

# 8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No.	2433	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date 12:19 hours	20 Februar 1944	0-801642	1st Lt.	Reed, Richard Frederick	Pilot	POW
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-806410	2nd Lt.	Osness, Wyman Edwin	Co-Pilot	KIA
Serial No.	42 - 31126	0-809618	2nd Lt.	Jacobs, Donald David	Navigator	POW
Group/Squadron	388 BG/560 BS	0-682581	2nd Lt.	Charles McCollester, Winfield	Bombardier	POW
Code Letters/Markings		11106562	T/Sgt.	Jones, Harford John	Radio Operator	POW
Mission/No.		18168301	T/Sgt.	Morse, William Thomas	Top Turret Gunner	KIA
Target	Posen	15337349	S/Sgt.	William J. Rowling, Bryan Jr.	Ball Turret Gunner	POW
AF Station 136	Knettishall, Suffolk	36606616	S/Sgt.	Benjamin Ferrici, Edward	Right Waist Gunner	POW
Location of Crash: Bellinge, Funen Island		15335540	Sgt.	Bonnar, Kenneth Howard	Left Waist Gunner	POW
A/C 126 left formation over the Island of Fyn.		32553564	S/Sgt.	Chinni, John L.	Tail Gunner	POW
Statement:						
A/C 126 was lost due to enemy fighter attack at 12:19 hours at 55°15'N/10°10'E.						Three to six chutes (one on fire) were reported. Morse reported an enemy plane at 11 o'clock. At his position in top turret Morse was hit with 20 mm shells in the face and chest at the first frontal attack and was mortally wounded. All crew bailed out
A/C 126 was attacked by enemy fighters. No.2 engine caught fire with the fire subsequently spreading. When last seen the A/C was going down in a spin and some crews reported that it disintegrated before disappearing into the clouds.						except Pilot, Co-Pilot, Bombardier and Top Turret Gunner who were blown out when aircraft blew up. Tail Gunner Chinni and Waist Gunner Bonnar bailed out of broken section of tail. Nav. bailed out of nose hatch while Ball Turret Gunner Rawling and Waist Gunner Ferrici bailed out of waist escape hatch. Co-Pilot was unconscious.

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