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 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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Station ; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 369th Bomb ; Neurobiological
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng; Course as prescribed
 Target or Intended Destination _____; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 clouds West and East of target area. CAVU over target.
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 ()
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: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; AAF Serial Number 44-8448
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-07; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-026683; (b) 42-61097; (c) SW-027261; (d) SW-027291
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) F-415089; (b) F-414950; (c) F-640127; (d) F-389971;
 (e) F-388473; (f) F-389274; (g) F-639677; (h) F-639704;
 ** (i) F-415884; (j) F-418917; (k) _____; (l) _____;
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or (b) EXCESSIVE CASUALTY
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; 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 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Pilot-Pilot | Mattson, Harold C. | 2nd Lt | 0-770708 | MIA |
| 2. Pilot-Co-Pilot | Kruger, Roy J. | 2nd Lt | 0-775051 | MIA |
| 3. Navigator-Navigator | Shaw, Lawrence C. Jr | 1st Lt | T-127499 | MIA |
| 4. Bombardier-Nose Gun | Bryan, Jesse A. | 2nd Lt | 0-773294 | MIA |
| 5. Bomb-Navigator-Radar | Mocharnuk, William | 2nd Lt | 0-771953 | MIA |
| 6. Aer Eng-Top Turr Gun | Jenkins, James M. | S/Sgt | 15168324 | MIA |
| 7. Radio Opr-Radio Opr | Ramirez, Richard | S/Sgt | 38460861 | MIA |
| 8. Arm Gun-Ball Turr Gun | Zymanek, Joseph T. | Sgt | 42029199 | MIA |
| 9. Arm Gun-Waist Gun | Crowton, Vernon T. | Sgt | 36580167 | MIA |
| 10. Arm Gun-Tail Gun | Koubeck, David S. | Sgt | 39716073 | MIA |
| 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 | by | Last Sighted | Saw | Forced |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Radio | Crash | Landing |
| 1. <u>ROBERT L. LOREN E.</u> | <u>1st Lt</u> | <u>0-740616</u> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 2. | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | |



13. 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)
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 15 January, 1945

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.

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 Incl 1 - S-2 Report (in quad)

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GROUP 306th Bomb Gp SQ 368th Bomb Sq No. 44-8446 MISSION DATE 10/1/45

FIRST PILOT Mattson, Harold C. 2nd Lt. 0-770708 DESTINATION Gymnich, Germany
NAME RANK ASST

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

- (a) By coordinates App. 06°59'E - 50°52'N
- (b) Approximate altitude App. 22,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation App. 2000 feet beneath formation

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

No fighter opposition. Moderate to intense, accurate antiaircraft fire tracking formation visually in Cologne Area. Subject aircraft was hit by this flak.

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

Hit in No. 1 and No. 2 engines by flak. Engines appeared to be burning.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Lost altitude apparently under control

(over)

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)

One parachute observed at approximately 20,000 feet.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Subject aircraft hit by flak about two minutes before bombs away.

8. Date of report, 16 January, 1945.

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

1. Loren E. Hubbell 1st Lt 0-740816 42-97181

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh
NAME

Captain
RANK

0-578133
ASN

S-2 Officer.
DUTY

JOHN M. KAVANAUGH.