

*R-900*

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

*SRTD #647*

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: 367th Bomb (H) DETACHMENT:
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Intended Destination Erla Works, Antwerp; Type of Mission BOMBING
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_
4. GIVE: (a) Date 5 Apr 43 Time \_\_\_\_\_; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Specify whether ( ) Last sighted; ( ) last contacted by radio; (X) 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. 42-5072
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	
DED	1. <del>XXXX</del> Pilot	Parker, William HENRY	1st Lt	0-789402	RFA
EUS	2. <del>XXXX</del> Navigator	O'Brien, Leonard H	T/Sgt	11 042 093	RMC
EUS	3. Bombardier	Milbourn, Arthur L	1st Lt	0-659575	RMC
EUS	4. Co-pilot	Thelen, Charles J	1st Lt	0-728036	RMC
KIA	5. Navigator	Spaduzzi, Paul A	1st Lt	0-660922	RFA
DED	6. Bombardier	Clark, James S	S/Sgt	16 048 871	RFA
DED	7. Engineer	Creatore, John M	T/Sgt	12 022 826	
KIA	8. Navigator	Haft, Richard E	S/Sgt	15 071 408	
KIA	9. Navigator	Davis, Sidney E	S/Sgt	11 029 511	RFA
DED	10. <del>XXXX</del> AV 86/43-5	Gross, James E	T/Sgt	13 038 685	KIA
	11.				

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

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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)

This aircraft was lost to fighter attack on a mission to the Erla Works near Antwerp on 5 April 1943. Shortly after reaching its target, the plane went down. No parachutes were seen and no search was made.

(Above taken from S. R. & D # 647)