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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Command or Air Force \_\_\_\_\_  
GROUP 445 Bn. Gp.; SQUADRON 702 Bn. Sqn.; DETACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure \_\_\_\_\_; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Destination \_\_\_\_\_; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_
- GIVE: (a) Date 22 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.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24; AAF Serial No. 42-7554
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; AAF Serial No. (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_  
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 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

9/12/47  
KIA

Crew	Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Pilot	Allen, John H.	1st Lt.	0-465407 - PPO
EUS 2.	CP	Bovins, Elwin J.	2nd Lt.	0-807665 - EUS
EUS 3.		Gill, Joseph F.	0-674179	2nd Lt. - EUS
KIA 4.		Destro, Anthony L.	2nd Lt.	0-732613 - KIA
KIA 5.		Elder, John R.	T/Sgt.	38188018 - KIA
EUS 6.		Henry, Harry L.	S/Sgt.	33325811 - EUS
KIA 7.		Robbins, Oscar Jr.	T Sgt.	35371021 - PPO
POD 8.		Owens, James C.	T/Sgt.	34351234 - KIA
KIA 9.		Povalks, Joseph J.	S/Sgt.	13125125 - KIA
KIA 10.		Odom, Everett M.	S/Sgt.	14165120 - KIA
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.						

13. 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. 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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Special for Lt Laliker

*R. C. O'Connell*

Name: *Anthony L. Destro*

0-732613

1. Visi - Status

2. Casualty File:

A. Unit: *445 Bomb. Group 702 Bomb Sq.*  
B. Date of Casualty:  
C. Circumstances:

*27 Dec 43*

D. List of Message & Shipment Nos:

E. Cross reference to 704 (only if not in Mail & Message)

*B-34*

3. Message & Shipment Nos:

*Plane # 42-7554*

A. Crew List:

*0-732613*  
2nd Lt *John Allen* Pilot *DFD 21 Dec 45*  
2nd Lt *Anthony L. Destro* Bombarrier *KIA 21 Dec 43*  
2nd Lt *Erwin J. Rogers* Co-pilot *KIA*  
" *Joseph F. Gill* Navigator *KIA RTD*  
1st Sgt *John R. Elder* Engineer *KIA 21 Dec 43*  
" *James C. Owens* Asst Engineer *DFD 21 Dec 43*

~~B. Review:~~

1st Sgt *Garrett M. Odom* Gunner *KIA 21 Dec 45*  
" *Harry L. Henry* Asst Engineer *KIA*  
" *Oscar Robbins Jr.* Radio Operator *D. P. 5 Dec 43*  
" *Joseph J. Paullko* Gunner *K 22 Dec 43*



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SRV A-1769

For Capt. Betty

crew 10 consist of: SRV A 1769

John H. Allen	0465407	1st Lt	MIA
Elwin J. Bevins	0807665	2d Lt	MIA
Joseph F. Gill	0674179	2d Lt	POW
Anthony L. Destro	0732613	2d Lt	KIA
John R. Elder	38188018	1st Sgt	KIA
Harry L. Henry	33325811	4th Sgt	POW
Oscar Robbins Jr.	35371021	3rd Sgt	MIA
James C. Owens	34351234	3rd Sgt	MIA
Joseph J. Pavelko	13125175	4th Sgt	MIA*
Everett M. Odom	14165120	6th Sgt	KIA

killed per US/1403

Bevins CMC 9 Apr 45 (source of report)

Allen safe in Aug. 44

4 Sergeants reported dead by Dutch.

Wagner

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NAME <b>Wood, Otis</b>		A. S. N. --		RANK --
PLACE <b>(European A)</b>	BATTLE <b>X</b>	NON-BATTLE	SYMBOL <b>K</b>	DATE <b>22 Dec 43</b>

REMARKS:  
 US/1403 Berlin cables thru PMG, IRC No #. <sup>Cancel</sup> Killed 22 Dec 43. Fortress.

1. Appears to be James C. Owens, 34351234  
 2. See Cas in Spec Idem

AG 383.6 (28 Jan 44)

AG 704 ( )	MESSAGE NO.	NAME NO.	TYPED BY: <b>HJohnson</b>	CHECKED BY:	RECHECKED BY:
AG 201 ( )	<b>028104-1-U</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29 Jan 44</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

ACTION BY RECORDS SECTION: Report verified \_\_\_\_\_ Form 43 \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Req. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cas. Branch File Attached \_\_\_\_\_ or charged to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Previously Reported NO  YES \_\_\_\_\_ (As Indicated Below):

Classification	Message No.	Type	Date and Area	E. A. Notified

Report not verified  No Form 43 \_\_\_\_\_ No Cas. Br. File \_\_\_\_\_ No Visi-Card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Copy report furnished (after verification) To: *Sp. Idem*  
 Enl. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Off. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Mach. Rec. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ S. G. O. \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked By: *[Signature]* 30 Jan 44 Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

ACTION BY VERIFICATION SECTION:  
 a. By Special Identification Sub-Section: Report changed or corrected as follows:

b. By Inquiry Sub-Section: Original inquiry attached \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checked (after action a or b) by: \_\_\_\_\_ To Group \_\_\_\_\_, Record Section.

**CASUALTY REPORT ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS**

- MISSING and RETURN TO DUTY THEREFROM - From Records to Telegraphic Notification, to Dispatch, to Control, to Records.
- P. O. W. and INTERNED - From Records to Telegraphic Notification, to Dispatch, to Control, to Records.
- WOUNDED (original reports) - From Records to Telegraphic Notification, to Dispatch, to Control, to Records.
- WOUNDED STATUS REPORTS (Codes A-B-C-D-E-R-EV) - From Records to Wounded Status Section, to Dispatch, to Control, to Records.
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PLACE --	BATTLE	NON-BATTLE	SYMBOL *	DATE --
REMARKS: <b>187</b> US1462 Your Wife *Same crew Staff Sgt HL Henry ASN-33,325,811, 2nd Lt. Josef Gill ASN 0-374,179 Lieut. Anthony Destro Sgts. Pavelko, Oton, Elder - US1403. Thru PMG IRC #A1668.				
AG 383.6(25 Feb 44)				
AG 704 ( )	MESSAGE NO. 056145-U	NAME NO. SX	TYPED BY Sinclair	CHECKED BY <i>[Signature]</i>
AG 201 ( )			27 Feb 44	RECHECKED BY <i>[Signature]</i>

ACTION BY RECORDS SECTION: Report verified \_\_\_\_\_ Form 43 \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Req. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cas. Branch File Attached \_\_\_\_\_ or charged to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Previously Reported NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ (As Indicated Below):

Classification	Message No.	Type	Date and Area	E. A. Notified
<i>AG 383.6(25 Feb 44)</i>	<i>056145-U</i>	<i>SX</i>	<i>27 Feb 44</i>	<i>22 Dec 43 Europe US</i>
<i>Taken from blue copy</i>				

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Copy report furnished (after verification) To: *Special Delivery*  
Enl. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Off. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Mach. Rec. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ S. G. O. \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Files \_\_\_\_\_  
Checked By: *[Signature]* Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLACE --	BATTLE	NON-BATTLE	SYMBOL *	DATE --

REMARKS:

USSCS London (ETO) WN 1676 SPXPC-R reured S 6707 2 Mar 44 above man was not on plane involved nor ever reported as casualty this theater. Unable furnish reason his name appeared on IRC report. There is a Cpl Otis M Wood 39,250,643 present for duty with 564th Bomb Sq, 389th Bomb Gp.

AG 704 ( )	MESSAGE NO.	NAME NO.	TYPED BY	CHECKED BY:	RECHECKED BY:
AG 201 9 Mar 44	070123-C	1X	Norwood 11 Mar 44	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

ACTION BY RECORDS SECTION: Report verified \_\_\_\_\_ Form 43 \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Req. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cas. Branch File Attached \_\_\_\_\_ or charged to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Previously Reported NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ (As Indicated Below):

Classification	Message No.	Type	Date and Area	E. A. Notified
Up 383.6 (28 Jan 44)	028104-1-U	R.	26 Dec 43	
Up 383.6 (25 Feb 44)	056145-U			

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Copy report furnished (after verification) To: *Spec Ident*  
Enl. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Off. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ Mach. Rec. Br. \_\_\_\_\_ S. G. O. \_\_\_\_\_ AG 201 Files \_\_\_\_\_  
Checked By: *General 5/21/44* Reviewed By: *[Signature]*

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Sender: Commanding office of air base A 203/VI  
Field Posts No. L 36127  
LOFA. Antwerpen/Berthain

A.V. 45/44

Personal Casualty Report No. 261 - Period covered: 12/22/43

Distributor: Direct to Army Information Office for War Casualties and Prisoners of War.  
Berlin W.30 - 47/48 Hohenstaufen Str.

Shooting down of a Liberator on 12/22/43 at 14.59 at Mims, Friesland County. Serial No. of the plane unknown. The corpse was floated on 12/26/43.

T/Sgt. John R. ELDER (identification tag not found) according to his pay book No. 38188018 Killed in action by crash. GRAVE ROW: 24

The internment took place on 12/27/43 at the cemetery of Backhuizen. GRAVE No. 1 15

*See Av 469*

*KIA*

/s/ King

Capt. and grave officer.

Signature: 12/29/43

Commanding officer of air base A 203/VI  
Field Posts No. L 36127  
Air District Posts Office Antwerpen/Berthain

Signature: 12/28/43

**REPORT**

About the coroner's inquest of the corpse of an enemy flyer on 12/27/43 in the mortuary of Backhuizen (Friesland County). Shooting down of a Liberator in Mims on 12/22/43.

1. Corpse: According to the pay book - John R. ELDER - 38188018  
Identification tag not found.

Nationality: American

Rank: T/Sgt.

Home address: Mrs. Lillian Fern ELDER mother - Box 15 - Hoquiam Oka.

Cause of death: Drown.

The corpse was released for internment.

*See page 63*

/s/ King

Capt. and grave officer.

Army physician of the commanding officer  
of air base (A) 203/VZ

A.Y. 169/44

Army physician's report.

Date: 12/24/43  
Field Post No. L 36127  
A.D.P.O. Amsterdam/Bombay

About the coroner's inquest of 5 corpses of enemy airmen - WIRN near Stavoren.  
Time of coroner's inquest: 12/22/43 at 11,30.

1. CORPSE

Identification tag: no - on bones the name of Otis WOOD  
Nationality: American  
Rank: Unknown  
Cause of death: Completely mutilated

2. CORPSE

Identification tag: Joseph PAVELO  
Nationality: American  
Rank: Unknown  
Cause of death: completely buried

13125175 T 43 MIA  
22 Dec 43 - KIA  
22 Dec 43 - KIA

3. CORPSE

Identification tag: Anthony L. DESTRO  
Nationality: American  
Rank: Unknown  
Cause of death: Completely mutilated

0-732613 T 42

- KIA

4. CORPSE

Identification tag: Everett M. COCK  
Nationality: American  
Rank: Unknown  
Cause of death: Completely mutilated

14165120 T 43

- KIA

5. CORPSE

Identification tag: Unknown  
Nationality: Unknown - JOHN R. ELDER  
Rank: Unknown  
Cause of death: completely mutilated

38188018  
- KIA

The corpses were released for internment.

1/4 illegible

Capt. (surgeon) and army physician.

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KU 540

Liberator, downed 2 Dec. 1943, 1459, at Miras, Friesland.

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PAVLEO, Joseph  
Dead

ASN: 13125120

OLDM, Everett M.  
Dead

See AV 469

ASN: 14165120

THIS IS A TRANSLATION OF A CAPTURED  
GERMAN DOCUMENT, THE ORIGINAL OF  
WHICH IS IN SRAD UNIT, CAS. SEC., AGO

File in DPRB  
Headquarters Adm. Center, P.O. St. Louis

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Commanding officer of air ~~base~~ A 203/WI  
Field Posts No. 1, 36127  
A.F.O. ~~Antwerp/Dunkirk~~

A.T. 142/44

Personnel Casualty Report No. 254 about Americans - Period: 12/22/43 (Double report)  
Highlights: AS usual.

Crash of a Liberator at Wirus, Friesland County on 12/22/43 at 14,99. Serial No. Unknown

Interment took place at the cemetery of Balkhuizen on 12/24/43 - Grave No. 1 24

1. Unknown { JAMES C. OWENS, 34351234  
UNKNOWN X Unknown } Grave No. 11  
On basis the name of Otto 1000

2. Joseph J. PAVIKO X 13125179 - KIA Grave No. 14

3. Everett H. ODOM X 14165120 - KIA Grave No. 14

4. Anthony L. DESTRO X 0 - 732613 - KIA Grave No. 14

5. Unknown  UNKNOWN Unknown Grave No. 14

Reported as ELDER R.d.L. 117/44. (pencilled) - See next page (page 20)  
which states Elder buried in Grave 15, which jibes with info. in  
SD Case 4259, stating Elder was found in Grave 15.

See: AV 436<sup>v</sup>

KU 540<sup>-</sup>

Date: 12/27/43

1st Ring

Capt. and grave officer.

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SD Case 4259

Full. Two also on crew

MACR 15597

JOHN H. ALLEN, 0465407

OSCAR ROBBINS, JR, 35321021

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Ku 540 / Dec. 22, 1943 - Fortreps

✓ Henry, Harry Luther, S/sgt.  
Ident. Tag: 33325-811

Taken prisoner

✓ Gill, Joseph F., 2nd Lt. born Oct. 20, 1918

Ident. Tag: 0-674 179

Taken prisoner

✓ Destro, Anthony J. Lt.

Ident. Tag: 0-732 613

✓ Elder,

T/sgt.

✓ Pavelko, Joseph, Sgt.

Ident. Tag: 13 125 175

✓ Stom, Everett M., Sgt.

Ident. Tag: 14 165 120

✓ Wood, Otis,