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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

RESTRICTED
Classified by _____ changed to _____
by E. A. BRADONAS, Lt. Col., USA
by P. M. MURPHY, Capt., USA
Date 10/1/43

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

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb Group (H) Squadron 367th Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course As Prescribed
Intended Destination Bremen, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
7/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 20 Dec 43 ; Time unknown ; and Location Over North Sea
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; (x) 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 Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30706
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-57176
(b) 41-57612 ; (c) 42-38064 ; (d) 42-138036
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) KH-464095 ; (b) F-230542 ; (c) KH-464090 ; (d) F-379860
(e) KH-452126 ; (f) S-473374 ; (g) F-386085 ; (h) F-386215
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
~~RECOGNIZED AS BATTLE CASUALTY~~
10. 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
1. Pilot	<u>Ryther, Ray W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-667567</u> ✓
2. Co-pilot	<u>Myers, Alvis N.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-687059</u> ✓
3. Navigator	<u>M H Dennison, John N.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-750241</u> ✓
4. Bombardier	<u>Weiselberg, Jay R.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-679417</u> ✓
5. Aer. Eng. - Top Turret Gunner	<u>Griffith, Wilmer D.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>16142431</u> ✓
6. Radio Operator	<u>Gold, Thomas A.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>35638128</u> ✓
7. Ball Turret Gunner	<u>Wells, Paul L.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37224114</u> ✓
8. Right Waist Gunner	<u>M A Janey, Lee R.</u> ✓	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37370072</u> ✓
9. Left Waist Gunner	<u>Terry, Lester</u> ✓	<u>C/Sgt.</u>	<u>32476292</u> ✓
10. Tail Gunner	<u>Billheimer, LeMoyné W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39394069</u> ✓

11. 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 Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>DAUER, William S.</u>	<u>Lt. Col.</u>	<u>O-421658</u>	<u>X</u>			
2.						

12. 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
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.

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