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 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
 WASHINGTON

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.
 Grafton-Underwood,

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force Eighth
 Group 384th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood
England; Course As Briefed
 Target or Intended Destination Hertogenbosch, of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
2/10 cumulus tops 6-8000 feet, 8/10 cirrostratus 23,000 feet. Visibility 10-20 mi.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 17 Month Sept Year 1944; Time 1122 and Location 5055N, 0542 E.
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether aircraft was 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) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as Follows: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 42-8011
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any Misbehavin'
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-017581; (b) SW-017584; (c) SW-017586; (d) SW-01590
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
 (a) see attached (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
 (e) sheet; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
 (i) _____; (j) _____; (k) _____; (l) _____
 (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
 or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. 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	Current Status
1. Pilot	*Kelsay, Omar Frank	Capt.	0-806083	Duty
2. Co-Pilot	Scoster, Wilbur LeRoy	1st Lt.	0-757316	POW <u>KTD</u>
3. Navigator	Schold, George Bertie Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-862601	POW <u>KTD</u>
4. Bombardier	Parker, Max Franklin	1st Lt.	0-746667	POW <u>KTD</u>
5. Observer	*Ziegler, Pete Frank	2nd Lt.	0-757763	Duty
6. Radio Oper.	*Soto, Raymond Serrano	T/Sgt.	X 39848953	Duty
7. Top Turret	*Paylos, Nickolas Manuel	T/Sgt.	13102285	Duty
8. Ball Turret	*Schmeller, Thomas R.	S/Sgt.	X 35912694	KIA per U-154. <u>KTD</u>
9. Tail Gunner	*Kelsay, Donald Edward	S/Sgt.	32840815	Duty
10. Waist Gunner	*Norstrom, John Julius	S/Sgt.	37565839	Duty

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash Landing
1. Marshoco, Jose Ricardo	S/Sgt.	38455915		X	
2. Caspar, Delmar Rulon	S/Sgt.	19158191		X	
3. Manners, Dale Melvin	S/Sgt.	37460745		X	

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*These men have returned and are on active duty status.

- 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) Six (6) crew members have returned to active duty status.
- 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

Date of Report 26 September 1944

/s/ J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

/t/ J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Ass't. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:



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9. INSTALLED WEAPONS

- a. 601580 High Standard
- b. 601293 High Standard
- c. 502769 Savage
- d. 502775 Savage
- e. 1181674 Savage
- f. 1181667 Savage
- g. 604745 High Standard
- h. 603446 High Standard
- i. 595338 Brown Lipe Chapin
- j. 1541497 Brown Lipe Chapin
- k. 600869 High Standard
- l. 601146 High Standard

All guns were Cal .50 Aerial Machine Guns.

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Office of the Commanding General
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14 JAN 1945

SUBJECT: Missing Aircrew Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

Reference confidential radio message WAR X84669, 30 December 1944, revised missing aircrew report for A/C #44-8011 pertaining to S/Sgt. Thomas R. Schmeller, 35912694, is submitted herewith.

For the Commanding General:



H. S. WILSON, JR.,
Major, A. G. D.,
Ass't. Adj. General.

1 Incl: MACR re A/C #44-8011, 384th Bomb Group,
MIA - 17 Sept 44 (in dup).

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