

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
- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb(H) Squadron 369th Bomb(H) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 - SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng. Course as prescribed
Target or Intended Destination Cologne ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
 - WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 5/10 undercast but visibility good at altitude.
 - GIVE: (a) Day 15 Month Oct Year 44; Time 0938 ; and Location Cologne
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 ()
 - 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: _____
 - AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 43-38296
 - NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any NONE
 - ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-007324 ; (b) SW-019108 ; (c) SW-018856 ; (d) SW-018900
 - INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) F-1289466 ; (b) F-1289511 ; (c) F-1283218 ; (d) F-1289447 ;
(e) F-1289241 ; (f) F-1283911 ; (g) F-1289247 ; (h) BLC-1754194 ;
(i) F-1279370 ; (j) F-1279335 ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____ ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____ ;
 - THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 - 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	<u>Ritter, Robert G.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-823455</u>	<u>Pow</u>	<u>Pilot</u> <u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Duncan, Roy W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-716078</u>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Seibert, Joseph A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-723903</u>	<u>Navigator</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Nose Gunner	<u>Stalker, Robert A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>O-772763</u>	<u>Bombardier</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Top Turr Gun	<u>Bussieres, Samuel J.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>11014605</u>	<u>Pow</u>	<u>Aer. Eng. Gun</u> <u>MIA</u>
6. Radio Operator	<u>Daly, John J.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>36686041</u>	<u>RTD</u>	<u>Radio Operator</u> <u>MIA</u>
7. Ball Turr Gun	<u>Ross, Kenneth D.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>12225576</u>	<u>Pow</u>	<u>Arm Gun</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>MIA</u>
8. Waist Gun	<u>Callahan, Daniel F.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>19094305</u>	<u>Pow</u>	<u>Arm Gun</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>MIA</u>
9. Tail Gun	<u>Tomke, John W.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>17131332</u>	<u>Pow</u>	<u>Arm Gun</u> <u>RTD</u> <u>MIA</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		Saw		
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
1. <u>SCOLNIK, ROBERT J., 1st Lt., O-821094</u>				<u>X</u>			
2.							
3.							

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- 13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used X ; (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 _____

Date of Report 15 October, 1944

Robert F. Morris
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)
 ROBERT F. MORRIS,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Report



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GROUP 3063rd Gp SQ 369th Sq A/C No. 43-38296 MISSION DATE 15/10/44

FIRST PILOT ROBERT G. RITTER, 2nd Lt. O-823455 DESTINATION Cologne
NAME RANK ASN

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

- (a) By coordinates App 5100 N - 0700 E
- (b) Approximate altitude 27000 Feet
- (c) Last noted heading spiralled down
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Unknown

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

Barrage and very accurate tracking flak encountered at target.

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

Several parts falling out, one or two chutes seen, There appeared to be a direct flak hit in the nose of the Aircraft. Nose appeared almost entirely gone.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Spiralled down.

(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)

One or two chutes seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None.

8. Date of report 15 October, 1944

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

- 1. SCOLNIK, ROBERT J., 1st Lt., 0-821094 42-102512
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh Captain, 0-178133 S-2 Officer
NAME RANK ASN DUTY
JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,

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