to RESTRICTED WASHINGTON
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# MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date

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 423rd Bomb(H); ~~Detachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed Intended Destination Obertfaffenhofen, Ger. Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Good
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 Apr/44 Time 1350 ; and Location Near Augsburg, Germany. 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 42-31539
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-004713 (b) SW-006398 ; (c) SW-004653 ; (d) SW-003942
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
   (a) F-647657 ; (b) F-650667 ; (c) B-888102 ; (d) B-889315
   * (e) B-889514 ; (f) F-647737 ; (g) F-547530 ; (h) B-889080
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 | Ebert, Dale (NMI) | 1st Lt | 0-687565 | |
| 2. | Pilot - Co-Pilot | Hall, Kerneth J. | 2nd Lt | 0-687587 | RTD |
| 3. | Navigator - Navigator | Baltunas, Anthony P. | 1st Lt | 0-807967 | RTD |
| 4. | Bombardier - Nose Gunner | Tobias, Julius (NMI) | 1st Lt | 0-685887 | RTD |
| 5. | Aer. Eng - Top Turret Gun. | Feltner, Kenneth N. | T/Sgt | 35395664 | RTD |
| 6. | Radio Opr - Radio Operator | Hamby, Charles W. | Sgt | 17058922 | RTD |
| 7. | Armorer-Gun - Ball Turret Gun. | Early, James B. | S/Sgt | 16031726 | RTD |
| 8. | Radio Opr - R. Waist Gunner | Walker, Ira E., Jr. | S/Sgt | 18016931 | RTD |
| 9. | Armorer-Gun - L. Waist Gun. | Stotts, James D. | S/Sgt | 18074770 | |
| 10. | Aer. Eng. - Tail Gunner | Knapp, Martin J. | S/Sgt | 12159434 | RTD |

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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | KOCH, WARREN C.B. | 1st Lt. | 0-803638 | | X | | |
| 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)
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

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