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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADLEY, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUEN, Capt., AC
Date MAR 5 1946

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Wethersfield, Essex; Command or Air Force IX Bomber Command
Group 416th Bomb Gp (I); Squadron 669th Bomb; Detachment - - -
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex; Course See Reverse
Intended Destination Bois Des Huittes; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility 8 to 10 miles - Clear sky
4. GIVE: (a) Date 10 April 1945; Time 0950; and Location over target
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LAST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows - -
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A20G-25; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-6895
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-22; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-104769
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 43-104825
(a) 6 fixed guns; (b) 2 fixed-flexible; (c) 1 flexible gun; (d) Serial Nos. unknown
(e) .cal. .50; (f) .cal. .50; (g) .cal. .50; (h) M-2 soft
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 3; Passengers 0; Total 3
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, 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	✓ R. LINES, ARTHUR A. JR.	2d Lt	0747891
2. Mechanic Gunner	✓ BENDER, Glenn J.	Sgt	29552380
3. Armorer Gunner	✓ NELSON, Jack O.	Sgt	19122615
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

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

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Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. JOHNSON, Ernest L.	1st Lt	0663740		x		
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) Unknown						
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.						
14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.						
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None by this Group						

Date of Report 12 April 1944

Joseph A. Haubrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Personnel Officer

2. Course: Wethersfield to Tonbridge to Dungenes to Le Touquet to 50° 39' N 02° 08' E to Target to 51° 06' N 02° 35' to North Foreland to Base.

2 Incls:

Incl #1 - Description of circumstances pertaining to missing airplane.
Incl #2 - Map showing approximate location where plane was last seen.

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AIRPLANE: A-20G-35 AAF SERIAL NUMBER: 43-9895

Airplane was last seen in area of Hazebrouck, France, at 0955/10.
Aircraft dropped out of formation with one engine feathered, altitude
11,000 feet, heading 65 Magnetic. Plane was in normal attitude of flight.

X

Incl: 1

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Subject: Missing Air Crew Reports.

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

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Bomber Command, 416th Bomb Group.

For the Theater Commander:

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

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report,
416th Bomb Group (L)
A20G-35, #43-9895, 10 Apr 44.
- Incl 2 - Missing Air Crew Report,
416th Bomb Group (L)
A20G-30, #43-9699, 10 Apr 44.

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2nd Lt Arthur L. Gaines, Jr.

Mrs. Evelyn F. Crawford, (Mother)
323 Arvins Street,
Bakersfield, California.

S/Sgt Glenn J. Bender

Mrs. Ava B. Young, (Mother)
2920 South San Gabriel Boulevard,
San Gabriel, California.

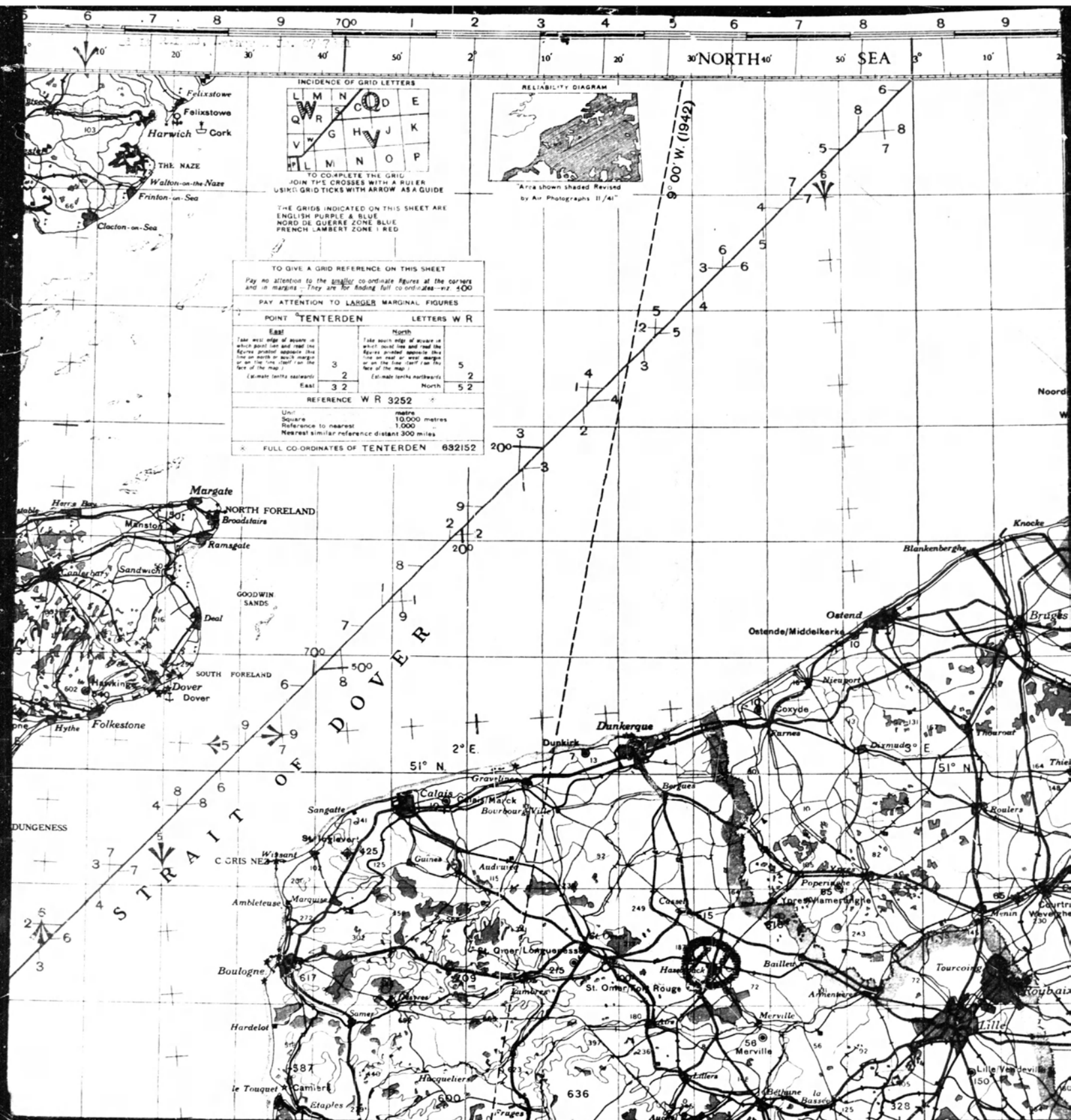
S/Sgt Jack O. Nielsen

Mr. Otto Nielsen, (Father)
1014 Clay Street,
Oakland, California.

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