

INTRODUCTORY NOTES  
June 2018

This Darrtown.com webpage provides heretofore unknown information about the August 5, 1944 World War II flight from England to Germany that led to the death of Darrtown native, S.Sgt. Donald T. McVicker.

The information displayed here was made possible, because Kim Johnson shared the results of email communications that transpired between himself and Ralph Snape.

- Kim Johnson is the husband of Sally (Rinal) Johnson, granddaughter of Luther S. McVicker and Opal (Trew) McVicker, parents of Donald Trew McVicker.
- Ralph Snape is a representative of the Air Crew Remembered website. Visit the website at: <http://aircrewremembered.com/>

Selected email communications between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Snape are replicated below, as a gesture to acknowledge the work of the two men.

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**EMAIL #1: Ralph Snape wrote:**

*Hi Kim*

*I have completed the research on S/Sgt. Donald T. McVicker and his crew and would like to appraise you of what the research has uncovered before it is published on our site.*

*However, my quandary is not knowing how much the family know about the fate of Donald and his crew, or indeed whether you and his family wish to know after all this time has passed.*

*If you do wish to know, I will provide you with a copy of the exact text file which will be published on our site. However, should you decide otherwise I will not contact you again and ask you to accept my sincere thanks for your help.*

*Best wishes*

*Ralph Snape*  
[aircrewremembered.com](http://aircrewremembered.com)

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**EMAIL #2: Kim Johnson wrote:**

19 Jun 2018, at 08:47:

*I have briefed Don's closest living relatives, so they know the nature of your research and are prepared to know the truth of his death. Please send what you have to me and I will share with the family. Thank you for your research and for kindly considering the impact this may have with the family.*

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**EMAIL #3: Ralph Snape wrote:**

**Subject:** Re: S/Sgt. Donald T. McVicker  
**From:** Ralph Snape  
**To:** Kim Johnson

*Hi Kim*

*I have attached the final version of the text file (minus the images) that will be used to publish the story of the Langenfeld crew (Donald's aircraft captain)*

*Before you read the story, I must tell you that given the available documentation and despite tracking down previously unknown and unpublished reports and stories, together with our best efforts (including the 467th Bombardment Group) we have not been able to precisely determine how Donald perished.*

*I shall leave it for you and the family to decide if the story brings any closure. Be assured that efforts will continue to try and resolve the outstanding identifications.*

*Best wishes  
Ralph*

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**EMAIL #4: Ralph Snape wrote:**

**From:** Ralph Snape  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:08 AM  
**To:** Kim Johnson  
**Subject:** 789th Bomber Squadron B-24H Liberator 2nd.Lt. Willard A. Langenfeld

*Hi Kim*

*The page for 789<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron B-24H Liberator 2<sup>nd</sup>.Lt. Willard A. Langenfeld and S/Sgt. Donald Trew McVicker has been completed and uploaded and can be viewed [here](#).*

*Rest assured that the outstanding questions are still being pursued and if/when any new information comes to light the page will be updated. Should you wish to add anything or*

*come across any images of Donald from his time in the USAAF please either contact me directly or via the help desk on the Aircrew Remembered site.*

*Best wishes and many thanks for your assistance*

*Ralph*

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To see a copy of the “Archive report of 05.08.1944 789<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron B-24H Liberator (Lagenfeld),” referenced by Mr. Snape above, click the following link.

**WARNING!**  
**Some details of the file may be upsetting to the reader.**  
**PROCEED WITH CAUTION.**

The “Archive report of 05.08.1944 789<sup>th</sup> Bomber Squadron B-24H Liberator (Lagenfeld)” is available at: <http://www.aircrewremembered.com/langenfeld.html>

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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES  
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**B24H – Liberator described at:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consolidated\\_B-24\\_Liberator#Initial\\_specifications](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consolidated_B-24_Liberator#Initial_specifications)

<http://acepilots.com/planes/b24.html>

<https://www.collingsfoundation.org/aircrafts/consolidated-b-24-liberator/>