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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.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name AAF Sta 111 Command or Air Force 8th  
Group 306th Bomb; Squadron 368th Bomb; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Thurleigh, Eng. Course as prescribed  
Target or Intended Destination Wienbach; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
4/10 cloud to 3/10 cloud below route to target
- GIVE: (a) Day 11 Month Sept Year 44; Time 1115; and Location Near Wienbach  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (x); Last contacted by  
radio ( ); Forced down ( ); Seen to Crash ( ); or Information not Avail-  
able ( )
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G; AAF Serial Number 42-37836
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any Rain Check
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial  
Number (a) 45-57175; (b) 41-42783; (c) SW-007544; (d) SW-009752
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);  
(a) S-904081; (b) S-905467; (c) B-866261; (d) S-927215;  
(e) B-866261; (f) S-927426; (g) B-866586; (h) B-866564;  
(i) S-926866; (j) S-926046; (k) S-926713; (l) B-866764;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_

- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty  
or (b) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- 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	Machosky, John F.	1st Lt	O-815575	MIA Pilot <i>CRD</i>
2. Co-Pilot	Phillips, James L.	2nd Lt	O-819864	" Pilot <i>CRD</i>
3. Navigator	Swartz, Robert R.	2nd Lt	O-709071	" Navigator <i>CRD</i>
4. Nose Gunner	Roberts, William N, Jr.	2nd Lt	O-708056	" Bombardier <i>CRD</i>
5. Top Turret Gun	Lanich, Edward R.	T/Sgt	16115510	" Aer Eng Gun. <i>CRD</i>
6. Radio Operator	Geisman, Lester R.	S/Sgt	12185439	" Radio Opr. <i>CRD</i>
7. Ball Turr Gun.	Micuta, Alphonse A.	Sgt	16186453	" Aer Eng Gun. <i>CRD</i>
8. Waist Gun.	Stanley, William D.	Sgt	33634630	" Armorer Gun. <i>CRD</i>
9. Tail Gun.	Dolovacky, Andrew J.	S/Sgt	35275390	" Armorer Gun. <i>CRD</i>
10.				
11.				

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted			Saw Forced Landing
			by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	
1. <u>MACHOSKY, JOHN F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt</u>	<u>815575</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. _____						
3. _____						

13. 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) \_\_\_\_\_
14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 12 September, 1944

*J. A. Lamotta*  
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(Signature of Preparing Officer)  
J. A. LAMOTTA, Captain, AC.,  
Asst. Adjutant.

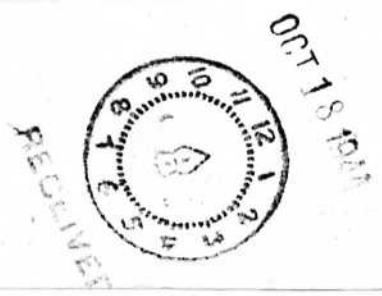
17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See attached S-2 Report.

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INV - \_\_\_\_\_  
W - \_\_\_\_\_  
V - \_\_\_\_\_  
L - \_\_\_\_\_  
S - \_\_\_\_\_



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

- (a) By coordinates 5137 - 12101
- (b) Approximate altitude 27,000
- (c) Last noted heading out of contact area
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation lost and believed at 21.1

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

No flak at time aircraft went down. Flak accurate tracking, moderate to intense along route.

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

No. 3 engine on fire

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Was seen under control.

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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)

No parachutes seen

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 12 Sept 1951

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	ASN	A/C No.
1.	WILLIAM A. BROWN	2nd Lt	105-501	13-77575
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

John M. Kavanaugh      105-501      3-2 OFFIC  
 NAME                      RANK                      ASN                      DUTY  
 JOHN M. KAVANAUGH,

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