

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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 AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 306th Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 423rd Bomb (H) ; ~~Attachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed  
Intended Destination Bernburg, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
FEB 5/10 Clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 22/2/44 ; Time Unknown ; and Location Vicinity of Cologne  
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.
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-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-39945
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-64748  
(b) 43-65929 ; (c) 43-65948 ; (d) 43-66170
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) F-650332 ; (b) F-650601 ; (c) S-930906 ; (d) S-930848  
(e) S-930992 ; (f) S-930897 ; (g) S-929334 ; (h) S-930600
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
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 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot - Pilot	✓ Toombs, J. P. (IO) Jr.	1st Lt	0-677327 <i>KIA</i>
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	✓ Taunton, Howard C.	1st Lt	0-681740
3. Navigator - Navigator	✓ Pulver, Albert G. Jr.	1st Lt	0-683310
4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	✓ Branom, Buford E.	1st Lt	0-679328
5. Aer. Eng. - Top Turret G.	✓ Wheeler, Ralph H.	T/Sgt	32499061 <i>KIA</i>
6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	✓ Gaire, Paul G.	T/Sgt	12162672
7. Aer. Gunner - Ball Tur G.	✓ Brend, Calvin T.	S/Sgt	11103371 <i>RTD</i>
8. Aer. Gunner - R. Waist G.	✓ Harris, William V.	S/Sgt	14130231 <i>RTD</i>
9. Aer. Gunner - L. Waist G.	✓ Foley, John C.	S/Sgt	33319940 <i>RTD</i>
10. Aer. Gunner - Tail G.	✓ Chappie, Virgil G.	S/Sgt	15340782

11. 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	Saw Forced Landing	

1. None
2. \_\_\_\_\_

12. 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) None
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT