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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
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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 Sta 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb ; Squadron 369th Bomb ; Detachment
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng. Course As prescribed
Target or Intended Destination Oranienburg type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Clear with good visibility
4. GIVE: (a) Day 10 Month Apr Year 45 ; Time 1505 ; and Location Over Wittenberg
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted () ; Last contacted by
radio () ; Forced down (x) ; 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-17-G ; AAF Serial Number 42-37619
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If Any Flack-Shack
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; AAF Serial
Number (a) 43-60959 ; (b) 41-56066 ; (c) SW-025845 ; (d) SW-027675
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) BLC-1530906 (b) B-1299717 ; (c) B-1299144 ; (d) BLC-1537347 ;
(e) BLC-1531571 (f) B-1297726 ; (g) BLC-1531600 (h) BLC-1531621 ;
(i) _____ ; (j) _____ ; (k) _____ ; (l) _____ ;
(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	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status	
1. Pilot-Pilot	Babin, Allen L.	1st Lt	0-801662	DEAD	RTD
2. Pilot-Co-Pilot	McGuff, Gilbert J.	2nd Lt	0-805944	DEAD	RTD
3. Navigator-Navigator	Clemetson, Donovan S.	2nd Lt	0-2072419	DEAD	RTD
4. Bomb-Nose Gunner	McKilip, William R.	S/Sgt	13170141	DEAD	RTD
5. Aer Eng-Top T Gun	Ferguson, William L.	S/Sgt	18098420	RTD	DEAD
6. Radio Opr-Radio Opr.	Deutsch, Henry P.	S/Sgt	36755253	RTD	DEAD
7. Arm Gun - Ball T Gun	Zaniska, Robert J.	Sgt	35917181	DEAD	RTD
8. Arm Gun - Spot Jam.	Quinn, William M.	S/Sgt	16190078	DEAD	RTD
9. Arm Gun - Tail Gun	Rickerl, Theodore J.	Sgt	37681067	DEAD	KIA

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-
CRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted by Radio	Saw Last Sighted	Saw Forced Crash Landing
1. Babin, Allen L.	1st Lt	0-801662	(Pilot of aircraft)		
2. _____					
3. _____					

FIRST PILOT Allen L. Babin, 1st Lt. O-801662 DESTINATION Oranienburg
NAME RANK ASN

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates App. 11 50'E - 53 00'N

(b) Approximate altitude App. 3500 feet

(c) Last noted heading Toward Wittenberge

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation Not Applicable

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of Flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C)

**Moderate, accurate tracking flak
No enemy aircraft encountered.**

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Tail was blown off aircraft. Many controls severed

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft went into a series of stalls, then fell away and repeated same procedure several times.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No. If so, give distinguishing markings of fighter group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.), _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc)

Eight parachutes came out of aircraft. Six men returned to military control

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

The following men returned safely.

1st Lt Allen L. Babin, O-801662, S/Sgt William R. McKillop, 13170141
2nd Lt Gilbert J. McGuff, O-805994 S/Sgt William M. Quinn, 16190078
2nd Lt Donovan S. Clemetson, O-2072419 Sgt Robert J. Zamiska, 35917181

The following men are still MIA

S/Sgt William L. Ferguson, 18098420, S/Sgt Henry P. Deutsch, 36755253,

+++ See below

8. Date of report 16 April, 1945.

EYE-WITNESSES: NAME RANK ASN A/C No.

1. ALLEN L. BABIN, 1st Lt O-801662 42-37619

2. (Pilot of aircraft)

3. _____

4. _____

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and on copy):

John M. Kavanaugh Captain O-578133 S-2 Officer
NAME RANK ASN DUTY
JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,

[Handwritten signature]

+++ Tail Gunner, Sgt Theodore J. Ricker, 37681067 - KIA
The following is an eye witness account of the Pilot of the a/c, Lt A.L.

Babin:

Our aircraft received a burst of flak in the tail section, which knocked off the entire tail section and the tail gunner's position. It is my opinion that the tail gunner did not have a chance to leave the aircraft safely as it would have been very difficult for him to wear his parachute in his position and impossible for him to put it on in time.