

To Whom It May Concern:

I was a Voice Interceptor (German), M.O.S. #538 and was not a member of any air-crew. I had gone overseas as a mechanic (747) with the 459th Bomb. Gp. but as a result of a search for German speaking personell, received my 538 assignment with the 15th Air Force and was put on detached service with the 97th Bomb. Gp. There was much confusion as to my M.O.S., some of which were 611, 758, 757, and 538. Also I was on detached service to 97th Gp. assigned to 340th Sqd. on d.s. to Group Headquarters, so I'm not certain of the C.O. name of the squadron.

The Bleckhammer raid was my only raid with Lt. Knobloch's crew and from what I learned, the lead-ship and three others in our squadron exploded and our ship was crippled as a result. We flew as far as Cracow and received orders to bail-out. I bailed-out first and from that moment never heard or saw of any of the crew-members again. During my stay with the partisans (Sept. 13th. Jan. 26th, 1945) I learned that one crew-member was killed after he parachuted when he hit the branch of a tree. In December (perhaps the 29th) I heard that an air-man who was evading capture was captured through spy-activity, the partisans seemed to think he was one of our crew-members.

I'm sorry that I have no specific information that may aid your search for missing personell and wish to thank you for your efforts in finding them.

Morgan C. Davis

Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AF
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 16 1945

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Amendola Italy Command or AF 15th A.F.
Group 97th Bombardment Group Squadron 340th Bomb Squadron
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Amendola Italy Course See Attached
Target Blanchhammer Type of Mission Aerial Bomb Mission
Germany
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather - 34/40: cumulus 1100' Visibility - 25 miles.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 September/44 Time 1130 Location Over Target
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether: (X) Last Sighted () Last Contacted by Radio
() Forced Down () Seen to Crash; or
() Information not available
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one)
() Enemy Aircraft (X) Enemy Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows: either direct hit by flak or accidental bombing by friendly A/C
Anti
NICKNAME - NONE
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-17G AAF Serial No 44-8166
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series 1520-07 AAF Serial No (a) SW-020603
(b) SW-020607 (c) SW-020611 (d) SW-020699
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) 1543038 1308397 (b) 1312044 1542856 .50 Cal.
(c) 1543033 1308897 (d) 1312087
(e) 1312085 1543006 (f) 1308395
(g) 1311956 1530394 (h) 1543036
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle C.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 21 Passengers Total 11
(Starting with "Pilot" furnish the following particulars; if more than 12 persons were aboard list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATION- SHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. PILOT	<u>Kuebleck, Bruce D.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-440048</u>	<u>Mrs Patricia Kuebleck (W), 509</u>
2. CP	<u>Lake, Leander G.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Majerva Ave., Coral Gables, Florida, RT</u> <u>0-828462, Mrs Ruth Lake (W), 22 Winthrop St., Medf</u>
3. W	<u>Wage, Jack C.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-717710</u>	<u>Mrs Lorraine Wage, (W), Magn</u> <u>7925 Grafton, Ruston Texas.</u>
4. R	<u>Anderson, Eugene D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-771876</u>	<u>Mrs Grace Wigg (S), 3205 North</u> <u>Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.</u>
5. RO	<u>Darwin, Benjamin F.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32730533</u>	<u>Mrs Ellen Darwin, (W), 56</u> <u>Housley Ave., Buffalo N.Y.</u>
6. R	<u>Brand, Walter G.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>16024189</u>	<u>Mr Watt Brand (W), 1605 W</u> <u>8 Street, Sheboygan Wis.</u>
7. RW	<u>Cellar, Charles W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>19171041</u>	<u>Mrs Thresa I. Cellar (W),</u> <u>T. Alvan, Route #5, Lebanon Oregon</u>
8. W1	<u>Hess, William N.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>18210044</u>	<u>Mr. Cas G. Hess, Box 638</u> <u>Miss.</u>

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9. RF McFadden, Sgt. 14183446 Mrs Ora J. McFadden. (W). Gen. Del. Fort Lawm S.C.
10. TC Henley, Olin B. Sgt. 34814873, Mrs Virginia Henley. (W). Gardner Alabama. 819
11. RM David, Morgan C. Sgt. 13081715, Mr. Morgan C. Davis Sr., (F). 104 Price Road, Scranton Penna. EPT
12. _____

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE (only one) COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIC FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK SERIAL NO	Contacted Last SAW		
		by Radio	SIGHTED	CRASH FORCED LANDING
1. <u>Ernest L. Alvino</u>	<u>S/Sgt. 32482745</u>			<u>X</u>
2. <u>Merle D. Bell</u>	<u>T/Sgt. 57459477</u>			<u>X</u>
3. _____	_____			
4. _____	_____			
5. _____	_____			
6. _____	_____			

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used () Persons seen walking away from the scene of crash. () Any other reason (specify) A/C was either hit by flak or accidently bombing of friendly aircraft, as indicated in statements of EW

13. ATTACH, AS IN INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason)

None Enemy Territory

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 15 September 194

E. Markarian
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

- 2 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Eye Witness State.
 Incl 2 - Sketch of Target

E. MARKARIAN
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 US ARMY

GP-R/jmt

GP 704

201 March 1945
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SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 5th Wing, APO 520.

1. Inclosed information, supplementary to Missing Air Crew Report, has been obtained from:

<u>Davis, Morgan C.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>13081715</u>	<u>97th B Gp</u>
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)

2. It is desired that casualty status of personnel referred to be reviewed.

a. In cases where men are declared to be dead, if the commanding officer believes evidence to be reasonably conclusive, appropriate corrected battle casualty report will be submitted. If evidence is not deemed sufficient, then a statement will be made of reasons for presumption of survival.

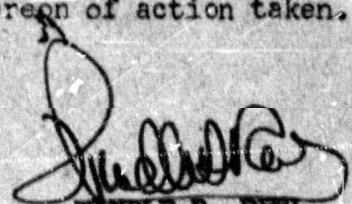
b. If place of casualty shown on original battle casualty report does not agree with statement, corrected report should be submitted for those men still missing.

c. Personnel should be reported Captured or Interned only when evidence shows actual incarceration in an established prison camp or safe arrival in a neutral country.

d. If no change is indicated, statement has been forwarded to you for information and inclusion of copy with Missing Air Crew Report.

3. Report will be made by indorsement hereon of action taken.

By command of Major General TWINING:


 WINDLE D. REEL,
 Major, Air Corps,
 Assistant AG.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name MORGAN C. DAVIS Rank S/SGT. Serial No. 13081715
2. Organization 97 Gp Commander ROGERS Rank 4th Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank _____
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month SEPT. day 13th did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BLECHHAMMER, target, OIL REFINERY, target time, 11:30 A.M., altitude, 28,000 FT. route scheduled, Over ADRIATIC To Germany route flown EASTWARD OVER POLAND.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over TARGET AREA
6. Did you bail out? NOT IMMEDIATELY; HALF-HOUR LATER
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, ALL BAILED OUT ACCORDING TO PARTISANS.
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". No Knowledge
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR CRACOW, POLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? _____
12. What was their condition? _____
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I WAS THE FIRST TO BAIL-OUT. AT THAT TIME ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE IN PLANE AT THEIR STATIONS.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. HAVE ~~SOME~~ BEEN TOLD BY POLISH PARTISANS THAT ONE CREW MEMBER WAS IMPALED UPON BRANCH OF TREE AFTER BAILING-OUT AND DIED AS A RESULT. HEARD IN December, 1944 THAT ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS WHO EVADED CAPTURE WAS CAPTURED ON Dec. 22nd or 23rd in the region around CRACOW. COULD NOT OBTAIN NAMES OR OTHER VITAL INFORMATION

(Any additional information may be written on the back) A-1.

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2nd Lt. Dante D. Rutlock

Mrs. Patricia A. Rutlock, (wife)
500 Niagara Avenue,
Coral Gables, Florida.

2nd Lt. Kenneth C. Loh

Mrs. Ruth F. Loh, (mother)
22 Waltham Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

2nd Lt. Jack C. Wynn

Mrs. Lorraine J. Wynn, (wife)
775 Crofton Street,
Houston, Texas.

2nd Lt. Eugene D. Anderson

Mrs. Grace Anderson Wren, (mother)
205 North Oakland Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sgt. Benjamin F. Durkin

Mrs. Ellen M. Durkin, (mother)
56 Henny Avenue,
Buffalo, New York.

Sgt. Walter G. Brand

Mr. Matt Brand, (father)
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Sgt. Charles W. Collier

Mrs. Thelma E. Collier, (wife)
5 T. Adams,
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Sgt. William V. Hunt

Mr. Gus G. Hunt, (father)
Box 630,
Laural, Mississippi.

Sgt. Ray [unclear]

Mrs. Gus J. McFarlan, (mother)
General Delivery,
Fort Lee, South Carolina.

Sgt. Chris E. Hasker

Mrs. Virginia L. Hasker, (wife)
General Delivery,
Canton, Alabama.

Sgt. Morgan C. Davis

Mr. Morgan Davis, (father)
104 Price Road,
Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Handwritten: 10/18/44