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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ✓; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb Gp(H); Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq.; ~~Attachment~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England; Course As prescribed
Intended Destination Schweinfurt, Germany; Type of Mission H, Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Oct. Hazy
- GIVE: (a) Date 14/10/43; Time Unknown; and Location Before target
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.
- 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
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29971
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series 1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64037
(b) 41-57684; (c) 43-60499; (d) 41-57454
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) F-310814; (b) F-373526; (c) F-311410; (d) F-370334
(e) F-313390; (f) F-313391; (g) F-311905; (h) F-311907
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
~~RECOVERED~~
- 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).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
KIA1.	Pilot	Cole, Vernon E.	1st Lt.	0-796309
EUS2.	Co-Pilot	Partridge, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	0-875280
EUS3.	Navigator	Kuehn, Charles R.	2nd Lt.	0-876077
EUS4.	Bombardier	Columbus, Joseph M.	2nd Lt.	0-735278
EUS5.	Top Turret Gunner	Folk, Robert D.	T/Sgt.	36181410
KIA6.	Radio Operator	Shields, Robah C. Jr.	T/Sgt.	14105271
KIA7.	Ball Turret Gunner	Richardson, Donald	S/Sgt.	37228846
EUS8.	Right Waist Gunner	Wright, Adrien H.	S/Sgt.	11068477
KIA9.	Left Waist Gunner	Zumpf, Frederick W.	S/Sgt.	11066589
EUS10.	Tail Gunner	Mills, Irving J.	S/Sgt.	31248306

- 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	Last Sighted	Saw	
					Crash	Forced Landing
1. JEFFRIES, VIRGIL H.	1st Lt.	0-2044661		X		
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- 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) Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

