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 WAR DEPARTMENT
 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

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 Bomb (H); SQUADRON 423rd; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course _____
 Intended Destination Brest, France; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date May 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft over English Channel
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; () 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: (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____)
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B 17-F; AAF Serial No. 42-5422
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. Pilot	<u>Pipp, Edwin C</u>	1st Lt	0-791496	<i>oth</i>
2. CR	<u>Lear, James B</u>	1st Lt	0-662806	<i>CP killed</i>
3. 311	<u>Flower, Leland J</u>	2nd Lt	0-419390	<i>N KIA</i>
4.	<u>Melillo, James J</u>	Sgt	12 041 751	<i>KMC</i>
5.	<u>Rogers, Eli C</u>	T/Sgt	13 032 861	<i>RT is</i>
6.	<u>Williams, Buren C</u>	T/Sgt	34 136 724	<i>Killed</i>
7. (Zaban)	<u>Eddie</u>	S/Sgt	39 160 335	<i>BT killed</i>
8.	<u>Kaczanowski, Edward</u>	Sgt	32 397 024	<i>Killed</i>
9.	<u>Neuweiler, Norman A</u>	S/Sgt	16 098 305	<i>Killed</i>
10.	<u>Babbs, James L</u>	S/Sgt	16 072 324	<i>RMC</i>
11.				

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

See SR4D#762

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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)