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SR + D#456

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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: England Command or Air Force 8th AF
GROUP 306th Bomb (H); SQUADRON 367th Bomb (H); DETACHMENT
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course
Intended Destination St. Nazaire (sub pens); Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 Feb 43 Time 1200 Hours; And Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft 100 mi from French coast
(b) Specify whether (X) 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; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B 17-F; AAF Serial No. 42-5175
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(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)	GR	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot	Pratt, Howard H	0	1st Lt	0-790173	RMC
2. GP	Bryan, George V	0	2nd Lt	0-663232	RMC
3.	Downing, Joseph A		1st Lt	0-659677	RMC
4. ✓ CP	Kelly, Howard W		2nd Lt	0-726785	Evalued
5.	Green, George W	0	S/Sgt	17 028 612	RMC
6.	Green, Royal A	0	Sgt	18 063 982	RMC
7.	Jones, Henry H	0	S/Sgt	34 057 908	RMC
8.	Elliott, Loras C	0	Sgt	36 503 461	RMC
9. ✓	Robinson		S/Sgt		
10.	Ross, Harvey J		Sgt	14 058 258	KIA
11.					

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

(OVER)
1.

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
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) _____

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

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

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

The above aircraft bombed St Nazaire, France 16 Feb 1943 and was hit by flak over the target and two engines were knocked out. Enemy fighters attacked after the plane headed for base, forcing the crew to abandon plane by parachute.

(Above-taken from S R & D # 456)