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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 AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb (H); Squadron 368th Bomb (B) ~~Detachment~~
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:
FEB 5/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22/4/44 ; Time 1634 ; and Location Near enemy coast
 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.
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 42-31406
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-003412
 (b) SW-003513 ; (c) SW-003481 ; (d) SW-001236
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) F-649361 ; (b) F-649549 ; (c) B-890405 ; (d) B-889995
 * (e) B-890514 ; (f) B-684469 ; (g) B-890715 ; (h) B-890112 ✓
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 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	<u>DED Symons III, Thomas W.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-791984</u> <i>Chel</i>
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Wempe, John R.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-687653</u>
3. Navigator - Navigator	<u>*Jobe, Robert G.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-688048</u>
4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	<u>Proctor, Robert F.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-686060</u> <i>RTD</i>
5. Aerial Eng. - Top Tur. G.	<u>*Ellison, Oscar V.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>35423816</u>
6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	<u>Woodruff, Robert L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>15335743</u> <i>RTD</i>
7. Aerial Gunner - Ball Tur. G.	<u>Parrish, Julius G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>34446146</u>
8. Aerial Gunner - R. Waist G.	<u>*Fiddes, Joseph P.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>13075967</u> <i>RTD</i>
9. Aerial Gunner - L. Waist G.	<u>*Collier, Hayden M.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39691559</u> <i>RTD</i>
10. Aerial Gunner - Tail G.	<u>*Doine, Albert J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>12043922</u> <i>RTD</i>

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				Check Only One Column	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
1. <u>Opayke, James S.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0-740397</u>		<u>X</u>				
2. _____								
3. _____								

2. 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