploded. I lost sight of the one farther back before it hit the ground. I saw no 'chutes.

Arlo L. Carr
ARLO L. CARR, 36460327
S/Sgt, Armorer-Gunner

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Glen L Young
 Rank: Sgt
 Serial number: 37563389
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~: Armorer Gunner

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? SAME

If not, why not? Same

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? Some E entering plane door to bail out

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: In my opinion
it would have been difficult for this crew member or
any crew member to bail out unless he fell or
was thrown out.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: In France from July 25 to
Aug 13, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Joseph P Weaver
 Rank: S/sgt
 Serial number: 18079799
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Radio Gunner

Did he bail out? no known

Where? Same

If not, why not? Same

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

Was he injured? no known

Where was he when last seen? Entering plane prior to takeoff

Any hearsay information: none

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: difficult for
this crew member to bail out unless he fell out
or was thrown out

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: In France July 25th to
Aug 13, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Richard H Tyler
 Rank: Cpl
 Serial number: 3309B152
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Pilot (Fighter)~~: Bombardier

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? Same

If not, why not? Same

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? When he climbed into nose of B-24

Any hearsay information: None

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Extremely
difficult for him to bail out or fall out or
be thrown out of ship.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: France July 25th to
Aug 13, 1944

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: Quinten W Stiteler
 Rank: F/O
 Serial number: T-122230
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~ENGINEER (ENGINEER)~~: Co-pilot

Did he bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where? Same

If not, why not? Same

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? Same

Any hearsay information: Informed by his dependants he was declared dead. It is my belief he was not in plane when I was thrown out

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Was not in co-pilot's seat. Could have fallen out ^{top} or have been attempting to reach bomb bay doors which were open

Total number of missions of above crew member: 9

Dates and destinations if possible: France July 25th to Aug 13, 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name RALPH H. Boyd Rank 1st Lt Serial no. 5-691226
2. Organization 391st Bp Commander Rank _____ Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month Aug day 13 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Bridge at DROUX target
time, 2000, altitude, 10,500 route scheduled, VIA
CHERBOURG, route flown SAME
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO KNOWLEDGE
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? NEAR TARGET
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NO KNOWLEDGE
11. Where were they in aircraft? NO KNOWLEDGE
12. What was their condition? SAME
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Before reaching target each man was in his respective combat position.
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)

2nd Lt Ralph H. Boyd

Mrs. Wanda K. Boyd, (Wife)
Henrietta, Texas. ✓

F/O Quentin W. Stiteler

Mr. Paul E. Stiteler, (Father)
Smicksburg, Pennsylvania. ✓

S/Sgt Joseph P. Weaver

Mrs. Annie B. Weaver, (Mother)
3101 Vitalious Street,
Panger, Texas. ✓

Sgt Kenneth S. Craddock

Mrs. May Craddock, (Mother)
274 Glance Street,
Globe, Arizona. ✓

Sgt Glen L. Young

Mrs. Mabel G. Young, (Mother)
4038 Russell Avenue, North.
Minneapolis, Minnesota. ✓

Cpl Richard H. Tyler

Mrs. Dora E. Tyler, (Wife)
916 Camp Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia. ✓

And