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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

SRAD #457

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: England Command or Air Force 8th AF
GROUP 306th; SQUADRON 423rd; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course _____
Intended Destination St. Nazaire; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 Feb 43 Time 12:00 hrs; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Near Ploermel, France
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; () Forced down; (Seen to Crash; or (X) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: (x) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B 17 F; AAF Serial No. 42-5717
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(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
1. WFO <u>P</u>	Warner, William H	<u>1st Lt</u> 2nd Lt	0-437894 <u>KIA</u>
2. XCF <u>CP</u>	Carlson, Arnold R	2nd Lt	0-727120-727122 <u>KIA</u>
3. <u>Eng</u>	Wilson, Claiborne W	T/Sgt	14 068 222 <u>RTD</u>
4. <u>N</u>	Utley, Lewis H	1st Lt	0-660 553 <u>KIA</u>
5. <u>WG</u> 371	Neeley, Colon E	371 S/SGT	6 964 897 <u>KIA</u>
6. <u>WG</u>	Kisling, Robert D	S/Sgt	6 658 162 <u>KIA</u>
7. <u>BT</u>	Morgan, Walter C	S/Sgt	19 005 539 <u>P.O.D.</u>
8. <u>TG</u> ✓	Williams, William E	S/Sgt	14 058 038 <u>KIA</u>
9. <u>B</u>	Kylius, Robert E	1st Lt	0-726043 <u>RMC</u>
10. <u>R.O.</u>	Espittalier, Edward F	T/Sgt	39 083 381 <u>EUS</u>
11.			

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

(over)

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
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) _____						
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.						
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.						
16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____						

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

The above crew of the aircraft which bombed St. Nazaire, France on 16 Feb 43, was hit by flak and later by fighters and disappeared into clouds about 20 miles north of the target. According to Sgt Wilson quote " I was told by friends who helped me that six bodies were buried by the Germans from my plane. They saw the bodies and also went to the burial. They were buried in the cemetery of a small town called Guillac near Ploermel," unquote.

(Above taken from S R & D # 457).