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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 13, 1944

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SUBJECT: Sergeant Ralph L. Cochran, 34764279, ✓
670th Bomb Squadron, Station 170,
Killed in Action 19 July 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, A.P.O. 696,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

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1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which the subject named was reported ~~missing~~ (in action) on the date shown.
killed
 2. In order to reply to this request it is desired that information be furnished this headquarters, similar to that called for in the Missing Air Crew Report, if available, including a list of the crew members and their positions in the plane.

For the Commanding General:

E.A. Bradun
E. A. BRADUN
Major, A. G. S.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel



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201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl) 1st Ind. G-14-2
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 898, U. S. ARMY. 17 DEC 1944

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bomb Div (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.

Attention invited to basic communication for immediate compliance and return of correspondence to this Headquarters.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

6-5689

W. F. Moran Jr.
W F MORAN JR.
Captain, ACE,
Asst Adj Gen.

Casualty

704 x 201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl) 2nd Ind. G-MW-15
HQ, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. Army, 18 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group (L), APO 140, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to preceding indorsement.
2. Correspondence to be returned through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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M. S. Worth
M. S. WORTH
1st Lt., AC.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

201-Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl)

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704 x 201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl) 3rd Ind. ¹⁻¹¹³¹ G-E-5
HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMB GP (L), APO 140, U S ARMY, 20 December 1944.

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U S Army.
(Attn: AG Casualty Section)

1. Sgt Robert L. Cochran, 34 764 279, AC, 670th Bomb Sq (L), 416th Bomb Gp (L), was killed in action, 19 July 1944, flying as mechanic gunner when he was struck by flak while on an operational mission near Bruz, France.

2. 2D LT (then Flight Officer) ROBERT C. BYRNE, JR, O 887 260, AC, pilot of A20G-43-9689, made an emergency landing at Strip A-14, in an effort to obtain immediate medical attention for the gunner. The soldier was pronounced dead upon arrival of medical personnel, and his remains buried at Monarch Cemetery, Elosville, France. *19 July '44*

3. This organization was operating from Wethersfield, Essex, England at the time of the casualty, and all efforts to obtain the medical diagnosis were unsuccessful.

4. Pvt William D. Cummings, 33 671 548, was armorer gunner and remaining crew member.

For the Commanding Officer:

Joseph A. Haubrich
JOSEPH A. HAUBRICH
Captain, Air Corps
Assistant Adjutant

Casualty Inquiry

704 x 201- Cochran, Ralph L (E) 4th Ind. G-MW-10
HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) APO 140, U.S.ARMY, 22 Dec 44.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U.S.Army.

Second indorsement complied with.

For the Commanding General:



M. S. Worth
M.S. WORTH,
1st Lt., AC.,
Asst Adj Gen.
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201-Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl) 5th Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 30 DEC 1944

G-M-1

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bomb Div (M), APO 140, US ARMY
(ATTN: AG Casualty Section).

Returned for further information as requested in par 2 of basic communication.

By Command of Major General VANDENBERG:

31 DEC 1944
9th Bomb Div

W T Moran Jr.

W T MORAN JR.
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

6-6582

Casualty.
704 x 201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (E) 6th Ind.
Hq., 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army, 31 December 44. G-MW-12

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group (L), APO 140, U. S. Army.

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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M. S. Worth
M. S. WORTH;
1st Lt., AC,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

704 x 201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (E) 7th Ind. 1-254 C-E-5
HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMB GP (L), APO 140, U. S. ARMY, 2 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.

No further information available. Pilot and gunner of crew mentioned in
3rd Indorsement transferred from this organization precluding further interview.

For the Commanding Officer:

Joseph A. Haurich
JOSEPH A. HAURICH
Captain, Air Corps
Assistant Adjutant

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Casualty Inquiry.

704 x 201 - Cochran, Ralph L. (E) 8th Ind. G-MW-12
HQ., 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M), APO 140, U. S. Army, 3 Jan 44.

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U. S. Army.

1. Attention invited to preceding indorsement.
2. Records this Headquarters indicate that no missing air crew report for subject crew was prepared in this instance.

For the Commanding General:

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Subscribed
M. S. WORTH,
1st Lt., AC,
Asst. Adj. Gen.
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201-Cochran, Ralph L. (Enl) 9th Ind. G-M-1
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 9 JAN 1945

TO: Commanding General, European T of Opns USA, APO 867, US Army
(ATTN: AG Casualty Division)

Attention invited to basic communication and preceding indorsement. Subject enlisted man reported KIA on BCR #L-170, this Headquarters, dated 10 September 1944.

For the Commanding General:



W. T. Moran Jr.
0-590
W T MORAN JR.
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adj Gen.

Classification Change
to **RESTRICTED**
by BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AG
by R. M. MUENCH, Capt., AG
Date OCT 15 1945

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AG 319.1 Cas. 10th Ind. JWP/JFR/lr
HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. Army, 16 January 1945.

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

1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of Sgt. Robert L. Cochran, 34764279, mechanic gunner of aircraft number 43-9689, as killed in action, 19 July 1944.

2. No additional information is available at this headquarters.

For the Theater Commander:

H. M. Rund
H.M. RUND, *det*
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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