

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

12333

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 111; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th; Squadron 360th; ~~Base~~
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh Eng.; Course as prescribed
Target or Intended Destination Dresden; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
8/10 - 9/10 clouds with light haze
4. GIVE: (a) Day 14 Month Feb Year 45; Time 1233; and Location Near Dresden
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: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; AAF Serial Number 42-97185 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any none
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-013005; (b) 43-59408; (c) SW-019921; (d) SW-017244
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
* (a) HS-416764; (b) HS-674552; (c) F-635212; (d) F-649089; (e) F-647163; (f) F-635375; (g) F-635370; (h) F-635086; (i) F-646955; (j) F-635087; (k) _____; (l) _____; (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
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.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last/Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot-Pilot	<u>RAC Lewis, Boylston B.</u>	<u>Capt</u>	<u>0-24515</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	<u>Whitelaw, Robert S.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-782432</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
3. Nav-Navigator	<u>Harrison, Lester A.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-769039</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
4. Bomb - Nose Gunner	<u>W Sicard, Joseph R.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-129559</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
5. Aer Eng-Top Tur Gun.	<u>Standlee, James F. Jr.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>17023812</u>	<u>MIA RMC</u>
6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr	<u>McChesney, Hardin F. Jr.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>15315015</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
7. Arm Gun-Ball Tur Gun.	<u>Imbojacky, Alfred S.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>38561682</u>	<u>MIA DEP.</u>
8. Arm Gun-Waist Gun.	<u>McDonough, Frank L.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>31420284</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
9. Arm Gun-Tail Gun.	<u>Nahmias, Leon</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>42076275</u>	<u>MIA EUS</u>
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:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>HATHAWAY, CARL B.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-766885</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

~~TOP SECRET~~

GROUP 306th Bomb Gp SQ 360th Bomb S/C No. 42-97185 MISSION DATE 14/2/45

FIRST PILOT Lewis, Boylston B. Capt. 0-24515 DESTINATION Dresden
NAME RANK ASN

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

- (a) By coordinates App. 50°45'N - 13°40'E
- (b) Approximate altitude App. 25,300
- (c) Last noted heading Did 180° turn and headed east
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation (c)

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

At the approximate time when subject aircraft left the formation three FW 190s attacked the formation from 5 or 6 o'clock. When the formation opened fire the enemy aircraft broke formation, one flying high the other two low. The high fighter may have hit subject aircraft.

AA fire was meager, accurate, and tracking.

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

Unknown

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Left formation under control.

~~TOP SECRET~~
(over)
~~TOP SECRET~~

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)

1 parachute seen in area.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 21 / 2 / 45

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	Hathaway, Carl B.	1st Lt	0-766885	43-3891
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh Captain 0-578133 S-2 Officer.
NAME RANK ASN DUTY
JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,