

**WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

11806

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:
Scattered clouds over target

4. GIVE: [a] Date 20 Jan 1945 Time 1238 Last known position Linz, 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

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24 J AAF Serial Number 42-51378

7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: _____

8. ENGINES: Type, model & series P&W R-1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] 325558
[b] 301558 [c] 402023 [d] 42-8857

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

[a] <u>1261585</u>	[e] <u>1260889</u>	[i] <u>1261719</u>
[b] <u>1262006</u>	[f] <u>1262049</u>	[j] <u>1261957</u>
[c] <u>1260935</u>	[g] <u>1260944</u>	
[d] <u>1262032</u>	[h] <u>1261793</u>	

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	Yancy, James R., 2 nd Lt. 0-927435	MIA	Mrs. Hester A. Yancy (Mother) 116 Hagerman Court, Lexington, Ky.
[2] CP	Albregts, August H., 2 nd Lt. 0-716028	MIA	Mrs. Yolanda Albregts (Wife) 740 Titus Ave., Rochester, New York
[3] Nav	Raimo, George (NMI), F/O T129187	MIA	Mrs. Mary De Feo (Grandmother) 3559 Mariposa St., Denver, Colorado
[4] Bomb	Krueger, John H., F/O T-127797	MIA	Mrs. Ida Sarah Johnson (Mother) 3819 2 nd Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.
[5] TTG	Helwig, Fred A. Jr., Cpl. 16135018	MIA	Mr. Fred A. Helwin, Sr. (Father) 114 Ashland Ave., River Forest, Ill.
[6] BTG	Monaco, Anthony J., Cpl. 32787811	MIA	Mrs. Maria Monaco (Mother) 5-11 50 th Ave., Long Island City, N.Y.
[7] TTG	Harris, Arthur M., Jr., Cpl. 14130475	MIA	Arthur M. Harris, Sr. (Father) 115 Dillard St., Durham, North Carolina
[8] NTG	Gibbs, Robert H., Cpl. 16152876	MIA	Mr. Earl J. Gibbs (Father) 46 N. 2 nd St., Evansville, Wisconsin
[9] LWG	Mc Rae, George L., Cpl. 11093577	MIA	Mrs. Mary McRae (Mother) 28 Hopkins St., Melrose, Mass.
[10] RWG	Morrell, Joseph W., Cpl. 34725150	MIA	Mrs. Bell M. Morrell (Mother) Route #2, Roan Mt., Tennessee
[11] Photo	Kenyon, Lloyd E., S/Sgt. 38563341	MIA	Mrs. Luella Kenyon (Mother) General Delivery, Jefferson, Okla.

[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] Norman D. Kimball	2nd Lt.	0-206139		X		
[2] James E. Carter	S/Sgt.	14082463		X		
[3]						

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

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: **No search made by this organization.**

Date: **23 January 1945**

Alfred B. Taylor
1st Lt., AC, Adj.

765TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP
APO 520 US ARMY

23 January 1945

STATEMENT

Lt. Yancy was flying on our right wing. Shortly before the bombs were dropped he received a direct hit in the bomb bays, it appeared. He peeled off to the right and broke in two behind the wing and burst into flame. I could see no one get out but was unable to watch him long because we dropped our bombs and closed our bomb bays.

/s/ Norman D. Kimball
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
765th Bomb Sq (H)

STATEMENT

On January 20, 1945 I was flying tail gunner in No. 2 position. Over the target, Linz, Austria, I saw Lt. Yancy's aircraft receive a direct flak hit in the bomb bays. The aircraft broke in half behind the wing. I did not see any chutes open.

/s/ James E. Carter
S/Sgt., 14082463
765th Bomb Sq (H)

EXCERPTS FROM GERMAN RECORDS

Six bodies (Helwig, Krueger, Morrell, Raimo, Yancy and Kenyon) were identified. The rest of the crew is missing or else were blown up by the explosion of the airplane, except for 3 corpses (rests) found later on which identification could not be made.

Date and time: 20 Jan. 1945 at 1240

Place: Linz, Helletzgruberber 30

Shot down by flak. Stabilizer and a part of wing dismounted in the air. Rest of airplane crashed in a house of Linz (Helletzgr. Str.) exploded and burst up.

Type aircraft: Liberator

The airplane crashed burning on a two-floor house and burst up or melted completely. The motors were shattered too; no serial number plate could be found. The height stabilizer was laying a distance of about 1500 meters and was hardly damaged.

Markings of craft: on red-white-red background, #42-51378.

Place of internment of recovered bodies: in cemetery at Linz. Date and time of internment unknown.

1st Ind.

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AIR DIVISION, HQ UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA, APO 777, US ARMY
9 Feb 46

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C. Attn: Chief,
Notification Section, Personal Affairs Branch, Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

1. In compliance with instructions contained in paragraph 2, basic communication, the undersigned personally interrogated Corporal (now Sergeant) Harold F. Boro, 32994531, regarding the status of Cpl Arthur M. Harris.
2. The information received from Sgt. Boro is submitted for your information.
 - a) On the morning of 20 January 1945 before takeoff, Sgt. Boro was entrusted with the wings of the enlisted combat crew members of the aircraft in which Cpl Harris flew.
 - b) On the evening of 20 January 1945 Sgt. Boro was informed by eyewitnesses that the aircraft in which Cpl Harris was flying was seen to explode in mid-air over the target of Linz, Austria. No parachutes were seen to open. No one was seen escaping from the ship. It was the belief of witnesses that crew members of the ship in question were killed.
 - c) In May 1945, Sergeant Boro forwarded the wings that Cpl Harris had left behind to Mr. Arthur M. Harris, Sr. He wrote no explanation because he was governed by the security regulations govern MIA casualties. Sgt. Boro was a close friend of Cpl Harris.
 - d) Sergeant Boro can be reached directly at this address.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR DIVISION:

/s/ Richard H. Goldstone
Captain, Air Corps
Acting Adjutant

Headquarters, Army air forces
Washington

13 December 1945

SUBJECT: Corporal Harold F. Boro, 32994531

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters, OAF Austria
APO #698
New York, New York

1. Mr. Arthur M. Harris, Sr., father of Corporal Arthur M. Harris, has received his son's wings from subject-named enlisted man. No explanation was given by Corporal Boro, and Mr. Harris is anxious to know how the wings were obtained.
2. Request that Corporal Boro be interrogated to ascertain circumstances under which wings were forwarded to Mr. Harris, and for all knowledge he may have pertaining to Corporal Harris' disappearance.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ John J. Smith
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

2nd Lt. James R. Yancy

**Mrs. James L. Yancy (Mother)
116 Hagerman Court
Lexington, Kentucky**

2nd Lt. August H. Albregts

**Mrs. Yolanda E. Albregts (Wife)
740 Titus Avenue
Rochester, New York**

F/O George Raimo

**Mrs. Mary DeFlo (Grandmother))
3553 Mariposa Street
Denver, Colorado**

F/O John H. Krueger

**Mrs. Ida S. Krueger (Mother)
3819 Second Avenue, South
Minneapolis, Missesota**

S/Sgt. Lloyd E. Kenyon

**Mrs. Luella Kenyon (Mother)
Rural Free Delivery
Jefferson, Oklahoma**

Cpl. Fred A. Helwig, Jr.

**Mr. Fred A. Helwig, Sr. (Father)
114 Ashland Avenue
River Forest, Illinois**

Cpl. Anthony J. Monaco

**Miss Rose Monaco (Sister)
511 50th Avenue
Long Island City, New York**

Cpl. Arthur M. Harris, Jr.

**Mr. Arthur M. Harris, Sr. (Father)
115 N. Dillard Street
Durham, North Carolina**

Cpl. Robert H. Gibbs

**Mr. Earl J. Gibbs (Father)
46 North 2nd Street
Evansville, Wisconsin**

Cpl. George L. McRae

**Mrs. Mary A. McRae (Mother)
26 Hopkins Street
Melrose, Massachusetts**

Cpl. Joseph W. Morrell

**Mrs. Mary J. Morrell (Wife)
200 Donna Avenue
Elizabethton, Tennessee**