

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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to **RESTRICTED**
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
Date NA

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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 368th Bomb (H) ~~REDACTED~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Obertfaffenhofen, Ger; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 Apr/44; Time 1325 ; and Location Near Augsburg, Germany.
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () 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 (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30586 ✓
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-58478
(b) 43-58071 ; (c) 42-79808 ; (d) SW-006382
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) F-470244 ; (b) F-370388 ; (c) F-369923 ; (d) S-504560
(e) S-504539 ; (f) S-504462 ; (g) S-504413 ; (h) S-504680
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) ~~REDACTED~~
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, 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-Pilot | <u>MacDowell, Robert E.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-801627</u> | <u>DEAD KIA</u> |
| 2. Pilot-Co-Pilot | <u>Puckett, Fred A. Jr.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-755753</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 3. Navigator-Navigator | <u>Schmielau, Robert E.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-696153</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 4. Bombardier-Nose Gunner | <u>Christofort, Lawrence F.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-690547</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 5. Aer. Eng. Gunner-Top Turret | <u>Erye, Donald J.</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>15063891</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 6. Asst. ROM Gunner-Radio Opr. | <u>Prout, James H.</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>11053915</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 7. Aer. Eng. Gunner-Ball Turret | <u>Murdock, William L.</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>18167681</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 8. Aer. Eng. Gunner - R. Waist G. | <u>Emery, Robert E.</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>11113648</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 9. Instructor Gunnery-L. Waist G. | <u>Wagoner, Lawrence E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>36345372</u> | <u>RTD</u> |
| 10. Arm Gunner-Tail Gunner | <u>Hezy, John (NMI)</u> | <u>T/Sgt</u> | <u>6999434</u> | <u>RTD</u> |

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.
Check Only One Column
- | Name in Full
(Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Contacted By | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. <u>LUTZ, WARREN S.</u> | <u>2nd Lt.</u> | <u>0-424561</u> | <u>Radio</u> | <u>X</u> | | |
| 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)
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE

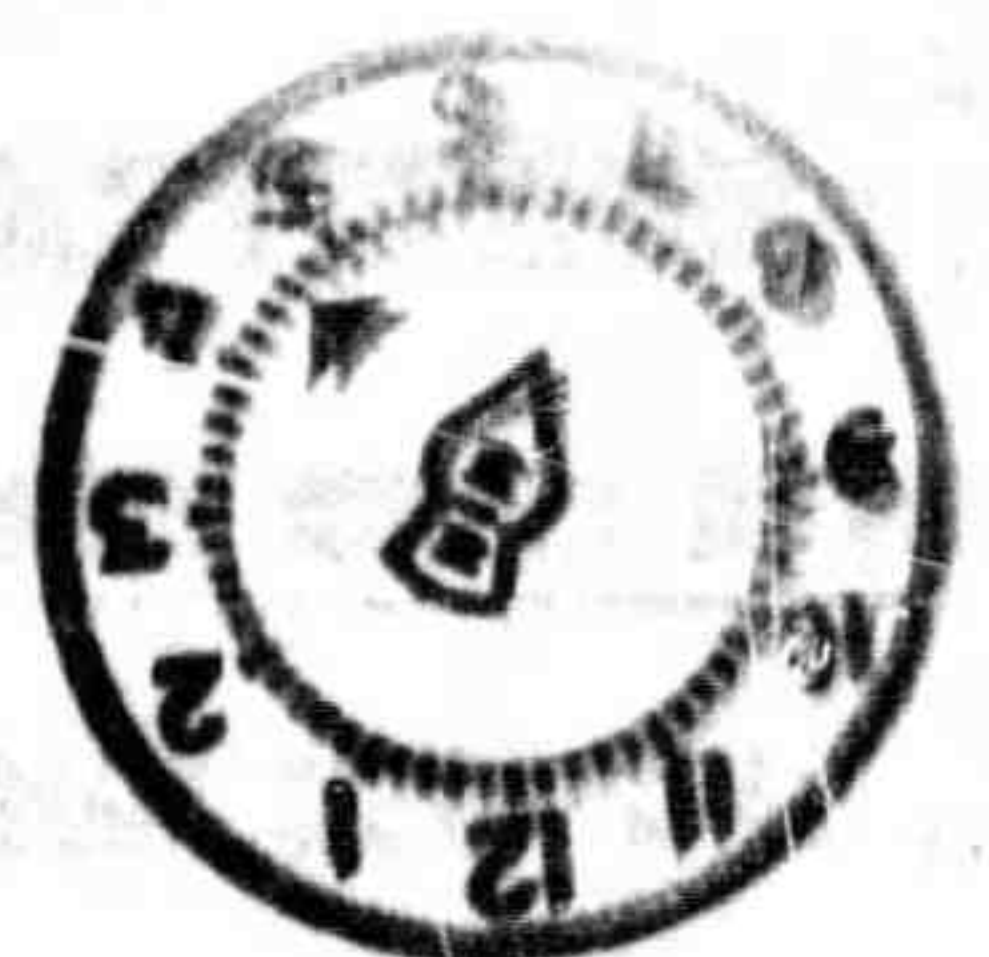
Date of Report 25 April, 1944

(Signature) Paul J. Bailie
Preparing Officer
PAUL J. BAILIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

PERY

• (i) S-502059 (j) S-502117 (k) S-504216 (l) S-504552 (m)

• F-Frigidaire
S-Savage



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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

(G-A-12)

APO 557,
26 April, 1944.

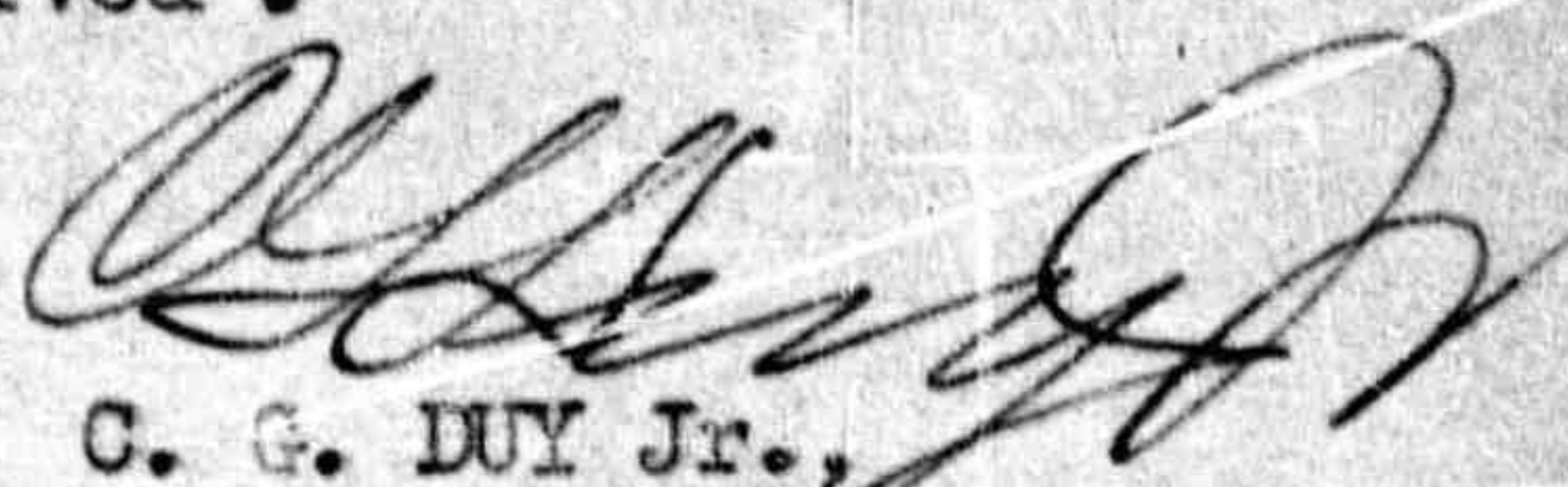
SUBJECT: Eye-witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft No. 42-30586, Missing in Action, 24 April, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Hq, First Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. According to 2nd Lt. W. S. Lutz, eye-witness and pilot of an aircraft in the same formation, the following is an account of what occurred on 24 April, 1944 to aircraft No. 42-30586:

"At approximately 1325 hours, near Augsburg, Germany, Lt. MacDowell was hit by fighters; No. 4 engine was smoking; he peeled out of formation. No chutes were observed".

For the Commanding Officer:


C. G. DUY Jr.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

(Basic Ltr WD O-801627 QMOM 293 MacDowell, Robert E. SN O 801 627,
dtd 26 August 1947)

RRE 293.9 (IB) 1st Ind

Hq American Graves Registration Command, European Area, APO 53,
US Army, 20 January 1948

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Second Lieutenant Robert E. MacDowell, O-801627 may be associated with X-6366 (St Avold) only casualty recovered from Hochmutting Cemetery with date of death given as "April 1944".

2. Continued effort will be made to identify the above and your office promptly notified of findings.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Incl: w/d

E. D. MULVANY
Lt Colonel, QMC
Actg Asst Adj Gen



X-6366 identified as Konapaka, Peter



Col. H. Robert E. Haddock 371

Col. H. Fred A. Farnell, Jr.

Col. H. Robert A. Schindler

Col. H. Lawrence F. Gutschick

Cpt. William L. Sestek

Cpt. Robert F. Hany

S/Cpt. Lawrence E. Wagner

S/Cpt. John May

S/Cpt. Donald J. Frye

S/Cpt. James E. Front

Mr. James E. Haddock, (Father)
12 Park St.,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lucille E. Farnell, (Wife)
100 North 2nd Street,
East Troy, Michigan.

Mr. John C. Schindler, (Wife)
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Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Edwin F. Gutschick, (Father)
10 Hill Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. James L. Sestek, (Wife)
1000 Fisher St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Betty Hany, (Mother)
10 Laurel Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Kathryn E. Wagner, (Wife)
Canton, Ohio.

Mrs. Anne May, (Mother)
Perryopolis, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Jessie Frye, (Mother)
106 South 2nd Street,
Troy City, Ohio.

Mr. Frank F. Front, (Father)
51 Green River Street,
Worcester, Massachusetts.

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42-30386

MACR 4239
KU 1605

24 April 1944. 1341
Heimbensen
25 km. NE. of Munich
Type: Fortress
Target: Airfield
Command Schleissheim

3 May.

KU 1605

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 2nd.Lt. MC DONNELL | Robert E. | dead |
| 2nd.Lt. PUCKETT | Fred Anderson O-755753 | capt. |
| 2nd.Lt. SCHMIDLAU | Robert Edward O-696153 | capt. |
| 2nd.Lt. CHRISTOPORI | Lawrence Francis O-690547 | capt. |
| S/Sgt. WAGONER | Lawrence H. 36345372 | capt. |
| S/Sgt. FROST | James Harold 11093915 | capt. |
| T/Sgt. HAZY | John 6999434 | capt. |
| S/Sgt. FREE | Donald J. 15069891 | capt. |
| Sgt. LIBBY | Orville 11122457 | |
| Sgt. MURDOCK | William Lester 18169681 | capt. |
| Sgt. EMERY | Robert Firth 11113648 | capt. |

MACR 4285

Burial on 26 April 1944. at Hochmutting Cemetery near Schleissheim

See MACR 4285 for KU 1604

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

24 April 1944 - 13.41

CASUALTY NO.

KU 1603

PLACE OF CRASH

Helmhausen

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE

Headquarters Army Air Field Schiesheim

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42-30 NAME

| NAME | RANK | SERIAL NUMBER | CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD | PLACE OF INTERMENT |
|---|----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CHRISTOFORI, Lawrence Francis 3 February 1920 | 2nd/Ltn. | O-690547 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| SCHMIDLAN, Robert Edward | 2nd/Ltn. | O-696153 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| PUCKETT, Fred Anderson 22 November 1916 - East St. Louis, Ill. | 2nd/Ltn. | O-755753 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| WAGNER, Lawrence E. | S/Sgt. | 36345372 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| FRYE, Donald J. 27 January 1918 - Dayton, Ohio | S/Sgt. | 15063891 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| PROUT, James Harold | S/Sgt. | 11053915 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| EMERY, Robert Firth | Sgt/ | 11113648 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| MURDOCK, William Lester | Sgt. | 18167681 | Captured | Dulag Luft |
| HAZY, John | T/Sgt. | 6999434 | Captured | Dulag Luft |

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 4 May 1944 / Wo.

KU 1405

MIA 24 Apr 44

MAC DOWELL, Robert E.

Dead (burned)

2nd Lt 0801627

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24 apr 44

KU 1605

6. At 1341 hours, Haimhausen, 21 km north of Munich, Boeing. 99% destruction, 13 men captured, and 3 men dead, see No. 29 Inchenhofen, shot down by fighter and flak (hit for the flak and fighter) identification and serial No. unknown.

KU 1605

To Dulag Luft Oberursel

Reference: D (Luft) 2606/07

Subject: Downing of a Boeing Fortress

Place of Crash: Heimhausen, 25 km north of Munich

Date of Crash: 24 Apr 44, at 1341 hours

Crew: Lt Bukertt Fred, O 755753
Sgt Frouth James, 11053915
Sgt Hazy John, 8998434
Fray, Donald J., 15053891
Libby Orville, 11122457
Murdorck W.L., 1816768
Schmielau Robert E., O 69153
Wagoner Lawrence, 3634572
Maery Robert F., 11113648
Sgt Tucker, Melvin, 3741339
S Sgt Tadoge Charles, 19174219
Lt Hall Frank J., O 814299

Disposition: Captured

1 crewmember jumped out without parachute, he was completely shattered, could not be identified, no identification tags found.

2 crewmembers presumably burned with the aircraft.

KU 1604

Part of the crew presumably belong to the 4 engine aircraft, type Boeing Fortress which was shot down on 24 Apr 44, at the same time near Aichach. The aircraft was salvaged by airbase Command Neuburg. 13 men captured, 4 of them wounded, 9 men captured not wounded. 1 man jumped out without a parachute and was recovered dead. 2 men presumably burned with the aircraft.

Aircraft type: Boeing Fortress, 4 engine, completely burned, downed
by fighter. POW sent to Dulag on 25 Apr 44, at 2350 hours. The bodies
were buried on 26 Apr 44 in cemetery Hochmutting near Schleisheim.

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Mo: Airbase Command A (o) 5/VII

Place: Schleissheim

Time: 1341 hours

Subject: Downing on 24 Apr 44, at 1341 hours

Name: Mac Cowell Robert E.

Disposition: Burned

Place and Time of Burial: Cemetery Hochmutting near Schleissheim
on 26 Apr 44, at 1700 hours

Report Concerning Captured Air Forces Personnel

Hdq: Airbase Command A (o) 5/VII

Place: Schleissheim

Time: 1341

Subject: Downing of Fortress 17 near Heimhausen, 25 km north of
Munich, on 24 Apr 44

Name: Emery Robert F., 11113648
Wagoner E. L. Larence, 36345372
Schmielau, Robert E., O 696153
Murdock W.L., 18167681
Christofori, L.F., O 690547

Captured near Indersdorf at 1500 hours

Hazy John, 6999434
Puckett, Fred A., O 755753
Donald J. Frey, 15063891

Captured near Dachau at 1500 hours

James Prout H., 11053915

Captured in Rohrmoos near Dachau at 1500 hours

Identification Tags

W. L. Murdock, 18167601

Fred A. Puckett, O 755753

Donald J. Frye, 15063891

Robert F. Emery, 11113648

John Hazy, 6999434

L. F. Christofori, O 690547

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4299

Name of crew member:

MAC DOWELL, Robert E.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-501627

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? HE WAS DEAD

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ASKED NAVIGATOR FOR A COURSE TO SWITZERLAND

Was he injured? I DO NOT KNOW

Where was he when last seen? LYING DEAD BY BOMBARDIER'S ESCAPE HATCH

Any hearsay information: ALL OF MY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH OF LT. MACDOWELL IS HEARSAY. HIS BODY WAS EXAMINED & PRONOUNCED DEAD BY BOTH THE CO-PILOT & THE ENGINEER. THE ENGINEER WAS:

Source: S/SGT. DONALD J. FRYE, 136 SO. SECOND ST. TIPP CITY, OHIO

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: MY EXPLANATION OF HIS FATE IS BASED WHOLLY UPON THE SUPPOSITION THAT I WAS TOLD THE TRUTH BY MY ENGINEER & CO-PILOT. THE INTEGRITY OF BOTH MEN IS UNQUESTIONABLE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 8 (I BELIEVE)

Dates and destinations if possible: I DO NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name EMERY, ROBERT F. Rank T/SGT. Serial No. 11113608
2. Organization 306 Gp Commander ? Rank COL Sqn CO ?? MARTIN Rank MAJ
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OBERPOFINHOFFEN, target time, 2:15 P.M., altitude, 25,000 route scheduled, ?
route flown ?
5. Where were you when you left formation? 20 or 15 MIN. FROM "I.P."
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". MYSELF, SGT. MURDOCK, SGT. WAGONER, LEFT THE PLANE AT APPROX. THE SAME TIME IN THE ORDER MENTIONED ABOVE. THERE WERE THREE "CHUTES" BELOW ME WHEN I OPENED MINE.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NO KNOWLEDGE
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) LT. ROBERT E. MACDONWELL
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN THE "NOSE"
12. What was their condition? DEAD (HEARSAY)
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? LIEUTENANTS, SCHMILEAU, CHRISTIFORI, & PUCKETT ON APRIL 26, AT DULAG LUFT, FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, ALL SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. SGTs, PROUT, FRYE, HAZY, WAGONER, & MURDOCK JAN. 11, 1945 AT STALAG 17B, KREMS AUSTRIA, ALL ALIVE & ALL WELL EXCEPT MURDOCK WHO WAS BATHING BURN
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. A SGT. GARNER WAS SEEN LYING DEAD IN A FIELD BY A 1ST LT. HALL OF HIS CREW. I DO NOT KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS. I WAS GIVEN THIS INFORMATION IN MUNICH BY LT. HALL. AS HE KNEW I WAS A MEMBER OF HIS SQUADRON AND A FRIEND OF GARNER'S.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 427

Name of crew member: MURDOCK, William L.
 Rank: Sergeant
 Serial number: 18 167 681
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer~~
 Ball turret gunner

MAC DOWELL, Robert E.
 2nd Lt.
 O-801627
 Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? None

If not, why not? Killed in flight

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: On bombing mission to Munich, Germany, we were approaching target 24 April 1944, our #3 engine was shot away and Lt. MacDowell asked me over interphone if I was okay. I assured him that I was and asked him how everything was "up there" and he replied "okay". Time 12.15pm

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? I was informed by co-pilot after our crew bailed out and were captured that Lt. MacDowell had been killed by shrapnel burst that had torn away his head and when last seen was lying on floor of plane.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Co-pilot and engineer only two members of crew who saw Lt. MacDowell before crew bailed out. Both gave other crew members same explanation of fate of pilot.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 2

Dates and destinations if possible: 22 April 1944 Hamm, Germany; 24 April 1944 Munich, Germany

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name William L. Murdock Rank Sgt. Serial No. 18 167 681
2. Organization 306 B Gp Commander Regan Rank Col. Sqn CO Unknown Rank Unknown
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down? Yes
4. What was the mission, Munich, target, Aircraft factory, target
time, About 2.00 PM, altitude, 20,000 route scheduled, Unknown
route flown Unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? 40 miles southwest of Munich. Had
turned off course after plane was damaged and headed for Switzerland.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, all but pilot Lt. Robert E .
MacDowell
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no
individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please
give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Lt. Puckett, co-pilot,
Lt. Smelough, navigator, Lt. Christoforie, bombardier, S/Sgt. Donald J.
Fry, engineer, Sgt. Robert F. Emery, tail gunner, S/Sgt. Lawrence E.
Wagner, waist gunner, Sgt. Robert Hazy, waist gunner, Sgt. Prout, radio-
man, and myself, ball turret gunner, all bailed out within few minutes at
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge 12.30 PM within
10 miles.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should
cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. MacDowell, pilot,
who was dead
11. Where were they in aircraft? On floor behind pilot's seat
12. What was their condition? Dead. Head torn off by shrapnel burst
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already des-
cribed above? _____

14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you
have knowledge. Indicate source of information. Another bomber in our forma-
tion was shot down at same time. Some of its crew members were captured
with us.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4239

Name of crew member:
 Rank:
 Serial number:
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

MAC DOWELL, Robert E.
 2nd Lt.
 O-801627
 Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? He was killed while still in plane

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

Was he injured? He was killed

Where was he when last seen? Stretched out on flight deck

Any hearsay information: —

Source: —

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Upon leaving the plane I found him stretched out face down. I turned him over and found that he was quite dead with a large hole blown in his stomach. I left him there.

Total number of missions of above crew member: I think four (4)

Dates and destinations if possible: April 22, 1944 - Hamm, Germany
April 24, 1944 (The last mission) Munich, Germany
Others unknown.

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Frye, Donald J. Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 15063891
2. Organization 306 Gp Commander Rank Col. Sqn CO _____ Rank Major
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Munich, Ger., target, Air Field, target time, App. "1300", altitude, 24,000 ft. route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? Just at the "I.P." Position Unknown
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes, Eight (8) others.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".
"No Knowledge"
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Unknown
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires)
Pilot 2nd Lt. Robert K. MacDowell
11. Where were they in aircraft? On flightdeck
12. What was their condition? Dead
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? F. Pockett - Co-Pilot - Dulaghaft. Frankfurt, Germany, April 27, 1944 good condition. - R. Schmiegelau - Nav. & h. Christferi; Bomb. in France after liberation - Good Condition. - Proot - S/Sgt RO & Wagner S/Sgt. 1st Gen. in France after lib. Good condition. R. Emery & Murdock 8th Apr. April 5, 1945 as PWs. Good Condition. J. Hary, T/Sgt. Texas just before Separation from ARMY. Oct. 1945.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information.
"No Knowledge"

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4239

Name of crew member: MAC DOWELL, Robert E.
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: 0-801627
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? KILLED IN FLIGHT

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: ENEMY
FIGHTERS WERE BEING REPORTED

Was he injured? KILLED INSTANTLY

Where was he when last seen? LYING DEAD JUST OFF THE FLIGHT DECK
NEAR TO OXYGEN STORAGE

Any hearsay information: MY INFORMATION IS PARTIALLY
HEARSAY

Source: CO-PILOT AND AERIAL ENGINEER

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: No

Total number of missions of above crew member: ABOUT SIX

Dates and destinations if possible: ALL BETWEEN MARCH 1944
AND APRIL 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name JOHN HAZY Rank T/SGT Serial No. 6999934
2. Organization 306 Gp Commander ? Rank ? Sqn CO ? Rank MAJOR
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month APRIL day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, OBERPOFFENPOFFEN, target time, ABOUT 11:00 AM, altitude, 24000 route scheduled, ?
route flown AS SCHEDULED
5. Where were you when you left formation? 2ND SQ. ELEMENT # 2 POSITION
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES EXCEPT PILOT.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". NO KNOWLEDGE
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR MUNICH
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) PILOT
11. Where were they in aircraft? JUST OFF FLIGHT DECK NEAR OXYGEN STORAGE
12. What was their condition? DEAD
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? ~~NEAR~~ ~~WHERE~~ ~~NEAR~~ NEXT MORNING, MUNICH, ALL WERE INJURED EXCEPT MYSELF.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. NO KNOWLEDGE

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 4299

Name of crew member:

MAC DOWELL, Robert R.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0-803627

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~ENGINEER~~

Pilot

Did he bail out? No

Where?

If not, why not? He was killed in plane

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

minutes before ship went out of control ??

Was he injured? no

Where was he when last seen?

Last seen by engineer and co-pilot
lying by hatch, when they were bailing out.

Any hearsay information:

German intelligence officer told me MacDowell was dead,
when I was being interrogated.

Co-Pilot and Engineer stated they saw MacDowell dead,
lying near bail out hatch.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He was

hit in stomach by 20 mm. from enemy fighter
plane - according to co-pilot.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Six - ?

Dates and destinations if possible: Belgium, France, Meuseberg, Germany

Ham, Germany - all in March and April 1944

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Lawrence F. Christofori Rank 2nd Lt. Serial No. 0-690547
2. Organization 306 Bomb Group Gp Commander ? Rank Col. Sqn CO Regan Rank LT. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month April day 24 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Airfield, near Monich, target time, 1:30 approx., altitude, 25,000 ft. approx. route scheduled, through France, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? High sqdn. No. 2 ship
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All but 1st pilot.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All bailed out when ship was out of control, in a dive. (1st) all except the 1st pilot.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? No knowledge
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) MacDowell The 1st pilot only
11. Where were they in aircraft? He was supposedly in the hatch, leading from cockpit to nose.
12. What was their condition? ?
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? The last time I saw MacDowell was before we reached enemy territory.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Robert Mac Dowell** Pilot **B-17**
HOME TOWN OR STATE **Worcester, Mass.**
GRADE OR RANK **2nd Lt.**
ORGANIZATION **306 Bomb Gr 368 Bomb Sq 8th AF**
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **April 24/44 Over Munich, Germany**
CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane attacked by enemy fighters. 2nd Lt. Fred A. Puckett, Co-Pilot told me Subject was hit by a 20 MM shell. He was killed immediately.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Not known.**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No.**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED
HIS DEATH

2nd Lt. Fred A. Puckett Co-Pilot
East St. Louis, Illinois

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY
GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR
INFORMANT

2nd Lt. Fred A. Puckett
East St. Louis, Illinois

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SIGN HERE

Robert F. Schmielau 0-696153

Name and Serial Number

ROBERT SCHMIELAU 0-696153

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Your home address

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| F/O Arliss V. Martin | Mr. Ben Martin, (Father) Route 2, Box 69, Salem, Missouri. ✓ |
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