

4035

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RESTRICTED

Classification changed

to RESTRICTED

by

by

Date

MAR - 5 1946

01., AG

RESTRICTED

CONFIDENTIAL

2d Lt. Milton A. Friedman.

Mrs. Susette G. Friedman, (Wife)
724 Virginia Street,
Graham, Texas.

S/Sgt. Samuel E. Johnson.

Mrs. Jane M. Johnson, (Wife)
Box 572,
Wanda, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt. Fred J. Matell.

Mrs. Ruth H. Matell, (Wife)
234 43d Street,
West New York, New Jersey.

S/Sgt. Harry W. Ganner.

Mrs. Elsie L. Ganner, (Mother)
309 Stone Terrace,
Los Angeles, California.

T/Sgt. Hardy J. Walker.

Mrs. Rosemary J. Walker, (Mother)
42-09 172d Street,
Flushing, New York.

T/Sgt. Arthur Schlegel.

Mrs. Ida Schlegel, (Mother)
1492 Pitkin Avenue,
New York, New York.

2d Lt. Laurence S. Steck.

Mr. Daniel S. Steck, (Father)
62 South Dandalk Avenue,
Dundalk, Maryland.

Flight Officer James Gurnady.

Mr. Frank A. Gurnady, (Father)
Route Number Four, Box 80,
West Monroe, Louisiana.

S/Sgt. James W. Dotson.

Mrs. Leona Dotson, (Grandmother)
2836 Richmond Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Flight Officer Vincent G. Lisanti.

Mrs. Angeline R. Lisanti, (Wife)
47 Virginia Avenue,
Rochester 11, New York.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

360.33 5th Ind.
HQ, 450TH I MB GROUP (H), APO 520, U.S. Army, 23 April 1944

003/nej

TO: Commanding Officer, 55th Bomb Wg (H), APO 520, U.S. Army

4035

Correction have been made as required by 2nd Ind. and the corrected report is forwarded herewith.

For the Group Commander:

Clyde O. Carpenter, Jr.
CLYDE O. CARPENTER, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

360.33 6th Ind.
HQ, 55th Bomb Wg (Hv), APO 520, US Army, 25 Apr 44.

C/WDC/lv

TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520, US Army.

749 Battle Casualty Report forwarded 19 April 1944.

For the Wing Commander:

H. W. Tittel
H. W. TITTEL,
Lt Col, AC,
Adjutant.

1 Incl (in quad)

5268 AG 360.33 7th Ind.
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 28 April 1944.

GP-hm/gow

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

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-61, dated 22 April 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 22 April 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 (dup).

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

761ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
460TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Commanding Officer
APO 520 US ARMY

AG 360.33

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.


TO : Commanding Officer, 460th Bomb Group (H) APO 520 US ARMY.

1. In compliance with Ltr Hqs XVth AF AG 360.33 dd 5 Jan 44 in preparation with Missing Air Crew Reports enclosed is submitted.

2. Subject Personnel are Battle Casualties as defined by Sec 11, MATOUSA Cir 10, dd 24 Jan 44 current series.

3. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your Hqs on 16 Apr 44.

For the Squadron Commander:


JAMES J. FLANNERY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant., 761st Bomb Sq (H)

1 Incl:

Incl - 1 MAC Report, PRIDEAUX, MINTON A. and crew.
18 April 1944 (in quint) W/2 Incl.

AG 360.33

1st Ind.


COC/wej

HQ, 460TH BOMB GP (H), APO 520, U.S. Army, 20 April 1944

TO: CO, 55th Bomb Wg (H), APO 520, U.S. Army

Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:


CLYDE O. CARPENTER, JR.
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CONFIDENTIAL

360.33 2nd Ind. C-WDC-14
Hq 55th Bomb Wing (Hv), APO 520, U. S. Army, 21 April 1944.

TO: CO, 460th Bomb Gp (H), APO 520, U. S. Army.

1. Returned for correction of Missing Air Crew Report as indicated in confidential letter, Hq 15th Air Force, file AG 360.33, dated 5 January 1944.

a. Paragraph 8 of MAC is not complete, as it only shows serial number of installed guns.

b. Paragraph 10, MAC report shows rank of Arthur (nmi) Schleger, 32510095 as S/ Sgt and Hardy J. Walker, 12190914 as S/Sgt. Battle Casualty Report dated 16 April 1944 shows both of these men as T/Sgts.

c. Paragraph 12 should be marked, "not applicable".

d. Paragraph 13 has not been complied with.


e. List of inclosures is not shown on MAC report as indicated in paragraph 1. e. of cited letter.

f. Report should reach this Headquarters in quintuplicate as indicated in paragraph 1. b. of cited letter.

2. It is directed that necessary action be taken to insure prompt and accurate preparation of subsequent Missing Air Crew reports and that they agree in name, rank and serial number with Battle Casualty Reports. In the event it is found that the Battle Casualty Report was in error, a corrected report will be submitted promptly.

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

1 Incl: n/c


H. W. TITTEL,
Lt Col, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

360.33

3rd Ind.


COC/w:j

HQ, 460TH BOMB GROUP (H), APO 520, U.S. Army, 22 April 1944

TO: CO, 76th Bomb Sq (H), APO 520, U.S. Army

1. For compliance with 2nd Ind.
2. Squadron Operations will check this report before forwarding to this Headquarters to insure that the technical information is complete. If the information is not available, such remark will be placed in the appropriate place.

By order of Lt Col HARRISON:


CLAUDE O. CARPENTER, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

360.22

4th Ind.


JJF/jnc

761ST BOMB SQUADRON, 460TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF, APO 520 US ARMY

TO: Commanding Officer, 460TH BOMB GROUP (H) AAF, APO 520 US ARMY.

1. 2nd indorsement has been complied with.
2. T/Sgt Arthur (NMI) Schleger, 32510095, and T/Sgt Hardy J. Walker 12190914, were promoted to their present grade from S/Sgt on the 15th of April 1944, and at the time that the Missing Air Crew report was forwarded by our Operations Office, they were unaware of this fact.

For the Squadron Commander:


JAMES J. FLANNERY,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant

1 Incl: n/c

US CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON
MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Classification changed
by 1. RESTRICTED Lt. Col., AG
by P. M. W. J. M. J., Capt., AG
Date Mar 15 1944

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 Spinazzola; Command or Air Force 15th AF
Group 460th (H); Squadron 761st (H); Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Spinazzola; Course As briefed
Intended Destination Budapest; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT THE TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 2 to 4/10 cloud coverage over target.
4. GIVE: (a) Date 4-13-44; Time 14:15; and location 45° 20' N 19° 20' E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H; AAF Serial Number 42-52380
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43; AAF Serial Number _____
(a) CP 301346 (b) CP 301400 (c) CP 301365 (d) CP 301514
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) Boeing Automatic
50 Cal Machine Gun
(a) 1153329; (b) 1153340; (c) 679999; (d) 1153319
(e) 680123; (f) 681123; (g) 951985; (h) 951983
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
(b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0
Total 10

(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	<u>POW PRIDEAUX, MINTON A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-682896 RTD</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>POW GURADY, JAMES (NMI)</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-120425 RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>POW STECK, LAURENCE S.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-451934 RTD</u>
4. Bombardier	<u>POW LISANTI, VINCENT G.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-122629 RTD</u>
5. Engineer	<u>POW Schlegel, Arthur (NMI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>32510095 RTD</u>
6. Radio Optr	<u>POW Walker, Hardy J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>12190914 RTD</u>
7. Asst Engineer	<u>POW Johnson, Samuel R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>17166293 RTD</u>
8. Asst Radio Optr	<u>POW Conner, Harry W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>39849554 RTD</u>
9. Armor Gunner	<u>POW Natoli, Fred J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>32390075 RTD</u>
10. Asst Armor Gunner	<u>POW Dotson, James W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>15017636 RTD</u>
11.			
12.			

US CONFIDENTIAL EQUALS BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

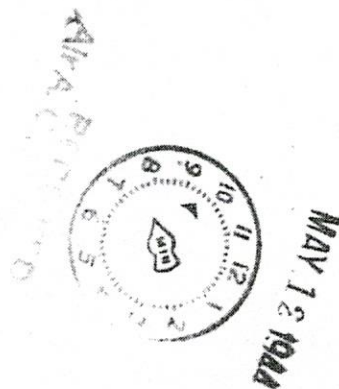
Check only one column

	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	NETIER, WALTON E.	2nd Lt	0-807756		X		
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____ (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____ Not Applicable
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE No search

Date of Report 18 April 1944

Richard E. Anderson
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
RICHARD E. ANDERSON,
Capt, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.



761ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
Office of the Operations Officer
APO 520 New York, N.Y.

April 18, 1944

SUBJECT: Eye witness account of Missing Crew.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Lt. PRIDEAUX'S ship first feathered No. 1 engine just past the target. Started losing altitude and falling back of the formation, No. 1 engine trailing smoke. Last seen about 20 or 90 miles this side of target, of April 13, before we got to the mountains. As he trailed in formation and got a distance away, two M.E. 410's attacked him in criss cross fire but he still kept control as far as we could see him. Last seen about 5500 to 6000 ft. above the ground but losing altitude steadily.

W. E. METIER
2nd Lt., AC

W. E. Metier
2nd Lt. A.C.

"Sight A"

