

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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.

AAF STATION

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th AF
Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 369th Bomb ; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
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:
3/10 to 9/10 clouds on entire route
4. GIVE: (a) Day 14 Month Feb Year 45 ; Time Unknown and Location Unknown
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by
radio (x) ; 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 () ; Other Circumstances
as Follows: Circumstances Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 42-102975
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial
Number (a) 43-65771 ; (b) SW-021330 ; (c) SW-012429 ; (d) 41-56435
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) S-1199406 ; (b) B-1299877 ; (c) S-1200014 ; (d) BLC-1531403 ;
(e) B-1299810 ; (f) B-1299989 ; (g) S-1200068 ; (h) S-1199301 ;
(i) B-1299982 ; (j) BLC-1531305 ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____ ;
(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.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
✓ 1. Pilot - Pilot	<u>Henley, Jack S.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-720501</u>	<u>RTD MIA POW</u>
✓ 2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Stewart, Roy H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-928802</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 3. Nav - Navigator	<u>Becker, Warren A.</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-131786</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 4. Bomb - Nose Gun	<u>Whitaker, Herbert R.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>36895904</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 5. Aer Eng - Top Turret Gun	<u>Coppa, Victor J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>33598338</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr	<u>McCarthy, Daniel F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>31041451</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 7. Arm Gun - Ball Tur Gun	<u>Hanson, Raymond C.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>37562365</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 8. Arm Gun - Waist Gun	<u>Harcarik, Albert (NET)</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>13153678</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
✓ 9. Aer Eng Gun - Tail Gun	<u>Piepenbrink, Frederick</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>31029571</u>	<u>RTD MIA</u>
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:

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>None</u>						
2.						
3.						

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

Date of Report 28 February 1945

J. A. Lemotta
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. A. LEMOTTA,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See Attached S-2 Report.

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GROUP 306th Bomb Gp (H)SQ 369th Bomb Sq/C No. 42-102975 MISSION DATE 14/2/45

FIRST PILOT HENLEY, JACK S. 2nd Lt. O-720501 DESTINATION Dresden

NAME

RANK

ASN

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

(a) By coordinates Unknown

(b) Approximate altitude Unknown

(c) Last noted heading To emergency landing field

(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)

Three enemy fighters attacked the formation at target.
Meagre, accurate, tracking flak.

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

Unknown

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Unknown.

(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)

None observed

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

On 14 February, 1945, at 1421 hours, 1st Air Division picked up a message from Lt Henley, aircraft No. 975-F, that he was low on gas and was going to land at B-53. No further message was received. 1st Air Division Flying Control contacted Air Service Command for confirmation of the landing. Air Service Command replied there was no record of aircraft 975-F ever having landed at B-53.

8. Date of report 1 March, 1945.

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

- 1. None
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

INTERVIEWING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

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

