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WAR DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

- IX Bomb
1. ORGANIZATION: Location Melun, France Command or Air Force Div (M)
Group 416th Bomb Gp (L) Squadron 668th Bomb Sq (L) Detachment I
 2. SPECIFY: Point of departure AAF Sta A-55 Course See Incl #1
Intended Destination Munsterfeld, Germany Type of Mission Operation
 3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
(4) Four miles visibility--No clouds.
 4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 Dec 1944 Time 11:00 and Location Blankenheim, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () 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 A20K-10 A.A.F. Serial No. 44-108
 7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2500 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) 43-24654
(b) 43-24849 (c) _____ (d) _____
 8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No.)
(a) 1207608 (b) 1116542 (c) 652452 (d) 601502
(e) 1207385 (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
 9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
 10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 0 Total 4
(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 1022	Miracle, Richard V. <i>mm</i>	Captain	<i>KIA</i> 0 261 50
2.	Bm-Nv 1036	Burg, Jack J. <i>mm</i>	1st Lt	<i>KIA</i> 0 743 756
3.	AN-Gun 748	Galloway, Arthur F. <i>mm</i>	S Sgt	<i>DED</i> 35 611 618
4.	Arm-Gun 612	Simmonds, John R. <i>mm</i>	S Sgt	<i>DED</i> 27 135 418
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
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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. Chalmers, John J.	1st Lt	O 533 025		X		
2. Montrose, James H.	1st Lt	O 755 994		X		
3. Luckner, Ralph J.	2d Lt	O 760 872		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X: (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 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 Diagram (in quad)

Incl 2 Eye Witness Statements (in quad)

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE A20K-10 44-108

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"One chute seen from airplane."

James H. Montrose
JAMES H. MONTROSE
1st Lt., Air Corps

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AIRPLANE A20K-10 44-108

EYE WITNES STATEMENTS

"Airplane received direct hit on bombay and left engine. Went down just after opening bombay doors."

s/ Ralph J. Lackner
t/ RALPH J. LACKNER
2d Lt., Air Corps

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

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

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MAP: 1:500,000

EUROPE (AIR) FRANKFURT NORTHERN ZONE LAYER SYSTEM 2D EDITION N.E. 50/6

6°

6°30'

7°

668th Bomb Sq
416th Bomb Gr (L)
PILOT:
RICHARD V. MIRACLE
O 261 50
AIRPLANE:
A20K-10, 41-105
MIA: 25 Dec 1941

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5° 30'

5000'

Monschau

Fall

Munsterseifel
(Target)

Palmeay

Dutgenbach

I.P.

Missing Airplane

Blankenheim

6°

6°30'

7°

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4 men
AAF 44-108

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Grave-Report to Army-graves-registration-officer.

Reporting unit: Parachute-Army-Medical-Comp. 31

Army-Postal-No.: L 49902, Air-Postal-Office Unna

Date: 6 January 1945.

Name (last and first) : MIRACLE, V. Richard ✓
Rank: 1st Lt.
Date of birth: 10 April 1919
Place of birth: unknown
Date and place of death: 26 December 1944 at Main-dressing-station 31
Mierfeld, district Malmedy.
(killed on western front -Eifel-)
Identification-tag-No.: Richard V Miracle T 42 43
Mr. H/D. Miracle, 181 E Union St. Mt. Gilead, O.
Nationality: U.S.A.
Grave-location: Army-Cemetery at Mierfeld, district Malmedy,
10 km northeast of St. Vith
single grave No. 7, row 4
Reason of death: compound fracture of right thigh, left lower arm
injured by shell-splinter.
buried with military honors.

Inscription of a second identification-tag:
Richard V. Miracle O-26150 T 43

The grave is listed by the Army-graves-registration-officer
under No. 1404 A.

MIRACLE, RICHARD V.
Capt. AC 0026150 ✓
KIA 25 December 44
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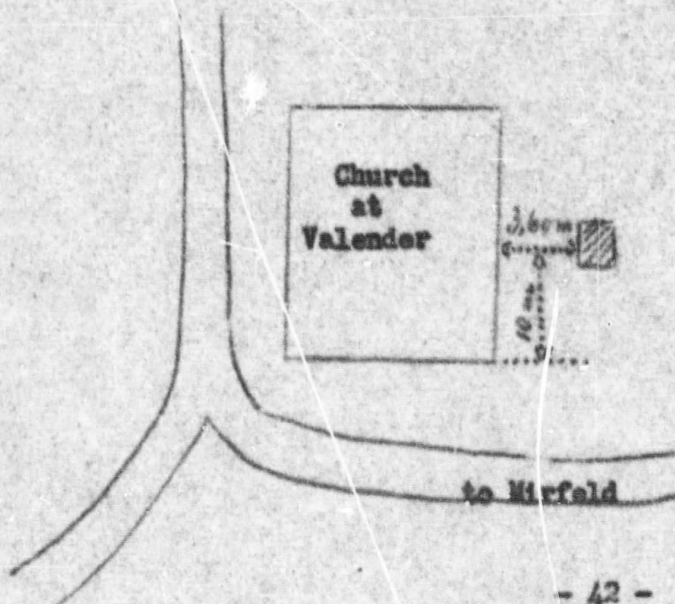
Grave-Report to army-graves-registration-officer.

Reporting unit: M.P. unit a (not.) 648
Army postal No. Unit-postal-No. 09487
Date: 29 December 1944

Unit of the dead person: unknown
Name (last and first): BURG, Jack J.
Rank: unknown
Date and place of birth: unknown
Date and place of death: 25 December 1944 at Valender, district Malmedy.
Identif. tag: O-743756 T 42 - 43
Next of kin: unknown
Nationality: U.S.A.
Grave-location: Army cemetery at Valender, district: Malmedy
grave see sketch.
Reason of death: killed by American direct shell-hit.

The grave is listed under No. 1356 A
of the army-graves-registration-officer.

BURG, JACK J. AC
0743756 1st Lt AC
MIA 25 Dec 44
KIA 25 Dec 44



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Report on Death to Wehrmacht Information Office

Name: MIRACLE
First name: Richard V.
Nationality: American
Rank: Capt.
ASN: O-26150 T 43
Reporting Officer: Med. Comp. of the paratrooper L 49902
Field Post Office Unna
Admitted to the field hospital: 26. December 1944
dead: On 26. December 1944
Inscription of the 2nd. Identification tag: Richard V. Miracle T 42-43 O ,
Relatives: Mr. H.D. Miracle, 181 E. Union St. Mt. Gilead, O
Grave location: Memorial cemetery Mierfeld, 100 m of the street
behind the school near church at the high pinetrees.

(signed)

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Capt. M.C. and Company Commander

See AV 2317/45 ✓

Capt. Richard V. Miracle

Mr. Harley D. Miracle (father)
181 East Union Street
Mount Gilead, Ohio

1st. Lt. Jack J. Burg

Mrs. Jean J. Burg (wife)
Florissant, Missouri

S/Sgt. Arthur F. Galloway

Mr. Loren Galloway (father)
881 McAllister Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

S/Sgt. John R. Simmonds

Mrs. Nina E. Simmonds (aunt)
229 E. 9th Street
Baxter Springs, Kansas

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