

RESTRICTED
WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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: Molesworth Command or Air Force VIII
GROUP 303rd; SQUADRON 358th; DETACHMENT ---
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Molesworth; Course See Diagram Attached
Intended Destination Wilhelmshaven, Germany; Type of Mission Bombardment
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
7/10 to 10/10 Strato-cumulus and swelling cumulus tops 4000 to 12,000 feet
4. GIVE: (a) Date 3 Feb. '44 Time 1215; And Location of Last
known whereabouts of missing aircraft 54°12'N-05°45'E D.R. Position
(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; (X) Other Circumstances
as follows Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17 G; AAF Serial No. 42-37927
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial No. (a) SW 448
(b) SW 940 (c) SW 948 (d) SW 81
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number) 904885 SAV; 927684 SAV
(a) 927515 SAV (b) 561579 SAV; (c) 927042 SAV (d) 927749 SAV; 926796 SAV
(e) 1151659 KH; (f) 114399 SAV; (g) 397842 FGM (h) 927797 SAV; 926831 SAV.
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 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
DED1. Pilot:	4 WHITE, Gerald	Capt.	0-428430
DED2. CP	5 NEWSOM, Walter W.	2nd Lt.	0-693813
DED3. Navigator	3 KRUSE, Erwin A.	2nd Lt.	0-811006
DED4. Bombardier	8 STAFFORD JR., Warren (NMI)	2nd Lt.	0-749940
DED5. Engineer & Top Tur. Gun.	1 BOTTOMLEY, Sydney L.	S/Sgt.	39113560
X DED6. Ass't Eng. & R.W.G.	1 BECKNELL, Wallace E.	Sgt.	39262295
DED7. Radio Operator	10 ZNIDERSICH, Louis E.	S/Sgt.	35574837
DED8. Ass't Rad. Oper. & B.T.G.	1 SLATE, Ralph W.	Sgt.	13118159
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DED10. Tail Gunner	1 MC COY, Robert E.	Sgt.	15112836

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

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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.						

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVE TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachute were used --; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash --; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) --
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15. 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 5 February 1944

/s/ Jesse M. Barrett

JESSE M. BARRETT, (Signature of Preparing Officer)
Major,

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HEADQUARTERS AAF STATION 107
393RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
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Mrs. Bertha C. McCoy, (Mother)
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Route #1
Emery, Texas

TRACK CHART

TARGET

Date _____

Route followed by _____

Primary _____

Secondary _____

Last Resort _____

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