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 Date **MAR 15 1948**

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE  
 WASHINGTON  
**MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

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**IMPORTANT:** This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th  
 Group 306th Bomb Gp (H) ; Squadron 368th Bomb(H); ~~Deployment~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed  
 Intended Destination Augsburg, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
FEB Clear, visibility unlimited
- GIVE: (a) Date 25/2/44 ; Time 1210 ; and Location Near Charleville, France  
 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.
- 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
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31245
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number(a) 42-77912  
 (b) SW-000923 ; (c) SW-000954 ; (d) SW-002476
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
 (a) F-405570 ; (b) C-749029 ; (c) KH-683745 ; (d) KH-685405  
 \* (e) KH-684938 ; (f) KH-685321 ; (g) KH-685033 ; (h) W-684518
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
 or (b) ~~Other Circumstances~~
- 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
1. Pilot - Pilot	<i>X</i> Coleman, James R.	<i>3</i> ✓ F/O	T-292	RTD
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	<i>X</i> Bourn, Oscar B.	<i>1</i> ✓ 1st Lt	0-686448	RTD
3. Navigator - Navigator	Rodriguez, Louis (NMI)	<i>1</i> ✓ 1st Lt	0-462257	RTD
4. Aer. Eng. - Nose Gunner	<i>POW</i> Snyder, Clinton E.	<i>4</i> ✓ S/Sgt	16051593	RTD
5. Aer. Eng. - Top Turret G.	<i>X</i> Hayes, Rex L.	<i>5</i> ✓ T/Sgt	14102667	RTD
6. Radio Opr. - Radio Opr.	<i>POW</i> Garrison, Calvin G.	<i>4</i> ✓ T/Sgt	17154444	RTD
7. Aer. Gunner - Ball Tur G.	<i>POW</i> Vaught, Phillip D.	<i>9</i> ✓ S/Sgt	18216787	RTD
8. Aer. Gunner - R.Waist G.	<i>POW</i> Buckley, Joseph E.	<i>4</i> ✓ Sgt	32212214	RTD
9. Aer. Gunner - L.Waist G.	<i>POW</i> Wiersma, William (NMI)	<i>10</i> ✓ S/Sgt	32605106	RTD
10. Aer. Gunner - Tail G.	<i>POW</i> Organ, Fred T.	<i>6</i> ✓ S/Sgt	33264077	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			
			By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Field, Philip J.	1st Lt	0-745507		X		
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE. None