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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) ~~Department~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Brunswick, England ; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 6/10 clouds
- GIVE: (a) Date 29 Mar/44; Time 1335 ; and Location Near Brunswick, 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.
- 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
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37953
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-001281
(b) SW-001176 ; (c) SW-005836 ; (d) SW-001188
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) F-650700 ; (b) F-647288 ; (c) F-398136 ; (d) KH-1150901
(e) KH-1151023 ; (f) KH-927562 ; (g) KH-454996 ; (h) F-397944
- 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
1. Pilot - Pilot	<u>Schmering, Alvin G.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-804412</u> RTD
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Nielsen, Harvey C.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-693468</u> RTD
3. Navigator - Navigator	<u>Hamilton, Jack M.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-688038</u> RTD
4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	<u>Flood, Robert J.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-682541</u> RTD
5. Aer. Eng. - Top Turret G.	<u>Hawthorne, Frederick M.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>32363352</u> RTD
6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr.	<u>Comarnisky, Michael NMI</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>33350271</u> RTD
7. Aer. Gunner - Ball Turret G.	<u>Ashley, Henry C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>34128778</u> RTD
8. Aer. Gunner - R. Waist G.	<u>Garrie, Leon W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>16086374</u> RTD
9. Aer. Gunner - L. Waist G.	<u>McAlister, Norton S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>11122458</u> RTD
10. Aer. Gunner - Tail Gunner.	<u>Bergen, Max H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>36806942</u> 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	Check Only One Column	
					Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>Hilton, William B.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>0-672813</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No ; (b) persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) any other reason (Specify) None
- 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.