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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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th; Squadron 545th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed  
Intended Destination Gelsenkirchen, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_
- GIVE: (a) Date 5/10 - 7/10 overcast Time \_\_\_\_\_; and Location Over enemy territory  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (x) Last Sighted; ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen to Crash; or ( ) Information not Available.
- 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 When last seen was engaged with six or seven enemy fighters; plane was still under control and pilot seemed to know exactly what he was doing.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-3231
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 41-57129  
(b) 41-57690; (c) 41-58082; (d) 41-57194
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_; Total 10  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars; If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

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EUS  
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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
Pilot	Carrington, Richard T.	Capt.	0-728581	RTD
Co-Pilot	Esty, Harvey C.	2/Lt.	0-672340	RTD
Bombardier	Smithwick, M. H.	Capt.	0-729511	RTD
Navigator	Taber, Robin E.	1/Lt.	0-663429	RTD
Radio Operator	Brittain, Arthur E.	T/Sgt.	13096046	
Top Turret	Schmidlapp, Philip E.	T/Sgt.	35110121	RTD
Ball Turret	Smalley, Win R.	S/Sgt.	37418175	
Tail Gunner	Parkins, Walter C.	S/Sgt.	34124122	
Flexible Gunner	Wingate, Floyd M.	S/Sgt.	37369181	
Flexible Gunner	Scholand, Joseph A.	S/Sgt.	37280903	RTD

- 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	Contacted by			Check Only One Column		
			Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw For ced Landing		
Hansenfluck, Jesse D.	1/Lt.	0-665305		X				

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
- ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
- ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 15 August 1943.

H. J. McVeice 1st Lt. AC.  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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