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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

Classification
E. A. ... Lt. Col., GS
F. M. ... Capt., AC

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name A-40 : Command or Air Force Ninth Air Force
Group 323rd Bomb : Squadron 455th Bomb Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure A-40 : Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Hengelo : Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
20 mile visibility, cloud cover 3/10ths at 14,000 ft., no low clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Day 6 Month 10 Year 1944 : Time 1133 : and Location Venrpij, Holland
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 51°31' 5" 59'
(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: NONE
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26B-50 : AAF Serial Number 42-95863
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-43 : AAF Serial Number (a) Rt. 42-50831 : (b) Lt. 41-39610 : (c) _____ : (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
Browning. (a) 916948 : (b) 405998 : (c) 917031 : (d) Notes: Number not known
50 Cal. (e) 875287 : (f) 42128 : (g) 633368 : (h) on one Machine Gun.
Machine Gun (i) 917019 : (j) 875285 : (k) 633285 : (l) _____
(m) 875191 : (n) 916998 : (o) _____ : (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 6 : Passengers NONE : Total 6
(Starting with 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	Caughlan, John C.	1st Lt.	0-815839	MIA
2. Co-Pilot	Boom, Raymond	2nd Lt.	0-819477	MIA
3. Bombardier	Takser, Jim F.	T/Sgt.	35309588	MIA RTD
4. Rad-Oper.	Reynolds, Jack R.	T/Sgt.	37469040	MIA
5. Eng-Gunner	Amet, Leo H.	S/Sgt.	31140860	MIA RTD
6. Tail-Gunner	Bailey, George R.	S/Sgt.	33623766	MIA RTD
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:

(Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash
1. O'Neal, Otis, Jr.	S/Sgt.	34286357		X	
2. Lanham, George H.	S/Sgt.	36239502		X	
3. Offutt, Robert E.	Cpl	6991084		X	
4. Hile, James W.	S/Sgt.	53297867		X	

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- 13. 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)
- 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
- 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS 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 8 October, 1944

Arthur J. Kacwicz
(Signature of Preparation Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Arthur J. Kacwicz
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

4 Incls: Statements by Eyewitness



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Research ... Ninth Air Force, 15 August 1944.

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"I saw Lieut. Caughlan's plane which then was flying in #5 position hit in left engine. It immediately burst into flame on top of engine. Plane went out of formation under control. The flames continued to get larger. It was low at four o'clock when I saw two chutes open. The fire seemed to be dying down as plane passed under us and out of view".

S/Sgt. James W. Hile
S/Sgt James W. Hile,
455th Bomb Sq, 325rd Bomb Gp.

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C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

"I was looking out of right waist window and saw Lieut. Caughlan's plane slide out of formation with flames coming out of left engine. His plane losing altitude slowly and under control. Flames seemed to grow longer and came back to about the tail. Then I saw three chutes come out. Still under control, the flames seemed to be dying down when about 2000 to 3000 feet below us. Then it passed out of sight under us".

Robert K. Offutt

ROBERT K. OFFUTT

Cpl. 455th Bomb Sq, 525th Bomb Gp.

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STATEMENT

7 October, 1944

I, S/Sgt. Otis O'Neal, 34286357, make the following statement concerning accident involving B-26 aircraft No. 42-95863.

I was flying as engineer and top turret gunner on ship No. 41-35022, which was flying in number four position of the high flight, box one, with aircraft No. 42-95863 flying in number five position on our right wing. We encountered flak in the Venraij, Holland area which was heavy and very accurate. We got a concentration of four bursts in our flight and one hit us in the right engine and one hit Lt. Caughlan's ship, No. 42-95863, in the left engine. His engine burst into flame so I crawled out of my turret and got to the waist window to watch them and also our own ship. Just after I got to the window, two chutes came out of the waist windows and they both opened okay. The bombardier opened his bomb bay doors and salvoed his bombs, then closed the doors.

The flames were trailing back beyond the tail of the ship. The pilot dived the ship down to about five thousand feet and got the fire out in the left engine and then leveled the ship out and dropped on down to what seemed to me about 1500 or 2000 feet. He made a 180° turn and headed back for friendly territory on one engine. I followed him until he was out of sight but saw no more chutes come out of the ship and he seemed to be okay when I last saw him.

Otis O'Neal, Jr.
OTIS O'NEAL, JR.
ASN - 34286357
S/Sgt., AAF
Aer-Eng. Gunner.

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7 October, 1944

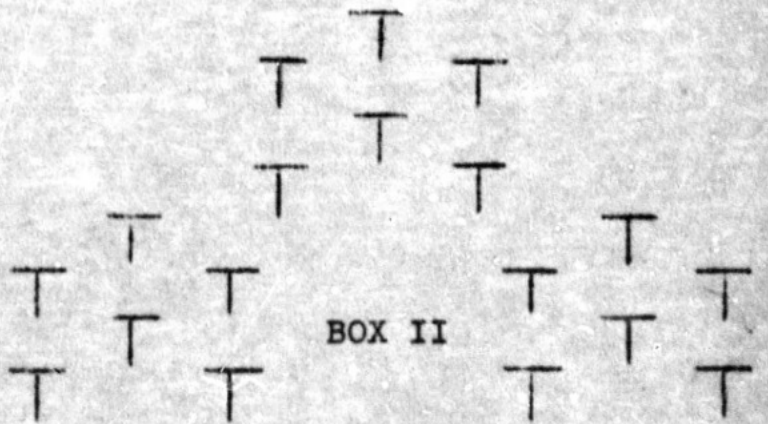
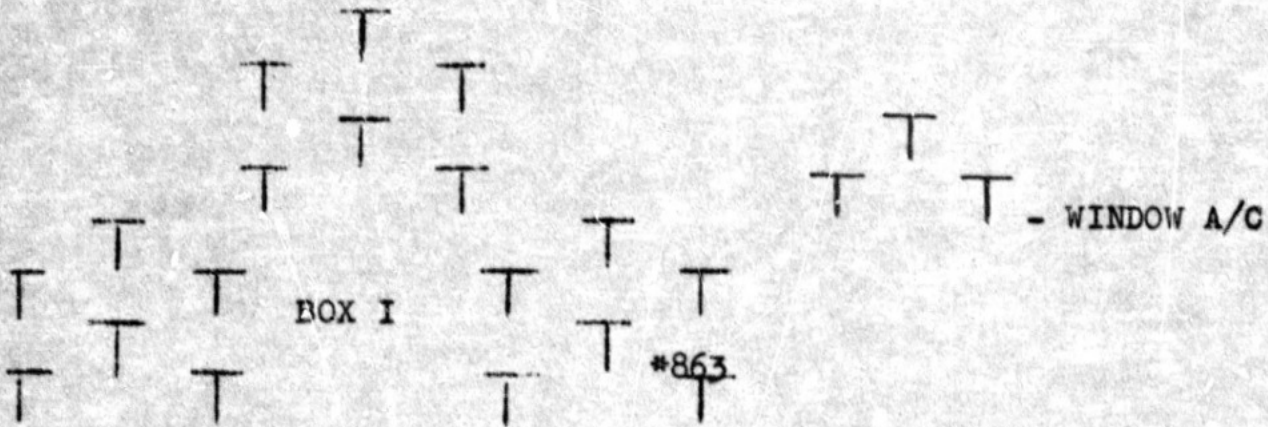
I, S/Sgt. George H. Lemberger, 36239002, make the following statement concerning accident involving B-26 aircraft No. 42-95863.

I was flying as tail gunner on ship No. 2107804, which was flying in number two position of the high flight, box one, with aircraft No. 42-95863 flying in number five position directly behind our ship. We encountered flak in the Venraij, Holland area which was heavy and very accurate. The first time I knew anything was wrong was when I saw ship 42-95863 bank out to the right, below our ship, with the left engine on fire. The ship appeared to lose about 1500 to 2000 feet altitude and then the pilot leveled the ship off. I saw three chutes come out of the waist window, all of which I saw open. While these men were bailing out the flames from the left engine were reaching as far back as the tail. The plane appeared to be losing altitude slowly and the flame was being gradually snuffed out. The plane appeared to lose more altitude to about 2500 or 3000 feet and at this time I saw one more chute come out of the plane which opened. The plane appeared to be well under control all through this period although it was losing altitude slowly. The last I saw of the aircraft it appeared to be headed back toward friendly territory, well under control.

George H. Lemberger
GEORGE H. LEMBERGER
ASN - 36239502
S/Sgt., AAF
Gunner.

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* INDICATES POSITION OF A/C 42-95863 IN FORMATION

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26TH STATISTICAL CONTROL UNIT
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE

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In reply refer
to: 210.86

APO 696, U S Army
17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports

TO : Commanding General, Services of Supply, European Theater of
Operations USA, APO 871, U S Army,
Attention: Statistical Control Section.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

Edward Steuber
EDWARD STEUBER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Opns Officer.

- 11 Incls: (dup)
- Incl 1 - MACR 323rd Bomb Gp, B-26B-50, 42-95863, 6 Oct '44
 - Incl 2 - MACR 344th Bomb Gp, B-26B-50, 42-95918, 6 Oct '44
 - Incl 3 - MACR 386th Bomb Gp, B-26G-10, 41-34364, 24 Sept '44
 - Incl 4 - MACR 386th Bomb Gp, B-26B-30, 41-31970, 7 Oct '44
 - Incl 5 - MACR 416th Bomb Gp (L), A-20G-45, 43-21760, 7 Oct '44
 - Incl 6 - MACR 48th Ftr Gp, P-47D-22RE, 42-25894, 4 Oct '44
 - Incl 7 - MACR 48th Ftr Gp, P-47D-21, 43-25527, 4 Oct '44
 - Incl 8 - MACR 367th Ftr Gp, P-38J-15LO, 42-104426, 4 Oct '44
 - Incl 9 - MACR 10th Photo Gp Ren, F6-C, 42-103427, 27 Sept '44
 - Incl 10- MACR 36th Ftr Gp, P-47D-28RE, 44-19727, 28 Sept '44
 - w/Incl 11- MACR 50th Ftr Gp, P-47D-22, 42-25759, 26 Aug '44



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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 27 October 1944

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

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

For the Commanding General:

H. M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Lt. Col, AGD,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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11 Incls:
3 Withdrawn 1 incl. - Incl 11
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ACT# 7331

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Date: 6 Oct 44
Place: Duesseldorf
Type: C-47
craft: Marauder
Markings: -----
455(MB)Sqd
323 Group

Rank:	Name:	KU 1072 a
T/Sgt.	REYNOLDS, Jack Roland	: 37469090 .
S/Sgt.	BAILLY, George Raymond,	: 33623766 .
S/Sgt.	AMET, Lee Henry	: 31143360 .

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Vagendoer-Lichtenvoorde

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KU 3260

Marauder 26

YU 295863

Air Force Concentration Point, Holland

1 Prisoner of War ?

List of identification tags

1) Geo. R. Bailey 33 623 766 T 43 - 44 A P

Edna C. Bailey New Ringgold Pa

2) Leo H. Anet 31 140 860 T 42 - 43 O C

Mrs. A. L. Anet 43 Independence Ave. Quincy Mass.

JPP/12/29/44

1st Lt. John C. Coughlan

✓
Mrs. Nita K. Copley (mother)
148 Fifth Avenue,
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

2nd Lt. Raymond Boom

✓
Mrs. Norma E. Boom (wife)
2918 Oakwood Northeast,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

T/Sgt. Jim F. Taksar

✓
Mrs. Margaret Taksar (mother)
9703 Kennedy Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

T/Sgt. Jack R. Reynolds

✓
Mrs. Vera Reynolds (mother)
4410 South 18th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

S/Sgt. Leo H. Amet

✓
Mrs. Annie Amet (mother)
43 Independence Avenue,
Quincy, Massachusetts.

S/Sgt. George R. Bailey

✓
Mrs. Edna C. Bailey (mother)
New Kinggold, Pennsylvania.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 9218

Name of crew member:

REYNOLDS, Jack R.

Rank:

T/Sgt.

Serial number:

37469040

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot/Fighter~~:

Radio Opr.

Did he bail out? Yes.Where? HOLLAND

If not, why not? _____

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

Was he injured? NO.Where was he when last seen? IN PRISON CAMP SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY

Any hearsay information: _____

NONE

Source: _____

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

NONETotal number of missions of above crew member: 20Dates and destinations if possible: NO KNOWLEDGE.

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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PPA-8-1-1

1. Your name JOHN CLARK CAUGHLAN Rank 1ST LT. Serial No. 0-815233
2. Organization 329 Gp Commander W.R. Wood Rank COL. Sqn CO SATTERWAITE Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCT. day 6TH did you go down?
HENGLO HOLLAND
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, MARSHALLING YARD, target
time, ABOUT 12:30, altitude, 14,500 route scheduled, FROM
CHARTRES TO HENGLO, route flown INDIRECT
5. Where were you when you left formation? WINTERSWIJK HOLLAND
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? ALL BUT THE CO-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". OCT-6TH 11:47 P.M.
NEAR WINTERSWIJK HOLLAND. RADIO MAN, J.R. REYNOLDS
ENGINEER L. ADNET, TAIL GUNNER GEORGE BAILEY BAILED
OUT WALST GUN HATCHES, BOMBARDIER JAMES TALSAR BAILED OUT
CO-PILOTS ESCAPE HATCH SEVERAL MINUTES LATER.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? NEAR WINTERSWIJK HOLLAND
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) MYSELF & COPILOT
11. Where were they in aircraft? IN PILOT & CO-PILOTS SEAT
12. What was their condition? SLIGHTLY WOUNDED
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? STATED ABOVE
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 # 9218

Name of crew member: BOOM, Raymond
 Rank: 2nd Lt.
 Serial number: O-819477
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Co Pilot~~: Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? NO.

Where? HOLLAND.

If not, why not? CRASH LANDED.

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

Was he injured? NO KNOWLEDGE

Where was he when last seen? SAME AS ABOVE

Any hearsay information: _____

NONE

Source: _____

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

NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 21.

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

NO KNOWLEDGE

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name GEORGE R. BAILEY Rank Sgt Serial No. 33623766
2. Organization AAF Gp Commander WOOD Rank COL Sqn CO SADDLEWATER Rank LT COL.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1944 month OCT day 6 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, BOMBING, target, RAILROAD YARD, target time, 11:47, altitude, 12000 route scheduled, NO KNOWLEDGE, route flown, NO KNOWLEDGE
5. Where were you when you left formation? OVER TARGET
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".
NO KNOWLEDGE
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) POLIT. CAUGHLAN
JOHN C. CO. POLIT. BOOM RAYMOND.
11. Where were they in aircraft? COCKPIT
12. What was their condition? NO KNOWLEDGE.
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members now already described above?
NO KNOWLEDGE
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)

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 6 Oct. 1944

CASUALTY NO. EU 1072 A

PLACE OF CRASH Duesseldorf

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Marauder

REPORTING OFFICE Duesseldorf

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
Reynolds, Jack Roland 23 Aug. 1922	T/Sgt.	37459040	captured	Dulag-Luft West
MILBY, George Raymond 26 Feb. 1925	S/Sgt.	33623766	"	"
ANNY, Leo Henry	S/Sgt.	31140860	"	"

REMARKS: Dulag-Luft, 25 Nov. 1944 V.S.

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 1072 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 6.10.44.
 Abschlußort: Düsseldorf
 Flugzeugtyp: Marauder
 Meldende Dienststelle: Düsseldorf

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	weiches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

✓ REYNOLDS 23.8.22.	Jack Roland	T/Sgt. 37469040	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ BAILEY 25.2.25.	George Raymond	S/Sgt. 33623766	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
✓ AMET	Lee Henry	S/Sgt. 31140860	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

Bemerkungen: MACR-9218

DULAG-LUFT, den 25.11.44. v.S.