

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 (H); ~~Detachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course As prescribed  
Intended Destination Berlin ; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Good at altitude, but 6/10 undercast
4. GIVE: (a) Date 29 Apr/44 Time 1225 ; and Location Near Hanover, 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 ( ) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31556
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-62054  
(b) 43-61650 ; (c) 43-61082 ; (d) 43-61837
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) F-649365 ; (b) F-649369 ; (c) F-649373 ; (d) F-649386  
(e) F-729674 ; (f) B-890450 ; (g) B-890457 ; (h) C-267856
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) ~~None 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
KIA 1.	Pilot - Pilot	5 Intz, Warren S.	2nd Lt	0-444564
KIA 2.	Pilot - Co-Pilot	2 Johnson, Thomas W.	2nd Lt	0-815495
KIA 3.	Navigator - Navigator	7 O'Neill, Edward P.	2nd Lt	0-699234
KIA 4.	Bombardier - Nose Gunner	3 Knox, James L.	2nd Lt	0-747024
KIA 5.	Aer Eng - Top Turret Gun.	1 Adams, Warren J.	S/Sgt	0-14096249
KIA 6.	Radio Opr - Radio Operator	8 Reed, Joe D.	S/Sgt	38464210
KIA 7.	Armorer-Gun - Ball Turret G.	10 Ward, Roy Y.	Sgt	38450434
KIA 8.	Armorer-Gun - R. Waist Gun.	9 Ward, Ray Y.	Sgt	38450450
EUS 9.	Aer. Eng - L. Waist Gunner	4 Iazek, Aleck A.	Sgt	6952052
EUS 10.	Armorer-Gun - Tail Gunner	6 Lux, Charles H.	Sgt	16139193

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	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Buttorff, Richard D.	2d Lt.	0-753780		X		
2.						
3.						

- 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 SEARCHER.



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HEADQUARTERS 305TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Commanding Officer  
United States Forces

(G-A-12)

APO 557,  
30 April, 1944.

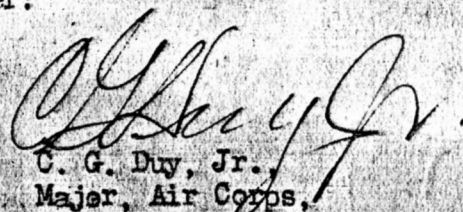
SUBJECT: Eye-witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft No.  
42-31556, missing action, 29 April, 1944.

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

1. According to 2nd Lt. Richard D. Buttorff, eye-witness and Pilot of an aircraft in the same formation, the following is an account of what occurred on 29 April, 1944, to Aircraft No. 42-31556:

"At approximately 1225 hours, near Magdeburg, Germany, Lt. Lutz was hit by flak. The cover of the whole right wing seemed to be stripped off, he peeled up over the lead, rolled over and went down straight enveloped in flames. No chutes were observed."

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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