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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

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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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 306th Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Tharleigh, England ; Course As prescribed
Intended Destination La Rochelle, France; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear with slight haze
4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 Mar/44 Time 1434 ; and Location Southeast of Les Sables
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; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Aircraft fell out of formation, no fighters or flak. Three engines smoking, possible detonation.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31365
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series B-1820-87 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-58421
(b) SW-003705 ; (c) SW-003242 ; (d) 41-41964
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Fill in below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) KH-400558 ; (b) KH-461113 ; (c) B-889356 ; (d) KH-684442
(e) KH-684626 ; (f) KH-889145 ; (g) KH-687196 ; (h) B-889265
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Missing in Action
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
(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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot-Pilot	<u>Fix, Roy G.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-682841</u> <u>RTD</u>
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	<u>Frank, Weldon E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-813880</u> <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator-Navigator	<u>Kenny, Peter G., Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-814554</u> <u>RTD</u>
4. Bombardier-Nose Gunner	<u>Wall, Charles F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-754840</u> <u>RTD</u>
5. Aer. Eng.-Top Turret G.	<u>Engberg, Eugene G.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>16140986</u> <u>RTD</u>
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr.	<u>Stoddard, David L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39519015</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Aer. Gunner-Ball Turret G.	<u>Phillips, Rudolph W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>3718217</u> <u>RTD</u>
8. Aer. Gunner-R. Waist G.	<u>Waiser, Frank A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>35605960</u> <u>RTD</u>
9. Aer. Gunner-L. Waist G.	<u>Wannann, Alvin E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>18011708</u> <u>RTD</u>
10. Aer. Gunner-Tail Gunner	<u>McRary, Wade S.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>34607379</u> <u>RTD</u>

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>BRUND, Floyd H.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-802716</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. (a) Parachutes were used ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) None
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND GRADE OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 28 March, 1944

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Hq, 306th Bomb Gp(H), 14 July/45.

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PAUL J. BAILLIE

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HEADQUARTERS 304TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) (G-A-3)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

APO 557,
1 April, 1944.

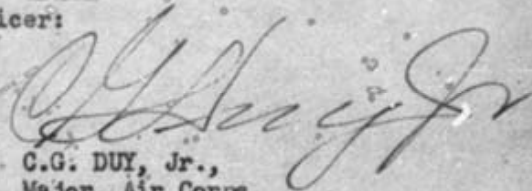
SUBJECT: Eye witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft No.
42-31363, Missing in Action, 27 March, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Hq., First Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. According to 1st Lt FLOYD H. BRUNN, eye witness and Pilot
of an aircraft in the same formation, the following is an account of what
occurred on 27 March, 1944, to Aircraft No. 42-31363:

"At approximately 1434 hours, about ten miles southeast of
Les Sables, France, I saw Aircraft No. 42-31363, Piloted by 1st
Lt RENE C. VIX, leave the formation with No. 4 engine feathered.
He managed to get No. 4 engine back but he still couldn't get
back into formation. I then saw his Nos. 2, 3, and 4 engines smoking
but I saw no fire. The last I saw of him was with three engines
smoking with no enemy fighters or flak in the vicinity. There were
friendly fighters in the area. I observed no parachutes coming from
Lt. VIX's ship."

For the Commanding Officer:


C.G. DUY, Jr.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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On 27 MARCH 1944 at 1815

PLACE: HONFLEIN NW of
BORDEAUX

Type of Plane: FORTRESS

368 HBSgt.

306 Group

RASH: THURLBIGH

TARGET: AIR BASE DISTRICT
BORDEAUX

RANK NAME (8 Apr. 44)

KU 1249

1st.Lt. FIX, RENE CHARLES ASH- 0-682941 .

2nd.Lt. KENNY, PETER GEORGE J. ASH- 0-814374 .

2nd.Lt. FRANTZ, WELDON BRANDT ASH- 0-813380 .

2nd.Lt. HILL, CHARLES FRANKLIN ASH- 0-754840 .

Reserve HOSPITAL BORDEAUX

S/Sgt. KENNER, EUGENE CONRAD ASH- 16140986 .

S/Sgt. STODDARD, DAVID LOUIS ASH- 39319015 .

S/Sgt. PFEIFER, FRANK ANDREW ASH- 35806960 .

S/Sgt. PHILLIPS, RUDOLPH WILLIAM- 3278317 .

S/Sgt. NAUMANN, ALVIN EMIL ASH- 18011708 .

S/Sgt. McRARY, WADE S. ASH- 34607379 .

10 Prisoners of War.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

27 March 1944 at 16,15

CASUALTY NO. XV 1349

PLACE OF CRASH

Marlin

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Command of Airfield Area Bordeaux

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERMENT
PERKINS 2 July 1920	Frank Andrew Ohio	S/Sgt. 35005920	captured	Dulag-Luft
KERRY	Peter George Jr.	S. Lt. O-214334	"	"
FRANK	Weldon Brandt	S. Lt. O- 813890	"	"
FIX	Gene Charles	1. Lt. O-682841	"	"
KESBERG	Eugene Conrad	S/Sgt. 18140988	"	"
PHILLIPS 11 March 1923	Rudolph William New York	S/Sgt. 32718217	"	"
NAUMAN 26 Dec. 1924	Alvin Earl Schuylburg, Tex.	S/Sgt. 18211708	"	"
STODDARD 2 April 1922	David Louis Walterville, Ore	S/Sgt. 36819018	"	"
MC RARY	Wade S.	S/Sgt. 34607879	"	"
HILL 20 June 1915	Charles Franklin Lowell, Mass.	S. Lt. O-754840	"	"

MACR 3479
10 main crew

10 Rtd

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft 15 April 1944

No.

= 10 =

Krantz, Weldon Brandt, 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: 0-813 880
Taken prisoner

Fitz, Rene Charles, 1st Lt.
Ident. Tag: 0-682 841
Taken prisoner

Engberg, Eugene Conrad, S/Lgt.
Ident. Tag: 16 140 986
Taken prisoner

Phillips, Rudolph William, S/Lgt. born Mar. 11, 1923
Ident. Tag: 32 718 217
Taken prisoner

Naumann, Alvin Emil, S/Lgt. born Dec. 26, 1924
Ident. Tag: 11 011 708
Taken prisoner

Kr 1349 March 27, 1944 Fortress

Pfeifer, Frank Andrew, S/Lgt. born July 2, 1928
Ident. Tag: 35-606-960
Taken prisoner

Kenny, Peter George Jr., 2nd Lt.
Ident. Tag: 0-814 334
Taken prisoner

27 - March /A at 1500

probably Fortress, anti aircraft, 5 km west of Mourtin at sea. 60 km Northwest of Bordeaux.

Crew captured:

1.) Sgt. EUGENE G. KNOXBERG
ASN.16 140 986

2.) Sgt. DAVID STADDART 39 319 015

3.) FRANK A. PFEIFER 35 605 960

4.) RENE C. FIX 0 - 682 841

5.) 2nd Lt. KENNY PETER 0 - 814 334

6.) 2nd Lt. Weldon B. FRENTZ 0 - 813 890

7.) S/Sgt. Rudolph PHILIPPS 32 716 217

8.) " Alwin HAUMANN 18 011 708

9.) " Wade S. MACHY 34 607 379

10.) 2nd Lt. Charles F. HILL 75 840

All prisoners are in the airforce hospital Bordeaux.

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LSOU (048) 1545 hours 1 W LSOU

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 5. April 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1545 hours

ROLL:

FROM: LKGO

THROUGH: di (signed)

REMARKS: Restricted (secret)

A LLUD 0139 hours 29. March 1944 1535 hours

To Dulag-Luft Oberursel 2-FFM.-

(Kortin) reports capture of 10 American airmen.-

A) 27. March 1944 at 1815 hours at Kortin.-

B) Sgt. Engelberg, Eugene G., Ser.No. 16140986/7703 ,Greenwood Ave, Chicago

Stoddard, David L., Ser.No. 39312015 T42-3 A

Pfeiffer, Frank A., Ser.No. 35605960 T 43 A

Fix, Rene C., Ser.No. O-683851 T 43-05 A 0

Kenny, Peter G., Ser.No.O-814334 T 43-3 P Lieutenant

Frantz, Weldon B., Lieutenant, Ser.No. O-113880 T 43-3 A

Phillips, Rudolph, S/Sgt., Ser.No. 32718217, T 43-3 AB

Hammann, Alvin E., S/Sgt., Ser.No. 18011708 T-41-42 A

M'Grady, Wade S., S/Sgt., Ser.No. 34607379 T 43-3 O

Admitted to the Airforce Hospital at Bordeaux :

Hill, Charles F., 2nd Lt., Ser.No. O-754840 T 42-3 O

C) Captured.

D) Unknown, since ~~xxx~~ plane crashed in sea

E) Unknown

F) Unknown

G) By anti-aircraft

The 9 ~~unhurt~~ unhurt prisoners were dispatched to the POW Camp Dulag-Luft

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