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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

Classification changed
to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADSHAW, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. KIRCH, Capt., AC
Date 1 MAR 1952

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Detachment War Office : Command or Air Force 9th Bomb
Div Green 366th Bomb Op : Squadron 554th Bomb Sq : Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure AAF Apts # A-60 : Course
Target or Intended Destination Rothsburg Ger. : Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST NOTICED:
Visibility 6 to 8 mi. Cloud cover 6/10.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 31 Month March Year 1945 : Time 1115 : and Location WB-450480
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted: (X) 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 (X) Other Circumstances
as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type Waco and Series A-26-C-20 DT : Serial No 45-22522
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, make, and Series R-2800-71 : A/F Serial
Number (a) FP-021193 (b) FP-021063
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Give each below with Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1049844 603845 1497827 : All M-2 Cal .50
(c) 590573 393497 1097504 : Browning machine guns.
(d) 1090217 687496 1497611
(e) 393119 1770896 1497924
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED: (a) Yes (b) No (c) Not Certain (d) Not Known
Yes

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 4 : Passengers: 0 : Total 4
Startin with the Pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than
11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate
sheets and attach original to this form.

Crew Position	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	Stetson, Lincoln H.	1st Lt	0759318	MIA
2. Navigator	Harley, George M M	1st Lt	0722883	MIA
3. Bombardier	Partridge, John R	1st Lt	0676887	MIA
4. Gunner	Morgan, Charles E	T/Sgt	33161943	MIA
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

(last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOW-
ING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used; (b) Persons were seen
walking away from scene of crash; or (c) any other reason (Specify)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE
LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESSES DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE, NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF
ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT

Date of Report 2 April 1945

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Edmund M Weichers
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

17. REMARKS ON EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:



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WITNESS STATEMENT

2 April 1945

I was flying on Lt. Stetson's left wing when a burst of flak exploded just below his empennage. The burst tore off his whole tail section. Immediately following, his nose dropped, and right wing went up. The ship tumbled beneath me. I pulled off to the left in a tight climbing turn. When I last saw him the plane had stopped tumbling and was on its back. How long it stayed that way I don't know, as I lost sight of them then.

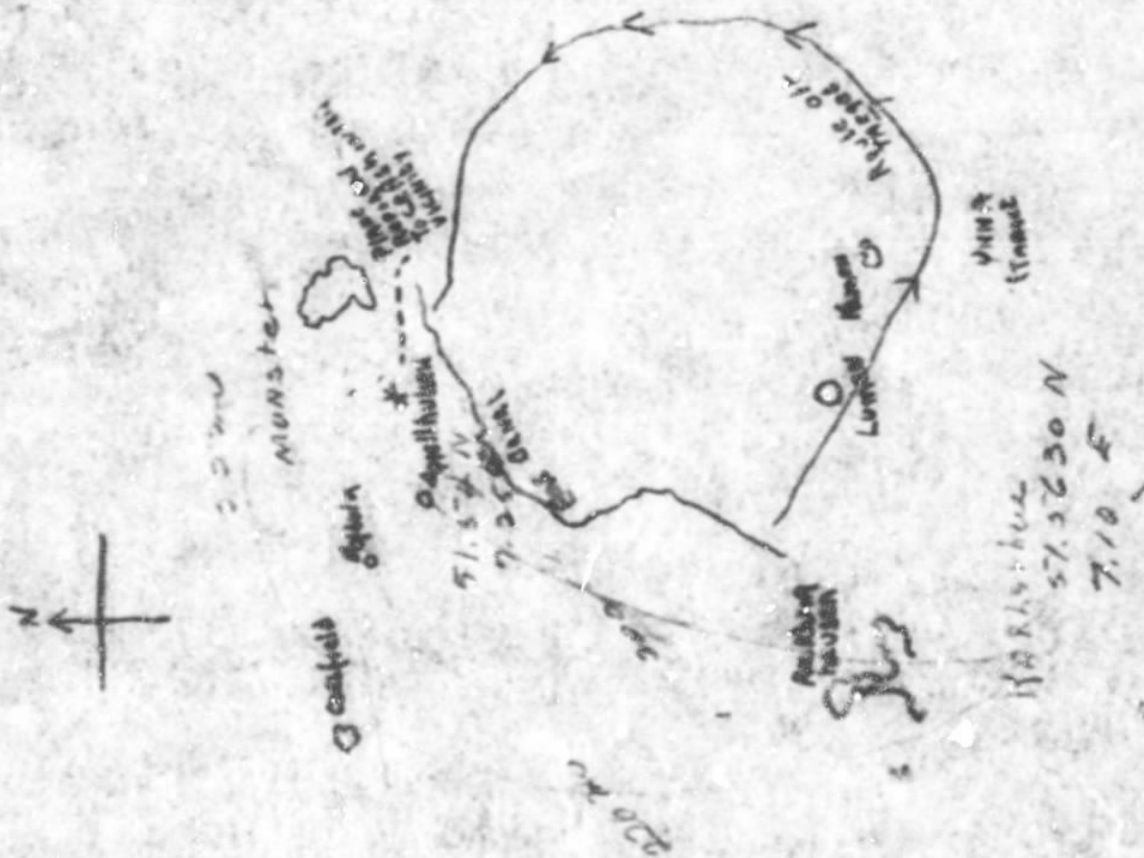
George M. Hume
GEORGE M. HUME,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE

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In reply refer
to: 210.86

APC 696, U S Army
25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports.

TO : Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations USA, APC 687, U S Army, Attn: AG Casualty Div.

Transmitted herewith are Missing Air Crew Reports and
allied papers as listed below.

For the Commanding Officer:

RECEIVED
APR 26 1945
Edward Steuber
EDWARD STEUBER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Opns Officer.

10 Incls:

- Incl 1 - MACR 386th Bomb Gp, A-26C20DT, 43-22522, 31 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 2 - MACR 404th Ftr Gp, P-47D22RE, 42-26285, 20 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 3 - MACR 368th Ftr Gp, P-47D28, 42-29126, 28 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 4 - MACR 368th Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-33205, 28 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 5 - MACR 367th Ftr Gp, P-47D28RE, 44-20272, 28 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 6 - MACR 362nd Ftr Gp, P-47D28, 44-19718, 25 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 7 - MACR 10th Photo Gp Rcn, F-6D10, 44-14316, 21 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 8 - MACR 354th Ftr Gp, P-51D90, 44-63723, 31 Mar 45 (trip)
- Incl 9 - MACR 405th Ftr Gp, P-47D30, 44-33291, 25 Mar 45 (dup)
- Incl 10- MACR 405th Ftr Gp, P-47D28, 44-19756, 26 Mar 45 (dup)

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HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 28 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

1. Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, AG 704 (5 Jul 44)
CG-S-IAF-M, dated 7 July 1944.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew
members of subject aircraft to be missing in action, on the dates shown on the
various Missing Air Crew Reports inclosed, with the exception of inclosure 7,
2nd Lt. Gilbert H. Nicklas, O-821610, who is shown to be returned to duty, 8
April 1945.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

H. M. RUND
H. M. RUND, w
Colonel, AGD,
Assistant Adjutant General.

✓ 10 Incls:
n/c (dup w/d)

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**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

11 August 1945

SUBJECT: Clarification of Missing Air Crew Report, concerning
aircraft A-26 #43-22522 and crew.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force
A.P.O. 696, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Jeanne Pardridge, concerning her husband, First Lieutenant John R. Pardridge, 0676597, who was missing in action while serving on subject-named aircraft on 31 March 1947. In her letter, Mrs. Pardridge states that information has been received from another member of the formation which indicates that aircraft crashed in Karlsruhe. Aircraft number 43-22522 was definitely identified by Second Lieutenant Tom Saatana, 0765738, of the 554th Bomb Squadron, as indicated by Mrs. Stetson, mother of the pilot, Lieutenant Lincoln H. Stetson, as having crashed in the streets of Karlsruhe, Germany.

2. Request investigation be made of this matter, and any information obtained subsequent to the Missing Air Crew Report be forwarded to this headquarters.

3. Also request clarification of location where aircraft was last observed be incorporated in reply, and that this headquarters be advised of the coordinates of the destination of the mission as shown in the Missing Air Crew Report, as maps reveal more than one Rothenburg, Germany.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



N. W. Reed
N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff



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Basic: Ltr, Hq, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. 11 Aug 45, Subj: Clarification of Missing Air Crew Report, concerning aircraft A-26 No. 43-22522 and crew.

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1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY. 21 AUG 1945

5:54 PM '45

TO: Commanding General, 9th Air Division, APO 140, U. S. Army.

1. Records indicate unit concerned has been redeployed.
2. Request your Headquarters comply with basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KESLER:



S. V. Heslin

S. V. HESLIN
Lt Col. A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen

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2nd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 9TH AIR DIVISION, APO 140, U S ARMY, 24 August 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U S Army.

1. Aircraft number 43-22522 was reported missing at coordinates WR - 450480 as shown in par. 4 of Missing Air Crew Report. Destination of mission was Rothenburg, Germany at coordinates L/50 - 3-78.

2. No information subsequent to the Missing Air Crew Report is available at this Headquarters.

For the Commanding Officer:



M. S. Worth
M. S. WORTH.
Captain, AC.,
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

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3rd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY. 27 AUG 1945

TO: Commanding General, U.S. Forces, European Theater (Rear), APO 887, U. S. ARMY.
(Attn: A. G. Casualty Division)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



S. V. Heslin

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Lt Col. A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen.

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AG 704 Cas 4th Ind. 779/tw
HQ, U. S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER (REAR), APO 887, U. S. ARMY, 30 August 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

No further information available this headquarters.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



M. J. Grant
1st Lt., AGD

Assistant Adjutant General

*Rotherburg L53 3-78 due east of Karlsruhe
NR 450480 - 49° 1' N - 8° 23' E*

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CALL MEMO

FOR		DATE	
		TIME	
FROM		PHONE	
<i>Col. Scott</i>		EXTENSION	
☐ CALLED YOU	☐	☐ VISITED YOU	☐
☐ PLEASE CALL	☐	☐ RETURNED CALL	☐
☐ WISHES APPOINTMENT	☐	☐ WILL CALL BACK	☐
☐ NO MESSAGE	☐	☐	☐
MESSAGE			
<i>49° 1' N - 8° - 3' E.</i> <i>Karlsruhe, Ger</i>			
CALL RECEIVED BY			

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12 May 1945

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T/Sgt. Charles H. Morgan

Mrs. Nancy E. Morgan (wife)
17 Belplain Street
Pittsburgh 10, Pennsylvania

1st Lt. John R. Pardridge

Mrs. John R. Pardridge (wife)
725 S. Oak Knoll Avenue
Pasadena, California

1st Lt. Lincoln H. Stetson

Mrs. Genevieve H. Stetson (mother)
675 Montclair Avenue
Oakland, California

1st Lt. George M.H. Hurley

Mrs. Bernice L.R. Hurley (wife)
2920 - 17th Street NE
Washington, D. C.

*Send request 7/15
for certificates of parentage
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by F. M. KUNICK, Capt., AG
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