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AGPC-G 201 Stanley, James F. 1st Ind. EFW/nmo
(25 Jan 45)
WD, AGO, Washington 25, D. C., 8 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C., Attn: Notification Branch, Personal Affairs Division, Ass't Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Room 4310, Munitions Building.

1. For necessary action regarding crew members.

2. The records of this office show that Second Lieutenant James F. Stanley, 0811783, who was initially reported missing in action over Italy since 19 March 1944, was killed in action on that date.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Wesley J. Shupe
Adjutant General

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by B. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AC
by R. M. MUENCH, Capt., AC
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AGPC-G 201 Stanley, James F. 2d Ind. (Cont'd)

a. Aircraft 41-29296 indorsement: 22 April 1944 from 740th Bomb Sq. (H), APO 520, to C.O., 455th Bomb Gp. (H), APO 520:

"Body of S/Sgt Sapia was identified by identification tags and personal effects on the body. Bodies of the remainder of the crew were never recovered."

b. Aircraft 42-64497: indorsement 19 April 1944 from 740th Bomb Sq. (H), APO 520, to Commanding General, XV Air Force, APO 520:

"Bodies of Lts Markham and Cowan, and Sgts Rockstad, Abraham, and Kilian were identified by identification tags and personal effects on the bodies, while the remainder of the crew was reported MIA because their bodies were not recovered."

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls.
1. Crew list plane #42-64497
2. Crew list plane #41-29296

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

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AGPC-G 201 Stanley, James F. 2d Ind. AFPPA-S/IG/en

Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C., 16 February 1945

TO: The Quartermaster General, Memorial Branch, Graves Registration, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention invited to basic communication.

2. Second Lieutenant James F. Stanley, 0681783, navigator aboard B-24 H type (Liberator) bomber, serial number 42-64497 on mission to 45° 13' N 15° 55' on 19 March 1944 collided with aircraft B-24 H type (Liberator) bomber, serial number 41-29296, approximately 42° 5' N 15' 25' E, about 1515 hrs.

3. Attached are lists of crew members serving aboard aircrafts 42-64497 and 41-29296.

4. Reference to paragraph 2, basic communication. Reports of recovery of bodies of crew members as follows:

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

Check only one column

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.	Hynson, phillip E.	1st Lt	0-663153			X	
2.	Smith, Wayne (NMI)	1st Lt	0-677299			X	

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) ____

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

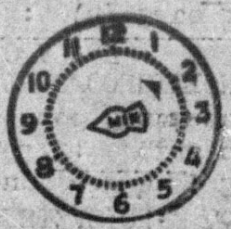
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

Date of Report 24 March 1944

MAY 10 1944

Joe B Goodrich
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.



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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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by E. A. BRADNAR, Lt. Col., AC
by F. M. MUEN H, Capt., AC
Date MAR 15 194

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location APO 520, N.Y. ; Command or Air Force 15th .
Group 455th ; Squadron 740th Bomb Sq (H) ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure San Giovanni Fld. ; Course Direct
Intended Destination 48° 13' N 15° 55' ; Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
C A V U
4. GIVE: (a) Date 3/19/44 ; Time 1515 ; and Location 42° 5' N 15° 25' E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last Contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; (X) 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; (X) Other Circumstances as follows: Engine failure causing aircraft to collide with another aircraft in the formation.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model, and Series B-24 H; AAF Serial Number 42-64497
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-65 ; AAF Serial Number (a) CP-301757
(b) 42-92666 ; (c) 42-92687 ; (d) 42-92723
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
Browning, cal. 50, M2, Aircraft Machine Gun: (a) R.N. 974402 ; (b) L.N. 974471;
(c) R.M. 974396 ; (d) L.M. 973934 ; (e) R.S. 973990 ; (f) L.S. 974094 ;
(g) R.W. 973229 ; (h) L.W. 631551 ; (i) R.C. 965577 ; (L.C. 974164 .
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (X) Battle Casualty; or
( ) Non-Battle Casualty.
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers None ;
Total 10 .
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Status

	Crew Position	Name in full	Rank		Serial Number	
Rec'd 1.	Pilot	Pideock, James Francis	1st Lt	8	0-748236	Non-Rec. (10/22/51)
Rec'd 2.	Co-Pilot	Markham, William Franklin	2nd Lt	7	0-689077	Rtd. (Rtd. U.S.)
Rec'd 3.	Navigator	Stanley, James Francis	2nd Lt	10	0-811783	Non-Recoverable
Rec'd 4.	Bombardier	Coman, William Bernard	2nd Lt	4	0-735860	Rtd. (Rtd. U.S.)
Rec'd 5.	Engineer K.I.A.	Rockstad, Peter (NMI)	T/Sgt	9	36408489	Rtd. (Rtd. U.S.)
Rec'd 6.	Asst Engineer	Backstrom, Ben Lund	S/Sgt	2	39191641	Non-Rec (10-22-51)
Rec'd 7.	Radio	Abraham, Arthur (NMI)	T/Sgt	1	16147026	Rtd. (Rtd. U.S.)
Rec'd 8.	Asst Radio	Brosz, Buddy De Laus	Sgt	3	15336306	Non-Rec. (10/22/51)
Rec'd 9.	Gunner	Kellogg, George Dewey Jr	S/Sgt	5	39119949	Non-Rec "
Rec'd 10.	Gunner	Killian, John (NMI)	S/Sgt	6	32280410	POW (Returned POC)
11.						
12.						

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Incl #3 - Sketch of Scene of Crash, to
MAC Report, Lt. Pidcock and Crew.

1st Lt. James F. Pidcock	Mr. Christopher Pidcock, (father) 79 North Union Street, Lambertville, New Jersey.
2nd Lt. James F. Stanley	Mrs. James Stanley, (mother) 2907 Heath Avenue, New York, New York.
2nd Lt. William B. Comun	Mrs. Maud Comun, (mother) 1608 North Emporia, Wichita, Kansas.
2nd Lt. William F. Markham	Mrs. Jewell L. Davis, (mother) Post Office Box 735, Vivian, Louisiana.
T/Sgt. Arthur Abraham	Mr. Sergis Abraham, (father) 2154 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
T/Sgt. Peter Rockstad	Mrs. Bertha O. Rockstad, (mother) 1705 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.
S/Sgt. Ben L. Backstrom	Mr. Emil K. Backstrom, (father) Route One, Fortford, Washington. Mrs. Ina Backstrom, (mother) 3416 Everett Avenue, Everett, Washington.
S/Sgt. George D. Kellogg, Jr.	Mr. George D. Kellogg, (father) 20 Brennan Street, Watsonville, California.
S/Sgt. John Kilian	Mr. Casmir Kilian, (father) 16 Swinburn Street, Buffalo, New York.
Sgt. Buddy D. Bross	Mrs. Lula M. Bross, (mother) 503 York Street, Newport, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Ben L. Backstrom	Mr. Emil K. Backstrom, (father) Route One, Hartford, Washington. Mrs. Ina Backstrom, (mother) 3416 Everett Avenue, Everett, Washington.
Second Lieutenant William B. Coman	Mrs. Maud Coman, (mother) 1608 North Emporia, Wichita, Kansas.
Staff Sergeant George D. Kellogg, Jr.	Mr. George D. Kellogg, (father) 20 Brennan Street, Watsonville, California.
Second Lieutenant James Francis Stanley	Mrs. James Stanley, (mother) 2907 Heath Avenue, New York, New York.
First Lieutenant James F. Pidcock	Mr. Christopher Pidcock, (father) 79 North Union Street, Lambertville, New Jersey.
Staff Sergeant John Kilian	Mr. Casmir Kilian, (father) 16 Swinburn Street, Buffalo, New York.
Technical Sergeant Arthur Abraham	Mr. Sargis Abraham, (father) 2154 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
Technical Sergeant Peter Rockstad	Mrs. Bertha O. Rockstad, (mother) 1705 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.
Sergeant Buddy D. Brosz	Mrs. Lula M. Brosz, (mother) 503 York Street, New Port, Kentucky.
Second Lieutenant William F. Markham	Mrs. Jewell L. Davis, (mother) Post Office Box 735, Vivian, Louisiana.

360.33 C-DB-4 7th Ind. S: 20 Apr 44
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 13 Apr 44.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp (HV), APO 520.

Forwarded for compliance with 6th indorsement.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

8th Ind. JBG/mp

740th Bomb Sq (H), APO 520, U.S. Army. 19 April 1944.
TO: Commanding General, XV Air Force, APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. Par 1a, 6th Ind., complied with.

2. Bodies of Lts Markham and Coman, and Sgts Rockstad, Abraham, and Kilian were identified by identification tags and personal effects on the bodies, while the remainder of the crew was reported MIA because their bodies were not recovered.

For the Squadron Commander:

Joe B. Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

9th Ind. A-KAC-3
HQ 455TH BOMB GP (H), APO 520, 20 Apr 44.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520.

1 Incl: n/c C. A. O.

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HQ, 455TH BOMB GP (H), AAF, APO 520, U. S. ARMY, 30 March 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing (HV), AAF, APO 520, U. S. ARMY.

4 Incls: n/c

C. A. O.

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360.33 C-DB-4 5th Ind.
HQ, 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 1 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

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1 Incl: MAC Rpt Lt Pidcock and crew
w/3 incls. (quad)

AG 360.33 6th Ind. S: 24 Apr 44 GP-N/m/gow
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 9 April 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Wing, APO 520.

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1. Returned for the following:

a. For completion of paragraph 15 of subject report. If no search was conducted, so state.

b. No attempt has been made by the preparing officer to indicate how the bodies of Lts Markham and Coman, and Sgts Rockstad, Abraham and Killian were identified inasmuch as they were reported KIA while the remainder of the crew were reported MIA. Desire clarification.

By command of Major General TWINING:

HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

1 Incl: n/c

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O-811 783

Memorial Graves Registration Records SPQYG

2nd. & 'T' streets, S.W. Washington 25, D. C. 1132

The Adjutant General,

Washington 25, D. C.

1. It is requested that this office be advised the names of the entire crew, who served with the late Second Lieutenant James F. Stanley, O-811 783, who was killed when the B-24 Liberator bomber on which he was serving crashed 19 Mar 44.

2. It is also requested that if possible the entire list of the crew aboard the plane which collided with the B-24 be furnished, and any information in the records of your office which might indicate whether or not the remains of the two crews, were or were not recovered.

For the Quartermaster General:

/s/ Mayo A. Darling
MAYO A. DARLING,
Lt. Colonel, Q.M.C.,
Assistant.

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 520 New York City NY
21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Our ship No. 282 was in the bottom flight, #2 position off the Right wing of ship No. 296 (Lt Lundwall Pilot). Lt Pidcock was flying ship No. #497 in #6 position of the lead flight. Ship No. 497 fell back and out of position, letting down gradually, causing us to pull down and away. He seemed to be in full control as he crossed to the left, dropped down and collided with ship No. 296. Ship No. 497 struck ship No. 296 with the bomb bay section falling at an angle across the center wing section of No. 296. It appeared that neither saw the other. The destruction of ship 497 was almost instantaneous and complete. Ship No. 296 lost the left wing and the nose section fell into a spin and disappeared almost immediately when it hit the water. Crew members, noted one chute open with a body in the harness and one chute canopy trailing without a harness.

We left the formation and circled the debris at low altitude, there was no sign of life though several bodies were seen. A fishing vessel was approaching the wreckage from Tremiti Island when we left.

Our ship was approximately (75) ft away from the collision and it was in full view of the four Officers aboard.

Phillip E Hynson

PHILLIP E. HYNSON,
1st Lt, Air Corps,
Pilot.

Incl #1 - Statement of Lt Hynson to
MAC Report, Lt. Pidcock and crew.

740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 U.S. ARMY
Office of the Operations Officer

21 March 1944

SUBJECT: Eyewitness Description.

TO : Whom it may concern.

Returning from Graz on March 20th we had left the target and had descended to approximately 8,000 ft, at a position of 43° 10' N/ 15° 30' E about 1500.

Lt Pidcock was flying No. 3 position of the lead flight in the first section. While the No. 3 flight leader was Lt Lundwall in ship #296. No. 3 flight was being flown slightly down and in close, to the lead flight. The lead ship in the first flight made a slight turn to the left. Lt Pidcock was out quite a way and as Lt Lundwall did not catch the first indication of the turn, was a bit late in turning. Lt Pidcock being slightly above Lt Lundwall either skidded or stalled and rammed Lt. Lundwall's ship from above. The wreckage was directly in front of me (Lt Smith) and it took a steep climbing turn to the left to keep from hitting them. I was flying No. 6 position in the third flight. One person was seen to fall but I saw no chutes open. I was passed then and could not see them any more, but I immediately called "Mayday" on channel "D" of the V.H.F. I gave their position of 42° 10' N/ 15° 30' E. I received an acknowledgement that the message had been received. My radio operator also reached our ground station at about 1500 hours.

I saw another ship drop back for a fix so I continued on the home base.

Wayne Smith
WAYNE SMITH,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Pilot.

Incl #2 - Statment of Lt Smith to
MAC Report, Lt. Pidcock and Crew.

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740TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
APO 520 U.S. ARMY JBG--mp

24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, 455th Bombardment Group (H), APO 520, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith is Missing Air Crew Report.

For the Squadron Commander:

Joe B. Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls:
Incl -1- Missing Air Crew Report (quad)
Incl -2- Statement of Lt HYNSON (quad)
Incl -3- Statement of Lt SMITH (quad)
Incl -4- Sketch of Scene of Crash

1st Ind. G-CAO-4

HQ. 455th Bomb Gp (H), AAF, APO 520, US ARMY. 26 March 1944.

TO: CG, 304th Bomb Wing (H), APO 520, US ARMY.
1. Forwarded.

For the Group Commander:

C. A. OLSON,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

4 Incls: n/c

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360.33 C-DB-4 10th Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 25 Apr 44.
TO: CG, 15th AF, APO 520.

Attention is invited to 8th indorsement.

For the Commanding Officer:

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(746)

Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: n/c

AG 360.33 11th Ind. GP-hm/gow
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 28 April 1944.

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TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-44, dated 28 March 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 28 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Harold B. Neely
HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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AG 360.33 11th Ind. GP-hm/gcw
HQ, FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 520, 28 April 1944.

TO: CG, NATOUSA, APO 534. Attn: Casualty Branch, AGD.

1. Personnel included in attached MAC Report were processed on consolidated BCR No L-44, dated 28 March 1944, which was forwarded to the 30th MRU 28 March 1944.

For the Commanding General:

HAROLD B. NEELY,
Major, AGD,
Assistant AG.

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360.33 C-DB-5 2nd Ind.
HQ 304TH BOMB WING (HV), APO 520, 28 Mar 44.
TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp. (HV), APO 520.

Returned for the following corredtions and additions:

a. The spelling of S/Sgt. Kellogg, George Dewey Jr., 39119949, does not agree with copy BCR on file this headquarters.

b. Inasmuch as the eye witness statement of Lt Hynson states that a parachute was seen to open, this fact will be entered under par 12, MAC Report.

c. The MAC Report will be forwarded to this headquarters in 5 copies so that a file copy may be withdrawn.

By order of Colonel UPTHEGROVE:

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Harold G. Wilson
HAROLD G. WILSON,
Captain, AGD,
Adjutant.

1 Incl: MAC Report, Lt Pidcock and crew. (quad)

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3rd Ind.

740th Bomb Sq (H), AAF, APO 520, U.S. Army. 30 March 1944.

TO: CO, 455th Bomb Gp (H), APO 520, U.S. Army.

1. The spelling of S/Sgt Kellogg, George Dewey Jr. correct on this report, erroneous on BCR .

2. Par 1b complied with.

For the Squadron Commander:

For B Goodrich
JOE B. GOODRICH
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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