



## B-24 Liberator Losses in Greece 1942-1945

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The list refers to aircraft type Liberator B-24 which lost in the Greek territory and its limits. The collection of data was based on documents from several Missing Air Crew Reports (MACR), and Operational Record Books (ORB) of the RAF, SAAF and USAAF, as well as additional information from the internet and the literature mentioned below.

Where it was possible information cross checked with claims by German pilots, whose names and units belonging are recorded in the list. Perhaps the list is not complete and any new information that arises will be added to it.

Certainly some mistakes are inevitable and hopefully instructions and data from the reader will help to identify and correct.

### Losses relating to aircraft of the following units:

**RAF:** 40Sqn, 160Sqn, 178Sqn. 214Sqn.

**SAAF:** 31Sqn, 34Sqn.

**USAAF:** 8<sup>th</sup>AF/44BG/67BS, 8<sup>th</sup>AF/389BG/567BS, 9<sup>th</sup>AF/93BG/329BS, 9<sup>th</sup>AF/98BG/343BS, 9<sup>th</sup>AF/98BG/415BS, 12<sup>th</sup>AF/376BG/512BS, 12<sup>th</sup>AF/376BG/513BS, 12<sup>th</sup>AF/376BG/514BS, 15<sup>th</sup>AF/376BG/514BS, 15<sup>th</sup>AF/461BG/767BS, 15<sup>th</sup>AF/485BG/829BS.

### Abbreviations

**AF** Air Force

**A/C** Aircraft

**Asst.** Assistant

**ASV** Air to Surface Vessel Radar

**Bf 109** Aircraft type Messerschmitt

**BG** Bombardment Group

**BS** Bombardment Squadron

**c/n** Construction number

**Cpl** Corporal

**DBF** Destroyed By Fire

**DBR** Damaged Beyond Repair

**DFC** Distinguished Flying Cross

**ELAS** Ethnikós Laikós Apeleftherotikós Stratós  
(National Popular Liberation Army)

**Flt** Flight

**F/Lt** Flight Lieutenant

**F/O** Flight Officer

**F/Sgt** Flight Sergeant

**Fw** Feldwebel

**FW-190** Aircraft type Focke Wulf Fw-190 Wurger

**JG** Jagdeschwader

**KIA** Killed In Action

**Lt** or **Lt1** Lieutenant

**Lt2** 2nd Lieutenant

**MACR** Missing Air Crew Report

**MIA** Missing In Action

**Mk** Mark

**NMI** No Middle Initial

**ORB** Operations Record Book

**P/O** Pilot Officer

**PAF** Polish Air Force

**PFC** Private First Class

**POW** Prisoner of War

**RAAF** Royal Australian Air Force

**RAF** Royal Air Force

**RAFVR** Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

**RNZAF** Royal New Zealand Air Force

**SAAF** South African Air Force

**Sgt** Sergeant

**S/Sgt** Staff Sergeant

**S/Ldr** Squadron Leader

**SoC** Struck off Charge

**Sqn** Squadron

**T/Sgt** Technical Sergeant

**Uffz** Unteroffizier

**USAAF** United States Army Air Force

**W/O** Warrant Officer



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War Theatre #12 (Skaramanga, Greece) -  
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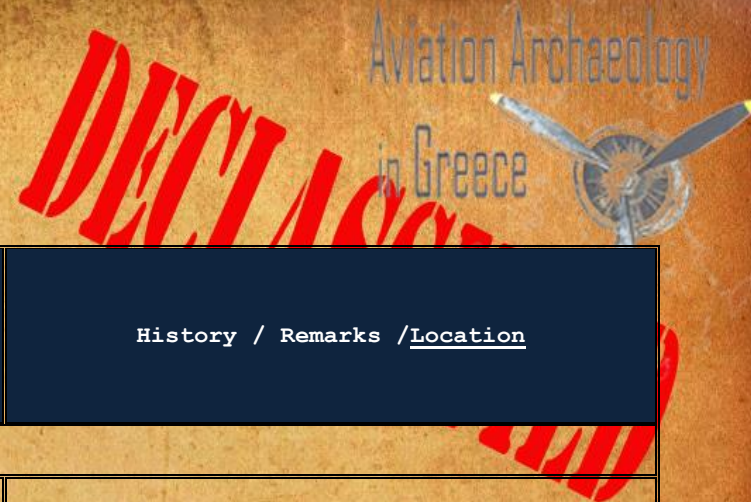
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A Consolidated B-24 "Liberator" flies over smoke covered harbor installations, as its bombs burst on the few remaining submarines in the Mediterranean, and on communication facilities. The heavy bombers covered the target with a good concentration of bombs that scored many direct hits on installations, submarine pens and workshops. 24 September 1944, Skaramanga, Greece. (Written at the back of the photo).

Listed by date



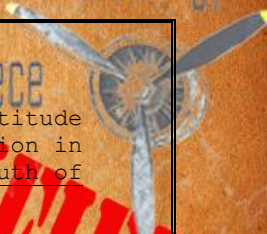
A/A	Date Time	Serial number/ Sqn. code letter	Type Mark	Allocation units /Final Squadron	CREW	History / Remarks / <u>Location</u>
<b>1942</b>						
1	28/10/42	<b>AL 548/R</b>	Consolidated B-24 (LB30) ASV Liberator Mk.II	1445Flt, 159Sqn, 160Sqn.	<p>F/Lt Eric Clarence COX (Pilot) RNZAF NZ401256 DFC, Age 28.</p> <p>F/Sgt. Philip Edward HARWOOD (Pilot) 1264441 Age 28.</p> <p>F/Lt. Richard Scott LAWRENCE (Observer) 83741 Age 24.</p> <p>F/Sgt. James Albert GIBBONS 627801 (Wireless operator/Aerial gunner) Age 21.</p> <p>F/Sgt. Harry Victor ELLERKER (Wireless operator/Aerial gunner) RAFVR 972580.</p> <p>P/O Carroll Ronald DURRANT (Aerial gunner) RNZAF NZ40605 Age 23.</p> <p>P/O Charles Christopher REILLY (Aerial gunner) RNZAF NZ40629 Age 29.</p> <p>F/Sgt. David Alexander DONALDSON RAAF 405544, Age 28.</p> <p>All KIA Buried in Suda Bay War cemetery.</p>	<p>Missing, Maleme, Crete. Being seen shot down south of the target.</p> <p>27/10/42. Ten Liberators of 160Sqn. on night operational flight -bomb mission- to Maleme airfield Crete. Two of them didn't take off. AL548/R Took off 19:18. Radio contact was lost in the early hours of the 28th and the crew is officially presumed to have been lost on this date.</p>



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1	09/07/43	/P c/n 42-40779	Consolidated B-24D-95-CO Liberator	8 <sup>th</sup> AF 389BG 567BS	<p>Lt1. Arthur J SCATES (Pilot) 439094</p> <p>Lt2. William W. Jr. DRISCOLL (co-pilot) 740771 (or 740371)</p> <p>Lt2. John M. Jr. MORRIS (Navigator) 796574</p> <p>Lt2. Harold L. STEWARD (Bombardier) 734758</p> <p>T/Sgt. Lloyd R. SIMON (Engineer) 19071645</p> <p>T/Sgt. Leo E. GLUCK (Radio Operator) 31124447</p> <p>S/Sgt. Eric B. VAN WORALD (Aerial Gunner) 39380462</p> <p>S/Sgt. George A. TICKELL (Aerial Gunner) 14097334</p> <p>Sgt. Howard B. HAGEN (Aerial Gunner) 32508502</p> <p>T/4<sup>th</sup> George W. HIERS (Aerial Gunner) 14058162</p> <p>7 crew members bailed out, but all 10 KIA.</p> <p>Place of burials port of Chania. Single grave. Reburied on 31 July 1943 to British collecting ground Nr.125 MACR 41.</p>	<p>It was the first operation "Baptism of fire" of 389 BG from North Africa: Benghazi, Libya for combat mission to Maleme Crete.</p> <p>Was hit by enemy aircraft fire 17:03 and immediately caught fire. Part of the crew parachuted and the aircraft went out of control when tail broke off just behind the waist gun windows. Last seen falling toward the water.</p> <p><u>Location: 35°35'N, 23°50'E</u></p> <p>Shot down by a Bf 109G-6 of JG 27/12 and crashed <u>Bay of Chania, Crete, Greece.</u></p>
2	01/08/43	<b>WONGO</b> <b>WONGO</b> c/n 42-40563	Consolidated B-24D-120-CO Liberator	12 <sup>th</sup> AF 376BG 512BS	<p>Lt1. Brian W. FLAVELLE (Pilot) 435680</p> <p>Lt2. John C. RYAN (co-pilot) 730621</p>	



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				<p>Lt1. Robert F. WILSON (Navigator) 429216</p> <p>Lt1. Jack B, LANNING (Bombardier) 423177</p> <p>T/Sgt. Willis B. LUTZ (Radio operator) 19005904</p> <p>T/Sgt. John N. Cleveland (Engineer) 16097148</p> <p>S/Sgt. Tim O. McLAUGHLIN (Asst. Engineer) 16047969</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert M. BOWDEN (Asst. Radio operator) 18038683</p> <p>S/Sgt. Melick J. Janacez (Tail Gunner) 18106481</p> <p>Sgt. Bonder? LAZAR (Photographer gunner) 12171238</p> <p>All KIA. MACR 150.</p>	<p>Took off from Berca 2 for low altitude bombing. Seen to leave its position in formation and crashed at sea, south of Corfu (Lefkimi).</p> <p>Location: 34°55'N, 19°50'E</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>01/08/43</p>	<p><b>AVAILABLE</b> <b>JONES</b> <b>/H</b> c/n 42-40780</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24D-95-CO Liberator</p>	<p>8<sup>th</sup>AF 44BG 67BS</p> <p>Lt1. Fred H. JONES (Pilot) 0-389988</p> <p>Lt2. Elbert L. Jr. DUCATE (co-pilot) 0-739924 Escaped in Italy and returned to USA in 1944.</p> <p>Lt2. Adolphus J. SWEET (Navigator) 0-796622</p> <p>Lt2. Albert F. BERNARD (Bombardier) 0-734871</p> <p>T/Sgt. Leo G. SPANN (Eng. Gunner) 34330466 POW.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert H. BECKER (Asst. Eng. Gunner) 17077806 POW.</p>	<p>Took off at 12:00 from Benina Libya for a bombardment mission to Ploesti Romania. Last sighted near target. No one saw A/C go down due to heavy smoke.</p> <p>A/C ditched at 18:30 broke in two places (3 pieces) just rear of pilot's compartment and just rear of bomb bay.</p> <p>Crew used two life rafts. After floating 23 hours they were picked up by Italian Red Cross plane.</p> <p>Ditched off Greece; (Air Britain serials)</p> <p>Ditched 50-100 miles South of Brindisi. (General description on MACR)</p> <p>Ditched 30 to 40 miles South of Corfu.</p>



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				<p>Later escaped.</p> <p>T/Sgt. Michael A. PAOLILLO (Radio operator) 32403362</p> <p>S/Sgt. Anthony J. SAVETTIERE (Asst. Radio Oper.) 32495641</p> <p>S/Sgt. Michael P. SIGLE (Tail gunner) 32458414 Escaped in Italy and returned to USA in 1944.</p> <p>All Crew survived and POW in Italy MACR 2411</p>	<p>(Casualty questionnaire - Position given by Fred H. Jones, pilot)</p>
4	01/08/43	<p><b>SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARVES /Y</b> c/n 42-40364</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24D-53-CO Liberator</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup>AF 98BG 343BS</p> <p>Cpt. James A. Jr. GUNN (Pilot) 0-791098</p> <p>Lt2. Richard C. WILLIAMSON (co-pilot) 0-736444</p> <p>Lt1. Bernard E. LEINBEAH (Navigator) 0-730276</p> <p>Lt2. Robert C. COURTNEY (Bombardier) 0-736686</p> <p>T/Sgt. Edwin L. TURNER (Engineer) 16038208</p> <p>T/Sgt. Delmar K. SMITH (Radio operator) 32450700</p> <p>S/Sgt. Frederick L. Jr. STUKEY (Asst. Radio operator) 38178660</p> <p>S/Sgt. Charles R. RUARK (Armorer Gunner) 16098271</p> <p>S/Sgt. Stanley M. Jr. HERINE (Gunner) 19100012</p> <p>All KIA. MACR 165</p>	<p>Took off from Lete, Libya for a combat bombing mission to Ploesti Romania. At 16:40 about one hour after leaving target at the altitude of 10,000 feet in position <u>38°20'N, 19° 40'E, (West of Cephalonia)</u> a/c seemed to be hit. It went over with flames coming out of waist windows. Ship exploded into four separate burning masses falling down.</p>



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5	01/08/43	<p><b>CORNHUSKER /K</b> c/n 42-40322</p>	Consolidated B-24D-45-CO Liberator	9 <sup>th</sup> AF 98BG 415BS	<p>Lt2. Ned (NMI) McCARTY (Pilot) 0-170391</p> <p>Lt2. Clyde E. MILLER (co- pilot) 0-736290</p> <p>Lt2. Joseph F. MOORE (Navigator) 0-794154</p> <p>Lt1. Robert J. PRICE (Bombardier) 0-732973</p> <p>T/Sgt. Claude C. ROBERTE (Engineer/Gunner) 39020973</p> <p>T/Sgt. Dewey O. JACKSON (Radio operator/Gunner) 34266885</p> <p>S/Sgt. Glenn D. DARR (Gunner- turret) 17080467</p> <p>S/Sgt. Clayton E. BALLARD (Aerial Gunner) 16042351</p> <p>S/Sgt. Stephen (NMI) WARGO (Aerial Gunner) 33187222</p> <p>S/Sgt. Glenn L. KOONTZ (Aerial Gunner) 19125738</p> <p>All KIA. MACR 178</p>	<p>Took off from Benina Main, Libya for a low altitude bombing mission to Ploesti Romania. At 15:37 in the <u>approximate</u> <u>position 36°10'N, 19°30'E (South Ionian Sea)</u> aircraft seen with number 2 engine feathered and number 4 burning then it began to lose altitude fast. Six men left the ship. Four chutes opened and two men hit water with chutes unopened. Immediately a/c hit the water bursting in flames and black smoke coming from it.</p> <p>Shot down over the Ionian Sea by Bf109G's from JG 27/IV.</p>
6	01/08/43	<p><b>“HERE’S TO YA”/“JO JO’S II SPECIAL DELIVERY”</b> c/n 41-24230</p>	Consolidated B-24D-25-CO Liberator	9 <sup>th</sup> AF 93BG 329BS	<p>Major Ralph J. Jr. McBRIDE (Pilot) 0-435962</p> <p>Lt1 Harry L. Jr. JARVIS (co- pilot) 0-24050</p> <p>Lt1. Coy B. ELLISON (Navigator) 0-789240</p> <p>Lt1. James M. GILL (Bombardier) 0-660344</p> <p>T/Sgt. Carl A. DOMKE</p>	<p>Took off late from Site #7, Bengasi for a combat bombing mission to Ploesti Romania planning to catch the formation. It has not been seen or heard from since.</p> <p>Location: <u>On course Bengasi-Ploesti.</u></p> <p>The a/c is included on this list because it might have been lost in Greek territory.</p>



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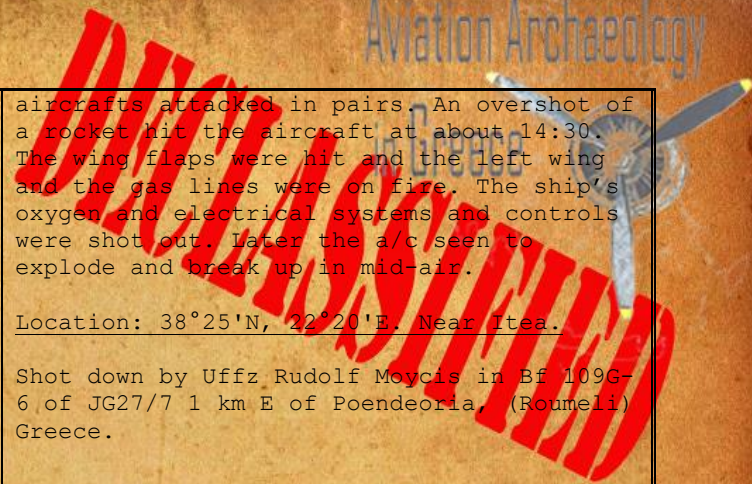
				<p>(Engineer) 16046275</p> <p>T/Sgt. Stanley F. KRUGEL (Radio operator) 20142120</p> <p>S/Sgt. Gerald C. BURTON (Gunner) 14092298</p> <p>S/Sgt. James R. Jr. KEY (Gunner) 37041316</p> <p>Sgt. Wilbert L. CLIFFORD (Gunner) 19060150</p> <p>S/Sgt. Alpheus H. RIDDLE (Gunner) 15115573</p> <p>F/Lt1. James S. HUSTON (Extra Pilot) 0-787879 As passenger.</p> <p>All KIA. MACR 329</p>	
7	05/10/43	<p><b>THE GREMLIN</b> c/n 41-24035</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24D-15-CO Liberator MSN 825/894</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup>AF 376BG 514BS</p> <p>Lt2. Charles A. PETTY (Pilot) 743271</p> <p>Lt2. Wallace C. HUGHLING (co- pilot) 742423 POW</p> <p>Lt2. William L. NOARTHUR (Navigator) 683266</p> <p>Lt2. Joseph R. TAYLOR (Bombardier) 676495 POW</p> <p>T/Sgt. Joseph L. HORN (Engineer) 38110441</p> <p>T/Sgt. H. B. (io) SHINN (Radio operator) 6959911</p> <p>S/Sgt. Martin J. TOZAK (Asst. Engineer) 13029084</p> <p>S/Sgt. Sydney P. BLACKWELL (Asst. Radio operator) 32634644</p>	<p>Took off from Berka 2 for bombing mission to Eleusis airdrome.</p> <p>Several minutes after bombing at 11:25 the formation attacked by several Bf109's and Fw190's and the aircraft was seen to burst into flames and drop out of the formation. Shortly afterwards it exploded. Two men bail out and their parachutes opened.</p> <p><u>Location: 38°20'N, 23°35'E near Chalkis</u></p> <p>Shot down by Fw Heinrich Bartels in Bf 109G-6 of JG 27/11 in Eleusis, Greece.</p>





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					<p>S/Sgt. Wayne P. PAHL (Aerial gunner) 37226739</p> <p>S/Sgt. Donald E. RULE (Aerial gunner) 17076169</p> <p>8 KIA, 2 POW. MACR 1096.</p>	
8	05/10/43	<p><b>8 BALL PATCHES</b> c/n 41-24310</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24D-25-CO Liberator MSN 1015/1106</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup>AF 376BG 514BS</p>	<p>Lt2. Frank D. BUEHL (Pilot) 797460. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt2. Richard B. JOHN (co-pilot) 683462. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt2. Norman W. SWEITZER (Navigator) 801157. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt2. Charles W. FEGAN (Bombardier) 6...238. KIA.</p> <p>T/Sgt. Theodore A. THODE (Engineer) 1705..06. Evaded.</p> <p>T/Sgt. Anderson BOYKIN (Radio operator) 33324467. Evaded.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Norman B. FUNK (Asst. Engineer) 20761152. KIA.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Joseph A. KURTZ (Asst. Radio operator) 13155846. Evaded.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Peter J. RIDOLFI (Aerial gunner) 35340302. Evaded.</p> <p>S/Sgt. William J. LUTTRINGER (Aerial gunner) 35372332. Evaded.</p> <p>2 KIA, 8 evaded. MACR 1097.</p>	<p>Took off from Berka 2 for bombing mission to Eleusis airdrome.</p> <p>At 11:25 was attacked by several fighters and almost immediately aircraft caught fire in the center of the fuselage and n.3 engine. Flames were seen to be coming out of the right waist window. The aircraft fell out of the formation and began to break up. Three men bail out one without parachute.</p> <p><u>Location: 38°40'N, 23°40'E on central mountainous Evvoia</u></p> <p>S/Sgt. FUNK was found after he hit the ground by Greek guerrillas. He was dead when found and was given a military burial by guerrillas.</p> <p>F/Lt2 FEGAN was going back to the doors of the bombs bay to see why they would not close. He said so over the interphone. Just after that he's been hit and died.</p> <p>Shot down by Lt Emil Clade in Bf 109G-6 of JG 27/7 near Mount Parnassus, Greece.</p>
9	05/10/43	c/n 42-72902	<p>Consolidated B-24D-165-CO Liberator</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup>AF 376BG 513BS</p>	<p>Cpt. Paul J. FALLON (Pilot) 791295</p>	<p>Took off from Berka 2 for bombing mission to Eleusis airdrome.</p> <p>After bombing a formation of 7 enemy</p>

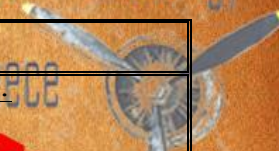


			<p>MSN 2435/2484</p>	<p>Lt2. Edward E. CROCKER (co-pilot) 683413</p> <p>Lt1. Richard W. GIMMON (Navigator) 793998</p> <p>Lt1. Ralph L. TALAS (Bombardier) 730756. KIA.</p> <p>T/Sgt. Louis G. FISHER (Engineer) 6951496</p> <p>S/Sgt. Burdette V. LINDEMAN (Asst. Engineer) 16035200</p> <p>T/Sgt. Ernest H. WHEELER (Radio operator) 33392025</p> <p>S/Sgt. Kenneth L. STUMPF (Asst. Radio operator) 18133988. POW.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Melvin B. HOLBROOK (Armorer gunner) 16092047. KIA</p> <p>S/Sgt. Roscoe L. KELLER (Ball Turret gunner) 36500406</p> <p>S/Sgt. Louie D. ARRIZA (Tail gunner) 18106981. POW.</p> <p>2 KIA, 2 POW, 7 evaded. MACR 930.</p>	<p>aircrafts attacked in pairs. An overshoot of a rocket hit the aircraft at about 14:30. The wing flaps were hit and the left wing and the gas lines were on fire. The ship's oxygen and electrical systems and controls were shot out. Later the a/c seen to explode and break up in mid-air.</p> <p>Location: 38°25'N, 22°20'E. Near Itea.</p> <p>Shot down by Uffz Rudolf Moycis in Bf 109G-6 of JG27/7 1 km E of Poendeoria, (Roumeli) Greece.</p>
10	19/11/43	<b>BZ 891/K</b> c/n 42-63932	<p>Consolidated B-24D-15-CF Liberator MSN 146/220 Mk. III</p>	<p>..., 178Sqn.</p> <p>S/Ldr. Ronald John Sinclair WOOTTON DFC (Pilot) 42088 RAFVR Age 24.</p> <p>F/O Geoffrey Sanderson HALL (Pilot) 127026 RAFVR Age 23.</p> <p>F/Lt. John WRIGHT (Navigator) 88664 RAFVR Age 24.</p> <p>P/O Albert Frederick SMITH (Wireless operator/Air gunner) 172941 RAF Age 35.</p>	<p>Missing from mine laying mission, off Crete.</p> <p>Took off at 01:45 from Terria/Libya for a minelaying mission at the entrance of Candia harbour, Crete.</p> <p>The plane was probably damaged by antiaircraft fire and crashed at 04:40 in <u>Ano Fortetsa, Heraklion, Crete.</u></p>



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				<p>F/Sgt. Thomas Edward HOOPER (Air gunner) 654322 RAF Age 23.</p> <p>W/O John McMORLAND (Air gunner) 643807 RAF Age 25.</p> <p>F/O Janusz C. F. ZBYSZYNSKI (Engineer) P-0157 (PAF) RAF Age 37.</p> <p>All KIA. All are buried in Suda Bay War Cemetery, Crete.</p>	
11	06/12/43	<p><b>JACKIE BOY</b> c/n 42-72844</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24D-160-CO Liberator MSN 2385/2434</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup>AF 376BG 514BS</p> <p>Lt1. William Jr. METZGER (Pilot) 799428. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt2. Robert A. ROBISON (co- pilot) 740931. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt1. John S. BAIAMONTE (Navigator) 669950. Evaded.</p> <p>Lt1. Louis A. KRAMER (Bombardier) 735881. Evaded.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Richard H. BAILEY (Radio operator) 19185363</p> <p>T/Sgt. Alphonse C. SPAYD (Engineer) 35483780. POW.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert J. GILMARTIN (Ball turret gunner) 12149872. Evaded.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Allyn LEAVEY (Waist gunner) 13073407. POW.</p> <p>S/Sgt. Joseph A. GARRY (Asst. Engineer) 12052370</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert E. HUGHES (Tail gunner) 11100433. POW.</p> <p>3 POW, 7 returned MACR 1478.</p>	<p>45 B-24's took off from San Pancrazio, Italy at 11:00 for a bomb mission at Eleusis Airfield while 56 B-17's hit Kalamaki Airfield; other B-17's return to base with bombs because of a heavy overcast; the heavy bombers and escorting P-38's claim several enemy fighters shot down;</p> <p>Jackie Boy, hit by AAA and smoke was seen on n.1 engine while n.3 engine feathered and n.2 caught fire. Crew bail out at 12:00 as the aircraft went into a spin crashed and finally exploded upon impact <u>6 km NE of Elatia, (Fthiotida) Greece.</u> <u>Location: 38°40'N 22°50'E</u></p>



1944

1	03/06/44	<b>EW 197/C</b> c/n 42-99883	Consolidated B-24J-25-CF Liberator MSN 780/843 Mk. VI	..., 31SAAF	<p>Cpt. DUCKITT (Pilot) Lt2. CAMPBELL Lt. FORSYTHE Lt. WENTZEL F/O MATHEWS F/Sgt. LAMBSHINE</p> <p>All MIA</p>	<p>MIA on mission to <u>Candia, Crete, Candia Harbour.</u></p> <p>10 aircraft were detailed to attack the residue of the convoy previously anticipated to be making for Iraklion harbor. The convoy had been attacked successfully by medium bombers and Beaufighters but the damaged 3 remaining ships had reached the harbor. One aircraft failed to take off due to engine trouble, the remainder bombed the target area successfully, location of the shipping proved difficult due to bad visibility, but 1 burning vessel was seen, bombing being divided between the vessel and the S.W quay. Extensive damage to warehouses being inflicted. The ground defences were reported to be moderate and inaccurate up to U/I E/A being reported in the area. Liberator EW197/C piloted by Capt. DUCKITT of whom no details are known, failed to return.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> of June on a night operation 31SAAF a/c's were seen green light fired from sea in position 33°54'N, 27°02'E and believed that could be from EW197/C. Next day a searching operation having been made on the area but nothing were seen.</p>
2	24/09/44	c/n 42-50755	Ford B-24J-1-FO Liberator MSN 2394/2644	15 <sup>th</sup> AF 485BG 829BS	<p>Lt1. Robert E. HEGMANN (Pilot) 0-816304</p> <p>Lt1. Bryson R. WATTS (co-pilot) 0-705463</p> <p>Lt2. Everett G. LATHAM (Navigator) 0-723636</p> <p>Lt1. Marvin R. WEINER (Navigator) 0-801532</p> <p>Lt1. Joe B. HACKLER (Bombardier) 0-703489 POW</p> <p>T/Sgt. Walter K. STONE</p>	<p>Took off from Venosa Army Airfield, Italy For bombing mission to the Marshalling Yard west of Salonika, Greece.</p> <p>At 11:44 Directly over the target, after bombs away and just before the rally Lt. Hegmann's ship received a direct flak hit. It appeared to have struck No.3 engine and tank, also exploding inside the ship. Flames burst forth from the right wing cockpit and bomb bays. Right wing fall off and the plane go into a spin, and a few seconds later explode in mid-air, going down the rest of the way in pieces and flames.</p> <p>Location: 39°57'N, 20°38'E. Greek territory</p>



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				<p>(Engineer) 17127366</p> <p>T/Sgt. Thomas L. WHITE (Radio operator) 32550295</p> <p>S/Sgt. Cecil W. SMITH (Ball turret gunner) 33573858</p> <p>S/Sgt. Joseph M. CULLEN (Upper turret Gunner) 32886110</p> <p>S/Sgt. Dale E. MORRISON (Tail turret Gunner) 36476644 POW.</p> <p>S/Sgt. MORRISON and F/Lt1. HACKLER became POWs later SAFE (5 Jan. 1945). The rest of the crew KIA. MACR 8952</p>	<p><u>near Albanian borders.</u></p>
3	24/09/44	c/n 42-78330	<p>North American B-24G-15-NT Liberator MSN 271/308, MSN 15401/15438</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup>AF 485BG 829BS</p> <p>Lt2. James B. CAMERON (Pilot) 0-710893</p> <p>F/O Alexander E. VROBLESKY (co-pilot) T-61723</p> <p>Lt2. William R. Jr. MEEKS (Navigator) 0-723649</p> <p>Lt2. William F. McLEAN (Bombardier) 0-717950</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert V. BURLING (Engineer/Waist gunner) 15323271</p> <p>Cpl. Homer E. JONES (Radio operator/L waist gunner) 18196776</p> <p>S/Sgt. Wilson F. LEON (Upper turret Gunner) 13128374</p> <p>Cpl. Reginald F. LYONS (Tail turret Gunner) 38419895</p> <p>Cpl. Orville KINGSBERG (Nose turret Gunner) 17063062</p>	<p>Took off from Venosa Army Airfield, Italy for a bombing mission to the Marshalling Yard west of Salonika, Greece.</p> <p>At 11:45 Ship was observed to go into a dive in order to miss the ship ahead which was hit. Ship received a direct flak hit as well. Crew Bailed out.</p> <p><u>Location: 39°57'N, 20°38'E. Greek territory near Albanian borders.</u></p>



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				<p>Cpl. Edward J. CZAKOCZI (Ball turret Gunner) 33708639</p> <p>All 10 crew members bailed out but became POW's except pilot James CAMERON who evaded capture with ...? of Greek underground. Later All SAFE back in US. MACR 8951</p>	
4	25/09/44	<p><b>FORD'S FOLLY</b> c/n 44-41069</p>	<p>Consolidated B-24J-195-CO Liberator MSN 4985/5084</p>	<p>15<sup>th</sup>AF 461BG 767BS</p> <p>Lt1. Ralph E. NEWTON (Pilot) 0701949</p> <p>Lt2. Dwaine J. VAUGHN (co-pilot) 0715409</p> <p>Lt2. John A. ERDMANN (Bombardier) 0716848</p> <p>Lt2. Edward G. Jr. GRIMSTEED (Navigator) 0719058</p> <p>T/Sgt. Sidney LEITH (Upper Turret Gunner) 20613708</p> <p>T/Sgt. Bernard C. GESSNER (Waist Gunner) 32037369</p> <p>S/Sgt. Robert D. CRAWFORD (Nose turret Gunner) 19151648</p> <p>S/Sgt. Edward P. BOUSHELL (Ball turret Gunner) 31308715</p> <p>S/Sgt. Raymond O'M. BUSHING (Tail turret Gunner) 15328410</p> <p>S/Sgt. Raymond C. Jr. LUNG (Right waist Gunner) 35235519</p> <p>PFC. Henry W. Jr. BOYKIN (Cameraman) 014075464</p> <p>All 11 crew members reported SAFE and returned to duty on 21 Nov. 1944 MACR 8933</p>	<p>Took off from Torretta field, Italy for a bombing mission to Piraeus, Skaramanga, and Salamis harbors in Greece.</p> <p>The ship aborted (12:55) shortly after the formation entered Greece (35 miles inside Greece). Near Batsi, Greece, plane pulled out of formation. Number 1 engine was on fire but the crew extinguished it and flew along with the formation for a few minutes. Engine fire appeared to be out. Then Lt. Newton put down his wheels and dropped out of formation turned around as if he was heading home.</p> <p>When last seen the ship's position was 39°10'N, 20°55'E. Just north of the Gulf of <u>Amvrakia</u>.</p>



5	15/12/44	<b>KH 157/H</b> c/n 44-10722	Consolidated B-24J-80-CF Liberator MSN 1294/1343 Mk.VI	..., 34SAAF	<p>Cpt. Botha F/Lt. RAYNER Rest crew unknown.</p> <p>The crew went on board L.S.T.74 on the night 17/18<sup>th</sup> and reached TARANTO at 18:00 on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. They returned to their Squadron on 21<sup>st</sup> December, together with the equipment salvaged from the aircraft.</p>	<p>Abandoned at Araxos during ELAS attack. DBR.</p> <p>On 13 Dec 1944 at 10:40 took off from Manduria, Italy for Athens/Hassani with troops and equipment on board. Landing at Hassani at 12:50 it was found that the a/c was unserviceable with the nose wheel also flat. The a/c was fully serviceable the following morning.</p> <p>On 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. left Athens at 09:10. Because of bad weather landed at Araxos Airfield, Greece.</p> <p>The following day 15<sup>th</sup> of December the a/c taxied out at 09:45 but was bogged when the starboard wheel slipped off the edge of the runway. The crew worked all day but digging operations were unsuccessful.</p> <p>Information received for an upcoming attack from Greek partisans.</p> <p>At 15:00 orders were received to destroy all the aircraft and evacuate the airdrome. At 18:00 on instructions from F/Lt. RAYNER, the... demolition charge in the IFF was exploded, and the Bombsight, Bombsight computer and GEE Box were removed, together with all loose equipment including parachutes and dinghy equipment.</p> <p>At 23:00 the Liberator crew were evacuated to PATRAS with the rest of the aerodrome personnel. They took with them, in addition to the equipment referred above, the two 5 guns from the beam positions, together with 500 rounds from the mid-upper turret, which constituted all the ammunition in the aircraft. The remainder of the guns were rendered unserviceable by removal of the back plates.</p>
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1	19/07/45	<b>KK 288</b> c/n 44-44369	Consolidated B-24J-100-CF Liberator MSN 1644/1743 Mk.VI	..., 34SAAF		Bounced on landing and suffered structural damage, <u>Hassani</u> , not repaired and SoC.
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2	05/09/45	<b>KK 271</b> c/n 44-44342	Consolidated B-24J-95-CF Liberator MSN 1544/1643 Mk.VI	..., 31SAAF		Engine failed over Greece. Not repaired.
3	11/09/45	<b>KL 380</b> c/n 44-44492	Consolidated B-24J-105-CF Liberator MSN 1744/1796 Mk.VI	104Sqn, 31SAAF		Hit by Baltimore FW800 while parked at <u>Hassani</u> , and destroyed by fire. SoC 14/03/46.
4	20/09/45	<b>KL 478</b> c/n 44-49066	Ford B-24L- 1-FO Liberator MSN 3857/4106 Mk.VI	..., 31SAAF		Damaged beyond repair when undercarriage collapsed during landing at <u>Hassani</u> .
5	02/10/45	<b>KK 232</b> c/n 44-44303	Consolidated B-24J-95-CF Liberator MSN 1544/1643 Mk.VI	..., 40Sqn.		Engine failed over Greece. Soc on return.  Base of 40Sqn. at that time was in Foggia Main (Italy) later in October in Egypt but not in Greece. A/C is referred on the list because is not clear yet where was landed.
6	22/11/45	<b>KL 587</b> c/n 44-49470	Ford B-24L- 5-FO Liberator MSN 4107/4356 Mk.VI	Delivered Dorval 18/2/1945 To the Middle East Arrived Maison Blanche 4/3/1945 To 34SAAF	Crewed by 214Sqn. personnel (214Sqn. ex 34SAAF)  W/O Reginald Ernest TWOMEY (Pilot) 1603221 RAFVR. Age 22.  W/O Donald Oliver BRADBURN (Engineer) 1590843 RAFVR.  F/O James CRAIG (Wireless Operator) 187089 RAFVR.  F/Sgt. Terence Noel GALLAGHER (Navigator) 772724 RAFVR. Age 20.  F/Sgt. Frank Henry HALL (Air Gunner) 1456163 RAFVR. Age 22.  F/Sgt. Ernest Henry HARTREY (Air Gunner) 1316863 RAFVR.  F/Sgt. Dennis Howard POMEROY	Flew into <u>mountains in Crete</u> on ferry flight.  Crashed into high mountains on Crete during a transit flight from Palestine to the UK.  SoC 25 Nov. 1945.





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(Air Gunner) 1219525 RAFVR.  
Age 24.

F/Sgt. Patrick SINNETT (Air  
Bomber) 1569177 RAFVR. Age 21.

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