

**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 Gp (H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb Sq; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed  
Intended Destination Caen Area, France ; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8/8/44 ; Time 1310 ; and Location Vicinity of Caen, France  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forced Down; (x) 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 42-102669
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-015237  
(b) SW-C15164 ; (c) SW-015376 ; (d) SW-C11931
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) C-775609 ; (b) HS-421625 ; (c) C-781025 ; (d) C-778608  
(e) C-778623 ; (f) HS-603545 ; (g) C-778640 ; (h) C-779698
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
or (b) Non-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	
** 1.	Pilot - Pilot	<u>Kata, Andrew P.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-887035</u>	<u>RTD</u>
** 2.	Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Simons, George C</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-767956</u>	<u>RTD</u>
** 3.	Navigator - Navigator	<u>Bleker, Raymond E.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-703178</u>	<u>RTD</u>
** 4.	Bombardier - Nose Gunner	<u>Mundell, Philip (NMI)</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>12087930</u>	<u>RTD</u>
** 5.	Aer. Eng. Gun - Top Turr Gun	<u>Brown, Joseph (NMI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>35764268</u>	<u>RTD</u>
6.	Radio Operator - Radio Opr.	<u>Endrusick, Stanley A.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>RTD 13055886</u>	<u>MIA</u>
x x 7.	Armorer Gunner - Ball Turr Gun	<u>Giatta, Cliff G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>16066468</u>	<u>RTD</u>
8.	Asst Eng. Gun - Waist Gun	<u>Kepler, Horace F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>16052198</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9.	Armorer Gunner - Waist Gun	<u>Lawlor, John J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>13100191</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.	Armorer Gunner - Tail Gun	<u>Lowry, Basil F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>14119472</u>	<u>MIA</u>
11.	IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.				

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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>Silverman, Barney S.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-697597</u>			<u>X</u>	
2.						
3.						

12. 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) \_\_\_\_\_
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, R SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

\* See Reverse Side.

Date of Report 9 August, 1944.

*Karl H. Muller*

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APO 557,  
9 August, 1944.

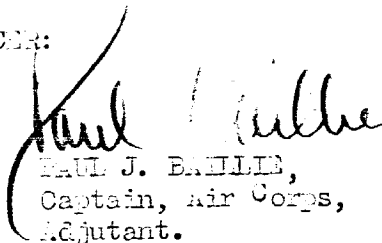
SUBJECT: Eye-witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft No. 42-102669, Pilot Lt A.P. KATA, Missing in Action 8 August, 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Hq., 1st Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. According to 1st Lt Barney S. Silverman, O-697507, Pilot of an aircraft in the same formation and eye-witness, the following is what happened to aircraft No. 42-102669, Pilot, 1st Lt Andrew P. Kata, O-887035, Missing in action, 8 August, 1944:

Our aircraft No. 669, Pilot Kata, hit by flak at 1310 hours. No. 3 engine was burning when Pilot turned to right out of formation. Four men bailed out. Aircraft then turned left toward our lines. Five more chutes came out. Plane then hit ground and exploded.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

  
PAUL J. BRILLE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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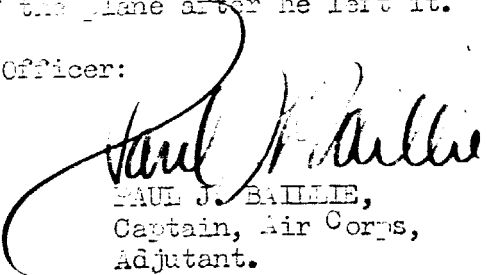
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1. According to 1st Lt. ANDREW P. KATA, Pilot of the missing aircraft, who has returned to the United Kingdom since 8 August, 1944, the following is what occurred aboard his aircraft before it crashed:

The last report from the men who are now MIA was that there was a wing fire. Bombs were subsequently dropped and the prepare to bail out signal was given. Between the time of the bail out signal and the bailing out of Lt Kata and the other men who returned, approximately four minutes elapsed. It is assumed, because of interphone silence and reports from other crews in the formation, that the others concerned bailed out early. (At least four of them.). Lt Kata also states that there were definitely no chutes out of the plane after he left it.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
PAUL J. BAILLIE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschuß-Nr. KU 930 A

Abschußtag und Zeit: 8.8.44 -  
Abschubort: Paris  
Flugzeugtyp: Fortress  
Meldende Dienststelle: Stalag-XII A Limberg

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburts- und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

ENDRUSICK 14.8.23	Stanley Anthony USA	T/Sgt.	13055286	gef. Stalag- <del>luft</del> XII A
KEPLER 1923	Horace Froebel Bloomington, Ill.	S/Sgt.	16052198	gef. Stalag XII A
LAWLOR 1924	John Joseph Pa.	S/Sgt.	13100191	gef. Stalag XII A

Bemerkungen: M.A.C. 8434

DULAG-LUFT, den 25.9.44 Vo.

8 August 1944

T/Sgt Stanley A. Endrusick, radio operator	RTD
S/Sgt Horace F. Kepler, ball turret	RTD
S/Sgt Cliff G. Latta, waist gunner	RTD
S/Sgt Basil F. Lowry, waist gunner	RTD
S/Sgt John J. Lawlor, tail gunner	RTD

All enlisted men in the back of the plane bailed out. Front of plane crew flew on home.

✓  
T/Sgt Stanley A. Endrusick

Mrs. Agnes Endrusick, (Mother)  
68 Second Street,  
Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

✓  
S/Sgt Horace F. Kepler ✓

Mrs. Ora Grant, (Sister)  
2560 North Union Street,  
Decatur, Illinois.

✓  
S/Sgt Cliff G. Latta ✓

Mrs. Catherine S. Latta, (Mother)  
Rural Route Number One,  
East Saint Louis, Illinois.

✓  
S/Sgt Basil F. Lowry ✓

Mrs. Cora M. Lowry, (Mother)  
3087 Park Avenue,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

✓  
S/Sgt John J. Lawlor

Mr. Joseph S. Lawlor, (Father)  
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