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Date MAR 15 1944

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

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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 Name Grafton-underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 384th; Squadron 546th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Merseburg, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
10:10 overcast
4. GIVE: (a) Day 12 Month DEC Year 1944; Time 1206; and Location 51°08'N.
10°30'E of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (☒); Last contacted by
radio (☐); Forced down (☐); Seen to Crash (☐); or Information not Avail-
able (☐)
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-G; AAF Serial Number 42-102933
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any "Queenie"
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial
Number (a) SW-002060; (b) SW-011716; (c) SW-009601; (d) SW-013119
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1200057 Sav.; (b) 1200460 GMC; (c) 659605 Sav.; (d) 1300166 Buff.;
(e) 1300200 Sav.; (f) 1200637 GMC; (g) 1200703 Sav.; (h) 1300263 Buff.;
(i) 13000216 Buff.; (j) 1198643 Sav.; (k) 1200508 Sav.; (l) 1299845 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	Hale, Kenneth Oliver	1st Lt	0-760623	MIA <u>RTD</u>
2. Co-pilot	Morgan, Norman Gail	2nd Lt	0-1998533	MIA <u>POW</u> <u>RTD</u>
3. Navigator	Nielsen, Robert Earl	2nd Lt	0-717486	MIA <u>POW</u> <u>RTD</u>
4. Toggallier	Musgrave, Richard Britton	S/Sgt.	35536709	MIA <u>POW</u> <u>RTD</u>
5. Radio Operator	Goetz, Carl Harry, Jr.	T/Sgt.	16082858	MIA <u>RTD</u>
6. Top Turret	Caulfield, Patrick Joseph	T/Sgt.	32439056	MIA <u>POW</u> <u>RTD</u>
7. Ball Turret	Hebel, Harold F.	S/Sgt.	37623146	MIA <u>RTD</u>
8. Tail Gunner	Allen, Dale R.	S/Sgt.	39206902	MIA <u>POW</u> <u>RTD</u>
9. Waist Gunner	Roach, Harrison William, Jr.	S/Sgt.	32953902	MIA <u>RTD</u>
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1st Lt. Kenneth O. Hale ✓

Mrs. Lily R. Hale (Mother)
1416 East 30th Street
Kansas City, Missouri

2nd Lt. Norman G. Morgan ✓

Mr. Noel O. Morgan (Father)
Anita, Iowa

2nd Lt. Robert E. Nielsen ✓

Mrs. Sarah J. Nielsen (Mother)
Baudette, Minnesota

S/Sgt. Richard B. Musgrave ✓

Mr. Reginald P. Musgrave (Father)
920 Dresden Road
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

T/Sgt. Carl H. Goetz, Jr. ✓

Mrs. Marion K. Goetz (Wife)
Box Number 593
Monroe, Michigan

T/Sgt. Patrick J. Caulfield

Mrs. Ellen A. Caulfield (Mother)
53 India Street
Brooklyn, New York

S/Sgt. Harold F. Uebel

Mrs. Estelle L. Uebel (Mother)
8009 McGee Avenue
Affton, Missouri

S/Sgt. Dale R. Allen

Mr. Robert L. Allen (Father)
Draper, South Dakota

S/Sgt. Harrison W. Roach, Jr.

Mrs. Catherine E. Roach (Wife)
1312 South 33rd Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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 by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Koehne, George Henry, Jr.	Lt. Col.	0-383807		X		
2. Dobson, Roy Edward	2nd Lt.	0-767509		X		
3. Blaker, Bernard (MMT)	S/sgt	32905363		X		

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used No; (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 HEARD 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 19 December 1944

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

Incl 1:

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Office)
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. Adjutant.



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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 546 A/42#102933 MISSION DATE 12/12/44

FIRST PILOT Hale, Kenneth O. 1st. Lt. 0760623 DESTINATION Merseburg
NAME RANK ASN

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

(a) By coordinates 51 02 N. 10 30 E.

(b) Approximate altitude 20,000

(c) Last noted heading 270

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
Behind formation

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

Moderate to intense, generally inaccurate AA fire at target area.

No enemy fighter attacks.

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

One engine feathered, another engine on fire.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Not out of control.

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

Yes. If, so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.). 364 Fighter Gp.

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

None.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Escorting A/C left Missing A/C in vicinity of Brunswick because of shortage of fuel.

8. Date of report 15 December, 1944

<u>EYE-WITNESSES:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>A/C #</u>
1.	Debsen, R. E.	2nd Lt.	0-767509	401
2.	Koehne, G. E.	Lt. Col	0-383807	401
3.	Bleker, B.	S/Sgt.	32905363	401
4.	Colasunanno, R.	T/Sgt.	32625356	401

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

Samuel L. Arauz
S. L. Arauz

NAME

Capt.

RANK

0-569672

ASN

S-2 Officer.

DUTY

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.

Incl 2:

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Inscriptions of Identification-tags:

Page 1 1) Carl GOETZ Jr.
 16 08 28 58 T 43-44 O

Page 2 2) McCAUGHAN, John, O.
 0- 71 98 53 T 43-44 A
 P

Page 3 3) Harrison W. ROACH
 32 95 39 02 T 42-44 AB
 P

Page 4 4) Patrick J. COULFIELD
 32 43 30 56 T 43-44 O
 C

November 21, 1944

at night

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P - 1st Lt. BUZZA, P.
 CP - 2nd Lt. LAUFFER
 N - 1st Lt. BIRCH
 B - 1st Lt. WILBUR
 - T/Sgt. SPRAGGINS
 - 2 MADLUNG
 G - S/Sgt. MINNAHOF
 G - S/Sgt. MORGAN
 G - S/Sgt. McMENAMIN, J. A.

Stamp:

Dulag-Luft, Wetzlar

Received: Dec. 17, 1944

No. 3455

/ Remarks:

KE 9977 J 2572

**Meldung über den Abschluß eines
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

Abschuß-Nr. KU 3455

Abschußtag und Zeit: 12.12.44 - 12.40
Abschußort: Nirges b. Kamberg
Flugzeugtyp: Bortress
Meldende Dienststelle: Fl. H. Kdtr. Merzhausen

Besatzung:

Name und Vornamen: Geburts-tag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

NIELSEN 1.10.24	Robert Earl	2.Lt.	0-717486	gef. Dulag-Luft West
HALE	Kenneth O.	1.Lt.	0-760623	gef. Dulag-Luft West
MORGAN 23.9.18	Norman Gail Ia.	2.Lt.	0-1998533	gef. Dulag-Luft West
CAULFIELD —	Patrick J. USA	T/Sgt.	32433056	gef. Dulag-Luft West
USEEL 26.4.25	Harold Frederick USA	S/Sgt.	37623146	gef. Dulag-Luft West
ROACH 1.5.21	Harrison W. USA	S/Sgt.	32953902	gef. Dulag-Luft West
MUSGRAVE 1923	Richard Britton USA	S/Sgt.	35536703	gef. Dulag-Luft West
ALLEN 1.9.23	Dale Richard	S/Sgt.	39206902	gef. Dulag-Luft West

Bemerkungen: MAER-11340

DULAG-LUFT, den 3.1.55 **No.**