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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 AF
 Group 306th Bomb (H) Squadron 568th Bomb (H) Squadron
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurlaigh, Eng Course as prescribed
 Target or Intended Destination Dahlgang ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
W/10 clouds, good visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month Sep Year 44 ; Time 1155 ; and Location NE of Berlin
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x) ; 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 (x) ; Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 42-97368
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any TAILFIND
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-010004 ; (b) SW-009891 ; (c) SW-009957 ; (d) SW-009954
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) F-639637 ; (b) F-648020 ; (c) HS-599158 ; (d) SP-209669 ;
 (e) F-638619 ; (f) F-648000 ; (g) F-78010 ; (h) F-655967 ;
 * (i) F-655896 ; (j) HS-602497 ; (k) HS-1082497 ; (l) HS-1082486 ;
 (m) F-649200 ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or (b) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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
1. Pilot	Sasser, John W.	1st Lt	0-758636	Pilot <u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	McStay, James T.	1st Lt	0-1995801	Pilot "
3. Navigator	Carlino, Anthony J.	2nd Lt	0-716627	Navigator "
4. Nose Gunner	Banta, Robert E.	2nd Lt	0-706780	Bombardier "
5. Top Turr Gnr	Mitchelson, Virgil S.	Sgt	36480415	Aer Eng Gnr <u>RTD</u>
6. Radio Opr.	Carroll, Eugene T.	T/Sgt	38146924	Radio Opr " <u>RTD</u>
7. Ball Turr Gnr	Schultz, Arthur C.	S/Sgt	57116718	Arm Gnr " <u>RTD</u>
8. Waist Gunner	Revolti, David R.	S/Sgt	11119458	Arm Gnr " <u>RTD</u>
9. Tail Gunner	Wilson, Raymond M.	S/Sgt	35235032	Arm Gnr " <u>RTD</u>
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			
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing
1. <u>McCoy, William H.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-319551</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

- 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) ---
++ Reports vary on whether chutes came out of plane, if so used.
- 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 13 September, 194

J. A. LaMotta

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. A. LAMOTTA,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Report



OCT 18 10AM

GROUP 306th Bomb SQ 306th Bomb A/C No. 42-97368 MISSION DATE 12/8/44

FIRST PILOT J. W. Sasser, 1st Lt, O-758336 DESTINATION England, Germany
NAME RANK ASST

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

(a) By coordinates 52 00' N 13 00' W

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading 180 degrees

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation None seen under control

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

Flak was moderate tracking and accurate.

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

One report states that Nos. 2 and 4 engines were out but aircraft was under control.

Another report states that No. 3 engine was hit by anti-aircraft fire and ^{it} fell into clouds.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

See No. 3

(over)

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)

The report states that 5 distress reports were made and 4 reports states that no distress came out.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 13 September, 1944.

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	ASN	A/C No.
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

<u>John M. Kovanagh</u>	<u>MAJ</u>	<u>0578133</u>	<u>S-2 OFFICE</u>
NAME	RANK	ASN	DUTY

JOHN M. KOVANAGH,