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By: NARA NARA Date: 1973

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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name TIBENBERG, ENG.; Command or Air Force 8TH Group 445TH; Squadron 700TH; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure TIBENBERG; Course 270° FR. OOR. BRUCK
Target or Intended Destination OOR. BRUCK; Type of Mission BOMBING
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: VISIBILITY 0/0 - 10/10 UNDERCAST
- GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month DEC. Year 1943 Time 1420 and Location OOR. BRUCK of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was 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 H; AAF Serial NO. 42-64438
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any _____
- * ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____: AAF Serial Number (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
- * INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
(i) _____ (j) _____ (k) _____ (l) _____
(m) _____ (n) _____ (o) _____ (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Pass. 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.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	NELSON, NORMAN MARTIN	2nd Lt.	0-679101	MIA ✓
2. CO-PILOT	CLARK, GEORGE JOSEPH	2nd Lt.	0-806622	MIA ✓
3. NAVIGATOR	SILVERMAN, CONRAD (MMI)	2nd Lt.	0-685748	XXX KIA ✓
4. BOMBARDIER	BULGER, MARTIN PATRICK JR.	2nd Lt.	0-744971	MIA KIA ✓
5. TOP TURRET	ENTZINGER, GEORGE H.	T/SGT.	37233780	MIA ✓
6. RADIO OPERATOR	SMITH, CHARLES E.	T/SGT.	16076352	XXX KIA ✓
7. BALL TURRET	BERZEMSKI, WALTER (MMI)	S/SGT.	12200169	XXX KIA ✓
8. WAIST	FOLKNER, FRANCIS H.	S/SGT.	33361283	XXX KIA ✓
9. TAIL	KING, JAMES V.	S/SGT.	33552460	XXX KIA ✓
10. WAIST	SMITH, JOHN PARKER	S/SGT.	33382794	MIA ✓
11.				
12.				
13.				

* RECORDS UNAVAILABLE

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

Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. JORGENSEN, GREEN E.	2ND LT.	0-681109		X		
2. KASSEL, DAVID F.	2ND LT.	0-743114		X		
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) NO CHUTES OBSERVED

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

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

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT NONE

Date or Report 4 April 1945

Andrew Grove Capt AC
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

SHIP #438 WAS ATTACKED BY FIGHTERS AT TIME OF BOMBS DUMP. IT WAS LAST SEEN GOING DOWN OUT OF CONTROL AND NO CHUTES WERE OBSERVED..

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My dear Mrs Small

My son James Leonard a soldier in Leige Belgium at last have found grave of Charles and some of the boys also got a full account of the plane crash our boys were lost in. I will give you as he got from people who were witness to crash. Leonard and 2 soldiers went in a jeep from Leige to a distance of 230 miles to Bolsward Holland. he inquired for soldiers grave in that vicinity but they new of none. They then went to a community cemetery at edge of this town and found graves of 5 boys.

Contrary to our information from our Gov. The boy definity did not get killed over Osnabruck Ger. but over this town Bolsward. their plane crashed in a cow pasture 1 mile from this town. It happened at 2:30 Oclock P. M Dec 22-1943. They were engaged in a fight with a German fighter plane. Their Liberator was the victim of a direct hit and set a fire, they still had their bomb load and rather than drop them on civilian allies they chose to crash with their bombs. Before they finally crashed they shot the german plane down, the pilot parachuting out and taken prisoner.

The plane crashed at 2:30 in the afternoon, It was burning so no one was allowed near. It burned till 7 O'clock that evening. When the bombs went off which blew everything in all directions.

Five bodies were found and four of them recognized. The other members of the crew were destroyed in the explosion of the bombs.

The mayor of Bolsward got the bodies from the germans, and immediately the town donated the money to buy the plot and pay the funeral expenses and care for the graves.

On Sat. Dec 24, 1943 at 3 O clock P. M. the boys were burried with graveside services by 2 Catholic Priest The Sermon was read by Fr Van Riet of the St Frances Church. The funeral was attended by the whole town, the graves were completely covered with many flowers. The priest said it was the largest funeral with more flowers than he had ever seen in Bolsward. The bodies were buried in the best wooden caskets that Holland has with the identification tags. tacked on the top. The boys were buried in the Protestant section of the cemetery at the decision of the major as they didn't realize the religion of each soldier is on his identification tag.

While the boys were there Aug 19. Sun. Many people visisted the grave which they say is usual. The people there hold high respect for their graves.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF

ROUTING SLIP

TO:

1. OFFICE AFPPA-8	DATE 18 Oct 45
ATTENTION Capt. Luthe	
2. OFFICE	DATE
ATTENTION	
3. OFFICE	DATE
ATTENTION	

FOR: FOLLOWING ACTION(S) AS CHECKED

<input type="checkbox"/> COORDINATION	<input type="checkbox"/> NOTE AND RETURN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> NECESSARY ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION	<input type="checkbox"/> FILE
<input type="checkbox"/> SEE OR PHONE ME	<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE

COMMENT

This is a copy of letter written to the EA of Staff Sergeant Asha P. Small, 33382794. It is for your information and any action you think appropriate, as the story told in the letter is materially different from the dope in the MACR. Do not know if the AGO and QMGO have this information.

FROM:

OFFICE AFPPA-11	ROOM NO. 3 C 275
INDIVIDUAL Capt. Howard S. Alley	PHONE 5812

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[Handwritten signature]

Nelson, Harmon M

NO TRACK

AG 360.33 Cas 6th Ind. JWP/JFR.
HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U S ARMY, 25 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D.C.

1. Forwarded herewith Missing Air Crew Report of the Eighth Air Force.
2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of the crew members of subject aircraft to be as shown on the inclosed Missing Air Crew Report.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



Nm Rund
 H. M. RUND, *w*
 Colonel, AGD,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

2 Incls:
 ✓ n/c (1 copy each w/d)

Classification changed
 to **RESTRICTED**
 by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
 by F. M. WENCH, Capt., AC
 Date..... FEB 13 1946

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COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION:

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

21 March 1945

2nd Lt.

SUBJECT: 2nd Lt Norman M Nelson, 0679101
445th Bomb Group 700 Bomb Squadron
MIA 22 Dec 1943

TO : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force
A.P.O. 634, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Request all available information regarding disappearance above subject officer and crew be submitted to this headquarters with the least practicable delay. Report should be similar to Missing Air Crew Report.

2. The Adjutant General advises request made for this information October 1944 without reply.

3. Tech Sgt George H Entzminger 37233780 indicated as also missing on same mission.

4. Attached copy of letter from Miss Nona Nelson.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. A. Bradunas
E. A. BRADUNAS
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

1 Incl.
ltr fr Miss Nona Nelson



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Ltr Hq AAF, Wash, 21 Mar 45, subj: "2nd Lt. Norman M. Nelson, O-679101, 445th EG, MIA 22 Dec 43"

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1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634, US Army. 29 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, 2d Air Division, APO 558, US Army.
(Attn: Casualty Section)

For compliance with basic communication and return thru this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

1 Incl: n/c



H.S. Wilson, Jr.
H.S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

319.1 2nd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION, APO 558, 31 March 1945.

G-D-12

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 124, APO 558.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

1 Incl:
n/c

Clyde W. Rine
CLYDE W. RINE
1st Lt AGD
Ass't Adjutant General

319.1 3rd Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, AAF STATION 124, APO 558, U. S. Army, 5 Apr 1945.

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To: Commanding General,
2d Air Division,
APO 558, U. S. Army.

Basic communication complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:



John P. Cuff
JOHN P. CUFF,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Ass't Adjutant.

2 Incl:
Added:

2. Missing Air Crew Report (in quint)

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HEADQUARTERS 2d AIR DIVISION, APO 558, 8 April 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.

Attention invited to 3rd Indorsement and Inclosure 2, attached hereto.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls:
Incl 1 n/c.
Incl 2 (in quad).



Clyde W. Rine
CLYDE W. RINE
1st Lt AGD
Asst Adjutant General

319.1 D/8.

5th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY. **22 APR 1945**

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Basic communication complied with, Missing Air Crew Report transmitted herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:
Incl 1. Missing Air Crew Report, 445th Bomb Gp
B-24H, 42-64438, 22 Dec 43 (in trip)

H. S. Wilson, Jr.
H. S. WILSON, JR.
Major, A.C.D.,
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