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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUNCH, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 1948

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time personnel are officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Gioia Air Base Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group: 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Gioia Air Base Course 120 degrees
Target France Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 May 1944 Time 1359 Location 43 degrees, 27' N
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 AS 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 & Series B-24 H AAF Serial No 41-29382
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series B-1830-65 AAF Serial No (a) BP-427577
(b) BP-427790 (c) BP-427840 (d) BP-427853
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) LM 973285 (b) RM 973321
(c) RW 973612 (d) LW 973484 RE 973312
(e) RT 973371 (f) LT 973146
(g) LE 973339 (h) RE 965665 LB 973324
9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty () Non-Battle Cas.
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 list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach to this form)

	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1.	<u>Pilot</u> <u>Dow, Trotter, William O.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mr. Oscar Trotter (Father)</u> <u>Mrs. Wm. Trotter, (Wife) Dahlgren RR #2, Illinois.</u>
2.	<u>Co-Pilot</u> <u>McCarty, Robert F.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Jean Knapp McCarty,</u> <u>(Wife), 297 Bradford St., Marion, Ohio.</u>
3.	<u>Navigator</u> <u>Lovelle, Harry E.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Ebba M. Lovelle,</u> <u>(Mother), Adair, Iowa. Mrs. Harry E. Lovelle, (Wife) 4217 Twining Ave,</u> <u>Bellwood, Illinois.</u>
4.	<u>Bombardier</u> <u>Meyer, Leonard L.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mrs. Pearl Laura Scramm</u> <u>(Mother), 263 St. Nicolas Ave., Hillsdale, New Jersey.</u>
5.	<u>Engineer Gunner</u> <u>Grissett, Robert T.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mr. and Mrs. MIA</u> <u>Julian E. Grissett, (Mother & Father), 647 Hollibaugh St. Akron, Ohio.</u>
6.	<u>Aerial Gunner</u> <u>Beck, John F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mr. and Mrs. John A. MA</u> <u>Beck (Father & Mother), 1256 East 3rd St. Pomona, California.</u>
7.	<u>ROG</u> <u>Janior, Robert A.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>Mr. and Mrs. William L.</u> <u>Janior (Father & Mother), 594 Lucille Ave., Akron, Ohio. MIA</u>

[REDACTED]

- 8. Aerial Gunner ^{PA} Jones, Dale W. S/Sgt [REDACTED] Mr. Lloyd Delwin Jones (Father) 569 24th St. East St. Louis, Illinois.
- 9. Aerial Gunner ^{PA} Hamlin, Paul J. Jr., S/Sgt [REDACTED] Mrs. Margurite E. Hamlin (Mother) 3300 Poe Ave. Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Irene Hamlin, Jr. (Wife) 3304 Poe Ave. Cleveland, Ohio.
- 10. Aerial Gunner ^{PA} Casey, Oakley E. S/Sgt [REDACTED] Mrs. Johnnie I. Gullet (Sister) Route #4, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NO	Contacted			Last		Saw	
			by Radio	Last	Saw	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing	
William T. Eaves	1st Lt	[REDACTED]							X
Parrish, Rodes S.	2nd Lt	[REDACTED]							X
Holland, Darrel E.	Sgt	[REDACTED]							X
Hudgins, Hershel H	Sgt	[REDACTED]							X
Dupuis, George F.	T/Sgt	[REDACTED]							X

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 Parachutes were used Persons seen walking away from scene of crash
 Any other reason (specify) _____

13. ATTACH AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, EITHER AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. (X)

14. ATTACH, AS INCLOSURES TO THIS REPORT, EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. (X)

ATTACH, AS AN INCLOSURE TO THIS REPORT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE: (if no search, so state giving reason) NONE.
Over enemy territory.

Date of this Report: 27 May 1944.

Signature of Officer Clyde Crabtree
 CLYDE CRABTREE,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Executive Officer.

- 6 Incls:
- Incl 1- Statement of Lt Eaves.
 - Incl 2- Statement of Lt Parrish.
 - Incl 3- Statement Sgt Holland.
 - Incl 4- Statement Sgt Hudgins.
 - Incl 5- Statement T/Sgt Dupuis.
 - Incl 6- Location sketch.



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H EADQUARTERS
777TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
APO #520 U.S. ARMY.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, 15th Air Force, APO #520,
U.S. Army (Through Channels).

1. Transmitted herewith is the Missing Air Crew Report on crew assigned to this Squadron missing in action as of 25 May 1944, International Boundary- France - Italy.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
2nd Lt.	Trotter, William O.	687228 <i>bird of 25 May 22 24 45</i>
Capt.	McCarty, Robert F. <i>pen</i>	61299 <i>26 4 46</i>
F/O	Lovelle, Harry E. <i>pen</i>	682179 <i>24 4 46</i>
2nd Lt.	Meyer, Leonard L. <i>pen</i>	510281 <i>24 4 46</i>
T/Sgt	Grissett, Robert T. <i>pen</i>	99538137 <i>24 4 46</i>
S/Sgt	Beck, John E. <i>pen 25 May</i>	5324209 <i>24 4 46</i>
T/Sgt	Jenior, Robert A. <i>pen</i>	17160358 <i>24 4 46</i>
S/Sgt	Jones, Dale W. <i>pen</i>	95516123 <i>dic. dead 24 May 45 1 June</i>
S/Sgt	Hamlin, Paul J., Jr.	28291383 <i>24 4 46</i>
S/Sgt	Casey, Oakley E. <i>pen</i>	

2. Subject personnel are battle casualties as defined by paragraph 2, Section II, Circular 10, NATOUSA, dated 24 January 1944.

3. Battle Casualty Report, forwarded your Headquarters, 25 May 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

Clyde Crabtree
CLYDE CRABTREE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

1 Incl:
Incl 1- MAC Rpt., Lt. Trotter and Crew
27 May 1944 w/7 Incls (In 6 Copies).

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JAN 1945

✓ 2nd Lt. Trotter, William G. POW NS

Mr. Oscar Trotter, (father)
Rural Route Number Two,
Bahlgen, Illinois.

✓ Capt. Robert F. McCarty MIA

Mrs. Jean E. McCarty, (wife)
397 Bradford Street,
Marion, Ohio.

✓ 2nd Lt. Leonard L. Mayer MIA

Mrs. Pearl L. Schumm, (mother)
263 Saint Nicholas Avenue,
Millstadt, New Jersey.

✓ P/O Harry B. Lovelle MIA

Mrs. Shirley B. Lovelle, (wife)
4217 Taining Avenue,
Ballwood, Illinois.

✓ T/Sgt. Robert T. Grissett MIA

Mrs. Anna F. Grissett, (mother)
647 Hollibough Avenue,
Akron, Ohio.

✓ T/Sgt. Robert A. Jenier MIA

Mr. William L. Jenier, (father)
694 Lucille Avenue,
Akron, Ohio.

✓ S/Sgt. John A. Beck MIA

Mr. John A. Beck, (father)
1256 East 3rd Street,
Pomona, California.

✓ S/Sgt. Dale W. Jones MIA

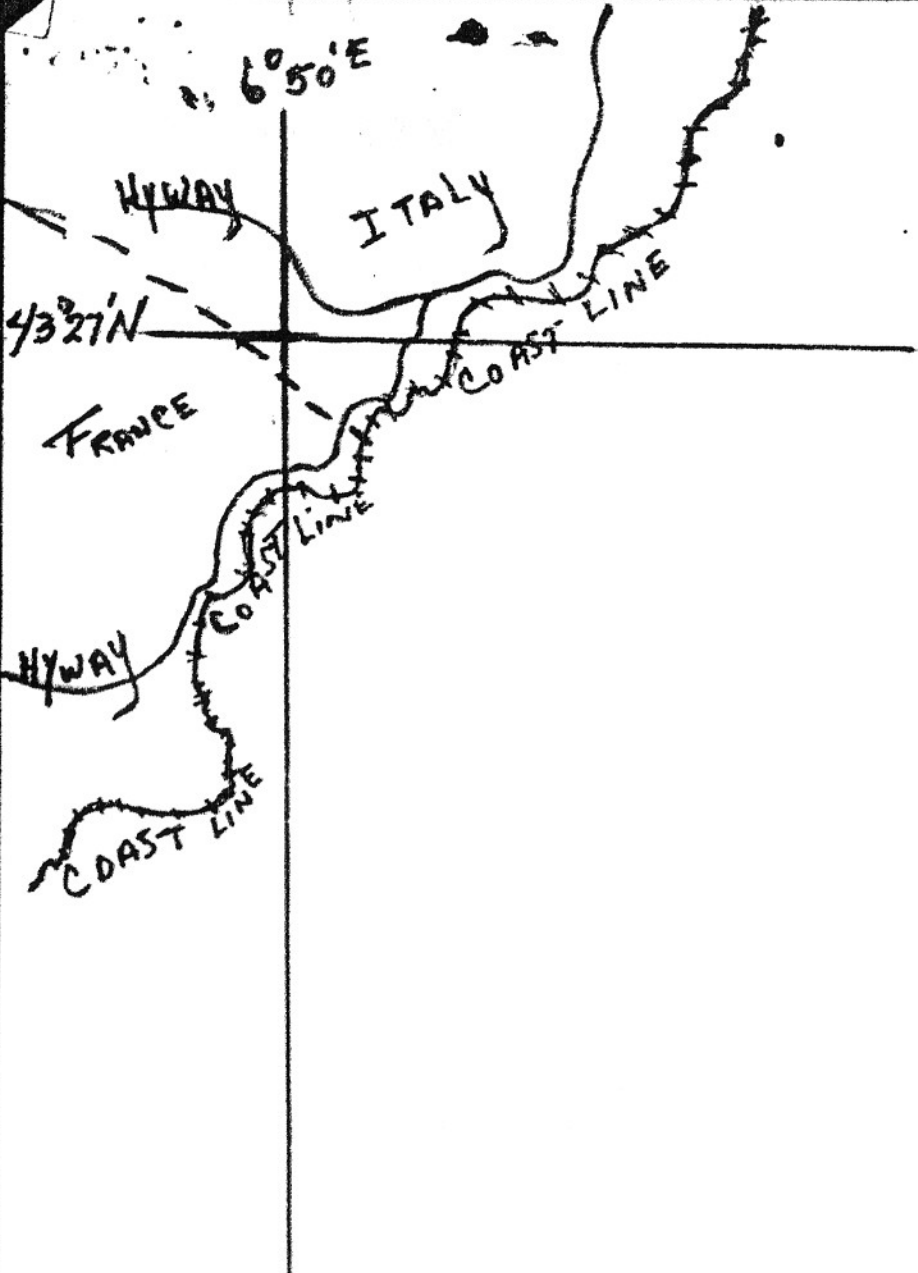
Mr. Lloyd D. Jones, (father)
569 North 24th Street,
East Saint Louis, Illinois.

✓ S/Sgt. Paul J. Hamlin, Jr. MIA

Mrs. Irene Hamlin, (wife)
2111 Titus,
Cleveland, Ohio.

✓ S/Sgt. Oakley E. Casey MIA

Mrs. Johnnie I. Gullett, (sister)
Route Four Box 378,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.



TELEGRAM

To Dulag Luft Oberursel/Taunus

To Evaluation Station West Oberursel

5/25/44 about 1400 hrs 3 km east of Agay 25 km SW Cannes

a Liberator crashed.

One captured

2nd Lt USA --William Oliver Trotter ~~2560214~~ T42-43 A-P

captured about 1 km from the railroad viaduct ~~ANTHONY R.~~

~~ANTHONY R.~~ shortly after parachuting, severely burned: on 5/25/44

admitted to Army Military Hospital Desgenetum, Report of

others captured.

1. Lovelle H.E. ~~2560214~~

2. Mayer L.L. ~~2560214~~

3. Crissett R.T. ~~2560214~~

4. Jenior, R.A. ~~2560214~~

5. Jones, D.W. ~~2560214~~

6. Hanlin P.J. ~~2560214~~

7. Beck J.E. ~~2560214~~

8. Casey O.E. ~~2560214~~

9. McCarty -- means of identification unknown -- as yet as not been ascertained -

probably all burned.

The damages will be reported later.

Markings SSW. Nothing more known ~~at this time~~ at this time will be confirmed later.

Air Base Command E/16/VII Le Luc

ME 1264

Air Base Command Le Luc

Field post L 1800 34, Air Force Camp Post Office Paris 10 July 44

Case: Report with form page 1, Air Base Command E 16/VII Field post

#L 22007, Air Force Camp post office, Paris For 5/26/44

Ref to: Crash of a Liberator 3 km east of Agay, 25 km SW Cannes

on 5/25/44 at about 1400 hrs

Enclosure: Map material partly burned

1 book: Radio Set SCR 570-A (instruction book)

1 burned pocket watch *initial*

/To the *initial* Field post

Evaluation Station West Oberursel/Taunus

In conformity with the above mentioned report the Air Base Command E 16/VII shot down a Liberator. At that time 1st Lt. William Oliver Trotter was captured from this plane.

In the enclosure, the Air Base Command Le Luc transfers the above personal material, which was found later and probably belonged to the plane that was shot down on 5/25/44.

Major Air Base Command

out of the plane, was at the time recovered only one wounded,
2nd Lt William Oliver Trepter.

The following dead identified:

1. Harry E. Lovelle
Identification Tag [REDACTED] T-42-43-A-P.
2. Leonard L. Meyer
Identification Tag [REDACTED]
3. Robert Grissett
Identification Tag [REDACTED] T-42-43-B.
4. Robert A. Jenior
Identification Tag [REDACTED] T-42-43-C.
5. Dale W. Jones
Identification Tag [REDACTED] T-42-43-D-P.
6. Oakley E. Casey
Identification Tag [REDACTED] T-42-43-O-P.

These dead were buried on 5/26/44
about 20 m in NE direction from the place of
crash of the plane. The graves were marked
with a cross with the following inscription:

"6 crewmembers of Liberator #129,382
shot down on 5/25/44".

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DATE: 5/25/44 1400

U.S.A.

ME 1266

PLACE: 3 km E. Agay
25 km S.W. Cannes

TYPE: Liberator
Markings: 129382

TARGET: No. Airbase E 16/VII

2nd.Lt. TROTTER, William Oliver
 2nd.Lt. MEYER, Leonard L.
 F/O
 KIA LOVELLE, Harry E. KIA
 KIA GRISSETT, Robert KIA
 KIA JUNIOR, Robert A. KIA
 KIA JONES, Dale W. KIA
 KIA CASEY, Oakley E. KIA
 KIA Unknown Beck KIA
 KIA Unknown McCarthy, Robert KIA
 Buried at place of crash.

missing
 dead
 dead
 dead
 dead
 dead
 dead
 dead
 dead

*see Cr
4/27/44*

5056

2nd Lt. Hamilton, Paul

*will PDD
no man need*

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT
WAS SHOT DOWN

25 May 1944

CASUALTY NO. NR 1364

PLACE OF CRASH

east of Agay

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberator

REPORTING OFFICE

Air Base Command # 16/711

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
TROTTER	WILLIAM OLIVER	2nd Lt. [REDACTED]	dead	buried at place of crash
MEYER	LEONARD E.	2nd Lt. [REDACTED]	dead	same
LOVELL	HARRY E.	P/O [REDACTED]	dead	same
CRISITT	ROBERT	[REDACTED]	dead	same
JENIOR	ROBERT A.	[REDACTED]	dead	same
JONES	DALE W.	[REDACTED]	dead	same
CASBY	CARLAY E.	[REDACTED]	dead	same
2/ unknown dead				same

MACR 5055

REMARKS:

Delay left : 20 January 1945, W.O.

25 May 44

(KSU-1264)

Shot down by: Not known

Time: 14:00 o'clock

Place shot down: 5 km E. Agay, 25 km S. W. Cannes Co 5/04 OM

Type of plane: Liberator

Crew members: (9) men dead

- 1. H. E. I. Lovelle EM [REDACTED]
- 2. L. L. O. Meyer EM [REDACTED]
- 3. E. Griestt EM [REDACTED]
- 4. R. E. Jenier EM [REDACTED]
- 5. D. W. Jones EM [REDACTED]
- 6. J. E. Beck EM [REDACTED] KIA
- 7. O. E. Casey EM [REDACTED] - KIA 25 May 44
- 8. P. J. Hamlin EM [REDACTED]
- 9. M. C. Carty EM - - -

One man captured - 2nd Lt. William Oliver Trotter - EM [REDACTED]

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AG 360.33/030-C
(6 Feb 45)

7th Ind

OE/lm

HQ., MTOF-A, APO 512, U. S. Army, 24 February 1945.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.
(Att: Casualty Branch)

1. Casualty status of crew referred to in basic communication as reflected in the records of this headquarters is as follows:

Capt. ROBERT F. McCARTY	15102811	KIA 25 May 44	Shipment #119
2d Lt. LEONARD L. MEYER	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
2d Lt. WILLIAM O. TROTTER	15102811	CAP 25 May 44	Shipment #118
F/O HARRY E. LOVELLE	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
T/Sgt. ROBERT T. CHISETT	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
T/Sgt. ROBERT A. JENIOR	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
S/Sgt. JOHN E. BECK	15102811	KIA 25 May 44	Shipment #119
S/Sgt. DALE W. JONES	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
S/Sgt. PAUL J. HAMLIN	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120
S/Sgt. OAKLEY E. CASEY	15102811	MIA 25 May 44	Shipment #120

2. Further investigation on the part of this headquarters is impracticable inasmuch as the territory concerned is now under the jurisdiction of European Theater of Operations.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

OWEN ELLIOT
Major, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

