

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 ; Department
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng; Course as prescribed
Target or Intended Destination; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
5/10 to 4/10 clouds, good visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sep Year 44; Time 130; and Location Near 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 Avail-
 able ()
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
 only one) Enemy aircraft (); Enemy anti-aircraft (x); Other Circumstances
 as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; AAF Serial Number 42-102959
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any Mothuselah
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial
 Number (a) SW-017758; (b) SW-016929; (c) SW-017765; (d) SW-017703
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) S-1199306; (b) S-1200125; (c) GM-531152; (d) S-1199927;
 * (e) S-1199760; (f) B-1299855; (g) C-752576; (h) S-1199924;
 (i) S-1199967; (j) S-1200103; (k) S-1199860; (l) B-1351414;
 (m) S-1199321; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
 or (b) ~~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.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	
1. Pilot	Barr, Earl R.	1st Lt	0-319257	Pilot	MIARTD
2. Co-Pilot	Reid, Robert E.	2nd Lt	0-768227	Pilot	RTD
3. Navigator	Myerson, Mathew A.	2nd Lt	0-1995854	Navigator	KIA
4. Bomb. Nose	G. Montague, Garland A.	2nd Lt	0-776767	Bombardier	RTD
5. Top Turret	G. Bauer, William J.	T/Sgt	39197983	Aer. Eng-Gun...	
6. Radio Operator	Chavez, Hector A.	T/Sgt.	39287690	Radio Operator	RTD
7. Ball Turret	G. Hoolko, Nicholas	S/Sgt.	32927140	Armorer-Gun.	RTD
8. Waist Gunner	Capen, Alfred R.	S/Sgt.	31266031	Aer. Eng-Gun...	
9. Tail Gunner	Whitaker, Wilbur A.	S/Sgt.	15335121	Armorer-Gun.	KIA
10.					
11.					

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Savage, Lawrence W.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-75030</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

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GROUP 20th Bomb SQ 57th Bomb A/C No. 42-102969 MISSION DATE 12/9/44

FIRST PILOT W. B. Brown, 1st Lt, C-10257 DESTINATION England, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

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

- (a) By coordinates 52N - 10W
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading either peeled off or exploded
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation unknown

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

Flak was moderate tracking and accurate.

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

One report states that aircraft exploded as result of direct hit on No. 3 engine.

Another report states that peeled off with all four engines on fire.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

See No. 3

(over)

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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)

Three parachutes were seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

One pilot ejected from aircraft and was later hit by fighters

8. Date of report 14 September, 1944.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>John M. Kavanaugh</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0578133</u>	<u>A2-30019</u>
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

<u>John M. Kavanaugh</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0578133</u>	<u>Officer</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,</u>			