

8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No. KU 892	2432	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date approx. 12:00 h	20 February 1944	0-803675	2nd Lt.	Payne, Jerry Bryan	Pilot	KIA
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-691038	2nd Lt.	Cole, Carl Edison	Co-Pilot	KIA
Serial No.	42 - 39894	0-809531	2nd Lt.	Kelley, James Joseph	Navigator	KIA
Group/Squadron	388 BG/561 BS	0-688220	2nd Lt.	Howard Edwin Swanson, Clarence	Bombardier	KIA
Code Letters/Markings		14124509	T/Sgt.	White, John Bryant	Radio Operator	KIA
Mission/No.		32492636	T/Sgt.	Zumboio, Marco Joseph	Top Turret Gunner	KIA
Target	Posen	38380561	S/Sgt.	Albert Pappalardo, Joseph	Ball Turret Gunner	KIA
AF Station 136	Knettishall, Suffolk.	39270932	S/Sgt.	Tucker, Grant (NMI)	Right Waist Gunner	KIA
Location of Crash: Brahesholm about		18161373	S/Sgt.	Ellis, James Leonard	Left Waist Gunner	KIA
7 miles ENE of Assens, Funen Island.		33389045	S/Sgt.	Alcarese, Andrea (NMI)	Tail Gunner	POW
Statement: A/C 894 hit by German fighter planes.		At 08:47 hours the control tower at the base received a call over the R.T. from A/C 894 which said that the A/C was returning to the base because of a gas leak which could be seen on top of				
S/Sgt. Alcarese, badly wounded, bailed out and was only survivor. The A/C and its bomb load blew up.		the wing. Two previous QDM's had been given as follows: at 08:30 hours 329 degrees and at 08:42 hours 122 degrees. The control tower reports that reception at 08:47 hours was class 1 which would indicate that the A/C was not more than 20-25 miles				
		from the base. After the RT was received nothing further was heard from the missing A/C. Crews of the "B" Gp. report that A/C 894 did not at any time join the formation.				

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