

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

54-94-13-46E

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 Peenemunde Type of Mission heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 7/10 cloud till target with big opening in clouds, good vis.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 18 Month Jul Year 44; Time 1013; and Location Vicinity of Peenemunde 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 42-31737
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) 41-55043 ; (b) BAD-1-W6 ; (c) SW-007242 ; (d) 43-62368
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 716925 - B ; (b) 893033 - B ; (c) 895255 - B (d) 895216 - B ;
(e) 894085 - B ; (f) 898784 - B ; (g) 895077 - B (h) 894031 - B ;
(i) 895202 - B ; (j) 895194 - B ; (k) 894197 - B (l) 894138 - B ;
(m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) ~~non-battle casualty~~
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 - Pilot | <u>Parks, Lois C. Jr.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-758614</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>RHC</u> |
| 2. Pilot - Co-Pilot | <u>Payton, Clifford G. Jr.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-821069</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>INT</u> |
| 3. Nav - Nav | <u>Paprocki, Stan J.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-708543</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>INT</u> |
| 4. Bomb. - Nose G. | <u>Finn, Paul F.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-762913</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>RHC</u> |
| 5. Aer Eng - Top TurG. | <u>Peters, Raymond V</u> | <u>T/Sgt</u> | <u>18050579</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>INT</u> |
| 6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr | <u>Toth, Andrew E.</u> | <u>S/Sgt</u> | <u>36105586</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>RHC</u> |
| 7. Arm Gun - Ball G. | <u>Kremen, Sherwin S</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>39207638</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>INT</u> |
| 8. Arm Gun - Waist G. | <u>Hawkins, Russell O Jr</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>35558686</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>INT</u> |
| 9. Arm Gun - Tail G. | <u>Mason, Randolph D.</u> | <u>Sgt</u> | <u>39703980</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>RHC</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 | Forced Crash | Forced Landing | |
| 1. <u>McNAUGHT, DAVID A.</u> | <u>2nd Lt</u> | <u>0-761609</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)
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 18 July, 1944.

Paul J. Baillie

(Signature of Preparing Officer)
PAUL J. BAILLIE, Captain, Air Corps,
 Assistant Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

The following is an eye witness account of what happened to aircraft No. 42-31737, Pilot 2nd Lt. LOUIS C. PARKS, JR. O-758614, Missing in Action by 2nd Lt. DAVID A. McNAUGHT, O-761609 Pilot of aircraft in the same formation:

"Our aircraft No. 737-U, Pilot Parks, feathered # 1 engine at I.P. He salvaged his bombs in the water at 1013 hours. Then # 2 engine started to smoke and caught fire. Aircraft turned to right pulling out of formation and heading towards Sweden when last seen at 26,000 feet."

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