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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name N. PICKENHAM; Command or A/Force 8th Group 491st; Squadron 854th; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure N. PICKENHAM Course Target or Intended Destination MISBURG, GERMANY; Type Mission AIRIAL COMBAT
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Day 26 Month NOV Year 44 Time 12:45 Location TARGET AREA of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft; (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); Last contacted by radio (); 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 (X); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24 H; AAF Serial Number 42-95007
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any "SCARSACE"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1830-43; AAF Serial Number (a) CP 32713 (b) CP 30760 (c) 42-6115 (d) 42-63507
9. INSTALLER: WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 118672 (b) 1186525 (c) 1187010 (d) 1181383
(e) 5967m (f) 599319 (g) 1186602 (h) 1188077
(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 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(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.)

Status	Crew Position	Name in full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
FOD	1. PILOT	WYNN, JAMES J.	1ST LT.	0-771205	NIA
KIA	2. CO-PILOT	KRIVONAK, MICHAEL	2ND LT.	0-720867	NIA MIA
FOD	3. NAVIGATOR	ROBERTS, HERMAN E. JR.	2ND LT.	0-2058550	NIA MIA
KIA	4. BOMBARDIER	O'DELL, PAUL G.	2ND LT.	0-772993	NIA MIA
KIA	5. ENGINEER	DI FILIPPO, JOSEPH	T/SGT.	32952888	NIA KIA
KIA	6. OPERATOR	DEWEER, DEWEY A.	T/SGT.	38436457	NIA KIA
DED	7. T/W GUNNER	SWANNY, GLENN T.	S/SGT.	39276091	NIA MIA
DED	8. T/W GUNNER	WAKEMAN, FRED M.	S/SGT.	19188580	NIA MIA
EUS	9. TAIL GUNNER	PEIFFER, KENNETH M.	S/SGT.	13158746	RTD NIA EUS
KIA	10. BALL GUNNER	CARRICK, LAWRENCE E.	SGT.	35398770	NIA KIA

12. 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	by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1.						
2.						
3.						

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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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) _____.
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 _____

Date of Report 29 NOV. 1944

Herbert B. Brommer
HERBERT B. BROMMER,

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
Major, Air Corps,
Group 3-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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STATEMENTS TAKEN AT INTERROGATION:

Captain Lester Bridges O-351581 A/C 746 V

Eight(8) B-24's shot down 1233-1242 hours, four at 1244 hours, one at 1300 hours-about twenty chutes seen-jumps not delayed.

2nd Lt. Donald B. Elliott O-817643 A/C 482 M

1245-Hannover-three B-24's from our group seen to go down-sky full of chutes.

2nd Lt. Harold L. Fandell O-627771 A/C 164 J

1245 hours-one plane from this group go down after attack. B-24 073 Bar B (Pilot-Bennett)-came up and joined lead squadron-then slid under-neath-Martin turret missing-large hole in wing - last seen at 1258 hours still losing distance.

1st Lt. William A. Greep O-606255 A/C 462 L

Two A/C from high squadron - left wing came off - 3,000 feet below formation - 3 chutes 22,000 feet - Wing blew up - possibly two chutes.

1st Lt. Howard D. Hunter O-764681 A/C 156 F

One ship from low squadron - 3 chutes - one ship at 3 o'clock downed by 190 - no chutes.

1st Lt. William B. Martin O-697663

Two B-24's at target out of control - 2 chutes from one.

Captain Joseph R. Metcalf O-684203 A/C 622 L

Five B-24's go down out of the high squadron.

1st Lt. Edgar L. Murff O-804490 A/C 680 V

High squadron hit 1242 - four ships from high squadron down - Three from low squadron (six chutes seen)

1st Lt. Charles N. Haney O-696568 A/C 735 Z

Five B-24's seen blow up or peel out of Low Squadron. 2 chutes seen from ship flying no. 3 in lead element low squadron. 6 other B-24's down about 15-20 chutes seen.

1st Lt. James K. Wanzel O-699881 A/C 294 G

1237 hours - Two B-24's were seen to go down in flames. Total of 9 chutes seen at 1237 1/2 at vicinity of target. 1240 hours - 2 B-24's were reported to go down - At 1251 A/C 107 (Pilot-Weitz) and 485 K (Pilot-Butler) went down.

1st Lt. Shelton J. Wrath O-821390 A/C 459 F

A/C 107 (Pilot-Weitz) 3 chutes, A/C 007 ~~S~~ (Pilot-Wynn) Bombay on fire. 1245 hours A/C H (Pilot-Simons) on fire - seen to go down. A/C 108 A- (Pilot-Vukovich) Bombay on fire.

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REPLY REFER TO:



24 August 1945

SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Kenneth M. Peiffer, 13158746

TO: Commanding Officer
1070th B M Patient Detachment
St. Petersburg, Florida

1. It is requested that Sergeant Peiffer be interrogated with reference to any information he may know concerning the whereabouts of Second Lieutenant Michael Krivonak.

2. Lieutenant Krivonak was the co-pilot of the bomber of which Sergeant Peiffer was the tail gunner, and was reported missing 26 November 1944, on a mission to Misburg, Germany.

3. Three members were reported killed in action, Sergeants DiFilippo, Deweber, and Carmichael. The remaining six are still unaccounted for.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed
N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Branch
Personal Affairs Division
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1

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Hq. AAF-Convalescent Hospital, St. Petersburg, 5, Florida, 31 Aug 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Chief, Personal Affairs Division.

Attached hereto affidavit concerning subject enlisted man's knowledge and whereabouts of Second Lieutenant Michael Krovinak.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Incl - 1
Affidavit-Sgt. Peiffer

Joseph A. Grabill
JOSEPH A. GRABILL
Captain, MAC
Adjutant

P E T I T I O N

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authority for administering oaths in cases of this character, one Kenneth M. Peiffer, Staff Sergeant, 13158746, Detachment of Patients, AAF Convalescent Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida, and being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

1. On 26 November 1944, I was a member of 491st Bomb Group, 854th Bomb Squadron. On that date we were ordered to bomb a target in Misburg, Germany. Second Lieutenant Michael Krivonak was the co-pilot of my ship when we embarked on this mission, and the last time I saw him was shortly before take-off. I did not see him at any time thereafter because I was the tail gunner and he was all the way up front.

2. While on the way to the target but before we reached it, our plane was shot down by enemy air-craft. Due to direct hits upon the ship, the interphone system was shot away and the plane caught fire in my vicinity, and for that reason could not see anything that was going on up front. It was at this time that I bailed out through the tail.

3. As I descended, I noticed three or four parachutes floating, but did not know who the men were. Upon landing near Minden Germany, I was immediately captured.

4. Several days later, while a patient in a German hospital in Minden, a German Intelligence Officer told me that he had seen seven men parachute out of the plane, but I never learned their identity.

5. I am unable to venture any opinion concerning the whereabouts of Lieutenant Krivonak.

Kenneth M. Peiffer
KENNETH M. PEIFFER
Staff Sergeant, 13158746

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 31st day of August 1945.

Joseph A. Grabill
JOSEPH A. GRABILL
Captain, MAC
Adjutant