

RESTRICTED
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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: _____ Command or Air Force _____
GROUP _____; SQUADRON _____; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course _____
Intended Destination _____; Type of Mission _____
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date 9 Dec 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft _____
(b) Specify whether () 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; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____)
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____: AAF Serial No. _____
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____: (b) _____: (c) _____: (d) _____
(e) _____: (f) _____: (g) _____: (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____: Passengers _____: Total _____
(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:	Radeo, Alysuis V.	2nd Lt.	0-748034
2. CP	Skerpon, Melvin	2nd Lt.	0-803295
3.	Rudolph, Joseph R.	2nd Lt.	0-803280
4.	Simpson, Earl W.	2nd Lt.	0-811772
5.	Phillips, Robert M.	2nd Lt.	0-689349
6.	Thomas, Stanley A.		20725378
7.	Youngs, Myrl E.	Sgt.	36557087
8.	Mankawski, Edward J.	Sgt.	16009166
9.	Morton, John H.	Sgt.	33550997
10.	Bir, Earl L.	Sgt.	33401829
11.			

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

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WD, Hq AAF, Washington, Missing Air Crew Report.

	Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.							
2.							
3.							

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) _____.
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 GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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to **RESTRICTED**

A. BEADUNAS, Lt. Col.
W. MUENCH, Capt., AG

Date OCT 15 1943

P R I O R I T Y

From: Presque Isle
To: WAR PIC 8031
Gravelly Point No #

14 December 1943

To Adjutant General Casualty Branch and CG ATC
and AAF CG.

Look at following is relay and paraphrase radio-gram from Nutts Corner dated 12th December 43 aircraft B17G number 42-31468 crashed on 9th December 1943 approximately 1500 GMT latitude 7 degrees 41 minutes west, longitude 54 degrees 23 minutes north, in collision with earth in attempted emergency landing caused by fuel exhaustion. Death in each case caused by compound skull fracture, other broken bones, internal injuries, lacerations. Survivors injuries cannot be reported now. Sergeant Fred G Anderson 37544469 was listed on operations orders but was not aboard at time of crash. All personnel Air Corps on flying status. Injuries and death in line of duty. Injured personnel report forthcoming. Enlisted Men killed were:

Sergeants.

Myrl Eber Youngs 36557087

Edward J Mankowski, 16009166

John H Morton 33550997

Earl L Bir 33401829

Officers killed

2nd Lt Aloysius V Rodeo 0748634

2nd Lt Melvin NMI Skerpon 0803295

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2nd Lt Joseph R Rudolph, 0803280

2nd Lt Earl W Simpson, 0811772 CRIMP better now

2nd Lt Robert M Phillips 0689349

Sergeants

Stanley A Thomas 20725378

William G Simpson, 34394633 suffered major injuries and are in Station Hospital 28th, ETOUSA.

Aircraft crashed near Enniswillen, Northern Ireland and was member of Berkowitz Provisional Group shipment number FO-830-AA, project 92331-R, APO 12635-AA. Aircraft left Dow Field per paragraph 1 operations order 44-1 Hqs Dew Field dated 2nd December 1943 destination Prestwick thence to 8th Air Force. This is end of relay and paraphrase following information furnished from records this station (by Grove from Adams signed Fritz)

2nd Lt Aloysius V Rodeo, Berkowitz Prov Group, length service 1 year 5 months 13 days date birth 21st September 1922, on flying status, Mrs Julia Rodeo, mother, 3957 South Artesian Street, Chicago, Illinois not notified, permanent address same.

2nd Lt Melvin NMI Skerpon, organization not known shipment number FG-830-DA, on flying status length service 1 year 7 months 7 days date birth 19th March 1920, Mrs Anna Skerpon, mother, 109 Garden Street, Sayre Pennsylvania not notified, permanent address same.

2nd Lt Joseph R Rudolph, Berkowitz Prov Group, on flying status cannot furnish date of birth or length service, Mrs Monnie Rudolph, mother, 2308 East Yale Street, Phoenix Arizona not notified, permanent address same.

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Sgt Myrl Eber Youngs, Ross Prov Group, flying status, length of service 11 months 3 days date birth 31st October 1917, Mrs Marie A Youngs, wife, 955 East Hayes Street, Hayes Park Michigan not notified, permanent address same.

Sgt Edward J Mankowski, Berkowitz Prov Gp, length service 2 years 6 months 19 days date birth 8th June 1918, on flying status, Anthony J Mankowski, father, Route Number 7, Green Bay, Wisconsin not notified, permanent address same.

Sgt John H Morton, Berkowitz Prov Gp, on flying status length service 10 months 21 days date birth 27th August 1910, Mrs Catherine D Morton, wife, 748 Chaving Cross Road, Baltimore Maryland has not been notified, permanent address same.

Sgt Earl L Bir, Berkowitz Prov Gp, on flying status length service 1 year 17 days date birth 3rd September 1918, Mrs Florence W Bir, wife, 1919 Bader Street, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania not notified, permanent address same.

Following information relative to those suffering injuries,

no report
Sgt William ^{C.} Simpson, Berkowitz Prov Gp, on flying status length service 1 year 1 month 27 days date birth 12th October 1926, Mrs Thelma L Sparks, mother, 4205-46th Avenue North Birmingham Alabama not notified, permanent address same. *Reported injured - Returned to Duty Jan 7, 44*

Stanley A Thomas, 796th Bomb Sqd, flying status length service 3 years 2 months 11 days date birth 20th January 1920, Benjamin Thomas, Uncle, rural route number 1, Canton, Kansas not notified, permanent address same. *Reported injured - erroneously Feb 26 -* *back to US march 10, 44.*

no report
2nd Lt Robert M Phillips, Berkowitz Prov Gp, on flying status length service 2 years 22 days date birth 13th February 1918, Mrs Roberta E Phillips, wife, 802 Sunset Drive, Abilene Texas not notified, permanent address same. *Reported Feb 26 - erroneously reported ill*

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address same.

2nd Lt Earl W Simpson, Berkowitz Prov Gp, on
flying status length service 1 year 6 months 23 days
date birth 10th June 1921, Mrs Jennie O Simpson, mother,
1403 North St Clair, Pittsburg Pennsylvania not notified,
permanent address same. AAF CG, CG ATC notified.

acc. Gny. Dec 9 No Sig
Error placed on eman list
Feb 26 - Ca not.

ACTION: ASF

INFORMATION: G-2

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CREW LIST for R-11

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For further info see CM-IN-9273

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AG 201-Phillips, Robert M (O) 1st Ind
HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 14 Feb 1944.

XAG-LHG-dab-5

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army. Att: Battle Cas Section

1. In reply to basic communication, this hq has no record of the subject officer or of the Berkowitz Provisional Group.

2. Under the provisions of the letter cited in par 2, basic communication, a Missing Air Crew Report is not required in cases of injury.

For the Commanding General:

C. C. Parks
C. C. PARKS,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adj General.

AG 201-Phillips, Robert M., (O) - C 2nd Ind.
(20 Jan 44)
HQ, NATOUSA, APO 534, US Army, 21 February 1944.

OE/mrl

TO: CG, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., US Army.

This headquarters has no record of a 2nd Lt. ROBERT M. PHILLIPS, 0689349, or of the Berkowitz Provisional Group. It is believed basic letter was misdirected.

For the THEATER COMMANDER:

Owen Elliot

OWEN ELLIOT,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



ATTENTION:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AAF 201 -- Phillips, Robert M.
0689349

20 January 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Air Crew Personnel.

TO: Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, A.P.O. 650,
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which Second Lieutenant Robert M. Phillips, 0689349, Berkowitz Provisional Group, was reported seriously injured in an airplane crash on 9 December 1943.

2. No Missing Air Crew Report on the above-mentioned officer has been received to date. Request that this report, under the provisions of letter, War Department, AG 360.33 (5-21-43)OB-S-AF-M, dated 23 May 1943, be forwarded this headquarters.

For the Commanding General:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. A. Fitzpatrick".

T. A. FITZPATRICK,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Air Adjutant General.

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