

U S GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CRAFT 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 Gioia Del Colle, Italy and Air Force 15th AF
Group 451st Bomb Gp B; Squadron 725th Bomb Sq Detachment ***
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Gioia Del Colle, Italy **
Intended Destination Regensburg, Germany Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Weather Clear, Visibility unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Date 25 Feb Time 1200, and Location Unknown
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () last sighted; () last contacted by radio;
() forced down; () seen to crash; or (X) information not available
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (check only one) (X) Enemy aircraft; () Enemy anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances: as follows _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24H, A.A.F. Serial number 42-29244
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series PR1850-65 A.A.F. Serial number (a) BP425611
(b) BP425113 (c) BP425584 (d) BP425674
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and serial number)
(a) Only record on ship (c) _____ (e) _____
(b) _____ (d) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS (a) Little Casualty X
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 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	PRIES, EDWIN H.	2nd Lt	0-745173
2. Co-Pilot	GERRITY, FRANK R.	2nd Lt	0-811363
3. Navigator	COTTRELL, JAMES W.	2nd Lt	0-689726
4. Bombardier	EVENS, GEORGE A.	2nd Lt	0-688948
5. Upper Turret	Keslow, Harold (MMT)	Sgt	11090076
6. Lower Turret	Varga, Steve (MMT)	Sgt	M/4 15333985
7. Right Waist	McGord, Joseph J.	Sgt	M/4 15382924
8. Left Waist	Scaffidi, Salvatore P.	Sgt	M/4 11091044
9. Tail Gunner	Tokarski, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	M/4 33477925
10. Nose Gunner	Abernathy, Don T.	Sgt	M/4 14158859

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST RECEIVED BY AIR-CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE REASON FOR SAME.

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	Contacted		
		Radio	Last seen	Forced landing
1. <u>NONE</u>				
2. _____				
3. _____				

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED AND IN LINE TO CHECK OFF WITH THE STATEMENTS. (c) Parachutes were used _____ (d) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____ or (e) Any other reason (specify) _____
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EXTENSIVE DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXACT OF CRASH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. No search made.

1 Incl: Date of report 1 March 1944
 Incl 1 - Statement of 1st Lt. WILBERT H. JACOBS
 Signature of Malcolm B. Cadden
 1st Lt. Air Corps, Adjutant.

number of receipt Apr 44 set of US surface number. in Red Cross

ME 815-

Feb. 25, 1944

Liberator

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to

Evans, George Albert, 2nd Lt. born Oct 4, 1917

Ident. Tag: 0-688 948

Taken Prisoner

Herrity, Frank Raymond, 2nd Lt. born July 1, 1922

Ident. Tag: 0-811 363

Taken Prisoner

Koslow, Harold, 1st Lt. born May 29, 1913

Ident. Tag: 11 090 076

Taken Prisoner

Abernathy, Don Thomas, 2nd Lt. born Jan. 2, 1922

Ident. Tag: 14 158 859

Taken Prisoner

Cottrell, Jr., 2nd Lt.

wounded

Location: In a field hospital

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S T A T E M E N T

2 April 1944.

After interrogating other crews flying in formation with B-24 airplane No. 41-29244, piloted by 2nd Lt. EDWIN H. PRIES, O-745173, returning from a bomber mission to Regensburg, Germany, on 25 February 1944, no witnesses were found, or information obtained as to the fate of this aircraft or its personnel.

Wilbert H. Jacobs
WILBERT H. JACOBES
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. S-2.
725th Bomb Sq (H)

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725TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)
HEADQUARTERS
APO 520
U S ARMY

GWR/rsb

360.33

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 451st Bombardment Group (H), APO 520, U S Army.

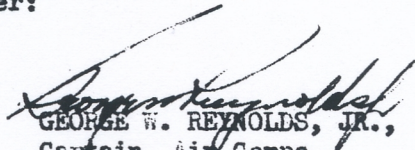
1. Transmitted herewith Missing Air Crew Report of Crew #34, assigned to this squadron, reported missing in action as of 25 February 1944 on mission over Regensburg, Germany.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>
2nd Lt	PRIES, EDWIN H.	0-745173
2ND Lt	GERRITY, FRANK R. <i>Pow</i>	0-811363
2nd Lt	COTTRELL, JAMES W. <i>Pow</i>	0-689726
2nd Lt	EVENS, GEORGE A. <i>Pow</i>	0-688948
S/Sgt	Koelow, Harold (NMI) <i>Pow</i>	11090076
S/Sgt	Abernathy, Don T. <i>Pow</i>	14158859
Sgt	Varga, Steve (NMI)	15333985
Sgt	McCord, Joseph J.	15382924
Sgt	Scafidi, Salvatore P.	11091044
Sgt	Tokarski, Thaddeus S.	33477925

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 29 February 1944.

For the Squadron Commander:


GEORGE W. REYNOLDS, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

1 Incl:

Incl 1 - MAC Rpt, Lt Pries & Crew
1 Mar 44 w/1 incls (quad).

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360.33 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS 47TH WING, APO 520, 6 April 1944.

C: BGN/rjm

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520.

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1. Battle Casualty Report forwarded your headquarters 2 March 1944.
2. Missing Air Crew Report was returned to the group for corrections, thus causing delay in forwarding.

For the Commanding Officer:

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B. G. Weir, Jr.
 B. G. WEIR, JR.,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Assistant Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

AG 360.33 2nd Ind.
 HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 15 April 1944.

GP/HEN/m/ds

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Att'n: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR #L-29, dated 4 March 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU, 4 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
 HAROLD B. NEELY,
 Major, A. G. D.,
 Assistant AG.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - (dup).

Incl 4

2nd Lt. Frank R. Gerrity	Mrs. James A. Gerrity, (mother) 1205 Philo Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt. James W. Cottrell	Mrs. Mary P. Cottrell, (wife) 1792 Wilson Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.
S/Sgt. Harold Koslow	Mrs. Annie Koslow, (wife) 23 Mora Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts.
2nd Lt. Edwin H. Pries	Mrs. Martha H. Pries, (mother) Bremer, Iowa.
Sgt. Salvatore P. Scafidi	Mr. John Scafidi, (father) 106 Gage Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts.
Sgt. Joseph J. McCord	Mrs. Ethel McCord, (mother) Rural Route One, Petersburg, Indiana.
2nd Lt. George A. Evens	Mr. Harry O. Evens, (father) Hadley, New York.
Sgt. Thaddeus S. Tokarski	Mrs. Eleanor A. Tokarski, (wife) 3235 Almond Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sgt. Steve Varga	Mr. John Varga, (father) Rural Route Number Two, Rosebush, Michigan.
Pvt. Don Abernathy	Mrs. Lilla Etta Bell, (mother) Frenchtown, Montana.