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Date MAR 15 1948MISSING 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 Sta. 111, APO 634 ~~Washington~~ Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb Gp (H); Squadron 367th Bomb Sq(H) Detachment
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England; Course as ordered
Intended Destination Gelsenkirchen, Germany; Type of Mission H. Bomb.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Heavy clouds
- GIVE: (a) Date 12 Aug/47; Time 0850 hrs; and Location Near Cologne, Germany
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not Available.
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; (X) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17F; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-5406
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-59979
(b) 43-60142; (c) 43-60162; (d) 43-60168
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) S-506316; (b) F-568654; (c) F-568797; (d) F-593853
(e) F-393982; (f) F-394097; (g) F-395734; (h) F-395714
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
~~(b) Prisoner of War~~
~~(c) Missing in Action~~
- 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).

STATUS

	Crew Position		Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<u>KIA</u>	1. Pilot	<u>4</u>	<u>Cunningham, William J.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-733616</u>
<u>DOW</u>	2. Co-Pilot	<u>2</u>	<u>Bolte, Walter A.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-737338</u>
<u>EWS</u>	3. Navigator	<u>7</u>	<u>Pochily, Theodore M.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-676113</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>EWS</u>	4. Bombardier	<u>-</u>	<u>Butler, Morris E.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-739069</u> <u>RTD</u>
<u>KIA</u>	5. Aerial Engineer	<u>1</u>	<u>Bayne, James A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32401646</u>
<u>KIA</u>	6. Radio Operator	<u>6</u>	<u>Persson, Doyle M.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>19069420</u>
<u>K</u>	7. Ball Turret Gunner	<u>7</u>	<u>Roberts, Gordon C.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>39831129</u>
<u>KIA</u>	8. Waist Gunner	<u>3</u>	<u>Brucks, Robert L.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>15073424</u>
<u>K</u>	9. Waist Gunner	<u>8</u>	<u>Sesman, John R.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32304569</u>
<u>K</u>	10. Tail Gunner	<u>5</u>	<u>Getcher, Harold G.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32506305</u>

- IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWN KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME.

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw		
			By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Forced Landing	
<u>ROBINSON, Laek L.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>O-728924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>BRISCOE, Carroll D.</u>	<u>Capt.</u>	<u>O-444827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

- 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 APPROXIMATE 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

