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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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 airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Wethersfield, Essex ; Command or Air Force IX Bomber Comd Group 416th Bomb Gp (L) ; Squadron 671st Bomb Sq Detachment ---
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Wethersfield, Essex ; Course Shown on Attached map Intended Destination Bonnieres, France ; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: .6 to .7 cirrus above 20,000 feet - visibility 10-12 miles - no low clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 23 April 1944 Time 1142 BWT ; and Location Over target at Bonnieres France. of last known whereabouts of missing airplane
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forces Down; (X) 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 Plane was hit in turret section of fuselage by direct flak burst
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A20G-30 ; A.A.F. Serial Number 43-9707
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600-23 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-155139 42-93187
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) 608343 - Fixed ; (b) 946081 - Fixed ; (c) 940629 - Fixed ; (d) 945900 - Fixed
   (e) 945781 - Fixed ; (f) 981821 - Flex ; (g) 931467 - Flex ; (h) 981442 - Flex
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
8. (i) 946626 - Fixed; All acft mach gun or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
   drowning M-3 Cal .50
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	SCHOUTEN, Joseph T.	2nd Lt	0-747902
2.	Airplane Mech-Gunner	WILLIAMSON, Robert R.	S Sgt	19139625
3.	Armorer-Gunner	Feistl, Joseph E.	Sgt	7021806
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 BELIEF:

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Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw *Forced Landing
1. DURANTE, Anthony R.	1st Lt	0-25963			X	
2. RENTH, Edward J.	1st Lt	0-26346			X	
3. LA NAVE, Orlando D.	S Sgt	32668142			X	

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) --

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

Date of Report 24 April 1944

George Scheer
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

GEORGE SCHEER
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant.

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Missing Air Crew Report - Airplane A20G-30 AAF Serial No 43-9707.

EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTIONS

2nd Lt Wilfred L. Siggs, S Sgt Nathan Radlich, Sgt Roger W. Nicks:
"Tail broke off. One of gunners seen falling. No parachutes"

1st Lt Edward J. Renth, S Sgt Orlando D. Lanave, S Sgt William E. Fields:
"Saw chute partly open from blown-up ship. Top canopy was still on when plane went down. Nobody seen in chute."

1st Lt Robert J. Morton, S Sgt Charles Q. Norton, S Sgt Foster M. Citty:
"...think one chute opened--at least partly."

2nd Lt William A. Merchant, S Sgt Clifford J. Harp, S Sgt Kenneth P. Brown:
"...no chutes opened."

1st Lt Anthony R. Durante, S Sgt Harry T. Best, S Sgt Italo R. Deguisti:
"Saw A-20 split up. No chutes. After tail assembly went off, balance of plane went down upside down. A/C was hit between turret and bottom hatch. . ."

1st Lt Henry P. Cole, S Sgt Franklin R. Chvatal, S Sgt Benjamin J. Fandre:
"No one bailed out."

1st Lt Ernest L. Johnson, S Sgt William J. Donahue, S Sgt Marvin R. Brayn:
"...gunner saw one chute open."

1st Lt Paul G. Atkinson, S Sgt Patrick F. Glynn, Sgt Swafford, Joseph O:
"...one chute got out of ship....chute just started to open at target area."

1st Lt Robert H. Smith, S Sgt Stockham, S Sgt Victor P. Adams:
"Saw one body in air and chute slightly blown up."

1st Lt Gerald R. McNulty, S Sgt HowardE. White, S Sgt Raymond F. Addleman:
"Saw no parachutes."

1st Lt Daniel F. Shea, S Sgt Robert E. Lee, Sgt Francis G. Falk:
"...saw partially opened chute but didn't see anybody in it."--Sgt Lee.

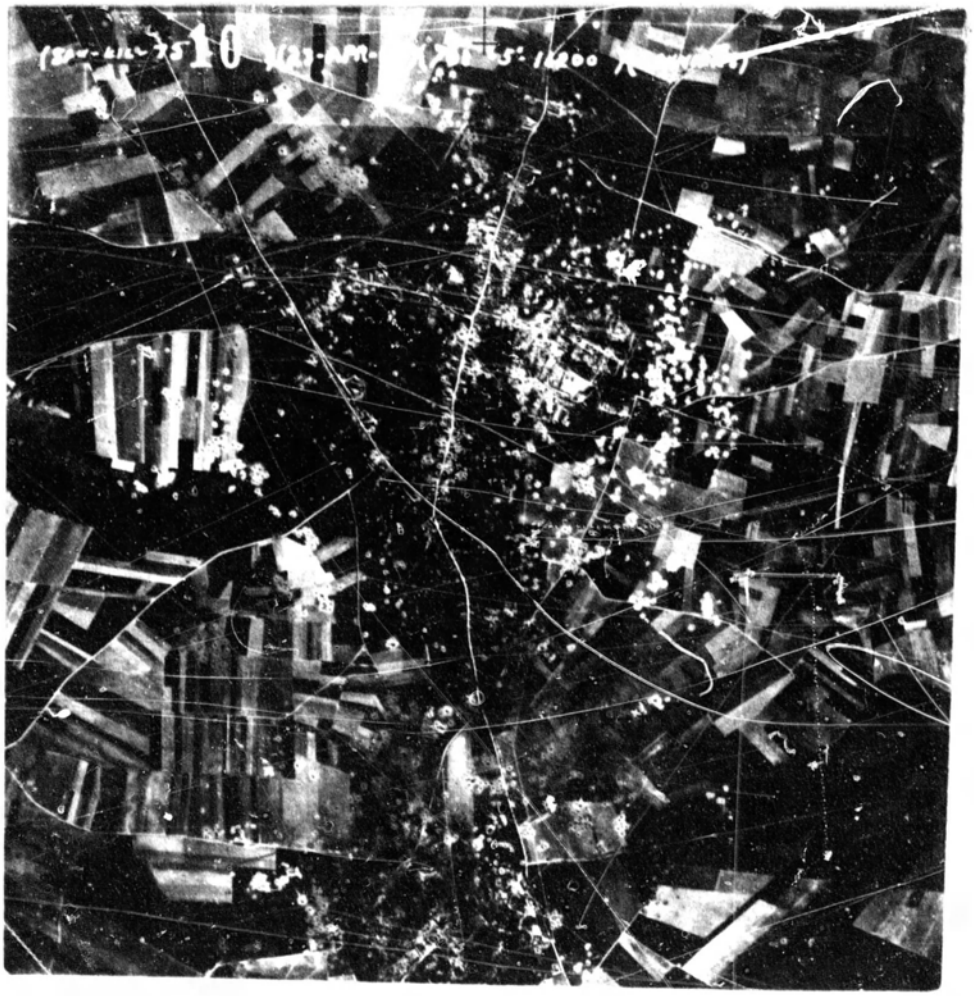
Capt Hiram F. Conant, S Sgt Joseph E. McCreery, S Sgt John R. Orr:
"...no chutes."

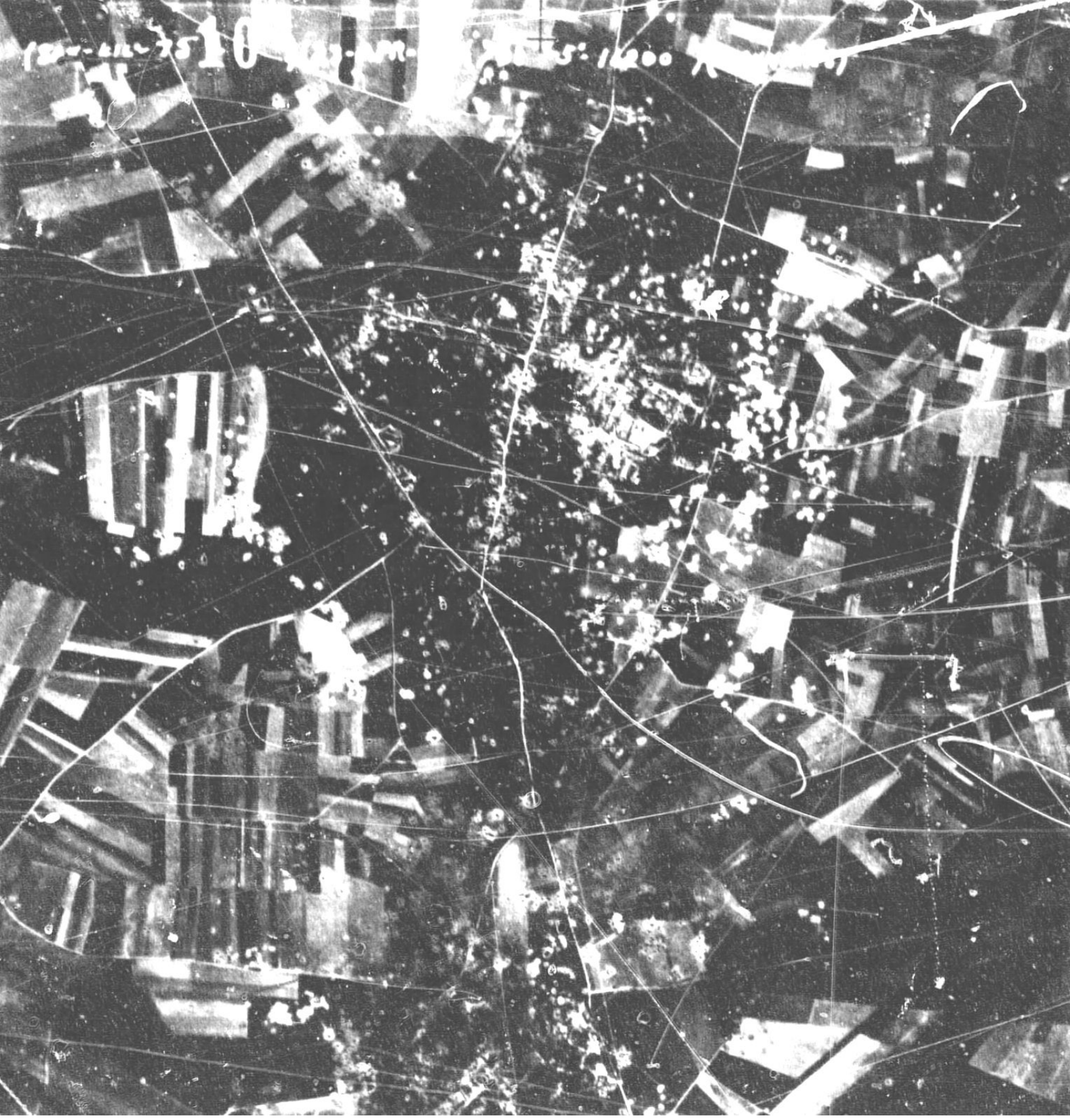
1st Lt Eldon B. Kreh, S SgtVern E. Molver, S Sgt Clarence M. Gray:
"No parachutes."

2nd Lt Raymond K. Cruze, S Sgt Carl F. Love, S Sgt Fred L. Adair:
"No parachutes seen."

2nd Lt Joseph F. Meagher, S Sgt Elpidio A. Damico, S Sgt Edward J. Dickenson:
"..no chutes."

Missing Air Crew Report - 671st Bomb Sq (L), 416th Bomb Gp (L) - 24 April 1944





DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN: 23 April 1944 - 11.40 CASUALTY NO. [illegible] 1596

PLACE OF CRASH: Domiers

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: Marauder

REPORTING OFFICE: Headquarters Army Air Field Manchy - Breton

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
WILLIAMSEN, Robert R.	- . -	19139625	Dead -	Buried at the English-Cemetery St. Pol.
5 dead unknown	- . -	- . -	Dead -	the same.

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REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 16 August 1944 / Wo.

23.April 1944. 1140 | 17.August.1944. | KU 1596

Bonniers
4 km. S.of Prevent | Sgt. | WILLIAMSON | Robert R. | 19129625 | dead
Type: Marauder
Target: Airfield Command | 6 Dead english Cmetery St. Poi
Monvhy Breton.

Final report of downed enemy aircraft

Date of crash: 23 April 1944 Time: 1140 hours Place: Bonniers, 4 kilometers south west of Frevent

Type of aircraft: Boston Marauder

On return flight Serial Number: H 37 907

How brought down: Flak

How did it land: Exploded in the air

Disposition of the crew

Six (6) dead men:
1. Sgt. Williamson, Robert R., 19139625, buried in the English cemetery of St. Pol
2. Unknown " " " " " " " "
3 to 6. Cannot yet be determined

One (1) man captured

One (1) may have possibly fled

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Air-Base Hqts S (v) 219/XI
MOSCHI- MORTON
Air Force Reserve Btl. NEUMUENSTER /HOLSTEIN

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(including time from 22 Apr 1944 to 23 Apr 1944)

NO	PLACE & DATE OF CASUALTY	RANK	NAME & IDENT.TAG	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
1	BONNIERS, 4 km south-west of FREVENT 23 Apr 1944 Boston	Sgt.	Robert WILLIAMSON 19139635	Drach	ST POL, Engl. Cemetery.
2	same	unkn.	UNKNOWN	same	same

Bodies 3 - 6 could not yet be recovered . Danger of delayed bombs and duds.

for Correctness
BAUER 1st Sgt.

Quarters, 15 May 1944

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Major and Air -Base Commander

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2nd Lt. Joseph T. Schouten	Miss Mary Lou Schouten (Sister) 1740 Gregory Street, Chicago, Illinois
S/Sgt. Robert B. Williamson	Mrs. Daisy L. Williamson, (Wife) 1223 McArthur Boulevard, San Leandro, California.
Sgt. Joseph E. Feistl	Mrs. Grace Feistl (Mother) 39 West First Street, Larksville, Pennsylvania.

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