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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 AAF Station Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 367th Bomb ; ~~Detachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurlaigh, Eng. Course as prescribed Target or Intended Destination Ruhland ; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 3/10 to 4/10 clouds. good visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sep Year 44 ; Time 1130 ; and Location North of Berlin of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x) ; 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 (x) ; Enemy Anti-aircraft () ; Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 42-38042
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-003427 ; (b) 42-137316 ; (c) SW-009747 ; (d) 42-77792
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) HS-1074001 ; (b) HS-1074634 ; (c) HS-1074690 ; (d) HS-1074515 ;
* (e) HS-1074553 ; (f) HS-1074287 ; (g) B-647388 ; (h) B-654979 ;
(i) S-893088 ; (j) B-647677 ; (k) HS-1074555 ; (l) HS-1074011 ;
(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 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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 | Current Status |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Pilot - Pilot | White, Lewis H. Jr. | 2nd Lt | 0-813984 | Pilot MIA |
| 2. Co-Pilot | Henceroth, Stanley W. | 2nd Lt | 0-768093 | Pilot |
| 3. Navigator | Christensen, Richard A. | 2nd Lt | 0-716629 | Navigator |
| 4. Bombardier -NGun | Zrust, Gordon F. | 2nd Lt | 0-772110 | Bombardier |
| 5. Top Turret Gun. | Pivk, William R. | Sgt. | 33670485 | Aer. Eng-Gun.. |
| 6. Radio Operator | Handel, Albert | Sgt. | 13111954 | Radio Operator |
| 7. Ball Turret Gun | McClung, Foy W. | Sgt. | 38268622 | Armorer-Gun.. |
| 8. Waist Gunner | Fisher, John V. | Sgt. | 32753075 | Radio Operator |
| 9. Tail Gunner | Miritello, Peter A. | Sgt. | 36009146 | Armorer-Gun.. |
| 10. | | | | |
| 11. | | | | |

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

Check Only One Column

| Name in Full (Last Name First) | Rank | Serial Number | Contacted by Radio | Last Sighted | Saw Crash | Forced Landing |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. <u>Adam, Milton W.</u> | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>0-758502</u> | | <u>X</u> | | |
| 2. | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | |

* HS- High Standard
S- Savage

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GROUP 306th Bomb SQ367th Bomb A/C No. 2-38042 MISSION DATE 12/9/44

FIRST PILOT Lewis W. White, Jr. 2nd Lt C-815394 DESTINATION Rubland, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates App. 52.0N - 13.0E
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Not out of formation

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C)

About 25 FW 190's attacked Low Group (the group in which Lt White was flying) from 11 o'clock high firing at Group to left with one pass, then turned and came at us from 6 o'clock low, in five waves of three to four aircraft each, half rolled beneath our formation and fell away steeply.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Unknown

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Unknown.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of fighter group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.,). _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc)

_____ Six to Seven parachutes seen

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

_____ None

8. Date of report 14 September, 1944

EYE-WITNESSES: NAME RANK ASN A/C No.

- 1. Milton M. Adam 1st Lt C-758502 42-31726
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh 1st Lt 0578133 S-2 Officer.
NAME RANK ASN DUTY
JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,