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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

Date MAR 15 1944

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 ; Command or Air Force 8th
Group 306th Bomb (H) ; Squadron 368th Bomb (H) ~~Redacted~~
- SPECIFY: Point of Departure Thurligh, England ; Course as prescribed
Intended Destination Obertfaffenhofen, Ger ; Type of Mission Heavy Bomb
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
Good
- GIVE: (a) Date 24 Apr/44 Time 1335 ; and Location Near Augsburg, 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; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17-G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-39776
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97 ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) 43-57749
(b) 43-64067 ; (c) 43-64158 ; (d) SN-006211
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
* (a) S-569145 ; (b) S-569148 ; (c) S-568672 ; (d) S-569184
(e) S-569191 ; (f) S-568518 ; (g) S-120982 ; (h) S-569144
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) ~~Non-Battle Casualty~~
- 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).

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
1. Pilot	N/A Coughlin, John F.	1st Lt	0-805405
2. Pilot - Co-Pilot	DEAD Johnson, Allan J.	1st Lt	0-813002
3. Navigator - Navigator	EUS Hall, Frank J.	1st Lt	0-814299
4. Bombardier - Nose Gunner	EUS Gretton, George T.	1st Lt	0-682697
5. Aer. Eng - Top Turret Gunner	KIA Beasley, Madison O.	T/Sgt	18161424
6. Radio Opr - Radio Opr	EUS Libby, Orville E.	T/Sgt	11122457
7. Aer. Eng - Gunner - Ball Turret	DEAD Flores, Thomas A.	S/Sgt	19126057
8. Arm. Gunner - R. Waist Gunner	KIA Garner, Ralph A.	Sgt	34200685
9. Aer. Eng - Gunner - L. Waist Gunner	EUS Ladage, Charles D.	S/Sgt	19174219
10. Arm. Gunner - Tail Gunner	EUS Tucker, Melvin T.	S/Sgt	37417339

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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Paulsen, Paul F.	1st Lt.	0-795819		X		
2.						
3.						

- IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used yes ; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify)
- 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