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by E. A. BRADUNA

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WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMFORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

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40	Ball Turret Gunner	Kuffel, Mathias A.	S/Sgt.	19079126 KIA
LP.	Mail Gunner	Lentz, James H.	S/Sgt.	37144914 KIA
170	Left Waist Gunner	Loken, Roy C.	S/Sgt.	16046842 KIA
11.	Right Waist Gunner	Halpin, Michael J.	Sgt.	11061854 KIA

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE RELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF

AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

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HQ., 303RD BOMB. GROUP (H), AAF STATION 107, APO 557, U.S. Army, 11 May 1944.
TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557, U.S. Army.

- 1. In compliance with the besic communication, the following information is furnished with respect to T/Sgt. Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, missing in action 16 February 1943:
 - a. The other members of the same crew are:

Capt. William H, Breed, ~	0-431245	Pilct
1st Lt. Harry T. Sample, Jr.w	0-661972	Co-pilot
1st Lt. Homer N. Santerre / w	0-727120	Navigator
2nd Lt. Homer R. Allen -7	0-726967	Bombardier
T/Sgt. Stanley Putala	11010815	Top Turret Gumer
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. Sgt. Michael J. Halpin	11061854	Right Waist Gunner

- b. T/Sgt. Herbert was the radio operator.
- c. The aircraft on which this crew was lost was a B-17F, #42-2967
- d. The missing aircraft was reported to have gone down in the English Channel north of the Brest Peninsula at approximately 49°00'N-03°00'W.
- e. Under date of 9 April 1944, the BTO Machine Records Unit reported the entire crew as killed in action. Although no information is available, it is believed that this was done in accordance with Public Law 490. No other information either official or otherwise, has been received by this headquarters to indicate any change of status from missing in action.

For the Commanding Officer:

Major Adjutant.

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no malla 24 North 8th Avenue Mount Vernon, N. Y. August 4, 1944 Commanding General Army Air Forces Washington 25, D. C. Re: AAF 201 - Herbert, Joseph M. 32098944 Gentlemen: Attached is a photostat of the March 27th letter, that was received in response to my inquiry of March 6th. I have no record of receiving an supplementary report as promised in the second paragraph of Colonel Fitzpatrick's letter. Realizing that some time would be required for the gathering of additional details that may be available, the lapse of three months prompts me to inquire if it has been possible to obtain any further information about my fiances. May I hear from you as to what has been done? Sincerely yours, margaret Richter

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24 North 8th Avenue Mount Vernon, N.Y. March 6, 1944

John B. Cooley, Colonel, A.G.D. Air Adjutant General War Department Washington 25, D.C.

Re: Joseph M. Herbert - 32098944

T/Sgt. - 303rd Bomb Group

360th " Squadron

A.P.O. 634, % P.M., NYC.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter for Mrs. Rose E. Herbert who recently received a communication from the War Department that her son T/Sgt. Joseph M. Herbert, missing in action over the European area since February 16, 1943, is now considered dead.

Recently I read a letter which you had written to a mother regarding the facts of her son's disappearance. I wonder if there is anything further you can add to the information we now have. Joe was last seen over the English Channel, north west of Brehat, France. Isn't it possible to furnish us with any more definite information?

I also remember from your letter written to the above mentioned mother, that you were enclosing the names and addresses of the parents of the boys who were on the same plane as her son. Could you furnish me with the names and addresses of the parents of the boys who were on Joe's plane? I do know that one boy, usually on the same crew was not flying that day, and if possible I would appreciate having his address too.

We haven't given up hope for Joe's safety, as there may haven been a possibility that he was able to reach the French coast and is unable to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your patience in looking over this case.

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Miss Margaret Richter 24 North 8th Avenue Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Miss Richter:

We have just received two unsigned letters dated 4 August and 6 September, relative to Joseph M. Herbert, which we believe were written by you. They have been referred to the office which supplies information regarding personnel and no doubt you will hear from that office in the near future.

Sincerely,

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MRS. HENRY H. AFMOLD
Executive, Dependents Affairs
Personal Affairs Division
AC/AS, Personnel

Copy sent with two copies of letters to Notification Branch C O P Y

> 24 North Eighth Avenue Mount Vernon, N. Y. September 6, 1944

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

Re: AAF 201 - Herbert, Joseph 32098944

Gentlemen:

I have no record of receiving a reply to my August 4th letter, copy of which is attached. In view of the delay, please let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours

C O P

> 24 North Eighth Avenue Mount Vernon, N.Y. August 4, 1944

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Sincerely yours,

Classification changed E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC AG 319.1 Cas HEADQUARTERS, FUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 22 November 1944 TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. 1. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of all crew members of sireraft number 42-2967, as killed in action, 16 February 1944. 2. Records of this headquarters show the correct name of the Bombardier of subject aircraft as 1st Lt. Homer N. Santree, 0-727120. For the Commanding General: H. M. RUND.

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Colonel, AGD, Asst. Adj. General.

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15 September 1944

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SUBJECT: Technical Sergeant Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, 360th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group, Missing in Action 16 February 1943, Presumed dead 16 February 1944.

Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

- 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:

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E. A. BRADUNAS,
Major, A. G. D.,
Chief, Notification Branch,
Personal Affairs Division,
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Personnel.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

- 4 OCT 1944

TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

H. S. WILSON, JR., Captain, A. G. D., Ass't. Adj. General.

Basic: Ltr. Hq. AAF, Wash. D. C., 15 Sept 44, subject: T/ogt. Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, 360 BS, 303 BG, MIA 16 Feb. 43

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 7 October 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station 107, APO 557.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

By command of Major General WILLIAMS:

Charles E. GARVIN,

CHARLES E. GARVIN,

1st Lt., Air Corps,

Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

CONTRAL 3rd Ind. HEADQUARTERS, 303RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 557, 10 October 1944. TO: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557. 1. Subject enlisted man was radio operator on B-17 A/C #42-2967 which was lost on mission to St. Nazaire, France, 16 February 1943. Reports from other crews on the mission indicate A/C went down in the water off the Brest peninsula. 2. The entire crew was carried by this Readquarters as MIA until they were listed as KIA in F.T.O. MRU Report, dated 9 April 1944. No other reports concerning their status have been received by this headquarters. 3. Inclosed is list of crew members and their positions in A/C. For the Commanding Officer: 11 OCT 1944 HQ 1st BOMB ADJUTANT. D V SION 1 Incl - List of crew members and po Basic: Ltr. Hq. AAF, Wash, DC, 15 Sept 44, subj: T/Sgt. Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, 360 BS, 303 BG, MIA 16 Feb. 43. (G/D/19)312.1 4th Ind. HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 18 October 1944. TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, APO 634. Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement. For the Commanding General: Charles E. Farvis CHARLES E. GARVIN, 1st Lt., Air Corps, Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen. Eighth Air Force l Incl: n/c A. H. Beotlen

List of Crew Members and Position on A/C #42-1967

POSITION	NAME	RANK	'A. S. N.
Pilot	Breed, William H.	Capt.	0-431245-
Co-Pilet	Sample, Harry T. Jr.	1st Lt.	0-661872 -
Navigator	Allen, Homer R.	1st Lt.	0-726967 -
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Right Waist Gunner	Halpin, Michael J.	Sgt.	11061854

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

SUBJECT: Technical Sergeant, Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944.
360th Bomb Squadron, 303rd Bomb Group.
Missing in Action 16 February 1943.
Presumed dead 16 February 1944.

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

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.

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 Companding General:

E. A. BRADUNAS.

Major. A. G. D.

Chief Notification Branch.

Personal A. airs Division

Assistant hief Me Staff Personal.

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, APO 634.

To: Commanding General, 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

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By command of Lieutenant General DooLITTLE:

H.S. WILSON, JR., Captain, A. G. D. Ass't. Adj. General.

Basic: Ltr. Hq. AAF, Wash. D. C., 15 Sept 44, subject: T/Sgt. Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, 360 BG, 303 BG, MIA 16 Feb. 43

312.1 HEADQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDHENT DIVINION, APO 537, 7 Cotober 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, ANY Station 107, APC 557.

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by command of Major Ceneral Millims:

CHARLES E. GARVIN, let Lt., Air Corps, Actg. Asst. Adj. Con.

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 - 3. Inclosed is list of erew members and their positions in A/C

For the Commanding Officer:

FRANK J. DOHERTY,
MAJOR. AC.
ADJUTANT.

1 Incl - List of crew members and positions.

Basic: Ltr. Hq. AAF, Wash, DC, 15 Sept 44, subj: T/Sgt. Joseph M. Herbert, 32098944, 360 BS, 303 BG, MIA 16 Feb. 43.

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READQUARTERS 1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, APO 557, 18 October 1944.

10: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, AAF Station 101, AFO 634.

Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

JHARLES D. GARVIN, let Lt., Air Corpe, Acts. Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEND WARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, AAF STATION 101, AFO 634, U.S. Army.

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U.S. Army.

- 1. Attention invited to 3rd indorsement.
- 2. Personnel referred to in inclosure are indicated on records this headquarters as KIA, 16 February 1943 per ETOUSA DCR 2-027.

For the Commanding General:

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