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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 10 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 545th; 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: 10/10 Undercast

4. GIVE: (a) Day 26 Month Feb Year 1945; Time 1240; and Location 5225N, 1330E 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 ( )

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 43-38873
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT, If any None
8. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series ____; AAF Serial Number (a) SW-021408; (b) SW-019826; (c) 43-57011; (d) SW-021701
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number);
(a) 1039094 Colt; (b) 1031495 Colt; (c) 645743 Frig; (d) 718004 G MC;
(e) 1032746 Frig; (f) 147701 Frig; (g) 646419 GMC; (h) 1031441 Colt;
(i) 1032535 Colt; (j) 1533822 Colt; (k) 1477748 Colt; (l) 1533851 Colt;
(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	Barnett, Jack (MC)	2nd Lt.	0-770549	MIA RTD
2. Co-Pilot	Jones, Robert McCord	2nd Lt	0-778494	MIA RTD
3. Navigator	Foreman, John Frederick, Jr.	2nd Lt.	0-777318	MIA RTD
4. Nose Gunner	Wroble, James Jarvis	S/Sgt.	11082362	MIA RTD
5. Radio Oper.	Williard, Donald Ervin	Sgt.	37519399	MIA RTD
6. Top Turret	Cunningham, John F.	S/Sgt.	36856511	MIA RTD
7. Ball Turret	Holmes, Edwin Lamar	Sgt.	18246936	MIA RTD
8. Tail Gunner	Hughes, Ralph B.	Sgt.	18242792	MIA RTD
9. Waist Gunner	Casagrande, Mario Joseph	S/Sgt.	35877347	MIA RTD
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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

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column: Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. Spangler, George K.	2nd Lt.	0-828876		X		
2. Haney, Milton J.	Sgt.	32[illegible]712		X		
3. Lobdell, Joseph S., Jr.	1st Lt.	0-802207		X		

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) No chutes seen to emerge

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 6 March 1945

J. R. Wyatt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)
J. R. WYATT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst. 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 Bomb SQ 545 Bomb A/C # 42-37863 MISSION DATE 26/2/45

FIRST PILOT BARNETT, J. (NMI) 2nd Lt. O-770549 DESTINATION Berlin, Germany.
NAME RANK SER#

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

(a) By coordinates 52 25N 13 30E

(b) Approximate altitude 27,000 feet.

(c) Last noted heading 90°

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation 4 to 6 miles.

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

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc): #2 and #4 engines feathered.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance: Aircraft was under control.

(Over)

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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 of fighter aircraft numbers, plane names, etc.).

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

No chutes seen to emerge.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

Aircraft was last observed flying towards the Russian lines with two engines feathered.

8. Date of report 5 March, 1945.

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	SER #	A/C #
1.	Spangler, G. K.	2nd Lt.	O-828816	882
2.	Manor, M. L.	Sgt.	36492712	882
3.	Lahoda, J. S.	Capt.	O-802207	665
4.	Baughman, J. R.	1st Lt.	O-776216	678

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and one copy):

F. O. FIGARD — NAME; 1st Lt. — RANK; O-668763 — SER #; Asst. Operations 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) OR-S-AAF-M, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 1944.

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