

to HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

AAF Station

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 369th Bomb ; Reassignment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Fourleigh, Eng. ; Course as prescribed
 Target or Intended Destination Stuttgart ; Type of Mission heavy bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Thin high clouds in target area
4. GIVE: (a) Day 9 Month Dec Year 44 ; Time 1240 ; and Location Over Stuttgart
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x) ; 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) Enemy aircraft (x) ; Enemy anti-aircraft () ; Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 43-38362
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-026575 ; (b) SW-026461 ; (c) SW-007397 ; (d) 41-25809
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) B-1314741 ; (b) B-1314097 ; (c) B-1316256 ; (d) B-1314197 ;
 (e) B-1313894 ; (f) B-1314015 ; (g) F-1279127 ; (h) F-1283422 ;
 (i) B-1314677 ; (j) B-1314275 ; (k) F-1283104 ; (l) F-1283331 ;
 (m) _____ ; (n) _____ ; (o) _____ ; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or (b) Missing in Action
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
 (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	Current Status
1. Pilot-Pilot	<u>Brown, Robert H.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-815824</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	<u>Giglio, William F.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-818654</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator - Navigator	<u>Walden, James B.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>0-761342</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4. Bombardier-Nose Gun	<u>Moore, James R.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-755088</u>	<u>MIA</u>
5. Aer. Eng-Top Turr Gun	<u>Bann, Jerrold J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>18162152</u>	<u>MIA</u>
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr	<u>Obm, Raymond A.</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>6281791</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. Aer. Gun-Ball Turr Gun	<u>Abdelnour, Samuel E.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>32741414</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. Aer. Eng - Waist Gun	<u>Hovey, Ernest P.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>39410137</u>	<u>MIA</u>
9. Aer. Gun - Tail Gun	<u>Bollard, Joseph W.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>31406366</u>	<u>MIA</u>
10.				
11.				

12. 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 Landing
1. <u>PETERSON, EDWARD G.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-761827</u>		<u>X</u>		
2.						

B - Buffalo
 F - Frigidaire

(Over)



Unknown

- 14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
- 15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- 16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None

Date of Report 16 December, 1944

J. A. LaMotta

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. A. LaMOTTA,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Report attached.

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Incl 1 - S-2 Report (in quad)

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FIRST PILOT Robert H. Brown, 1st Lt, O-815824 DESTINATION Stuttgart, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates Approximately 4850N - 0912E
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading Out of formation
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Left formation under control

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C,

Barrage at target. Lead Squadron had meager accurate tracking flak. Subject crew flew in lead Squadron. No E/A encountered.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

None observed

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft was under control.

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group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.,)

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc)

No parachutes observed

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Other aircraft in same formation were seriously damaged by flak.

8. Date of report 16 December, 1944

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	ASN	A/C No.
1.	Edward G. Peterson	1st Lt	0-761827	43-38690
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

<i>John M. Kavanaugh</i>	Captain	0-578133	S-2 Officer.
NAME	RANK	ASN	DUTY
JOHN M. KAVANAUGH			

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