**The Missing Air Crew Report 10650**

**War Department**  
**Headquarters Army Air Forces**  
**Washington**

**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: direct to target  
   Target: Blachhammer, Germany  
   Type of mission: bombing

3. **Weather Conditions and Visibility at Time of Crash or When Last Reported:** CAVU

4. **Give:**  
   [a] Date: 17 Dec 1944  
   Time: 1200  
   Last known position: near M oglitz, Germany
   [b] Specify whether:  
   X Last sighted,  
   Forced down,  
   Seen to crash,  
   Last contacted by radio,  
   No information

5. **Aircraft [Lost] [Believed Lost] as a Result of:**  
   X Enemy aircraft,  
   Enemy anti-aircraft,  
   Other.

6. **Aircraft:** Type, model & series: B-24 J  
   AAF Serial Number: 44-41158

7. **Nickname of Aircraft:**  
   None (Number 77 painted on side)

8. **Engines:** Type, model & series: P&W R-1830-43  
   AAF serial Number:  
   [a] BP-442658  
   [b] BP-442584  
   [c] BP-41186  
   [d] BP-442660

9. **Installed Weapons:** [Make, type and serial number]  
   All Browning Cal. 50  
   [a] LU 130340  
   [b] RB 1205264  
   [c] LN 1253557  
   [d] RN 1253266

10. **Personnel Listed Below Reported As:**  
    X Battle Casualty,  
    Non Battle Casualty

11. **Number of Persons Aboard Aircraft:**  
    Crew: 10  
    Passengers: 0  
    Total: 10

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<th>CREW POSITION</th>
<th>FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial]</th>
<th>RANK, SERIAL NUMBER</th>
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<td>1 Pilot</td>
<td>Hailey, Max H., 2nd Lt.</td>
<td>0-705686</td>
<td>MIA</td>
<td>Mrs. Jeneviere W. Hailey (Wife) Walnut Grove, Missouri</td>
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<td>2 Co-pilot</td>
<td>Hendrix, James G., 2nd Lt.</td>
<td>0-820015</td>
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<td>Sugg, Harbord P., Jr., 2nd Lt.</td>
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<td>Killian, Ivyl L., 2nd Lt.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Ann E. Killian (Mother) 5660 Kingsbury St., St. Louis, Mo.</td>
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<td>5 LGW</td>
<td>Spencer, Harry D., Sgt.</td>
<td>999186</td>
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<td>6 TTG</td>
<td>Fajkus, Julius G., Sgt.</td>
<td>18248730</td>
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<td>7 TG</td>
<td>Arrowood, Palmer, Sgt.</td>
<td>35769407</td>
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<td>8 BTG</td>
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<td>9 NTG</td>
<td>Herman, Jacob III, S/Sgt.</td>
<td>12178959</td>
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<td>10 RWG</td>
<td>Dixon, Lawrence V. Jr., T/Sgt.</td>
<td>34607342</td>
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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<th>NAME IN FULL</th>
<th>RANK</th>
<th>SERIAL No.</th>
<th>CONTACTED BY RADIO</th>
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<th>SAW CRASH</th>
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<td>[1] Lloyd E. Kenyon</td>
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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

Date: 26 Dec 1944
/s/ Raymond L Wilcovitz
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: HERMAN, Jacob III
Rank: S/Sgt.
Serial number: 12178959
Position: Crew (Bomber) 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: Think he was killed when plane crashed.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 49.

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know.
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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: Think he was killed when plane crashed.

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

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know.
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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: **Think he was killed when plane crashed.**

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

Dates and destinations if possible: **Do not know.**
INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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: Think he was killed when plane crashed.

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

Dates and destinations if possible: Do not know.
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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: **Think he was killed when plane crashed.**

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

Dates and destinations if possible: **Do not know.**
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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: **Interphone: I said “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: **Think he was killed when plane crashed.**

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

Dates and destinations if possible: **Do not know.**
CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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 **1944**  
month **Dec**  
day **17** did you go down?

4. What was the mission, **Blechhammer**, target, **oil refinery**, target time, **1105**, altitude, **21,000 ft** route scheduled, **Adriatic to Lake Ballentine**, route flown **same as scheduled**.

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 last see any members not already described above? **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.**

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