

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:

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Station 111 ; Command or Air Force 8th
 Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 423rd Bomb (H) ~~Detachment~~
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurleigh, England ; Course as prescribed
 Intended Destination Kothen, Germany ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
7/10 clouds with haze at target
4. GIVE: (a) Date 20/7/44 ; Time 1121 ; and Location Vicinity of Leipzig
 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.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one () Enemy Aircraft; (x) Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-31897
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 42-78289
 (b) SW-006410 ; (c) 43-65730 ; (d) SW-004175
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
 * (a) HS-241070 ; (b) KH-136444 ; (c) BLC-726723 ; (d) BLC-426744
 (e) BLC-726970 ; (f) KH-135971 ; (g) B-898957 ; (h) KH-682663
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
 or (b) ~~non-battle casualty~~
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9 ; Passengers 0 ; Total 9
 (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 - Pilot	McNaught, David A.	2nd Lt	0-781609	Pow RTD
2. Pilot - Co-pilot	Wollack, John P.	2nd Lt	0-822880	Pow RTD
3. Navigator - Navigator	Glass, William E.	2nd Lt	0-695419	Pow RTD
4. Bombardier-Bombardier, Nose Gun.	Watson, Marilyn L.	2nd Lt	0-772676	Pow RTD
5. Aer. Eng.-Gunner - Top Turret Gun.	Scherr, Jerome A.	T/Sgt	19049623	Pow RTD
6. Radio Operator - Radio Operator	Hansen, Theodore J.	Cpl	12050563	Pow RTD
7. Arm. Gun.- Ball Turret Gunner	Gesine, Michael G.	Sgt	17114165	Pow RTD
8. Radio Operator - Waist Gunner	Burke, William J.	Sgt	11069141	Pow RTD
9. Aer. Eng. Gunner - Tail Gunner	Eckenrode, Harold T.	Sgt	13022355	Pow RTD

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)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By	Check Only One Column		
				Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. HORN, Robert N.	2nd Lt	0-808841		X		
2.						
3.						

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 ; (c) any other reason (Specify) None
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 SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE None

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HEADQUARTERS 306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Commanding Officer
United States Forces

APO 557,
22 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Eye-witness account of incidents pertaining to Aircraft
No. 42-31897, Pilot Lt. D.A. McNAUGHT.

TO: Commanding General, Hq., First Bombardment Division, APO 557.

1. According to 2nd Lt Robert N. Horn, O-808841, Pilot of an aircraft in the same formation, the following is what happened to Aircraft No. 42-31897, Pilot 2nd Lt DAVID A. McNAUGHT on 20 July, 1944:

Our aircraft, No. 897, pilot McNaught, was hit by A.A. gun fire about 1121 hours in Leipzig area. Left Tokyo tank and No. 1 engine caught fire. Aircraft dropped out of formation into steep dive, then came back up, flying level. Turned off to left and flew diagonally away from formation finally disappearing into clouds. Fire was observed to go out. Pilot evidently was unable to feather engine. No chutes observed from this aircraft.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

Paul J. Billie
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Captain, Air Corps,
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