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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

AV 43

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: England Command or Air Force 8th AF
GROUP _____; SQUADRON _____; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure England; Course _____
Intended Destination St. Nazaire, France; Type of Mission Bombing
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date 16 Feb 43 Time _____; And Location of Last known whereabouts of missing aircraft at sea in English Channel
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () last contacted by radio; (X) 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: (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 F; AAF Serial No. 41-24541
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).

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Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number
<i>Kia</i> 1. Pilot	<i>371</i> ✓ <u>Dunnica, Lawrence G</u>	Capt	0-420376
<i>Kia</i> 2. CP	<i>20</i> ✓ <u>Thornton, Leonard E</u>	1st Lt	0-727060
<i>Ens</i> 3. AV-43 AV 35 AV 49-2	✓ <u>Pacey, Orson E</u>	2nd Lt	0-661545 <i>RMC</i>
<i>Ens</i> 4.	✓ <u>Scheible, Robert</u> <i>AO</i>	1st Lt	0-660404 <i>RMC</i>
<i>Kia</i> 5.	✓ <u>Holland, Bertis W</u>	T/Sgt	16 019 187
<i>Kia</i> 6.	✓ <u>Dew, Robert L</u>	S/Sgt	34 256 736
<i>Kia</i> 7.	✓ <u>Taylor, Claude F</u>	S/Sgt	39 604 307
<i>Kia</i> 8.	✓ <u>Harker, Wayne E</u>	Sgt	35 038 126
<i>Ens</i> 9.	✓ <u>Tucker, Harry W</u>	T/Sgt	0 17 021 491 <i>RMC</i>
<i>Ens</i> 10.	✓ <u>Cascio, Philip T</u>	S/Sgt	0 34 273 496 <i>RMC</i>
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 crewmembers aircraft was shot down over the English Channel near Brest Peninsula. Four of the crew were picked up after spending fourteen hours in a dinghy, by the German air sea rescue.

(Above taken from S R & D # 455)

CHECK STATUS ON;

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CASCIO, PHILIP T.	S/Sgt	34 273 496	EUS
DEW, ROBERT L.	S/Sgt	34 256 736	KIA
DUNNICA, LAWRENCE G.	Capt	0-420 376	KIA ✓
HARKER, WAYNE E.	Sgt	35 038 126	- KIA
HOLLAND, BERTIS W.	T/Sgt	15 019 187	- KIA
PACEY, ORSON E.	2/Lt	0-661 545	Epus EUS
SCHEIBLE, ROBERT O.	1/Lt	0-660 404	unhinged
TAYLOR, CLAUDE F.	S/Sgt	39 604 307	- KIA
THORNTON, LEONARD E.	1/Lt	0-727 060	- KIA
TUCKER, HARRY W.	T/Sgt	17 021 491	- EUS

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FORM 371 BEING PREPARED

DATE

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LT. SULLIVAN