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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

AAF Station

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 306th Bomb; Squadron 368th Bomb; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng Course as prescribed  
Target or Intended Destination Gymnich; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
CAVU over Cologne and target area
4. GIVE: (a) Day 10 Month Jan Year 45; Time 1314; and Location Over Cologne  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted ( ); Last contacted by radio ( ); Forced down ( ); Seen to Crash ( ); or Information not Available ( ). Aircraft landed at friendly base
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: Aircraft landed at friendly base
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-d; AAF Serial Number 45-38250
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any DEBBIE
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SN-024045; (b) SN-023835; (c) SN-024025; (d) SN-024651
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) F-1278448; (b) F-1278855; (c) F-1278400; (d) F-1279627; ;  
(e) F-1278420; (f) F-1278505; (g) F-1278595; (h) F-1277886; ;  
(i) F-1279169; (j) F-1278556; (k) F-1279490; (l) F-1278411; ;  
(m) ; (n) ; (o) ; (p) ;
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
or (b) Non-Presence
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew (9); Passengers (0); Total (9)  
(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.)

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Frigidaire

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	for Duty
1. Pilot-Pilot	Hathaway, Carl B.	2d Lt	O-766885	Present	
2. <del>SEE</del> Pilot-Co-Pilot	Morris Harold H.	2d Lt	O-715790	Present	for Duty
3. Bombardier-Navigator	Frederick, James A.	2d Lt	O-745949	Present	for Duty
4. Bombardier-Nose Gun	Norheim, Raymond H. Jr.	S/Sgt	19040566	Present	for Duty
5. Aer Eng-Top Turr Gun	Popivchak, Marion	T/Sgt	33670953	Present	for Duty
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr	Seaman, Meade C. Jr.	T/Sgt	38484747	MIA	
7. Arm Gun-Ball Turr Gun	Danaher, Edward F.	S/Sgt	33851518	SWA	
8. Arm Gun-Waist Gun	Feeney, Eugene J.	S/Sgt	33801278	Present	For Duty
9. Arm Gun-Tail Gun	Sohn, Harry E.	S/Sgt	33622295	LIA	
10.					
11.					

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			Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
1. HATHAWAY, CARL B.	2d Lt	O-766885					
2.							



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 \_\_\_\_\_

None

Date of Report 21 Jan 45

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

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

**1 Incl:**  
**1 Incl. 1 - S-2 Report (in quad)**

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DATE 10-10-80 BY SP-6 JAL/STW

GROUP 306th Bomb Gp (HQ 368th Bomb Sq) No. 43-38250 MISSION DATE 10/1/45

FIRST PILOT Hathaway, Carl B. 2d Lt. O-766385 DESTINATION Gymnich, Germany  
NAME RANK ASN

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

(a) ~~By coordinates~~ \_\_\_\_\_

(b) ~~Approximate altitude~~ \_\_\_\_\_

(c) ~~Approximate heading~~ \_\_\_\_\_

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Aircraft landed in friendly territory.  
only the Radio Operator bailed out.

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

Antiaircraft fire was intense and accurate over Cologne where subject aircraft was hit. Radio Operator was probably blown out of compartment when Radio Room received a direct burst of flak.

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

Not Applicable

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Not Applicable.

(over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give distinguishing markings of fighter group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.), Not Applicable

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

The Radio Operator's parachute was not seen to open.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Only one man left subject aircraft.  
Technical Sergeant Meade C. Seaman, Jr., 38484747

8. Date of report 25 January, 1945.

EYE-WITNESSES: NAME RANK ASN A/C No.

1. Carl G. Hathaway	2nd Lt	0-766885	43-38250
2.		(same aircraft)	
3.			
4.			

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Joseph C. Brashares 1st Lt. 0-564888 S-2 officer  
NAME RANK ASN DUTY

JOSEPH C. BRASHARES,

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