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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Grafton-Underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 384th; Squadron 544th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Sterkrade, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
Clear
4. GIVE: (a) Day 22 Month Jan Year 1945; Time 1333; and Location 5134N, 0642E
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 43-38850
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial
Number (a) SW-029682; (b) SW-029897; (c) SW-029809; (d) SW-029848
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1031504 Browning; (b) 1031603 Brown; (c) 1031807 Colt; (d) 1031661 Colt;
(e) 413621 Brown; (f) 1038977 Brown; (g) 1038013 Brown; (h) 1031138 Browning;
(i) 1031179 Brown; (j) 1031896 Brown; (k) 1037447 Brown; (l) 1031024 Browning;
(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 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
1. Pilot	<u>Van Popering, Earle Allen</u>	1st Lt.	0-740984	MIA <u>Pow</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Doherty, William Edward</u>	2nd Lt.	0-577380	MIA <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Ferrall, Jack Gordon</u>	2nd Lt.	0-462831	MIA <u>RTD</u>
4. Togglier	<u>Ozyjowski, Eugene (NMT)</u>	S/Sgt.	42103005	MIA
5. Radio Oper.	<u>Reghout, Richard A.</u>	T/Sgt.	11102154	MIA <u>RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Schulz, Russell Lloyd</u>	T/Sgt.	19164757	MIA <u>Pow</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Matthias, Charles W.</u>	Sgt.	18000850	MIA <u>RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Denney, Roy E.</u>	Sgt.	38563685	MIA <u>Pow</u>
9. Waist Gunner	<u>Maffei, Albert (NMT)</u>	Sgt.	39332710	MIA <u>RTD</u>
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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

Serial Number	Name (Last Name, First)	Rank	Contacted		Saw	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Crash	Forced Landing
1.	John Robert	2nd Lt.	0-776216	x		
2.	Hollingsworth, Fredrick Clay	2nd Lt.	0-712010	x		
3.	Johnson, Donald Ernest	2nd Lt.	0-768569	x		

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 29 January 1945

J. R. Wyatt

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

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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