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By Thomas J. J. Date 3/16/51

Classified RESTRICTED MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

to RESTRICTED
by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO
By W. L. THOMAS, 1st Lt., AO
Date MAR 1 1948

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Gieblestadt, Germany Command or Air Force XII AF
Group _____; Squadron 417th Mi. Ftr Sq. Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Gieblestadt, Germany; Course 160°
Target or Intended Destination Ulm-Dillingen Bridge, head Germany type of Mission Intruder
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good. Scattered clouds from 1,000 ft.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 26 Month April Year 1945; Time 2127; and Location Appx. 5 miles
northwest of Dillingen, Germany of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by
radio (x); Forced down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not available ()
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF:
(Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: Friendly Anti-Aircraft Fire.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series P-61-B-10-NO; AAF Serial Number 42-39559
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-2800-65; AAF Serial Number _____
Left: _____ Right: _____
(a) P-20803; (b) P-20723; (c) _____; (d) _____
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) HISPANO, MK III,
20 mm Cannon.
(a) 121186; (b) 120972; (c) 122285; (d) 123333
(e) _____; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 2; Passengers _____; Total 2
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
✓ 1. Pilot	<u>CARTER, THOMAS BRASUS</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-774016</u>	<u>MIA</u>
✓ 2. R/O	<u>ANDERSON, HAROLD ANTON</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-872250</u>	<u>MIA</u>

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<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name in Full</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
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12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAID:

Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted, Check Only One Column			
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. BARRETT, EDWARD MITCHELL		0-478185	X			
2.	1st Lt.					
3.						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____
 NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE SURVIVAL OF PERSONNEL.

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT: CAPT. GUY NORTON WILSON, 0-749144, DIRECTED

SEARCH BY AIR OVER COURSE AIRCRAFT FOLLOWED AND POSITION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST CONTACTED. NO RESULTS.

MAY 17 1945

Date of Report 28 April 1945.



Guy N. Wilson
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 GUY NORTON WILSON,
 Capt., AC,
 Operations Officer.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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HQ, TWELFTH AF, APO 650, US Army, 7 May 1945

TO: CG, MTOUSA, APO 512, US Army

ATT: Casualty Branch

1. Attention invited to basic communication.
2. Battle Casualty Report (B-362) was forwarded your headquarters, 6 May 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

D. S. Jackson
D. S. JACKSON
Lt. Col., AGD
Asst. Adj. Gen.

4 Incls: n/c (trip)

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417TH NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON
A.P.O. 374

29 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Twelfth Air Force, A.P.O. 650, U.S. Army,
(Attention: Casualty Branch AGO).

1. Transmitted herewith is War Department Missing Air Crew Report on the following-named Officers who are reported Missing In Action.

- 2nd Lt. THOMAS E. CARMELL, O-774016 (Pilot) *H/A*
- 2nd Lt. HAROLD A. ANDERSON, O-872250 (Radar Observer) *H/A*

2. Aircraft was giving aerial protection to Dillingen Bridgehead as primary assigned mission. Sector control at 2127 hours instructed pilot to turn off IFF. At 2128 hours control told pilot he was at target area, but received no reply. Further calls brought no reply from aircraft. On the following night information was received that two night fighter aircraft, one of which was positively identified as a plane belonging to the 415th Night Fighter Squadron because one crew member bailed out, had been shot down by friendly anti-aircraft over bridgehead area. Other plane assumed to be that of the 417th Night Fighter Squadron. Up to this date no report has been received of recovery of bodies of aircrew.

For the Commanding Officer:

George L. Gardner

GEORGE L. GARDNER,
Major, Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

- 4 Incls:
- Incl 1 - WD Missing Air Crew Report (6 copies).
- Incl 2 - R/T conversation with "Fagend 20". (6 copies).
- Incl 3 - Ltr, subject; Destruction of American Night Fighters by friendly Anti-Aircraft Guns. (6 copies).
- Incl 4 - Maps (6 copies).

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64TH FIGHTER WING
APO 374
U S ARMY

SCT/EMB-grd

28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: R/T Conversation with "Fagend 20".

TO: Whom It May Concern.

Following is a record of R/T conversation with "Fagend 20" on the night of 26 April 1945:

Time	TO	FROM	MESSAGE
2102 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Vector 160°, Angles 9. (Roger)
2108 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Starboard 200°. (Roger)
2112 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Port 160°. (Roger) (Roger)
2114 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	1st Cockerel crow and we can help your farther./
2118 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Your present heading should take you where you want to go. I'll stay with you as long as I can. (Roger) (Roger)
2119 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Start into a slow climb, we can help you more./
2127 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	10 miles to go--on return take vector 360°. Fixes on "C" for Charlie if you need them. (Roger.)
	Corned Beef	Fagend 20	
	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	Be sure to shut off your Canary and Cockerel when we let you go. (Roger)
2128 hrs	Fagend 20	Corned Beef	You are just about there. (No reply) Transmission repeated with no reply obtained.
2130 hrs	Travel 15	Corned Beef	Will you call Fagend 20 and tell him he is at his point. (Roger) (Travel 15 could not contact Fagend 20).
2225 hrs	Fagend 81	Corned Beef	Give Fagend 20 a call; he should be on his way back. (Roger)
2229 hrs	Fagend 81	Corned Beef	Fagend 81: Did you give 20 a call? (Roger) (No contact with 20)
2233 hrs	Fagend 20	Fagend 81	(No contact with 20 obtained).

/s/ Edward M. Barrett,
/t/ EDWARD M. BARRETT,
1st Lt, AC,
Controller.

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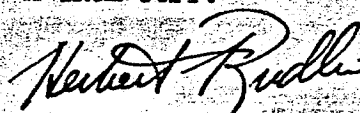
27 April 1945

SUBJECT: Destruction of American Night Fighters by Friendly Anti-Aircraft Guns.

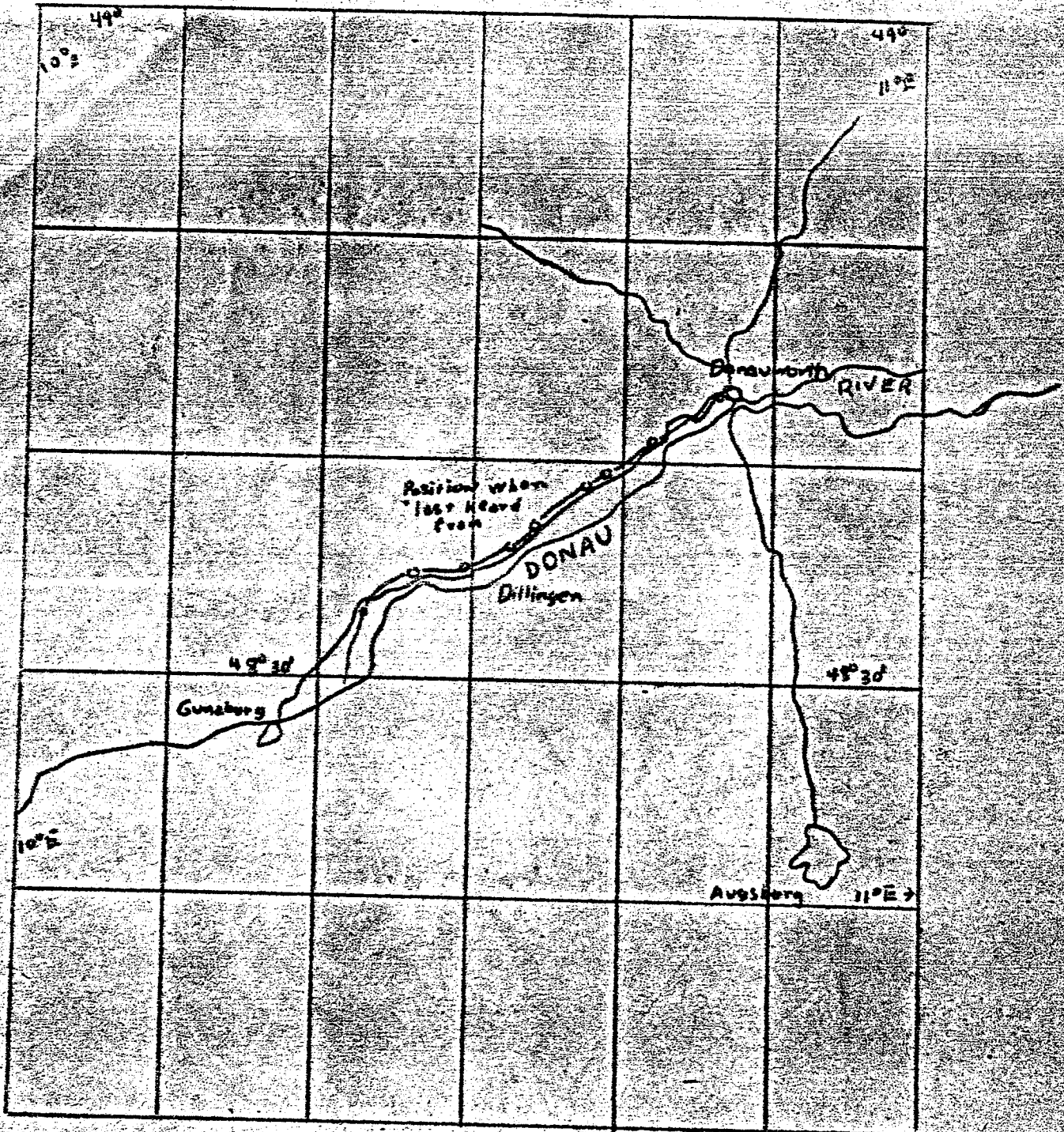
TO : 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374; 417th Night Fighter Squadron,
APO 374, U. S. Army.

Two American Night Fighters shot down by friendly flak over Dillingen Bridgehead last night. One of these aircraft from "Tablet" (415th Ni Ftr Sq). Other crew members believed killed--one from "Tablet" bailed out safely. Aircraft came over bridges at tree top height and one dropped a flare. Neither aircraft were showing IFF. Enemy aircraft had been in the same area a short while before and at the time our fighters came over a "red alert" was still on. "Tablet" crew member who bailed is okay except for shock.

A TRUE COPY:



HERBERT RUDLIN,
1st Lt, AC,
Intelligence Officer
417th Night Fighter Squadron.



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