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Date **OCT 15 1944**

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 547th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: POINT of Departure AAF Station 106; Course As Briefed
Intended Destination Merseburg, Germany; Type of Mission Combat
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
6-8/10 building cumulus tops 13-15,000 feet
- GIVE: (a) Date 29 July 44 Time Unknown; and Location Western Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or (x) Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO BE LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check
only one () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; (x) Other circumstances
as follows A/C called for fighter escort after the target and was not
observed leaving the formation.
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37870
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) SW-017838
(b) SW-017965; (c) SW-018043; (d) SW-020187
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) See attached (b) _____; (c) _____; (d) _____
(e) sheet; (f) _____; (g) _____; (h) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
- 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
1. Pilot	<u>Pilot</u> <u>Sweeney, Ned Hardy</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-1303225</u> <i>Rtd</i>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Gyory, Frank Kalman</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-818861</u> <i>Rtd</i>
3. Navigator	<u>Greenberg, Marvin (NMI)</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0-747007</u> <i>Rtd</i>
4. Bombardier	<u>Mayer Moyer, Paul Bernard</u>	<u>E/O</u>	<u>T-1800</u> <i>Rtd</i>
5. Radio Operator	<u>Owens, Norris Reece</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>20425446</u> <i>Rtd</i>
6. Top Turret	<u>Bingeman, Jack William</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>13078358</u> <i>Rtd</i>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Eernquist, Kenneth Irvin</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>6879524</u> <i>Rtd</i>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Thomas, Paul N.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>16045432</u> <i>Rtd</i>
9. Right Waist Gun	<u>Caruso, Frank Louis</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>33396576</u> <i>Rtd</i>
10. Left Waist Gun	<u>Sullivan, Robert Francis</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>11051594</u> <i>Rtd</i>

11. 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)	Serial Number	Contacted			Check Only One Column	
		by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

- 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) Unknown
- ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING _____ 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 2 August 1944

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. Wyatt
J. R. WYATT,
Capt, AC, Asst Adjutant

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8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)

- a. 1217416 Savage
- b. 1217169 Savage
- c. 1217188 Savage
- d. 1217117 Savage
- e. 1217062 Savage
- f. 1216047 Savage
- g. 125762 Savage
- h. 1215556 Savage
- i. 1217316 Savage
- j. 1217223 Savage
- k. 1217541 Savage
- l. 1217120 Savage

All guns were Cal .50 Aerial Machine Guns.

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1st Lt Marvin Greenberg ✓

Mrs. Dora Stein, (Aunt)
2824 North Sherman Boulevard,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1st Lt Ned H. Sweeney ✓

Mrs. Carolyn E. Sweeney, (Wife)
2232 Brentwood Drive,
Houston, Texas.

1st Lt Frank K. Gyory ✓

Mr. Nicholas B. Gyory, (Brother)
2447 Thirty Second Street,
Astoria, New York.

P/O Paul B. Moyer ✓

Mrs. Josephine Moyer, (Mother)
108 Cleveland Street,
Lilly, Pennsylvania.

T/Sgt Norris R. Owens ✓

Mrs. Cornelia Buckhalter, (Mother)
Route Number Five,
Laurel, Mississippi.

T/Sgt Jack W. Bingham ✓

Mrs. Ethel Bingham, (Mother)
2514 Academy Avenue,
Holmes, Pennsylvania.

S/Sgt Kenneth I. Fernquist ✓

Mrs. Jeannie A. Fernquist, (Wife)
511 1/2 Columbia Street,
Elmira, New York.

S/Sgt Robert F. Sullivan ✓

Mrs. Mary G. Sullivan, (Mother)
55 Farrington Street,
Brookton 4, Massachusetts.

Miss Margaret J. Sullivan, (Aunt)
9 Off Prospect Street,
Weymouth, Massachusetts.

S/Sgt Paul H. Thomas ✓

Mrs. Letta L. Thomas, (Mother)
832 Franklin Street,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

S/Sgt Frank L. Caruso ✓

Mrs. Antoinette Caruso, (Mother)
1229 Laguer Street,
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