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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 airplane is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Melun, France Command or Air Force IX Bomb Div (M)
Group 416th Bomb Gp (L) Squadron 668th Bomb Sq (L) Detachment -
2. SPECIFY: Point of departure AAF Sta A-55, Melun, Fr Course See Incl. A1
Intended Destination Ahutte, Bailhead Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED
Ground Haze No Low Clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 25 Dec 1944 Time 15:35 and Location Losheim, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing airplane.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by radio;
() Forced down; () Seen to crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS RESULT OF:
(Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other
circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series A20J-15 A.A.F. Serial No. 43-21717
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2600 A.A.F. Serial No. (a) 43-106032
(b) 43-106136 (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial No)
(a) 996328 (b) 994082 (c) 1176873 (d) 994662
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: Crew 4 Passengers 0 Total 4
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, 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 1022	Prentiss, Richard B.	Captain	0 789 200 ⁵¹⁴
2.	Am-Nv 1036	Bursiel, Francis H.	1st Lt	0 749 712
3.	Arm-Gun 612	Brown, Daniel M.	S S gt	35 514 146 ⁵¹⁴
4.	Arm-Gun 612	Wylia, Alvin O.	Sgt	13 170 122
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11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. Price, Robert F.	Major	O 471 506		X		
2. Parkhurst, George J.	2d Lt	O 760 900		X		
3. Sorrels, Donald W.	1st Lt	O 750 473		X		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X : (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____
or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

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

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND CITE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 29 December 1944



George Schenk
GEORGE SCHENKIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

2 Incls;
Incl 1 Diagram (in quad)
Incl 2 Eye Witness Statements (in quad)

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)

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AIRPLANE A20J-15 43-21717

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"Airplane hit by flak between I.P. and target. Airplane was seen spinning to ground with left wing off. One chute observed. Plane crashed near Losheim."

Robert F. Price
ROBERT F. PRICE
Major, Air Corps

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668TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP(L)

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE A20J-15 43-21717

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"Airplane seen spinning straight down after receiving direct hit. Plane crashed before target in vicinity of Losheim. One chute was seen to open."

George J. Parkhurst
GEORGE J. PARKHURST
2d Lt., Air Corps

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

AIRPLANE A20J-15 43-21717

EYE WITNESS STATEMENT

"Airplane hit by flak over target. Seen to be spinning end over end just before target in vicinity of Losheim. One chute seen to blossom at 6-7000 ft."

Donald W. Sorrels

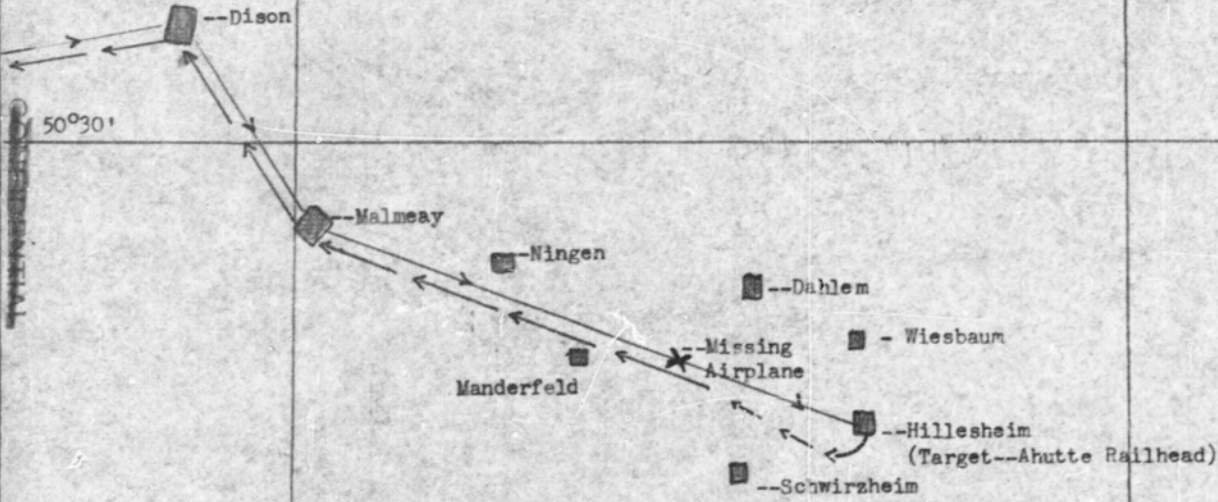
DONALD W. SORRELS
1st Lt., Air Corps

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668th Bomb Sq
416th Bomb Gp (L)
PILOT:
Richard B. Frentiss
O 789 200
AIRPLANE:
A20J-15, 4321717
MIA 25 Dec 1944



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Capt. Richard B. Prentiss

Dr. Orlow F. Prentiss (father) ✓
47 Adams Street
Burlington, Vermont

1st. Lt. Francis H. Bursiel

Mrs. Eleanor F. Bursiel (wife) ✓
946 Washington Street
Whitman, Massachusetts

S/Sgt. Daniel M. Brown

Mrs. Alice M. Brown (mother) ✓
1096 Kenneth Drive
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