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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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 aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 106 ; Command or Air Force VIII  
Group 384th ; Squadron 544th ; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106 ; Poland As Briefed  
Intended Destination Posen, Ger. Krzesinski ; Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
9/10 Cumulus
4. GIVE: (a) Date 13 May 44 Time 1415 ; and Location 53°51'N 18°15'E  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(U) Specify whether (X) Forced Down, ( ) Last contacted by Radio;  
( ) Forces Down; ( ) Seen or Observed or ( ) Information not Available.
5. 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 A/C peeled out of formation after being attack by E/A. A/C disappeared thru undercast, under control.
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-102548 X
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-014446  
(b) SW-014453 ; (c) SW-014557 ; (d) SW-014615
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_; (b) \_\_\_\_\_; (c) \_\_\_\_\_; (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_; (f) \_\_\_\_\_; (g) \_\_\_\_\_; (h) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10 ; Passengers 0 ; 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).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	
EOS 1.	Pilot	Baker, Charles Washington, Jr.	2nd Lt.	O-808281	RTD
EOS 2.	Co-Pilot	Koos, Leonard Frank	F/O	T-61937	RTD
RAC 3.	Navigator	Carlin, Phillip Lester	2nd Lt	O-698259	KIA
EOS 4.	Bombardier	Shaner, William Martin	2nd Lt	O-755114	RTD
EOS 5.	Radio Operator	Snead, William Austin	S/Sgt.	35646454	RTD
KIA 6.	Top Turret	Gutierrez, Harry Louie	Sgt.	19179073	KIA
KIA 7.	Ball Turret	Swartzendruber, Carroll Duane	Sgt.	37663908	KIA
KIA 8.	Tail Gunner	Soto, Salvador (NMI), Jr.	Sgt.	39276069	KIA
EOS 9.	Right Waist Gun	Sabo, George (NMI)	Sgt.	32725909	RTD
EOS 10.	Left Waist Gun	Hamilton, Harry Tobias	S/Sgt.	33538024	RTD

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted				Check Only One Column	
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing		
1. <u>Travis, William L.</u>	<u>Col.</u>	<u>O-19009</u>				<u>X</u>		
2.								
3.								

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No ; (b) Personnel seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) Unknown
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROPRIATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. 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 17 May 1944

J. R. Wyatt  
(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
J. R. WYATT,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst. Adjutant.

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✓ 2nd Lt. Charles W. Baker, Jr.

Mrs. Florence B. Baker, (Wife)  
Delaware Avenue,  
Bridgeville, Delaware.

✓ 2nd Lt. Philip L. Carlin

Mrs. Jennie I. Carlin, (Mother)  
6130 York Road,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

✓ 2nd Lt. William M. Shamer,

Mrs. Mary E. Shamer, (Mother)  
Border Street,  
West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

✓ P/O Leonard F. Koon

Mrs. Mary E. Deternan, (Mother)  
134 North K Street,  
El Reno, Oklahoma.

✓ S/Sgt. Harry T. Hamilton

Mrs. Hannah M. Hamilton, (Mother)  
Box Four, Route One,  
Winchester, Virginia.

✓ S/Sgt. William A. Sneed

Mrs. Grace B. Sneed, (Mother)  
162 Pershing Street,  
Beckley, West Virginia.

✓ Sgt. Harry L. Gutierrez

Mrs. Rita C. Gutierrez, (Mother)  
2025 Zonal Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

✓ Sgt. Carroll D. Swartzendruber

Mr. Eulis J. Swartzendruber (Father)  
Route Number Two,  
Wellman, Iowa.

✓ Sgt. Salvador Soto, Jr.

Mrs. Frances B. Soto, (Wife)  
667 Phoenix Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

✓ Sgt. George Sabo

Mr. George Sabo, (Father)  
51 New Broadway,  
North Tarrytown, New York.

Identification-Tag

<i>KIA</i> GENTIERON, Harry L.	19179073	<i>KIA</i>
<i>KIA</i> Soto Jr. Salvador	39276069	<i>KIA</i>
<i>Evil</i> SMOED, William A.	35646454	<i>Pow</i>
BRASCH, Robert L.	0-635767	<i>Pow</i>
<i>Evil</i> Baker Jr. Charles W. O-908281		<i>Evil</i>

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