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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

SRAD # 357

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: England Command or Air Force 8th AF
GROUP 303rd Bomb (H); SQUADRON 427th Bomb (H); DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course _____
Intended Destination Lorient, France; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date 23 Jan 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft at sea off Lorient, France
(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; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F; AAF Serial No. 41-24607
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty _____
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(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	
1. Pilot	Byrom, Jarold J	1st Lt	0-726995	KIA
2. CP	Reber, Ehle H	1st Lt	0-414648	KIA
3.	Mitchell, Allan D	2nd Lt	0-661533	KIA
4.	Swindle, Robert J	2nd Lt	0-727132	KIA
5.	Hamilton, Duke L	T/Sgt	6 274 614	KIA
6.	Blankenship, Irwin D	S/Sgt	39 006 503	KIA
7.	Mayo, Donald A	S/Sgt	31 004 749	
8.	Gross, Luther M	Sgt	14 072 775	
9.	Hand, Victor G	Sgt	19 093 161	KIA
10.	Milford, Roger W	Sgt	34 236 179	KIA
11.				

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

(OVER)
1.

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Name in Full (Last name first)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1.						
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.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVEN NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE _____

Date of Report _____

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

The above aircraft failed to return from a combat mission over western France 23 Jan 1943, and is believed to have gone down at sea as no trace of it or the crew have been reported to be found.

(Above taken from S R & D # 357)