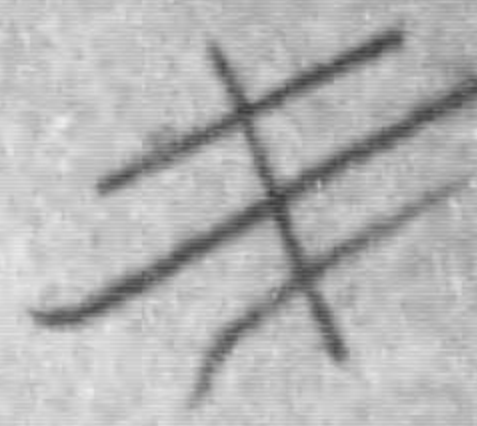


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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Grafton-Underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 384th; Squadron 545th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed  
Target or Intended Destination Zeitz, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/10 undercast. Dense persistent contrails.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 30 Month Nov Year 1944; Time 1349; and Location 5102 N, 1217 E  
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 Avail-  
able ( )
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check  
only one) Enemy Aircraft ( ); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (x); Other Circumstances  
as follows: \_\_\_\_\_
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 44-8409 ✓
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any \_\_\_\_\_
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; AAF Serial  
Number (a) SW-025227; (b) SW-025234; (c) SW-025257; (d) SW-025242
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) 667030 KH; (b) 667902 KH; (c) 650380 Frig.; (d) \_\_\_\_\_;  
(e) 667403 KH; (f) 667906 KH; (g) 647667 Frig.; (h) \_\_\_\_\_;  
(i) 669438 KH; (j) 670637 KH; (k) 668434 KH; (l) \_\_\_\_\_;  
(m) 668484 KH; (n) 667204 KH; (o) 667213 KH; (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 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	Full Name (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Current Status
<i>KIA</i> Pilot	<i>W</i> Champ, Arthur Dexter	2nd Lt.	0-771303	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>RTD</i> Co-Pilot	<i>W</i> Williams, Charles LeRoy	2nd Lt.	0-927509	MIA <i>Pow</i>
<i>RTD</i> Navigator	<i>W</i> Gerlach, Menceslaus Anthony	2nd Lt.	0-722778	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>EUS</i> Bombardier	<i>W</i> Chidley, Jack Ramon	2nd Lt.	0-2063158	MIA <i>EUS RTD</i>
<i>EUS</i> Radio Oper.	<i>W</i> Forstich, <del>Gert</del> Gerald Fabian	Sgt.	14033355	MIA <i>EUS RTD</i>
<i>KIA</i> Top Turret	<i>W</i> Pepprose, Rodney (JMI)	Sgt.	19064123	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> Ball Turret	<i>W</i> Sherman, John Junior	Sgt.	33679930	MIA <i>KIA</i>
<i>EUS</i> Tail Gunner	<i>W</i> Bergesen, Wesley C.	Sgt.	37584238	MIA <i>EUS RTD</i>
<i>KIA</i> Waist Gun	<i>W</i> Love, Robert Leroy	Sgt.	35549602	MIA <i>KIA</i>

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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 Forced Landing
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|----------------------------|--------|----------|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Stoner, Harper S.       | S/Sgt. | 33503479 |  | x |  |  |
| 2. Becerra, Richard J. Jr. | S/Sgt. | 39284618 |  | x |  |  |
| 3. Carson, Allen G.        | S/Sgt. | 33703616 |  |   |  |  |

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 OR HEAR 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 8 December 1944

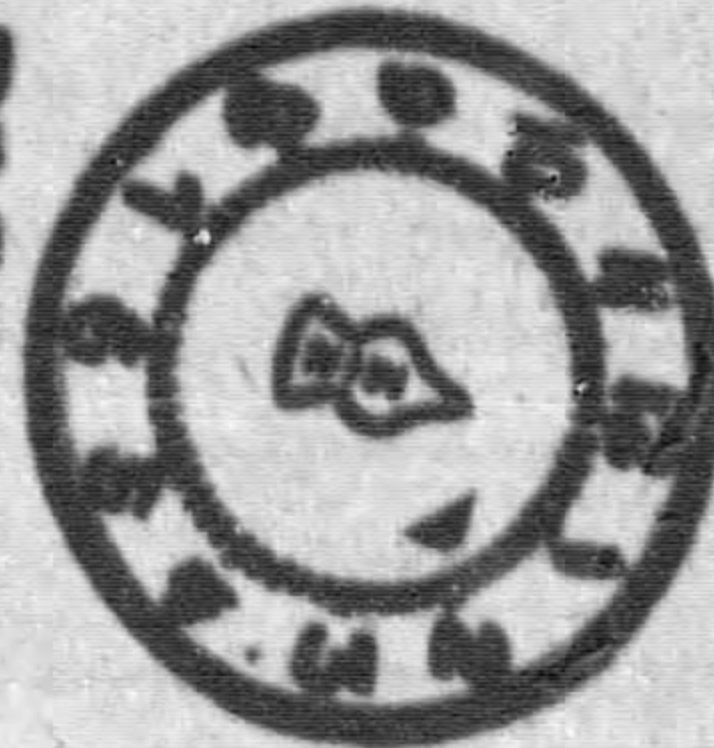
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(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
J. R. WYATT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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