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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 Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th  
 Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 367th Bomb (H)
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed  
 Intended Destination Berlin Germany ; Type of Mission heavy bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
10/10 clouds, poor visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8 May/44; Time 1113 ; and Location Near Berlin  
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
 (b) Specify whether (✓) Last Sighted; ( ) 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; ( ) Other Circumstances as follows  
Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-38008
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-002396  
 (b) SW-002402 ; (c) SW-002414 ; (d) SW-002416
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 \* (a) S-111397 ; (b) S-112543 ; (c) F-398355 ; (d) S-949516  
 (e) S-949553 ; (f) BLC-726758 ; (g) BLC-726839 ; (h) BLC-726145
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
 or (b) ~~Not 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>Maticka, Louis F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-753805</u>
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<u>Nelson, Willis S.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-699226</u>
3. Navigator - Navigator	<u>Morris, Walter D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-699226</u>
4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	<u>Stevens, William D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-756919</u>
5. Aer. Eng-Gunner - Top Turret	<u>*Goodwin, Robert B.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>18213641</u>
6. Radio Operator - Radio Operator	<u>Morris, Robert T.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>39120964</u>
7. Arm. Gunner - Ball Turret	<u>Johnson, Warren H.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>19072152</u>
8. Arm. Gunner - R. Waist Gunner	<u>Watt, John F.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>37269631</u>
9. Arm. Gunner - L. Waist Gunner	<u>*Buford, Forest B.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>18157233</u>
10. Arm. Gunner - Tail Gunner	<u>Watts, Jesse P., Jr.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>34433678</u>

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	Saw Crash	Saw Landing
1. <u>Nelson, Charles W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>12187130</u>		<u>X</u>		
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)
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.