## 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Missing Aircrew Report Fate of Crew Summary

Call Sign	Name/Serial No.		Squadron
F Plus	B-24H 42-94973		566 <sup>th</sup>
	est		Interned in Sweden; Returned
Pilot	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt John C. Forsyth	O-680199	to military control.
	and .		Interned in Sweden; Returned
Copilot	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt George Burroughs	O-683961	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Navigator	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Francis Giardiello	O-712096	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Bombardier	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Jack W. Hayden	O-734454	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Flight Engineer	T/Sgt Harold N. Rhodes	13136596	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Radio Operator	S/Sgt Robert W. Meads	20415422	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
			to military control March 31,
Ball Gunner	S/Sgt Michael Carrigan	33094606	1945.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
			to military control August 10,
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Richard Sawyer	12207080	1944.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Waist Gunner	S/Sgt Charles R. Kellis	35417738	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Tail Gunner	S/Sgt Joseph A. Tomas	16108655	to military control.
			Interned in Sweden; Returned
Nose Gunner	S/Sgt Joseph P. Mulqueeney	13126488	to military control.

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## MISSING AIR COEW REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS 389TH BOMBARIMENT GROUP (H) AAF Office of the Operations Officer AAF 114 APO 558

30 May 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Interrogation Summary on Missing Air Crew.

TO : For Missing Air Crew Report on A/C 42-94973.

A/C 42-94973 was attacked by enemy fighters on the route out from the target at POLITZ, Germany. He was seen to lose altitude, and the ci w was observed throwing out all available equipment to lighten the aircraft. At approximately 1243, at 5450N-1400E, the aircraft was last observed heading for Sweden and the plane was under control. The general opinion at the interrogation was that the aircraft would be successful in reaching the neutral country of Sweden. (This summary was extracted from the interrogation of the crews who flew this mission.)

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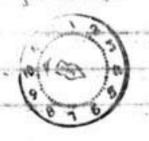
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If not, why not? PLANE WAS STILL UNDER CONTROL
Last contact or convergation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
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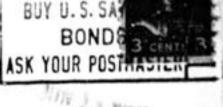
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Commanding General Army Air Forces Attention: AFPPA-8 Washington 25, D. C.



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was he injured? YES		
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## INDIVIDUAL CASULITY CUESTIONNAINE

File 5216

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IN ABOLY PEPER TO: AFPPA-8

# HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON



SUBJECT: Casualty Information of Crew Members

TO:

2nd.Lt. Francis S. Giardiello

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BY COMMAND OF GENERAL ARNOLD:

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JOHN J. SMITH Lt. Col., Air Corps Chief, Notification Section

Personal Affairs Branch

Personnel Services Division, AC/AS-1

Georgetown University, Washington 7, D. C., April 23, 1946.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the fate or details of SAWYER, Richard, S/Sgt 12207080, my knowledge is limited.

The mission, I and the entire crew of Lieut. Forsythes encountered misfortune; was my first flight with Lieut. Forsyth and crew. Up to take off time I had never seen Lieut. Forsyth or his crew members. My regular crew was resting; but, being short navigators, I filled in on Lieut. Forsyth's crew.

I cannot wouch for the name SAWYER, Richard, as being that of our Left Waist Gunner. But my answers to the questionnaire are based on the assumption that he was our L.W.G. Our L.W.G. had been wounded on that mission.

Whatever additional aid I can be let me know. I feel certain that Lt. Forsyth or Lt. Hayden would be a very valuable source of information, as they were thoroughly acquainted with this entire crew. Lieut. Forsyth had flown 29 missions with them.

Very truly yours,

Francia P. Gundiello

## INDIVIDUAL OF THE CREATIONNITHE

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Name of erew member; Rank; Serial number; Position: Crew (Bomber)

SANYER Richard S/Egb/ 12207080

or Flight (Fighter)

Left Waist Gunner

Did he bail out? No
Where?
If not, why not? Not necessary, Crash-landed in Sweden
Last contact er conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:
No contact made, at the time, previously routine station checks.
was he injured? Yes, 20 MM shells struck his right arm
Where was he when last seen? At his post, given first aid by Rt. weigt Cunner
any heresay information: Placed in Hospital at Malmo, Sweden. Was sent to U. S.
as soon as he was able to be moved. Last heard from at Mitchel Field N.Y.
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Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition;
Total number of missions of above crew member: Aprox. 26 ( Twenty-six )
Dates and destinations if possible; Dates and destinations not available to me
at my present location.

### DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

PERRY T. FORD

## STATE HIGHWAY PATROL



Lorein, Ohio April, 23, 1946

SUBJECT:

Casualty information of Crew Members

Ref: AFPPA-8

TO:

Commanding General, Army Air Forces,

1. On the morning of May 29, 1944 Itook off on my 30th and last mission to complete my tour. The mission was to Politz, Germany; take-eff time was aproximately 4:30 im. We proceeded over the North Sea crossed the continent between Denmark and the upper German peninsula. Upon crossing the Continent and going to the Tabget I lost the Supercharger in the No. 3 engine, but by pulling excess power managed to keep in formation. After bombing the Target I had to keep on the power because the Group shead of us was being attacked by fighters. As we took course for England we mere over the Baltic Sea, I reduced power in order to make it back. I trailed by about two ship lengths when were hit by about eighteen German fighters (ME 210) We were hit deed at 6 0'clock the tail Gunner shot down three and two probables.

The No.2 Ingine was hit and caught fire, feathered and went out. No. 3 was hit but managed to keep it going! The left stabilizer was hit by a rocket and was almost completely demolished, the flaps went down to thirty degrees and all emergency procedures failed to move them. As I was low on gas Idecided to try and make Sweden, the Radio was inoperative. Crash-landed at Malmo, where we were taken into Custody by the Swedish authorities, until such time as we could be turned over to the Americans. We were sent from there to Loka Brun Internment Camp, we were treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration.

2. The Crew Members who were wounded are-- Sawyer, Hichard S/Sgt 12207080 Rhodes, Harold N. T/Lgs

Sawyer was hit by 20 MM sheel in the right arm. Rhodes was hit in the heak by 20 MM fragments, he was the Eng. and was operateing the top turnet when it was struck.

3. This report has been made out several times, once immediately after landing in Sweden. I cannot guarantee the accuracy of this, as it has been two years and I am depending largely upon memory. Suggest you use one of the earlier reports.

John C. Forsyth

1st Lt. Air Corps. ORC

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Name of crew members

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Was be injured? Y FS
Where was he when last seen? IN - SWEPEN
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any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on suppositions
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LANDED-IN-MALMO-HE-WAS-TAKEN-TO
A- HOSPITAL- AND- I - NEVER-SAWARA
Total number of missions of above crew members 28-08-29
Dates and destinations if possible; NOT- POSSIBLE.



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S/Sgt. Michael Carrigan
1722 194 N.W

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