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by E. A. BRIDGEMAN, Lt. Col., AO  
by F. H. MANNING, Capt., AO  
Date SEP 1 1950

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AA& Regional Hospital  
Santa Ana, Calif.

August 22, 1945

Subject: Second Lieutenant Thomas P. Hogan  
To : Commanding General, Army Air Force,  
Washington 25, D.C.

1. In answer to your letter dated August 10, 1945, subject: Second Lieutenant Thomas P. Hogan, requesting further information concerning Lieutenant Hogan and other members of the crew that was serving with me on November 17, 1943, the following information is submitted:

<u>Name &amp; Rank</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Burial</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>
1st Lt. John C. Kelley	Dec. 17, 1943	Burned by other POW's at the Koryon, Burma POW Camp.	Burns suffered in airplane crash, and inadequate medical care by the Japanese.
2nd Lt. Thomas P. Hogan	Nov. 20, 1943	"	"
T/1st Lt. Vernon A. Ambush	Nov. 26, 1943	"	"
S/1st Lt. Thomas E. Hagan	Nov. 22, 1943	"	"
S/1st Lt. Francis B. Jordan	Nov. 27, 1943	"	"
2nd Lt. Theodore J. Young Jr.	Nov. 14, 1943	The Japanese took body away at what I believed was Maitshih, Burma. Manner of burial unknown.	Burns suffered in airplane crash.
S/1st Lt. Robert P. Tucker	} Presumably to have died in crash and resulting fire of airplane on Nov. 17, 1943. They were never seen after plane crash.		
S/1st Lt. Sidney Kerty			

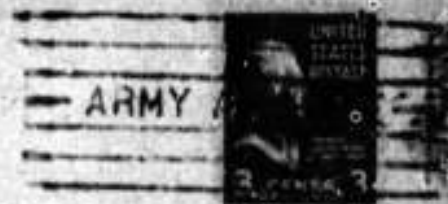
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2. As I was kept in solitary confinement by the Japanese at the time the members of my crew died in the Rangoon, Burma POW Camp, I did not witness their death or burial. All information that I now have was later given to me by other prisoners. Almost all prisoners were buried in a cemetery located in Rangoon; its exact location is unknown by me. Second Lieutenant George H. Wilson, A.S.N. O-431825, and Walter E. Cotton, A.S.N. O-661921, may be able to furnish additional information on the deaths of American prisoners at the Rangoon POW Camp, as they were two of the earliest Americans captured by the Japanese and interned at Rangoon, Burma, and they quite often handled the burial of American prisoners.

3. The other member of my crew, Staff Sergeant Francis M. Daly, survived along with me, and has now been returned to duty.

Wesby Warner  
Major, Air Corps  
O-399595

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Major Kirby Hense O-509595  
AAG Regional Hospital  
Santa Ana, Calif.



Commanding General, Army Air Force  
Washington 25,  
D.C.

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Oct 10, 1945

U. W. Reed  
Major, Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Section  
Personal Affairs Branch  
Personal Services Division

Dear Sir,

Here is the list you requested on the death and burial of the officers and enlisted members of my crew, as of Nov. 14, 1943. More information can be given on these men by Lt. Col. Delbert, commanding American officer in the Rangoon Prison Camp, Major Warner, our Pilot, and the Chief Casualty Branch (munition bldg., Washington D. C.) who, I am to believe has a map of the burial places of all the deceased men except Lt. Young, S/sgt's Kutz, and Tischer.

This list is in order of their deaths:

S/sgt S. Kutz and S/sgt R. Tischer were killed in the plane crash approximately 60 miles south of Mandalay, Burma, on Nov. 14, 1943.

$\frac{2}{3}$  Lt. T. Young died of burns on the 15 Nov. 1943 and was buried by the Japanese at Myittha.

$\frac{2}{3}$  Lt. T. P. Hogan died of burns on or about the 20 Nov. 1943 in the prison camp at Rangoon, was buried by the prisoners in the Rangoon cemetery.

s/sgt Thomas E. Hoopes

died on the 22 NOV. 1943 of burns  
in the prison camp and buried  
by the prisoners.

s/sgt Francis B. Jordan

died of burns on or about 30 NOV. 1943  
buried by the prisoners.

T/sgt Uwan Aubuchon

I do not know the date of his  
death He was also buried by the  
prisoners. Died of burns.

1st/Lt. John C. Kelley

died on or about Dec. 15, 1943 of burns  
was also buried by the prisoners.

Major W. Warner, who kept a record, can give  
you more exact dates on the deaths of these men.

T/sgt Francis M. Daly jr  
16108393

1232 Collingwood ave.  
Detroit, Mich

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**CASUALTY REPORT FOR AGO**

Prepared by  
MIS-X Section  
CPM Branch

DATE: **6 Jul 48**

NARRATOR : **Werner, Wesley, Major** SQUADRON : **688th Sq.**  
ARMY SERIAL NO. : **5-107945** GROUP : **VII Bn.**  
HOME ADDRESS : **Fortville, Ind.** TYPE AIRCRAFT : **B-24**  
EX-REPORT NO. : **None** MISSION DATE : **14 Nov 48**

POSITION	MEMBERS OF CREW	PWIB RECORDS
PILOT	✓ Maj. Wesley Werner	Narrator
CO-PILOT	✓ 1st Lt. (P) Young	Died 15 Nov 1948
BOMBARDIER	✓ 1st Lt. John G. Kelley *	Died in P/W Camp
NAVIGATOR	✓ 1st Lt. Thomas P. Hogan *	Died in P/W Camp
ENGINEER	✓ 2/Sgt. (P) Ambushen *	Died in P/W Camp
RADIO OPERATOR	✓ 2/Sgt. Francis H. Daly	ND
GUNNER	✓ 2/Sgt. (P) Jordan *	Died in P/W Camp
GUNNER	✓ 2/Sgt. (P) Hayes *	Died in P/W Camp
GUNNER	✓ 2/Sgt. (P) Kurts	KIA
GUNNER	✓ Rank and Name Unknown	KIA

KNOWN INFORMATION: Lt. Young died within 24 hours after the plane crashed. I did not see his body. Sgt. Kurts and the other gunner whose name is unknown to me were never seen after the plane crashed and burned.

HERSAY INFORMATION: I was informed by other Pw/W that those of my crew listed above had died in the P/W camp at Rangon, Burma and were buried by other Pw/W.

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HEADQUARTERS TENTH AIR FORCE DELHI

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location Pandaveswar, India Command or Air Force 10th Air Force; Group 7th Bomb Group; Squadron 493rd Bomb Sq. (H); Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Pandaveswar, India; Course 270; Intended Destination Pakokku; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear, Scattered Cumulus 2/10th Coverage
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11-14-43; Time 1250; and Location 21°10'N, 94°30'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) (x) Enemy Aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows:
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24J; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-73059
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R1830-65; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-92127 (b) 42-92039; (c) 42-92100; (d) 42-88530
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) Attached
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x 1st or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew; Passengers; Total (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on the reverse side of the form with notation at the bottom of the page marked "over".

Handwritten notes: EUS, DOI, DOW, KIA, BTOL

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number. Rows include Pilot (Werner, Wesley), Co-Pilot (Young, Theodore F. Jr.), Navigator (Hogan, Thomas P.), Bombardier (Keller, John C.), Engineer (Aubuchon, Urban A.), Radio Operator (Daly, Francis M. Jr.), Asst Engineer (Hess, Thomas E.), Asst Radio Operator (Jordan, Francis B.), Armorer-Gunner (Kurtz, Sidney), Armorer-Gunner (Tucker, Robert P.).

11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Table with columns: Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number, Contacted by (Radio, Last Sighted), Saw (Crash, Landing), Forced Landing. Rows include Barlette, Leland G., Stephens, Glenn F., Clark, William G.

- 12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING A PROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None
14. ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. Attached
15. ATTACH DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE



Date of Report November 16, 1943
Signature of Preparing Officer: Benson V. Carr
BENSON V. CARR, Captain, Air Corps, Operations Officer.

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493RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
7TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF  
Office of the Armament Officer

AAJ/gdk

16 November, 1943.

To : Adjutant, 7th Bomb Group (H) AAF A. P. O. 886.

Subject: Armament Status Report.

1. Armament Status on Airplane A. C. No. 42-73059  
Squadron No. 44

Bombsight model 5 serial number 2454  
Stabilizer Model 5 serial number 5105.  
AFCE type C-1 serial number N-10308.  
An-B3 Control, bomb release (Mallory)  
(20) B-7 Shackles  
(10) B-9 Shackles  
(5) B-10 Shackles

Martin upper turret M-250CE5 Ser. No. 4007A  
Consolidated nose turret serial number 2242  
Consolidated tail turret serial number 2402  
Sperry ball turret (Briggs) M-BT-7-R Ser. No. 1010  
Sperry auto. computing sight K4 Ser. No. 1702  
(1) N6 Gunsights 24 volt ser. No. 10398  
(2) N6A gunsights 24 volts.

(10) Browning M2 machine guns Cal. 50 Ser. No.:

677320	676943
677688	670863
6769C4	670870
671010	748767
677347	748754

(2) Thompson Sub. machine guns Cal. 45 M1928A1  
S-374992  
S-372751

(1) Rifle, U. S., cal. 30 M1903 Ser. No. 3280433

(2) Pistols, automatic cal. 45 M1911 SER. No.:  
50059  
450832

(8) Pistols automatic cal. 45 M1911A1 Ser. No.

962884	964597	891504	962260
964666	964447	962725	964004

*Amcill A. Jones*  
Amcill A. Jones,  
1st Lt. Air Corp,  
Armament Officer.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BY WITNESS



Lt. Kimball's plane was the first to go down. When the attack started he was leading the second element and I was flying number two position on his right wing. His number two engine was hit, started smoking immediately and a few seconds later appeared to be on fire. Both pilot and co-pilot were evidently wounded for prop was not feathered and plane dropped back immediately. I dropped back to cover him, but his plane then made a steep right turn and disappeared from view beneath our plane, later pulling up on our right and apparently under control. After another head on pass my ball turret gunner states that plane immediately dropped down, turned over on its back and dived straight into the ground, exploding into flame immediately. No one bailed out. At this time we were flying at approximately 11,000 feet.

During this time Lt. McLoughlin's plane had one engine hit, which had been feathered, but he was still flying good formation. Our formation had dropped down to about 30 to 50 feet above the ground, in order to cut down number of passes and also to stay with crippled ships which apparently had difficulty in maintaining level flight. My tail gunner observed Lt. McLoughlin's plane at the time and he was apparently attempting a crash landing, but just off the ground his left wing dropped and plane hit ground slightly nose down bursting into flame immediately. No one had bailed out or jumped out at any time, and plane disintegrated on contact with ground.

It was just a few seconds later that Major Werner's plane crashed. Early in the fight he had lost an engine on the left wing which wouldn't feather and finally froze. Soon his other engine on the left wing had been hit and was smoking badly, apparently on fire. This engine was not feathered either. At an altitude of approximately 2,000 feet, I noticed his number three engine was throwing out a slight trail of smoke. At the time of his crash, we were flying up a dry river bed at ground level, and I was flying to the left of Major Werner's ship abreast of him. We were indicating only 135 M.P.H. and it seemed that his ship was slowly mushing down. Just above the ground his left wing tip dropped, dragged the ground and nosed the plane in. I was watching his plane saw number one prop blades break off and scatter in every direction. An instant later the plane exploded in a large sheet of flame which extended upwards higher than our plane. Personnel and pieces of the craft flew in all directions as a result of the explosion and the tail gunner stated the only distinguishable features of the plane was the complete tail assembly which he observed for just an instant before it too was obscured from view by the fire.

Our remaining three planes throttled up to about 190 to 200 M.P.H. and headed toward the hills. At this time my top turret gunner shot down the last fighter making a pass on us, and the remainder of them turned back.

A.S.N. 0-661915

Leland S. Berlette  
Leland G. Berlette,  
1st Lt. Air Corps,  
Pilot

*Handwritten initials*

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Ltr Hq AAF IBT, APO 671  
dtd 25 Apr 45  
201-Werner, Wesley, O-399595

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(S-16 May 45)  
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Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C., 2 May 1945

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

Reference basic communication, referred for information upon which to base reply. Specific attention is invited to par 7.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*2 May 45*  
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*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

M. E. BELL  
Major, Air Corps  
Acting Executive, Personal Affairs Division  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Air  
Staff, Personnel

AG 201 Werner, Wesley  
(25 Apr 45)PC-S

2nd Ind.

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W.D., A.G.O., Washington, D. C., 23 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copy of letter, this office, dated 21 May 1945, file classification AGPC-S 201 Werner, Wesley (25 Apr 45) 0399595, Subject: "Determination of Status," to the Commanding General, United States Forces, India-Burma Theater.

2. A copy of the list mentioned in paragraph 6 of letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, is also inclosed herewith.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*[Signature]*  
Adjutant General.

2 Inclosures.

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CM/JPP/30/4634

W.D., A.G.O., Washington, D. C., 23 May 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

Edwin W. Southerland  
Capt., A.G.D.

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Adjutant General.

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FORM 7, AAP 183

1st Theatre

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
INDIA BURMA THEATER  
APO 671

Institution: *and*  
Date: *24 April 45*

AIB 201 - Werner, Wesley (O).

SUBJECT: Determination of Status.

25 APR 1945

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces,  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Personal Affairs Division.

1. Reference is made to Letter AG 247, Headquarters Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command, St Louis, Missouri, subject: "Personal Affairs Casualty Assistance", 17 March 1945, and to first indorsement, your Headquarters, 5 April 1945, with suspense date of 5 May 1945.

2. Basic Letter mentioned above states: "Major Wesley Werner, 0399595, was declared dead, presumably 15 November 1944, under Public Law #490, 7 March 1942, as amended." Letter requests information concerning an account and safety deposit box in a Calcutta bank. This information will be obtained and forwarded to your Headquarters as soon as possible.

3. This letter was the first indication that has reached this Headquarters stating Major Werner was dead. He is still carried on our records as "missing in action", 14 November 1943.

4. Forwarded for your information is a Domei News Service Broadcast, dated about 25 November 1943:

"The Burma Front 17th: Five enemy consolidated B-24's were shot down, including two probables, while two others were heavily damaged, by Japanese Army Air Units over two points on the Burma Front on 14th November. One American Major and eight other fliers were taken prisoner when they bailed out with their parachutes. Other American pilots and members of the crews of the enemy planes which crashed, all perished in the flaming wrecks. The Japanese lost one plane."

5. Actually, only three B-24's crashed in Burma that date. However, it is significant to note that the only major involved in that incident was Major Wesley Werner. No other officer above the rank of 1st Lieutenant was missing. An analysis of that broadcast may or may not indicate that Major Werner was actually captured. It is believed that no further information has been found concerning his ultimate fate. Due to the fact that the

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Werner, Wesley (O). Cont'd.

Japanese Government does not officially declare American Air Force Prisoners of War in Burma, it is quite possible that Major Werner is still being held in some enemy camp, and, of course, just as possible that he is dead. Captured American personnel in Burma are known to have been taken to Thailand in some cases.

6. Because of the reasons outlined above, this Headquarters believes that it is a mistake to declare air force personnel dead in Burma unless almost positive proof of their death can be obtained. With the present rapid advance of allied armies in Burma, it will soon be possible to determine the ultimate fate of many missing air crews. Action is being taken to insure that this Headquarters receives this information.

7. It is requested that this Headquarters be notified whether or not Major Werner has actually been declared dead. Also, a complete list of air force personnel declared dead in Burma under Public Law #490 would be extremely valuable to this Headquarters, and it is further requested that we be advised if such a list can be forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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*(Signature)*  
**K. K. GOLLEDGE,**  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General

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AGPC-S 201 - Werner, Wesley  
(25 Apr 45) 0399595

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21 May 1945

Determination of Status.

Commanding General  
United States Forces  
India-Burma Theater  
APO 885 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copy of Secret letter from Headquarters, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, file classification AIB 201-Werner, Wesley (O), Subject: "Determination of Status," dated 25 April 1945, to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., concerning a presumptive finding of death in the case of Major Wesley Werner 0399595, Air Corps.
2. Major Werner was returned to military control 2 May 1945, as reported by confidential message CEA 10296 from New Delhi.
3. At the time a review of Major Werner's case was undertaken, neither this office nor the Federal Communications Commission had any record of the broadcast quoted in paragraph 4, inclosed letter, and from the facts available it was concluded that he could not reasonably be presumed to have survived within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.
4. It is requested that any similar broadcasts on record at Headquarters, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Theater, or at your Headquarters, or any other pertinent information concerning other personnel who became missing in your Theater, be forwarded to this office to assist in arriving at determinations of status.
5. This office has long recognized that the Japanese Government is dilatory in its reporting practices and the great number of personnel reported missing in action against the Japanese have been excluded in a missing in action status upon the initial review of their cases under Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.
6. There is inclosed herewith a list of all Army personnel who became missing or missing in action in China-Burma-India and who have been found dead by the War Department under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act. (Reference, paragraph 7 of inclosed letter)

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

John T. Burns  
Major, A. G. D.

Adjutant General

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Incl #1



IN REPLY REFER TO:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON



1 August 1945

SUBJECT: Technical Sergeant Francis M. Daly, Jr., - 16108393

TO: Commanding Officer  
612th Service Unit  
Reception Station  
Fort Sheridan, Illinois

1. It is requested that Sergeant Daly be interrogated with reference to any information he may know concerning the death and burial of the members of the crew he was serving with on November 14, 1943, particular reference being made to Second Lieutenant Thomas P. Hogan.

2. Lieutenant Hogan was the navigator of the B-24 bomber of which Sergeant Daly was the radio operator, and was reported missing in action 14 November 1943 and was later determined dead under Public Law - 490.

3. Major Wesley Werner and Sergeant Daly were the only two known survivors of this crew.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*N. W. Reed*

N. W. REED  
Major, Air Corps  
Chief, Notification Branch  
Personal Affairs Division  
Asst Chief of Air Staff - 1



Oct. 10, 1945

N.W. Reed  
 Major, Air Corps  
 Chief, Notification Section  
 Personal Affairs Branch  
 Personal Service Division

Dear Sir:

Here is a list of the officers and enlisted members of my crew, as of Nov. 14, 1943 (in order of their deaths). I do believe more information can be given on these men by Lt. Col. Gilbert, Commanding American Officer in the Rangoon Prison Camp, Major Warner, our pilot, and the Chief Casualty Branch (Munition Bldg., Washington, D.C.), who I am to believe has a map of the burial places of all the deceased men except Lt. Young, S.Sgts Kurtz and Tucker. This list is in the order of their deaths:

- S/Sgt S. Kurtz - killed in plane crash, 14 Nov.
- " R. Tucker - killed in plane crash, 14 Nov.
- Lt. F. Young - died on or about the 15 Nov. 1943, buried by the Japanese.
- Lt. T.P. Hogan - died on or about the 20 Nov 1943 in the Jap Prison Camp.
- i/Sgt T. Hopes - died on or about 22 Nov. in the prison camp and buried by the prisoners.
- /Sgt F. Jordan - died on or about 30 Nov. buried by the prisoners.
- :/Sgt U. Aubuchon - I do not know the date of his death. He was also buried by the prisoners.
- L. Kelly - died on or about 15 Dec 1945 buried by the prisoners.

This is copy of a letter Sgt.  
 Daly states he sent on 10 October 1945.

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201 - DALY, Francis M., Jr. 4th Ind. CHAK/flb

Army Service Forces, Ninth Service Command, Dibble General-  
Hospital, Menlo Park, California. 8 November 1945.

TO: Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
ATTENTION: Chief, Notification Branch, Personal Affairs  
Division.

Basic communication complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



C. H. A. KAZEN  
1st Lt, AUS  
Investigating Officer

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Incl #1. Statement of T/Sgt. Daly, Jr.

Incl #2. Copy of letter sent by T/Sgt Daly, Jr.

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G. H. A. KASH  
1st Lt, AUS  
Investigating Officer

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201-Daly, Francis M., Jr.  
16108393

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ASF, 6th SvC, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, 1612 SCU, Reception Station #7, Enlisted Processing Section, 17 August 1945.

TO: CG, AAF, RS #3, Santa Monica, Calif.

Sgt. Francis M. Daly, Jr., 16108393, was transferred to your command per Par. 11, SO 178, this Hq., dated 27 June 1945.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Frank W. Vargo*  
FRANK W. VARGO  
Major, F. A.  
Asst. Adjutant.

201-Daly, Francis M., Jr. 2nd Ind. RS3AJ/ak  
HQ AAF REDISTRIBUTION STATION NO.3, Santa Monica, Calif., 27 Oct 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, AAF Regional Hospital Santa Ana, California.

T/Sgt. Francis M. Daly, Jr., 16108393, transferred your station per paragraph 9, Special Order 249, this headquarters, dated 3 October 19 45.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*George Merrill Jr*  
GEORGE C. MERRILL, Jr.,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant.

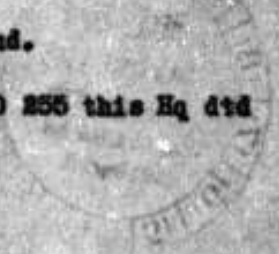
KDP 201 - DALY, Francis M., Jr. 3rd Ind RAN/mww

Hq AAF RS#4, SAAAB, Santa Ana, Calif. 31 Oct 45

TO: Commanding Officer, Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.(ASF)

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.
2. Subject enlisted man trfd your station pp 9, SO 255 this Hq dtd 23 Oct 45.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



FSPCR-K 1st Ind.  
201-Daly, Francis M., Jr.  
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GEORGE C. MERRILL, Jr.,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant.

HQP 201 - DALY, Francis M., Jr. 2nd Ind. RAV/maw  
HQ AAF REG, 3100, Santa Ana, Calif. 21 Oct 45

TO: Commanding Officer, Dixie General Hospital, Leake Park, Calif. (ASST)

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.
2. Subject enlisted was trfd your station pp 9, SO 238 this Hq 2nd  
25 Oct 45.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

201-Daly, Francis M., Jr. 2nd Inf. RS3AJ/ak  
HQ AAF REDISTRIBUTION STATION NO. 3, Santa Monica, Calif., 27 Oct 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, Detachment of Patients, AAF Regional Hospital  
Santa Ana, California.

T/Sgt. Francis M. Daly, Jr., 16108393, transferred your station per  
paragraph 9, Special Order 249, this headquarters, dated 3 October 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEORGE C. MERRILL, Jr.,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Adjutant.

HQF HQ - DALY, Francis M., Jr. 2nd Inf. RAB/asm

Hq AAF HSG, SAAAB, Santa Ana, Calif. 31 Oct 45

TO: Commanding Officer, Detachment General Hospital, Marine Park, Calif. (AMF)

- 1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.
- 2. Subject enlisted man told your station pp 9, SO HSG this Hq 26  
28 Oct 45.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
NINTH SERVICE COMMAND  
DIBBLE GENERAL HOSPITAL  
Menlo Park, California.

7 November 1945.

As a result of questioning by 1st Lt. C.H.A. Kazen, at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California, T/Sgt. Francis M. Daly, Jr., #16108393, makes the following statements concerning 2nd Lt. Thomas P. Hogan, and others:

On 14 November 1943, while on a flight in a B 24 Bomber over Central Burma, in which the following personnel were participating as members of the crew, our bomber was shot down in the neighborhood of Mytikila (approximated spelling) in Central Burma. The personnel composing the crew were:

Major Wesley Werner, pilot and CO  
2nd Lt. Theodore F. Young  
2nd Lt. Thomas P. Hogan, Jr.  
1st Lt. John C. Kelley  
T/Sgt. Urvan A. Aubuchon  
T/Sgt. Francis M. Daly  
S/Sgt. Francis E. Jordan  
S/Sgt. Thomas P. Hopes  
S/Sgt. Sidney Kurtz  
S/Sgt. Robert P. Tucker

As a result of enemy aircraft action, we were forced to attempt a crash landing in a river bed, but upon landing our aircraft exploded and as a result two of the crew personnel were killed, while the others received burns and injuries. The two that were killed were S/Sgt. Robert P. Tucker and S/Sgt. Sidney Kurtz. The rest of us had to abandon the scene of the crash, and the two bodies, and travel as best we could to a Burmese village nearby. We could not bury the bodies because we were all injured and could not extricate them from the wreckage. At the village we contacted some Burmese civilians, who in turn contacted Japanese soldiers who captured us, and I do not know whether or not they sent a searching party to locate the plane.

While at Mytikila, 2nd Lt. Theodore F. Young died as a result of his injuries. The Japanese then took him away, but I do not know whether they buried him in the vicinity or not. I feel almost certain that they did bury him somewhere in the vicinity. Then they took the rest of us to Rangoon and placed us in a prison camp which had been an old British prison, and

as far as I can remember was called the Rangoon Jail.

At the prison they placed us in solitary confinement - 3 men to a cell. Major Werner, 2nd Lt. Hogan and myself happened to share one cell together. However on the day previous to the day that Hogan died, the Japanese took Major Werner out for questioning and brought in Pvt. Patrick Hennigen (approximated spelling) 13th Bat. of the King's Regiment, a British Private. The next day, which was on or about the 20 November 1943, 2nd Lt. Hogan died in the cell, and the Japanese took him out. Lt. Hogan died during the night, and the Japanese took his body out of our cell and put it in the next cell to ours until the next morning. Who took it from there, and when, I cannot say. At that time, I myself was delirious. It was the usual procedure at the camp for the prisoners to bury those prisoners who died. And although I do not remember definitely, I am under the impression that someone told me later that some of the prisoners had buried Lt. Hogan in the Rangoon cemetery, which is about a mile from the jail.

At the time Lt. Hogan died, the CO of the prisoners at the prison camp was Brig. Gen. Hooper. Later on, an American Lt. Col. by the name of Douglas G. Gilbert - 1312 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Virginia, was the CO of the American prisoners. Later on, Brig. Gen. Hooper, the British Officer, was killed during a strafing by Allied aircraft, while the General, together with some other prisoners, were being evacuated from the prison. However, I feel that Lt. Col. Gilbert may have taken over some charts and data on our men, which might show where Lt. Hogan was buried. It may be that whoever succeeded Gen. Hooper, however, may have acquired possession of those charts and data. While I was in Washington, I was interviewed by Capt. Hennesey, in the Chief Casualty Branch, and as far as I can remember, he said that they had the charts of where our men were buried. There is also a Lt. Kenneth F. Horner, 216 N. Lopez, New Orleans, Louisiana, that can illucidate more on where Lt. Hogan was buried, and the chances are he went out on the party that buried Lt. Hogan at the time, but I am not sure.

After Lt. Hogan died, they took us out of solitary confinement, except Major Werner, and put us in compounds. S/Sgt. Hopes, S/Sgt. Jordan and myself were placed in the British compound, while Lt. Kelley and T/Sgt. Aubuchon were placed in the American compound.

On or about the 23 November 1943, S/Sgt. Hopes died, and was buried in the Rangoon cemetery. I saw the headstone on his grave. About a week later, S/Sgt. Jordan died, and he was buried right next to Hopes.



In the American compound Aubuchon and Kelley died within the next month. But I do not know for sure the dates. Kelley and Aubuchon were also buried in the Rangoon cemetery, and I also saw the headstones on their graves there.

I saw Major Werner alive later, and I am sure he is still alive as he came back from overseas with us, and is in some hospital here in California.

There were two British Medical Officers in the prison who might be able to give further information if necessary. Their names are Col. McKinsey and Major Ramsey, both of the British Medical Corps, although I do not know their first names or addresses.

*Francis M. Daly, Jr.*  
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