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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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to: DESTRUCTED
by: W. M. WANCE AC
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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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb (H)
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Scarbrucken, Germany ; Type of Mission heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
10/10 clouds
- GIVE: (a) Date 11 May / Time 1350 ; and Location Vicinity of Scarbrucken
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.
- 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
Information not available
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-97303
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-011862
(b) SW-007466 ; (c) SW-005688 ; (d) SW-011962
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) F-655640 ; (b) F-655429 ; (c) C-779726 ; (d) BLC-721501
(e) F-77429 ; (f) F-650981 ; (g) F-651842 ; (h) F-653075
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) ~~Other~~
- 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	Wills, William D.	1st Lt	0-750908 RTD
2.	Pilot - Co-Pilot	Roberts, John H.	2nd Lt	0-750692 RTD
3.	Navigator - Navigator	Sharpe, James W. Jr.	2nd Lt	0-703807 RTD
4.	Bombardier - Nose Gunner	Hndrich, Richard F.	2nd Lt	0-755019 RTD
5.	Aer Eng - Top Turret Gunner	Caine, Charles H.	S/Sgt	13059953 RTD
6.	Radio Operator - Radio Opr.	Carleton, Robert G.	S/Sgt	39461463 RTD
7.	Armorer-Gun - Ball Tur. Gun.	Dark, Cleo H.	Sgt	37000203 RTD
8.	Aerial Gun - R. Waist Gunner	Bartron, John J.	Sgt	13100140 RTD
9.	Aer Eng Gun - L. Waist Gunner	Hanson, Kenneth (NMI)	Sgt	32608914 RTD
10.	Aerial Gunner - Tail Gunner	Bishop, Elbert E.	Sgt	15113859 RTD

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			
			By Radio	Lost Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Bester, Clifford E.	2nd Lt	0-743304		X		
2.						
3.						

IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)

- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND