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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.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location, by RAF Grafton-Underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 384th; Squadron 544th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Zeitz, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10/10 undercast. Dense persistent contrails.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 30 Month NOV Year 1944; Time 1349; and Location 5103N, 1221E
or 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 ()
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: _____
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G; AAF Serial Number 43-37713
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any _____
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-021204; (b) SW-017751; (c) SW-85; (d) SW-003464
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1320659 Buff; (b) 1308372 Buff; (c) 1308330 Buff; (d) 1307744 Buff; (e) 1321936 Buff; (f) 1307641 Buff; (g) 1265358 GM; (h) 1264565 GM; (i) 1263440 GM; (j) 157878 Colt; (k) 1307833 Buff; (l) 1307836 Buff; (m) _____; (n) _____; (o) _____; (p) _____
10. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty x
or (b) Non Battle Casualty _____
11. 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	Full Name (Last Name First)	Rank	ASN	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Evans, Hugh Legar</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>0-819397</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Kohlhaas, Thomas E. opp</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>0-835664</u>	<u>MIA</u>
3. Navigator	<u>Rinkovsky, Charles (NMI)</u>	<u>EUS</u>	<u>0-769179</u>	<u>MIA POW</u>
4. Yeoman	<u>Nerstrom, John Julius</u>	<u>EUS</u>	<u>37565839</u>	<u>MIA RTD</u>
5. Radio Oper.	<u>Gain, Reginald (NMI)</u>	<u>EUS</u>	<u>34724601</u>	<u>MIA POW</u>
6. Top Turret	<u>Rich, Milton Benjamin</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>39394770</u>	<u>MIA</u>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Bellevery, John Joseph</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>35092113</u>	<u>MIA</u>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Russell, Lester Hebron, Jr.</u>	<u>EUS</u>	<u>11085902</u>	<u>MIA POW RTD</u>
9. Waist Gun	<u>Haskell, William Hilton</u>	<u>EUS</u>	<u>11117467</u>	<u>MIA RTD</u>
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11.				

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

Check Only One Column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted		Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
			by Radio	Last Sighted		
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

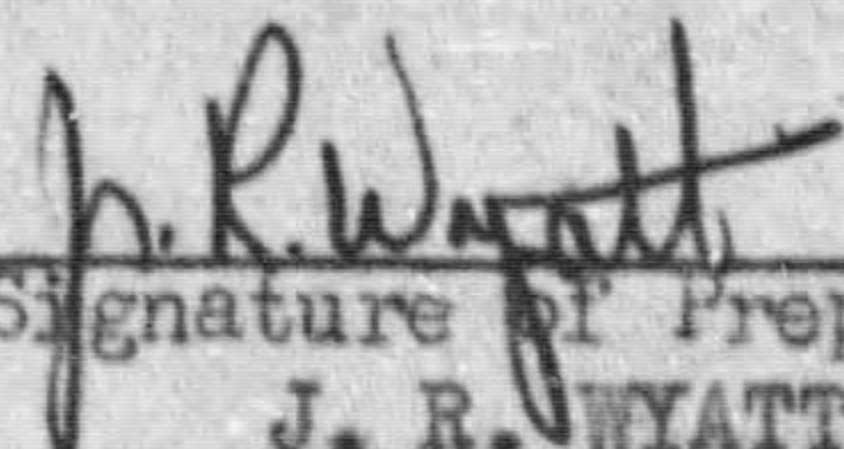
13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away
from scene of crash _____; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) _____

14. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEAR FROM.

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

16. GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY,
INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT _____

Date of Report 8 December 1944


 (Signature of Preparing Office)
 J. R. WYATT,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Ass't. Adjutant.

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

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S-2 SUMMARY OF EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable.
2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 384 SQ 544th. A/C # 43-37713 MISSION DATE 30/11/44

FIRST PILOT Hugh L. Evans 1st. Lt. C-819392 DESTINATION Zeitz, Germany
NAME RANK

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

- (a) By coordinates 51 03 N. 12 21 E.
- (b) Approximate altitude 24,000 Ft.
- (c) Last noted heading 59 (Axis of attack of lead A/C)
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
In formation when last observed

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing aircraft):

Intense and accurate antiaircraft fire over target area.
No enemy fighter opposition.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Unobserved.

4. If aircraft is out of control describe appearance:

Unobserved.

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation was it last seen with escort?

If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.).

Unobserved.

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

Unobserved.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

It is believed A/C was hit by flak over target area (Wintersdorf, Germany, 51 03 N. 12 21 E) although no observations were reported. A/C was not observed to leave formation.

8. Date of report 7 December, 1944

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	<u>None</u>			
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

<u>Samuel F. Avauz</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>0-569672</u>	<u>S-2 Officer.</u>
<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>DUTY</u>

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OB-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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ATTENTION: **AFPPA-8**

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON**

6 February 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Missing Air Crew Report.

**TO: Commanding General, Eighth Air Force, A.P.O. 634
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York**

Request Missing Air Crew Report, as required by AGO letter, 7 July 1944 (AG 704 (5 Jul 44)OB-S-AAP-M), be forwarded with least practicable delay in the case of S/Sgt. William H. Haskell 11717467
(Grade) (Name) (ASN)
384th Bomb Group, 544th Bomb Squadron
(Organisation)
reported ~~missing~~, missing in action, 30 November 1944, which report
(Date)
has not been received to date.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:



[Signature]
JOHN D. MARSH
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Personal Affairs Division
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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(Ltr Hq AAF, Washington, subj: "Request for Missing Air Crew Report" dtd 6 Feb 45)

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE, APO 634, U. S. ARMY.

-7 MAR 1945

TO: Commanding General, European Theater of Operations, APO 887, U. S. Army.

Records this headquarters show S/Sgt. William H. Haskell, 11117467, as crew member of A/C B-17G, 43-37713. Missing Air Crew Report on this aircraft forwarded to Commanding General, Army Air Forces (Thru: CG, ETOUSA), by letter, 319.1, this headquarters, subject: "Transmittal of Missing Air Crew Reports, dated 16 December 1944.

For the Commanding General:



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Maj. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, APO 887, U.S. ARMY, 12 March 1945

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
Attention: AFPPA-8

1. Missing Air Crew Report concerning aircraft number 43-37713, piloted by 1st Lt. Hugh L. Evans, O-819397, was forwarded to your headquarters by 1st indorsement this headquarters, AG 360.33 Cas, dated 24 January 1945.

2. Records of this headquarters indicate the present status of S/Sgt. William H. Haskell, 11117467, to be missing in action, 30 November 1944.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:



H.M. Rund
H. M. RUND,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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