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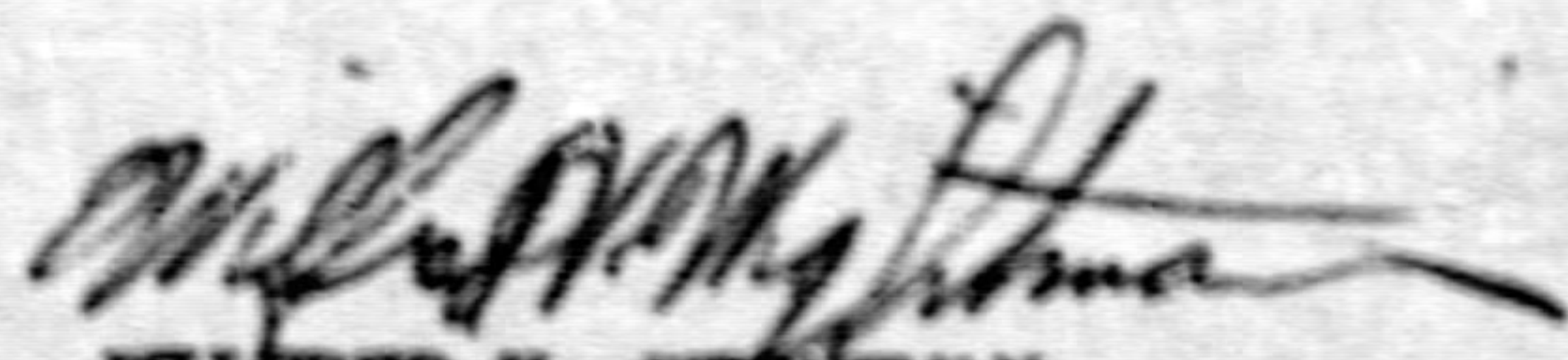
AG 360.33 4th Ind.
Hq SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871. 19 October 1943.

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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: Statistical Control Division.

Forwarded in compliance with letter, War Department, 23 May 1943,
file AG 360.33 (5-31-43) OB-S-AF-M.

For the Commanding General:


WILFRED V. WRIGHTMAN,
Lt. Col. AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

2 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Missing Air Crew Report (2 pages) (AP No. 42-5260) (Dup copy w/d)
- Incl 2 - Map of route taken by AP No. 42-5260 (Dup copy w/d)

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 6 October, 1943.

TO: Commanding General, VIII Bomber Command, APO 634.

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HEADQUARTERS VIII BOMBER COMMAND, APO 634, U. S. Army.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, APO 633, U. S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 633, U. S. ARMY.

TO: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871, U.S. Army. 15 October 1943.

Forwarded in accordance with 1st Ind. ACPile No. 360.33 (5-23-43) dated 3 June 1943.

For the Commanding General:

1 Incl. n/c

E. A. Mobley
E. A. MOBLEY
Lt., Col., AGD
Asst Adj Gen.

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IDENTIFICATION TAG.

Hugh Gibney 31143859 T42-43 O
Mary C. Gibney 46 N. 1st St., Meridian. Conn. C

Israel Ragg 0-799462 T42 B

Ida Ragg 1107 Lenox Road Brooklyn NY. H

Stanley E. Lepkowski 32448009 A
Mrs. Celia Lepkowski 19 Hillside Ave. Schenectady N.Y. C

QV 1027/44 Esjberg
Submitted picture taken at funeral of unknown man
Hugh Gibney, whose body was recovered, Dec 43
near Wonderhoe.
Buried in Dec 43 cemetery of Grovland near Esjberg.

- 117122 - Report of Hugh Gibney and 4 unknowns
- 117145 - ~~Picture of funeral of Hugh Gibney~~ Picture of funeral of Hugh Gibney
- 117147 - Report of recovery of body " "

List of known a/c include. no a/c for 2 Oct 43

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
APO 634 - US ARMY

D-A-3

4 October 1945.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Report.

To : Commanding General, First Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. In compliance with letter W.D.A.G.O., AG 360.55(5-21-45)OB-S-AF.M subject as above, dated 23 May 1945, and letter Hq., VIII A.F. same subject dated 18 September 1945, the Missing Air Crew Report for mission 2 October 1945 is herewith submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Frank J. Doherty
FRANK J. DOHERTY,
Major, AC,
Adjutant.

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by E. A. BRANNAS, Lt. Col., AG

by F. M. NUENCH, Capt., AG

Date 10/10/43 This Report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

- ORGANIZATION: Location Molesworth; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 303rd Bombardment (H) Squadron 360th Bomb (H) Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See Diagram
Intended Destination Enden, Germany; Type of Mission Bombardment
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 10/10 overcast

GIVE: (a) Date 2 Oct 43 Time 1610; and Location 53° 36' N - 07° 10' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; () Forced down; (X) Seen to crash; or () Information not Available.

AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____

AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5260

ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-27A; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-60563
(b) 41-56127; (c) 43-64159; (d) 43-64848

INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 89781 FDGM; 224305 FDGM
(a) 224279 FDGM; (b) 223687 FDGM; (c) 223889 FDGM; (d) 138-669 KHWC; 24097 CPFA
(e) 223723 FDGM; (f) 88237 FDGM; (g) 223882 FDGM; (h) 422267 HSMC; 24644 CPFA

THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers None; Total 11
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 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			
2.	SEE ATTACHED SHEET		
3.			
4.			
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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		Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

IF PERSONS 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) _____

ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. CHART ATTACHED.

ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. NONE

ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None.

Date of Report 3 October 1943

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James M. Barrett
ESSE M. BARRETT, (Signature of Preparing Officer)
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

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Status Crew Position

Name in Full
Last Name First

Rank

A.S.N.

<u>Status Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u> <u>Last Name First</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>
XIA Pilot	NR Tippet, Paul S.	1st Lt.	0-885591
Copilot	NR Nemits, Lewellyn H.	2nd Lt.	0-795812
Navigator & Left Nose Gunner	Mims, Edwin E.	2nd Lt.	0-578738
Bombardier & Right Nose Gun.	Rice, Bernard (NMI) NR	1st Lt.	0-440520
Engineer & Top Turret Gunner	Smith, Oaks H. NR	T/Sgt.	34514242
Ass't Eng. & Right Waist Gun.	Creason, William R. NR	S/Sgt.	33257499
Radio Operator & Radio Gunner	Richardson, Thomas L. NR	T/Sgt.	37383358
Ass't Radio Oper. & Left W.G.	Gibney Jr., Hugh F.	S/Sgt.	31143859
Ball Turret Gunner	Rasch, Abraham J. NR	S/Sgt.	32440998
Tail Gunner	Randall, Jack H. NR	S/Sgt.	33331557
Photographer	NR Rhodes, Carney C. JR. Rhodes	Sgt.	19021176

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Airfield-Command A/XI
Station L 12896 ? Section 1

Esbjerg, 7 December 1943

SUBJECT: Pictures of the burial of enemy Air-Force-Members.

TO: illegible

Enclosed this station sends one picture of the burial of the English flyer Hugh Gibney, whose body was recovered on 1 December 1943 near Sonderhoe.

The body was buried on 3 December 1943 at the Cemetery illegible

Name illegible
Captain,
Commanding

Gibney, Hugh F., Jr. 31,143,859 S/sqf KIA

1st Lt Lowell N. Benits

Mr. Edward L. Benits, (Father)
402 South Seventh Street,
Montevideo, Minnesota.

1st Lt Paul S. Tippet

Mrs. Grace H. Oaks, (Mother)
South 12th Street,
Fergus, Kansas.

1st Lt Bernard Rice

Mrs. Bernard Rice, (Wife)
2675 N. 1st,
Denver, Colorado.

2nd Lt Edwin T. Miss

Mrs. Edwin T. Miss, (Wife)
1802 Crockett Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

T/Sgt Thomas L. Richardson

Mr. Luther R. Richardson, (Father)
Kinder, Missouri.

T/Sgt Oaks H. Smith

Mr. James H. Smith, (Father)
R. F. D. No. 2,
Reidsville, North Carolina.

S/Sgt Hugh F. Gibney, Jr.

Mrs. Mary Gibney, (Mother)
16 North First Street,
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S/Sgt Jack H. Randall

Mrs. Eva S. Randall, (Mother)
174 McInley Street,
Bristol, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt Abraham J. Rasch

Mr. Max Rasch, (Father)
28 Argyll Road,
Brooklyn, New York.

S/Sgt William R. Gresson

Mr. Samuel D. Gresson, (Father)
416 Walnut Street,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sgt Carney C. Rhodes, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Rhodes, (Mother)
2207 Southwest Halcy Avenue,
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1st Lt Paul S. Tippet	Mrs. Bruce M. Oaks, (Mother) South 12th Street, Parsons, Kansas.
1st Lt Bernard Rice	Mrs. Bernard Rice, (Wife) 2175 Hoyt, Denver, Colorado.
2nd Lt Edwin T. Kinn	Mrs. Edwin T. Kinn, (Wife) 1802 Crockett Street, Amarillo, Texas.
T/Sgt Thomas L. Richardson	Mr. Luther R. Richardson, (Father) Kinier, Missouri.
T/Sgt Oaks H. Smith	Mr. James H. Smith, (Father) R. F. D. No. 2, Reidsville, North Carolina.
S/Sgt Hugh F. Gilney, Jr.	Mrs. Mary Gilney, (Mother) 14 North First Street, Meriden, Connecticut.
S/Sgt Jack H. Randall	Mrs. Eva S. Randall, (Mother) 174 McKinley Street, Crystal, Pennsylvania.
S/Sgt Abraham J. Rasch	Dr. Max Rasch, (Father) 28 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York.
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Airfield - Command A 4/XI
Post: L 12896, Hamburg 1

Esbjerg, 12 January 1946

SUBJECT: Location of graves

TO: Distributor

This post reports the grave-locations of the members of the enemy Air-Force, which were buried in the cemetery of Gravelund near Esbjerg, as supplement to the casualty-report No.: 47 of Airfield-Command A 4/XI:

1	Hugh Gibney buried on 3 Dec 1943	Field: A	Row: 8	Grave: 14
2	Unknown	A	8	15
3	Unknown	A	8	16
4	Unknown	A	8	17
5	Unknown	A	8	18

burial of No. 2 to No. 5 on 17 Dec 1943

Name illegible
Major,
Commanding

Distributor:

Air-Minister and Chief of Staff of the
Air-Force, Chief Section
Army - Information - Center, Berlin
Air-District-Command, XI, Hamburg
Airbase - Area - Command 1/XI
File

Gibney, Hugh F., Jr. 31,143,809 S/Sgt KIA

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Body of the dead American Sgt W P recovered on 5 November 1943 near
Sonderhoe on the island of Faenoe. Identification-tag was not found.
Will be buried on 9 November 1943 in the cemetery of Gravelund near Esbjerg.

Airfield-Command A 4/Roman eleven, Esbjerg, File: Roman one C,
Letter-book No.: 5496/43.-

Unable to identify.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE to Air-District-Command, XI, Ic-~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: Airfield-Command A 4/XI Esbjerg
NO.: 507

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REMARKS:

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Body of a dead American airman recovered on 1 December 1943 near Sonderhoe
(Island Fanoe). Identification-tag: Hugh G i b e n e y , 31143859 T 42 - 3
Mary C Gibney. 46 N 1st St, Meriden, Conn.
Burial on 3 December 1943 at the Cemetery Gravelund near Esbjerg. @

Air-Field-Command A 4/Roman eleven, Esbjerg.-

Gibney, Hugh F., Jr., 31,143,859- S/Sgt. KIA 20 Dec 43

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