

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

AAF Station

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 367th Bomb ; ~~367th Bomb~~
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng Course As prescribed  
Target or Intended Destination Berlin ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Weather and visibility were clear at target.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month Feb Year 45 ; Time ++ ; and Location ++  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted ( ) ; Last contacted by radio (x) ; 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 42-102547 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any Rose of York
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-011902 ; (b) SW-020469 ; (c) SW-020524 ; (d) SW-005118
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) F-972387 ; (b) F-972260 ; (c) BM-1528952 ; (d) BLC-1528041 ;  
\* (e) F-972367 ; (f) F-972345 ; (g) BLC-1528968 (h) BLC-1528342 ;  
(i) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (j) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (k) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (l) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (n) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (o) \_\_\_\_\_ ; (p) \_\_\_\_\_ ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x  
~~reported Non-Battle Casualty~~
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 1 ; Total 10  
(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
KIA 1. Pilot - Pilot	<u>Daley, Verner F Jr</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-767503</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Carbine, Joseph J</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-829796</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 3. Nav - Navigator	<u>Becker, Paul A.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-783101</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 4. Bomb - <del>Arm - Gunner</del> - Nose G.	<u>Creds, Robert E.</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>13130654</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 5. Aer Eng G - Top Turret G.	<u>Horn, Reisel R.</u>	<u>T Sgt</u>	<u>38370879</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr	<u>Marquez, Porfirio J</u>	<u>T Sgt</u>	<u>58166188</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 7. Arm G - Ball Turret G.	<u>Petrillo, George W</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>6999080</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 8. Arm G - Waist Gun	<u>DeZolt, Silvio P</u>	<u>S Sgt</u>	<u>33429833</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 9. Arm G - Tail Gun	<u>Coplin, Okey R.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>35847952</u>	<u>MIA</u>
KIA 10. Passenger	<u>Evan, Guy F.</u>	<u>British War</u>	<u>Correspondent</u>	<u>MIA</u>

11. Information on Passengers not required
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>PATTEN, Jesse L.</u>	<u>2d Lt</u>	<u>0-776010</u>	<u>X</u>			
2. _____						
3. _____						

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- 13. 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) Unknown
- 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 search. Air Sea Rescue may have conducted

Date of Report 7 February, 1945

*Harold G. Taylor*  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)  
 HAROLD G. TAYLOR, 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Asst. Adjutant.

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





GROUP 306th Bomb Gr SQ367th Bomb Sq/C No. 42-102547 MISSION DATE 3/2/45

FIRST PILOT Daley, Vernon F. 1st Lt. O-767503 DESTINATION Berlin.  
NAME RANK ASN

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

Contacted at App. 5310N - 1210E by radio

(a) By coordinates Contacted 2/3 way across English Channel by radio

(b) Approximate altitude Unknown

(c) Last noted heading Toward English Coast

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Unknown

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

Intense, accurate, tracking flak from 4 minutes before bombs away, lasting 8 minutes. No enemy aircraft encountered by this group.

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

Pilot of aircraft reported over radio that one engine was shot out and another losing gasoline.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Unknown.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of fighter group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc;).

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

Unknown

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

When formation was 2/3 of way across English Channel Lt Daley was heard to say he thought he could reach English Coast. Was not heard from since.

8. Date of report: 9 February, 1945

<u>EYE WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>Patten, Jesse L.</u>	<u>2d Lt.</u>	<u>0-776010</u>	<u>43-38183</u>
2.	<u>(Picked up messages over VHF)</u>			
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

Beekman H. Pool

Captain

0-904454

S-2 Officer

NAME

RANK

ASN

DUTY

BEEKMAN H. POOL

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