

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

5416

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 Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 461st Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 767th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course _____
Target Salen de Provence, France Type of mission Combat

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
.1 to .2 cumulus broken cerrus at 22000 ft – visibility 15 miles

4. GIVE: [a] Date 27 May 44 Time _____ Last known position Cape Beux
[b] Specify whether: [] Last sighted, [] Forced down, [] Seen to crash,
[] Last contacted by radio, [] No information

5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]
[] Enemy aircraft, [] Enemy anti-aircraft, [] Other.

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 H AAF Serial Number 42-52399

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: _____

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] CP 302692
[b] CP 301376 [c] CP 427214 [d] CP 301412

9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] All Browning Cal. 50

[a] <u>951459</u>	[e] <u>681339</u>	[i] <u>952176</u>
[b] <u>951794</u>	[f] <u>952141</u>	[j] <u>951733</u>
[c] <u>951269</u>	[g] <u>680082</u>	
[d] <u>951898</u>	[h] <u>681440</u>	

10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: [] Battle Casualty, [] Non Battle Casualty

11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10

[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Maroney, Gerald Hoseph, 2nd Lt. 0-745139		Mrs Catherine Y Maroney (wife) 1165 Pughlay Ave., Bronx, NY
[2] CP	Lawrence, Winston James, 1st Lt. 0-791458		Mrs Leanna M Lawrence (wife) 22 Thomas Rd, Vellasley, Mass
[3] Bomb	Mudge, Warren Roland, 2nd Lt. 0-752769		Mr Phillip C Mudge (father) 2 Scofield St, East Norwalk, Conn
[4] Nav	Golden, Paul A., 2nd Lt. 0-691989		Mr John J Golden (father) 403 Eynon St, Archbald, Penn
[5] TTG	Steele, Harold Curtis, T/Sgt. 18199369		Mrs Myrtle R Steele (wife) Gen Del, La Grange, Texas
[6] RWG	Zinner, Leon, Sgt. 12025667		Mrs Thelma Zinner (wife) 4342 North Richmond St, Chicago, Illinois
[7] NTG	Norrid, Benjamin Howard, S/Sgt. 34507445		Mrs Dora D Norrid (mother) 524 Washington Ave, Union City, Tenn
[8] LWG	Ellis, Donald Emerson, S/Sgt. 13151557		M\Harvey F Ellis (father) 408 White Horse Pike, Audubon, N.J.
[9] TTG	Raines, Alvin Lee, S/Sgt. 37417737		Mr John P Raines (father) 624 Carson Rd, Ferguson Mo.
[10] BTG	Streep, Owen Burns, S/Sgt. 36476161		Mrs Bess Streep (mother) 401 North Linden Street, Normal,

Illinois

[11]

[12]

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] Thomas J Sullivan		11107832		X		
[2] Densal E Laclef		37028899		X		
[3] Michael Myers		33082304		X		
[4]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Parachutes were used, Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash,

Other reasons [specify] **Number three engine hit by flak, but plane seemed under control at**

all times.

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE: **No search made by this organization.**

Date: 1 June44

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz

767TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

Lt. Maroney's plane was flying on our right wing. Just as we went over the coast of France, flak came up and it seemed as soon as the flak started, Lt. Maroney's plane got hit. The plane peeled off out of the formation and continued right along the coast. The plane seemed under control. It is my opinion that they would try to make it to the Isle of Corsica.

/s/ Thomas J. Sullivan
11107832
S/Sgt., Crew #68

STATEMENT

We were flying over the coast line of France and heading for our target. Immediately upon reaching the coast line heavy flak was encountered and Lt. Maroney's ship got hit in number 3 engine, feathered same, peeled off from the formation and salvoed his bombs and disappeared into the haze headed in the general direction of Corsica.

/s/ Densal E. La Clef
37208899
S/Sgt., Crew Number 71

STATEMENT

While flying in number 2 position, flight B we had a good view of Lt. Maroney's ship which was flying in number 7 position of the same flight. Arriving over the coast of France, well before reaching our target, we ran into considerable flak. Lt. Maroney's number 3 engine got hit by flak and I believe the nose turret also. The bombs were salvoed as he peeled off from the formation and continued flying along the coast. The plane seemed under control and then passed out of sight. No parachutes were seen.

/s/ Michael Myers
33082308
T/Sgt. Crew number 71

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN **27 May 1944 - 1000, CASUALTY NO. ME-1289**

PLACE OF CRASH **20 km north of Grassa**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE **Air Force Command A (o) T/XVII**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
Mudge, Warren Roland 1923	2nd Lt.	0-752769	Captured	Dulag Luft
Raines, Alvin Lee	S/Sgt.	37417737	Captured	Dulag Luft

Casualty No. ME 1286 1st Supplementary Report, dates 22 June 1944

Zinner, Leon Sgt. 12025667 Captured Dulag Luft

REMARKS:

Dulag Luft: 12 June 1944. We.

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **28 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	Donald E. Ellis	SQUADRON:	767 SQ
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	13151557	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	408 White Horse Pike, Audubon, N.J.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney	RD
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Winston Lawrence	RD
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge	MIA
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Paul A. Golden	RD
ENGINEER	M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis	RD
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid	MIA
BALL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	RD
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	Sgt. Leon Zinner	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Saw ten chutes open.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **Free French forces interior reported 2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge, S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines and Sgt. Leon Zinner taken prisoner on May 27 and S/Sgt Benjamin H. Norrid captured about 5th of July.**

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INTELLIGENCE & SECURITY DIVISION

DATE: **27 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	Paul A. Golden	SQUADRON:	767 Sq
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-691989	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	403 Eynon St., Archbald, PA	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney	
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Winston Lawrence	
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge	POW
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Paul A. Golden	
ENGINEER	M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele	
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis	
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid	POW
BALL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	Sgt. Leon Zinner	POW
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines	POW

KNOWN INFORMATION:.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:.

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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DATE: **27 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	Gerald J. Maroney	SQUADRON:	767th Sq
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-745139	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	87-23 166th St., Jamaica, NY	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney	Evadee
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Winston Lawrence	Evadee
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge	POW
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Paul A. Golden	Evadee
ENGINEER	M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele	Evadee
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis	Evadee
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid	POW
BALL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	Evadee
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	Sgt. Leon Zinner	POW
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines	POW

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Evadees came out with me. POWs relatives notified.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French people notified me that three men were POWs.**

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DATE: **27 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	Winston J. Lawrence	SQUADRON:	767th Sq
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	0-791458	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	22 Thomas Rd., Vellesley, Ma	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION

MEMBERS OF CREW

PWIB RECORDS

Don't know other members.

KNOWN INFORMATION: Worked with British agents and maques (chiefs in France. In constant touch by radio with British intelligence at Algiers.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:.

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DATE: **28 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	Harold C. Steele	SQUADRON:	767th Sq
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	18199369	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	La Grange, Texas	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney	RD
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Winston Lawrence	RD
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge	MIA
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Paul A. Golden	RD
ENGINEER	M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis	RD
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid	MIA
BALL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	RD
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	Sgt. Leon Zinner	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: **Saw ten chutes open.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **French underground reported 2nd Lt. W.R. Mudge, S/Sgt. A.L. Raines and Sgt. Leon Zinner were captured on the 27th of May. S/Sgt. B.H. Norrid was captured about the 25th of July.**

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DATE: **28 Sep 44**

NARRATOR:	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	SQUADRON:	767th Sq
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	36476161	GROUP:	461st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	401 N. Linden St.	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24H
EX-REPORT NO.:		MISSION DATE:	27 May 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney	RD
CO-PILOT	1st Lt. Winston Lawrence	RD
BOMBARDIER	2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge	MIA
NAVIGATOR	1st Lt. Paul A. Golden	RD
ENGINEER	M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis	RD
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid	MIA
BALL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper	RD
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER	Sgt. Leon Zinner	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: **I saw ten chutes come out and open.**

HEARSAY INFORMATION: **We heard S/Sgt. Ben Norrid was taken POW about the 25th of July on a F.F.I camp by the Germans. We also heard at our base that Lt. Mudge, S/Sgt. A. L. Raines and Sgt. Zinner are POWs.**

DATE: 5/27/44 1000
PLACE: 20 km N.
Grasse upon "Roe de
l'Aigle"
TYPE: Liberator
767 (HB) Sqd
461 Group; 49 Wing
TARGET: F.T. Ker E
16/VXX

	U.S.A.	
Rank	Name	ASN
2nd Lt.	Mudge, Warren Roland	0-752779
S/Sgt.	Raines, Alvin Lee	37417737
Sgt.	Zinner, Leon	12025667
	Rest unknown	

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TELEGRAM

To Evaluation Station West Oberureal/Tames

Ref to report of a crashed 4 motor enemy plane on 5/27/44 about 100 hrs in the morning, 20 km north Grasse (A.D. 9/2) a third one, the capture of Sgt Leon Zinner, 12025667 T42-43-AH. Delivered to the prisoner of war hospital Dregidgras 5/31/44 on account of bone fracture. The plane lies on Roc Del Aigle about 1600 m high near Gredlieree our Vax.a.M)

Air Base Command e.g. 16/VII
Le Lee

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TELEGRAM

To Evaluation Station West Oberureal/Tames

Case: FS.LLEX 39 for 5/30/44 Air Base Command 16/VII

According to the report from prisoner of war hospital Greguignas, the prisoner of war Sgt. Leon Zinner is able to be transferred. He was sent to Dulag Luft Oberureal 6/1/44. Zinner belonged to a 4 motor enemy plane that crashed 5/27/44, about 1000 hrs, 20 km north Grasse (2 0 9/2) near Gradlieries

Air Base Command
Le Lee

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TELEGRAM

O.U. 30 May 44

Air Base Command A 228/XXX
Field Post WL 49/93
Air force camp post office, Paris

Concernings: other booty from the shot down USA Liberaider (4 double-row radial engine) on 5/27/44 at 1017 hrs, 6 km S. Opange and 3 km S. Courtheson, in 04 West North UK9

1 writing (secret) privately coulaod orders
1 advanced (Instructions Bombsight heating cover, type A-2)
1 table (bomb, G.P. 50-42-AN-M-45)
10 damaged lead maps.

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Sent: Evacuation Station West Oberureal

CASUALTY NO.
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REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **27 May 1944 – 10:00 o'clock in the morning**

PLACE OF CRASH: **20 km North Grasse (A O 9/2)**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Ref to: The crash of a 4 motor enemy plane – type
unknown.**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command E 16/VII – Field Post # L-
22007 Air Force Camp Post Office Paris La Lue – 28 May 1944.**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Raines**
FIRST NAME: **Alvin L.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **S/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **37 417 737 – T-43-OF**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured near Cypiere 27 May 1944 at 21:00 o'clock – French police

Set on the march to Dulag-Luft, Oberureal

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1269

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **27 May 1944 – 10:00 o'clock in the morning**

PLACE OF CRASH: **20 km North Grasse (A O 9/2)**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Ref to: The crash of a 4 motor enemy plane – type
unknown.**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command E 16/VII – Field Post # L-
22007 Air Force Camp Post Office Paris La Lue – 28 May 1944.**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Mudge**
FIRST NAME: **Warren R.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **2nd Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **O-752769 – T-42-43-OF**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

**Captured on 29 May 1944 and set on the march to Dulag-Luft, Oberureal.
Near Plan de Pairen 27 May 1944 at 14:00 o'clock through pursuit Command.**

CASUALTY NO.
ME-KSU-1269

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN: **27 May 1944 – 10:00 o'clock in the morning**

PLACE OF CRASH: **20 km North Grasse (A O 9/2)**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Ref to: The crash of a 4 motor enemy plane. The plane dies Rec de l'Aigle about 1600 m high near Greelieere on the Val (A.M.) The entire area is full of terrorists.**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Fliers Command Post 16/VII – Field Post L-22007
Lg. Pa. Paris – Le Luc – 31 May 1944.**

CREW

SURNAME, AND **Zinner**
FIRST NAME: **Leon**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **12 025 667 – T-42-43-AH**

CAPTURED: **Captured** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

REMARKS:

Captured on 1 June 1944 and sent on the march to Dulag-Luft, Oberureal.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STEELE, Harold Curtis**

Rank: **T/Sgt.**

Serial number: **18199369**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Vicinity of Thorence, France.**

If not, why not? **Above.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Reported #3 engine on fire. Later traveled to US.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **In United States.**

Any hearsay information: **Worked with FFI in France.**

Source: **FFI members.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Safe personal knowledge.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **No knowledge.**

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **NORRID, Benjamin Howard**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **34507445**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Vicinity of Thorence, France.**

If not, why not? **Above.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Last contact morning of 30 July 1944 at Auchauds, France about 0400. He was later captured by Germans in a skirmish between FFI and enemy forces.**

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen? **Heresay – is in the US now.**

Any hearsay information: **Above.**

Source: **Harold C. Steele.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Was taken POW on 30 July 1944.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **No knowledge.**

Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ELLIS, Donald Emerson**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13151557**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Vicinity of Thorence, France.**

If not, why not? **Above.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Have conversed with Ellis in United States.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **US.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Stayed under cover in France – evaded capture.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **No knowledge.**

Dates and destinations if possible:

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Winston James Lawrence Rank Capt. Serial No. 0-791458
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Knapp Rank Col.
3. What year 1944 month May day 27 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Province du Avion, target, German Airfield, target time, no knowledge, altitude, 23,000 ft route scheduled, no knowledge, route flown over coast at Antibes, France
5. Where were you when you left formation? Vicinity of Antibes, France.
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". The following crew members jumped safely from the burning B-24 (engines 3 & 4 out and burning, wing area burning, and props of respective engines wind milling) in the vicinity of Thorence, France on 27 May 1944: 2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney; 2nd Lt. Paul A. Golden; 2nd Lt. Warren R. Mudge; 1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence; T/Sgt. Harold C. Steele; S/Sgt. Benjamin N. Norrid; S/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis; S/Sgt. Alvin L. Raines; S/Sgt. Owen B. Streeper; Sgt. Leon Zinner. Mudge, Raines and Zinner were captured on landing. Maroney, Golden, Ellis and Streeper hid out in the vicinity of the village of La Sausse, France from 27 May 1944 to 21 August 1944. Norrid worked with British agents and FFI until capture on 30 July 1944 at Auchauds, France. Steele worked with FFI. Lawrence worked with British agents and FFI and had knowledge of movements of entire crew with the exception of Steele. Lawrence, with assistance of a British agent, assembled Maroney, Golden, Steele, Ellis and Streeper on 21 August 1944 and proceeded to beach head at Sna Tropez, France. Upon arrival reported to Lt. Col. Corning, G-2, and were flown to Naples, Italy on 22 August 1944. It is understood from conversation with most of the crew members that the entire crew is in the United States.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Rock d'Aigle near town of Thorence, France.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Answer 10 above.
12. What was their condition? Answer 10 above

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **Described in answer 8 above.**

14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **Earl Rodenburg, 2nd Lt., Co-Pilot, B-17, 97 BG (H) from Foggia, Italy did solo jump on or about 27 May 1944 approximate vicinity being inland from Nice, France. Rodenburg stated that flares caught on fire on flight deck and pilot ordered him to jump. I contacted Rodenburg through assistance of FFI and he worked behind lines with me until captured on 30 July 1944 in village of Auchauds, France. Source: Personal conversation and contact with Rodenburg.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **STEELE, Harold Curtis**

Rank: **T/Sgt.**

Serial number: **18199369**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Peak de l'Aigle, Les Sausses, Le Mas, Alpes Maritimes, France.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Can't remember – something about not being able to open the bomb bay doors.**

Was he injured? **Flak wounds in fingers, frost bitten fingers.**

Where was he when last seen? **NYPE, Camp Shanks, N.Y.**

Any hearsay information: **This is fact: Sgt. Steele tried to contact me the day after the accident, but was unable to do so because of the German search. I heard from the local citizenry (later proved true) that he lived for three months with a family of father and daughter near St. Auban in the above named province.**

Source: **Sgt. Steele.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **None.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **About 23.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No record.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **NORRID, Benjamin Howard**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **34507445**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Peak de l'Aigle, Les Sausses, Le Mas, Alpes Maritimes, France.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **No conversation.**

Was he injured? **Don't know.**

Where was he when last seen? **In a Maquis Camp by 1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence, near Puget-Theniers.**

Any hearsay information: **Sgt. Norrid lived in this camp until he was captured in a German raid, almost three months after May 27, 1944.**

Source: **1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence.**

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **23 or 24.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No record.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ELLIS, Donald Emerson**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13191557**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Peak de l'Aigle, Les Sausses, Le Mas, Alpes Maritimes, France.**

If not, why not?.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Can't remember.**

Was he injured? **Yes. Flak in leg.**

Where was he when last seen? **BS #1 Atlantic City, N.J.**

Any hearsay information: **No. Sgt. Ellis lived with me for the three months we evaded capture. We lived with M. Joseph Pommier in the above mentioned town and signed chit for our keep for 89 days. Sgt. Ellis sailed from Naples on the USS James Parker on Sept 12, 1944.**

Source: **No.**

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

Total number of missions of above crew member: **About 23.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No record.**

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Gerald J. Maroney Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-745139
2. Organization 461st Gp Commander Glantzberg Rank Col Sqn CO Knapp Rank Lt. Col.
3. What year 1944 month May day 27 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, bombing, target, Salon de Provence, target time, about noon, altitude, 20,000 ft route scheduled, direct past Capd'Antibes, west, route flown same.
5. Where were you when you left formation? #5 C flight first section.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All.
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". On taking a burst of anti-aircraft fire just under the right wing, I immediately left the formation because the two right engines (B-24) were shot out and I couldn't feather either one. I jettisoned the bombs immediately and the bombardier, 2nd Lt. Warren Mudge used the last of the hydraulic pressure to close the bomb bay doors. I headed for Switzerland, but soon abandoned the plan as we were losing altitude fast and the mountains were very high. Then fire broke out under the right wing and one report from the waist informed me that the flames reached to the tail. Due to the drag of the props we were falling about 700' p.m. at 140 M.P.H. Here I gave the order to bail out. The navigator, 2nd Lt. Paul A. Golden and Lt. Mudge went out the nose hatch. Sgt. Leon Zinner, right waist gunner, S/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis, radio and left waist gunner, Sgt. Alvin Raines, tail gunner, and Sgt. Owen B. Streeper, ball turret gunner bailed out the waist windows. They were followed later out these windows by 1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence, co-pilot, and T/Sgt. Harold C. Steele who could not open bomb bay doors. S/Sgt. Benjamin H. Norrid also left by the nose hatch. After all had left the ship, I left my seat and bailed out through the nose. By this time the bomb bay was full of gasoline and hydraulic fluid. All crew members bailed out at least 2000' above the terrain which was about 12,000' elevation. I bailed myself at about 400', and landed 25 yards from the wreckage. I made good my escape as did Lt. Lawrence, Lt. Golden, Sgt. Steele, Sgt. Ellis, Sgt. Streeper, and Sgt. Norrid. Sgt. Norrid was captured almost three months later. Lt. Mudge, Sgt. Zinner and Sgt. Raines were captured immediately. Of these, I was informed by the local citizens, two were injured..
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Peak de L'Aigle Alpes Maritimes, France.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None.

11. Where were they in aircraft?.

12. What was their condition? **No knowledge.**

13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence (now Captain) last seen at VAAF, Victorville, Calif. Condition good. May, 1945. 1st Lt. Paul A. Golden last seen RS #1, Atlantic City, N.J. Condition good. Oct. 1944. M/Sgt. Harold C. Steele last seen NYPE, Camp Shanks, N.Y. Condition good. Sept. 1944. T/Sgt. Donald E. Ellis last seen RS#1, Atlantic City, N.J. Condition good. Oct. 1944. S/Sgt Owen B Streeper last seen NYPE, Camp Shanks, N.Y. Condition good. Oct. 1944. Sgt. Leon Streeper last seen May 27, 1944 before bail out. Sgt. Alvin Raines last seen May 27, 1944 before bail out. 2nd Lt. Warren Mudge last seen May 27, 1944 before bail out. S/Sgt. Ben H. Norrid last seen May 27, 1944 before bail out. I received a Christmas card from Sgt. Zinner in 1945 indicating that he had returned from overseas. It was mailed from Chicago.**

14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **None.**

HEADQUARTERS
767TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES
APO 520 U.S. ARMY

1 June 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding Officer, 461st Bombardment Group,
APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with Letter, 15th Air Force, file AG 360.33 dtd. 5 January 1944, subject: Preparation of Missing Air Crew Reports, submitted herewith is Missing Are Crew Report for B-24-H **42-52399**, **2nd Lt. Gerald J. Maroney** and crew.
2. Subject crew personnel are battle casualties as defined by Paragraph 2, Section II, Circular No. 10, Headquarters, NATOUSA.
3. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your headquarters **28 May 1944**.

For the Squadron Commander:

/s/ Raymond L. Wilcovitz
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

AG 360.33
Headquarters, 461st Bomb Group, APO 520, 1 June 1944.

1st Ind.

LCP/rfq

TO: CO, 49th Bombardment Wing, APO 520, U.S. Army.

Forwarded for necessary action.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ Louis C. Pfister,
1st Lt., Air Corps
Personnel Officer

AG 360.33
Hq. 49th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520, 3 June 1944.

2nd Ind.

C-WRT-57

TO: C.G. Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

/s/ J.E.M.

AG 360.33
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 7 June 1944.

3rd Ind.

GP-hm/gow

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-93, dated 30 May 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 30 May 1944.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Harold B. Neely,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO

Prepared by
MIS-X Section
POW Branch

DATE: 31 May 44

NARRATOR:	M/Sgt. Oscar R. Ives	SQUADRON:	767 th Sq.
ARMY SERIAL NO.:	19076326	GROUP:	461 st BG
HOME ADDRESS:	Diagonal, Iowa	TYPE AIRCRAFT:	B-24
EX-REPORT NO.:	???	MISSION DATE:	2 Apr 44

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	1 st Lt., W. H. Zumsteg	KIA
CO-PILOT	2 nd Lt. Fuller	KIA
BOMBARDIER	2 nd Lt. Repko	KIA
NAVIGATOR	2 nd Lt. Fleber	KIA
ENGINEER	S/Sgt. Lerna	KIA
RADIO OPERATOR	Sgt. Kadlecek	KIA
WAIST GUNNER	M/Sgt. Oscar R. Ives	Narrator
NOSE GUNNER	S/Sgt. Clayton	KIA
TAIL GUNNER	S/Sgt. Allecce	KIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: Our plane collided with another near Bihac, Yugoslavia at about 1000 hours on 2 April 1944. We were flying at about 20,000 feet. The ship broke apart, the nose, tail and waist sections falling in separate pieces. I was knocked unconscious, regained my senses at about 5,000 feet and at 3,000 feet, managed to bail out of the waist. I was brought the dog tags of Lts. Fuller, Repko, Felber and Sgt. Clayton by the Partisans, and saw the graves in which the Partisans buried them. I do not know what happened to Lt. Zumsteg or Sgt. Allecce.

HEARSAY INFORMATION: The only other crew member in the waist with me was Sgt. Kadlecek, the radio operator. I was told by other members of the flight, when back in Bari later, that someone went out of the waist, which could have only been Sgt. Kadlecek. He did not have a chute on.

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2nd Lt. Paul A. Golden	Mr. John J. Golden (Father) Box 3076 Tampa, Florida
1st Lt. Winston J. Lawrence	Mrs. Leanna M. Lawrence (Wife) 22 Thomas Road Wellesley, Massachusetts
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