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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 Gloia Air Base Command or AF 15th Air Force
Group 464th Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 777th Bomb Sq (H)

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Gloia Air Base Course 244 degrees
Target James Type of Mission Bombing
France

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 27 May 1944 Time 1020 Location 4 degrees, 30' E
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Coast, France
(b) Specify whether: () 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 () Enemy Anti-Aircraft () Other circumstances as follows:

6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 G AAF Serial No 42-78092

7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1830 A3 AAF Serial No (a) 42-61262
(b) 42-61217 (c) 42-61211 (d) 42-61186

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS: (Furnish below Make, Type, and Serial Number)
(a) LE 369400 (b) Unknown (Not Available)
(c) LM 231048 (d) RM 370007 RT 231353
(e) EW 391342 (f) LV 369476
(g) LB 231615 (h) RB 231544 Unknown (Not Available)

9. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS: () 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)

CREW POSITION	NAME IN FULL (Last Name First)	RANK	SERIAL NO	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS
1. Pilot	Parrish, Rodes S.	2nd Lt.		Mrs. David C. Parrish (M), RFD #2, Paris, Kentucky.
2. CO-Pilot	Baker, Ralph T.	2nd Lt.		Mrs. Lee Baker (M), 606 So. Trotter St., Dermitt, Arkansas.
3. Navigator	Staron, Frank J.	2nd Lt.		Mrs. Dorothy A. Staron (W) 175 Mt. Vernon Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
4. Bombardier	Ward, Jesse D.	2nd Lt.		Mrs. Frances J. Ward (W), 421 Cherry St., Eufaula, Alabama.
5. Eng. Gunner	Bunnell, Paul M.	T/Sgt.		Mrs. Vera Fauce (M) 116 B. Nerman, Long Beach, Calif. Mrs. Cecile Bunnell (W) 633 So. Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio.
6. ROG	Wise, Robert E.	T/Sgt.		Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wise, (F & M), 607 N. 14th St., Vincennes, Indiana.
7. Serial Gunner	Alfano, Edward J.	S/Sgt.		Mrs. Louise Alfano (M), 1117 Princeton, Spokane, Wash. Miss Eleanor Stella Alfano (S) Same as (M).

(See Reverse Side)

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[REDACTED]

- 8. Eng. Gunner Bugalsky, Louis (NMT) S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bugalsky (F & M) 3243 W. Douglas Blvd. Chicago, Ill.
- 9. Aerial Gunner Hudgins, Hershel H. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. Groves C. Hudgins (F & M) Fleming, Kentucky. Mrs. Lottie Mae Hudgins (W) 2210 4th St. Detroit, Michigan
- 10. Aerial Gunner Johnston, James C. S/Sgt. [REDACTED] Mr. and Mrs. James C. Johnston (F & M), 415 S. Atlantic Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

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	Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing

1. James R. Tudor	Capt.	[REDACTED]				X
2. Henry G. Patrick	T/Sgt.	[REDACTED]				X
3. Ernest S. Benson	Sgt.	[REDACTED]				X
4. Thomas (NMT) Rakoczy	Sgt.	[REDACTED]				X
5.						
6.						

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) No parachutes seen.

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)

15. 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: 30 May 1944.

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

- 5 Incls:
 Incl 1- Statement Capt. Tudor.
 Incl 2- Statement T/Sgt. Patrick.
 Incl 3- Statement Sgt. Benson
 Incl 4- Statement Sgt. Rakoczy.
 Incl 5- Location Sketch.



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

30 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 464th Bomb Gp (H), APO #520, U.S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith is the Missing Air Crew Report on crew assigned to this Squadron missing in action as of 27 May 1944, Coast of France.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
2nd Lt.	Parrish, Rodes S.	0-687756
2nd Lt.	Baker, Ralph T.	0-750312
2nd Lt.	Staron, Frank J.	0-698630
2nd Lt.	Ward, Jesse D.	0-694985
T/Sgt.	Bunnell, Paul M.	35414888
T/Sgt.	Wise, Robert L.	15107421
S/Sgt.	Alfano, Edward J.	39326639
S/Sgt.	Bugaisky, Louis (NMI)	36718620
S/Sgt.	Hudgins, Hershel H.	35652757
S/Sgt.	Johnston, James C.	36562984

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, 28 May 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:

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

1 Incl :

. Incl 1- MAC, Lt. Parrish and Crew
30 May 1944 w/5 Incls (In 7 Copies).

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KIA Second Lieutenant Hodas H. Parrish [REDACTED] Mrs. David G. Parrish, (Mother)
R. F. D. #2,
Paris, Kentucky.

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633 South Limestone Street,
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KIA Technical Sergeant Robert L. Wise 1510742 Mrs. Meta E. Wise, (Mother)
607 North 11th Street,
Vincennes, Indiana.

KIA Staff Sergeant Hershel H. Hudgins 265272 Mrs. Ethel Hudgins, (Mother)
Fleming, Kentucky.

KIA Staff Sergeant James C. Johnston 365628 Mrs. Marjorie F. Johnston, (Mother)
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KIA Staff Sergeant Louis Bugalsky 3626862 Mrs. Sarah K. Bugalsky, (Mother)
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KIA Staff Sergeant Edward J. Alfano 3932663 Mrs. Louise Alfano, (Mother)
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KIA Second Lieutenant Frank J. Staron 0-699630 Mrs. Dorothy A. Staron, (Wife)
Mt. Vernon Avenue,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

KIA Second Lieutenant Ralph T. Baker 730312 Mrs. Maxine L. Baker, (Wife)
2220 Vause Street,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

KIA Second Lieutenant Jesse D. Ward 0-697986 Mrs. Frances O. Ward, (Wife)
321 Cherry Street,
Sufavh, Alabama.

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN 27 May 1944, 1017 A.S.

CASUALTY NO. 123

PLACE OF CRASH: 8 mi southeast of Orange

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

REPORTING OFFICE: 1st Base Command 300/111

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
- HUGHES MICHAEL H.		[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- V LEE ROBERT L.		[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- WARD JESSE P.		069498	dead	- KIA
- SEARCE FRANK J.	2nd Lt.	[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- BAKER ROLF			dead	- KIA
- JOHNSON JAMES G.	Sgt.	[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- DUBAISKY LOUIS		[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- BURNELL PAUL H.		[REDACTED]	dead	- KIA
- ALFANO, EDWARD J.			dead	- KIA

1 unknown dead

RODES S. PARRISH, [REDACTED] - KIA

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REMARKS:

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Teletype Station
Current No. 866
May 30, 1944 12.55 hrs

*** SSD LLXE No. 457 May 29, 1944 10.50 hrs.
To Evaluation Station West, Oberursel/Taunus
Attn. Evaluation Station West, Oberursel/Taunus
Air Forces Adm. Command Hdq. Western France Ic/ V.O.
Command Air Forces Area 6/XII (Salon)
Concerns: Reporting day May 28, 1944 Time: 10.35 hrs.
Construction type: Liberator with 4 double-row Radial Engines, Nationality
U.S. Army (American) Downed May 27, 1944 (1017 hrs) thru flak, position:
6 km southeast Orange Southern France 3 km. Southeast Courtheson.-
Fighter map grid O4, East North U. K. 9.-
Squadron insignia on fuselage Star in a cross, connecting the letter H (heinrich)
the 2 in yellow color, Star white paint, cross black/white color.
Crew 10 men (dead) Grave positions cemetery Courtheson. Main entrance 15 - 26 M.
Air Base Command A 228/ XII Orange - Caritat.