WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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. ORGANÎ		Location _Torrett			Command or Air Force 15 th AF			
		Group $4\overline{6}1^{st}$ Bom			Squadron 767 th Bomb Sq (H)			
2. SPECIFY	: Place	e of departure _Torret			Course direct to target			
		et Blachhammer, Ge			Type of mission bombing			
3. WEATHI	ER CONDI	ITĪONS AND VISĪBII	LITY ÅT TIME	OF CRASH O	OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:			
	CAVU							
4. GIVE:	[a] D	ate 17 Dec 1944	Time 1200 I	ast known pos	sition _near Muglitz, Germany			
		Specify whether: [X] Last sighted, [] Forced down, [] Seen to crash,						
	[] Last contacted by radio, [] No information							
5. AIRCRA	FT [LOST	[BELIEVED LOST]	AS A RESULT	OF: [Check o	one only]			
		rcraft, [] Enemy anti-ai			5.1			
		model & series B-24			44-41158			
		RCRAFT: None (N						
8. ENGINE	S: Type. m	odel & series P&W	R-1830-43	AAF serial N	umber [a] _BP-442658			
	BP-4425							
9. INSTALI	LED WEA	PONS: [Make, type an	d serial number	l All Brownin	G Cal. 50			
	LU 13034		[e] LB 153944		[i] LW 1336770			
	RU 12025		[f] RB 120353		[i] RW 1254213			
	LN 12535		[g] LT 201951		[j] IVIV 120 1210			
	RN 12532		[h] RT 120193	LC 1				
					, [] Non Battle Casualty			
		SONS ABOARD AIR						
		12 persons aboard airc						
	EW				MEYT OF VIN DELATIONSHIP			
	E W SITION	FULL NAME [Last,]			NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP			
	Pilot	RANK, SERIAL NUI Hailey, Max H., 2 nd	WIDEK T 4	STATUS MIA	AND ADDRESS Mrs. Jeneviere W. Hailey (Wife)			
[1]	rnot	0-705686	Lt.	WIIA				
[2]	Ca	Hendrix, James G., 2	and T 4	MIA	Walnut Grove, Missouri			
	Co-		Z Lt.	MIIA	Mrs. Norma M. Hendrix (Wife)			
<u>pile</u>		0-820015	and T	NAT A	2504 Sink St., Winston-Salem, N.C.			
[3]	Nav	Sugg, Harbord P., Jr	r., 2 Lt.	MIA	Mr. Harbord P. Sugg (Father)			
	D 1	0-2061074	- ,	3.57.1	119 E 17 th St., Ada, Oklahoma			
[4]	Bomb	Killian, Ivyl L., 2 nd I	⊥t.	MIA	Mrs. Ann E. Killian (Mother)			
		0-2056804	~ .		5660 Kingsbury St., St. Louis, Mo.			
[5]	LWG	Spencer, Harry D., S	Sgt.	MIA	Mrs. Lillian Spencer (Mother)			
		99918168			Fruitland, Idaho			
[6]	TTG	Fajkus, Julius G., Sg	gt.	MIA	Mrs. Victoria Fajkus (Mother)			
		18248730			Box 222, Bloomington, Texas			
[7]	TG	Arrowood, Palmer,	Sgt.	MIA	Mrs. Anna Arrowood (Mother)			
		35769407			Langley, Kentucky			
[8]	BTG	Arrotta, Albert T., S	Sgt.	MIA	Mrs. Roso Arrotta (Mother)			
		11120703			106 Congress St., Chelsea, Mass.			
[9]	NTG	Herman, Jacob III,	S/Sgt.	MIA	Mr. Jacob Herman, Jr. (Father)			
		12178959	<u> </u>		505 Pleasant St., Holyoke, Mass.			
[10] RWG	Dixon, Lawrence V.	Jr., T/Sgt.	MIA	Mrs. Alexina B. Dixon (Mother)			
	-	34607342	, 6		Box 124, Piagah Forest, N.C.			
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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:

						SAW
		SERIAL	CONTACTED	LAST	SAW	FORCED
NAME IN FULL	RANK	No.	BY RADIO	SIGHTED	CRASH	LANDING
[1] Lloyd E. Kenyon	S/Sgt.	38563341		X		
[2] Robert F. Miller	S/Sgt.	11110835		X		
[3] Arthur C.	Sgt.	16138988		X		
Hermanman, Jr.						
[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].
- 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; plane downed in enemy territory.

Date: 26 Dec 1944

/s/ Raymond L Wilcovitz Captain, Air Corps Adjutant

Name of crew member: Rank: Serial number: Position: Crew (Bomber)	HERMAN, Jacob III S/Sgt. 12178959 Nose Turret Gunner					
Did he bail out? Do not know.						
Where? •						
If not, why not?						
Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Before take off.						
Was he injured? Do not know.						
Where was he when last seen? At take off.						
Any hearsay information: •						
Source:						
Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.						
Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.						

Name of crew member: FAJKUS, Julius G.

Rank: Sgt. Serial number: 18248730

Position: Crew (Bomber) Top Turret Gunner

Did he bail out? **Do not know.**

Where? .

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? At take off.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know.

Name of crew member: HILLIAN, Ivyl L.

Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-2056804
Position: Crew (Bomber) Bombardier

Did he bail out? **Do not know.**

Where? .

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen?

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know.

Name of crew member: SUGG, Harbord P. Jr.

Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-2061074
Position: Crew (Bomber) Navigator

Did he bail out? **Do not know.**

Where? .

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? At take off.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know.

Name of crew member: Hendrix, James G.

Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-820015
Position: Crew (Bomber) Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? **Do not know.**

Where? .

If not, why not?

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

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? At take off.

Any hearsay information: None.

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: Do not know.

Name of crew member: HAILEY, Max M.

Rank: 2nd Lt.
Serial number: 0-705686
Position: Crew (Bomber) Pilot

Did he bail out? **Do not know.**

Where? .

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: <u>Interphone: I said</u> "Feather the prop" No answer from Hailey.

Was he injured? **Do not know.**

Where was he when last seen? At take off.

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: <u>Think he was killed</u> when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: **<u>Do not know.</u>**

CASUALTY QUESTIONAIRE

- 1. Your name Lawrence F. Dixon, Jr. Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 34607342
- 2. Organization AC Gp Commander Hawes Rank Col Sqn CO Donovan Rank Maj.
- 3. What year <u>1944</u> month <u>Dec</u> day <u>17</u> did you go down?
- 4. What was the mission, <u>Blechhammer</u>, target, <u>oil refinery</u>, target time, <u>1105</u>, altitude, <u>21,000 ft</u> route scheduled, <u>Adriatic to Lake Ballentine</u>, route flown <u>same as scheduled</u>.
- 5. Where were you when you left formation? **Did not leave.**
- 6. Did you bail out? Yes.
- 7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Four.**
- 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? **Do not know.**
- 10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **Do not know.**
- 11. Where were they in aircraft? **Do not know.**
- 12. What was their condition? **Do not know.**
- 13. When, where, and in what condition did you <u>last</u> see any members not already described above? <u>Hailey at take off. Hendrix at take off. Sugg at take off. Killian at take off. Fajkus at take off. Herman at take off. Arrotta, Arrowood, Spencer last seen at Stalag Luft, Wetzler, Germany.</u>
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **None.**

2 nd Lt. Max H. Hailey	Mrs. Jeneviere Hailey (Wife) Walnut Grove, Missouri
2 nd Lt. James G. Hendrix	Mrs. Norma Mae Hendrix (Wife) 2504 Sink Street Winston-Salem, North Carolina
2 nd Lt. Harbord P. Sugg, Jr.	Mr. Harbord P. Sugg (Father) 119 East Seventeenth Street Ada, Oklahoma
2 nd Lt. Ivyl L. Killian	Mrs. Ann E. Killian (Mother) 5660 Kingsbury Street Saint Louis, Missouri
T/Sgt. Lawrence F. Dixon, Jr.	Mrs. Alexina B. Dixon (Mother) Box 124 Piagah Forest, North Carolina
S/Sgt. Jacob Herman, 3 rd	Mr. Jacob Herman, Jr. (Father) 505 Pleasant Street Holyoke, Massachusetts
Sgt. Harry D. Spencer	Mrs. Des A. Spencer (Wife) Fruitland, Iowa
Sgt. Julius G. Fajkus	Mr. George Fajkus (Father) Box 222 Bloomington, Texas
Sgt. Palmer D. Arrowood	Mrs. Anna Arrowood (Mother) Langley, Kentucky
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