

to **HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES**
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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 308th ; Squadron 423rd ; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course Unknown
Intended Destination Stuttgart, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Heavy clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 6/9/43 ; Time Unk. and Location Beyond Target
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or (x) 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; () Other Circumstances as follows
Possibly due to mechanical failure
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5841
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64665
(b) 43-55985 ; (c) 42-137121 ; (d) 41-57542
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) S-506444 ; (b) S-506289 ; (c) F-371701 ; (d) F-311410
(e) F-371933 ; (f) S-506290 ; (g) F-371396 ; (h) F-371477
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
~~(b) Prisoner of War~~
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).

see casualty report

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
RTD1.	Pilot	Andrews, Martin	1st Lt.	0-789039
EUS2.	Co-Pilot	Rich, Keith W.	2nd Lt.	0-799863
RTD3.	Navigator	Bowers, Charles G.	2nd Lt.	0-673468
RTD4.	Bombardier	Huisinga, Robert E.	2nd Lt.	0-739098
EUS5.	Aerial Engineer	Biggs, Ralph R.	T/Sgt.	38105807
RMC6.	Radio Operator	Scott, Venton H.	S/Sgt.	35317081
DNB7.	Ball Turret Gunner	DiPietro, Guido	S/Sgt.	32360589
RTD8.	Right Waist Gunner	Simpson, Elmo C.	S/Sgt.	38175051
RMC9.	Left Waist Gunner	Kozlowski, Walter	S/Sgt.	32491474
RTD10.	Tail Gunner	Hucker, Henry C.	S/Sgt.	33219346

11. 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		Saw	
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing

1. Information not available
- 2.

12. 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
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.