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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Harrington Command or Air Force
WILLIAMS Group 492nd Bomb Group (H) Squadron 456th Bomb Sq (H)
Detachment

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Harrington Course _____
Seattle intended Destination France Type of
Mission Operational

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN
LAST SIGHTED Unknown

4. GIVS: (a) Date 14 August 1944 : Time 2200 and location
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.

(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted () Last contacted by
Radio () Forced Down () Seen to Crash or (X) 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: Unknown

6. AIRCRAFT: Type model and Series B-24D AF Serial
Number 42-46172

7. ENGINES: Type model and Series R-1830-43 AF Serial
Number (a) 42-64694 (b) 42-42597 (c) 42-310521 (d) 42-310278

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS Furnish below make, Type and Serial No.

(a) <u>Browning</u>	(b) <u>Cal.50</u>	(c) <u>M-2</u>	(d) <u>230180</u>
(e) <u></u>	(f) <u></u>	(g) <u></u>	(h) <u>231079</u>
(i) <u></u>	(j) <u></u>	(k) <u></u>	(l) <u>529191</u>
(m) <u></u>	(n) <u></u>	(o) <u></u>	(p) <u>Unknown</u>

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualties
(b) Non-battle Casualties

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 8 Passengers 0
Total 8

(Starting with pilot furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

NAME IN FULL (LAST NAME FIRST)	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER
1. Pilot <u>Norton, Richard Raymond Jr.</u>	2nd Lt	<u>0696869</u>
2. Co-Pilot <u>Walker, Connie O., Jr.</u>	2nd Lt	<u>0621120</u>
3. Navigator <u>Anderson, Lloyd Leffee</u>	2nd Lt	<u>0716915</u>
4. Bombardier <u>Brown, Benjamin</u>	2nd Lt	<u>0762947</u>
5. Top Turret Gunner <u>Husband, James Henry</u>	S/Sgt	<u>3464937</u>
6. Ball Turret Gun.		
7. R. Waist Gun. <u>Gilligan, John Washington</u>	Sgt	<u>34457627</u>
8. L. Waist Gun		
9. Tail Gun. <u>Shadden, Wayman Baker</u>	S/Sgt	<u>39403365</u>
10. Radio Opr & Gun <u>Moore, William Harold</u>	S/Sgt	<u>18191727</u>

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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

Contacted

	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	By Radio
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.	None			
5.				

	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.	None		
5.			

12. 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) **Unknown**

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

14. ATTACH EYE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **Unknown**

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

Date of Report 17 August 1944



Howard B. Boworth

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

HOWARD B. BOWORTH
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Statistical Officer.

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AIR FORCE FORCES

EXAMINATIONAL REPORT

NAME NO.

20770-107

SUBJECT

9422
H. L. Baker 344576-27

TO WHOM REPORTED: Flying Safety Service, Quality Products, Inc.
Air Air Force
ADDRESS: 1000 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

DATE: 15 April 1968
EXAMINATOR NO.:

FOR INFORMATION REPORT WHICH TO SEND A REPLY.

FOR THE CHIEF, CASUALTY REPORT

AM 100-10000

1. DATE:

15 April 1968 (or 100-10000)

2. SUBJECT:
H. L. Baker 344576-27

3. What action has the subject or witness taken in regard to the information which he gave a reply by telephone communication?

FOR THE EXAMINATOR'S INFORMATION

4. DATE - 100-

AM 100-10000

RECORDED
SIXTY SEVEN
APR 25, 1968

APR 25 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IS CONTAINED HEREIN~~

TO: [REDACTED] (GCI)
[REDACTED]

1. Request communication and information required on
~~information regarding Mr. John Johnson, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]~~

2. [REDACTED] INFORMATION

[REDACTED]

REPLY

Mr. JOHN PEARLMAN
Belle Meade Plantation
Nashville, Tennessee

Lyon
10 May 1946

REMARKS
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COURTESY COPY
TO THE
AMERICAN
AMBASSY

Information from Mr. Marie Branlie about an aviation accident involving an American plane over which occurred in the night of 18 August 1944 near Dourne, a place situated at 40 km from Lyon.

I was in Dourne in the night of August 18, 1944. I was woken at about 3 AM by a dull sound followed immediately by several vivid lights.

Accompanied by several of the inhabitants, I rushed to the place of the accident. From the debris of the plane, which was burning, surprised by a number of the crew, very badly wounded and dead a very short time after. The other members of the crew were all killed.

At the day break, I went over the territory around the scene of the accident at approximately 400 or 500 meters. I found lying at the foot of a big oak in another apparently uninhabited. I requisitioned a car and transported the wounded to the church of St. Joseph's man at Dourne. Then I went on a motorcycle to the village of St. Martin in order to look for Mr. Perrin who had suddenly by a motor-cycle. With the injured man mounted and seated, I transported him to an isolated farm belonging to Mr. Deschamps a brother of the deceased Mr. Perrin. On that way this aviator escaped the Assemblage of the German Guards which was at Dourne, several hours after the accident. Mr. Deschamps kept the wounded man for 10 days; then the Germans came and carried Mr. Perrin on the 20 August.

I would be happy to receive some news about this American aviator. According to the papers found on his person, he should be:

MR. JOHN BRANLIE
Belle Meade, South Carolina, U.S.A.

signed : Marie Branlie
Veteran 1944.

The preceding information can be confirmed by Miss Marie Antonette BARTHELEMY, daughter of the Mayor of St. Martin en Yvelines.

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Ministère des Affaires étrangères
102, boulevard Haussmann
75008 Paris

20 mars 1946

A l'Américaine
Ministère des Affaires étrangères
Bureau de l'Amérique latine
Avant tout à propos
Lyon

Rapport du Monsieur André PAILLAT sur un accident d'avion
survenu à un aviateur Américain dans la nuit du 14-15 mars 1946
à l'aérodrome de L'Isle-Adam, localité située à 30 kilomètres de Lyon.

Un aviateur a été blessé à LYON dans la nuit du 14-15 mars 1946.
Il est descendu dans les 8 heures du matin pour une tasse de café
suivi immédiatement d'une très vive douleur dans le bas de la
quadrice droite, il a été pris par surprise sur les lieux de l'accident.
Des témoins de l'accident en fait, nous avons pu déterminer que de
l'explosion trois personnes blessées, qui avaient été évacuées par le
téléphone. Les autres personnes y étaient restées jusqu'à leur
rentrée.

Comme le jour commençait à poindre dans cette ville, et
comme les alentours du lieu de l'accident étaient très peu
accès à la route, plusieurs personnes sont arrivées au
lieu de l'accident blessés. Un aviateur
qui avait transporté 30 kilomètres pour venir à l'aérodrome Joseph
a demandé aussi de venir à l'aérodrome pour faire l'aller-retour de
la partie du pays le plus proche où il pouvait être évacué
et porter secours. Cet aviateur a été évacué par un autre aviateur
qui a fait descendre dans une ferme l'homme blessé.
Le deuxième aviateur a été évacué par un autre aviateur
qui était à LYON quelques heures après l'accident. Il a été
transporté à Paris pendant 15 jours de l'hôpital où il devait
être dirigé vers un hôpital de 20 ans.

Le service bureau de recherche des maladies de cet avia-
teur n'a pas été dévoilé. D'après les rapports faits par lui, il aurait
été atteint par une balle

Lyon, André PAILLAT
Avant tout à propos

Les renseignements précités peuvent être confirmés par Madame
Marie Adeline Vigne - infirmière-fille de mère de ce patient de l'Hôpital

AG 704 AGC

8th Ind.

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Hq, U.S. Forces, European Theater (Rear), APO 887, U.S. Army
19 Sep. 45.

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

1. Records this Hq indicate that the status of S/Sgt
Wayman B. Skadden 39408365 is Killed in Action 15 Aug 44 as
shown on Shipt 109.

2. Unable to comply with par 2, basic communication
inasmuch as soldiers unit, (492 Bomb Gp H) departed this
theater.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



J. H. Rund
H. M. RUND ~~and~~
Colonel AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

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201-Skadden, Wayman B

9th Ind

APPPA-8

Hq. AAF, Washington 25, D. C., 28 September 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 492nd Bomb Group (H), Sioux Falls Army Air Field,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For compliance paragraph 2, basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

N. W. Reed

N. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personal Services Division AC/AS-1

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201-Skadden, Wayman B

9th Ind

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Hq. AAF, Washington 25, D. C., 26 September 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 492nd Bomb Group (H), Sioux Falls Army Air Field,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For compliance paragraph 2, basic communication.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

H. W. REED
Major, Air Corps
Chief, Notification Section
Personal Affairs Branch
Personal Services Division AC/AS-1

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:



4 August 1945

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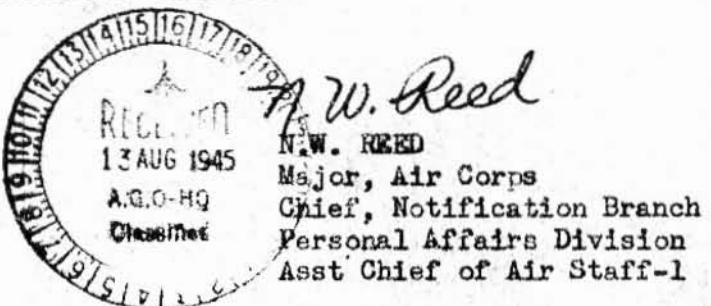
SUBJECT: Staff Sergeant Wayman B. Skadden, 39408365
86th Fighter Group
525th Fighter Squadron
KIA 29 April 1945

TO: Commanding General
Ninth Air Force,
APO 696, c/o Postmaster,
New York, New York

1. This headquarters is in receipt of request for number of missions in which Staff Sergeant Wayman B. Skadden participated.

2. Request available information on the number of completed missions in which subject officer participated be forwarded to this headquarters for release to his family.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, U. S. ARMY.

5:27 August 45
15 AUG 1945

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Comd, APO 374, U. S. Army.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KEPNER:



F. H. MONAHAN
LT. COL. A. G. D.
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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HEADQUARTERS, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army. 20 August 1945.

TO: CG, 64th Ftr Wing, APO 374, U. S. Army.



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R.D.B.M. 7364

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HEADQUARTERS 64TH FIGHTER WING, APD 374, US ARMY, 23 August 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 86th Fighter Gp, APO 374, US Army.

For compliance with basic communication and return through this headquarters.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL JACKSON:

F.A. Taylor
F. A. TAYLOR
Captain, Air Corps
Assistant Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 86TH FIGHTER GROUP, APO 374, U. S. Army. 25 August 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing, APO 374, U. S. Army.

This headquarters has no record of subject enlisted man.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:



Percy C. Fauskin
PERCY C. FAUSKIN
Major, Air Corps
Adjutant

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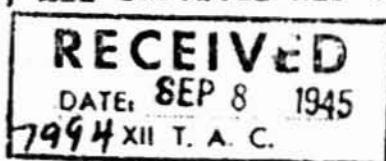
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HEADQUARTERS 64TH FIGHTER WING APO 374 U.S. Army

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Sept. 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374 U.S. Army.



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R. D. B. M.

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HEADQUARTERS, XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND, APO 374, U.S. ARMY. SEP 11 1945

TO: CG, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, U.S. Army.



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HEADQUARTERS, NINTH AIR FORCE, APO 696, US ARMY 15 SEP 1945



TO: Commanding General, US Forces, European Theater (Rear), APO 687, US ARMY
(ATTN: AG Casualty Division)

There is no record of enlisted man as a casualty of this command.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

F. H. Monahan

F. H. MONAHAN
LT. COL. A. G. D.
ADJUTANT & GENERAL

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