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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIRCRAFT REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: ALS #2 ; Component or Air Force: XIX TAC
Group: 354th Ftr. Gp. ; Squadron: 353rd F Sq Detachment ; None
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure: ALS #2 ; Course: 2350
Intended Destination: Reims, Area ; Type of mission: Area

Patrol

3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
 haze to 9,000 ft 3/10 cirrus at 20,000 visibility 3 miles
4. GIVE: (a) Date: 9 Aug 44 ; Time: 1855 ; Location: In vicinity of Rouen, France
(b) Specify whether Last Sighted; () Not contacted by radio; () Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRPLANE WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Airplane; Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows:

- 6 AIRPLANE: Type, Model and Series P-51D-5 ; A.F. Serial Number 44-13948
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series V-1650-7 ; A.F. Serial Number (A) V-322698

8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below make, type and Serial Number)
(a) Make Browning Machine type AC-M2 Serial No 1025256 - 1530280
(b) Make Gun Cal. .50 Type " Serial No 1303860
(c) Make " Type " Serial No 1205097 - 1535391
(d) Make " Type " Serial No 1535225

9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
(b) Non-Battle Casualty No

10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRPLANE: 1 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 1
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; if more than 10 persons were aboard airplane, list all but particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
Pilot:	<u>Emmer, Wallace, Nathan</u>	<u>DWB</u>	<u>Capt. 0-730422</u>
2.			
3.			

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRPLANE, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SEE:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	List Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>Sedvert, Theodore W</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-732380</u>		<u>XXX</u>		
2.						
3.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash No; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) None

- 13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING A PROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRPLANE WAS LAST SEEN. **See Incl (Overlay)**
- 14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRPLANE. **See Incl (Statement)**
- 15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE. **No search conducted**

Date of Report: 16 Aug 44.

For the Group Commander:

L. C. Christianson

 L. C. CHRISTIANSON,
 CWO, USA,
 Asst. Adjutant.

 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

2 Incls:
 Incl 1 - Overlay.
 Incl 2 - Statement (Lt Sedvert)

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353rd Fighter Squadron
354th Fighter Group
APO 141, US Army

9 August 1944
1855 hours
4927N - 0053E

S T A T E M E N T

I was flying Blue Two position in 353rd Fighter Squadron on a patrol mission over the area around Reims, France. The Squadron had almost finished its mission and we were about to come home. We were flying on a vector of 275 degrees and were in the immediate vicinity of Rouen, France and about five miles north of the city slightly east of the Seine River. Red One, Captain Wallace N. Emmer, suddenly burst into flames after an explosion in the center of his fuselage which, by all appearances, was caused by a direct hit from an enemy 88mm anti-aircraft shell. The fuselage paneling on the side over the fuselage tank came off and several other large pieces fell off. The ship flew level for a few moments and then began to spin violently. At that time I checked my position on my element leader's wing and immediately looked back to watch the burning airplane. I could not see the ship but I saw a parachute about 300 feet below me. It was open and I could see the pilot in the harness. I then looked back to check position again and afterward could not see the 'chute or airplane. The ship was hit at about 11,000 feet and the chute was probably opened at about 10,500 feet. Since we were changing altitude to dodge flak at the time I can be sure of the altitude only within about 500 feet. This 'chute must certainly have been Captain Emmer because there were no other airplanes in distress in the vicinity at that time.

Theodore W. Sedvert

THEODORE W. SEDVERT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Pilot.

C o n f i d e n t i a l

50°N-1°E

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49°N-2°E

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Prisoner of War Transit Camp
of the Airforce West

Wetzlar-Klosterwald on 20. February 1945

File # 453/45/group defense.

Subject: Dead or executed American Prisoner of War of this POW Transit Camp

Capt. Wallace N. EMMER, ASN: O-730422 — *ARC MIA*
S/Sgt. Victor J. FERROTTA, ASN: 32692705 —

Enclosure: 10

To
Wehrmacht Information Office

Ref. VIII

Heinigen
Drachenberg Barracks

As enclosures sends DULAG-LUFT West:

I. Death of USA Capt. Wallace N. EMMER, ASN: O-730422: — *ARC*

- a) Report on release in 2 copies
b) Certification of death 2 copies
c) Personal card I

*MIA 9 Aug 44
DNB 15 Feb 45*

II. Death of USA S/Sgt. Victor J. FERROTTA, ASN: 32692705 — *ARC*

- a) Report on release in 2 copies
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*MIA 14 Jan 45
DOW 16 Feb 45*

with the request for further action. The certifications of death of the above mentioned Prisoners of War were sent directly to WAST Ref. V, like the certification of death of the S/Sgt Victor J. FERROTTA.

(signed)

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Major and Vice Commander

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D-51
1 man

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Primary DULAG-LUFT
Surgeon of the Unit

Wetzlar/Lahn, on 15. February 1945

Certification of death.

Name:	<u>EMMER</u> 6730422
First name:	<u>Wallace</u> HC
Nationality:	USA
Day of birth:	18. November 1917 in Omaha/Nebraska USA
Day, time, place of death:	15. February 1945 at 1410 PM at DULAG -LUFT Wetzlar/Lahn, Klosterwald
Cause of death:	acute heart death after severe combustions with Myocarditis.

MIF 9 Aug 44
DNB 15 Feb 45
Capt Wallace N. Emmer - 0730422

Dr. Thomas
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2.Lt. M.C.

International Red Cross has received
a message of this death case in
telegram # 2806

Torgau 15. March 1945

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Capt and Deputy