

TSgt Norman E. Fuller (POW)

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Among those arriving at the Miami Beach, Fla.; redistribution station recently was T/Egt. Norman E. Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Fuller, 61 Grove street, who has 25 missions as a B-24 radio operator in the European theater to his credit. He has received the air medal with three clusters.

Pvt. First Class Norman E. Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, 61 Grove street, has been assigned to the army air forces technical training command, technical school, at Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator mechanic. Private Fuller is a graduate of Oshkosh High school, where he was active in boxing, and prior to entering the service was employed as a welder in Oshkosh. He entered the service Feb. 2 of this year.

T/Sgt. Norman E. Fuller, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, 61 Grove street, is home on furlough after having been liberated from a prisoner of war camp at Mooseburg, Germany.

On Feb. 24, following an air mission over Germany, he parachuted to safety and was taken a prisoner by the Germans. On April 29, he was liberated, along with others, from the prison camp by units of General Patton's Third army.

Norman E. Fuller

Norman E. Fuller, born July 8, 1923, passed away on April 16, 2002 in Tucson, Arizona following a lengthy illness. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Letha and Ray Fuller and his brother Robert (Mose). He is survived by his wife, Bernice of Tuscon, daughter, Eleanor (Ron) Meyers of Florida, three granddaughters, Brandee Fuller, Alexandra and Dawn Kincaid and three great-grandchildren, Alex, Tara and De Lane, all of Florida.

He is also survived by two sisters, Shirley Hittman and Audrey (Tom) Roberts of Oshkosh, two brothers, Jack (Mary) Fuller of Oshkosh and Jerry (Jean) Fuller of Florida, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Norm grew up and attended school in Oshkosh. When he returned home after World War II, he attended the Oshkosh State Teachers College. Norm was a master mason by trade with fifty years membership in the Bricklayers and Allied Craftsman's Union.

Norm comes from a family that has served this country with honor and sacrifice for generations. He was a World War II POW survivor and a life member of the VFW and American Ex POW's.

Interment will be in the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona.

Remembrances may be made in his honor to the American Ex POW's, 3201 E. Pioneer Pkwy. Ste 40, Arlington, TX, 76010.

SERGEANT CABLES PARENTS HE IS WELL

Good news was received yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, 61, Grove street, from their son, Sgt. Norman Fuller, who up until this time has been listed as missing in action by the war department.

The cablegram from Sergeant Fuller said he is "fit and well" but gave no other information.

Last information received of him by his parents was a telegram from the war department in March saying he was missing in action following a bombing mission over the continent on Feb. 24. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were informed that the B-24 bomber on which Norman was a radio technician had been forced down because of engine failure over Holland and that the entire crew had parachuted to the ground.

The sergeant's parents received no additional information and were uncertain whether he was taken a prisoner or given protection by the Holland underground.



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by E. A. BRADUNAS, Lt. Col., AO

by F. M. MUENCH, Capt., AO

Date: **OCT 15 1945**

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Hardwick; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 93rd; Squadron 329th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Hardwick; Course As briefed
Target or Intended Destination Misburg; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Visibility good, with cloud undercast of about .8
4. GIVE: (a) Day 24 Month Feb. Year 1945; Time 1255 and Location Misburg
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (), last contacted by radio (), Forced Down (); Seen to Crash (); or Information not available ().
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as Follows:
Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-24J; AAF Serial Number 42-51495
7. NICKNAME OR AIRCRAFT, If Any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1830-43 AAF Serial
Number (a) CP-313889; (b) CP-313853; (c) CP-317386; (d) CP-313757
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1547858; (b) 1537388; (c) 1034765; (d) 1034863;
(e) 1537221; (f) 1030644; (g) 1537236; (h) 1030823;
(i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 12; Passengers 0; Total 12
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 12 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Maddocks, Gene L.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0818902</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
2. Command Pilot	<u>Hoffman, Oscar, P.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0805460</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
3. Co-Pilot	<u>Lakner, Fred NMI</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0816171</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
4. Navigator	<u>Anderson, Edward, H. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0716315</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
5. Bombardier	<u>Winn, Donald, N.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0717007</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
6. Pilotage Navigator	<u>DeCillis, Anthony J. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0712522</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Mickey Operator	<u>Strand, Gunard, C.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0738596</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
8. Radio Operator	<u>Fuller, Norman, E.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>36802296</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
9. Engineer	<u>Hauk, Richard, L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>86315099</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
10. Nose Gunner	<u>Johnson, Kenneth, W.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>31370564</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
11. Tail Gunner	<u>Micheli, Roy, G.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39126670</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>
12. Waist Gunner	<u>Suchcioki, Paul, J.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>n31330077</u>	<u>MIA</u> <u>RTD</u>

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

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