

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 AAF Stall; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 423rd Bomb ; Detachment
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:
4. GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sep Year 44; Time 1130; and Location NE of Berlin.
 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 42-102503
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any Belle of the Blue
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series P-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-014219; (b) SW-014130; (c) SW-014099; (d) SW-013979
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) F-651676; (b) F-77309; (c) F-652713; (d) F-652675;
 * (e) F-981741; (f) F-652698; (g) F-78576; (h) F-646785;
 (i) F-646832; (j) KH-477255; (k) F-226653; (l) F-652517;
 (m) F-981759; (n) ; (o) ; (p)
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or
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.)

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
<i>EVS</i>	1. Pilot	Gates, Daniel W.	2nd Lt	0-763993	Pilot <i>RTD</i>
<i>RMC</i>	2. Co-Pilot	Jordan, Edward E.	2nd Lt	0-824142	Pilot <i>RTD</i>
<i>EVS</i>	3. Navigator	Taylor, John F.	2nd Lt	0-769320	Bombardier <i>RTD</i>
<i>EVS</i>	4. Bomb. Nose-Gun.	Cappelli, Hugo	T/Sgt	12155785	Aer. Eng-Gun* <i>RTD</i>
<i>RTD</i>	5. Top Turret Gun.	Sulzinski, Charles L.	T/Sgt	12140503	Aer. Eng-Gun* <i>RTD</i>
<i>EVS</i>	6. Radio Operator	Peltz, James L.	Sgt.	36746442	Career Gun. <i>RTD</i>
<i>KIA</i>	7. Ball Turret Gun	Fountain, Raymond W. Jr.	Sgt.	11108174	Armorer-Gun. <i>RTD</i>
<i>EVS</i>	8. Waist Gunner	Johnson, Buffard L.	Sgt.	38540892	Armorer-Gun. <i>RTD</i>
<i>EVS</i>	9. Tail Gunner	Reed, Howard E.	Sgt.	35228358	Armorer-Gun. <i>RTD</i>
	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:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column			
			by	Last	Saw	Forced
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing
1. <u> </u>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2. <u> </u>						
3. <u> </u>						

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GROUP 335th Bomb Sq SQ 335th B. A/C No. 42-102605 MISSION DATE 12/1/44

FIRST PILOT W. H. ... 2nd Lt. C-763993 DESTINATION
NAME RANK ASN

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

- (a) By coordinates
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Hit by 2 fighters and caught on fire
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation see (c)

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

The A/C in which Lt. ... was flying was attached ^{by 2 W 19.04} from 7 to 8 o'clock high, six abreast and four deep.

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

Flames from radio room back

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Not Observed.

(over)

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen 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)

No parachutes observed

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None.

8. Date of report 14 October, 1944

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C No.</u>
1.	<u>William A. Behrens</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0578133</u>	<u>42-77400</u>
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

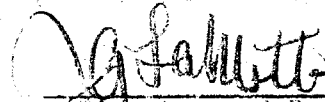
<u>John M. Kavanagh</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0578133</u>	<u>S-2 Officer</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>
<u>JOHN M. KAVANAGH,</u>			

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13. 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) .
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
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Date of Report 13 September, 1944.



(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. A. LAMOTTA, Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Report