

384TH BOMB GROUP  
545TH BOMB SQUADRON

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# 2165

DATE ..... 1943-06-22  
8<sup>TH</sup> AF MISSION ..... 65  
384<sup>TH</sup> BG MISSION ..... 1  
CRASH LOCATION ..... near Goes, Holland  
B-17F AIRCRAFT SERIAL # ..... 42-30076

Position	Name, Rank	Condition
Pilot	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Robert J Olbinski	POW
Co-Pilot	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Harry R Swift	POW
Navigator	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Richard E Grandpre	POW
Bombardier	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Douglas H Turner	KIA
Engineer/Top Turret Gunner	T/Sgt Ernest M Trickett	KIA
Radio Operator	T/Sgt Oliver E Reed	POW
Ball Turret Gunner	S/Sgt George F Werbanec	POW
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt William J Counihan	POW
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt George W Waterman	KIA
Tail Gunner	S/Sgt Harold J Cooke	KIA

POW – Prisoner Of War; KIA – Killed In Action

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CO [redacted]

by E. A. BRIDNA, Col. AC  
By Wm. L. THOMAS, Lt. Col. AC  
Date MAR 15 1988

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Y/Sgt. Ernest M. Yrickett	Mrs. Pauline E. Yrickett, (Wife) 98 W. Park Street, Grove City, Ohio.
S/Sgt. George W. Naderman	Mrs. Helen Woterran, (Mother) 91-8th Street, Passaic, New Jersey.
2nd Lt. Douglas H. Turner	Mrs. Richard Turner, (Mother) 724 South Kern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
2nd Lt. Robert J. Olbinski	Mrs. Mary K. Olbinski, (Mother) 2914 Dawson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Y/Sgt. Oliver E. Reed	Mrs. Love Denning, (Cousin) 1450 Pearl Street, Anderson, Indiana.
S/Sgt. William J. Counihan	Mrs. William J. Counihan, (Mother) 1446 Roblyn Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
S/Sgt. George F. Werbanos	Mrs. Agnes Werbanos, (Mother) 2034 Luther Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
2nd Lt. Harry R. Swift	Mr. Oscar E. Swift, (Father) 1837 North Locust Street, Pontiac, Illinois.
S/Egt. Harold J. Sucke	Mr. Otto L. Cooke, (Father) 43 East Depot Street, Concord, North Carolina.

AG 704  
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, 27 April 1944.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

ATTENTION:

AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E.  
O 797 308

27 December 1943.

Subject: Missing Air Crew Personnel.

To : Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 633,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

1. This headquarters is in receipt of a request for details concerning the circumstances under which Second Lieutenant Richard E. Grandpre, O 797 308, 545th Bomb Squadron, was first reported missing in action on 22 June 43.

2. Request that, if available, this headquarters be furnished information, similar to that called for in the Missing Air Crew Report, upon which to base a reply to the next of kin of the above named officer.

For the Commanding General:

H. H. HEWITT,  
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,  
Acting Air Adjutant General.

AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E.  
0797308

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. Army,

25 JAN 1944

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634, U. S. Army.

For compliance with basic communication through this Headquarters.

By command of Major General DCOLITTLE:

BURNIS ARCHER,  
Captain, AGD,  
Ass't Adj General.

AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E.  
0797308

2nd Ind.

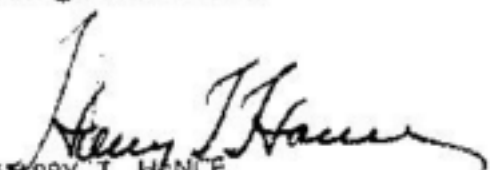
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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 1 February, 1944.

TO: CO, Station 106, APO 634. (Att: Statistical Officer).

For compliance with basic communication through this Headquarters.

By command of Brigadier General WILLIAMS:

  
HARRY T. HANCE  
Captain, AGD.  
Asst. Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, 364TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF, APO 634, 6 February 1944.

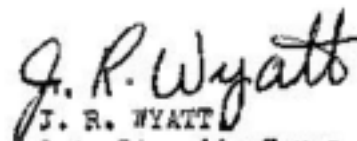
TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 634.

1. Compliance with basic communication the following information is forwarded.

2. 2nd Lt. Richard E. Grandpre, O-797308, 545th Bombardment Squadron, 364th Bombardment Group (H), AAF, participated in a combat mission over enemy territory 22 June 1943, on B-17-F aircraft No. 42-30076. When last seen aircraft No. 42-30076 was being attacked by approximately eight (8) enemy aircraft at coast of Belgium. Aircraft No. 42-30076 was approximately 9,000 feet below the formation during this attack. One observer reports having seen four (4) chutes emerge from the aircraft.

3. 2nd Lt. Richard E. Grandpre, O-797308, was reported as a Prisoner of War on the Adjutant General's Casualty Report, dated 13 November 1943.

For the Group Commander:

  
J. R. WYATT  
1st. Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.



(Ltr, dstd, 27/12/43).  
(Con't, ltr, AAF, Washington, Subj: Missing Air Crew Personnel).

AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E.  
0797308 ~~4th~~ Ind.

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Hq, 1st Bomb Division, APO 634, 9 February 1944.

TO: CG, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634.  
(Att: Statistical Control Section).

Paragraph 2, basic communication complied with.

For the Commanding General:

*Harry T. Hance*  
HARRY T. HANCE  
Captain AGD.  
Asst. Adjutant General

AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E.  
0-797308 5th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U.S.Army.

18 FEB 1944

TO: Commanding General, ETOUSA, APO 871, U.S.Army.

Basic communication complied with.



FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

*Burnis Archer*  
BURNIS ARCHER,  
Capt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Adjutant General.

AG 201 - Grandpre, Richard E. 6th Ind.  
Hq ETOUSA, APO 871, 22 February 1944.

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



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AAF 201 - Grandpre, Richard E. 7th Ind. FMB/hbr  
0797308

Hq., Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C., 24 March 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Forces, A.P.O. 843,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

1. Reference is made to 3rd Indorsement, Headquarters,  
384th Bomb Group (H), dated 8 February 1944.

2. Request that, if available, this headquarters be  
furnished a list of the crew members serving with Second  
Lieutenant Richard E. Grandpre, 0797308, on 22 June 1943,  
and the positions they occupied in the plane.

For the Commanding General:

T. A. FITZPATRICK,  
Colonel, A. G. D.,  
Air Adjutant General

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~~319.7~~ 8th Ind  
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

TO: Commanding General, EFOUSA, APO 871.

In compliance with paragraph 2, 7th Indorsement, following is a list of the  
crew members serving with 2nd Lt Richard E. Grandpre, 0-797308, on 22 June 43, and  
the positions they occupied in the plane:

Status

Aircraft No. 42-30076

✓ EUS	2nd Lt	Robert J. Olbinski,	0-733710
"	2nd Lt	Harry R. Swift,	0-798697
✓	2nd Lt	Richard E. Grandpre,	0-797308
KIA	2nd Lt	Douglas H. Turner,	0-735218
✓ EUS	T/Sgt	Oliver E. Reed,	35355941
✓ KIA	T/Sgt	Ernest M. Trickett,	35405056
✓ EUS	S/Sgt	George P. Werhane,	33288705
✓ KIA	S/Sgt	Harold J. Cooke,	34430596
✓ EUS	S/Sgt	William J. Conihan,	17053961
✓ KIA	S/Sgt	George H. Waterman,	12136487

Pilot **RTD**  
Co-Pilot  
Navigator  
Bombardier  
Radio Operator **RTD**  
Top Turret Gunner  
Ball Turret Gunner **RTD**  
Tail Gunner  
Waist Gunner **RTD**  
Waist Gunner

For the Commanding General:

DENNIS ARCHER,  
Captain, AGD,  
Adj General.

5659 22. June 1943

Fortress.

Confirmation of L.P. no.  
103 248/43. of 12 July  
1943.

✓ Waterman, George W. S/Sgt., dead.

✓ Trickett, Ernest M. T/Sgt, Ident Tag 35 405-  
056. Dead.

✓ Turner, Douglas H. 2nd Lt.  
Ident Tag O-735 218  
Dead.

Buried 25 June 1943 in Flissingen North  
Cemetery.

AV 149/43

??57 22 June 1943 Boeing  
Grandpre, Richard E.

Additional Report to L.P.No. 109 216/43,  
dated 12 July 1943  
2nd Lt., born 27 Dec. 1916,  
O-797308, POW

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: S W I F T, HARRY R.

FILE: 2165

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: O - 798697

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~: Co - PilotDid he bail out? Yes - blown out.Where? 4 Kilometers from Goe.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? leg injuries

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

lt Swift is alive and back in the states.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE: 2165

Name of crew member: GRANDER, RICHARD E.

Rank: 2nd. Lt.

Serial number: O- 797308

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ NavigatorDid he bail out? Yes - blown outWhere? 4 Kilometers from Goes

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? leg injuries

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: \_\_\_\_\_

Lt. Grandpa is alive in the states

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: T U R N E R, DOUGLAS E.

FILE: 2165

Rank: 2nd Lt.

Serial number: O - 755218

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~DEFLIGHT (PILOT)~~: BombardierDid he bail out? I do not know.

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: He was uninjured, but assisted the navigator in getting out, and possibly was unable to get out after plane went into a spin.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: T R A C K E T T, ERNEST M.

FILE: 2165

Rank: T/Sgt.Serial number: 35405055Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Top Gunner~~: Top Turret GunnerDid he bail out? Yes.Where? 4 Kilometers from Gaez.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? Yes - apparently after leaving the planeWhere was he when last seen? Laying on the ground - dead. HisAny hearsay information: chute had holes in it, but wasopen. He had been hit in the head. We, Oblinski, Wenpore and I were able to recognize him only by the name on his jacket.

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: 1

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: COOKE, HAROLD J.

FILE: 2165

Rank: S/Sgt.

Serial number: 34430596

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Stripped~~: Tail Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? 4 Kilometers from Goes.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: Sgt Counihan saw Cooke lying on the ground, his chute unopened. He had hesitated to jump before the plane blew up.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: WATERMAN, GEORGE W.

FILE: 2100

Rank: ~~W/Sgt.~~

Serial number: 12120407

Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? 4 Kilometers from Goes.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was he when last seen? \_\_\_\_\_

Any hearsay information: Sgt. Conrithon saw him laying on the ground, his chute unopened. He had hesitated to jump before the plane blew up.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of missions of above crew member: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_

CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name REED, OLIVER E. Rank T/Sgt Serial No. 35355941
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Prosser Rank Col Sqn CO Kettleman Rank Capt  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month June day 23 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Antwerp, target, G.M. Plant, target time, \_\_\_\_\_, altitude, 22,000 route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Few minutes post target
6. Did you bail out? No. -- Blown out of plane
7. Did other members of crew bail out? No one jumped to my knowledge, but was blown out after plane went into a spin.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge".  
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9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? About 4 kilometers from Goes - direction unknown.
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Presume that Lt. Douglas Turner was in the plane, as no one saw him on the ground.
11. Where were they in aircraft? In the nose.
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE: 2163

Name of crew member: SWIFT, HARRY R.Rank: 2nd Lt.Serial number: 0 - 78807Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Pilot/Observer~~: Co - PilotDid he bail out? YesWhere? Vicinity Goes Holland

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: NoneNoneWas he injured? Yes, last seen STALAG VII B ALBERTSBUCH GERMANY APRIL 29-45Where was he when last seen? Stalag Seven A Mooseburg GermanyAny hearsay information: NoneSource: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

NoneTotal number of missions of above crew member: OneDates and destinations if possible: June 22 1943

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

FILE# 3165

Name of crew member: S R A N D R E E, RICHARD E.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0- 777200  
 Position: Crew (Bomber ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~) X Navigator

Did he bail out? Yes/

Where? I believe over Goes Holland.

If not, why not? Did

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

None. last seen flying over Germany, April 29-45

Was he injured? Yes. To what extent, I don't know.

Where was he when last seen? In the nose.

Any hearsay information: None what so ever.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: One

Dates and destinations if possible: June 22, 43 Antwerp, Belgium.

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Counihan, William J Jr. Rank T Sgt. Serial No. 17053961
2. Organization 384 Gp Commander Pegsley Rank Col. Sqn CO Kittelson Rank Capt.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1943 month June day 22 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Ford Plant, target, Antwerp Belgium, target  
time, 8 30, altitude, 23,000 route scheduled, Unknown  
Unknown, route flown Unknown
5. Where were you when you left formation? Had left the target AREA
6. Did you bail out? no was blown out during the explosion
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES Sgt. COOKE Sgt. WATKINS
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". Sgt. KEED, died  
Sgt. WATKINS, GEORGE F., AND myself WERE blown out 177 TUC  
Time of explosion
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? Vicinity of Goes Holland
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) Lt. Turner.
11. Where were they in aircraft? Nose
12. What was their condition? Unknown
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Prision camp and in fair condition
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)

## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: F U R N, DOUGLAS M.FILE: 2168Rank: Sgt. Lt.Serial number: 0 - 725218Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Right (Right)~~: BombardierDid he bail out? NoWhere? NoneIf not, why not? Knowledge unknown.

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

UnknownWas he injured? Believed to have gone down with the shipWhere was he when last seen? In the noseAny hearsay information: NoneSource: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Wholly on suppositionTotal number of missions of above crew member: OneDates and destinations if possible: June 22, 43 Antwerp Belgium.

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIREName of crew member: WATERMAN, GEORGE W.FILE: 2100Rank: S/Sgt.Serial number: 15125487Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Waist GunnerDid he bail out? YesWhere? Vicinity of Oes Holland

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

NoneWas he injured? Same as Sgt. Cooke. Killed while seated in waist gunWhere was he when last seen? In Waist PositionAny hearsay information: NoneSource: None

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

NoneTotal number of missions of above crew member: OneDates and destinations if possible: June 22, 1943





