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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

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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. 868

- 1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta. 111; Command or Air Force 8th Group 306th Bomb Gp(H) Squadron 367th Bomb Sq;
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England; Course as prescribed; Intended Destination Bremen, Germany; Type of Mission H. Bomb.
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: Hazy, 3/10 clouds
4. GIVE: (a) Date 8/10/43; Time Unk.; and Location Unknown
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft;
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-29985
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-57906 (b) 42-78884; (c) 43-57967; (d) 43-57893
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 1; Total 11

Table with columns: Crew Position, Name in Full (Last Name First), Rank, Serial Number. Rows include Pilot (Ledgerwood, Thomas D.), Co-pilot (Acker, John G.), Navigator (Sorden, Myron L.), Bombardier (Levy, Eugene R.), Top Turret Gunner (Cooke, Harvey D. Jr.), Radio Operator (Van Dragt, Robert G.), Ball Turret Gunner (Spell, John K.), Waist Gunner (Fila, Andrew E.), Waist Gunner (Walsh, Patrick A. Jr.), Tail Gunner (Robinson, Arthur E.).

11. 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

Table with columns: Name in Full, Rank, Serial Number, By, Last, Saw, Forced. Rows include 'None'.

- 12. 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
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE 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

• (i) F-313169 (j) F-313142 (k) F-313156 (l) F-319913

S- Savage
F- Frigidaire
KH- Kelsey Hayes

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Crew Position	Name	Rank	ASN
Passenger - Observer	George, Paul J.	Capt.	0-471623