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WASHINGTON
 MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

INITIALS: VYH

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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 111, APO 634; ~~Group~~ Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 423rd Bomb Sq (H) Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England; Course as briefed
 Intended Destination Hanover, Germany; Type of Mission Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good, 1/10 to 2/10 low cum cloud --- haze.
- GIVE: (a) Date 26/7/43; Time 1258 hours and Location 15 min. after target near Diepholz.
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 (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) () Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Flak Ten (10) chutes seen, this was probably A/C# 42-30156
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17-F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-30156
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-58654
 (b) 43-58884; (c) 43-58597; (d) 43-58343
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 (a) S-116061; (b) S-117932; (c) S-116126; (d) S-115456
 (e) S-115906; (f) S-116028; (g) S-118649; (h) S-120171
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
~~(b) Missing in Action~~
- 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	Courson, Wesley E.	2nd Lt.	0-523576	RTD
2. Co-Pilot	Bronson Jr., Roy B.	2nd Lt.	0-678151	RTD
3. Navigator	Grezlak, Ted (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-663369	RTD
4. Bombardier	Lynch, Henry J.	2nd Lt.	0-734365	RTD
5. Aerial Engineer	Champion, John G.	S/Sgt.	18106352	RTD
6. Radio Operator	Dayton, William G.	S/Sgt.	32335786	KIA
7. Ball Turret Gunner	Thomas Jr., Dock G.	Sgt.	14100472	KIA
8. Waist Gunner	Stevens, Robert C.	Sgt.	16124943	KIA
9. Waist Gunner	White, Cedric A.	Sgt.	38172266	RTD
10. Tail Gunner	Lamb, Billy J.	S/Sgt.	18064306	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	Last	Saw	Forced		
			Radio	Sighted	Crash	Landing		
1. Harris, Jack (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-665303		X				
2. Peck, Stephen W.	2nd Lt.	0-2044422		X				
3. Briscoe, Carroll D.	Capt.	0-441827					Saw Courson hit by Big Flak.	

- 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 HERE None possible

* (i) S-120031 (j) S-120120 (k) S-120230 (l) S-120270

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