

# The Night of the Intruders

## 22 April 1944

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# The Raid, 22 April, 1944

1st Bomb Division was made up of 91st Bomb Group, 92nd Bomb Group, 303rd Bomb Group, 305th Bomb Group, 306th Bomb Group, 351st Bomb Group, 379th Bomb Group, 381st Bomb Group, 384th Bomb Group, 401st Bomb Group, 457th Bomb Group. The bombers also dropped 1,280,000 leaflets.

The entire Eighth Air Force, consisting of eight hundred bombers, was sent aloft to bomb the Hamm marshalling yards, the largest in Germany, which had the capacity of handling 10,000 freight cars per day. It was one of the key centres for German rail traffic, handling everything between the Ruhr in the north and central Germany.

The Group supplied twenty-four planes and led the 94th Combat Wing, with Col. Luper leading as Air Commander and with Lt. J. L. Smith as pilot.

By the time the 457th reached the target, it was so blasted and smoke covered by the preceding units that the Group went to other yards in the city and bombed. Enemy fighters were in the area, but did not attack. Takeoff had been in late afternoon, and darkness was approaching as the aircraft returned to England. Landings were made in the dark. The lead ship (Luper) could not lower one of its landing wheels. After dropping its ball turret over the Wash and making several approaches, the craft finally came in for a successful belly landing in the darkness.

The Germans attached about twenty Ju-88s and Me-410s to B-24 groups, which flew at the end of the bomber stream. They attacked while the B-24s were attempting to land in the darkness, and at least ten aircraft were shot down or crash landed, in addition to many planes being damaged.

# 390 BG, 570 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-38130, Devil's Frolic

Framlingham/Parham

Station 153

Pundit code, FM

Tail code, Square-J

Missing in Action

Op Hamm 22/4/44

Pilot; Lt., Harold REICH, killed in action

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., John ZEDIAK, killed in action

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Lester BERGEMANN, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Peter FILIPPONE, PoW

Navigator; 2Lt., John FREY, PoW

Top Turret GunnerT/Sgt., Horace HURON, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Frank LINK, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Carl MARSINI, PoW

Bombardier, Togglier; S/Sgt., Francis O'CONNELL, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; S/ Sgt., George ROCCHIO, PoW

# 100 BG, 349 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-37783, Dodie

Thorpe Abbots

Station 139

Pundit code, TA

Tail code, Square-D

Missing in Action Hamm 22/4/44

Crashed at Obershelden, four miles N of  
Siegen, Ger; Missing Air Crew Report  
4166. CALL HER SAVAGE.

Pilot; Lt., Frank HARTE, killed in action

Navigator; 2Lt., Carl CONLEY, killed in action

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Thomas DONALD, killed in action

Co-pilot; 2Lt., John COPPINGER, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., Paul CARLSON, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S.Sgt., Edward COLEY, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Felix McINTOSH, PoW

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., George McMULLIN, PoW

Bombardier, Togglier/Engineer; T/Sgt., Wallace MEYER, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Weston RODKEY, PoW

# 385 BG, 551 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42- 38200, Miss Cheyenne

Great Ashfield

Station 155

Pundit code GA?

Tail code, Square-G

Attacked by enemy aircraft and hit by  
flak, crashed Hilbeck, two miles N of  
Werl.

Pilot; Lt., Cleatis CORNWELL, PoW

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Harlan COOK, PoW

Navigator; 2Lt., Ray HITZEL, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Wheeler URBAN, PoW

Bombardier, Togglier; S/Sgt., Delbert DIMIG, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Francis DIEMER, PoW

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Irving JAMSEN, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., John KENNEDY, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S.Sgt., Robert PEEL, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., George BARTELL, PoW

# 385 BG, 548 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-39773, War Cry II

Great Ashfield

Station 155

Pundit code GA?

Tail code, Square-G

Flak knocked out #3 engine, crashed  
Bislicher, near Hamminkeln, six miles NW  
of Wesel/Rhein

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Howard CLAFLIN, PoW

Radio Operatot; Sgt., Lawrence FOSS , PoW

R. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Philip GREGORY , PoW

Navigator; 2Lt., Charles HICKLESS , PoW

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Edward LANE , PoW

Pilot; 2Lt., John McDAVITT , PoW

L. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Dominic MONTAGNA , PoW

Tail Gunner; Sgt., George MOSS , PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Marvin WALKER , PoW

Bombardier; 2Lt., Lawrence WICKTER , PoW

# 447 BG, 708 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-31724

Rattlesden

Station 126

Pundit code, RS

Tail code, Square-K

Flak hits set ship ablaze, crew bailed out,  
ship crashed Oberenste, five miles SE of  
Werl

- Pilot; Lt., Thomas GILLERAN, PoW
- Co-pilot; 2Lt., Henry MAMLOCK, PoW
- Navigator; 2Lt., Richard LAZARUS, PoW
- Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Harley TUCK, PoW
- Bombardier; 2Lt., Louis WIGDORWITZ, PoW
- Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., Charles HUGH, PoW
- Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., M. D. HARRIS, PoW
- L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Fred HAWLEY, PoW
- R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Eugene KEALER, PoW
- Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Donald WORLEY, PoW

# 303 BG, 385 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-39785 VK-H Thru Hel'en Hiwater

Molesworth

Station 107

Pundit code, MX

Tail code, Triangle C

Flak set engine on fire, exploded before  
all the crew could bail, crashed Delecke,  
six miles S of Soest,

- Pilot; 2Lt., Roy LARSON, killed in action
- Bombardier; 2Lt., Milton FEINMAN, killed in action
- Tail Gunner; Sgt., Herman HODGE, killed in action
- Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Thomas CAMPBELL, killed in action.
  
- Ball Turret gunner; Sgt., Lee BRIM, PoW
- Radio Operator; S/Sgt., Everett CULP, PoW
- Co-pilot; 2Lt., Ronald DUNCAN, PoW
- Navigator; 2Lt., Herbert LEVY, PoW
- L. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Arthur SCHINKER, PoW
- R. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Duane THAYER, PoW



# 303 BG, 359 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-39807 BN-K, Nero

Molesworth

Station 107

Pundit code, MX

Tail code, Triangle C

Mechanical fault with number 3 engine  
which fell off and struck a farmhouse  
killing several civilians, crashed  
Ingelmuster, eight miles N of Kortrijk,  
Belgium.

Pilot; 2Lt., John R Seddon, evaded capture

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Charles D. BURKS, PoW, but escaped in  
February 1945

Navigator; 2Lt., George FITZPATRICK, PoW

Radio Operator; S/Sgt., John HESS, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; Sgt., I. E. HOLCOMB, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Donald MALONEY, PoW

Bombardier; 2Lt., Walter MELDRICH, evaded capture

Tail Gunner; Sgt., William MUMMERY, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; Sgt., John NEMCHICK, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Edward ROGERS, PoW

Radio Operator; S/Sgt., Harry ROTHROCK, PoW

# 91 BG, 324 BS, B 17 G, Fortress, 42-40000, Just Nothing

Bassingbourn

Station 121

Pundit code, BS

Tail code, Triangle A

Flak knocked out number 3 engine, fuel tank exploded and the aircraft crashed at Korbecke, 19 miles SE of Hamm.

Missing in Action Hamm 22/4/44 with

Capt Harvey Hesse, Flight engineer/top turret gunner:

Chas Williams (2 Killed in Action); Co-pilot:

Maj Chas Lee, Navigator:

John Ryan(401BS), Navigator:

Jay Suldan, GPb-Capt Provost Marshall, Radio Operator:

Fred Snavely, Ball turret gunner:

Harlan Bunn, Waist gunner:

John Guy, Waist gunner:

Leon Sterle, Ball turret gunner:

Lt Leon Krahling (9 Prisoner of War);

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Harlan BUNN, PoW

Role U/K; T/Sgt., Robert DETTERLINE

Navigator; 1Lt., John EVAN, PoW

Role U/K; S/Sgt., Donald FRANS

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., John GUY, PoW

Pilot; Captain, Harvey HEESE, KiA

Tail Gunner; 2Lt., Francis KRAHLING, PoW

Pilot; Co-Pilot; Major, Charles LEE, PoW

Navigator; Bombardier; Lt Col., Prevost MARSHALL, PoW

R. Waist Gunner/Bombardier; S/Sgt., Warren MOSLEY, PoW

Top Turret Gunner/ Flt Eng; T/Sgt., Charles E. WILLIAMS, KiA

Navigator; Lt., Jay SULDAN, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Fred A SNAVELY, PoW

# 445 BG, 703 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-50325

Tibenham

Station 124

Pundit code, TM

Tail code, Circle F.

Shot down by flak over the target, and  
crashed at Hamm.

Pilot; Lt., Edward SADLON, PoW

Co-Pilot; 2Lt., Joseph KAROPCZYC, PoW

Navigator; 2Lt., Merlin KULP, KiA

Bombardier; Lt., Erwin CARLE, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Charles YOST, PoW

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., James CLEMENTE, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., Robert CONNOLLY, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Peter DORY, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Thomas FLORIO, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Earl JOHNSON, PoW

# 445 BG, 700 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 41-29306, K for King

Tibenham

Station 124

Pundit code, TM

Tail code, Circle F.

The aircraft crashed on a mission from Tibenham to Koblenz on 22 April 1944. A memorial was unveiled at the crash site on 22 April 2009.

Pilot; Lt., Francis SNEED, PoW

Co-Pilot; Charles RIDDLE, PoW

Navigator; 2Lt., Ray HARGIS, PoW

Radio Operator; S/Sgt., Robert VARTY, KiA

Bombardier; 2Lt., John BRYANT, PoW

Tail Gunner; Sgt., James COCKRIEL, Evaded capture with John Mahoney

L. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Charles COFFMAN, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; Sgt., Harry KOLINSKI, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Harold E. White, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., John MAHONEY, Evaded capture, KiA (see below)

On 22 April 1944, the bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire on a mission over Germany, and the crew was forced to bail out over Belgium.

He was sheltered in the home of a Belgian family in Waregem, and in the summer of 1945 he joined up with the Belgian Secret Army. On 5 September 1944, while on a patrol with the Secret Army, they encountered German forces that surrounded and executed them. He died together with Secret Army members Jozef Duthoy, Roger Vansteenbrugge and Marcel Windels.

James Cockriel, a fellow American airman who had joined up with the Secret Army, survived was shot with Mahoney, but survived. Information from Robert Mahoney, John's nephew.

# 453 BG, 735 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-64490, H6-U, Cee Gee II

Old Buckenham

Station 144

Pundit code, OE

Tail code, circle J

Plane ditched in Channel.

Pilot; Lt., James MUNSEY, Kia

Co-Pilot; 2Lt., Robert CRALL, Kia

Nose Gunner; T/Sgt., Grover CONWAY, Kia

Radio Operator/ Gunner; T/Sgt., William GRADY, Kia

L. Waist Gunner; T/Sgt., John McKINNEY, Kia

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Norman BROWN, Rtb

Navigator; 2Lt., Leon HELFAND, Rtb

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Kenneth LAUX, Rtb

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Ralph McCLURE, Rtb

Bombardier; 2 Lt., Arthur ORLOWSKI, Rtb

Kia = Killed in action

Rtb = Returned To Base.

# 389 BG, 567 BS, B 24 D, Liberator, 42-63963, X Round Trip Ticket

Hethel

Station 114

Pundit code, HJ

Tail code, circle C

Hit by AA fire and crashed in Belgium.

Command Pilot, Pilot; Lt Col., Paul BURTON, PoW

Pilot; Major Gen., Philip ARDERY, PoW

Co-Pilot; Lt., Gordon BABER, Evaded capture.

Navigator; 2Lt., John POWELL, PoW

Bombardier; Lt., Myron GINS, PoW

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Albert ARNDT, PoW

Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., Lewis E. BAGWELL, PoW

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Harvey BELCHER, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Dudley BURR, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Lee PARKER, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Michael SANIUK, PoW

# 389 BG, 565 BS, B 24 J, Liberator, 42-109915, Z

Hethel

Station 114

Pundit code, HJ

Tail code, circle C

On return from Hamm mission 311, at night, shot down by enemy plane over home base.

Pilot; Lt., F T WILKERSON, Wounded, RTD

Co-pilot; Lt., C S SNELL Jr. Kia

Navigator; Lt., L A CAMPBELL, Wounded

Bombardier; Lt., R F SULLIVAN, Wounded

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Frank TERLESKY Kia

Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., R L DOTTER Kia

Ball Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., G C GRAY Kia

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., M B CABTLE, Wounded, RTD

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., N S REED, Kia

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., H S BUNTING, Wounded

Nose Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., J R MURRAY Kia

No memorial has been erected for the men who lost their lives.

# 389 BG, 565 BS, B 24 J, Liberator, 44-40085, Z

Hethel

Station 114

Pundit code, HJ

Tail code, circle C

On return from its mission, the aircraft was damaged by an intruder which knocked out number 2 engine and the hydraulic system, the aircraft crash-landed at high speed into radar building at Hethel.

No deaths are recorded at the time of this incident.

Pilot; 2Lt., Edward W. FOLEY

Co-pilot; 2Lt., L F MUIR

Navigator; Lt., Robert KINNARD

Bombardier; Lt., John ADEE

Radio Operator; Sgt., J E SMITH

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., E V GARRIGUS

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., R L HAMILTON

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Clifford F BEHEE

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., G E BROWN

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., G W JACOBS



# 392 BG, 579 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-52605, J

Wendling

Station 118

Pundit code, WU

Tail code, circle D

Pilot; Captain, Wyreth EVERHART, PoW

Co-Pilot; Lt., Gordon HAMMOND, PoW

Navigator; Lt., Harold KORNMAN, Evaded capture

Bombardier; 2Lt., John E. SANDS

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., James BEARD, PoW

Top Turret Gunner/ Flt Eng.; T/Sgt., Alfred RINKE, PoW

R. Waist Gunner; T/Sgt., Jack ROSS, PoW

Ball Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., William ANDREWS, PoW

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Robert FOWLER, PoW

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., John BESEDA, PoW

Navigator; Lt., Fred J. WEBER

Observer; Major, Robert COX, PoW

# 448 BG, 715 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 41-28843, Repulser

Seething

Station 146

Pundit code, SE

Tail code, circle I

B-24 41-28843, The Repulser, was attacked by heavily-armed ME 410 German fighters and crashed in the fields near Kessingland.

The memorial slab is next to the War Memorial in Kessingland churchyard.

Pilot; 2Lt., Eugene PULCIPHER

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Elmer MEIER

Navigator; 2Lt., George FAHR

Bombardier; 2Lt., William CARCELLI

Radio Operator; S/Sgt., Chester ROMANOSKY

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., James HARDIN

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Carl SPELLMAN

R. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Maynard YOUNG

L. Waist Gunner; Sgt., William DURANT

Tail Gunner; Sgt., William DAVIS

All crew were killed in action



# 448 BG, 715 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-52608

Seething

Station 146

Pundit code, SE

Tail code, circle I

Crashed Into Channel. All the crew were  
killed .

Pilot; Lt., Cherry PITTS

Co-pilot; 2Lt., John MERKLING

Navigator; Navigator; 2Lt., Charles WILDER

Bombardier; 2Lt., Clifford SCHROM

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Samuel WERNER

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Thomas HARWOOD

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Harry VETTER

R. Waist Gunner; T/Sgt., Ernest ROBINSON

L. Waist Gunner; T/Sgt., Arthur ANGELO

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Stanley WILSON

# 448 BG, 715 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-94744, Peggy Jo

Seething

Station 146

Pundit code, SE

Tail code, circle I

Cannon fire from Me-410 damaged the aircraft forcing the crew to bail out over England prior to AC crash. All RTD.

The aircraft crashed onto the railway line at Worlingham

Pilot; Lt., Melvin L ALSPAUGH

Co-pilot; Lt., Richard H WATTERS

Navigator; Lt., William A CARLSON

Bombardier; 2Lt., William E EDWARDS

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Donald L HOLTER

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Charles J ADAMS

Gunner; S/Sgt., Owen W WORSMAN

Gunner; S/Sgt., Harold V BARNEY

Gunner; T/Sgt., Jack E ANDERSON

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Raymond G CHARTIER

# 448 BG, 715 BS, B 24 J, Liberator, 42-73497, Vadie Raye

Seething

Station 146

Pundit code, SE

Tail code, circle I

On 22 April 1944 his plane was hit and burning but was trying to get back to base.

Pilot; Captain, Alvin SCAGGS, RTD

Co-pilot; Captain, William G. BLUM, RTD

Navigator; 1Lt., Donald C. TODT

Bombardier; 1Lt., Elbert F LOZES

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Stanley C FILIPOWICZ

T. T. Gunner/ Engineer; M/Sgt., George GLEVANIK

Nose Turret Gunner; Eugene GASKINS

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Ray K LEE

L. Waist Gunner; Francis X SHEEHAN

Tail Gunner; William E JACKSON

Sgt. George Glevanik, the Flight Engineer was the last to extricate himself. The pilot learned later that George was able to get some fuel to the engines by holding his bare hands very tightly over the breaks in the fuel lines. He was awarded the DFC

# 458 BG, 753 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 41-29273, Flak Magnet

Horsham St. Faith  
Station 123  
Pundit code, HF  
Tail code, circle K

The aircraft was hit by Flak at approximately 19:38 hours SW of Hamm, Germany. The #2 engine caught fire and the A/C fell out of formation. Four chutes were seen. A/C then was brought under control and Lt George N. Spaven Jr regained altitude and rejoined formation. After an undetermined period of time, A/C was observed to leave formation and head west, still under control. Tailed and shot down by FW190 'Red 23' of Major Heinz Bär of II/JG1. Pilot Spaven was hit by fighter bullets in Heinz Bär's final attack and held the plane steady so his crew could bail out. He was killed in the crash of the plane, 1km North of Hoetmar

Pilot; 1Lt., George SPAVEN, KIA  
Co-Pilot; 2Lt., Robert ZEDEKER, PoW  
Navigator; 2Lt., Peter KOWAL, PoW  
Bombardier; 2Lt., James MORTINSON, PoW  
Radio Operator; S/Sgt., Cedric COLE, PoW  
R. Waist Gunner; Sgt., Robert ALLIN, PoW  
L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., James FITTINGER, PoW  
Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Herman PEACHER, PoW  
Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Lawrence SCHEIDING, PoW  
Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., James H WEDDING, PoW

# 458 BG, 754 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-52353 J, Auchtung

Horsham St. Faith

Station 123

Pundit code, HF

Tail code, circle K

Aircraft shot down by German night fighters near their base while returning from Hamm.

Pilot; 1Lt., Teague G HARRIS Jr.,

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Robert T. COUCH

Navigator; 2Lt., Richard L. MOSES

Bombardier; 2Lt., Robert E. AHRENS

Radio Operator; T/Sgt., Clifford L. ODER

Top Turret Gunner; Sgt., Francis X. McKENNA

R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Howard E. FOUND

L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Eldridge L. CARPENTER

Ball Turret Gunner; Sgt., Fernard G. MORIN

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Edwin B. CARPENTER

Nose Gunner; S/Sgt., Raphael ANTHONY

# 458 BG, 754 BS, B 24 J, Liberator, 42-100357, D. Vale Oregon

Horsham St. Faith  
Station 123  
Pundit code, HF  
Tail code, circle K

As the group approached the English coast, ME-410 night fighters, using cover of darkness attacked the Liberator formations. Stilson's crew was shot down near Horsham St. Faith and T/Sgt William R. Pearce, engineer and S/Sgt Arthur Silverman, gunner were both killed. 2Lt Melvin C. Marshall, navigator, died in the base hospital the next day from wounds received in the crash.

Pilot; 1Lt., Charles W. STILSON, Injured  
Co-pilot; 2Lt., Joseph E. WORTON, Injured  
Navigator; 2Lt., Raymond E. SAWYER, Injured  
Bombardier; 2Lt., Melvin C. MARSHALL, Kia  
Radio Op/ Flt Eng.; T/Sgt., William R. PEARCE, Kia  
Top Turret Gunner; T/Sgt., James E. BLAKE  
Ball Turret Gunner; William L. JOHNSON. Injured  
R. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Arthur SILVERMAN, Kia  
L. Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Clarence C. CONNELLY  
Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Kenneth KATTEN, Injured





# 467 BG, 788 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-52536, K

Rackheath,  
Station 145.  
Pundit code, RK  
Tail code, circle P

On return from mission to Hamm,  
Germany was followed by enemy and  
shot down over home base.

The crew, all killed:

Pilot; 2Lt., James A RODEN

Co-pilot; 2Lt., J H MAXEY

Navigator; 2Lt., Wellington E. LANDIS

Bombardier; 2Lt., Robert WILSON

Radio Operator; S/Sgt., George E. CARTER

Top Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Louis J. VIOLETTE

Ball Turret Gunner; S/Sgt., Charles D. McGONIGLE

Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., Riley E. ORR

Waist Gunner; Sgt., James R. HOWE

Tail Gunner; S/Sgt., Richard E. HORAK

Nose Gunner;

# 467 BG, 791 BS, B 24 H, Liberator, 42-52445, D

Rackheath

Station 145

Pundit code, RK

Tail code, circle P

Shot from the rear by ME-410 intruder aircraft that entered the landing pattern of returning ships. Crashed at Barsham, Suffolk

The crew (killed):

Pilot; 1Lt., Stalie C. REID,

Co-pilot; 2Lt., Warren W. MASON,

Navigator; 2Lt., James G. FERGUSON,

Flight Engineer; T/Sgt., Sylvio L. DERY,

Radio Op. / Eng. / Gunner; T/Sgt., Walter W.

KOVALENKO

Bombardier; 2Lt., Louis A. ALIER,

Gunner; Sgt., Edward W. HOKE,

These three gunners bailed out safely, two of whom were later killed in action.

Left Waist Gunner; S/Sgt., John H BIGGS bailed out to be KIA 06/08/1944

Right Waist Gunner; Sgt., George HAMILTON bailed out to be KIA 08/05/1944

Gunner; Sgt., Mervyn SHANK, bailed out and survived the war.

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