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This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an IMPORTANT: air crew member is officially reported missing.

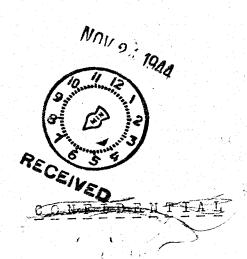
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| 6. | AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-26045 BETTLE # 86 :AAF Serial Number &2-107533 |
| 7. | NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any "Gean" |
| 8. | ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800 43 AAF Serial Number (a) 42-52946 ; (b) FP-060290 ; (c) ; (d) |
| 9. | INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Mumber); (a) 664488 ; (b) 663953 ; (c) 664429 ; (d) 664348 % (e) 173827 ; (f) 402323 ; (g) 664574 ; (h) (i) ; (j) ; (k) ; (l) (m) ; (o) ; (p) |
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GROATE A. JACKSON Captain, Air Corps, Statistical Officer.



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5 November, 1944.

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AG 360.33/030 - C. Wrapper Ind. HQ., MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army, 17 November 1944. JKR/rf

TO: CG, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C. (Att: Statistical Control Division).

Forwarding Missing Air Crew Reports carrying AG Casualty Branch Control Numbers 898 thru 909 inclusive.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

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Asst. Adjutant General.

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AG 360.33 2nd Ind. XAG-LHG-bb-30 HQ, THELFTH AF (MAIN), APO 650, US Army, 10 Nov 44.

TO: CO. MTCUSA. APO 512. US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section.

- 1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
- 2. Eattle Casualty Report (B 257) was forwarded your hq 9 Nov 44.
 For the Commending General:

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D. S. JACKSON Major, ACD Asst. Adjutant Ceneral

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6 November, 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 42nd Wing APO 650 U.S. Army.

1. In compliance with letter D File AG 704 Subj. "Missing air Crew Report", dated 7 July, 1944 the following information is hereby submitted to your Headquarters.

2. Battle Casualty report has been forwarded to your Headquarters and the original and 1st copy were submitted direct to 12th Air Force, 6 November, 1944.

For the group Commander:

James R. aDaanus Captain, Air Corps, Adjutant.

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Incl 1 - Missing Air Grew Report

Incl 2 - Sketch map.

Incl 3 - Statement: Captain Gennill.

AG 319.11 C-3
HEADQUARTERS, 42ND BOMB WING (US), APO 650, US ARAY, 6 NOVEMBER 1944.

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AFPPA-12 CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

| Name of crew member: KAUFMAN, Gene (NMI) k: Cpl. Serial number: 18179194 Position: Crew (Bomber) or MANN ARROWS Gene (NMI) Arm. Gunner |
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| Did he bail out? NO. |
| Where? |
| If not, why not? REASCN NOT KNOWN .HE HAD ORDERS TO BAIL AND HIS CHUTE WAS |
| CN. WITH THE ESCAPE DCOR CPEN FOR HEM TO LEAVE. Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: HE CALLED |
| THAT HE HAD BEEN HIT AND I SENT THE WAIST GUTTER BACK TO HELP HIM. |
| Was he injured? HIS HANDS HAD BEEN HIT BY 20mm SHRAPNEL. |
| Where was he when last seen? ETSIDE THE ESCAPE DCCR OF THE TAIL GUNNER |
| Any hearsay information: THE PILOT TOLD ME THAT THE DAY AFTER WE WERE SHOT |
| DOWN THE GERMANS ERCUGHT IN LETTERS ADDRESSED TO KAUFMAN, SOME BEING |
| PARTLY BURNED. THIS IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY MEMORY. |
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| Source: PILOT: JAMES R. LOGSDON, CAREY, OHIO. |
| Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: IT IS BELIVED |
| THAT CPL, KAUFMAN NEVER LEFT THE SHIP. THE REASON FOR THIS , I HAVE NO |
| TDEA. |
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| Total number of missions of above crew member: NOT KNOWN. |
| Dates and destinations if possible: |
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INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

| Name of crew member: RELLEY, Edward A. |
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| Sgt. Sorial number: 17159851 Position: Crew (Bomber) or Third Science: Engineer Gunner |
| Did he bail out? NO. |
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| Where? REASON NOT KNOWN.HE WAS SEEN LAST HOCKING ON PARACHUTE If not, why not? |
| Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: CRDERS FROM |
| THE PILCT TO BAIL OUT SCT. KELLEY ACKNOWLEDGED |
| Was he injured? FOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. |
| Where was he when last seen? UNDER THE TURRET BY THE RADIO MAN |
| Any hearsay information: THE PICCT TOLD AFTER WE WERE LIBERATED THAT |
| SGT. KELLEY'S DCG TAGS WERE BROUGET TO HIM AND THEM LOCKED AS |
| THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN BURNED. ONLY FOUR 'CHUTES LEFT THE PLANE |
| AND WE ARE ALL ACCOUNTED FOR. |
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| Source: THIS WAS TOLD ME BY THE PILOT, JAMES R. LOGSDON, CAREY, OHIC. |
| Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: TO THE REST OF |
| MY BELIEF SCT. KELLEY NEVER LEFT THE PLANE AND HE WAS KILLED |
| WHEN IT CRASHED. |
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| Total number of missions of above crew member: NCT KNOWN. |
| Dates and destinations if possible: |
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- Ist. Lt. James R. Logsdon.....Pilet
- Lt. Logsdon bailed out of nose wheel hatch, after other crew members. He was not injured in the plane.
- 2nd. Lt. Gerald L. Smith......Co-Pilet
- Lt. Smith was wounded in the plane, he bailed out through nose wheel hatch. I followed him out, therefore I did not see that the other crew members did. I know only from what S/Sgt Deluca teld me and what the Germans teld me.
- S/Sgt. George P. Drevas......Gunner-Bembardist

I was not wounded in the plane. I bailed out through the nose wheel hatch right after Lt. Smith.

Sgt. Edward A. Kelly......Engineer-Gunner

Kelly was not wounded, but he was coming down out of the tep turret, and was reaching for his chute when the plane went into a spin. That is when S/Sgt. Be Luca left the plane.

I would say that Kelly was knocked unconscious, when the plane started to spin. If he were conscious, he could have bailed out when Lt. Logsdon leveled the plane out just before he bailed out himself.

Cpl. Gene Kaufman......Arm, -Gunner

As I described on the attached Individual Casuality Questionnaire I believe that Kaufman was suffering from shock. I don't believe he would have a chancekby himself, to bail out.

S/Sgt. Vincent T. De Luca.....Radio-Gunner

S/Sgt. De Luca was not wounded in the plane. He bailed out through waist window.

All crew members were in their respected positions. Outside of Lt. Smith, all my information was gotten from S/Sgt. De Luca and German of ficers at Frankfurt, Germany.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

| Name of crew member: KAUPHAN, Gene (NMI) Cpl. |
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| Serial number: 18179194 |
| Position: Crew (Bomber) or project (Position): Arm. Gunner |
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| Did he bail out? No |
| Where? |
| If not, why not? He was injured, did not have his chute on, and plane was spinning. |
| Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Through |
| use of inter-phone. Conversation about attcking fighters. |
| and the second s |
| Was he injured? Yes. He had wounds on his kands. |
| Where was he when last seen? Last seen in plane. |
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| Any hearsay information: I was told by German officials that he was in the plane when |
| it struck the ground. His body was partly burned. S/Sgt. De Luca told me that he |
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| was teld by the Germans, that Dog-tags, and a letter was found on Kaufman's partly |
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| urned body. |
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| Source: Interrogating officers at Frankfurt, Gremany. S/Sgt. Vincent T. De Luca |
| Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I was teld by |
| Any explanation of his fate based in part of wholly on supplies |
| De Luca that Kaufman was injured on the hands. He was sitting looking at his parachuta |
| with a dazed expression on his face. I presume, that he was suffering from shock. |
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| Under these circumstances, when the plane went into a spin he had no chance for |
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| recovery, therefore went down with the plane. |
| Total number of missions of above crew member: Two |
| Dates and destinations if possible: 1. Nov. 4, 1944 Name of target fergetten. |
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| 2. Nev. 5, 1944 Revereto, Italy |

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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| Name of crew member: KELLEY, I | idera A. |
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| erial number: 17159651 lition: Crew (Bomber) or Fight Fighter | : Engineer Conner |
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| Did he bail out? No | |
| feere? | |
| If not, why not? Because plane went into a | spin before he could get his chute on. |
| Last contact or conversation just prior to | or at time of loss of plane: Through |
| use of inter-phase. Conversation about at | tacking fighters. |
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| Was he injured? No | |
| Where was he when last seen? Last seen in | |
| it struck the ground. His body was almost | man efficials that he was in the plane when completely burned. |
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| Source: Interregating officers at Frank | fort, Germany. |
| Any explanation of his fate based in part | or wholly on supposition: I was told by |
| S/Set. Vincent T. De Luca, Radio Gunner, | whom I met in P.O.W. camp that Kelly was |
| not injured. De Luca was sitting in wasit | window, with parachute in his hand. He said |
| that Kelly had left the turret, and was | reaching for his chute, when plane went |
| into a gain. I presume that Kelly was kr | nocked unconscious and could not bail out. |
| Total number of missions of above crew men | mber: No knowledge |
| Dates and destinations if possible: | |
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> North of the Gardasea lat Lt. LOGSDON, James R. PLACE: 0-759629 SMITH, OUT 2nd Lt. TYPA: D-Browing missing 444th (H.B.)Sqd. S/Sgt. DELYAS, George Peter End 12180058 No. 17159851 320th Grp. 42nd Wing KELLEY, Edward A. BASE: Pargo-Alto DELUCA, Vincent Thomas 12084075 . PW Transit Camp Verona Wil-TAROXT: EAUTYAN, Junta missing روريره يوسيروسيروسيروسي وسرويرون أفسروس وسروير

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5 Nov 44 - in the noon Casualty No: ME 2376

Place of Crash

near Riva

Type of Plane

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PLACE OF INTERMENT

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LOGSDON

James R.

lst Lt 0-759629 captured Dulag-Luft West

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Casualty No: MR 2376 lst delayed report of 21 Dec 44

DREVAS

George Peter S/Sgt

12180058 captured Dulag-Luft West

16 Nov 23

Southampton, L.I., N.Y.

Dulag-Luft, 20 Nov 44 40.

Postr Prisoners of War

Forwarding Station of the Air Forces - Verona

Time: 8 November 1944

Name of Captured Birth Rank

Residence before the war

James B. Logsdon

1919

lst Lt. 0-759 629

refused to make statement

Vincent T. DeLuca

1920

s/sgt. 12 084 075

Place and exact time downed: In mountains near Jake/Garda (R. Malcesirc) on

5 November 1944 about 12:00 o'clock Noon.

Place and exact time captured: As above

More information on capturer, Both saved themselves by parachuting

Type of plane: Marauder

Crew Members: Refused to make statement.

See KS0 2409

Post: Air Force Base Command E (V) 222/VII

Placer Bozen (Bolzano)

Time: 19 November 1944

Hame: Drawas, George Peter

Born: 16 November 1923

Rank: S/Sgt.

Residence before the war: Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y. 128 First St.,

Identification Tag: 12 180 058 (A.S.N.)

Place and exact time of downing = 5 November 1944 between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock, near Ala/Rovereto) The result of the capture was accomplished when shot down by a Messerschmidt.

Place and exact time of Capturer 13:11 to 23:00 o'clock in Conding/near Rovereto More about the Crew: Parachuted

Type of Plane: Marauder B-26

Crew Members: Seven men, three prisoners, Result of rest of the crew not known Three crew members dead, and buried in the Cemetery in Ala.

Major.

Transportation No. 452

Result of Evaluation Station West, Oberursel/Taunus

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| lst Lt. | Pogagon | | | | K3U-2376 | in a second |
| s/sgt. | Daluca | 12 084 075 | Casualty No. | | | |

Evaluation Station West,
Oberursel/Taunus

(German Officers as escorts listed)

Schlicht, Erich Behlau, Albert Stricker, Karl

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| DELUCA 18 March 20 | Vincent Thomas N.Y. City | S/Sgt | 12084075 | n | | |

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