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TSgt Henry P. James



INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

THOMAS,

HENRY

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RANK

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SERIAL NUMBER

35 428 569

ARM OF SERVICE

DATE OF DEATH

17 October 1943

AREA OF DEATH

*North Sea

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

NAME OF REVIEWER

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REMARKS

*Above decedent and nine (9) other crew members were last seen on 17 October 1943 near England. For purposes of memorialization, the area of death is North Sea, Code 68.

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CONTROLLED CASE		
NAME	GRADE	SERIAL NO.
JAMES. HENRY P.	T/sgt	35 428 569

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To
QMGH 293
World War II
Unrecoverables

MAR 11 1949

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverability of Remains

TO : Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to Proceedings of Boards of Officers that have convened at your Headquarters and have determined that the remains of certain World War II dead are non-recoverable.

2. Findings of the Board have been reviewed and approved on all decedents whose names appear on the attached roster.

3. It is requested that all records of your office pertaining to these deceased be amended to read REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
List of non-
recoverables

T. H. METZ
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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REMAINS NON-RECOVERABLE - EUROPEAN AREA

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
GRIFFIN, JOHN J., JR.	2/LT.	0-734 673
HODULIK, ANDREW J.	T/SGT.	12 051 184
JAMES, HENRY P.	T/SGT.	35 428 569
KRUER, EDWARD J.	2/LT.	0-793 635
LEE, HOWARD R.	S/SGT.	19 128 286
McNEILL, JOHN D.	2/LT.	0-670 776
MESSENGER, PHILIP H.	S/SGT.	39 529 882
REYNOLDS, LOYD W.	M/SGT,	6 820 671
STONEBURNER, WILLIAM N.	1/LT.	0-793 859
STRAND, LAWRENCE R.	1/LT.	0-665 637
VADNEY, WILLIAM J.	S/SGT.	12 170 468
WARD, FREDRIC B.	2/LT.	0-672 912

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AG 704 (23 Dec 48)

23 December 1948

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge
Casualty Section, Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Reports of Death.

1. The following Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action since 17 October 1943, while in flying pay status, in the European Area, place unknown (Cas Msg 297132), and, following their continued absence for a year, were presumed dead as of 18 October 1944, under provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act:

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JAN 1 1 1949
Capt., GMS
Identification Branch

2. Missing Air Crew Report No. 1019, from Headquarters 337th Bombardment Squadron, 96th Bombardment Group (H), shows that a B-17F type aircraft, No. 42-30365, with crew comprised of the individuals named above, became missing in action 17 October 1943, when it failed to return to its base in England, when called back from an operational mission on account of bad weather conditions. Crew positions of the men above, in the order listed, were shown as: pilot, bombardier, navigator, co-pilot, right wing gunner, radio operator, engineer, tail gunner, left wing gunner, and ball turret gunner. The weather was reported to have been rainy, visibility zero, and the report showed that no information was available regarding the whereabouts or fate of the missing plane. Confirmation of this lack of knowledge regarding the fate of the plane and crew is found in the fifth of nine wrapper indorsements filed with MACR No. 1019. Dated 23 December 1943, from Headquarters, 96th Bombardment Group, to Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., it reads as follows:

"Reference 1st Wrapper indorsement, subject Officers and Enlisted Men departed AAF Station 138 17 October 1943 in B-17F Airplane No. 42-30365 with other Combat Crews of this Command on a projected operational mission to Duren, Germany. Due to inclement weather and poor visibility, the formation was recalled and Subject Crew failed to return. Further information concerning the whereabouts of this Crew or the circumstances under which they failed to return to this Station is unavailable and it is therefore impossible to determine whether or not any of said Crew survived. In a word, the Crew simply disappeared."

3. Letters from the Air Adjutant General to the Families of the crew members, dated 29 January 1944 (copies filed in AG 201's of all except Lt Griffin and Sgt James), state that the plane "departed from the British Isles on an important military mission to Western Germany", and gives a resume of information already set forth in this review.

4. The following information was submitted by Mrs. Floyd J. Lee, mother of Sergeant Lee, in a letter to The Adjutant General dated 16 June 1944:

" * * * * Two of the families wrote friends of their boys in England had been on this particular mission, and had definitely seen the ship go down. One Lt. wrote me he was flying as wingman with Lt. Stoneburner and saw him leave formation and go down. Then recently another letter stated a returned Captain had talked to this party (a sister of one of the crew) and stated he was on this flight and they were called back to their Base before they left England, and all ships returned except this one. It was supposed they followed a German beam across the Channel * * * *."

5. In addition, the following notations are found in material on file with individual records of the crew members:

a. On Officer's Qualification Cards of commissioned personnel:

"Officer missing in action: on B-17 #42-30365, location unknown, while on combat mission 17 Oct 1943;"

b. Under "Administrative Remarks" in Service Records of Enlisted Men:

"Sol. missing in action, 17 Oct. 1943, location unknown, while on a heavy Bomb Sortie in B-17 Airplane #42-30365."

c. Indorsements made a part of the individual Service Records of the enlisted men and dated 5 November 1943, show that the 337th Bombardment Squadron (H) was stationed at "Snetterton Heath, England at that time.

6. Reference to a map of the area shows that Duren, in Western Germany, is approximately 350 miles, "as the crow flies" from Snetterton Heath, in Norfolk, England, and that 100 miles of this route lies across the North Sea.

7. A report dated 21 September 1948 has been received from the Memorial Division, OQMG (Mr. Long), stating that the crew of this plane are being processed as "Non-Recoverable" in that office, as the absence of any clue to the fate of the crew has resulted in the belief that their plane crashed in the North Sea. A search of translations of captured German documents and other material on file in this office reveals nothing else of interest to this review.

8. Aircraft No. 42-30365, a B-17 bombardment plane, carrying as its crew the ten men named in paragraph 1 above, was one of a flight dispatched from a

base in England on 17 October 1943, to bomb Duren, Germany. Official reports show that the mission was cancelled, and the planes called back because of the "inclement weather and poor visibility." This plane alone failed to return as ordered. Available evidence does not show whether Lieutenant Stoneburner's plane disappeared before the order to turn back was received by the flight leader. The meager information received by Mrs. Lee (par 4, above) and forwarded by her to the War Department in 1944 is seen to consist of hearsay only and to be of little value beyond suggesting certain possibilities. North Sea crossings were generally made at high altitude in order to avoid antiaircraft fire over the Dutch coast, and under the poor visibility prevailing at the time, it seems obvious that men on the other planes would have lost sight of the missing craft long before it crashed, and probably before realizing that it was suffering mechanical trouble or becoming lost. In evaluating the total absence of evidence regarding the fate of this crew, it must be noted that the enemy proved very methodical in recording, and usually in reporting to the Allied governments, all Allied planes falling in territory under his control. Its crash on the English side surely could not have gone long unreported. On the other hand, known plane losses over the North Sea and English Channel were such that our airmen were relieved to sight land again after each crossing. No tangible trace of plane or crew has been discovered. The only logical conclusion which can be drawn in this case is that Lieutenant Stoneburner's plane crashed in the North Sea, for reasons unknown, carrying all aboard to their death.

9. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the Air Corps personnel named in paragraph 1 above were killed in action on 17 October 1943, while in flying pay status, when their plane crashed while crossing the North Sea on a bombardment mission. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 18 October 1944. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

Station and place of death; European Area

Oliver W. Gaylord
OLIVER W. GAYLORD
Investigator


CONCURRED:

O. Paulsen
O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
OIC, Determination Unit.

AG 704 (23 Dec 48)

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:


SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Colonel, AGD
OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Copy for:

AG 201 file of each person named in par. 1

Cas. Sec. file of each person named in par. 1

293 (OQMG) file of each person named in par. 1

NAME

RANK

SERIAL NO.

293

James, Henry P.

T/Sgt.

35 428 569

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL: FEB 2 1 1949

Horace Speed, Jr.
HORACE SPEED, JR.
Colonel, QMC

APPROVED:

2 MAR 1949

K. L. Hastings
K. L. HASTINGS
for Brigadier General, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

MAR 11 1949
[Signature]
Identification Branch

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FORWARDED TO BOARD APPROVED BY BOARD FIELD NOTIFIED RECORD CARD MADE TO 293 FILE

Stoneburner, William N.
Ward, Frederic B.
McNeill, John D.
Griffin, John J., Jr.
Hochulik, Andrew J.

James, Henry P.
Vadney, William J.
Reynolds, Loyd W.
Messenger, Philip H.
Lee, Howard R.

STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATION

7 February 1949

1. Subject decedents were ten (10) crew members of a B-17 type aircraft #42-30365 which failed to return from a mission to Duren, Germany from Snetterton Heath, in Norfolk, England, 17 October 1943. No trace of aircraft or crew has ever been found.

2. Missing Air Crew Report states weather was rainy and visibility Zero. (Tab "A") Status, Review and Determination Report has been obtained and incorporated in the files, in which it quotes the 5th Wrapper Indorsement filed with the original MACR that, "due to inclement weather and poor visibility the formation was recalled and subject crew failed to return," also, "In a word, the Crew simply disappeared." (Tab "B") Further information contained in Status, Review and Determination Report #704 states the belief that subject plane and its crew crashed into the North Sea, (Tab "C"), which was the planned route of the missing aircraft.

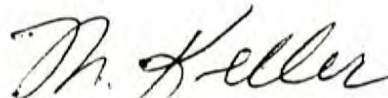
3. There is no record of a search having been conducted for subject aircraft and its crew.

4. Translations of captured German documents and other material on file in this office have been searched but no association can be made with subject decedents. (Tab "C")

5. The following files have been checked by this office with negative results in an endeavor to find any possible burial location of subject decedents either as known or unknowns:

- a. A-Z file of known interments in U. S. Military Cemeteries, isolated locations and sea burials.
- b. Alphabetical index file of "believed to be" and potentially identified unknowns.
- c. Geographical clue index file of unknowns interred in U. S. Military Cemeteries in the general area in which the subjects deceased were last reported.
- d. Alphabetical file of former unknowns now identified.
- e. 293 files of subject decedents.

6. All information secured confirms the Findings and substantiates the recommendations made by the Overseas Board.



M. KELLER
Analyst.

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

18 MAR 1948

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter File AGAC - 3 293.9 (27 Mar 47), D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 Apr 47.

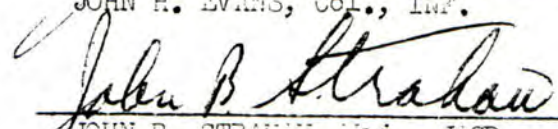
The Board met pursuant to Par. 2, SO No. 69, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Command, 9 May 47, at the Astoria Hotel, Paris, France, on . The purpose of the Board was to determine recoverability/identity of certain casualties now under consideration by this command.

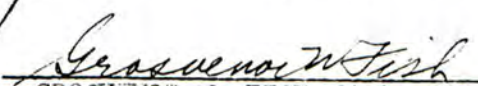
The Board reviewed reports of investigation, statements of witnesses and other papers contained in the files of American Graves Registration Command, ETA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case files and other data considered are attached

CASE No.	NAME	ASN	GRADE
19	STONEBUENER, William Neal	C-793859	1st Lt.
	WARD, Frederick Boyd	C-672912	2nd Lt.
	MC NEILL, John Daniel	C-670776	2nd Lt.
	GRIFFIN, John Joseph Jr.	C-734673	2nd Lt.
	HODULIK, Andrew John	12051184	T/Sgt.
	JAMES, Henry Price	35428569	T/Sgt.
	VADNEY, William Joseph	12070468	S/Sgt.
	REYNOLDS, Loyd William	8820671	M/Sgt. See Insert
	MESSENER, Philip Hayworth	39529882	S/Sgt.
	LEE, Howard Robert	19128286	S/Sgt.

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties may be considered as non-recoverable and recommends that no further action be taken to recover these remains.


JOHN H. EVANS, Col., INF.


JOHN B. STRAHAN, Maj., JAGD


GROSVENOR J. FISH, Maj., TC


OWEN F. MCCANN, Capt., GIC


GEORGE E. SPRINGER, Maj., FA


GEORGE E. WOODS, Maj., TC


JACK C. HAYES, Capt., GIC


LLOYD D. RUTHERFORD, 1st Lt. CE

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
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SPECIAL ORDERS

14 Jan 48

NUMBER 6

1. CAPT ROBERT W. ROSS 01633508 SC is reld fr asgmt this hq and is asgd Hq US Forces Austria, APO 777, Vienna, Austria. EDCMR: 23 Jan 48. Off expecting dependents, household goods, baggage or automobile will execute and dispatch EC Form 55-17 "Notification of Permanent Station Address" to Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation and will execute and dispatch EC Form 55-22 to transportation officers at both old and new stations if in the European Command. Auth: VO CINCSUR Hq EUCOM, Capt Van Sandt, P&A Div, COMB - Mr Mousty, this hq, 13 Jan 48. PCS. TPA TCNT TDM 2180425 801-18 P 431-02 S 99-999 L 114, 115, 103.

2. Par 2 SO 69 and Par 2 SO 139 this hq 1947 pertaining to the Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area) are rescinded.

3. PAC ltr WD 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards for identification of Unknown Dead", the fol off, this hq, are aptd a Board of Review for identification of Unknown Dead (European Area):

COL	JOHN H. EVANS	015184	CAV
MAJ	JOHN B. STRAHAN	023631	JAGD
MAJ	GROSVENOR W. FISH	042932	TC
CAPT	OWEN F. MCCANN	01595680	QMC

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MAJ	GEORGE E. SPRINGER	0284512	FA
MAJ	GEORGE E. WOODS	041840	TC
CAPT	JACK C. HAYES	01577297	QMC
1ST LT	LLOYD D. RETHMEYER	01105778	CE

AUTH: Sec I Cir 157 Hq USFET 23 Oct 46 and Cir 28 Hq EUCOM 9 May 47.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL PECKHAM:

CARL W. RAGUSE
Colonel, QMC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Frank Francis
FRANK FRANCIS
Major, ACD
Asst Adj Gen

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EDWIN J. SUTLIVAN
1st Lt., QMC

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

RRE

1948

SUBJECT: Non-recoverable Remains

TO: Non-recoverable Board AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take action on the following case.

NAME: STONEBURNER, William Neal	1st Lt	0-793859
WARD, Frederick Boyd	2nd Lt	0-672912
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ORGANIZATION: 96th Bomb Group, 337th Bomb Squadron

PLACE OF DEATH: Unknown

DATE OF DEATH: 17 October 1943

SYNOPSIS OF CASE: Aircraft #42-30365, containing the above named crew members, departed from England on an operational mission to Duren, Germany, 17 October 1943. Severe weather conditions prevailed with visibility zero. The mission was cancelled and all planes ordered back to base. Coordinates and time of cancellation are unknown. Subject aircraft failed to return to its base and is believed to have crashed into the North Sea.

Reference is made to MACR IV #71.

2. Every effort has been made to correlate this case with records in this headquarters pertaining to unknown deceased interred in US Military Cemeteries and reported isolated burials.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon above information be declared non-recoverable.

Walter B. Morrow
WALTER B. MORROW
Major, Infantry
Chief, Isolated Burials Branch

E X T R A C T

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT NO. IV # 71

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 138 ; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 96th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 337th Bomb (H) ; Detachment -----
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station 138 ; Course unavailable
Intended Destination unavailable ; Type of Mission operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
Weather - rainy - visibility zero
4. GIVE: (a) Day 17 ; Month Oct ; Year 1943 ; Time unknown 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 Information not Available. (x)
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (x) Other Circumstances
as follows did not return with Group when mission was called off***
6. Aircraft: Type, Model and Series B-17-F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30365
Aircraft Nickname -----
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-59084
(b) 43-59180 ; (c) 43-59122 ; (d) 43-58727
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 464138/503115 ; (b) 502949/464031 ; (c) 386073/502886 ; (d) 464187
(e) 502413/502361 ; (f) 333990/495385 ; (g) 459443/ ; (h) -----
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty XXX
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty -----
10. 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	PRESENT STATUS
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11. REMARKS:

PLOTTED BY:

GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES _____

GRID COORDINATES _____

NEAREST TOWN _____

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ISOLATED BURIALS _____

MACR INFORMATION _____

OTHER INFORMATION _____

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AG 704 (23 Dec 48)

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7. A report dated 21 September 1948 has been received from the Memorial Division, OQMG (Mr. Long), stating that the crew of this plane are being processed as "Non-Recoverable" in that office, as the absence of any clue to the fate of the crew has resulted in the belief that their plane crashed in the North Sea. A search of the translations of captured German documents and other material on file in this office reveals nothing else of interest to this review.

8. Aircraft No. 42-30365, a B-17 bombardment plane, carrying as its crew the ten men named in paragraph 1, above, was one of a flight dispatched from a base in England on 17 October 1943, to bomb Duren, Germany. Official reports show that the mission was cancelled, and the planes called back because of the "inclement weather and poor visibility." This plane alone failed to return as ordered. Available evidence does not show whether Lieutenant Stoneburner's plane disappeared before the order to turn back was received by the flight leader. The meager information received by Mrs. Lee (par 4, above) and forwarded by her to the War Department in 1944 is seen to consist of hearsay only and to be of little value beyond suggesting certain possibilities. North Sea crossings were generally made at high altitude in order to avoid antiaircraft fire over the Dutch coast, and under the poor visibility prevailing at the time, it seems obvious that men on the other planes would have lost sight of the missing craft long before realizing that it was suffering mechanical trouble or becoming lost. In evaluating the total absence of evidence regarding the fate of this crew, it must be noted that the enemy proved very methodical in recording, and usually in reporting to the Allied governments, all Allied planes falling in territory under his control. On the other hand, known plane losses over the North Sea and English Channel were such that our airmen were relieved to sight land again after each crossing. No tangible trace of plane or crew has been discovered. The only logical conclusion which can be drawn in this case is that Lieutenant Stoneburner's plane crashed in the North Sea, for reasons unknown, carrying all aboard to their death.

9. It is recommended, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as in official report of death, and that a casualty report be initiated stating that the Air Corps personnel named in paragraph 1, above were killed in action on 17 October 1943, while in flying pay status, when their plane crashed while crossing the North Sea on a bombardment mission. The systemat will be processed in accordance with Paragraph 2b, Operations Bulletin 35, 1945. The casualty report and official report of death will include the following statement:

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Station and place of death; European Area

/s/ Oliver W. Gaylord
/t/ OLIVER W. GAYLORD
Investigator

CONCURRED:

/s/ O. Paulsen
/t/ O. PAULSEN
Captain, AGD
OIC, Determination Unit.

APPROVED: Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

/s/ SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN,
Lt. Colonel, AGD
OIC, Casualty Section

Copy for: P. 11 Personnel Actions Branch, AGO
AG 201 file of each person named
Cas. Sec. file of each person named P. 1.
293 (OCMG) file of each person named in Par. 1.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 18 January 1949 amc.

FULL NAME James, Henry P.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 35,428,569		GRADE T/Sgt.	
HOME ADDRESS Frametown, West Virginia		ARM OR SERVICE Air Corps		DATE OF BIRTH 8 Oct. 1914	
PLACE OF DEATH North Sea		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 17 Oct. 1943	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 24 Apr. 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Martha A. Horner, mother, Frametown, West Virginia.					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Martha A. Horner, mother, same as above. Soldier declined to designate an alternate beneficiary.					
INVESTIGATION MADE YES NO		IN LINE OF DUTY YES NO		OWN MISCONDUCT YES NO	
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<p>BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX ADJUTANT GENERAL</p>					

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>James, John - J.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>35428569</i>		GRADE <i>T/1st Lt.</i>																																																																
HEIGHT <i>5' 11 1/4"</i>	WEIGHT <i>170 lbs.</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Blue</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7 1/2</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>18 Oct. 44</i>																																																																
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FLYING PERSONNEL DENTAL IDENTIFICATION FORM

Office of the Dental Surgeon

Station # 138

Station

James, Henry P.

T.Sgt.

35/22569

Name

Rank

ASN

96th Bomb Group

23

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28 June 1943

Organization

Age

Service

Date

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APPROVED: Howard F. Maeve, Capt.
Station Dental Surgeon

Howard F. Maeve, Capt.
Examining Dental Officer

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

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PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	SHIPMENT NUMBER
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR., MRS., MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
Mrs. Martha A. Horner	(mother)	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
Frametown, West Virginia		

REMARKS: (G 41 (18 Oct 44))

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AG 201	NAME JAMES HENRY P ASN 35428569	GRADE T SGT SON	DATE CAS REPORT RECEIVED 26
NAME AND AD- DRESS OF E. A.	MRS MARTHA A HORNER FRAMETOWN WEST VIRGINIA		DATE TELEGRAM SENT 24 <i>etc</i> 17 Jan. 1947

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

GRADE T/SGT	NAME JAMES, HENRY P.	SERIAL NUMBER 35428569	ARM OR SERVICE AC	REPORTING THEATRE K	FOR J STATUS K	SHIPMENT NUMBER 362034 U-7
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REMARKS: AG 704 /23 DEC 48/

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FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

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Date

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING

PERIOD LETTER FOLLOWS.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

OFFICIAL:

ADJUTANT GENERAL

v for Death Group, Record Sect.

Records Attached

(date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(3-12-21-44)
JTB:K:wb
October 31, 1944

In Reply Refer To: 0001770

RE: Griffith, J. R.
Private, 1st Air Cavalry

Dear Sir, Please:

Thank you for the information furnished the Army Effects Bureau, to enable disposition of personal effects belonging to your son, Technical Sergeant Henry J. James.

This property is being forwarded in one carton and should reach you in the near future.

My action in transmitting the property does not, of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded only in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them, pending the return of the owner. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

B. B. Truss

B. B. TRUSS
Administrative Assistant
Army Effects Bureau

Incl. -
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Martha Harner
(Signature of Bailee)

Oct. 31-44
(Date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Ship to: 1st. Martha Farmer
Washington, east Virginia

Effects of:

Name 1st. Martha Farmer

ASN 35120311

Case No. 35048

Wt. 24 Lbs.

Ship Via _____ G B/L No. _____

Date October 24, 1944
CEM:TWB

For the Effects Quartermaster

PACKAGES SHIPPED

1 Carton

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Date Shipped OCT 26 1944

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REMARKS:

1st. Martha Farmer

Eff 2M Form 14 (19 Aug 44)

(Shipping Clerk)

SHOWN ON TALLY-IN AS Sgt R. L. Jones ORIGINAL NO. OF PKGS. 1
TALLY-IN NO. 4398 INVENTORY DATE 7-26-61 CASE NO. 92049
EFFECTS OF EXPLOSIVES RANK 1st Lt
A.S.N. 36-5560 ORG. 37 Bomb

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REMARKS:

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EFFECTS QUARTERMASTER U.K.
DEPOT G-14
United States Army

HGL/jg

15th October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Inventories of Effects.

TO : The Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City QM Depot,
601 Hardesty Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

1. The attached Inventories have been on hand at this office for 30 days or more; the effects to which they refer have never been received by this office. It is believed the effects may have been erroneously forwarded direct to your office, to the beneficiary; or to the Effects Quartermaster in France. In view of the fact that we are unable to contact the Units to ascertain disposition of the effects, and that ultimately all effects will be received by your office, we are forwarding these forms for your records.

2. The method of handling Form 54's at this office is that all Form 54's are checked against effects on hand. Where effects have been received, such forms will be forwarded by letter of transmittal to your office giving information as to the disposition of the effects, and at the expiration of one month, if no effects are received, the forms will be transmitted to your office in accordance with paragraph 1.

R. J. MOULTON.
Lt. Col. QMC.
Effects Q M U.K.

Incls: Inventories and
List in duplicate.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO SPQDK 201 (92049 M) ✓

JRM:VM:mg
26 September 1944

SUBJECT: Disposal of Personal Record ✓

TO : The Commanding Officer, Pyote, Texas aab ✓

Transmitted herewith for disposition certain personal record
of Henry P. James, 35428569, S/Sgt., A.C., missing in action. ✓

For the Commanding Officer:

G. H. GALVIN, JR. ✓
1st Lt. Q.M.C.
Assistant

✓
1 Incl—Air Corps Identification Card



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 HARDESTY AVENUE
92049 M KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-10-25-44)
JRM:VM:mg
September 25, 1944

IN REPLY REFER TO _____
Mrs. Martha Horner
Frametown, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Horner:

Technical Sergeant Henry P. James.

father

his

F. A. ECKHARDT
Captain Q.M.C.
Assistant

James

Henry

P

35428569

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T/sgt

337th Bombardment Squadron (B)

17th day of October 1943

Miscellaneous letters & papers
2 Billfolds

3pr Low-cut shoes
6 Towels
5 Cotton undershirts
1 Khaki shirt
3pr Cotton shorts
5pr Socks
1pr Swim trunks
1pr Gloves
1pr Boots
2 Flashlights
3 Handkerchiefs
1 Cap
1 Belt
1pr Goggles
1 Soap box
1 Jackknife
1pr Identification tags
1 Lead pencil
2 Shoe brushes
1 Hunting knife
1 Fingernail file

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MRS. MARTHA A. HORNER
Mrs. Martha A. Horner,
Frametown, West Virginia
FRAMETON,

Money: None

AWO 635 U.S. Army. AWO Advanced Air Depot No.2

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Smith
JUSTIN G. SMITH, Capt., US
Executive Officer

and 133
11 Nov 43

OFFICE OF PATROL

James Henry P 35428569
 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Serial No.)
 T/Sgt 337th Bombardment Squadron (H)
 (Grade) (Organization or arm of service)
 Missing in action on the 17th day of October 1943

CLASS I. - Saber, insignia, decorations, medals, campaign badges, watches, manuscripts, and other articles valuable chiefly as keepsakes.

No.	Articles	No.	Articles
	Miscellaneous letters & papers		
2	Billfolds		

CLASS II - Other effects

No.	Articles	No.	Articles
3pr	Low-cut shoes		
6	Towels		
5	Cotton undershirts		
1	Khaki shirt		
3pr	Cotton shorts		
5pr	Socks		
1pr	Swim trunks		
1pr	Gloves		
1pr	Boots		
2	Flashlights		
3	Handkerchiefs		
1	Cap		
1	Belt		
1pr	Glasses		
1	Soap box		
1	Jackknife		
1pr	Identification tags		
1	Lead pencil		
2	Shoe brushes		
1	Hunting knife		
1	Fingernail file		



BENEFICIARY: Mother

Mrs. Martha . Horner,
Frametown, West Virginia

MONEY:

Government Check E None (\$)
Check direct to Quartermaster ETOUSA.

I certify that the foregoing inventory comprises all the effects of
the deceased whose name appears on *the first page hereof, and that the
effects were delivered to WFO Advanced Air Depot No. 2
APO 635 U.S. Army.

~~*The effects of Class I have been forwarded to the Adjutant General and~~
~~those of Class II have been sold.~~

Justin I. Smith
JUSTIN I. SMITH, Capt., AC

Executive Officer

A.F. 133
(Station)

11 Nov, 1943
(Date)

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07 NOV 1943

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRM:SP:nls
AEB 17 July 1944
CASE NO. 92049
(S-17 Sept. '44)

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Please complete and return to the Effects Quartermaster, Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, Kansas City, Missouri

(**)	James	Henry	P.	35428569 ✓	T/Sgt.
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Middle Initial)	(Serial No.)	(Grade)	

1. Organization and APO number: (Missing in Action 17 Oct. 1943)
2. Name, Relationship and Address of:
 - a. Beneficiary: Mrs. Martha Horner (Mother),
Frametown, West Virginia.
 - b. Alternate Beneficiary: None. Declined to designate.
 - c. Nearest Relative: Mrs. Martha A. Horner (Mother),
Frametown, West Virginia
 - d. Emergency Addressee: Mrs. Martha A. Horner (Mother),
Frametown, West Virginia.
 - e. Bailee shown on W.D., A.G.O. Form 43: Mrs. Martha A. Horner (Mother),
Frametown, West Virginia.
- (*) If the above ASN is not assigned to the soldier named, it is requested that the AEB be advised the name, rank and present mailing address of the soldier to whom this ASN is assigned, together with the information requested in paragraph 2 above.
- (**) In the event the above ASN is not assigned to this soldier, it is further requested that this Bureau be furnished available information regarding this soldier of record in your office.

RET:ml
Eff QM Form 20 (Rev. 10/12/43)



337TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of The Squadron Commander

7-12 VS
92049
m
APO 634, U.S. Army
15 Nov 1943

SUBJECT: Effects of Enlisted Man Missing in Action

TO : Effects Quartermaster, General Depot G-14, APO 507, U.S. Army

1. Transmitted herewith inventory of effects of T/Sgt Henry P. James, 35428569, who failed to return from scheduled mission over enemy territory on 17 Oct 43. Said effects are being forwarded under separate cover. Shipped by rail 12 Nov 43.

2. There are no creditors or debtors known in this Theater and person concerned is not known to possess a bank account in this Theater.

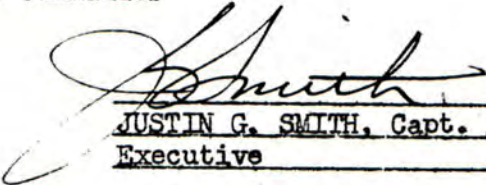
3. ☒ No monetary effects found during inventory.
() U.S. Official Check No. _____ in the amount of £ _____
() pound, _____ shilling, _____ pence; \$ _____ and representing cash found with effects is forwarded herewith.

4. ☒ Designated beneficiary
() Person to be notified in emergency is: Mrs. Martha A. Horner,
() Nearest relative

Frametown, West Virginia.

For The Squadron Commander

1 Incls: triplicate
1. Inventory of effects (~~4/11/44~~)


JUSTIN G. SMITH, Capt. AC
Executive