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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 air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name Molesworth, Eng. Command or Air Force 8th A. F. Group 303rd B.(E) Squadron 358th; Detachment _____
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Molesworth, Eng.; Course See attached chart. Target or Intended Destination Magdeburg, Ger.; Type of Mission Bombardment.
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: 8-10/10th cumulus clouds, tops 16-18,000 feet. Visibility unrestricted.
- GIVE: (a) Day 28 Month September Year 1944; Time 1150 Location See par. 17. of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (X); 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) Enemy Aircraft (X); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: _____
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 43-38186
- NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if Any None.
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-023051; (b) SW-023340; (c) SW-025641; (d) SW-023403
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number):
(a) 1279210 F.D.G.M. (b) 1279645 F.D.G.M. (c) 1279654 F.D.G.M. (d) 1278473 F.D.G.M.;
(e) 1278535 F.D.G.M. (f) 1278816 F.D.G.M. (g) 1278512 F.D.G.M. (h) 1279615 F.D.G.M.;
(i) 1278467 F.D.G.M. (j) 1279760 F.D.G.M. (k) 1279017 F.D.G.M. (l) 1278604 F.D.G.M.;
(m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty X of (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9
(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	Current Status
1. Pilot	GILLESPIE, GLENN H.	2nd Lt.	0-764881	MIA MIA
2. Co-Pilot	CASSIDY, FRANCIS D.	2nd Lt.	0-772284	KIA MIA MIA
3. Navigator	GUTEMANN, RICHARD F.	2nd Lt.	0-723352	KIA MIA MIA 12-11-44
4. Bombardier	FISCHKE, ROBERT L.	2nd Lt.	0-771963	KIA MIA KIA
5. Top Turret	HENRY, JAMES S.	S/Sgt.	36670039	MIA MIA MIA
6. Radio Gunner	KRAWIECKI, ALEXANDER J.	S/Sgt.	32740709	MIA MIA MIA
7. Ball Turret	RHODES, EDWARD B.	Sgt.	33541153	MIA MIA MIA
8. Waist Gunner	PRESSENTIN, ROBERT H.	S/Sgt.	36211938	KIA MIA MIA
9. Tail Gunner	DI MASCOLA, MICHAEL G.	Sgt.	31415609	MIA MIA MIA
10.				
11.				

03589
03432
03429

- 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	Check Only One Column			
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>MESSER, OH. JEROME R.</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>37562453.</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>TUESCHER, ERNEST (MM)</u>	<u>T/Sgt.</u>	<u>16056840</u>		<u>X</u>		
3.						

(Over)

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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)

A/C may have been partially under control.

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM. **Not required.**

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. **See S-2 Summary attached.**

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT None.

Date of Report 1 October 1944.

Jesse M. Barrett
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

JESSE M. BARRETT,
Major, AC,
Group S-2.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

See S-2 Summary Attached.

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5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort? No. If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). _____

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

43-38176 ----Reporting A/C.

43-38186 --- Missing A/C

8. Date of report 3 October 1944.

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
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2.	TUESCHER, ERNEST (NMI)	T/Sgt.	16056840	43-38176
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Joseph G. Robinson</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-904618</u>	<u>Ass't S-2.</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER #</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

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26 Sept 44 Cassidy, Francis D. 2-Lt. 1-772 284 KIA

28 Sept 44 Di Mascola, Michael G Sgt 31415609 KIA

Gillespie, Glenn H 2-Lt 0-764881 KIA

Guthmann, Richard F 2-Lt 0-723 352 KIA

Henry, James S. S.Sgt. 36670 039 KIA

Krawiecki, Alexander J S. Sgt. 32740 709 KIA

Pischke, Robert L 2-Lt 0-771963 KIA

Presentin, Robert H. S. Sgt. 36211938 KIA

Rhodes, Edward B. Sgt. 33541153 KIA

MACR # 9407. - 28 Sept '44.

Attn: Major Bekowski:-

Request status for Mr. Custer, War
Crimes. per our tel con this date

Eunice F. Gallagher
7 July '47.

Info sent to Mr. Custer
7/7/47

New Status.
note date
eff

REPORT ON CAPTURED AIRCRAFT

POST:

LOCATION:

DATE: 7.Oct. 44

DATE AND TIME: 28.Sept. 44 - 1255 -
AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN

PLACE OF CRASH: In the area between Linden and Kl.Dinkte, 2,5 km S E. of -
(NEAREST TOWN) Wolfenbuettel, Grid sq. B 5 4, 2

KIND OF CAPTURE: Fighter. Explosion in the air 95% loss. Flight to target
(PEAK, HUNTER, NIGHT HUNTER,
EMERGENCY LANDING)

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: B 17 G/80 B O

MARKINGS OF CRAFT: US Army-Model B 17 G-80-B O, Airforces Ser.Nr. 43-381-86,
(LETTERS, FRONT OR REAR OF INSIGNIA) Gross-weight 1200 lbs. 92/104-E

ADMITTANCE NO:

EQUIPMENT:

F.T. FREQUENCIES:

CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT:

DELIVERED TO DISTRIBUTOR:
(DULOG -/UFT, ETC.)

Müller, Blum +
0764881
2/21/44

REMARKS:

Markings on fuselage: not Reconicable through conflagration.

Markings of Fla.....: Outer triangle is red.
Inner triangle is silver.
C is black
Numbers and letters are yellow.
Serial Nr. 338 186
Letter under Number is yellow I



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Alerted were.....: Coun ty commissioner and chief of county police.

Plane has been put under guard by: Minden Aux. police men and police of
Wolfenbuettel.

Papers, maps etc. were found and send to Interrogation-center West.

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KIA 28 Sep 44

UFE 2600

4 Oct 44

2.6. km south of Wolfenbuettel

PISCHKE , Robert L. 2nd Lt 0-771963

dead - KIA

McWHORTER , Vivian E. ^{SR} B. Offr 0-703509

dead - KIA

EASON , Alton T. 14085200

- KIA

1 Officer's Identification Card No. 365321, Name: William M. Bell, Jr.
ASN: O-520639
Rank: 2nd Lt.

1 Identification Tag: Harold F. Harstedt
T - 2892 T 43 - 44 O, P.

1 Identification Tag: Bell, Jr., Wm. M.
O - 520639 T 42 - 43 O, PV
W. Mark Bell
2453 Braddock Avenue
Swillvale, Pa.

1 Identification Tag: Bill C. Smigielski
3688136 T 43 - 44 O, C.