

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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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 AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 369th Bomb(H); ~~Detachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed  
Intended Destination Obertfaffenhofen, Ger.; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
Good
4. GIVE: (a) Date 24 Apr/45 Time 1355 ; and Location Near Augsburg, Germany  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(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-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31901
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-010018  
(b) SW-010001 ; (c) SW-009939 ; (d) SW-008413
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
\* (a) S-111044 ; (b) S-949514 ; (c) BLC-727182 ; (d) BLC-726707  
(e) BLC-726763 ; (f) B-895259 ; (g) BLC-726700 ; (h) BLC-726774
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) ~~Missing in Action~~
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 1 ; Total 11  
(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).

\*\* For passenger see attached appendix.

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot-Pilot	Tarr, William C.	1st Lt	0-805535	RTD
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	Handy, Ross E., Jr.	1st Lt	0-757617	RTD
3. Navigator-Navigator	Odom, Olin O., Jr.	2nd Lt	0-699233	RTD
4. Bombardier-Nose Gunner	Krashes, Bertram (NMI)	2nd Lt	0-689551	RTD
5. Aer. Eng Gunner-Top Turret G.	Farkas, George F.	T/Sgt	6991631	RTD
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr.	Cunningham, Jack B.	T/Sgt	13171014	RTD
7. Arm. Gunner-Ball Turret Gunner	Lively, Donald C.	Sgt	34189158	RTD
8. Arm. Gunner-R. Waist Gunner	Moore, John A.	Sgt	34508098	RTD
9. Aer. Eng Gunner-L. Waist G.	Simson, William C.	S/Sgt	34394633	RTD
10. Arm. Gunner-Tail Gunner	Seaman, Robert (NMI)	S/Sgt	32720364	RTD

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. <u>SCHLESCHER, EDWIN, C. Jr.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0-806354</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>		
2.						
3.						

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):
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.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE.

AAF Station 111, 306th Bomb Group (H), 369th Bomb Squadron (H)  
Appendix to MISSING AIR CREW REPORT. (25 April, 1944.)

AIRCRAFT - A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31901

PILOT - TARR, WILLIAM C., 1st Lt., O-805535

Crew Position	Name in Full	Rank	Serial Number
Passenger-Observer	Owen, Shubel J.	Captain	O-903777
Intellegence Officer			