

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

10676

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 765th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta Field, Italy Course Direct to target
Target Linz, Austria Type of mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 Undercast
4. GIVE: [a] Date 15 Dec 1944 Time 1145 Last known position Vordernberg, Austria
[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 **Engine trouble.**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51346
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: Jake's Nabor
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] CP 315727
[b] CP 315742 [c] CP 315712 [d] CP 315801
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number]
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| [a] B-50 1255431 | [e] B-50 646601 | [i] B-50 645336 |
| [b] B-50 1195458 | [f] B-50 645176 | [j] B-50 685328 |
| [c] B-50 646146 | [g] B-50 685215 | |
| [d] B-50 686512 | [h] B-50 686855 | |
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: Battle Casualty, Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 11; Passengers 0; Total 11
[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	Marshall, Clarence P., 1 st Lt. 0-709225	RTD	Mrs. Martha Sue Marshall (Wife) 710 N. Joplin Ave., Pittsburg, Kansas
[2] Co-Pilot	Jarnagin, Calvin E., 1 st Lt. 0-713686	RTD	Mrs. Iodilia Jarnagin (Mother) Route #2, Colorado City, Texas
[3] Nav	Dick, Frank M., 1 st Lt. 0-718260	RTD	Mrs. Katherine Mary Dick (Mother) 122 Davis Ave., Brookline, Mass.
[4] Bomb	Nayes, LeRoy M., 2 nd Lt. 0-780414	RTD	Mr. Lawrence M. Nayes (Father) Fingal, North Dakota
[5] RWG	Steinberg, Calvin S., S/Sgt. 12187370	MIA	Mrs. Anne P. Steinberg (Mother) 1854 66 th St., Brookklyn, New York
[6] LWG	Commander, Gordon L., S/Sgt. 14163540	DED	Mrs. Frances T. Commander (Mother) PO Box 14, Argyle, Florida
[7] TTG	DeRosa, Joseph M., S/Sgt. 36745590	DED	Mrs. Maria DeRosa (Mother) 1124 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.
[8] TG	Hill, Albert G., Sgt. 34829901	RTD	Mrs. Etta C. Hill (Mother) Route #1, Fortson, Georgia
[9] BTG	Sundquist, Gus A., S/Sgt. 33702300	DED	Mrs. Anna Sundquist (Mother) 909 Morton Ave., Port Vue, McKeesport, Pa.
[10] NTG	Wroclawski, Jan E., S/Sgt. 32884714	RTD	Mrs. Aniela Wroclawski (Mother) Graudenz Truke St. 3, Poland
[11] Aerial	Martino, James J., Cpl.	RTD	Mrs. Mary Martino (Mother)

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158 Maplewood Ave., Cranston, R.I.

[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] Robert T. Chalmers	Capt.	0-798437	X			

[2]

[3]

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] **Impossible to determine.**

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:.

19 December 1944

Alfred B. Taylor, Jr.
1st Lt, Air Corps
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 520, c/o, NY, NY

19 December 1944

STATEMENT

At about 1145, 15 December 1944, Lt. Marshall contacted me on radio and told me he was going to abort. He said that one engine was out and a prop was running away and he could not feather it. He then pulled out of formation. At that time we were in the vicinity of Vordernberg, Austria.

/s/ Robert T. Chalmers
Capt., Air Corps
765th Bomb Sq (H)

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 US ARMY

21 January 1945
S: 31 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, 49th Wing, APO 520.

1. Inclosed information, supplementary to Missing Air Crew Report, has been obtained from:

LeRoy M. Naves	2nd Lt.	0-780414	461st B Gp
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)

2. It is desired that casualty status of personnel referred to be reviewed.

a. In cases where men are declared to be dead, if the commanding officer believes evidence to be reasonably conclusive, appropriate corrected battle casualty report will be submitted. If evidence is not deemed sufficient, then a statement will be made of reasons for presumption of survival.

b. If place of casualty shown on original battle casualty report does not agree with statement, corrected report should be submitted for those men still missing.

c. Personnel should be reported Captured or Interned only when evidence shows actual incarceration in an established prison camp or safe arrival in a neutral country.

d. If no change is indicated, statement has been forwarded to you for information and inclusion of copy with Missing Air Crew Report.

3. Report will be made by indorsement hereon of action taken.

By command of Major General TWINNING:

/s/ Windle D. Reel
Major, Air Corps
Assistant AG.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE
APO 520 US ARMY

S: 20 Jan 45
10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report.

TO: Commanding General, 49th Wing, APO 520.

4. Inclosed information, supplementary to Missing Air Crew Report, has been obtained from:

Clarence P. Marshall	1st Lt.	0-709225	461st B Gp
(Name)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)

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By command of Major General TWINNING:

/s/ Windle D. Reel
Major, Air Corps
Assistant AG.

1st Ind. S: 29 January 45 C-WRT-9
HQ 49TH BOMB WING (H), APO 520, 24 January 45.

TO: CO, 461st Bomb Gp (H), APO 520.

For appropriate action.

By command of Brigadier General LEE:

/s/ Frank E. Marek
Major, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant

AG 360.33 2nd Ind. S: 28 Jan 45 LCP/rfq
Hq 461st Bomb Group (H), APO 520, 26 Jan 45.

TO CO, 765th Bomb Squadron (H), APO 520.

For compliance with basic communication.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel LAWHON:

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

AG 360.33 3rd Ind. ABT/cfs
Hq, 765th Bomb Squadron (H), APO 520, c/o PM. NY, NY, 27 Jan 45.

TO: CO, 461st Bomb Group (H), APO 520, c/o PM, NY, NY.

The enclosed Supplement to Missing Air Crew Report is not deemed conclusive evidence to submit a corrected Battle Casualty Report on subject personnel.

For the Squadron COMMANDER:

/s/ Alfred B. Taylor, Jr.
1st Lt., Air Corps
Adjutant

293 FILE		DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED			
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) Commander, Gordon L.			GRADE S/Sgt.	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER 14163540	
ORGANIZATION 765 Bomb Sq 461 st Bomb Gp Air Corps		RACE White	CREED Prot	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)	
DATE OF DEATH/MIA 15 Dec 44		CAUSE OF DEATH FOD		PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA B-24 bailed out into Sava River near Kutina, Yugoslavia	
DATE OF FOD 16 Dec 45					
HEIGHT 5'103/4"	WEIGHT 123	COLOR EYES Blue	COLOR HAIR Brown	SHOE SIZE Not of rec	
DENTAL CHART 8 Oct 42					
UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1			UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9			LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16		
✕ = Extracted			0 = Carlous		1 = Carlous Non-Restorable
FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS			TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK		
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Age: 22 (MIA)					

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **SUNDQUIST, Gus A.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **33702300**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Ball Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Kutina, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Just before he jumped.**

Was he injured? **No.**

Where was he when last seen? **I saw his chute in the water before I landed.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **I couldn't find him or his chute in the water. The water was cold and he landed approx. ½ mile from any land. The only explanation I have is that he drowned.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **32 Approx.**

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DE ROSA, Joseph M.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **36745590**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Top Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Kutina, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Last contact was before we left the ground.**

Was he injured? **Not before he left the plane.**

Where was he when last seen? **At base.**

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **As far as I know except for seeing his chute, his fate was same as Sundquist.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **32 of 33 Approx.**

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **COMMANDER, Gordon L.**
Rank: **S/Sgt.**
Serial number: **14163540**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Near Kutina, Yugoslavia.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Just before he bailed out (1st man out).**

Was he injured? **Not before he left the ship.**

Where was he when last seen? **I saw his chute in the water before I landed.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **Same as Sundquist but I didn't see any ?????.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **34 Approx.**

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

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **DICK, Frank M.**
Rank: **1st Lt.**
Serial number: **0-718260**
Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Yes.**

Where? **Same as others.**

If not, why not?

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **At the base.**

Was he injured? **Not before bailing out.**

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information:;

Source:

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

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

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

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Albert G. Hill Rank S/Sgt. Serial No. 34829901
2. Organization Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Rank.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, , target, , target time, , altitude, route scheduled, , route flown.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Over Austria.
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) None.
11. Where were they in aircraft?.
12. What was their condition? .
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Commander & Sundquist just before bailing out and saw chutes on water. Flood water from a river near Kutina, Yugoslavia. The water was cold. Kutina is about 50 miles southeast of Zagrab, Yugoslavia. We were headed in that direction when we bailed out. Commander, first; Sundquist, second; Martina, third; Hill, fourth. That is as much as I know about the bailing out. I saw the chutes hit the water but when I hit the tree & was rescued, I only found the camera man (Martina) on a 5' by 20' piece of land cold & blue in the face. He didn't know me. After changing his wet clothes & giving him my flying tags & massaging his face, arms & legs, he came to about 2 hours later. It's a damn wonder he didn't have a bad cold. We stayed in a village near Kutina. We never did go to Kutina because of the Germans.
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. .

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Calvin Steinberg Rank T/Sgt. Serial No. 12187370
2. Organization 461st Gp Hawes Commander Col. Rank Sqn CO Applegate Rank Lt. Col.
3. What year 1944 month Dec day 15 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Industrial Areas, target, Linz, Austria, target time, 1200, altitude, 9,000 ft. route scheduled, Yugo to Austria, route flown Up to Vordernberg, Austria.
5. Where were you when you left formation? Vordernberg, Austria.
6. Did you bail out? Yes.
7. Did other members of crew bail out? All bailed out except the pilot and co-pilot who were supposed to be out after me.
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 first ones out were the camera man, Gus Sundquist, tail gunner, Commander, 5 minutes later Wroclawski, De Rosa, Dick and our bombardier. All chutes opened as I watched. Two minutes later I jumped.
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) No knowledge.
11. Where were they in aircraft? :
12. What was their condition? :
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not 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. Germans bragged to me that they had shot the navigator for refusing to tell any information. Also stated that two of my crewmates had drowned.

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2nd Lt. LeRoy M. Naves	Mr. Lawrence M. Naves (Father) Rural Route Number One Fingal, North Dakota
S/Sgt. Gordon L. Commander	Mrs. Frances T. Commander (Mother) 1626 Richery Street Saint Andrews, Florida
S/Sgt. Calvin S. Steinberg	Mrs. Anna P. Steinberg (Mother) 1854 66th Street Brooklyn, New York
S/Sgt. Joseph M. De Rosa	Mrs. Maria De Rosa (Mother) 1124 South Oak Park Avenue Oak Park, Illinois
S/Sgt. Gus A. Sundquist	Mrs. Anna Sundquist (Mother) 909 Morton Avenue Port Vue McKeesport, Pennsylvania
Sgt. Albert G. Hill	Mrs. Etta C. Hill (Mother) Route One Fortson, Georgia
S/Sgt. Jan E. Wroclawski	Mrs. Margary Manhoia (Friend) Box 816 McFarland, California
Cpl. James J. Martino	Mrs. Mary Martino (Mother) 158 Maplewood Avenue Cranston, Rhode Island