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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb (H)
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course As prescribed
 Intended Destination Pas de Calais Area ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Clear, with slight ground haze
- GIVE: (a) Date 26 Mar/44; Time 1513 ; and Location Near St. Omer, France.
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio; *NE France*
 () Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available. *Belgium*
- 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 Went into steep dive but is believed to have levelled off on the "deck".
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B 17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97663
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-008502
 (b) SW-008503 ; (c) SW-008525 ; (d) SW-008511
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) KH-447168 ; (b) KH-646664 ; (c) KH-448096 ; (d) F-645556
 (e) S-949144 ; (f) F-225720 ; (g) KH-447830 ; (h) KH-447265
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
 or ~~(b) Non-Battle Casualty~~
- 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
<i>M1</i>	Pilot - Pilot	<i>✓</i> Price, Barney R.	2nd Lt	0-2045069 <i>RFD</i>
<i>M2</i>	Pilot - Co-Pilot	<i>✓</i> DeWolf, William R.	1st Lt	0-749502
<i>M3</i>	Navigator - Navigator	<i>✓</i> White, Donald H.	1st Lt	0-809469 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M4</i>	Bombardier - Nose Gunner (AerG)	<i>✓</i> Gillette, Doran L.	S/Sgt	19006235 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M5</i>	Aer. Eng. - Top Turret G.	<i>✓</i> Kalbach, Carl R.	T/Sgt	13047715 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M6</i>	Radio Opr - Radio Opr.	<i>✓</i> Decker, Raymond R.	T/Sgt	31083106 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M7</i>	Aer. Gunner- Ball Turret G.	<i>✓</i> Johnson, Leslie J.	Sgt	17040811 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M8</i>	Aer. Gunner- R. Waist G.	<i>✓</i> Plumbtree, Lester L.	S/Sgt	37074348 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M9</i>	Aer. Gunner- L. Waist G.	<i>✓</i> Simpson, Kenneth D.	S/Sgt	11037884 <i>RTD</i>
<i>M10</i>	Aer. Gunner- Tail Gunner.	<i>✓</i> Kappan, Frederick J.	S/Sgt	32829900 <i>RTD</i>

- 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	Forced Landing
1. Ahlstrom, Kurt A.	2nd Lt	0-803531		X		
2.						

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used Yes ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) any other reason (Specify)

- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

(G-A-3)

APO 557.
31 March, 1944.

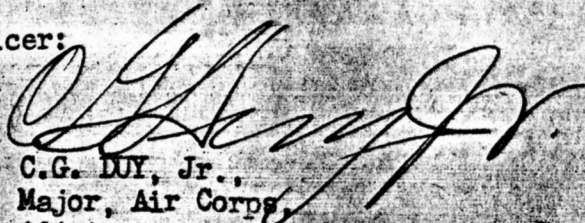
SUBJECT: Eye witness account of incidents pertaining to aircraft No. 42-97663, missing in action on 26 March, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Hq., First Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. According to 2nd Lt KURT A. AHLSTROM, eye witness and Pilot of an aircraft in the same formation, the following is an account of what occurred on 26 March, 1944.

"Just before the target I saw Lt Price's aircraft get a direct flak hit. He dropped his bombs before the rest of the formation and peeled off into a steep dive. I saw him level off almost on the "deck" and four parachutes came from his plane. He seemed to be under control when I last saw him."

For the Commanding Officer:


C.G. DUY, Jr.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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