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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 Melun, France Command or Air Force 9th Bomb Div(M)
Group 416th Bomb Gp (L) Squadron 669th Bomb Sq (L) Detachment 1
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure Melun, France A-55 Course (Diagram Inclosed)
Intended Destination Zulpich, Germany Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
Hazy with 3 to 5 miles visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 Dec 44 Time 1543 hours and Location 8 to 10 miles west of
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane. Zulpich
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; (x) Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other
circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A-26B-20 A.A.F. Serial No. 41-39242
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series P&W R-2800-71 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) FP 020350
(b) FP 020351 (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
(a) 1546799 (b) 1545732 (c) 640476 (d) 1545969
(e) 1545800 (f) 1545972 (g) 1756077 (h) see below **
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
or (b) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 2 Passengers 0 Total 2
(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.)

Status	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	<u>ROBERTSON, REECE B.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0 750851</u> <u>RTD</u>
2.	A M Cunner	<u>CHENEY, MARINE W.</u>	<u>S Sgt. 0</u>	<u>17 121 760</u>
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
** 8.	(h) 1756078	(i) 391004	(j) 390271	(k) 1546069
9.	(l) 1180809	(m) 764927	(n) 1545867	(o) 1181100
10.	(p) 1038431	(q) 1038524	(r) 1038575	

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Sorrels, Donald W.	1st Lt	0 750 473			x	
2. DuBose, Millard W.	1st Lt	0 757 964		x		
3. Clark, Hiram B.	1st Lt	0 750 339		x		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash or (c) Any other reason (Specify) One parachute observed

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CITE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 29 December 1944

George Schenkein
GEORGE SCHENKEIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

2 Incls:

Incl 1: Map Overlay (in quadruplicate)

Incl 2: Statements of Eye Witnesses (in quadruplicate)



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669TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE NO. A-26B-20 41-39242

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"Robertson's plane was hit over target by flak, right engine nacelle smoking. Peeled off gradually from formation and went into a long glide just after passing target. Plane seen to crash in small village. Believe one chute opened at approximately 8000 ft."

Donald W. Sorrels

DONALD W. SORRELS
1st Lt, Air Corps

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE NO. A-26B-20 41-39242

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"Lt. Robertson's plane hit over target area. Seen to leave formation after turn off target. Believe gunner bailed out of plane, and that chute landed near a small stream in the vicinity of bomb line. Unable to give exact location."

Millard W. Dube

MILLARD W. DUBOSE
1st Lt, Air Corps

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE NO. A-26B-20 41-39242

"A/C hit on bomb run. Both engines smoking. Continued on bomb run over target. Engines were flaming when he opened bomb bay doors. One chute seen shortly before A/C crashed. Believe pilot dropped his bombs on target. Canopy of plane seen falling just after turn off target."

A TRUE COPY:

(Deceased)
HIRAM B. CLARK
1st Lt, Air Corps

Joseph A. Haubrich
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH
Captain, Air Corps

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669TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
16TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE NO. A-26B-20 41-39242

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"One A-26 seen going down just after turn off target. Believe it was Lt. Robertson's A/C. Seen to crash in unidentified town approximately 1 to 2 minutes after leaving target. Time over target 1542."

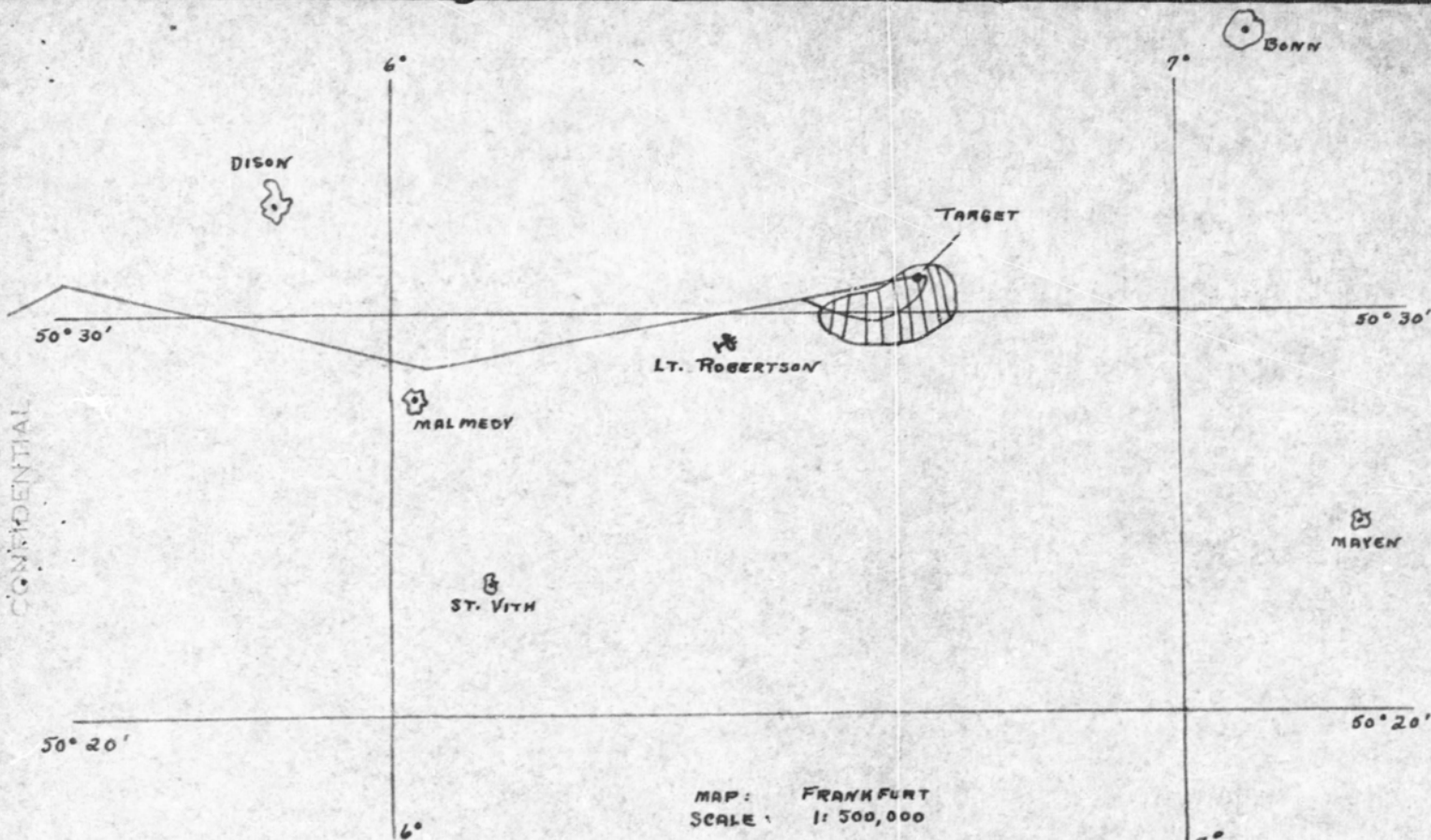
Ross H. Cornell
ROSS H. CORNELL
1st Lt, Air Corps

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MAP: FRANKFURT
SCALE: 1: 500,000

CREW: 1st LT. ROBERTSON, Reece B. O-750 851 (1022) 7°
S/Sgt. CHENEY, Marvin J. 17 121 760 (748)
669th Bomb Sqdn. (A)
416th Bomb Grp. (A)
24 December 1944.

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PW-Receiving Point
Flamersheim.

Flamersheim, 26 December 1944

Telephone: Flamersheim 306

Subject: Letter-Book No. 276/41 List M. dated 18 October 1944.

To
Evaluation Center West,
Oberursel.

On 25 December 1944 the American flier

Offc. Robertson, Rees, B. Ser.No: O-750851

was handed over by the PW-Collecting Point Vossen.

The guarding detachment handed over attached writing of the Division -Fighting-School 272 dated 25 December 1944 with torn personal records.(Added in enclosure)
The Prisoner of War was interrogated and gives the following information:

Crash:	24 December 1944 at about 1500 hours
Place of crash:	unknown. (See attached writing)
Date of Capture:	immediately after landing.
Place of capture:	unknown
Type of plane:	2 engine bomber(Refuses to give more information)
Identifications:	Letter on front and rear: H (Refuses to give more information)
Admittance No:	Refuses to give information
Cause of crash:	Flak

The Prisoner of War tells, that he is a pilot and has parachuted as the last one. He tells, that the second man in the plane had been killed by a strafing plane when he was transferred.

The items, yet possessed by the Prisoner, were confiscated and will be sent with the Prisoner when being transferred to Oberursel by way of Camp Hardthoehe.
(Envelope with list of enclosed items is attached.)

signed:.....
Capt. and Post Commander.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: C H E N E Y, Marine W.
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 17121760
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and flight instructor~~ Amorer-Gunner.

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? 10 to 15 miles Southwest of Zuplich, Germany

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

" This is it "

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? saw him last lying on one of the main roads
where a 50 cal. had struck him during a strafing attack.

Any hearsay information: _____

None

Sources: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: One Guard

was sent back for help or something but he had a large hole in his
head and if he was not killed instantly at least never regained
consciousness. I was marched on to a collecting point shortly
after the attack.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Unknown

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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