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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

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1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Station ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 308th Bomb ; Squadron 368th Bomb ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng; Course as prescribed
Target or Intended Destination Bingen ; Type of Mission heavy bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
3/10 to 6/10 clouds over continent. Clear at target
4. GIVE: (a) Day 29 Month Dec Year 1944 Time 1312; and Location Over Bingen
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x); 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 (-); Enemy anti-aircraft (x); Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 43-39031
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) FW-031633 ; (b) FW-031607 ; (c) FW-031646 ; (d) FW-031610
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) MG 703620; (b) ACSP 210224 (c) ACSP-210889 (d) F-358446 ;
(e) S-493425 ; (f) F-1263793 ; (g) S-493427 ; (h) S-1262153 ;
(i) HS-318282 ; (j) F-1262990 ; (k) HS-318567 ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty _____
or (b) Missing in Action
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 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	Current Status
1. Pilot-Pilot	<u>Woellner, Edwin D. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>O-795113</u>	<u>MIA</u> RTD
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	<u>Nickols, Carmon J.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-775992</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator-Navigator	<u>Pollard, Theodore E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-2056483</u>	<u>MIA</u> RTD
4. Bombardier-Nose Gun	<u>Arnold, Frank L.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>37657654</u>	<u>MIA</u> POW
5. Aer Eng-Top Turr Gun	<u>Gibbs, Clarence E.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>34807086</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr	<u>Korf, Glenn A.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>16108628</u>	<u>MIA</u> POW
7. Arm Gun - Ball Turr Gun	<u>Nyberg, Homer C.</u>	<u>1st Sgt</u>	<u>37372198</u>	<u>MIA</u> KIA
8. Arm Gun - Waist Gun	<u>Lehnert, Franklin, J.</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>15121900</u>	<u>MIA</u> POW
9. Arm Gun - Tail Gun	<u>Hop, Yuen (NMI)</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>39137797</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.				
11.				

12. 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	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>DENNY, ROBERT R.</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>O-313607</u>	<u>Radio</u>	<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

13. 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)
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None

Date of Report 1 January, 1945

J. A. LaMotta

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. A. LaMOTTA,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:
See S-2 Report attached.

1 Incl:
Incl 1 - S-2 Report (in quad)



1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates Approximately 49°55'N - 07°55'E
- (b) Approximate altitude Approximately 24,000
- (c) Last noted heading Peeled off formation in spiral
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Aircraft lost in low clouds

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C)

Flak was very accurate but meager tracking at target after bombs away, concentrating on Lead Squadron of which subject aircraft was a member.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Last seen with one engine smoking.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Peeled off formation and lost altitude in wide spirals until lost in low clouds.

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group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft, numbers, nicknames, etc.);

One crew reports P-51s circling aircraft. Markings unobserved because of distance.

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc)

Some crews report 3 parachutes from subject aircraft. All at approximately 18,000 to 20,000 feet.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 3 January, 1945

EYE-WITNESSES: NAME RANK ASN A/C No.

1. DENNY, ROBERT R. Captain 0-813867 42-97658

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh Captain 0-576133 S-2 Officer.

JOHN M. KAVANAUGH

[Redacted signature]