

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

TO: WESLEY HUGHES
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 Date: MAR 2 1948

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb Gp(H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb Sq
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course As prescribed
 Intended Destination Halberstadt, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Jan Clear at Target
4. GIVE: (a) Date 11/2/44 ; Time 1330 ; and Location West Coast of Zuider Zee
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (x) 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 (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29993
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number(a) 43-58611
 (b) 42-137452 ; (c) 42-137118 ; (d) 43-64808
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 * (a) S-492775 ; (b) F-312869 ; (c) F-313101 ; (d) F-312027
 (e) F-313373 ; (f) F-313072 ; (g) F-311115 ; (h) F-313139
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
Missing in Action
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 10
 (Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>KIA</i> 1. Pilot	Tattershall, Donald W.	2nd Lt.	0-746460 <i>K</i>
" 2. Co-pilot	Grisham, William E.	2nd Lt.	0-682752 <i>K</i>
" 3. Navigator	Crabtree, Jr., James	2nd Lt.	0-807994 <i>K</i>
" 4. Bombardier	Whittle, Jr., John T.	2nd Lt.	0-673844 <i>K</i>
" 5. Aer. Eng.-Top Tur. Gunner	Johnson, LeRoy K.	S/Sgt.	33307771 <i>K</i>
<i>KIA</i> 6. Radio Operator	Hobbs, James A.	T/Sgt.	33221083 <i>RTD</i>
<i>DED</i> 7. Aer. Gun.-Ball Tur. Gm.	Melita, Carmel A.	S/Sgt.	32425145
<i>KIA</i> 8. Aer. Gun.-Right Waist Gun.	Hegg, Robert H.	Sgt.	37436962 <i>K</i>
<i>DED</i> 9. Aer. Gun.-Left Waist Gun.	Sweitzer, Elmer J.	Sgt.	35034937 <i>K</i>
<i>KIA</i> 10. Aer. Gun.-Tail Gunner	Dodson, William E.	Sgt.	15339049 <i>K</i>

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. HILTON, William B. Jr.	1st Lt	0-672813		X		
2.						
3.						

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) None
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

* See Reverse Side.

Date of Report 12 January 1944

Denial of entry

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CA .145

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