

REPORTING OFFICER'S REPORT
 W. A. DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

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 306th Bomb 369th Bomb
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 Continental Europe Combat

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 CRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL B-17 AAF SERIAL NO. 124470
 CRAFT: TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL Unknown AAF SERIAL NO. (A)

INSTALLED WEAPONS: (FURNISH BELOW NAME, TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER)
 Unknown (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H)

THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (A) BATTLE CASUALTY XXXX
 OR (B) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY

NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: CREW 10: PASSENGERS 0: TOTAL 10
 (When 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	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	STATUS
1. PILOT	Cranmer, Charles W B	1/lt	0-430570	KIA 3 Jan 43
2. CO-PILOT	Brunsting, Albert	2/lt	0-726189	" "
3. Bomb	Reed, John G.	1/lt	0-724175	" "
Nav	Byer, Paul E.	1/lt	0-724014	" "
	Harris, Arizona T.	T/Sgt	6296272	" "
	Constantine, Kermit J.	T/Sgt	20460324	" "
	Musick, William	S/Sgt	39680068	" "
	Wall, Charles S. Jr.	S/Sgt	14021787	" "
	Ransom, Robert L.	Sgt	18025276	" "
	Whittaker, Edgar G.	Sgt	6144883	" "

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT.
 AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
None						

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
 (C) CRASH: OR (D) ANY OTHER REASON (SPECIFY)

ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES
 PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Not available

ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
 WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. Not available

ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL
 NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. Unknown

C-O-P-Y

MFB/gmv/1E471/7605

AG704 DEAD (18 Mar 47)

18 March 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,
PA Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Reports of Death

369th Bomb Sq
306th Bomb GP

1. The following named Air Corps personnel were reported missing in action, in flying pay status, 40 miles northwest of Brest, France, 3 January 1943, by Casualty Branch Message No. C10039, and were presumed dead as of 3 January 1944, under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act:

STATUS & DATE
KIA-3 JAN. 43

- First Lieutenant Charles W. B. Cranmer,	0430570
- First Lieutenant Paul E. Byer,	0724014
- First Lieutenant John G. Reed,	0724175
- Second Lieutenant Albert Brunsting,	0726189
- Technical Sergeant Arizona T. Harris,	6296272
- Technical Sergeant Kermit J. Constantine,	20460324
- Staff Sergeant William Musick,	39680068
- Staff Sergeant Charles S. Wall, Jr.,	14021787
- Sergeant Robert L. Ransom,	18025276
- Sergeant Edgar G. Whittaker,	6144883

Lieutenants Byer and Reed were reported in the rank of Second Lieutenant. Copies of War Department Special Orders No. 19, dated 19 January 1943, found in their AG 201 files, show that they were promoted to the rank of First Lt. effective 11 January 1943.

2. While no direct statement has been found to show that these officers and enlisted men were members of the same crew, the inference may be drawn from the following facts:

a. No other names were mentioned in the casualty message cited above.

b. Crew positions of the officers, in the order named above, were given as follows: Pilot, Navigator, Bombardier, Co-Pilot.

c. An entry in the Service Record of each enlisted man shows that he was on board B-17F aircraft No. 124470 when he became missing in action at 1045 hours on 3 January 1943, 40 miles northwest of Brest, France.