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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 Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb Gp(H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb Sq. ; ~~Detachment~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as Prescribed
Intended Destination Schweinfurt, England ; Type of Mission H. Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
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- GIVE: (a) Date 14/10/43 ; Time Unknown and Location Unknown
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (x) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30199
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R 1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-57862
(b) 43-58007 ; (c) 43-58110 ; (d) 43-57743
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) F-383036 ; (b) F-383250 ; (c) F-382985 ; (d) KH-145622
(e) F-383450 ; (f) F-383395 ; (g) F-383228 ; (h) S-119917
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
~~XXXXXX (XXXXXX) Battle Casualty XXXX~~

- 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
US1.	Pilot	Bettinger, George C.	1st Lt.	0-733592
US 2.	Co-Pilot	Block, Abraham	2nd Lt.	0-736085
IA 3.	Navigator	Wood, Elbert S. Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-683365
TD 4.	Bombardier	Dowden, Ieland A.	2nd Lt.	0-676577
US 5.	Top Turret Gunner	Gerking, Samuel F.	S/Sgt.	39303948
US 6.	Radio Operator	Lewis, Gordon F.	S/Sgt.	39828747
US 7.	Ball Turret Gunner	Mills, Elmer W.	T/Sgt.	32399676
US 8.	Right Waist Gunner	Montana, James F.	S/Sgt.	36349974
US 9.	Left Waist Gunner	Williams, Donald E.	S/Sgt.	17034562
US 10.	Tail Gunner	Voight, Linden K.	S/Sgt.	37372321

- 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	Saw Forced Landing
1. None						

- 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
- 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

F-Frigidaire
KH-Kelsey Hayes
S-Savage

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