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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 Name Grafton-Underwood, England; Command or Air Force VIII; Group 38th; Squadron 547th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Place of Departure Grafton-Underwood, England; Course As Briefed
Target or Intended Destination Berlin, Germany Type of Mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
C.A.V.U.
4. GIVE: (a) Day 3 Month FEB Year 1945; Time 1104; and Location 5231N, 1323E
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-17G; AAF Serial Number 44-6592
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, if any Stardust
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial
Number (a) SN-027716; (b) SN-027639; (c) SN-027759; (d) SN-027944
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 393248 Frig; (b) 390476 Frig; (c) 640731 Frig; (d) 640923 Frig;
(e) 390698 Frig; (f) 393301 Frig; (g) 390562 Frig; (h) 628308 Frig;
(i) 390579 Frig; (j) 365305 Frig; (k) 390579 Frig; (l) 640946 Frig;
(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>Rickman, George F.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-777244</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RM</i>
2. Co-Pilot	<u>Cinquante, Florino Anthony</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-782170</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>2MC</i>
3. Navigator	<u>Beeby, John Otto</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>O-2068173</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RHC</i>
4. Bombardier	<u>Rivall, Jack Wallace</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T-133140</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RHC</i>
5. Radio Oper.	<u>Garstak, Jack G.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>32681128</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RMC</i>
6. Top Turret	<u>Young, Johnie E.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>38392588</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RMC</i>
7. Ball Turret	<u>Horan, Albert Sherwood</u>	<u>S/Sgt.</u>	<u>32931629</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RMC</i>
8. Tail Gunner	<u>Sorenson, Fredrick A.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>39920733</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RMC</i>
9. Waist Gunner	<u>Rice, Alonzo R.</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>	<u>36865111</u>	<u>NTA</u> <i>RMC</i>
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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) Unknown

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 February 1945

17. REMARKS OR EYEWITNESS STATEMENTS:

(Signature of Preparing Officer)

J. R. WIATT
J. R. WIATT,
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 384th SQ 547th A/C # 44-6592 MISSION DATE 3 Feb, 1945

FIRST PILOT Ruckman, George F. 2nd Lt. 0-777244 DESTINATION Berlin, Germany
NAME RANK ASN

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

- (a) By coordinates 5231N-1323E approx.
- (b) Approximate altitude Just after bombing - approx. 26,000 feet
- (c) Last noted heading unknown
- (d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation
Behind and below 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 accurate flak encountered by formation over the target. No other flak engaged formation.
No enemy aircraft encountered.**

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

Unknown

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Believed under control.

It is known that A/C left formation after bombs away and was then lost to sight when it was out of range. Nothing further known.

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.).

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

Unknown

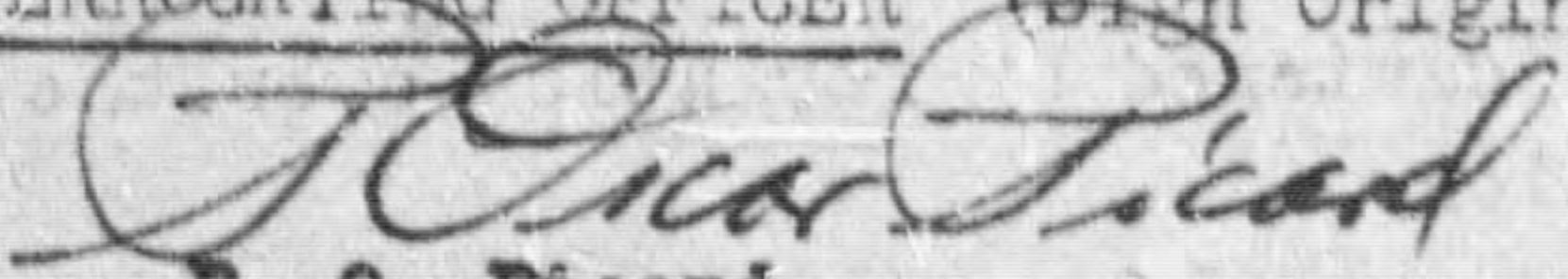
7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

None

8. Date of report 5 February, 1945.

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	ASN	A/C #
1.	No eye witnesses			
2.				
3.				
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

	1st Lt.	0-569761	S-2 Officer
P. O. Picard	RANK	ASN	DUTY
NAME			

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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