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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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb Sq ; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Bohlen, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear with slight haze
- GIVE: (a) Date 16/8/44 ; Time 1108 ; and Location Vicinity of 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 () Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 45-57693
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-019672
(b) SW-017312 ; (c) SW-017440 ; (d) SW-020285
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) S-1211719 ; (b) S-1184850 ; (c) S-1211878 ; (d) S-1211781
(e) S-1211496 ; (f) S-1211435 ; (g) HS-1090883 ; (h) S-1211607
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Statting 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
<u>KIA 1 Pilot - Pilot</u>	<u>Ralstin, Eldon L</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-814552</u>
<u>EUS 2 Pilot - Co-Pilot</u>	<u>Goetz, William H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-818679</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EUS 3 Navigator - Navigator</u>	<u>Locke, Richard T.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-707292</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EUS 4 Bombardier - Nose Gunner</u>	<u>Meersman, Thomas J.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-749822</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EUS 5 Aer. Eng. Gun. - Top Turr G.</u>	<u>Howard William M.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>14188172</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>KIA 6 Radio Operator - Radio Opr.</u>	<u>Behnke, Robert F.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>0-32675478</u> <u>KIA</u>
<u>EUS 7 Armorer Gun. - Ball Turr G.</u>	<u>Simonian, Samuel (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>31262715</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EUS 8 Aer. Eng. Gun - Waist G.</u>	<u>Wrightman, Gerald W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>39549742</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EUS 9 Aer. Eng. Gun - Tail G.</u>	<u>Lloyd, Fred (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>38565659</u> <u>RTD</u>

11. 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	Contacted By Radio	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
<u>JOHNS, LLOYD E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-747422</u>	<u>X</u>			

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.

14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME

