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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOURCE: WILLIAM E WOLFF, S/SGT, 34430152 MBE #655 DATE: 21 May 1944
MIR: 30 December 1943

UNIT: 360 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>			<u>PRIB RECORDS</u>
PILOT	0-677292	1st Lt	William C OSBORN	MIA
CO-PILOT	0-680909	2d Lt	Jack JENNIGAN, JR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	0-673478	1st Lt	Edward L COBB	MIA
BOMBARDIER	0-679362	2d Lt	Nelson CAMPBELL	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	11106864	S/Sgt	George L DANIEL	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34430152	Sgt	William E WOLFF	ED
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13121327	Sgt	Lyle W FITZGERALD	MIA
WAIST GUNNER	33468736	Sgt	Vincent J REESE	MIA
WASIT GUNNER	13128760	Sgt	Earl D WOLFE	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	37254370	Sgt	Lawrence E EVANS	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION:

Saw 8 alive on ground; Radio Operator, Left Waist Gunner and Ball Turret Gunner wounded.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

None.

NILSON (NMI) CAMPBELL, 2d Lt., O-679362
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

20 June 1944
(Date)

340 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group
(Unit)

RAE #735

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
30 December 1943; 1200 hours; FROIDCHAPPEL, Belgium.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc? **One engine burned out; tail hit by a rocket.**

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **Crash landed**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Tail gunner and compartment were blown off by rocket; Ball Turret Gunner was mortally wounded; radio operator hit in arm; one waist gunner hit in leg.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Crash landed

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **Saw all but tail gunner.**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **Helpers advised that Germans did not reach wounded until 1900 hours. Civilian doctor did not have facilities for operation necessary for Ball Turret Gunner.**

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions? **No**

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

**Tail Gunner: dead; rocket hit just above his head
Ball Turret Gunner: Mortally wounded and German medical aid arrived late.
Radio operator and waist gunner: P/W**

TOP SECRET

E & E CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

William E WOLFF, S/Sgt, 34430152

(Name)

(Rank)

(ASN)

21 May 1944

E&E 1655 (Date)

360 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.
30 December 1943; 1130 hours; Southeast Belgium.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc?
Two engines out and tail section damaged.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **Crash landed**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?
3 wounded

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Did the plane explode on striking the ground?

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground?

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise.

Ball Turret Gunner seriously wounded with no medical attention for 7 hours.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its conditions?

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reason for his opinion?

Wounded men were moved from plane and bandaged.

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REPORT FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

SOURCE: NELSON (NMI) CAMPBELL, 2d Lt, O-679362

E&E #735 DATE: 10 June 1944

MIA: 30 December 1948

UNIT: 360 Bomb Squadron, 303 Bomb Group

	<u>MEMBERS OF CREW</u>			<u>PWIB RECORDS</u>
PILOT	O-677292	✓ 1st Lt	William C OSBORN <i>pow</i>	MIA
CO-PILOT	O-680909	✓ 2d Lt	Jack JERNIGAN, JR	MIA
NAVIGATOR	O-673478	✓ 1st Lt	Edward L COBB <i>MIA</i>	MIA
BOMBARDIER	O-679362	✓ 2d Lt	Nelson (NMI) CAMPBELL <i>MIA</i>	RD
RADIO OPERATOR	11106864	✓ S/Sgt	George L DANIEL	P/W
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34430152	Sgt	William E WOLFF	RD
BALL TURRET GUNNER	13121327	✓ Sgt	Lyle W FITZGERALD	MIA
WASIT GUNNER	33468736	✓ Sgt	Vincent J REESE	MIA
WASIT GUNNER	13128760	✓ Sgt	Earl D WOLFE	P/W
TAIL GUNNER	37254370	✓ Sgt	Lawrence E EVANS	KIA

KNOWN INFORMATION:

Saw all alive on ground except Tail Gunner.
Ball Turret Gunner mortally wounded.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

None.

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

~~RESTRICTED~~
 Lt. Col., AG
 Capt., AG
 Date _____

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

- ORGANIZATION: Station Molesworth ; Command or Air Force VIII
 Group 303rd ; Squadron 360th ; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth ; Course Chart attached
 Intended Destination Ludwigshafen, Germany ; Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8/10-10/10 cloud over Continent. Tops at 10-12,000 ft. Visibility unlimited above 23-26,000
- GIVE: (a) Date 30/12/43 Time 1225 ; and Location 49°42'N - 04°56'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.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Enemy Action - Unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-39795
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1827-37 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64953
 (b) 43-64958 ; (c) 43-64948 ; (d) 43-64952
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) _____ ; (b) See attached sheets ; (d) _____
 (e) _____ ; (f) _____ ; (g) _____ ; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
 (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	OSBORN, WILLIAM C.	1st Lt.	0-677292 RTD
2. Co-Pilot	JERNIGAN, JACK (NMI) JR.	2nd Lt.	0-680909 RTD
3. Navigator - LN	COBB, EDWARD L.	1st Lt.	0-673478 RTD
4. Bombardier - RN	CAMPBELL, NELSON (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-679362 RTD
5. Engineer - TT Gnr. ^{2A}	WOLEF, WILLIAM E.	S/Sgt.	34430152 RTD
6. Ass't Engineer - LN Gnr. ^{2A}	WOLEF, EARL D.	Sgt.	13128760 RTD
7. Radio Oper. - RG	DANIEL, GEORGE L.	S/Sgt.	11106964 RTD
8. Ass't Radio Oper. - RW	REESE, VINCENT J.	Sgt.	33468736 DED
9. Gunner - BT Gnr. ^{2A}	FITZGERALD, LYLE W.	Sgt.	13121327
10. Gunner - TG	EVANS, LAWRENCE B.	Sgt.	37254370

- 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) | Serial Rank Number | Contacted By | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Saw Forced Landing |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

- 2. 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) _____
- 3. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. CHART ATTACHED.
- 4. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. _____
- 5. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report 1 January 1944

Jesse M. Barrett
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 JESSE M. BARRETT, Major, A.C., Group S-2.

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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

- (a) 568806SAC; (b) 568931SAC; (c) 667052KHWC; (d) 667252KHWC; (e) 667068KHWC;
(f) 569194SAC; (g) 569059SAC; (h) 568666SAC; (i) 667185KHWC; (j) 569055SAC;
(k) 568825SAC; (l) 414093FDGM.

Checked by [unclear]

- First Lieutenant William C. Osborn
Mr. Louis E. Osborn, (Brother)
87 North Main Street,
Mount Gilead, Ohio.
- Second Lieutenant Jack Jernigan, Jr.
Mrs. Vivian C. Jernigan, (Wife)
1207 North College,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- First Lieutenant Edward L. Cobb
Mr. Albert W. Cobb, (Father)
2216 Salvador Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Second Lieutenant Nelson Campbell
Mrs. Virginia N. Campbell, (Mother)
1010 Floyd Avenue,
Richmond, Virginia.
- Staff Sergeant George L. Daniel
Mr. Daniel T. Daniel, (Father)
451 Hamilton Street,
Southbridge, Massachusetts.
- Staff Sergeant William B. Wolff
Mrs. Eula I. Wolff, (Mother)
Bethania, North Carolina.
- Sergeant Lyle E. Fitzgerald
Mrs. Mary J. Fitzgerald, (Mother)
Ellard, Virginia.
- Sergeant Vincent J. Reese
Mrs. Margaret C. Reese, (Mother)
2812 Gaul Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Sergeant Earl D. Wolfe
Mrs. Anna Wolfe, (Mother)
2008 McMinn Street,
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.
- Sergeant Lawrence B. Evans
Mr. Walter G. Evans, (Father)
1024 Stanford Drive,
Huntsville, Alabama.

Delivery on 8 April 1944
 Time: 12.30 O'clock

Call No. 3104

BUKSLIP

Subject: American Aviator WILLIAM C. OSBORN

Delivered as: V F

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| 1. Quartermaster; | Kelle Sgt. |
| 2. Supply Sgt. | Walthe Sgt. |
| 3. Postal Office | Adams Sgt. |
| 4. C O | Klingenberg |

Solitary Confinement.

Sgt: C O

The Prisoner of War is searched according to
 orders.

Walthe Sgt.

SECRET POLICE GROUP 712
Command 1
File No. 127/44 Secret

14 April 1944

TO: Army Prison ANTWERP

It is requested that you deliver for investigation
the American Aviator

William E. OSBORN
Born: 29 December 1917
At Gilhead, Ohio

Sign: C O

Copy attached.

1st Lt. William J. Osborn

Mr. Louis E. Osborn, (Brother)
37 North Main Street,
Mount Gilead, Ohio.

2nd Lt. Jack Jernigan Jr.

Mrs. Vivian C. Jernigan, (Wife)
1307 South College,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1st Lt. Edward L. Cobb

Mr. Albert W. Cobb, (Father)
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2nd Lt. Nelson Campbell

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Mrs. Ella A. Wolff, (Mother)
Bethania, North Carolina.

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2008 McKinn Street,
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

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451 Hamilton Street,
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Sgt. Vincent J. Reese

Mrs. Margaret S. Reese, (Mother)
2312 Coal Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sgt. Lyle A. Fitzgerald

Mrs. Mary J. Fitzgerald, (Mother)
Ellard, Virginia.

Sgt. Lawrence E. Evans

Mr. Walter C. Evans, (Father)
1024 Stamford Drive,
Huntsville, Alabama.

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Osborn, William C. 0-677292
Jernigan, Jack, Jr. 0-680909
Cobb, Edward L. 0-673478
Campbell, Nelson 0-679362
Koff, William E. 34,430,152
Kofe, Carl D. 13,128,760
Daniel, George L. 11,106,864
Reese, Vincent J. 33,468,736
Fitzgerald, Lyle H. 13,121,327
Evans, Lawrence B. 37,254,370

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RAF 42-30995

Ku 575 Dec. 3, 1943 Fortness

Evans, Lawrence Sgt. Dead

Fitzgerald, I.W. Sgt.
Ident. tag: 13121 327
Dead

Daniel, George Koronzo, Sgt.
Ident. tag: 11 106 864
Taken prisoner

Wolfe, Carlo Sgt.
Ident. tag: 13 128 760

The fallen ^{wounded} were ^{buried} ^{in a field hospital} ^{in the}
Cemetery Florennes - Jougaine, Belgium

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FITZGERALD, Lyle W. 1674
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 13121327
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Engineer/Flight~~: Canner - BT Gr. BA

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? Crash landed.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —

Was he injured? Yes, badly shot in abdominal and left thigh.

Where was he when last seen? Scene of the crash.

Any hearsay information: Underground in Belgium reported that a member ^{of the crew} answering his description died of his injuries.

Source: Belgium underground near Chemay, Belgium.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Quite likely he died as his injuries were very serious. He was very brave and complained very little.

Total number of missions of above crew member: —

Dates and destinations if possible: —

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name of crew member: EVANS, Lawrence B.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37254370
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight Sergeant~~ Gunner - TG

Did he bail out? ? Don't know; but not likely.

Where? If he did it would have been over Luxembourg.

If not, why not? The tail of the ship was shot off and there was very much blood near it.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____


Was he injured? & Evidently Yes.

Where was he when last seen? In position at time we left the formation.

Any hearsay information: No

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Most probably killed at time the tail was shot off.  Hole

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

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SECRET POLICE GROUP 222 712
File No. 187/199/200/44
Secret

21 April 1944

TO: Army Prison Antwerp

Subject: Report on Delivery

The following Prisoners of War of the American Airforce
are for the disposition to Headquarters of the Air Corps Command
Belgium/ North France

William, C. Osborn	0677292	born on	20 December	1917	30 Dec 43 805
Edward L. Cogg	0673478	"	17 January	1921	30 Dec 43
Jack, Jernigan	"	"	18 August	1916	30 Dec 43 805
Robert J. Helso	"	"	4 March	1915	14 Sep 44 805
Allen, Leonard Markley	"	"	24 March 22	1923	?

Sign: 00

Received:
Army Prison ANTWERP
25 April 1944

Case number (A) 212
Air Force garrison installation II
Name - [unclear]

DoD: 696/44

Personnel Casualty Report No. 25 - Period: 12/23/43 to 12/30/43 - Distributor as usual

Shooting down of a Boeing at Montebiano, 10 km. west - south - west of Philippeville.

sgt. WELLS	Earl D.	✓ 13128760 Captured	- EVS <i>Mia</i>
EV5 - DANIEL	George L.	11106864 Captured	<i>Riviera 30 Dec 43</i> <i>Ever 20 Dec 45</i> Born on: 11/25/22 - EVS

KIA - LAWRENCE B. EVANS
39254370
Died at the cemetery of air base Flersham -
Juno - Case No. 29

RYAN L. LYLE W.
As above - Case No. 29 - KIA
3121327

/s/ Gutz

Date: 1/1/44

1st. Lt. and officer for special duties

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		<u>STATUS</u>
Campbell, Nelson-NMI-	2 nd Lt. 0679362	RTD 10 Jan 44
Cobb, Edward L.	1 st Lt. 0-673478	EUS
Daniel, George L.	S. Sgt. 11106864	EUS
Evans, Lawrence B.	Sgt. 97254370	Kia 30 Dec 43
Fitzgerald, Lyle H.	Sgt. 13121327	Kia 30 Dec 43
Jernigan, Jack Jr. -NMI-	2 nd Lt. 0-680909	EUS
Osborn, William C.	1 st Lt. 0-677292	EUS
Reese, Vincent J.	Sgt. 33468736	Kia 22 Apr. 44
Wolfe, Earl D.	Sgt. 13128760	EUS
Wolff, William E.	S. Sgt. 34430152	RTD 21 May 44

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Edward L. Cobb Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0-673478
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander Rank Sqn CO Walter K. Shaylor Rank Lt. Col.
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month 12 day 30 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bombing, target, Ludwigshaven, Gr., target time, 12:25, altitude, 24,000 route scheduled,
 , route flown
5. Where were you when you left formation? East of Luxembourg Gr.
6. Did you bail out? No
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No ; one possible exception?
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".
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Near Froide Chapelle, Belgium
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) All but tail gunner Sgt. Lawrence B. Evans.
11. Where were they in aircraft? P. & C.P. in co Others in Radio room and waist
12. What was their condition? B.T.G. injured in abdominal; L.W.G. Wolf injured ? leg?
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? R.O. had injured arm. Last seen with B.T.G., L.W.G., P., C.P., & Bomb. at scene of crash.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member:

REESE, Vincent J.

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Rank:

Sgt.

Serial number:

33468736

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Navigator (Navigator)~~: Asst. Radio Oper.-RW

Did he bail out?

NO

Where?

If not, why not?

CRASH LANDING

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

AFTER

CRASH NEAR PLANE

Was he injured?

VERY SLIGHT IF ANY

Where was he when last seen?

100 yds FROM PLANE

Any hearsay information:

Source:

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

Total number of missions of above crew member:

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Dates and destinations if possible:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FITZGERALD, Lyle W.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 13121327
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Gunner - BT Gnr. BA

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Did he bail out? _____

NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

CRASH LANDING

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

NONE

Was he injured? _____

YES

Where was he when last seen? _____

CARRIED FROM PLANE AFTER CRASH

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

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Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: EVANS , Lawrence B.
Rank: Sgt.
Serial number: 37254370
Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~and Pilot (Fighter)~~: Gunner - TG'

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Did he bail out? UNKNOWN

Where? _____

If not, why not? _____

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NO
CONTACT AFTER ENEMY ATTACK.

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? BEFORE MISSION AT BASE

Any hearsay information: _____

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: _____

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
Washington 25, D. C.

(JAGO 15 November 1945)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS
(AR 25-100)

1. Army Regulations 25-100, 29 May 1945, provide a means whereby reimbursement may be obtained by military personnel and civilian employees of the War Department or of the Army for private property damaged, lost, destroyed, captured or abandoned in the service when the circumstances of the loss are within the purview of the cited regulations. (For further details see AR 25-100, 29 May 1945, obtainable at any post, camp, station or military establishment.)

2. A claim for private property lost in the service should be made on WD Form 30B, 1 June 1945, and submitted to the Commanding Officer of the organization to which the claimant belongs or with which he is serving if practicable, otherwise to the Commanding Officer of any post, camp, station or military establishment, if practicable the one nearest the point where investigation of the facts and circumstances can most conveniently be made. Claims may also be submitted to the Commanding General of any Service Command or Air Technical Service Command, within the United States, its territories and possessions, or to any office of the Command Claims Service in any Theater of Operations or other Command outside the continental limits of the United States. In any case where submission under the foregoing provisions is impracticable claims may be submitted direct to The Judge Advocate General, Washington 25, D. C.

3. Blank forms and assistance in the preparation of a claim may be obtained from the Claims Officer at the post, camp, station or other military establishment where the claim is submitted.

RALPH G. BOYD
Colonel, JAGD
Chief of Claims Division



IN REPLY REFER TO: AFPPA-8

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members
TO: WOLFF, William E. S/Sgt. 34430152

1. You will be interested to know that there have been formed here in Washington and in the theaters overseas, Missing Aircrew Research and Investigation Offices to collect all information from our own and enemy sources, correlate this information and furnish it to search teams in the theaters who will go to the scene of the casualty incident and investigate. These teams will question those in the area who have knowledge of the incident and trace all leads down until they have the story. The German records we have translated are excellent. We have just received the Japanese records. By combining all this data with the story available in your memory, we can tell next of kin the things that mean so much to them.

2. You may or may not have been questioned in this manner before concerning the mission on which you were shot down and the events that followed. Regardless of previous questionnaires, it is important that we have the information requested here to complete our records concerning combat crewmen remaining in a casualty status.

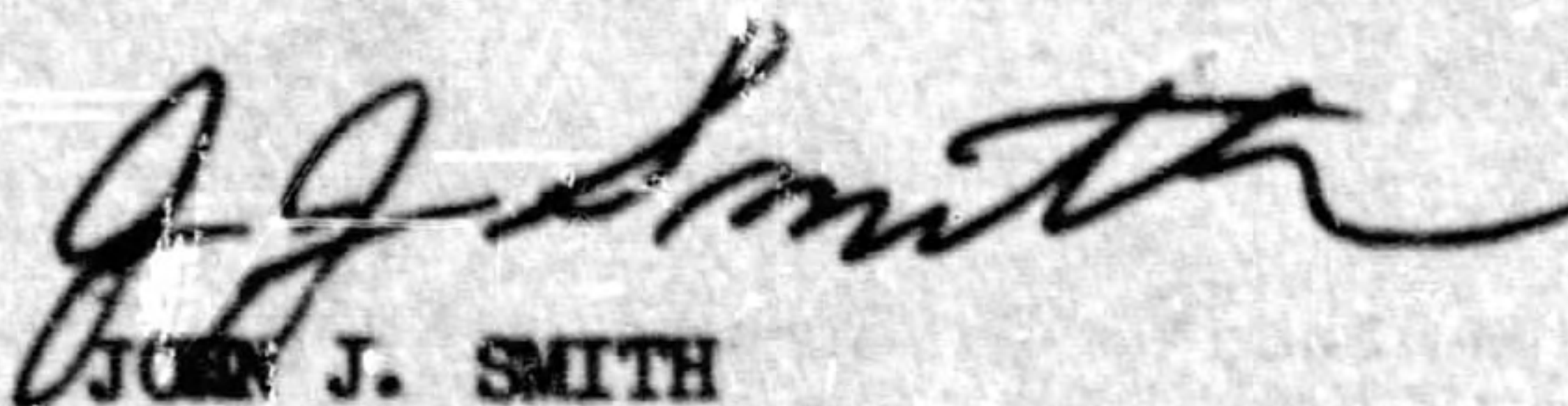
3. If you have been sworn to secrecy as a result of your escape, evasion or internment, you may consider yourself released from all restrictions as to disclosure or publication of experiences except:

- a. Secret intelligence activities and methods developed for use, or actually used, in prison camps.
 - b. Details of techniques employed by military intelligence organizations operating behind enemy lines to assist evasion and escape.
 - c. Negotiations conducted on high government or military level to secure release from internment in a neutral country. (See AAF Reg 46-8 dated 30 October 1945)
4. Please answer all the questions you can promptly and accurately. Re-

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quest that, if possible, answers be typewritten; if not, printed. Mail the reply to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Attention: AFPPA-G, Washington 25, D. C.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:



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

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CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

PPA 8 (2)

1. Your name WILLIAM E. WOLFF Rank 1/1st Lt. Serial No. 34450152
2. Organization 303 Gp Commander ^{COL} LYLE E. Rank COL Sqn CO SHALER Rank Lt. Col
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month DEC day 30 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, MANHLEN, target, CHEMICAL PLANT, target time, 11:30, altitude, 12,000 route scheduled, _____, route flown _____
5. Where were you when you left formation? LUXEMBOURG
6. Did you bail out? NO
7. Did other members of crew bail out? NO
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". Pilot - O.K. Captured OK.
BOMBaimer - OK. NAV - OK. Radio OPER slightly INJURED.
BALL TURRET GUNNER KILLED LEFT WAIST GUNNER slightly INJURED.
RIGHT WAIST GUNNER UNINJURED IN CRASH - TAIL GUNNER KILLED.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? FRAUD CHAPPEL, BEL.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) ALL WITH EXCEPT TAIL GUNNER (EVANS)
11. Where were they in aircraft? WALLET & COCKPIT.
12. What was their condition? ONE INJURED IN CRASH
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? REESE 100 yds. TO RIGHT OF PLANE 15 MINUTES AFTER CRASH IN good condition
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. REMEMBER NO FULL NAMES.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: FITZGERALD, Lyle W. 1674
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 13121327
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~of [unclear] (Fighter)~~: Gunner - BT Gnr. BA

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? CRASH LANDED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? YES

Where was he when last seen? AFTER PLANE CRASH (SO. BELGIUM)

Any hearsay information: _____

DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED ON MISSION

Source: RADIO OPERATOR

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: BEESE, Vincent J. 1674
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33465736
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Asst. Pilot (Fighter)~~: Asst. Radio Oper.-RW

Did he bail out? NO

Where? _____

If not, why not? CRASH LANDED

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? NO

Where was he when last seen? AFTER PLANE CRASHED-(SO. BELGIUM)

Any hearsay information: _____
NONE

Source: _____

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____
NONE

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: EVANS , Lawrence B.
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 37254370
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~xxxx~~ ~~Flight~~ ~~(Flight)~~: Gunner - TG

1674

Did he bail out? No

Where? _____

If not, why not? CRASH LANDING

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: _____

Was he injured? _____

Where was he when last seen? TAIL POSITION

Any hearsay information: _____

AFTER CRASH LANDING FOUND DEAD IN TAIL ASSEMBLY

Source: BELGIUM CIVILIANS

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: _____

HIS DEATH I BELIEVE CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE
OF ENGINEER - PRIOR TO CRASH ENGINEER FAILED TO
NOTIFY T.G. OF CRASH SO HE REMAINED IN TAIL ASSEMBLY
INSTEAD OF GOING TO CRASH STATION

Total number of missions of above crew member: 7

Dates and destinations if possible: _____

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: REESE, Vincent J. 1674
 Rank: Sgt.
 Serial number: 33468736
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~: Asst. Radio Oper.-RW

Did he bail out? No

Where? —

If not, why not? Crash landed

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: —

Was he injured? Apparently not.

Where was he when last seen? Going through the woods at 12:00 Noon 12-30-43

Any hearsay information: Reese, Wolff W. (Engineer), and I left the plane together. We spread out to a distance of about 50' and proceeded through the woods. After 15 or 20 minutes I called to Wolff who in turn called to Reese. No answer from Reese. We went back a little distance and checked the area. No sign of him.

Source: This is the last anyone has seen or heard of him to my ^{Knowledge} knowledge.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: Possible to have had an unreported internal injury which may have caused him to drop out. Shock might also have caused amnesia. He had no apparent or reported injuries.

Total number of missions of above crew member: —

Dates and destinations if possible: —

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Delivery on 8 April 1944
Time: 12,20 O'clock

Cell No. 3104

BUCKSLIP

Subject: American Aviator WILLIAM C. OSBORN

Delivered as: V F

- 1. Quartermaster; Kelle Sgt.
- 2. Supply Sgt. Waltke Sgt.
- 3. Postal Office Adams Sgt.
- 4. C O Klingenberg

Solitary Confinement.

Sgn: C O

The Prisoner of War is searched according to orders.

Waltke Sgt.

SECRET POLICE GROUP 712
Command 1
File No. 187/44 Secret

14 April 1944

TO: Army Prison ANTWERP

It is requested that you deliver for investigation
the American Aviator

William E ~~OSBORN~~ OSBORN

Born: 29 December 1917

At Gilhead, Ohio

Sign: C O

Copy attached.

SECRET POLICE GROUP 222 712
File No. 187/199/200/44
Secret

21 April 1944

TO: Army Prison Antwerp
Subject: Report on Delivery

The following Prisoners of War of the American Airforce
are for the disposition to Headquarters of the Air Corps Command
Belgium/ North France

William, C. Osborn	born on	29 December	1917
Edward L. Gopp	" "	17 January	1921
Jack, Jernigan	" "	16 August	1916
Robert J. Helse	" "	4 March	1915
Allen, Leonard Merkley	" "	24 March 18	1923

Sign: CC

Received:
Army Prison ANTWERPE
25 April 1944

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