MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

to Headquarters
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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 367th Bomb(H);
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed Intended Destination Bernburg, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 5/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22/2/44 (FEB) ; Time Unknown ; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. Near Cologne
   (b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio; ( ) Forced Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not Available.
5. 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
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31670
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-145605 (b) 43-145616 ; (c) 43-145827 ; (d) 43-145789
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) GM-647471 ; (b) GM-650464 ; (c) B-892740 ; (d) B-892637
   * (e) B-892767 ; (f) GM-647711 ; (g) GM-647608 ; (h) B-892489
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 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 - Pilot	POW	Rector, Fred J.	1st Lt	0-800403	RTD
2.	Pilot - Co-Pilot	POW	Pierce, Patrick J. Jr.	1st Lt	0-679937	RTD
3.	Navigator - Navigator	KIA	Edelstein, Herbert C.	1st Lt	0-801123	KIA
4.	Bombardier - Nose Gunner	MIA	Caldwell, John E. Jr.	1st Lt	0-735265	MIA
5.	Aer. Eng. - Top Turret G.	POW	Waibel, Elmer G.	T/Sgt	32495916	RTD
6.	Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	POW	Russell, Warren N.	T/Sgt	39612347	
7.	Aer. Gunner - Ball Tur G.	MIA	Schade, Earl S.	Sgt	13128319	MIA
8.	Aer. Gunner - R.Waist G.	POW	Fiermuga, Raymond F.	S/Sgt	36611245	RTD
9.	Aer. Gunner - L.Waist G.	POW	Elliott, John M.	S/Sgt	18054483	RTD
10.	Aer. Gunner - Tail G.	MIA	Bell, William J.	S/Sgt	12137132	MIA

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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	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
				Check Only One Column			
1.	NONE						
2.							
3.							

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) None
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, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

* See Reverse Side

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